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"Generation after generation shall praise Your works, and they shall declare Your power." Ps 144:4

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Blessings to the Vicar, the Priests of the locality, members of the managing committee, the Sunday school office bearers, children, and all the faithful of the Diocese of South-West America!

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your steadfast support and continued prayers for the Sunday School ministry of our Diocese. By God's grace, last year's Principals' Conference held at St. Mary's Valiyapalli, Dallas, was a resounding success, providing a meaningful time of reflection, fellowship, and direction.

We are pleased to announce that the **2025 Principals' Conference** will be hosted at **St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Detroit, Michigan, from October 10–12 (Friday to Sunday)**. The theme for this year's conference is: **"A Vision for the DSWA Sunday School by 2040."**

To shape the ministry for the next generation, the key areas of discussion for this year are: the evolving role of Church and Sunday School in 3–5 year increments, remaining rooted in Orthodox tradition amid a shifting cultural and societal landscape, balancing the preservation of cultural identity with an inclusive Christian witness, and exploring Spirit-led innovations beyond current institutional structures.

We prayerfully request each parish to send its Sunday School Principal and, if unavailable, the Vice Principal or a senior teacher to represent the parish. While the Diocesan Sunday School will cover accommodations, meals, local transportation, and all conference logistics, we exhort each parish to cover their representative's travel to and from Detroit.

The local parish and clergy in Detroit, along with the Admin Team, are preparing joyfully to host this important event. God willing, along with other representatives. I, too, wish to be present and look forward to journeying with you in prayer and purpose.

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
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