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Blessings to the Cor – Episcopoi, Priests, Deacons, Diocesan Council Members, Association & Assembly Members, Spiritual Organization Leaders and all the faithful of our Diocese,

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

I am assuming that by this time you might have come across certain allegations against me, that has been spreading widely on social medias. I am writing this letter to you, to let you know that whatever you hear are aimed with the intension of destroying the image of the Church and in particular my personal reputation. I am not concerned about my personal loss in this regard. A lot of people have asked why I am not defending myself. My dear children, I have been serving as your shepherd for the last 8 years and I believe that, it is not I who should defend myself but I leave the freedom of judgement to your wisdom.

I am hoping that His Holiness, Bava Thirumeni and the Holy Synod will make a thorough investigation on these allegations and find out the truth and the motive behind. What hurts me the most is that this is causing a great deal of damage to the entire Church. I am encouraged with the support of my clergy and people of my diocese. I do not have words to express my commitment to them for the trust they have invested in me. I consider this period as a period of testing in my life and ask your prayers as I go through this. As St. Paul reminds us - “But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.....I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12: 9-10) I thank God for this period of trial in my life. I believe that this time of extreme personal crisis will be instrumental in developing my own prayer life and to teach me the lessons of patience, forgiveness and resilience.

My beloved children in Christ, I pray that, till all this gets sorted out, may this not be a reason for division in our diocese, amongst our clergy and the faithful laity. I ask all of you to uphold our Church, our diocese and especially me your Servant in Christ during these trying times.



May the Holy Spirit bring about restoration and peace in our lives. I am sorry that it is on my behalf we are going through such a tough time. I would like to hope that, by the mercy of God and your prayers we will get through these tough and trying times with grace and honor.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers and I also take this opportunity to thank all of you who have stood by me during these dark moments of my life. May Christ our Lord grant us grace and strength and uplift His holy Church at all times.

Your Shepherd in Christ

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