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Blessings to our respected Core-Episcopoi, Vicars, Priests of the locality, Deacons, Kaistanees, Members of the Managing Committee and beloved faithful of all Parishes in our Diocese of South-West America!

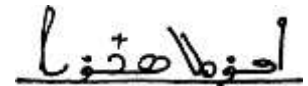
We express our gratitude and joy to our Lord and God upon the successful completion of 2019 Diocesan Family and Youth Conference and the 10th Year Anniversary of the Diocese held in Chicago. The Conference organizing committee in Chicago did a magnificent job in planning, organizing, promoting and executing a wonderful conference. We all know that our diocese is geographically widespread and contains many natural obstacles to developing one unified identity, but we are pleased that this year's conference has continued the unifying work of the previous diocesan conferences. We acknowledge the hard work and the hours dedicated for planning, fundraising, and organizing a conference of this magnitude, by the Chicago conference committee are beyond our imagination. Also, we are grateful to the Diocesan Secretary and the Diocesan Council for their wholehearted support and leadership for this event. We are certain that this investment will reap great rewards in the future.

We applaud the General Convenors which include Fr. Daniel George, Fr. Raju Daniel, Dn. George Poovathoor, Mr. Abraham Varkey (Diocesan Council member). Directors, Core committee members, Convenors of various committee and it's members, and all the volunteers, especially from the Chicago area, who worked tirelessly by sacrificing their time, effort, and resources to ensure a blessed experience for all those who participated. We are grateful to His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, Malankara Metropolitan and Catholicos of the East, who blessed us with his presence and leadership for the entire duration of the conference. We also thank our brother Metropolitans, H.G. Dr Mathews Mar Severios, H.G. Dr. Joshua Mar Nicodemos, and H.G. Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim for their spiritual presence. We and our faithful are indebted to our speakers and resource persons, especially Fr. Dr. O. Thomas, Fr. Dr. Jacob Mathew, Fr. Jake Kurien, Fr. Samuel Varghese, Dr. Mena Mirhom, and our Sunday school leaders who prepared age-appropriate and engaging talks for the spiritual growth of our community. We appreciate our beloved Achens for their support and participation for the success of this great event. Most of the parishes in our diocese contributed financially, and especially we acknowledge the contribution of the five grand sponsors from our diocese. It is to be noted and appreciated that, we had representatives from nearly every

parish in the diocese. Finally, we are pleased to thank all our faithful members from all over our vast diocese for participating in the conference and contributing to its success. We are confident that all those who spent their valuable time, energy, and money to participate, left Chicago with a greater connection to the faithful of our diocese and inspired to grow further in our Lord through the Church which is the Body, Bride and Temple of Christ. We encourage those who were unable to participate this year, to make Family and Youth conference a priority next time.

Finally, we always place our unwavering hope and trust in our Lord. We know that He will always graciously provide His flock. We know that whatever we attempt for His glory will succeed beyond our plans and dreams. We give thanks to Him for His steadfast love and continual presence. As our diocese moves forward and crosses the 10th year of its inception, let us continue to attempt great things for God in North America. Let us bring His light, love, and salvation to our neighbours in the United States and Canada. Let us continually rise up and rebuild so that this world may see and believe in the One Triune God.

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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