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Blessings to the Vicars, Managing Committee Members and all the faithful Members of the UK-Europe and Africa Diocese:

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us (Ephesians 3:20)

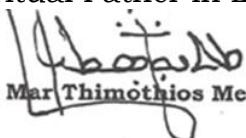
He blessed us with abundant Grace. We with all of you, praise and thank Him for the innumerable gifts.

We are entering into the 8th year of our Diocese. In the year 2009, when We were appointed as the first Diocesan Metropolitan of the newly formed Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa, Our prayers were to give Us the strength and wisdom to shepherd the people of God as per the will of Heavenly orders. May We state that our prayers are answered. In this year we have owned and consecrated 3 new Churches in the UK. In the beginning, we had only one Parish with their own Church building. Now eight of our Parishes have got their own churches in the UK. Number of Parishes has increased from 20 to 39. All the spiritual organisations in the diocese are organised and functioning well. Another important milestone achieved in the last year was the purchase of our Diocesan centre in Swindon.

May We take this opportunity to thank and appreciate all our Clergies and faithful for their dedicated service and sincere loyalty which positively contributed for the achievements.

As you know, we are celebrating the first Sunday of November as the Diocesan day. This year the Diocesan day would be celebrated on 06 November 2016. All the parishes in our diocese shall celebrate this day with prayers. If any of the parishes/congregations does not have service on that day, please arrange to celebrate it on the next scheduled day of service. Though it is embarrassing to state, please note that the financial situation of our diocese is not very healthy. May We urge all of you to participate in the Diocesan Day collection which would be a great support for the day to day functioning and growth of our Diocese. You shall continue pray to Almighty God for me and for our diocese so as we may be guided and nurtured in true wisdom by the Holy Spirit.

May God Bless you all
Your Spiritual Father in Lord


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