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Blessings, to our beloved Cor-Episcopoi, Vicars, Priests of the locality, members of parish Managing Committee, and faithful of all our parishes in the Diocese of South-West America

Dearly Beloveds,

The 2019 Diocesan Family & Youth conference and the 10th anniversary celebration of the Diocese of South-West America will be held in Chicago from Wednesday, July 17, 2019 through Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the Hilton Chicago Oakbrook Suites, 10 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. We applaud the joint effort of the Chicago area parishes and the diocesan council in finalizing the venue and dates for the conference and hereby appoint the following office bearers for the planning and working towards a successful conference.

Diocese of South-West America - 2019 FAMILY & YOUTH CONFERENCE

President	Metropolitan Dr. Zacharias Mar Aprem
Conference Conveners	Rev. Fr. Daniel George (St. Gregorios, Bellwood) Rev. Dn. George Poovathoor (St. Thomas, Chicago) Mr. Abraham Varkey (Diocesan Council Member)
Conference Directors	Rev. Fr. Aby Chacko (St. Mary's, Oak Lawn) Rev. Fr. Mathews George (St. Gregorios, Elmhurst) Rev. Fr. Philip Abraham (Diocesan Secretary)
Conference -Secretary	Mr. Jimmy Panicker (St. Gregorios, Elmhurst)
Conference -Joint Secretary	Mrs. Sibyl Chacko (St. Mary's, Oak Lawn)
Conference -Treasurer	Mr. Koshy George (St. Thomas, Chicago)

In addition to these appointees, there will be several sub-committees and task groups working on target issues like Hospitality, Registration, Transportation, Finance, Worship, entertainment etc. The subcommittees will include diocesan level Secretaries of various spiritual organizations and regional representatives from different parishes in the diocese. As each office and committee is integral to the function and success of the conference, the above appointed office bearers will be ex officio members of all the sub committees.

We and the conference office bearers will continue to work on the theme, curriculum and session leaders for the conference and will keep you all posted in a timely manner. The 2019 Family & Youth conference will include designated sessions for the annual meet of all the spiritual organizations and hence we hereby ask you all, not to plan for any Area/Regional/Diocesan level conferences of any spiritual organization in 2019. This is to ensure that we come together as a diocesan family in the spirit of fellowship and good stewardship and make a good faith effort for maximum attendance at the conference.

More details on the sub committees and fundraising, registration, etc. will be communicated to you in the due time. We seek all of your whole hearted support and participation towards the success of our 2019 Diocesan Family & Youth Conference.

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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From Sreyas Aramana
Adoor, Pathanamthitta Dt., Kerala, India
On October 21, 2018

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