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

Dearly beloved,

Mar Gregorios Orthodox Christian Student Movement is one of the most dynamic spiritual organizations of our Church and it plays a crucial role in the nurturing of our youth for them to live in Christ our Lord.

Registration of the MGOCSM Unit plays a significant role in the smooth functioning of the Diocesan MGOCSM. You are earnestly advised to complete the registration of your Unit before 19 November 2017. The duly filled inform, which is attached to this Commendation Letter, along with \$ 100.00 as Registration Fees may please be forwarded to the Diocesan MGOCSM Treasurer, Ms. Sophy Cherian, at 4123 Lake Vista Circle, Missouri City, TX 77459. The Annual Leadership Camp in 2018 will only have provisions open for registered units hence consider this with due seriousness. The Registration fees will support the MGOCSM in effectively carrying out its various ministry projects.

We continue to encourage the responsibility of each unit to be active and committed in fulfilling the motto of MGOCSM: Worship, Study, Service. Our continued prayer is assured for the smooth functioning of MGOCSM units across the Diocese.

Our MGOCSM has grown significantly in the past five years. DS-WA MGOCSM Council and representatives of the diocese have worked hard to emphasize the motto of MGOCSM. The Liturgical Resource Development (LRD) commissioned as a ministry project of DS-WA MGOCSM has now grew to a commendable level. As a result, LRD has produced English Shehimo book for our faithful. LRD will also soon distribute the Holy Qurbono texts with a contemporary English translation with the approval of Holy Episcopal Synod that will help enhancing the participation of our faithful in worship. DS-WA MGOCSM has conducted successful men's and women's week long retreats in the summer for the past three years. Domestic service events are also happening across the Diocese on a monthly and quarterly basis. Additionally, the Council is planning on initiating international mission trips again in the summer to Bolivia and other places as well.

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The Church recognizes and celebrates almost all her spiritual organizations through a dedicated day each year. Hence, we hereby declare the Third Sunday of October as MGOCSM Day in the Diocese of South-West America. This initiative has been approved by the DS-WA MGOCSM Council, DS-WA MGOCSM General Assembly, and the 2017 Clergy Conference. This day is an opportunity for our faithful to be informed of all our initiatives across the Diocese on a parish, area, and diocesan level. This is a great way to expand the ministry for MGOCSM and concentrate on the areas that needed help. The significance of the MGOCSM Day has to be properly communicated to our faithful across the Diocese, while celebrating the activities and missions of the Organization with an enhanced attempt to raise funds.

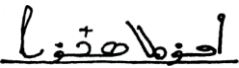
In honor of St. Gregorios of Parumala, the DS-WA MGOCSM has also decided to celebrate with the theme and a Month of Prayer as well. Podcasts relating to the theme will be released each week in October. In addition, each area will be doing a fundraising with the aim to assist the needs of the DS-WA MGOCSM members. Currently, the only means of income for the year is the Unit Registration which itself is not steady. With this new financial planning it will be possible to send clergy to carry out campus ministry and Bible studies in various areas while subsidizing the costs of leadership camps and mission trips, and to further serve the needs of each area.

Looking into the utmost need of the formation of our younger generation we earnestly would like to see all the faithful supporting the MGOCSM activities to the best way possible.

May the invisible right hand of our good Lord be with all our younger and older generation and with all our families.

May the love of God the Father, grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit be with us forever and ever.

From Sreyas Aramana
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On October 07, 2017


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