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Blessings to Our Dearly Beloved Chor-Episcopoi, Priests and Ad-hoc Committee Members,

My Dearly Beloved,

As was discussed in the tele-conference, we are proceeding with the plans to purchase the property in Missouri City, Texas as the temporary Bishop's residence until we are able to build a full Diocesan center. It is important that you as the clergy of our Diocese take initiative in promoting this project to the faithful. We consider that a building as large as this, being sold at such a low rate in Houston, is truly a gift from God. Please be sure to read the previous Kalpana in your parishes and communicate the reason and purpose for the project so that we can raise support. It is how you present this project to the people that will make the difference in them supporting and seeing the need for it.

All Achens should sincerely work to raise the target amount by making sure to collect \$200 from each family in the parish. Every parish should arrange for one or more individuals to collect the amount and send to the Diocesan office at the earliest. In the meantime, all Achens should also encourage and approach individuals who you think may be willing to provide loans in the amounts of \$5,000 or \$10,000. We do not desire to force anyone, but encourage people to give, assuring them that the money will be paid back within one year at an interest of 5%. Please convene a managing committee meeting in your parish to discuss and get approval for a maximum loan amount from the parish and ways to collect \$200 from each family. If for some reason anyone is in an urgent need of having the loans paid back to them before the end of the one year period, we will be sure to make the necessary arrangements to do so.

Let us work together to meet our deadline which is October 15, 2009. We strongly believe that with your prayers, support, and teamwork, we can complete this great task. Please remember to pray for this project daily, and encourage the faithful to do the same.

May the Spirit of God lead and guide us through this project.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexios Mar Eusebius" with a small cross above the "i" in "Eusebius". The signature is underlined.

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