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Blessings to our beloved Vicars, Assistant Vicars, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Ramban, Deacons, Assembly and Association Members, Parish Managing Committee Members, especially our college graduates of 2025 and faithful of our Diocese

Dearly Beloved,

The Mar Makarios Scholarship Award was inaugurated by our Diocese in the year 2023, to honor the founding Metropolitan of the then American Diocese, the Late Lamented, H.G. Dr. Thomas Mar Makarios, of Blessed Memory. This year also marks the centennial birthday of Thirumeni, who was born on May 25, 1926. As in previous years, this year, we acknowledge individuals of our diocese who have excelled and obtained an undergraduate degree (Bachelor's Degree) in their academic achievement with a commitment to the community, Church, diocese, and the mission values of the Holy Church. We will be awarding top graduates (those completing college for the 2024-2025 academic year) from each of the four regions of our Diocese.

To administer the Mar Makarios Scholarship Award program, we have appointed the following individuals to the Award Committee: Very. Rev. Cherian Kunnel Cor-Episcopos, Oklahoma City, OK; Rev. Fr. George S. Mathew (Diocesan Secretary); Rev. Fr. Cyril Davy, Tampa, Florida; Mr. Bijoy Thomas (Diocesan Council Member); Mrs. Latha Jacob Sajan, Louisville, Kentucky; Mr. Kenny Varghese, San Francisco, California

The application form and guidelines are attached herewith or can be downloaded from the Diocesan Website. For submission of applications and any inquiries, please email: marmakariosscholarship@gmail.com. We exhort all our 2024-2025 academic year graduates from college to complete the application along with all the required documents as per the guidelines and send it before February 1, 2026. The decision of the committee, once approved by the Metropolitan, is final.

We urge all the Vicars, MGOCSM Youth Leaders, and parents to personally encourage the eligible graduates from the respective parishes to apply for the award. We wish all our young adults who graduated this past academic year of 2024- 2025, blessings.

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
January 10, 2026

Metropolitan Dr. Thomas Mar Ivanios