

Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

(Catholicate of the East)

Diocese of South-West America

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

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

It is with great joy and praise to God I write this letter to you, all of our family members of our Diocese. I reached safely in Houston on Saturday, May 31st after enjoying the love and care of H. G. Mathews Mar Barnabas and H. G. Zachariah Mar Nicholovos at New York. I was in New York from May 25th to 31st. In Houston, I was received by the priests and faithful of our churches in Texas.

As you are all aware the first family conference being conducted in our Diocese is the Southern Region Conference scheduled from Wednesday June 10th to Saturday June 13th at the University of Houston. On Saturday, June 13th, there will be a formal inauguration of the Diocese, and dignitaries from various churches and government entities will attend the conference. This is the first family conference after the formation of our diocese and also it is one of the greatest occasion that we all can meet and praise God together. I expect maximum attendance in the conference as well as in the public meeting from our priests and parish members.

My dearly beloved in Christ, by the formation of this new Diocese God blessed us with the long cherished dream and prayer of the faithful of this part of America to have more spiritual care and nourishment for our people here and especially to the new generation of our church. I humble myself before God so that I can guide my people entrusted to me by the Holy Church in full confidence. I need your constant prayer and support to fulfill the wishes and dreams in the formation of this diocese.

Since our Diocese is new, we have to build up the infrastructures. We need to centralize all of our spiritual organizations. The Aramana office also has to develop. As you all know the diocesan Aramana is functioning in a rented house in Houston. To mold this as a full fledged Diocese we have many miles to go. In all these I seek your whole hearted support and assistance.

In Exodus 17: 8-13 we know how Israelites supported Moses in his difficulties and troubles by holding his hands up in both sides. In their togetherness they won the battle and praised God as "Lord is my banner". It is my prayer and wish that the Lord's banner will fly always in this Diocese as the Glory of the Church by the support of one and all of you.

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

Your Shepherd in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Alexios Mar Eusebius", with a small cross symbol above the 'i' in "Eusebius". The signature is underlined.

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