



COPTIC ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES

Bishop Youssef

My Beloved Youth,

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The Southern Diocese has recently purchased 20 acres in Walton County, Florida within Santa Rosa Plantation on the Choctawhatchee Bay. This secluded waterfront property in San Destin not only has the scenic bay waterfront but also views the expansive Intercoastal Waterway.

This quiet setting midpoint in the Southern Diocese has abundant forestry, wildlife, and dolphins, which on occasion can be sighted swimming in the bay. With this serene atmosphere and ideal location, the diocese clergy and myself felt it suitable as the future construction site for the Southern Diocese Retreat Center.

Considering the purchase cost of the land and the construction costs approaching, we are asking everyone in the Southern Diocese to donate of their means towards the expenses of this project. A special Southern Diocese Retreat Fund has been established and contributions from all those wishing to donate can be sent to:

*Southern Diocese Retreat Project
PO Box 1005
Colleyville, TX 76034-1005*

It is what we give up, not what we hold back, that adds to our lasting store.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven...For where you treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

God bless you,

*Bishop Youssef
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