



## HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS

### LETTER OF SUPPORT

Father Menelaos Hatzoglou, Theo Bacalakis Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Chairperson and President of the various respected institutions of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, The Parish Council, Parishioners of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Cairns, The Board Management and Staff of St. John the Baptist Child Care Centre Cairns, the Board Management and Staff of St. John's Community Care would like to publicly acknowledge our unconditional love and full support of our Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia His Eminence Archbishop Makarios.

Since the arrival of His Eminence to Australia last year Archbishop Makarios has embraced all people of all diversity with pure and sincere love, piety and humility. We denounce the minority that feel that the previous status quo is a threat to their personal agendas and goals and are now promoting a concerted and targeted campaign against the institution of our Archdiocese and our faith by attacking the piety of our Archbishop. Their efforts are in vain and will not succeed because where there is faith, love, forgiveness and unity of purpose the silent majority will always protect the institution of our Blessed Archdiocese and our Archbishop. The purchase of an official residence for the Greek Orthodox Archbishop of Australia should be supported and celebrated as a significant milestone of how far our Archdiocese has come and matured. When you consider that the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia is so vast you will know that the Archbishop is rarely at home.

However as we remove the barriers of distance to the rest of the Orthodox World and acknowledge that the church is one body in Christ we will see many more of the Orthodox Hierarchy and other dignitaries visit our shores and the need for the Archbishop to host these visitors with our traditional philotimia, generosity and warm welcome that Greek Australians are known for. This requires and justifies an appropriate residence for the Primate of our Blessed Archdiocese in Australia.

Over the past year since the Enthronement His Eminence has travelled the length and breadth of our vast continent working long days and long nights as a good shepherd of our Orthodox Faithful earning the respect and love of so many including the wider community. We have been truly blessed to have as our Hierarch Archbishop Makarios. His Eminence has established close and trusted relationships with the government and public authorities in continuing the mission of our church through the various educational, aged, disability and welfare activities of our Archdiocese.

Through the intercessions and prayers of our Holy Theotokos may we all continue our sacred tasks always for the Glory of God and may we all pray many years for our Archbishop His Eminence Archbishop Makarios Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia.

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