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THE OFFICE OF THE PAPAL REPRESENTATIVE HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN TADROS



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Interim Board of Trustees update on draft Constitution feedback

Dear beloved congregation,

The Interim Board wishes to thank everyone who has provided feedback on the draft documents. There has been overwhelming support for change amongst the 147 submissions, with many of you making valuable suggestions for amendments that were adopted in the updated draft. In total, 83% of your responses supported change to the Constitution.

This is a good outcome and shows that the congregation has engaged with the process and shown support for the future governance of the Diocese.

During the consultation period over the past two months there have been numerous meetings with those that provided submissions. This was to gain a further understanding of their point of view. There have been meetings held with individual parishioners, parish committees, current and former diocese committee members, and individual members of clergy. Group meetings with clergy and focus groups, formed to study the new Constitution, were also held.

As a result of these consultations, there have been several hundred amendments made to the Constitution. Through God's grace, the consultations and the feedback have led to the creation of a Constitution that is truly representative of the needs and ambitions of the future of our Diocese.

We will now provide His Holiness Pope Tawadros II with a copy of the revised Constitution and the feedback submitted. We will await further direction for the implementation of the reform process, and update you, the congregation, once advice has been received from His Holiness.

We wish to once again thank everyone for the invaluable feedback contributions and interest, and continue to ask for your patience.

God bless.

Interim Board of Trustees

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