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

Dearly beloved,

As per the decision of the Diocesan Assembly that convened in June 2018, the Diocesan Council has prioritized and has been working towards the plans for a proposed retirement community at our Urshlem Indian Orthodox Diocesan Centre in Beasley, Texas. The primary mission of this project is to provide facilities and programs that are catered towards the senior members of our diocese by respecting their independence and self-reliance yet providing an opportunity for spiritual nourishment and community interaction.

It is with this intention, the Diocesan Council has arranged two special meetings inviting all the clergy and faithful of the South Region, especially our senior members, to learn more about this proposed retirement community centre through a live presentation that will be held both in Dallas & Houston:

The meetings will be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Venue: St. Mary's Orthodox Valiyapally (14133 Dennis Ln., Farmers Branch, TX 75234)

Contact: Mr. Roy Thomas (817-538-2067 or thomasroy103040@gmail.com)

Date: Sunday, March 24, 2019 (2:00 PM to 5:00 PM)

Venue: St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral (2411 5th St., Stafford, TX 77477) **Contact:** Mr. Manoj Thomas (832-633-0593 or mthomas2024@gmail.com)

The meetings will be presided by us with the Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Council members in attendance. Further information regarding the meetings for the proposed retirement community will be communicated by the Diocesan Council in the coming weeks.

At a time when the need is great, it is our hope that through this presentation all the details will be given with clarity, and there will be a strong interest and commitment to advance this project through your prayerful and financial support.

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From Sreyas Aramana Adoor, Pathanamthitta Dt., Kerala, India On March 1, 2019