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Dearly Beloved Vicars and Faithful of all the Parishes in the Diocese of UK- Europe and Africa in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity,

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain” (Psalm 127:1).

With hearts full of gratitude to Almighty God, I write to share with you a moment of great joy and thanksgiving in the life of our Diocese. The Diocesan General Body, convened on Monday, 06 April, has unanimously decided to proceed with the purchase of the following properties to serve as our Diocesan Headquarters and Metropolitan's Residence:

Property Details:

Property 1: Church & Church Hall, 29a Gravel Road, Bromley, BR2 8PE

Property 2: The Manse (4-bedroom house), 10 Cherry Orchard Road, Bromley, BR2 8NE

The estimated combined purchase price is £1,410,000.

At this blessed juncture, I offer my heartfelt appreciation to each one of you - our Aichens, Managing Committee Members, the Council, Property Committee, all the office bearers and faithful - for your earnest prayers, encouragement, and steadfast support, which have brought us thus far. Truly, this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

The legal processes towards the acquisition are presently underway. As we move forward, it is evident that we shall be availing a bank loan facility, for which a strong and consistent financial foundation is essential. I therefore earnestly invite all our faithful to prayerfully consider supporting this common vision of the Diocese - through generous donations and by committing to regular standing orders. If you have not yet set up a monthly standing order, may I kindly invite you to consider doing so at this time. Even the smallest, consistent contributions, offered in faith and love, will greatly strengthen this shared endeavour.

May this Diocesan Centre become a place of prayer, fellowship, formation, and service for generations to come, bearing witness to our unity in Christ and our common calling.

Let us continue to uphold this journey in our prayers, trusting in the grace and providence of our Lord.

Prayerfully yours in Christ

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos