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To
BLESSINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA & EUROPE

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

In parishes where routine overcrowding occurs, the Church Executive Committee should take appropriate steps to address the matter.

The following measures are suggested:

1. Expanding the Church building and parking facilities to meet appropriate rules and requirements.
2. Conducting more than one Worship Service and/or Holy Communion Service, so that the church attendance could be distributed to two or more sessions.
3. Placing a "Hold" for accepting new Parish membership applications and, if applicable, redirecting new applicants to attend neighboring Mar Thoma parishes with lesser membership and/or larger facilities.

It is our responsibility to ensure that the use of our church buildings and parking facilities conform to all applicable rules and requirements.

May the blessings of God be with you all.

Yours in Christ's Ministry,

Geevarghese Mar Theodosius
Diocesan Bishop

