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Dear Fabiola,

GRATITUDE STATEMENT FOR OUR LADY'S GIFT OF A NEW SCHOOL THROUGH FABIOLA BRITO AND FRIENDS

Greetings from the Catholic Diocese of Mangochi, Malawi.

Allow me to officially express my gratitude at the gift of the school which you and your friends wish to donate to my diocese, the Diocese of Mangochi in Malawi. Fr Simon Mundisiye shared with me and my collaborators that this donation is your special gratitude to God for all the Graces He has done in your life of which among them is the unprecedented success in your academic journey. We thank God with you and promise you special Thanksgiving Mass for your intentions. I have shared your kind heart with my priests, and they all glorify God for this rare kindness that you have shown to us. Our Lady indeed intercedes for us all the time.

Your gift has come at the right time to complement our felt needs, especially among the youth who struggle to have access to good and quality education. As such, this will provide a conducive learning environment for our students and enhance the attainment of the desired educational achievements and learning outcomes.

Good news is that as bishop and the diocese as a whole, we are committed to support this project with our local contributions in the following areas:

- a. Land The diocese has leased land- purposefully reserved for educational infrastructure. This new school will be built on that land to address the educational needs of the vulnerable youths.
- b. Bricks for the classrooms: The community is ready to make bricks and collect sand and stones.
- c. Teachers- The diocese has some priests qualified in education. These will be part of the teaching staff on top of the lay teaching staff who will be recruited by our able education commission.

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d. Sustainability and maintenance plan- The diocese has a priest trained in construction works. He will provide overall structure supervision in collaboration with the school management to keep the school infrastructure in good shape.

Following the meeting of 14 May which you hosted, I learnt from Fr Christopher Sichinga our Director of Finance, Projects and Administration that you are considering a threshold and budget line of around 16,000.00 Eur. With this information, I consulted my colleagues who are well versed in construction issues. They have confirmed that with your proposed budget, it is possible to erect two classrooms for this new school. Therefore, find attached a technical Plan for classrooms which is recommended by the Ministry of Education

- 1 Estimated cost for 1 block of 2 classrooms is (Eur. 16,000.00) which in local currency translates to (MK32,000,000.00)
- 2 Bill of quantities

Your support is Grace as it is instrumental in making this project a reality for needy youths.

On another note, I was informed by my secretary, Fr. Dr. Raphael Mkuzi of your intention to visit Malawi this coming November. I wish to assure you that you and your friends are most welcome to Malawi. We have a safe place where you will stay for the period of your visit. This will also be a good moment for you and your friends to have a real experience of the Malawians and especially the vulnerable who are the direct beneficiaries of your kind help.

With my Paternal blessings on you Fabiola and your friends,

I remain Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Rt. Rev. Montfort Stima- Bishop- Diocese of Mangochi

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