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17th May 2022

Dear Fathers, Deacons and Others,

75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Motherwell

The Diocese of Motherwell, along with the Diocese of Paisley, was erected as a Suffragan See of the Archdiocese of Glasgow by the Apostolic Constitution *Maxime interest* of the 25 May 1947.

It will be therefore the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese's beginning on 25 May 2022. This notable Anniversary is to be marked across the Diocese at all the Masses celebrated in parishes, schools, and communities on Ascension Thursday, May 26th. At all our Masses we will give thanks for the first 75 years of the Diocese and ask the Lord's continued blessing on our future.

I will celebrate the 10.00 am Mass in the Cathedral on the Solemnity of the Ascension.

The first Bishop of the Diocese, Rt Rev Edward Douglas, was consecrated as Bishop at Motherwell on 21 April 1948. We will look to marking this Anniversary with a Diocesan Mass in the Cathedral close to that date next year.

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With my prayers and best wishes,

Yours in Christ,

+ Joseph Toal