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✠ **Autonomous Orthodox Metropolitan Synod** ✠

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*His Beatitude,
Very Most Rev. Metropolitan John (LoBue),
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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE LETTERS COME, GREETING IN CHRIST OUR GOD!

Glory be to God in all things.

By these letters we greet our faithful sons and daughters of our Deanery of the Philippines and bestow upon them our Archhierarchical blessings.

With these letters we establish within the Deanery of our Metropolia the Vicariate of Davao and the Vicariate of Cotabato.

Our beloved son, the Archpriest Father Peter, in addition to his role as Dean of the Deanery of the Philippines, shall also serve as Vicar of the Vicariate of Cotabato, and our beloved son, the Archpriest Father Andreas shall serve as Vicar of the Vicariate of Davao, the Clergy of the Deanery each being assigned to one of these two Vicariates. We pray that each of these two good servants of God will continue to please the Divine Will of Our Lord Jesus Christ in these offices which will remain under my omphor as Metropolitan of the Holy Synod.

We have suffered much because of the new plague of the Covid virus, but have found it necessary to disavow ourselves from the vaccines presently made from abortion cells. If any of our Clergy or faithful should take these vaccines, they should seek the sacrament of Penance in confession for this, and they should be assigned the Penance of going before the Icon of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Church and verbally acknowledge their repentance for this offense. We live in troubled times, but many times before in the history of the Church such times of plague afflicted the Churches, yet the faithful still repented and survived in the service of Christ Our Lord in the Church.

With my blessings and prayers for all our people,

Your unworthy Father in Christ Our God,



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