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Ref: Invitation to Diocesan Celebration Events

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I invite you to join me in celebrating and giving thanks for our life together this autumn at one of two events held in the north and south of the diocese.

The past few years have challenged us, and I am grateful that we can now spend more time together. Last autumn, I hosted a series of listening events. These were an opportunity for honest reflection on our current situation and to identify the areas any new strategy needs to address. I heard your concerns about the challenges we face and some of our opportunities as we continue to rebuild our life together. Following a period of discernment with the Bishops Council and Senior Staff, I'd like to share our vision of the next stage of our life together.

The events are the same, and we hope that by providing two separate locations and dates, many people from across our diocese will attend. For your information, I enclose a programme for the day. The events will allow us to share something about the strategy and enjoy celebrating in each other's company. My prayer is to see God's Kingdom continue to grow and flourish now and for future generations to know the transforming message of Christ. I hope this inspires others in your parish to join us at this celebration.

Booking is required to help us manage each event. Details are available in this letter. You will also find the information in the events section on our website, in our weekly eNews update, and advertised on our social media channels. We plan to welcome as many people as possible and will continue to promote these two events with various networks over the coming months. Please can you support this by helping to spread the message?

I pray you will be encouraged to join us.

Yours in Christ,



The Right Reverend Richard Jackson
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