



**ST. MARY QUEEN OF PEACE
SYRO-MALANKARA CATHOLIC EPARCHY
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Dear Rt. Rev. Corepiscopoi, Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, and Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Cordial Greetings to all!

We thank God for His marvelous providence during the crisis of the pandemic period. We have been praying with the Psalmist; “I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him” (Ps. 34: 4-5, 8).

Now, as the social and civic activities are becoming normal in the USA and Canada, it is time for us in our Eparchy to revitalize the various Ministries and Apostolates. I solicit the priests, faithful and the entire gamut of our Eparchy to be empowered and motivated by the Holy Spirit. We need to be unleashed from all kinds of fears, slumber, and indifferentism, and be awakened to be propelled by the Spirit of Jesus Christ and His Mission. Therefore, **I encourage all our people to attend in person all our liturgical celebrations, prayer fellowships and other Apostolates like Sunday School, MCYM meetings, etc. in our churches, with adequate health precautions.** I wish to pray for you with St. Paul: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Rom.15:13). May the intercession of our heavenly Mother Mary, whose feast of Nativity we celebrate today, be a blessing to us all.

The followings matters are brought to your information, actions, and prayers:

1. The newly constituted MCYM Eparchial Board is approved with effect from August 30, 2022.
2. The faith formation program (Catechism) of the new academic year begins on September 11, 2022.
3. Br. Christopher Thomas has joined as Seminarian in our Eparchy and started formation in the St. Philip Neri Seminary, Toronto.
4. “The Malankara Catholic Reunion Day” shall be celebrated in all our parishes. Please see the Pastoral Letter on the Reunion Day from His Beatitude.
5. The annual retreat of the clergy of the Eparchy will be held on 26- 30 September at the Salesian Retreat Centre, New York.

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6. The Eparchial Day celebrations will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at the Cathedral in Elmont. The celebration will begin with the Holy Qurbono at 8:30 AM.
7. The next Pastoral Council will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022, after the Eparchial Day Celebrations. The meeting will begin at 11 AM.
8. Mr. Sunil Chacko (Elmont) is appointed as the Secretary of the newly constituted Pastoral Council of our Eparchy.
9. There will be an MCCL Camp for the Northeast MCCL units which will be held on October 28 – 30, at Camp De Wolfe, in Wading River, New York. Kindly contact Rev. Fr. Jobin Thomas, the MCCL Director, to register your children.

With Prayerful Best Wishes,

Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos

Dated: September 8, 2022

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

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