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Blessings to all the Achens, Secretaries of the Prayer Group Associations of all the Parishes, and all the faithful in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity.

It is quite encouraging to see that almost all our parishes have now formally elected a secretary for the Prayer Group Association. This association should remain a vibrant platform for Scriptural study, and for learning the faith and doctrine of the Church, strengthening our life in Christ through prayer and knowledge.

I take this opportunity to remind the Vicars of those parishes where a secretary has not yet been appointed, to please do so at the earliest. Once the full list of secretaries is compiled, we will organise a meeting of all the Vicars and the unit secretaries to chart our way forward together.

It is also heartening to note that the Diocesan Prayer Group Association has taken the initiative to organise evening prayers and homilies during the fasting seasons. I sincerely appreciate all the Achens and lay preachers who have been leading these sessions with dedication and zeal.

You may have noted that several circulars from the Central Office of the Prayer Group Association of our Church have already been posted in the information group of Vicars and Secretaries. One of the recent circulars refers to the registration of each unit with the Central Association. It is important that all our units are registered so that we remain connected to the Church-wide efforts in prayer and catechesis. The Vice President and Secretary of the Diocesan Prayer Group Association will communicate the details of the registration formalities in due course.

May we continue to receive the blessings of the Holy Spirit, so that we may learn and live the life-giving Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With prayerful regards,

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