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Blessings to our beloved Vicars, Assistant Vicars, Cor-Episcopoi, Priests of the locality, Deacons, Parish Managing Committee Members, and especially our high school graduates of 2026 and faithful of our Diocese,

Dearly Beloved,

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. -St Matthew 5:16

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, diocese, and the mission of the church. As in previous years, this year also, we will be awarding top graduate/s (completion of Grade 12 in the 2025-2026 academic year) from each region of our Diocese, who are planning to pursue a post-secondary education. In order to administer the Mar Barnabas Education Award program, we have appointed the following individuals to the Award Committee, along with the Diocesan Secretary, Rev Fr Mathews George. The decision of the committee below, once approved by the Metropolitan, will be final.

- Rev. Fr. Mat Alexander (Dallas Area Youth Minister)
- Mr. Prasad John (Diocesan Council Member)
- Ms. Smitha Kurian (Oklahoma)

The application form and the guidelines are attached herewith. The application form along with the guidelines can also be downloaded from the Diocesan Website. The deadline for receiving the applications is 30th of September 2026. We exhort all our children who graduated from Grade 12 this year (2026) to complete the application along with all the required documents as per the guidelines and send it to the email ID marbarnabasscholarship@gmail.com before the deadline.

We urge the Vicars and the Sunday School Principals to personally encourage the eligible graduates from the respective parishes to apply for the award. We wish all our children who graduated this year, 2026, a successful post-secondary education. May the Almighty bless you and guide you throughout your campus life and beyond.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley,
September 3, 2026,

Metropolitan Dr. Thomas Mar Ivanios