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Blessings to our dearly beloved Cor-Episcopi, Priests, Parish Managing Committee Members, and all the faithful—especially members of the MGOCSM,

Dearly beloved,

Mar Gregorios Orthodox Christian Student Movement is one of the most dynamic spiritual organizations of our Church and it plays a crucial role in nurturing our youth for life in Christ. MGOCSM has played a pivotal role in the lives of some of the most charismatic leaders our Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church has produced. Trusting in the grace of God, I can attest to the fact that MGOCSM of our Diocese is making strides in history with all the projects that it has been undertaking. The Liturgical Resource Development project was in fact a department of MGOCSM until it was given an autonomous ministerial position. We have been doing similar projects which will contribute not only to the spiritual benefit of the youth in North America, but to the entire Malankara Orthodox Church.

The MGOCSM Council of 2014-2016 has been working with local clergy to effectively coordinate area and diocesan Ministry Projects and we sincerely thank them for their committed services to the Church over the past two years. We relieve them from their responsibility and hereby appoint the following individuals as representatives in the diocesan MGOCSM Council from 2017 through 2019:

1. Mr. Stanley Thomas - California & Arizona
2. Ms. Justina Varghese - Detroit
3. Ms. Diya Philip - Northwest region
4. Ms. Shawny Varghese - Chicago
5. Ms. Sharon John - Houston, San Antonio, Austin
6. Mr. Manoj Abraham - Florida
7. Ms. Johannah Chacko - Dallas & Oklahoma
8. Ms. Kripa Varghese - Atlanta



Ms. Christina Varghese from Dallas is appointed as the MGOCSM Joint Secretary for this period to serve alongside the Director, Rev. Fr. James Cheriyan and the General Secretary, Ms. Lijin Raju. Ms. Sophy Cherian (Houston) is appointed as the Treasurer.

Unit Registration is an important part of the financial functioning of the Diocesan MGOCSM. The annual MGOCSM Unit Registration for each parish must be completed by Sunday, November 20, 2016. The registration fee of \$100.00 and the form attached to this Kalpana must be completed and submitted to the Diocesan MGOCSM Treasurer, **Ms. Sophy Cherian at 4123 Lake Vista Circle, Missouri City, TX 77459**. Only those parishes registered as units, will receive delegate seats to attend the annual Leadership Camp in 2017; therefore, all units should register punctually and ensure their representation among the delegates from both dioceses within North America.

The 17th National MGOCSM Leadership Camp will be held in New Jersey from July 26- 29, 2017. A local committee is working diligently to effectively plan and organize the camp. We are seeking the prayers of all the faithful, especially MGOCSM members, for the success of this camp. We are pleased to see the progressive growth of this Student Ministry and hope for even greater success in the years to come.

May the intercessions of St. Gregorios of Parumala, the patron saint of MGOCSM be a fortress for us all.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

Metropolitan Alexios Mar Eusebius