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BLESSINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH.

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Let us thank our God Almighty for the abundant blessings showered upon our Diocese over the years. By the grace of God, dedication, determination and prayerful leadership of the bishops, clergy and laity, our Diocese has grown at a relatively fast pace. Currently, the Diocese has 85 units (parishes/congregations) throughout the Diocese and is served by 62 clergy.

While the number parishes have increased, the Diocese needs to be better equipped to meet the increased demand for services and to initiate new projects for the future and welfare of our members.

The Diocesan council has proposed various new development projects for the Diocese and the uplift of different regions. The Diocese will be implementing a variety of programs for the nurturing and nourishment of our members.

The capital resource is an important factor in moving forward with these projects. The Diocesan Assembly held on April 17, 2010, at Atlanta Mar Thoma church decided to publish a souvenir to raise up to 1.5 million dollars for the developmental activities. The main objectives of this project are:

- Further development of the Sinai center, Merrick, New York
- Purchase of residences for the youth chaplains at Houston, Dallas and Chicago (the Diocese will pay matching funds to the regions up to 50% of the cost of the residence)
- To pay off 50% of the existing mortgages of the youth chaplains' residences in NY and Philadelphia (the Diocese will pay a matching amount raised by the regions)
- Ten percent (10%) of the proceeds will be set apart for the mission work
- Support Lay Youth Ministry and Training

The souvenir will include articles, a short history of the Mar Thoma church, this Diocese and the parishes/congregations within the diocese.

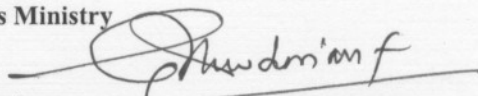
Rev. M. P. Yohannan (Detroit) and Mr. Varghese P. Varghese (Staten Island MTC) have been appointed as the General Convener, Co- Convener, respectively, to lead the committee in fulfilling this responsibility. I request the wholehearted support and co-operation of the members of the church, business community and well wishers through your advertisements, compliments and photos.

Participation of all the members of this Diocese is expected.

May our Almighty continue to shower His blessings upon our members and be with the ministries of our Diocese for His Glory.

Yours in His Ministry

Mar Theodosius
Diocesan Bishop


July 20, 2010.