

Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

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Blessings to our dearly beloved Chor-Episcopoi, Priests, Deacons, Parish Managing Committee members, and all the faithful.

Dearly Beloved,

It has been just over a year since the formation of our Diocese. The past year was indeed a blessed one with several memorable and historical events in the history of the Malankara Church in North America. The long cherished dream of many to see a new Diocese in this part of the country was fulfilled now. We are thankful to all those who have labored this past year and worked alongside us to fulfill the many initial responsibilities. We would especially like to thank the members of the Ad-hoc committee for their dedicated efforts to build up the Diocese from its early stages until the recent election of the new Diocesan Council.

It is our fear that the Diocesan Center in Houston is becoming more an administrative center than a place of spiritual formation. We believe that the Diocesan Center should be a place centered in spirituality. This will also provide our upcoming generation an opportunity to spend their vacation period at the Diocesan Center as a place for meditation and study. With this in mind, we have decided to set apart all Wednesdays as a day of silence for us and those who reside in the Diocesan Center. We will not attend any phone calls or do any administrative tasks on this day. We seek your cooperation in this matter.

My dear children, as it was decided last year, Diocesan Day is to be celebrated annually on the first Sunday of June, and this year it will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6th. On this day, the parish should remember the Diocese during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana and offer a special intercessory prayer at its conclusion. The annual Diocesan Day collection of \$100 per family should also be collected on this day. The parish should send the due amount along with last year's outstanding balance to the Diocesan Office. It is our desire that each family should participate in the growth of this Diocese. You must remember that this is the only source of income, and with this amount we have to support all the projects and ministries as well as the needs of the Diocesan Center. Only with your whole-hearted support and united effort can we fulfill our dreams and visions for this Diocese. Ten percent of the total amount collected each year will be set apart for charity projects and mission work.

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During the celebration of our first Diocesan Day, let us unite in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us through the coming year.

May the Triune God bless you and grant you a peaceful and a prosperous life.

Your Shepherd in Christ,



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