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Blessings to all the Clergy and the faithful of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity:

Dearly beloved in Christ,

I am writing to share some joyous news with you all. His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, the Catholicos and Malankara Metropolitan of our Church will be visiting His Holiness Pope on 11th September 2023.

As part of His Holiness the Catholicos's visit, we are delighted to announce that he will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, Piazzale San Paolo, 1, on Sunday, 10th September 2023. The Eucharist will commence promptly at 09:30 a.m. We extend a warm invitation to all our faithful to attend this blessed service, in case you wish to visit Rome lever those days.

To ensure that we can make the necessary arrangements at the Basilica, kindly inform the Diocesan Secretary of your intention to attend the Eucharist by 10th August 2023. As we anticipate a significant number of attendees, we have made a reservation for fifty people at the Basilica for the Eucharistic celebration. Please let us know in advance, so we can make appropriate seating arrangements.

Following the Eucharist, there will be a brief meeting with His Holiness the Catholicos, providing a unique opportunity for our community to engage with him directly.

Additionally, on the evening of 10th September 2023, the Armenian Orthodox Church will host an ecumenical vespers in honor of the Catholicos. We extend a warm welcome to all our faithful who are attending the morning Eucharist on the day to join in this ecumenical gathering. Further details regarding the venue of the vespers will be made available to the Diocesan Secretary soon.

You are welcomed to come together to celebrate this momentous occasion and offer our prayers and support to His Holiness the Catholicos during his visit to Rome.

In Christ's love and grace,

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos