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Blessings to all our Cor-Episcopoi, Priests, Deacons, Parish Managing Committee members, 12th grade graduates of 2017 and all the faithful of our Diocese,

Dearly Beloved,

The Mar Barnabas Educational Award was instituted by our Diocese in 2011 to encourage youth to excel in their academic achievement with a commitment to the church, diocese and the mission of the church. Like the previous years, this year also, we will be awarding the top 2 graduates from each region of our Diocese, who are planning to pursue a post-secondary education. In order to administer the Mar Barnabas Educational Award program, we have appointed the following individuals to the Award Committee.

1. Rev. Fr. Mat Alexander, Dallas, Texas (Dallas area Youth Minister)
2. Mr. George Geevarughese, Edmonton, Canada (Sabha Managing Committee Member)
3. Mr. Roy V. Thomas, Dallas, Texas (Diocesan Council Member)

The application form and the guidelines are attached herewith. The application form along with the guidelines can also be downloaded from the Diocesan Website. The deadline for receiving the applications at the Diocesan office is **29th of August, 2017**. We exhort all our children, who graduated from grade 12 this year, to complete the application along with all the required documents as per the guidelines and send it to the diocesan office before the deadline.

We urge the Vicars and the Sunday School Principals to personally encourage the eligible graduates from the respective parishes to apply for the award. We wish all our children, graduating this year, a successful post-secondary education. May the Almighty bless you and guide you through out your campus life and beyond.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

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