



**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 you!

I wish to share with you a few updates about our Eparchy:

1. Hearty congratulations to the Director, Secretary, Teachers, Board Members, Students, Parents, and Priests for having successfully completed our Faith Formation program this year.
2. Kindly promote the MBOC program to be held during the Summer Season and follow the guidelines given by Rev. Fr. Jobin Thomas, the Director of the MCCL.
3. Prayerful best wishes to the Southwest Regional MCYM Conference to be held on **July 22nd – 24th** at Camp Copass in Denton, Texas, on the theme of Synodality, Communion, Participation, and Mission.
4. Our Eparchy appreciates the contributions from the Parishes towards the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine. The total collection amount of \$18,000 USD was sent through the Ukrainian Archbishop of the United States.
5. The Annual Priests Retreat will be held on **September 27th – 30th 2022** at the Don Bosco Retreat Center, New York (174 Filors Ln, Stony Point, NY 10980). The cost of the Annual Retreat is to be reimbursed to each Pastor by their respective Parish.
6. The forthcoming meeting of the Pastoral Council, originally scheduled for **Saturday, October 1st, 2022**, has been rescheduled to **Saturday, October 15th, 2022**. This change is due to the Episcopal Installation of the Syro-Malabar Bishop, Most Rev. Joy Alappatt, which will take place on the same day (Oct. 1).
7. Our Eparchy Day will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 15th, 2022**, together with the Pastoral Council meeting.

Priests Personnel Announcements

- **Boston:** We express our profound appreciation to **Rev. Fr. Jacob George Chirayath**, who has been serving as Pastor of our Boston Community. **Rev. Fr. Sam John** is appointed as the incoming Pastor, effective **June 1st, 2022**.

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- **Calgary:** We express our sincere gratitude to **Rev. Fr. Baby Madathikunnath**, who has been serving as Pastor of our Mission in Calgary, Canada. **Rev. Fr. Jossy George Thomas**, the Pastor of the Edmonton Parish, is appointed as the *interim Pastor* in Calgary with effect as of **August 1st, 2022**.
- **Toronto:** **Rev. Fr. Varghese Anchanithadathil** is expected to arrive in Canada on July 31st and will be serving as the Associate to Msgr. Gigi Philip, in the Toronto Region.

God Bless you all!

With Prayerful Best Wishes,

Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos

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

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