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The Reverend Clergy, the Monastics, and the Faithful Parishioners of the Holy Metropolis of Denver

Beloved in the Lord,

The mission of this Metropolis will always be to strengthen our one holy apostolic Church, for which our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ suffered, was buried, and rose on the third day, so that we might join Him in his holy Kingdom. Striving toward this goal, it is imperative that we as a Metropolis support the clergy and enrich all of our parishes.

The vision of this Metropolis is to develop a fully staffed program which provides necessary resources for clergy mentorship, lay leadership training, and administrative support for all our parishes, enabling them to meet the needs of their faithful parishioners. In recent months we have made progress establishing the foundations for this vision, however, a great deal of work still lies ahead. One necessary aspect of this is sufficient funding, which will be achieved through the Metropolis Advocate 1000 program.

In addition to assisting with the day-to-day operations of the Metropolis office, the Advocate 1000 program serves to support the ministry initiatives which have been identified together with the Metropolis Council. On this basis, and in order to create more awareness of our most vital Advocates program, I am directing that all parishes throughout Metropolis recognize, the third Sunday in October each year as Advocates Sunday. This year that Sunday falls on October 21, 2018. I ask that on that day clergy and lay leaders in all our parishes educate your parishioners on the purpose and necessity of the Advocates program, and encourage them to become annual stewards.

A packet of information and materials pertaining to the Advocate program will be mailed to each parish at the beginning of October. As well, our Resource Development Director, Ms. Secia Papilion will be contacting each parish to assist in organizing the presentation and to answer any questions.

I am hopeful that through this dedicated work we will continue to grow together as a Metropolis family. It is my prayer that our loving God blesses our efforts, for His glory and for the benefit of His faithful in the Metropolis of Denver.

With paternal blessings,

+Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver