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Bishop Marianne Budhe,
Diocese of Washington,
Episcopal Church House,
Mount St Alban,
Washington DC 20016-5094.

Dear Bishop Budhe,

Our greetings to you and all in your Diocese from our Diocese of Masasi. It is with great joy and with deeply thankful hearts that we write to you to express our profound gratitude to you for giving your personal endorsement to our application for funding from the United Thank Offering Fund. It is a most wonderful gift for us and it will release much joy and thanksgiving throughout our Diocese.

The generosity of the Board of the UTO Fund is very great and the hearts of the members of the Board are rich in love towards us in the Diocese of Masasi. We give you our heartfelt thanks for this generosity and honour you all in the Diocese before the throne of Almighty God. It is by His Grace that you have entered into this partnership with us to enable us to complete the building of St Catherine's Secondary School for Girls at Namasakata in our Diocese.

Your own Diocesan Mission Statement describes so vividly the heart of our aims for this Secondary School for Girls. I quote, "to embody His love for the world, to equip faith communities, to promote spiritual growth, to strive for justice and so to draw people to Jesus".

Bishop Marianne, every one of these Mission Statements are appropriate for us at Namasakata. We desire much that each one of the girls who come to this school will flourish and grow, will be nurtured as human beings in mind, body, soul and spirit through the high quality education we strive to ensure at St Catherine's.

We will create an ethos of love; we will equip them with knowledge and understanding, with a respect for others; we will provide a rich environment where they can grow and mature in faith and all the while be in a place where equal opportunity is being given to the girls in our nation so modelling justice: equality of opportunity for a quality education for girls which is lacking in our nation.

In enabling us to do this you are equipping us as a faith community to achieve all these things in Jesus Name and in prayer encouraging them to come to a strong personal faith in Jesus.

Bishop, these things are now possible thanks to your Diocesan generosity. Our God is eternally Good. The United Thank Offering Fund have modelled this Truth is a wonderful way for us.

You have blessed us in these ways and we will, by God's Grace in turn bless the girls who come to St Catherine's, ensuring all who serve them, their parents and the community will share this similar vision: we shall bless all who are connected with our School at Namasakata made possible by this partnership of two Dioceses serving together.

Bishop Marainne, I close my letter of thanksgiving in formally inviting you to visit us in Masasi Diocese. We say, "Karibu sana": "you are very welcome". We will be greatly blessed in welcoming you here. Please: we invite you to come and experience the very generous hospitality of our people of Masasi Diocese.

In thanksgiving and in prayer to Almighty God: may He bless you and your Diocese.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James B. Almasi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and 'A'.

Rt. Revd. Dr. James B. Almasi
BISHOP OF MASASI.

"I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20)