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Blessings to our beloved Vicars, Assistant Vicars, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Rambans, Deacons, Parish Managing Committee Members, the faithful, and especially our high school graduates of 2024!

Dearly Beloved,

The **Mar Barnabas Education Award** was instituted by our Diocese in 2011 to encourage youth to excel in their academic achievement with a commitment to the Church, the diocese, and its mission. As in previous years, this year also, we will be awarding top graduate/s (completion of grade 12 in the 2023-2024 academic year) from each diocesan region, who are planning to pursue post-secondary education. To administer the Mar Barnabas Education Award program, we have appointed the following individuals to the Award Committee, the Diocesan Secretary, Rev Fr George Sajeev Mathews, Rev. Fr. Mat Alexander (Dallas Area Youth Minister), Mr. Prasad John (Diocesan Council Member), and Ms. Teena Joshua (Calgary). Following Metropolitan's approval, the decision of the committee will be final.

The application form and the guidelines are attached herewith. The application form and guidelines can also be downloaded from the Diocesan Website. The deadline for receiving the applications at the Diocesan office is the **25th of November 2024**. We exhort all our children, who graduated from Grade 12 this year (2024), to complete the application along with all the required documents per the guidelines and send it to the email id marbarnabasscholarship@gmail.com before the deadline.

We urge the Vicars and Sunday School Principals to personally encourage the eligible graduates from the respective parishes to apply for the award. We wish all our children, who had graduated this year, a successful post-secondary education. May The Almighty bless you and guide you throughout your campus life and beyond.

May the love of God the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit be with us forever and ever.

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley
October 29, 2024

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