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**Blessings to the Vicars and all the faithful members of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa:**

**Dearly beloved of the Lord,**

We are delighted to note that the preparations for the UK Family and Youth conference 2020 are in the right pace and good spirit. We do know that all of you are looking forward to participate the jubilant days of the event. As informed earlier, this year the conference would be held at Yarnfield Park, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL during 23<sup>th</sup> May through to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The response and feedback from the attendees of the past conferences are the main motivational factor for the succession of the programme and the popularity of the event.

For this year's conference, the theme has been taken from Old Testament: 'Restore us to yourself, Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old' (Lamentations 5:21). The verses are very relevant and reviewable for our present days of life in this world.

Fr. Zacharia Ninan, Kottayam and Fr. Philip Tharakan Thevalakkara would be the main resource personnel for the conference. Rev Fr Abey George, New York will also be leading the sessions especially for the Youth conference.

To reduce the financial burden on the participants of the conference, a fund-raising campaign by selling raffle coupons among our members is proposed and We duly permits to carry out the sales as per the stipulated rules and regulations. Further details and registration formalities will be informed by the Family Conference organising committee. We urge all of you to plan your schedules accordingly and be present at the conference.

We wish and Pray to Lord Almighty for all the success of the Family and Youth Conference 2020.

May God Bless

Your Spiritual Father and Shepherd

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