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**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 Didymus I Catholicos of the East and
Malankara Metropolitan enthroned on the apostolic throne of St. Thomas**



Blessings to all our Vicars, trustees, members of the Managing Committee and the faithful of the Canada, United Kingdom & Europe Diocese.

Beloved in the Lord,

We hereby inform you all that a new diocese has come into existence – the Diocese of United Kingdom, Europe & Africa – with London as its headquarters. This decision has been made based on our consultation with the Malankara Syrian Christian Association Managing Committee that met on 21-10-2008 and the recommendation of the Holy Episcopal Synod that met on 25-2-2009. The list of parishes belong to this jurisdiction are attached herewith.

Furthermore the newly consecrated Dr. Mathews Mar Thimothios Metropolitan is appointed as the diocesan Metropolitan of the U. K. Europe & Africa Diocese. We exhort you to remember the name of your Metropolitan, Mar Thimothios in the diptychs. You are also directed to seek all necessary guidance and directions from His Grace for the affairs of your parish. As he is the newly appointed Metropolitan of your Diocese, we exhort you to extend all possible help and cooperation to him.

May the Grace and Blessings of the 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.....

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Baselios Marthoma Didymus I'.

Baselios Marthoma Didymus I.

From Catholicate Aramana
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India
On March 17, 2009