

**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**



No. MOSC/CMM/31/2021

Blessings to our beloved Vicar, Priests of the locality, *Kaisthanees* of the Church, and all members of the Parish!

Dearly beloved,

The Holy Church, the body of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was founded in India by St. Thomas, the Apostle. Let us praise God for the Church which prospers by the grace of God in the midst of innumerable crises. The Catholicate of the East is the epitome of the apostolic heritage, identity and indigenous character of Malankara Sabha. The Church Day or Catholicate Day is set apart for recollecting the value and relevance of Catholicate and for offering special prayers for the Church. The Catholicate Day 2021 falls on 21st March, the 36th Day (Sunday) of the Great Lent. Although the observance of Catholicate Day this year is to be arranged on the back drop of Covid -19 pandemic and the restrictions associated with it; our parishes shall take all steps to celebrate the day in the most appropriate and befitting manner. It is our fervent wish that the Catholicate Day observance shall be an opportunity for us to grow into the fullness of the Holy Spirit, through personal transformation, sanctification of our sacramental life and renewal of our families. Special prayers shall be offered for the Holy Church during Holy Qurbana on the day. The Catholicate Flag shall be hoisted and all our faithful shall take the Catholicate Day oath. Speeches shall be delivered to enlighten our people on the relevance of the Catholicate, the faith, tradition and heritage of the Church.

The main source of income of the Church is the amount collected through the Catholicate Day Cover Collection. We primarily depend on this collection for funding various welfare charitable activities of the Church and the nurturing of our spiritual organisations.

The Church faces great difficulty in funding various projects of the Church due to the inadequacy of funds raised through the Catholicate Day last year in the midst of Covid crisis. We are indeed very happy to state here that, in spite of the Covid pandemic and the consequent crisis, the Church could help thousands of deserving families which faced acute financial problems by depositing Rupees One Thousand each in their respective bank accounts.

Dearly beloved,

The Church has decided to raise a minimum of Rupees Ten Crores in 2021 – 22 through the Catholicate day cover collection. All our faithful shall sincerely take part in the observance of Catholicate Day, every faithful shall donate the average income of a day for the various developmental projects of the Church. We lovingly exhort you to participate in this venture, inspired by the love and devotion of the Church. We remind you of the scriptural instruction 'tithes belong to God'.

The Catholicate Day cover and the folder should reach every family at the right time. Make a special drive to collect donations from well wishers, traders and beaurocrats. The vicars of parishes shall take an initiative in this matter.

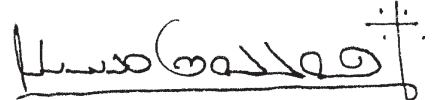
Visit maximum members of houses adhering to Covid restrictions and collect an amount exceeding the target amount. The amount so collected shall be submitted at the Catholicate Office along with the offertory on Catholicate Day and Resessa at the stipulated time. We could raise only Rupees Three Crores in place of the target amount of Ten Crores on account of the Covid consequences last year. The minimum amount to be collected from one American family is \$ 100. For others, one day's average income is targeted. On the basis of this, a family of that parish shall donate \$ 100/- and the total target for the parish is \$

Dearly beloved,

We urge you to pray for us, the weak servant of God; our brother Metropolitans, Priests, Monks and Nuns, Workers of Spiritual Organisations and for all our faithful across the world. We firmly believe that the prayers of each of our believers is valuable for eliminating the dissensions, discords and quarrels in the Church and for establishing lasting peace and concord. We have arranged a special edition of the Malankara Sabha Masika covering the issues of the present world to be distributed to our families in connection with the Catholicate Day. We wage you to stand with the Church discerning the stance of the Church on various issues.

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 Yeldo Mar Baselios, 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
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