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Blessings to the Clergy and newly elected Diocesan Representatives of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa, in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity:

Dearly beloved in Christ,

With great pleasure and with multitude of Praise to Almighty Lord, I take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected Parish representatives to our Diocesan General Assembly 2023-28.

I am looking forward to work with you all in the coming years for the goodwill of our Church and especially for the development of our diocese, both spiritually as well as in the infrastructural front. I am content in assuring in Him that with His Mercy and with your support, we would contemplate good things for the goodwill of our Church.

As you all are aware, the first General Assembly meeting of the newly elected body is scheduled to be held on 29 May 2023 at St. Thomas IOC, Liverpool, and the new Diocesan Council for the period 2023-28 will be elected in that meeting. Prior to the general assembly meeting, I invite all of you to attend a Retreat session which will be held online on Zoom platform on 24 May 2023 at 8 p.m. (BST). The Zoom meeting link will be sent from the diocesan office in due course.

Also, I would like to invite the attention of the candidates contesting the Diocesan Council election that if any of you would prefer to add your nick name in the ballot page, please send the request with your desired nick name to the Returning officer via email to office@indianorthodoxuk.org. You should note that there will be a mock poll to imitate the online election process on 25th and 26th May 2023. Though it is not compulsory, I would encourage all the eligible members to participate in the mock poll which will be beneficial for the smooth management of the election process. The detailed guidelines on the online voting and online meeting will be issued from my office in due course.

God Bless

Your Spiritual Father and Shepherd

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