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To the Clergy and Lay Ministers of the Diocese

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am sending you my Presidential Address to the Diocesan Synod on Saturday in which I addressed the ongoing deliberations of the House of Bishops as part of the 'Living in Love and Faith' process.

I am aware that what I have said will not meet with everyone's approbation but I feel bound - and called - to say it and I do so with appreciation for all God's people in the Diocese and for each of you.

I am away on my annual retreat this week at the Abbey in Bec where I have a close association and I shall be praying for the whole Diocese, both in thanksgiving for it and for the strengthening of our relationships and common purpose in mission and ministry as we journey forward in faith, hope, and love in Christ.

I ask for your prayers and assure you of mine as we look forward to the beginning of a new Church Year at Advent,

The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun
Bishop of Southwark

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