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Blessings to our beloved Vicars, Cor-Episcopoi, Rambans, Assistant Vicars, Priests of the locality, Office Bearers, and all the faithful of our Diocese!

Dearly Beloved,

As per our earlier communication, the 2025 Diocesan Family and Youth Conference will be held in Atlanta from July 16-19, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. The conference committee is continually working to ensure this event is a blessed and memorable occasion. The Diocese is also celebrating its 16th anniversary, a commemorative souvenir and reference book will also be published and released at the conference featuring all the parishes and congregations of our Diocese to reflect on its history and the growth of our communities over the years.

As we work to publish this commemorative souvenir, each parish and congregation will have a dedicated sheet in the book. We hope and pray that every parish in our Diocese has done a kickoff for “The Family and Youth Conference 2025 – REGISTRATION”, If this has not yet been done, we request our Clergy to please do it as early as possible and create awareness among the family to attend this blessed conference.

Finally, as we all know, when we plan and participate in these programs there is a financial commitment. Without the financial support of our people and parishes, we are not able to effectively run our ministries. We have consolidated all these events into one place to alleviate the financial burden and travel difficulties of our faithful. We exhort all our parishes to give their full support towards the fund-raising efforts for the 2025 Family and Youth Conference. Being a diocesan event it is up to each one of us to make it a great success.

Every Parish/Congregation of this Diocese is expected to contribute a share based on its total membership. Below is the summary of the contribution share for all parishes and congregations of our diocese based on total membership. We request every parish to actively participate and be a part of this

# of Families	Contribution Amount
0-10	\$500.00
11-49	\$750.00
50-99	\$1000.00
100-199	\$2000.00
200+	\$3000.00



All parishes are instructed to include their respective share in their annual parish budget or to revise the budget to include it for our final approval. Each parish should also prepare its sheet for publication according to the guidelines that will be communicated in the coming months by the conference committee and submit it in time for publication. We seek the ongoing cooperation and support of all our Clergy and Laity to make this year's conference and the 16th Diocesan anniversary a blessed occasion as we focus our attention on the conference theme: "Reconciliation and Healing" (2 Corinthians 5:18-19).

We seek all of your wholehearted support and participation towards the success of our 2025 Diocesan Family and Youth Conference. Other fundraising programs for the Diocesan Family and Youth Conference are as stated below

Each parish shall support the fundraising programs of the conference

- a. Souvenir - Each parish is to submit a page tariff in the souvenir (A special tariff has been prepared for this purpose) – A photo of the church, with a small brief of the Parish – (not to exceed a page). A full page is at \$1000.00 and a Half page is at \$600.00. Every parish should actively participate. (Please check the Souvenir Form or contact the souvenir committee for clarifications). The same has been attached along with Kalpana.
- b. Raffle – A raffle ticket is being done by the Diocesan MMVS taking the lead on this (Each member of the parish is encouraged to at least take two tickets each and be a participant).

We appoint the following as Raffle Ticket Directors: - Rev. Fr, Abraham Abey; Rev. Fr. Isac B Prakash; Rev, Dn. John Sankarathil; and the following as Raffle Convenors: -Mrs. Sheena Punnoose and Mrs. Lini Sankarathil. All regional office bearers of the MMVS, which includes Regional Vice Presidents and Regional Secretaries, shall form a committee and work in tandem with the church MMVS representatives for its success.

- c. Sponsorships – are at (Gold Sponsorships \$10,000); (Silver Sponsorships \$5,000); please refer to the sponsorship forms, for more information.

More details like the flyer, registration forms, brochures, etc, have been sent to all the parish Vicars and representatives by the Conference Director and Conference Convenor. Please get in touch with them for any clarifications or doubts.

Rev. Fr. George Danniell (Benny Achen) – Conference Director – 954-632-8474

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