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## **Circular 2/2023**

**Dear Rt. Rev. Corepiscopoi, Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, and Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

**Cordial Greetings to you!**

First of all, I take this opportunity to wish a Happy Mother's Day and express my profound appreciation to all the mothers for their contributions to their families, Church, and society.

This circular is to strongly remind you all to encourage and attend the forthcoming **Family Convention to be held from 20-23 July at Hilton Hotel in Parsippany, New Jersey.**

Please find attached the **Prayer for the Success of the Convention** which is to be **prayed publicly after Holy Qurbono on Sundays in our churches and missions from 14th May to 23rd July 2023.**

### **Annual Clergy Retreat**

Rev. Fathers are requested to attend the Clergy Retreat to be held immediately after the Convention **from 23-27 July (From Sunday Evening to Thursday Morning)** at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre, New York.

### **Faith Formation Final Examination**

I exhort all Pastors, Teachers, and parents to take every effort to prepare the children for the forthcoming Final Examination which is scheduled to be **4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (Sunday)**. Kindly adhere to all the instructions related to the examination and cooperate with the Department of Faith Formation for the successful completion of this academic year 2022-2023.

### **MBOC 2023**

This year, the theme for our annual MBOC program is "Be an Influencer." based on Joshua 24:15 "*As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.*" The guidelines and materials will be provided by the Director Rev. Jobin Thomas.

Wishing you the blessings of the forthcoming Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost,  
In Jesus Christ,

**Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos**

**Eparch of St. Mary Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA & Canada**

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**Encl: Prayer for the Success of the Forthcoming Convention**



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## **Prayer For the Success of the Eleventh Syro-Malankara Catholic Convention in USA & Canada**

Almighty God, we praise and thank you for the abundant blessings and graces you continue to shower upon us as members of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church in North America. Lord, we dedicate our forthcoming Syro-Malankara Catholic Convention in the USA and Canada to be started on 20th July 2023. We offer it for your greater glory and for the good of all our families. We submit this Convention as an opportunity for us *“to gather in your Holy Name,” “to reflect collectively on our ecclesial identity and life,” and “to rededicate ourselves in our divine call and mission”* as Malankara Catholics in North America. We pray that the theme of the Convention: **“Rooted in Christ and Sacred Traditions,”** may deepen our faith in Jesus Christ and enable us to experience the meaning and relevance of our sacred traditions for the authentic Christian living in this world.

Almighty God, send your Holy Spirit upon us that the Church and all our families be enlightened, strengthened, and remain Grace-filled, in this challenging world. We pray that God may grant His knowledge and wisdom, to our children and young people that they discern their vocation to family life, or religious life and to priesthood. We pray that our convention may motivate and facilitate all the participants to grow in Christian life within the Malankara Catholic Communion. Loving Lord, kindly bless all the preparations, programs, and facilities of the Convention and protect us from all adversities.

Almighty God, bless and reward all the participants, resource persons, sponsors, organizing team of our convention. May the intercessions of the heavenly patroness of our Eparchy, St. Mary Queen of Peace; Saint Joseph Protector of the Church and families; St. Thomas the Apostle, our Father in faith, and all other saints, be a stronghold for us. We also ask for the intercession of Servant of God Mar Ivanios and all who taught us true faith and to be Children of God. We submit this prayer in the name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit!