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Blessings to the Vicars, Asst. Vicars, Priests of the Locality, Parish Managing Committee members and all the faithful of our parishes in the South Region.

Dearly Beloved,

This is to inform you of a change in the venue of the 2013 South Region Family and Youth Conference from the University of Texas in San Antonio (henceforth UTSA) to St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Houston. This is because we are unable to meet the financial requirements of the venue contract with UTSA due to insufficient response and registration across the region. In addition, a previously un-communicated accommodation issue has created technical difficulty in conducting the conference at UTSA.

The conference committee shall work under the leadership of Conference Convenor Rev. Fr. Raju Daniel, Joint Conveners Very Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Aroopala Cor Episcopa, Rev. Fr. C.O. Varghis, Rev. Fr. P.M. Cheriyan, Rev. Fr. Mammen Mathew, Rev. Fr. Joshua George and Rev. Fr. Jake Kurien, and Youth Convener Rev. Fr. Joel Mathew. Please note that the conference theme, dates, speakers, secretaries and treasurer stay the same. Youth leaders will be organizing sports programs for all and there will also be special sessions for Sunday School, MGOCSM, FOCUS and Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam members.

We regret the change in the venue. However, as this will result in a substantial reduction in the cost of traveling and attending the conference, we expect maximum participation from families and youth. Since there is enough advance notice, let us make sure that registration is done as early as possible.

Accommodation for those traveling from afar will be arranged in homes and hotels as necessary. The Conference Convenor Rev. Fr. Raju Daniel (214-476-6584) or the Houston Area Conference Secretary Mr. Manoj Thomas (832-633-0593) or any Committee members from the 2013 South Region Family and Youth Conference may be contacted.



We are fully confident that the Conference Committee will successfully address the challenge of maintaining the spirit and atmosphere of a Family Conference so that all who participate will have a unique and blessed experience.

We seek the prayers and support of all the clergy and faithful in the South Region for the success of this year's conference and hope to meet everyone together as one family.

May the blessings of God Almighty be showered upon us all.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

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