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The Rt. Rev. Dr. Renta Nishihara
Bishop-elect, Diocese of Chubu, Nippon Sei Ko Kai
Rikkyo University, Vice Chancellor, Dean of the College of Arts

On the Occasion of Your Consecration and Installation, St. Matthew's Cathedral Nagoya, Japan

My dear brother Renta,

It is with deep joy that I write to congratulate you on your new ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Chubu. Not only that, but I am also heartened to see that you will continue your valuable work at Rikkyo University. This news is cause for celebration on many levels. While we may regret that official representatives cannot attend your consecration in person due to current travel restrictions, I am delighted that Bruce Woodcock, our Asia and the Pacific Partnership Officer, will be able to be with you online.

I understand Canon Bruce was able to visit with you in February 2020 and now looks forward to building on the good relationship between the NSKK and TEC. I trust he will share our greetings as you are in the prayers of many in The Episcopal Church.

It is my hope that, by the Grace of God and sustained efforts, relations between our church members may be strengthened well into the future. At the same time, I believe that we will discover new and deeper ways for us to partner in God's mission of healing in a broken world.

Therefore, on the occasion of your ordination to the episcopacy, I offer this prayer for you:

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant Renta who has enriched his community and brought gladness to friends and family; bless, preserve, and guide him in the continued use of your gifts. Give him sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer his way, and a clear vision of the ministries to which you are now calling him. By your Holy Spirit, be present in his ministries in the Diocese of Chubu and at Rikkyo University, that he may travel with the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God continue to bless and keep you all your days. I remain

Your brother in Christ,



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
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