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

Cordial Greetings to you!

I wish you all the blessings of the Season of *Sleeha Nombu* and the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. May St. Thomas Day be an inspiration for us to continue our mission and ministry more effectively in this great continent of North America. Kindly continue to pray for the success of the forthcoming Family Convention, and I extend my appreciation to all the participants and the organizing team of the Convention.

Please note the following clergy appointments which are effective as of **July 1, 2023, unless otherwise noted.**

- 1. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gigi Philip** is relieved as Syncellus of the Eparchy and Pastor of St. Mary's Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, Toronto.
- 2. Rev. Fr. Abraham Lukose** is appointed as the Moderator of St. Mary's Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, Toronto, and **Rev. Fr. Varghese Anchanithadathil** as the Administrator of the same parish.
- 3. Rev. Fr. John (Daiju) Kuriakose** is appointed as the Coordinator of the Clergy and the Apostolates in Canada.
- 4. Rev. Fr. Manoj Mammen**, of the Major Archeparchy of Trivandrum, is appointed as the Pastor of St. Mary's Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, Washington DC.
- 5. Rev. Fr. Michael Edathil** will continue as Director of the Family Apostolate and pursue Doctoral Studies. His residence will be at St. William the Abbot Church in Seaford, New York, where he will render part-time service.
- 6. Rev. Fr. Saji Lukose**, from the Diocese of Puttur, is appointed as Pastor of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Mission in Austin, Texas, with effect from **June 17, 2023.**
- 7. Rev. Fr. Liju Thundiyl** will be relieved as Pastor of St. Mary's Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, Yonkers with effect from **August 1, 2023.** **Rev. Fr. Vincent Punnathannam**, of the Diocese of Puttur, is appointed Pastor of the same Parish with effect from **August 1, 2023.**
- 8. Rev. Fr. Jobin Thomas** has been appointed as the Director of Faith Formation (Sunday School), and he will continue as the Director of the MCCL.



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I take this occasion to express our profound gratitude to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gigi Philip for his most dedicated services as Syncellus of the Eparchy and Pastor of our Parish in Toronto. Hearty congratulations as he is appointed as the Rector of the Malankara Major Seminary in Trivandrum. We extend our prayerful felicitations to him.

Our Eparchy is grateful to Rev. Fr. Liju Thundiyl for his outstanding services in our Eparchy for the last five years as Pastor and his leadership in the Apostolate of Faith Formation. We wish him God's choicest blessing as he returns to his home Archeparchy – Tiruvalla.

Hearty welcome to new priests Rev. Fr. Manoj Mammen, Rev. Fr. Saji Lukose, and Rev. Fr. Vincent Punnathannam.

Annual Clergy Retreat

Please pray for the fruitfulness of the annual Clergy Retreat which will be held **from July 23 to 27, 2023** at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre in Stoney Point, New York.

Wishing you all the blessings of the Season,
In Jesus Christ,

Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos

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

Dated: June 23, 2023

NB: This circular is to be communicated to all the members of our parishes/missions.