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Attention:

All Diocesan and Religious Priests in the Archdiocese of Johannesburg
All Lay Faithful of the Archdiocese of Johannesburg

09 March 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters

DIOCESAN INQUIRY INTO THE POTENTIAL CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION AND CANONISATION OF MARIA ("DOMITILLA") HYAMS AND DANIEL ("DANNY") GEORGE HYAMS

As you are aware, last year I decided to formally proceed with a diocesan inquiry into the lives of Domitilla and Danny Hyams, parishioners of St Therese Catholic Church in Edenvale, known mostly as the founders of the LITTLE EDEN Society, a home for the care of children (and subsequently expanded to include adults) with severe intellectual and physical disabilities.

This inquiry was set up to investigate "the life, the heroic virtues and the reputation of holiness and of intercessory power" of the two Servants of God. These two *separate* inquiries, which are based on formal interviews with numerous different witnesses, will allow me to make a formal submission to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, for their consideration. If favourably received, Domitilla and Danny Hyams will be declared venerable.

Unfortunately, because of the Covid-19 restrictions, the Opening Session of the Inquiry, which remains a very proud moment for the Archdiocese, could not be celebrated as an Archdiocesan event. With the reduced Covid-19 restrictions, and the vaccine roll-out, it seems fitting that we should mark this event with a Mass.

How desperately we need to remember those whose lives strengthen the moral fibre of the world we live in and lead us closer to the Lord. By gathering as an Archdiocese, we would like to continue to raise awareness of this potential cause and will be distributing new booklets and prayer cards (in English, Zulu and Sotho). The prayer cards will be sold for R5 each.

We also appeal to each parish to make a generous contribution (R 10 000 – R 30 000) towards the Cause of Domitilla and Danny Hyams. Donations may be made into the following bank account with the reference "SAINTHOOD".

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We encourage all Catholics to be present at this significant Archdiocesan event and ask that you take note of the *details of the Holy Mass* to mark the launch of the inquiry.

Venue: Cathedral of Christ the King
Date: Saturday, 30 April 2022
Time: 09h30

I wish you every blessing as we enter this Holy Season of Lent, and pray that you may encounter the Lord, no matter where you find yourself walking at this time.

Yours Sincerely,

+ Most Rev. Buti Tlhagale o.m.i.
Archbishop of Johannesburg



Rev. Fr Malcolm McLaren
Episcopal Delegate