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BY THE GRACE OF GOD

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Apostolic Benediction to our beloved Metropolitans, His Grace Mor Chrysostomos Markose, the Assistant Metropolitan of our Evangelistic Association of the East in India: His Grace Mor Mor Anthonious Yacoub, the Assistant Metropolitan of our St. Antony's Educational Society - Honnavar, S. Karnataka, India and our beloved spiritual children: the respected clergy and faithful ;

Enquiring your welfare we inform you the following: We are grieved to hear about the sad demise of our beloved Metropolitan His Grace Mor Polycarpos Geevarghese through our beloved Fr. Paulose Parekkara, the General Secretary of EAE. We consecrated Mor Polycarpos in the year 1990 and appointed as the metropolitan of both EAE and the Honnavar Mission. The mission and the EAE achieved steady progress during the past years under his able leadership and guidance. He was a man of character adhered to the true faith of Saint Peter and faithful to the throne of Antioch throughout his life. He was a model missionary in the field of Our Lord. For more than two decades, he directed EAE and the Honnavar Mission with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We remember his knowledge and wisdom in the Word of God. *"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns".* (Isaiah 52:7). We sincerely pray God to console you all and to grant absolution of the sins, rest and delight to the departed soul in His heavenly abode. We join with you in your sorrow and hereby convey our heartfelt condolences to you and to all the bereaved ones. We extend our Apostolic Blessings to you. May the grace of God be with you.

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