

**In the blessed name of the Tri-une God, Self-existent,  
Beginningless and Endless, Perfect in Being, (Glory be to Him)**

**Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II Catholicos of the East and  
Malankara Metropolitan enthroned on the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas**



No. 23A/2013

Blessings to our beloved Vicars, Priests of the locality, *Kaisthanees* and all our faithful in our  
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Dearly beloved,

We celebrate the Catholicate Day (*Sabha Dinam*) of 2013 on 17<sup>th</sup> March (Sunday, 36<sup>th</sup> Day of the Great Lent) in a befitting manner. It is indeed a very important day in our Church life. The arrangements for conducting all the usual programmes in accordance with the directives given from the Central office should be done in all parishes. The Catholicate flag shall be hoisted in the morning, special prayers for the Church shall be offered during Holy Qurbana, and discourses on the faith of the Church, traditions, independence, the bold stance resorted by our forefathers shall be delivered to educate the faithful after Holy Qurbana on the day. This shall be followed by the Pledge on the Catholicate Day. The Vicars shall give leadership in these matters in consultation with the Parish Managing Committee.

Dearly beloved,

This year also we do have the customary fund collection associated with the celebration. The various needs of the Church are met primarily from the fund so generated. As you may know the Holy Church has announced to spend Rs. 100 Crores for charitable projects on various levels in connection with the Centenary of the Catholicate. Compared to past years, we need more money for charitable activities, amelioration of the poor, and welfare of Priests and development of spiritual organizations. After discussions in various committees of the Church, it has been decided to raise at least Rs. 5 Crores in 2013-14 through the Catholicate Day Collection. Therefore, considering the recommendation of various Committees associated with this, we hereby inform you that the minimum donation to the Catholicate Day collection shall be Rs. 250, Rs.1000 and \$50 per family for Outside Kerala, Gulf Region, South West and North East American Dioceses and in other foreign countries respectively.

The envelopes and folders shall be reached to all families on time and collected back with the stipulated amount. The professionals, bureaucrats, industrialists and traders who belong to our Church shall be contacted directly and receive their donations. The Vicars shall visit the houses and collect an amount over and above the target and remit it at Central office along with the offertory on the day and *Resessa*. The Statement form given from the Central office along with the envelopes shall be filled in and given back. The target set for that Parish is Rs/\$...../- (Minimum of Rs/\$ ..... from each family).

May the Grace and Blessings of God Almighty abide with you forever. And may the prayers of the Mother of our God the Holy Virgin Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle of India, our Holy Fathers Mar Gregorios, Mar Dionysius and all the Holy Saints be a stronghold for us. Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven.....

**Baselios Marthoma Paulose II**

From Catholicate Aramana  
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India  
On January 30, 2013.