

Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

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Blessings to our dearly beloved Chor-Episcopoi, Priests, Parish Managing Committee members, and all the faithful.

Dearly Beloved,

As per the Kalpana of His Holiness the Catholicos dated on July 23, 2009, the month of October has been declared as Family Welfare month. We hope to see our Diocese observe and actively participate in it through various events. We exhort the members of the Martha Mariam Samajam members in each parish to take the initiative in organizing projects and events in order to observe this month whole-heartedly.

Please keep in mind the following:

Each parish should observe Family Welfare Month in October of 2009.

Each area or parish should set apart one day of the month for prayer, fasting, and meditation, with a seminar or speech.

When printing and distributing flyers or posters it should state the slogan and theme which is: "**Excellent Family-Exemplary Society: Building a Family in God's Way.**"

Each parish should complete a volunteer project and offer their time and services to those in need.

Encourage our children to participate by organizing a coloring or painting competition based on the theme.

We hope to see participation from each parish and pray that it may be a blessing for us all.

A One-Day Diocesan Couples Conference will be held on Saturday, October 24th at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Dallas (9414 Shiloh Rd. Dallas, TX 75228). Details of the conference will be communicated later by the General Secretary, Mrs. Susan Thampan, and she can be contacted at 972-242-0859 or by email sallythampan@yahoo.com. We encourage all couples to attend, and desire to see representation from all parishes for the conference.

May the blessings of God Almighty be showered upon us all.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mar Eusebius" with a cross symbol above the 'i' in "Eusebius". The signature is underlined.

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