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

Dearly Beloved,

The MGOCSM of is one of the most dynamic spiritual organizations of our Church and it plays a crucial role in nurturing our youth in the values and teachings of Christ our Lord. The MGOCSM strives to reach all aspects of their motto which is *Worship, Study and Service*. MGOCSM members across the diocese have been participating in domestic mission and service opportunities throughout the year. In past years, international mission trip opportunities were organized to institutions of our Holy Church in India.

With the blessing of our predecessor Metropolitan and of us, the MGOCSM is expanding their mission outreach efforts and has been collaborating with a sister Oriental Orthodox Church to organize a missions trip opportunity to Bolivia, South America from June 18 - 29, 2018 to serve those in need. During this 10-day mission, the group hopes to do homeless and orphanage outreaches, assist with building projects, and help with community service related projects. In addition to this, the Coptic Orthodox Diocese in Bolivia will be leading the team to various surrounding villages around the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra. At these villages, the team will be visiting the local Coptic churches and meeting the local communities of that village. Any youth who is completing their freshman year in college and is available to attend the complete duration of the trip is eligible to apply. Applications must be received online no later than Sunday, May 27th. The cost for each participant is estimated to be \$1700 and can vary depending on flight availability and related costs. Please be advised that there is a limited number of available seats and applicants cannot be guaranteed a seat unless they are able to meet all the requirements including confirmation of travel, visa and immunizations. We seek the prayerful and financial support of all our parishes to support the missions team this year and this new venture to Bolivia. The MGOCSM is looking to raise funds to provide a significant charitable contribution to the local community in Bolivia and to help support the individuals who will be going on this 10-day mission. All parishes and individuals interested in supporting the efforts of the mission team are directed to send their contributions to the Diocesan Center by June 8, 2018.

Any further details will be communicated by the MGOCSM office bearers and the 2018 Mission Trip Coordinators, Mr. Stanley Thomas and Ms. Christina Jacob, who will be leading the team on this trip along with Rev. Dn. Saju Varghese. We extend our love and blessings and pray that the mission team may be blessed through this experience and may serve to be a blessing unto others. May the intercessions of St. Gregorios of Parumala, the patron saint of MGOCSM, be a fortress for us all.

From Sreyas Aramana  
Adoor, Pathanamthitta Dt., Kerala, India  
On May 18, 2018

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