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Sunday June 14th 2020 The First Sunday after Trinity

Dear Bishop Hosam

I write to you on my own behalf and on behalf of all the people and clergy of The Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough to offer you our heartfelt prayers and warmest greetings on the day of your episcopal consecration.

The link of partnership and friendship that we share between The Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East and The Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough is life giving to us. It frames our faith and it frames our identity. Our deep and sustained relationship of prayer and friendship with the people and clergy of your diocese connects us tangibly to the roots of our belief through the everyday witness of The Living Stones of today in The Land of The Holy One. Your presence and your engagement are an inspiration to us all.

In other circumstances, I should have been delighted and honoured to accept your invitation to be with you and to participate in your consecration. The global pandemic COVID 19 has changed all of this and made it impossible. I shall, nonetheless, be with you in heart and in mind on this historic day for the Church of God, for you as a follower of Jesus Christ and for all members of your family. We shall pray for you in Christ Church Cathedral at our Eucharist today.

In commending you to God Almighty, I share with you and all who gather with you in Jerusalem on this day the words of The Peace for The Day of Pentecost:

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit. (Galatians 5.22). They come with our love, joy peace for you.

Yours sincerely

+Michael

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