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

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Subject: Commencement of the Holy Eucharist at the Chapel of the New Diocesan Headquarters, Bromley

“Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.” Psalm 84:3

With hearts filled with gratitude to Almighty God, I am pleased to announce the commencement of regular Sunday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at the Chapel of our new Diocesan Headquarters in Bromley.

The acquisition of our Diocesan Headquarters has been a significant milestone in our shared journey of faith. What was once a vision, nurtured through prayer, sacrifice, and collective commitment, is gradually becoming a home for our Diocese and a place where our faithful may gather in worship, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

We are fully conscious that much remains to be accomplished before the Chapel and the other buildings can be appropriately renovated, dedicated, and finally consecrated. Nevertheless, responding to the heartfelt desire and encouraging feedback of our faithful, we have decided to commence regular worship at the Chapel without waiting for the completion of the entire project.

Accordingly, on Sunday, 1 November 2026, the Chapel will be temporarily dedicated for liturgical use, immediately preceding the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The service will begin with Morning Prayers at 9:00 am, followed by the temporary dedication and the Holy Eucharist.

Thereafter, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at the Chapel every Sunday, with Morning Prayers commencing at 9:00 am.

I warmly invite all our Achen, office-bearers, and faithful across the Diocese to participate in this inaugural celebration, as circumstances permit, and to uphold this new beginning in their prayers.

The words of the Psalmist offer us a particularly meaningful reflection at this moment. Even the sparrow finds a home near the altars of the Lord. Our aspiration is that this Diocesan Headquarters, and especially its Chapel, will become such a spiritual home: a place of prayer, belonging, consolation, and welcome, where all who seek the Lord may find peace in His presence.

The Diocesan General Body scheduled for Saturday, 21 November 2026, will provide an important opportunity to deliberate upon and formulate our plans for the next stages of this undertaking, particularly the renovation of the property, the development of its facilities, and the eventual solemn dedication and consecration of the Chapel and the premises.

At this important juncture, I wish once again to place on record my profound and heartfelt gratitude to all our Achen, Diocesan Council Members, members of the Property Committee, Managing Committee Members, and the countless faithful and well-wishers whose prayers, generosity, sacrifices, and steadfast support have brought us thus far. Each contribution, whether great or small, has been an expression of love for the Church and commitment to her future.

This achievement belongs to our entire Diocesan family. Yet, our journey is far from complete. May the same spirit of unity, generosity, and shared responsibility continue to guide us as we prepare this place for the worship of God and the service of His people for generations to come.

Let us approach this new beginning with thanksgiving, humility, and renewed dedication, remembering always that it is the Lord who builds the house and sanctifies the work of our hands.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ abide with you all.

With prayers and blessings,



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