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Blessings to our beloved Cor-Episcopoi, Vicars, Priests of the locality, members of Managing Committee, and faithful of all our parishes in the diocese of South-west America!

Dearly beloved,

The spiritual organizations of our church are well developed by our forefathers in order to cater to the spiritual needs of our children and faithful at various developmental stages of their faith journey. It gives a solid platform to develop the potentials of the individuals and empower them to become creative, innovative and collaborative leaders as well. Those ministries serve as the backbone of our spiritual heritage and have produced great spiritual fathers and lay leaders for the church and the community at large. A great example, among the many, is our current Catholicos His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II Bava Thirumeni who had been an active participant and office bearer in Mar Gregorios Orthodox Student Movement (MGOCSM). As we continue to grow as a diocese with the spirit of resilience, which was evidenced from you all in this last year of our time with the diocese, we need to strengthen the ministry in the coming years and align it in the tradition and rubric of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church.

We thank all the outgoing office bearers of the spiritual organizations in our diocese who meticulously served and contributed during the term 2016-2019 and pray for Almighty’s blessings upon them. I am happy to appoint the following leaders and office bearers for the next 3 year term for the different ministry and Spiritual Organization of the diocese w.e.f January 1, 2020. The list of the same is attached herewith. We will be filling in the other positions in the days to come and will keep you all posted.

We encourage all our parishes/Vicars in the diocese to have the units of the spiritual organizations of the church in your respective parishes/congregations and make it as a part of your pastoral parish ministry along with the other sacramental ministry and administrative responsibilities and leadership.

We want to thank all our clergies, dedicated leaders and our children and faithful for their whole hearted participation and carry the torch of our Mother Church in the land of opportunity and be a blessing to others by way of radiating the love of Christ, our saviour.
During our next visit to the diocese, we hope to have a meeting of all the new leaders. The date, time and venue will be communicated to the new leaders and office bearers in due time.

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.

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December 6, 2019

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