



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN JERUSALEM AND THE MIDDLE EAST
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DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIOCESAN BISHOP

15 April 2024

Dear Friends,

As the Diocesan Cathedrals of St Christopher in Bahrain and St Paul in Nicosia prepare for the Consecration and Enthronements of Bishop-elect Sean Semple, it would bring Sean great joy to know that all parishes were united in prayer for the Diocese, for his family, and for him, as he begins this journey of faith with us all.

The Consecration and Enthronement of Bishop-elect Sean at St Christopher's Cathedral will take place on 24 May 2024 at 6pm. The Enthronement of the new Bishop in St Paul's Cathedral in Nicosia will take place on 22 June 2024 at 5pm. Both of these events will be livestreamed, and it is hoped that parishes may wish to gather together for the service to celebrate and reflect on this historic occasion, with our new Bishop—the sixth of the Diocese, the first to be consecrated in Bahrain, the first African-born.

Please pray for the Diocese, for Bishop-elect Sean, his wife Jenny, and their family—sharing this prayer in parish pew sheets and websites.

Heavenly Father,
in every age you raise up pastors and leaders for your Church
to reflect the light of Christ and to lead us in the way of holiness.
We thank you for the election of your servant Sean
who soon will be consecrated as our Bishop.
Grant to him and his family every grace of your Spirit
as they prepare to move to the Diocese.
Bless Sean's future ministry
that together with the priests, deacons and laypeople of Cyprus and the Gulf
the light of Christ may be seen
and the love of Christ experienced by the people we serve.
We ask this through the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

With warm thanks and best wishes from your colleagues in the Office of the Diocesan Bishop.

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