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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It gives me great joy to write to you regarding *Arpana School for Special Education*, a mission of our Diocese that has been faithfully serving children with intellectual disabilities since 1981. Through education, vocational training, therapy, and rehabilitation, Arpana has been instrumental in transforming the lives of children—particularly those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds—enabling them to grow with dignity, independence, and hope.

At present, around 50 children are being nurtured at Arpana through well-structured programmes such as Early Intervention, Special Education, Vocational Training, Job Placement, and Parent Support. This noble ministry requires our wholehearted prayers and financial partnership to continue its mission.

I humbly appeal to all our churches and institutions to **observe the Second Sunday of October as "The Day for Persons with Physical and Intellectual Disabilities"** and extend your generous support towards:

- Sponsoring a child's education, training, and care.
- Supporting therapies, healthcare, and nutritious meals for the children.
- Contributing towards infrastructure needs such as a school van, music therapy room, and digital learning resources.

Individuals, Churches and Institutions are requested to regularly support Arpana on a monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly basis. Your contribution, whether big or small, will make a lasting difference in the lives of these special children. I encourage each congregation and institution of our Diocese to prayerfully consider supporting this vital ministry of compassion.

Let us together remember the words of our Lord: *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"* (Matthew 25:40).

With prayerful blessings,

Yours Sincerely,

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