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Dear beloved brothers and sisters,

Wishing you all a blessed Fast of our fathers the apostles. May these holy days fill our lives with joy and hope.

These days of the fast of the apostles remind us of how the Holy Spirit was working in the early church with great enthusiasm, zeal and great activity. We are also happy that in our diocese great momentum, enthusiasm and many spiritual activities continue to take place.

The launch of "The Dome" at the Resurrection dinner brought much joy to us for a new vision for the Diocese. Also the revival of Saint Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College and the submission of the application to seek recognition as a Recognised Teaching Institution within the Melbourne College of Divinity give us hope of many blessings in the near future. The successful family and youth conferences this year have brought the whole community together, as well as the establishment of the new Coptic Senior Citizens Association at "The Dome."

Our home at "The Dome" in Donvale where many activities are taking place is becoming tired due to a lack of maintenance for many, many years. There are critical maintenance which require immediate action or many eventual problems will arise that will cost much more to fix in the long run.

There are many renewed services and initiatives that are set to commence but with an increase in service comes an increased need for resources. We have plans for a new Information Technology Room and Secretarial Offices. The Theological College will require two lecture theatres, a student lounge and a Registrar's office. The north wing on the ground floor in the existing building has been dedicated to the Theological College.

Below is a list of ongoing works at "The Dome":

1. Full roof restoration.
2. Replace damaged kitchen, oven and hot plates (near table tennis room).
3. Create two lecture theatres: one to seat 48 and the other to seat 32 students.
4. Create an office for the Registrar of the Theological College.
5. Install arched windows in the open corridor and create a student lounge
6. Create on the second floor an Information Technology and secretarial office
7. Build large cupboards for storage on the second floor
8. Repairing the badly damaged bathrooms on the second and third floors
9. Repair water damaged ceiling on third floor.
10. Update all electrical boards and sub-boards for safety.



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There is much more that needs to be completed to maintain the building properly, but the above ten points are an immediate need. The work is already in progress and we need to raise approximately \$250 000 (two hundred and fifty thousand) to complete this work.

We pray that God may bless all your efforts and support for this important work for the sake of the whole community.

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Donations can be mailed to:

St Athanasius Coptic Centre Building Fund
P.O. Box 1150
Mitcham North, Vic. 3132

Direct Deposit:

Commonwealth Bank
St Athanasius Coptic Centre Building Fund

BSB: 063 159
Account Number: 10260596

Local Parish Treasurer:

See your local parish treasurer

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All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Thank you very much for your prayers and support.

“The Dome” - Steering Committee