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Blessings to our Cor-Episcopoi, Priests, Deacons, Sabha Managing Committee Members, Diocesan Assembly Members, Parish Managing Committee Members and all the faithful of our Diocese,

Dearly Beloved,

We take this moment to praise God for His divine blessing upon our diocese since its inception in 2009. By the grace of God and the cooperative efforts of our clergy and faithful, we have achieved and developed many things for the betterment of our diocese. As we have progressed, a comprehensive diocesan center that can cater to the needs of all age groups and a place where we can center our ministries is becoming more of a need. The recent Diocesan Assembly held in Detroit took a historic decision to work towards this goal and pursue the possible purchase of a 100 acre proposed property for the diocese in Beasley, Texas. The future goals and vision for this project along with a video regarding the details of the proposed property has been attached to this kalpana for all to view.

As it has been in practice, Diocesan Day is celebrated annually on the first Sunday of June, and this year it will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2nd. The inaugural celebrations took place in Detroit on Friday, May 17th in conjunction with the Annual Diocesan Assembly & Clergy Conference. It was a momentous occasion with representatives from all the parishes within our diocese. We exhort all of our parishes to conduct a fitting celebration on June 2nd and offer special prayers for the diocese, its ministries, and all our clergy and faithful. As you know, the diocesan day collection is the only source of income for our Diocese, and with this amount we have to support all the projects and ministries as well as the needs of the diocesan center. Each family of our diocese should contribute a minimum of \$100 towards the Diocesan Day collection. It is our desire to see each family make this contribution and meaningfully participate in the growth of our diocese as a privileged member of this ancient Church.

During the celebration of our fourth Diocesan Day, let us take time to reflect upon the past year and thank God Almighty for His blessings upon us. Let us also rededicate ourselves and unite in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us to accomplish the many goals that we have for the diocese. May the intercessions of St. Mary, the Mother of God, St. Thomas, the Apostle to India, and the saints of Malankara, Mar Gregorios and Mar Dionysius, along with all the saints be a fortress for us all.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

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