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Blessings to all our Cor-Episcopoi, Priests, Deacons, Trustees & Parish Managing Committee members, and oith all the faithful of the Parishes of the Diocese of South West America!

Dearly beloved,

We are continually pleased by the ministry of the FOCUS which works among the young families of our diocese. We know that there are many unique challenges facing the young couples in the U.S. to lead a meaningful spiritual life and we wholeheartedly support the FOCUS ministry's efforts to address these challenges. We also acknowledge the work of the priests and lay leaders who work for the FOCUS ministry at the parish level, while recognizing that larger diocesan level initiatives can inspire and encourage the local units.

Therefore, we are happy to announce that the 3rd FOCUS Conference will be conducted from **Thursday, October 24 – Sunday, October 27, 2019 at Camp Compass in Denton, Texas** outside of Dallas. The theme for this year is **“Living with Purpose.”** This year, Fr. Abey George, Assistant Vicar of the St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Levittown, NY, will serve as the keynote speaker for FOCUS Nation. Fr. Abey George is a young dynamic speaker who is well known in both dioceses. This conference will also be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to retreat from the demands of their daily lives and spend time in prayer, reflection, and spiritual fellowship. We strongly encourage all members of the FOCUS Ministry throughout our diocese to plan their schedules so that they can participate in the Conference. Registration for FOCUS Nation is now open. Please register as early as possible so that you can reserve a spot at the conference. We are confident that all those who participate this year will receive God's abundant blessings.

We would also like to recognize this year's FOCUS Nation Committee under the guidance of the FOCUS Director, Fr. Jake Kurian, and FOCUS Secretary, Reju Mathews. The committee consists of the Conveners: Febby Zachariah, Prabha Abraham, and Jeffery Joseph, Treasurer Gibson Mammen as well as committee members from Chicago, Dallas, and Houston. We encourage them to continue their diligent and faithful prayer and planning so that all who participate FOCUS Nation may spiritually benefit and increase their love for Christ and the Holy Church.

May the Lord our God direct your thoughts, words and actions at all times and bless you all.

Urshlem Aramana, Beaseley

Metr. Dr. Zacharias Mar Aprem

On July 22, 2019.