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Blessings to our beloved Vicars, Assistant Vicars, Cor-Episcopoi, Priests of the locality, Deacons, Parish Managing Committee Members, and faithful of our diocese especially our high school graduates of 2023,

Dearly Beloved,

The Mar Barnabas Educational Award was instituted by our Diocese in 2011 to encourage youth to excel in their academic achievement with a commitment to the Church, the diocese, and the mission of the Church. As in previous years, this year also, we will be awarding top graduate/s (completion of Grade 12 in 2022-2023 academic year) from each region of our Diocese, who are planning to pursue a post-secondary education. In order to administer the Mar Barnabas Educational Award program, we have appointed the following individuals to the Award Committee, along with the Diocesan Secretary Rev. Fr. Mathews George. The decision of the below committee once approved by the Metropolitan will be final.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Alexander (Dallas Area Youth Minister)  
Mr. Prasad John (Diocesan Council Member)  
Ms. Teena Joshua (Calgary, Sunday School Representative)

The application form and the guidelines are attached herewith. The application form along with the guidelines can also be downloaded from the Diocesan Website. The deadline for receiving the applications at the Diocesan office is 23rd of September 2023. We exhort all our children, who graduated from grade 12 this year (2023), to complete the application along with all the required documents as per the guidelines and send it to the diocesan office before the deadline.

We urge the Vicars and the Sunday School Principals to personally encourage the eligible graduates from the respective parishes to apply for the award. We wish all our children who have graduated this year a successful post-secondary education. May the Almighty Lord, the Source of all Wisdom, bless you and guide you throughout your campus life and beyond.

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley  
August 29, 2023

Metropolitan Dr. Thomas Mar Ivanios