

**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**



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Blessings to our beloved Vicar of..... church, priests of the locality, Kaisthanees of the church, and all members of the parish.

Dearly beloved,

The establishment of the Catholicate of the East in Malankara stands as a symbol of the Apostolic heritage, sense of identity and indigenous character of the Malankara Orthodox Church. The Catholicate Day or *Sabhadinam* is a glorious occasion when the Church as a whole recounts the value and relevance of the Catholicate and offers special prayers for the Church. The Catholicate Day shall be celebrated in the most beautiful and organized way on 2nd April 2017, the 36th day (36th Sunday) of the Lent. We wish to uphold the observance of Catholicate Day as an occasion to transform the lives of the faithful to regenerate our families, to revive our social life and to sanctify our spiritual life. The Vicars and Managing Committees of each parish should strive to arrange the Catholicate Day celebrations in consonance with the spiritual fervour and culture of the *Malankara Nazranis*. Special prayers for the Church shall be offered during holy Qurbana on that day. The Church flag has to be hoisted in all parishes and the Church pledge has to be taken by all. Speeches or classes which highlight the relevance and importance of Catholicate and the faith and traditions of the holy Church also shall be arranged.

The main source of income to meet various needs of the Holy Church is the amount collected through Catholicate Day collection. As the needs are ever on the increase, this year too we mainly depend on the Catholicate Day cover Collection for the charitable projects of the Church, progress of the Spiritual Organizations and other general needs of the Church. The Holy Church has decided to receive an amount not less than Rs. 10 crores (100 million) through the Catholicate Day cover collection during 2017 – 18. Therefore, we lovingly exhort our beloved faithful to co-operate with the observance of Catholicate Day and the associated fund raising.

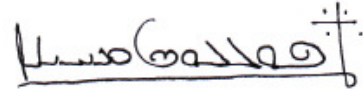
The Catholicate Day cover and folder should reach every family at the stipulated time. Contributions shall be accepted from prominent entrepreneurs' industrialist and bureaucrats who are the members of our Church and other well – wishers of the Church. The Vicars of each parish should take utmost initiative to distribute the covers and collect an amount which exceeds the target amount by visiting the families with parish. We lovingly ask you to help the Church by remitting the raised amount along with the offertory on the Catholicate Day and *Reeseessa* at the Central Office of the Church. The Vicars shall fill in the form sent along with the Catholicate Day covers from the Centre. The Church follows the very same target and criteria as in the financial year 2016 – 2017. On that basis, it is informed that the target for that parish is stipulated as and the amount for each family at the parish is not less than On account of the special circumstances this year, the Catholicate Day Cover shall be distributed to the parishes in each diocese by the respective Diocesan Metropolitans at a designated venue.

The Vicar, Asst. vicars, parish representatives and representatives of the spiritual organizations should attend the meetings conducted at the respective dioceses. The Vicars should sign the attendance register.

This meeting of Diocese will be held on March 2017 at

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 February 28, 2017