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**Circular 5/2024**

**Dear Rev Corepiscopoi, Rev Fathers, Religious Sisters, and dear Faithful of our Eparchy,**

**Cordial greetings to you in the name of the Triune God.**

I wish to share with you a few important matters:

1. We are at the season of Ettu Nombu in preparation for the feast of the nativity of Mother Mary, the heavenly patroness of our Eparchy. Let us place all our parishes and families for the maternal care of Mary, the mother of God.
2. It is of utmost importance that we commemorate the Malankara Reunion Day in our parishes in a manner that truly reflects the significance of this event to our parish/mission communities. This year's Reunion Day marks the beginning of the programs leading up to the Centenary in 2030. I urge you to circulate and explain the content of His Beatitude's circular on this matter to ensure a meaningful observance.
3. Our eparchy's Clergy Meeting and Retreat, scheduled for Monday, September 30th, to Friday, October 4th, at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre in New York, is a mandatory event for all priests serving in our Eparchy. Your participation is crucial as we come together to pray and plan for the pastoral ministry of our Eparchy. The parishes will reimburse the travel and boarding expenses of this retreat as per the statutes of our Eparchy.
4. This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the official inauguration of the Malankara Catholic mission in North America. We intend to celebrate this event on Sunday, October 20th. The Clergy and Pastoral Council will be held an online consultative meeting on Friday, September 13th, at 8:30 EST. to discuss how to celebrate this event.
5. Our Eparchy's faith formation program (Catechism) begins on Sunday, September 15th. Please plan to conduct the Catechism effectively. I am delighted to announce that Rev. Dr. Philip Pulipra is appointed joint director of our Eparchy's faith formation program.
6. Our special appreciation to Rev. Fr. Daiju Kuriakose and all clergy and pastoral council member for organizing an excellent family conference of Canada.



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7. Our special appreciation to Rev. Fr. Jerry Mathew and all the MCYM National Board and the leadership team for organizing an outstanding Youth Conference at Austin.
8. Rev. Fr. Abraham Lukose has returned to his diocese Mavelikara on 27<sup>th</sup> August. Our Eparchy is immensely grateful to Rev. Fr. Abraham Lukose for his dedicated service in our Eparchy for 13 years in various capacities. His dedicated efforts to buy a beautiful church and campus for our London, Canada, community are commendable. Rev. Fr. Jobin Thomas is appointed as the new Pastor of London parish.
9. Rev. Dr. Saji Mukkutt has moved to Atlanta for better pastoral care of missions.
10. Rev. Fr. Varghese Anchanithadathil is appointed as the pastor of our parish in Toronto.
11. I intend to attend the Plenary Assembly of the Conference of the Canadian Catholic Bishops, held from 22 to 27 September in Quebec. I am seeking the bishops' support for the Malankara migrant communities in Canada. Please pray for this mission.
12. Two Seminarians for our Eparchy, Brother Christopher Thomas and Br. Goerge Thomas Kochumalil started their theological formation at the Mater Dei University in Rome on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Kindly pray for them, especially the vocation to the priesthood and religious life in our Eparchy.
13. Kindly transfer the funds before 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Thank you for your generous contribution to the Waynad Relief Fund.
14. Kindly transfer the subscription and the other amounts due to the Eparchy before 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Thanking and soliciting your sincere prayers, cooperation and support for the ministries of our Eparchy.

**In Jesus Christ,**

**+ Philipos Mar Stephanos**

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