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

My Beloved Children in Christ,

As we commemorate the 15th memorial feast of blessed memory, our beloved Dr. Thomas Mar Makarios, the first Metropolitan of the American Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church, on the 23rd of February, we take this moment to remember Thirumeni's outstanding and stellar contributions towards our church especially in the field of education.

As per the decisions of the Diocesan Assembly, the "Mar Makarios Scholarship Award" is a first-of-kind and a pioneer initiative inaugurated by our Diocese this year. The scholarship aims to acknowledge individuals of our diocese who have excelled and obtained an undergraduate degree (Bachelor's Degree) in their academic achievement with a commitment to uphold the values of the Holy Church serving the diocese, their parish, and the community at large. The Diocese shall award top graduate/s (completion of college for the 2022-2023 academic year) from each of the five regions of our Diocese. To administer the Mar Makarios Scholarship Award program, the following individuals are appointed to the Award Committee:

1. Very. Rev. Cherian Kunnel Cor-Episcopos, Oklahoma
2. Rev. Fr. George Sajeev Mathews (Diocesan Secretary)
3. Rev. Fr. Cyril Davy, Florida
4. Mr. Bijoy Thomas (Diocesan Council Member)
5. Mrs. Mary Thomas, Canada
6. Mr. Kenny Varghese, California

The application form and guidelines can be downloaded from the diocesan website. For submission of applications and any inquiries, please email to: marmakarios scholarship@gmail.com. The deadline for receiving the applications is January 31st, 2024. We encourage all our young adults, who graduated from college this year, to complete the application along with all the required documents as per the guidelines and send it to the diocesan office before the deadline. The decision of the committee once approved by the Metropolitan will be final.

We urge the Vicars, and parents to personally encourage the eligible graduates from the respective parishes to apply for the award. We wish all our young adults a bright future. May our Lord Jesus Christ's abundant blessings be with you all in all your future endeavors.

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

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley
December 23, 2023

Metropolitan Dr. Thomas Mar Ivanios