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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends, Well-wishers, and Partners in Development,

I am glad to present the Annual Report of Social Initiatives for Growth and Networking (SIGN) for the year 2025-2026. This report reflects another year of learning, collaboration and shared commitment towards building stronger communities and more responsive institutions across the JHAAN Region.

We celebrated the Jubilee Year under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," which reminded us that hope becomes meaningful when it inspires action. It grows as communities shape their own future, institutions become more accountable and inclusive, and people work together with trust and shared responsibility.

Over the years, SIGN has grown into a strong platform connecting the diocesan social service societies of the JHAAN Region. Beyond implementing programmes, it promotes collaboration, innovation, knowledge-sharing and institutional strengthening, enabling dioceses to learn from one another and respond more effectively to emerging needs.

The initiatives undertaken during the past year reflect this spirit of collaboration. From strengthening community institutions and promoting tribal heritage and constitutional rights to supporting climate-resilient agriculture, empowering women, promoting safeguarding and building local leadership, our focus has remained the same: enabling people and communities to become active participants in their own development. The challenges before us continue to evolve. Climate change, migration, livelihood insecurity, social inequality and the aspirations of young people call for thoughtful responses and stronger partnerships. These realities remind us that sustainable development cannot be achieved by any single institution working alone. It requires cooperation among communities, civil society, government agencies and development partners, each contributing its strengths towards the common good.

I express my sincere appreciation to Archbishop Vincent Aind, our President, the Bishops of the JHAAN Region, the Governing Board, the Director and staff of SIGN, the diocesan social service societies, our funding partners, government departments, collaborating organizations and the many community leaders and volunteers whose commitment has enriched this shared mission. Their dedication continues to strengthen the network that SIGN has carefully built over the years. As we look to the future, let us continue to invest in people, strengthen institutions, encourage innovation and deepen partnerships that promote justice, inclusion and sustainable development. Lasting social transformation is possible only when communities themselves are empowered to lead the process of change.

May this Annual Report encourage all of us to continue working together with renewed commitment, building communities where every person can live with dignity, participate fully in development and contribute meaningfully to society.

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