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The Reverend Clergy, Monastics and
Faithful of the Deanery
Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain

Beloved in the Lord:

Grace and peace be with you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is with great joy and paternal love that I welcome you into the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain.

We are all aware of the difficult journey you have travelled and pray that you will find peace, comfort, and solidarity among us. We are now one body and one family. As you know, though, you will keep your own identity as a Deanery within the Archdiocese. The names of the parishes, communities, and clergy will soon be added to those already belonging to the Archdiocesan family. Please remember that we are here to work with you and serve you, so we can grow together in the fullness of the faith.

As I will pray for you, I ask that you also pray for me. Let us not look to the past and the challenges you faced. Rather, let us look to the future with hope, optimism and unity. I welcome you in the name of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to your new home, although we were always one, as you know.

As we walk the sacred path to the great Feast of the Nativity, let us walk with love and reconciliation, so Christ may be born in the cave of our hearts.

With paternal love and blessings,

+ Archbishop Nikitas
of Thyateira and Great Britain