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Dearest Father George, Mr Damatopoulos and Mr Robertson,

"Rejoice in the Lord always!"

With overwhelming joy and glorifying the Holy Spirit for my election to the historical throne of the Holy Archdiocese of Australia by the Holy and Sacred Synod of our Ecumenical Patriarchate, I wholeheartedly thank you for your kind and heartfelt words on the occasion of the completion of one year since my enthronement on the 29th June of last year, exclaiming "Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit".

By the grace of God, the unexpected election of my humble self and my coming to Australia was a gift of the All-Holy Spirit, which was revealed from the first moment of my presence in the fifth continent with the presence and communication with many blessed souls, with the unity of life, camaraderie, solidarity and every gift that, time and again, we enjoy in Christ Jesus.

With gratitude for your remembrance of my first anniversary and appreciative of your heartfelt words and warm regards to me, I pray that the Lord, Who has risen from the dead, grants you strength and a fruitful, God-pleasing ministry. I also kindly ask that you keep me in your prayers so that I may continue to steer the reigns of the Orthodox Church in Australia for God's glory, I remain,