

**In the blessed name of the Tri-une God, Self-existent,
Beginningless and Endless, Perfect in Being, (Glory be to Him)**

**Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II Catholicos of the East and
Malankara Metropolitan enthroned on the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas**



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Blessings to our beloved Vicars of the parishes, Priests of the locality, *Cor-episcopoi*, Deacons, *Kaisthanees* and faithful of all parishes in the Diocese of South-West America!

Dearly beloved

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me". Philippians 4:13

We could only place our trust in God Almighty in requesting His eternal compassion to act on this dreadful loss. Let us all ardently pray and hope that the damages sown by Hurricane Harvey will be addressed soon. Calamities could happen anywhere at any time; but that is the time we ought to show the strength and integrity of our faith. We offer relentless prayers that you all will be strengthened in Christ to address the crises.

Let us raise ourselves up in offering all possible needed support to the afflicted. We have learned that many of our people are involved in the rehabilitation and restoration works. May God bless them with good resources and provisions that many people may benefitted out of their philanthropic works. We have enormous respect to the local councils and governmental authoritative bodies who have magnificently managed the situation which resulted in the minimizing of the casualties.

May the power of the Holy Spirit guide all those who have affected and all those who are involved in the restoration of the wholeness of the glorious past.

May the Grace and Blessings of God Almighty abide with you forever!. And may the prayers of the Mother of our God the Holy Virgin Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle of India, our Holy Fathers Yeldo Mar Baselios, Mar Gregorios, Mar Dionysius and all the Holy Saints be a stronghold for us. Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven.....

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style, with a cross at the end of the line.

Baselios Marthoma Paulose II

From Catholicate Aramana
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India
On August 28, 2017.