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My Dear and Respected Cor-Episcopoi and Achens,

Greetings! I am very happy to inform you that our 2019 Diocesan Family & Youth Conference will be held in Chicago (Drury Lane Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Suites) from July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Various committees comprising of our Chicago area Parish vicars, parish representatives and our Diocesan council have been working very efficiently under our guidance to make the 2019 Diocesan family and Youth conference a success. We are happy to note that our 2019 Diocesan Family and Youth conference will also coincide with the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Diocese and will be an opportunity for us to reflect and celebrate. Our Bava Thirumeni His Holiness Marthoma Paulose II and other distinguished spiritual leaders and teachers of our church will participate and lead the conference sessions.

The conference committee has proposed to have a diocesan wide conference registration kickoff plan in all our diocesan parishes and accordingly on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will mark the first registration of the conference at the St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Los Angeles, California. I humbly request all the vicars of our parishes in our diocese to set apart a time on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> after the holy Qurbana for a short prayer for the success of the conference and the conference registration kickoff. You may, in advance, talk to the families in your parish about this conference and encourage a handful of them to come forward for registration on Sunday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> to mark the kickoff event.

I am sure that our Achens and our faithful will do the needful to mark this occasion of the 2019 Diocesan family and Youth conference, a great spiritual experience and a time to celebrate the blessings and accomplishments of our diocese as one family. I look forward to hear from you the outcome of the registration kick-off event as well. The conference registration fee details is attached herewith.

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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