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Dear Members of Christ's Body at St. Matthew,

**Prayerful Greetings!** *"The Lord has a claim on those who proclaim the Gospel, that they should receive their living from the Gospel"* (1 Cor 9:14). From the earliest days of the Church, God's mission has advanced through the generosity of His people—just as the Philippians supported St. Paul's ministry (Phil 4:15-18), and the widows of Zarephath sustained Elijah (1 Kgs 17). Today, I invite you to continue this sacred tradition by supporting our sister **Diocese of Palayamkottai, India.**

For twenty years, our Archdiocese has been profoundly blessed by the missionary spirit of Palayamkottai, which has gifted us over ten zealous priests serving our communities with unwavering dedication. Today, this vibrant diocese faces critical needs as it:

- **Forms 52 future priests** – requiring **\$1 million** to cover their 14-year seminary formation, ensuring a new generation of spiritual leaders;
- **Empowers Youth Evangelization** – with **\$400,000** needed for the vitalizing BCC & Diocesan Level Conventions, Diocesan Youth Forum & Conventions, 300+Rural Catechists Formation and their children scholarships, Vacation Bible School, rural WinNextGen programs, and catechism outreach;
- **Sustains 102 schools** (65 primary, 23 middle, 10 high, 4 higher secondary) serving marginalized communities – **\$300,000** will upgrade computer labs and sanitation facilities to provide dignity and opportunity.

Additionally, your generosity will maintain the **Jubilee Pastoral Centre (\$250,000)**, a hub for spiritual renewal, and strengthen **Diocesan commissions and ministries (\$200,000)** that serve thousands.