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Blessings to the beloved Vicars of the Parishes, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Rambans, Deacons, Kaisthanees, and faithful of all parishes in our Diocese of South-West America!

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The Southern Regional Family and Youth Conference is a vital evangelical ministry among the family and youth that focuses particularly on the southern part of our diocese. It is important as we primarily gather together as one family. This coming together allows us to set aside a few days in prayer and increase in faith while helping us to live in mutual love and fellowship. The 2024 Southern Region Family and Youth Conference will be held at St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Cathedral, Houston Texas, from June 6th to June 8th (Thursday-Saturday).

The theme for this year's conference is: "Navigating Modernity with Ancient Wisdom" inspired by Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." The classes and sessions are led by eminent and distinguished guests. The conference provides opportunities for the faithful to understand and learn the core values of orthodoxy amidst the changing lifestyles and norms of society. The conference would also feature numerous workshops, and discussions that can help enhance personal relationships and provide prospects for career goals. Finally, the main objective is to evolve our community to withstand modern-day challenges through faith in Jesus Christ firmly rooted in its Apostolic traditions.

We take this moment to announce the committee for the upcoming conference.

1. Very Rev. Fr. Raju Daniel CorEpiscopa (Convenor)
2. Rev. Fr. George Sajeev Mathews (Jt. Convenor)
3. Rev. Fr. Johnson Punchakonam (Jt. Convenor)
4. Rev. Fr. Sam Mathew (Jt. Convenor)
5. Rev. Fr. P. M. Cherian (Jt. Convenor)
6. Rev. Fr. Mat Alexander (Youth Convenor)
7. Dr. Zachariah Thomas (Secretary-Houston)
8. Mr. Bejoy Oommen (Jt. Secretary-Dallas)

As we all know, when we plan and participate in these programs there is financial commitment. Without the financial support of our people and parishes, we are not able to effectively run our ministries. We have consolidated all these events into one place to alleviate the financial burden and travel difficulties of our faithful. We exhort all our parishes to give their full support toward the fundraising efforts for the 2024 Southern Region Family and Youth Conference. Being a diocesan event it is up to each one of us to make it a great success.



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Therefore, enclosed is the Church contribution list

1. St Thomas Cathedral	\$800.00
2. St Gregorios Houston	\$600.00
3. St Stephens Houston	\$400.00
4. St Mary's Houston	\$400.00
5. St Peters & St Paul's Houston	\$350.00
6. St. Gregorios Austin	\$250.00
7. St. Thomas Denver	\$100.00
8. St. Thomas Lufkin	\$100.00
9. St. Gregorios New Orleans	\$100.00
10. St Mary's San Antonio	\$100.00
11. St. George San Antonio	\$100.00
12. St Gregorios McAllen	\$100.00
13. St. Mary's Vallapally, Dallas	\$800.00
14. St. Mary COI, Dallas	\$500.00
15. St. Gregorios Dallas	\$400.00
16. St. George Dallas	\$400.00
17. St. Thomas Dallas	\$400.00
18. St. Paul Dallas	\$250.00
19. St. James Dallas	\$250.00

We would request your whole-hearted prayer and support that the conference be led in the power of the Holy Spirit. Your participation and every financial assistance are deeply valued.

May the love of God the Father, the Grace of the Only-Begotten Son, and the indwelling and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley
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