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Blessings to our beloved Vicars, Assistant Vicars, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Ramban, Deacons, Sunday School Teachers, our Sunday School Students, and faithful of our Diocese,

Dearly Beloved,

As we joyfully celebrate the **Sunday School Day on December 7**, our hearts turn with gratitude to God for the Sunday School children, teachers, principals, and parents who, together, bring vitality and hope to our parishes and the Diocese as a whole. The Holy Scripture exhorts us: “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). This sacred duty belongs to all of us, to cultivate faith in our children to grow in virtues, and the love of God.

Our Diocesan Sunday School Vision — “Seek Christ and Be Like Him” — reminds us that Christian education is not merely the transmission of knowledge about Christ and the Church, but a genuine transformation of lives. The values we uphold — Faith, Love, Witness, Integrity, Humility, and Servanthood — form the foundation of this spiritual formation. These virtues empower our children to live compassionately in a changing world.

The Sunday School is a living ministry that molds hearts and strengthens the future of our Church. It is a shared mission, sustained by the prayers and generosity of every family. Therefore, we earnestly exhort each family in our Diocese to contribute at least \$25 to the Diocesan Sunday School Fund. This collective offering will enable us to expand resources such as M’adrono, the AI Assistant for teachers, and the Talmido curriculum, and other Sunday School ministries. Let this be a joyful collaboration in the sacred work of spiritual formation of our next generation.

Let us help our children grow in faith and character, so that our families and communities may become graceful. May the Lord God Jesus Christ bless our Sunday School ministry, and every child that they may become like Him. May the love of God the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit be with us forever and ever.

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