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My dear People of God,

Greetings to you in the Lord!

I as your Shepherd wish to address you all with great trust and confidence through this little note. As you already know that the Universal Church has already initiated a process of wider consultation and open sharing of the entire church in preparation for the forthcoming Synod of Bishops. So, we as a part of that Universal Church have the responsibility to fall in line with it by our maximum participation and cooperation. Holy Father Pope Francis has already announced for a Synod of Bishops to be held in the year 2023. As a preparation for this He has inaugurated a process of Synodality inviting all the members to share their views and experiences through sincere and honest sharing for a renewed church to emerge eventually. This renewed Church will have to proclaim Christ to the world in recognizing the signs of the time and deeper yearning and longing of every human heart. Therefore, the church wants to hear from every one of us what we feel about the Church and what type of a Church that we are dreaming for our tomorrow. I have already appointed Very Rev. Fr. Michael Rajendram as the Coordinator of this Synodality Process in the Diocese of Galle. He has already introduced the process to some groups in the diocese through some zoom technology. We need to be proud that the Church has considered every Baptized person as important and worthy of hearing from each one. Soon we will be reaching out to you with a set of questionnaires to carry out this consultation and hear from you genuinely. Therefore, I humbly request you to cooperate with us in this consultative process in the spirit of sincere prayer and reflection. The authentic identification of the church could only emerge in genuine participation of every Baptized person. Since this is an exercise of the entire church let us pray for the success of this venture.

I bless all of you in the Name of Jesus.

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