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Blessings to the Vicars and faithful of Parishes in Irish region in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity.

Beloved in Christ,

We are deeply concerned by the troubling reports of targeted attacks and racial abuse directed towards members of the Indian community in Ireland. Such incidents are distressing and cause understandable anxiety within our community.

As your shepherd, I urge you to exercise caution, and closely follow the guidance and instructions issued by the Government and local authorities to ensure safety and well-being.

It is important to remember that these unfortunate acts do not reflect the true spirit, values, or traditions of Irish society. Let us continue to stand united, uphold our dignity, and respond to hate with resilience and wisdom.

Remember the words of Holy Scripture, *“Conduct yourselves honourably... so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when He comes to judge”* (1 Peter 2:12).

Again, as we prepare to celebrate tomorrow the Feast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Mother, let us take comfort in her maternal intercession. She is the one who, in her earthly life, treasured the Word in her heart and stood faithfully by the Cross of her Son. May her prayers surround us like a mantle of protection, giving us courage, peace, and steadfastness in our witness.

May the Lord protect you and strengthen your hearts. Continue to serve the country to the best of your ability, and let your life be a living Gospel, proclaiming Christ even without words.

With prayers and blessings,

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos