

**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 Mathews III Catholicos of the East and
Malankara Metropolitan enthroned on the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas**



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

Dearly beloved,

It is known to everybody that our Church has been established in India by St. Thomas. By the incalculable grace of God, the Church is thriving in the midst of many crises and challenges. Let us praise God for that. The Catholicate of the East is the symbol of the apostolic heritage, identity and indigenous character. Sabha Dinam or Catholicate Day is set apart to recollect the relevance and value of Catholicate and to pray for the Church. The Catholicate Day 2022 falls on 3rd April, the 36th Sunday of Great lent. In spite of the fact that this year too the Catholicate Day is observed on the backdrop of Covid -19 pandemic and the consequent restrictions, our faithful in the Church shall strive to observe the day in the most befitting manner. We sincerely wish that the Day be an opportunity to grow in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, renewal of families is sanctification of Church life, and above all our personal transformation. Special prayers shall be offered during Holy Qurbana on the day. Catholicate Flag shall be hoisted and all shall take the Catholicate Day pledge. Speeches shall be arranged to highlight the relevance of Catholicate and the faith and traditions of the Holy Church.

The main source of income of the Church is the amount collected through the Catholicate Day Cover Collection. We heavily depend on this collection for the funding of various charitable projects of the Church and for nurturing our spiritual organisations. Since the collection received last year was very far below the target, we find it difficult to fund various projects of the Church.

Dearly beloved,

Despite the fact that the crises consequent on the Covid-19 pandemic still prevail, the holy Church has decided to collect at least Rs. 10 crores through the Catholicate Day Collection 2022-23 to implement the declared projects of the Church envisaged in the budget of the Church. All our faithful shall sincerely participate in the Catholicate Day observance and the Cover Collection. One day's average income shall be donated to the Church for its development projects. We lovingly exhort you to take part in this endeavour considering it as an offering submitted to God as a true reflection of our love and care for this Church and its growth.

To make the cover collection a success, the covers and folders should be delivered to the respective families at the right time. Contributions shall be accepted from bureaucrats, traders, industrialists and well wishers of the Church. Due interest should be taken by the Parish Vicars. An amount exceeding the target should be raised by visiting maximum families completely obeying the Covid restrictions. The amount so collected shall be submitted to the

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Catholicate Office along with the offertory on Catholicate Day and Reseessa at the stipulated time. The Vicars should fill up the form enclosed herewith. We could raise Rs. 4.6 crores only because of the Covid crises though the target amount was Rs. 10 crores.

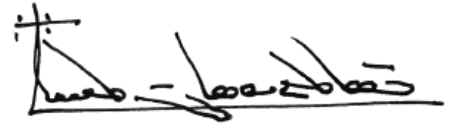
The minimum amount to be given for Catholicate collection is the average income of a day. Accordingly, the rate of contribution fixed for a family in that parish is \$..... The target for the parish shall be \$..... The cover and the folder will be sent to the parish. The responsible persons at the parish shall deliver these to the respective homes before 3rd April, the Catholicate Day.

Dearly beloved,

We exhort you to pray for us, our brother Metropolitans, Priests, Monastic Communities, Workers of Spiritual Organisations and for all our beloved faithful across the world. We believe that the concerted prayers of each believer is invaluable to do away with all dissensions, descords and quarrels in the Church and bring about perfect peace and tranquility.

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 Mathews III

From Catholicate Aramana
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India
on March 23, 2022