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Blessings to the respected Vicars of the Parishes, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Ramban, Deacons, Kaisthanees, and beloved faithful in the Diocese of South-West America.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We thank God for the blessed ministry of our Diocesan Sunday School, which continues to nurture our children in faith and guide them to grow in the love of Christ. Sunday School remains one of the most important ministries of our diocese, shaping the spiritual life of our children during their most formative years and strengthening the future of our parishes.

In recent years, the Diocese has undertaken several initiatives to strengthen our Sunday School ministry, including curriculum development, teacher support, and regional programs that benefit our children and parishes. One of the most important tools that Sunday School has developed is M'adrono, a dedicated AI assistant, specifically designed to support Sunday School teachers in their efforts to help our children mature in the Orthodox faith, guide them to become true disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, and grow towards "*Theosis*." These efforts require continued commitment and financial support from our faithful. However, the Sunday School collections received this year have fallen short of our expectations.

In order to meet the needs of the well-functioning of our Diocesan Sunday School and its regional initiatives, we must seek additional avenues of support. Therefore, the Diocesan Sunday School Team is organizing a Raffle Fundraiser Program called "Ambassadors of Christ" to help raise the necessary funds for these ministries. The fundraiser will commence on Easter. Each raffle ticket will be priced at \$10. Further details to follow.

We earnestly request every parish and family in our Diocese to participate generously in this initiative. Let this be a united effort of our entire Diocese to invest in the future of our children and the continued growth of our Sunday School ministry. We encourage all parishes to support this initiative wholeheartedly. May the Lord bless all who participate in this noble effort. May our children grow in faith, wisdom, and the love of Christ, becoming faithful disciples and witnesses of the Gospel.

May the love of God the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with us forever and ever.

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley
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