

Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

(Catholicate of the East)

Diocese of South-West America

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Apostolic Blessings to all our dearly beloved Cor-Episcopoi, Priests, Deacons, Parish managing Committee members and all the faithful,

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

It is with profound joy and happiness I write this as my first Kalpana to the newly constituted Diocese of South-West America, which came into existence vide the Kalpana of H.H. Moran Mar Baselius Mar Thoma Didymus I (No. 93/2009 dated 2nd March 2009), the Catholicose and Malankara Metropolitan. I hope you already have received the above along with a list of 44 parishes of the new diocese. By this Kalpana I am taking the charge of the diocese with effect from 1st April 2009. I am in the process of getting the USA Visa and the exact date of coming will be intimated to you later. Till that time the necessary and the immediate needs of the Diocese can be initiated by the ad-hoc committee constituted by His Holiness Catholicose. However, they have to implement it with my prior permission only.

It was a surprise for me when the Managing Committee of our Church and the Holy Episcopal Synod recommended to appoint me as the Metropolitan of the said Diocese. I consider it as a will of God and accept the trust invested me by the Church with a humble heart. I bow my head before God and I remember with respect the services of Late Lamented Thomas Mar Makarios Metropolitan. I would like to express my sincere thanks to our beloved H.G. Mathews Mar Barnabas Metropolitan and H.G. Zachariah mar Nicholavos, the Assistant Bishop of the American Diocese, for bringing up this diocese and for their openness and support for the formation of the new diocese.

My beloved in Christ,

The Church entrusted us a great responsibility. As you know, USA is a very big country and our people are scattered from one end to the other. This new diocese is formed in order to get better spiritual care to all our families settled in these areas of this country in general and for the new generation in particular. I want to emphasize that the purpose of the formation and structure of the diocese can be fulfilled only with your whole hearted support. Further, as a young member of the Holy Episcopal Synod and as a new comer in this part of the world I need your continuous prayer for the effective execution of my duties.

We believe in a God who strengthened Moses for leading the Israelites and in Jesus Christ, who chose the least of the society as His Apostles and in the Holy Spirit, who guides us and enliven us always. The God who strengthened Moses with the words “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest (Ex. 33:14)” will definitely provide us the wisdom and strength for working together for the wholesome development of this Diocese.

Ours is a Church nurtured by great Fathers, who sacrificed their life to keep the true faith. Let us bow before their spiritual presence seeking their intercession. Like Solomon I submit my humble prayers before God: “Give your servant an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this, your great people”.

May the Triune God bless you all and give you a peaceful and prosperous life.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

Mareusebius⁺

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