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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 our beloved Vicars of the Church, Priests of the locality, Trustees of the church, and all the members of all the Parishes.

Our dearly beloved in the Lord,

The unprecedented changes consequent on the astounding progress of science and technology have to be acknowledged and assimilated by the Church also. We invite your attention to certain things which would be of immense utility to the Church in the long run.

Firstly, it is high time to put a rein to the large scale degeneration in family relations. Family discords, separation, divorce and remarriage seriously jeopardize the sacred marital relation. In this unpleasant atmosphere, we desire to conduct an awareness campaign in all the parishes of the Church so as to awaken our people to protect the God - given and sacrosanct institution of marriage and family. Therefore, we declare **October 2009 as a “Family welfare month”**. The slogan of this programme will be **“Excellent family – Exemplary Society”** and the theme will be **“Building a family in God’s way”**. We exhort the members of the Youth Movement and Martha Mariam Samajam to organize Retreats, Seminars, Debates and Discussions, Counseling Sessions, Family get - together and the like on the parish level under the leadership of the Vicar and Managing Committee. A website by name www.marry2love.com shall be launched very shortly under the Department of Human Resource Management of the Church to give guidance and orientation for family welfare. This website will be essentially a Matrimonial Website to help our parents to find out suitable and God-fearing life partners for their children of marriageable age. All our church members should utilize this facility to the maximum.

Secondly, as the employment opportunities outside India are seemingly bleak on account of the global recession, we need to explore the opportunities available in Kerala. The Department of Human Resource Management has been planning certain programs to help the job seekers. To train and equip our youngsters for various Public Service Commission Exams (PSC), with the support of experts in the field, Orientation and Training programs shall be conducted at various centers as per the following schedule:

Orthodox Students Center, Thiruvananthapuram

- 8th August 2009

Catholicate College Auditorium, Pathanamthitta

- 22nd August 2009

St. George Orthodox Church Auditorium Palarivattam, Ernakulam - 12th September 2009

Parumala Seminary Auditorium

- 19th September 2009

All parishes should see that the job seekers take full advantage of this great opportunity.

For details please contact: The Director, Human Resource Management, Catholicate Palace, Devalokam, Kottayam – 38, Phone: 0481-2578500, 2578499

Dear children of God, we exhort you to remember our Church in your daily prayers.

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.....



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