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To: All Priests, Religious, and Lay Faithful,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TIYENDE LIMODZI ENDOWMENT FUND

Peace be with you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I write to express my profound gratitude to all Priests, religious, parishioners, Small Christian Communities, lay organizations, benefactors, volunteers, and friends of the Archdiocese who contributed to the successful launch of the **Tiyende Limodzi Endowment Fund** on 25 July 2026. Your prayers, generosity, sacrifices, and active participation at the inaugural Mass and luncheon at Maula Cathedral, and the Legacy Gala Dinner demonstrated the unity and commitment of our Archdiocesan family.

I am particularly encouraged that, through the collective efforts of God's people and many partners of goodwill, the launch mobilized **over MK300 million in donations and pledges**, surpassing our initial expectations and providing a strong foundation for the growth of the Fund. The establishment of the Tiyende Limodzi Endowment Fund marks an important milestone in the life of our Archdiocese. It provides a new and sustainable avenue for mobilising resources to support the mission entrusted to us by Christ of spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth and serving the entire human person through education, health and dignified livelihoods for all. Through prudent stewardship and long-term investment, the Fund seeks to strengthen the capacity of the Archdiocese to serve both present and future generations. It will generate sustainable returns that will be channelled towards four priority areas:

1. **Pastoral Programming**, including welfare and training of our Priests and religious, and lay apostolate;
2. **Archdiocesan Operations**, including running of the Archdiocese and towards Parish projects;
3. **Social Development**, including Education, Health and other charitable programmes through Tiwale Limodzi Foundation; and
4. **Archdiocesan Investments**.

I am pleased to inform you that the Tiyende Limodzi Endowment Fund has been established as an **independent institution**, legally constituted and registered under its Trust Deed. The Fund will operate under its own governance structures and will be overseen by a **Board of Trustees** appointed to provide strategic leadership, accountability, and stewardship of the resources entrusted to the Fund.

The Trustees that have been appointed are:

1. Mr. Phillip Madinga – Chairperson
2. Ms. Beatrix Mosiwa – Vice Chairperson
3. Bishop Vincent Mwakhwawa
4. Sr. Dorice Tembo
5. Mr. William Mwanza
6. Ms. Innocentia Ottober
7. Ms. Dziwana Shawa
8. Fr. John Kaliwamba
9. Mr. Hugo Mlewa

The Board of Trustees has already briefed me on its intended approach to engage priests, religious, and lay faithful as the Fund's first and most important stakeholders. I welcome this commitment. The Fund aspires to raise MK10 billion in the first year of its existence through contributions from the Catholic faithful, our friends in the diaspora, international well-wishers and institutions, as well as companies that have already started contributing to the cause. The Fund will grow only through the trust, participation, and ownership of the Catholic community. It is therefore important that we all play our part and that the Board continues to work closely with Church structures at all levels to ensure that the Fund develops in a prudent, transparent, accountable, and sustainable manner.

I therefore call upon all parishes, deaneries, religious congregations, lay associations, Small Christian Communities, institutions, and every member of the faithful to cooperate fully with the Board of Trustees and support its engagement efforts. As the Board undertakes awareness, consultation, and resource mobilisation activities, I encourage you to receive them warmly, participate actively, and contribute ideas and resources that will strengthen the Fund and advance its mission.

Let us remember that the Tiyende Limodzi Endowment Fund is not merely a fundraising initiative. It is a long-term expression of our shared responsibility to build a self-reliant Church that can continue proclaiming the Gospel and serving society through education, health, social development, and pastoral ministry for generations to come.

As we move into this new chapter, I ask for your continued prayers for the Board of Trustees and all who will serve the Fund. May the Holy Spirit guide them in wisdom and integrity, and may the Lord bless all those who have already contributed and all those who will support this noble undertaking in the coming months and into the future.

Devotedly Yours in Christ,



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