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My Dear Family in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

These are days of change, not just in our world but in our wider Anglican family. Recent statements from some Anglican groups, like GAFCON's announcement on October 16, 2025 about their vision for the Communion, might raise questions or concerns. As your Bishop, I want to share my heart and reaffirm what holds us together.

Our faith is, first and foremost, anchored in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, our hope, and our light in the darkness. I am reminded of Paul's words in Ephesians 4: "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all." That is our foundation. Whether we are gathering in our churches, serving at community suppers, or digging potatoes for local food banks, as so many of you do so faithfully, we live out this faith together. It is in these acts of love, in our prayers, and in our care for one another that we see Jesus at work among us.

We are also part of something bigger: the Anglican Communion, a family of millions across the world, bound by shared worship and mission. I want to affirm that our Diocese remains firmly rooted in this historic and living Communion, walking alongside the Anglican Church of Canada and in fellowship with the office of the Archbishop of Canterbury and specifically our next Archbishop, the Most Rev. Sarah Mullally. This bond with Canterbury is not just tradition. It is a living connection that strengthens us to share the Gospel, whether we are addressing local needs like food security or praying for peace in places like the Holy Land. I felt that deep bond last year when Bishop Sarah spent time in our Diocese in celebration of our Cathedral's 325th Anniversary.

I know talk of divisions can feel heavy and hurtful. But let us not lose heart. Jesus prayed that we "may all be one" (John 17:21), and that unity starts right here in our parishes, our homes, and our communities. Let us keep praying for our Anglican family, for wisdom for all leaders, and for the Holy Spirit to guide us.

I am praying for you, my friends, and I am so thankful to serve as your Bishop. May God's peace fill your hearts, and may we continue to shine Christ's light together.

Yours in the love of Jesus,

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