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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May I take this opportunity to thank you all: Lay Faithful, Religious, Deacons and Priests for the very warm welcome that you have given to me on my arrival in the Diocese.

The Installation Liturgies were deeply moving and it was wonderful to see our Cathedral filled with everyone gathered in faith and prayer.

My thanks go to all those who were involved in the arrangements for these two days of celebration. I know you would all wish to join with me in thanking them for their hard work, dedication and attention to detail – enabling us all to enter more fully into the mystery of the Liturgy.

It will take time to get to know everyone and I look forward to the Masses that will be celebrated around the deaneries in the coming weeks. Please keep me in your prayers as I embark upon my service for you and with you in the years ahead.

At this time, when we are seeing so many 'green shoots' of renewed openness to the Gospel, let us join together in the work the Lord has given us to do, that our witness will continue to call the world to the wonder of the Gospel, to relationship with Christ and to his gift of Peace.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+Richard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

✠ Archbishop Richard Moth  
Archbishop of Westminster