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BLESSINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

The Mar Thoma Family Conference of the Diocese of North America and Europe is the largest gathering of the Mar Thoma families in the western hemisphere. We remember with gratitude all the host parishes and the previous diocesan councils who took leadership for hosting the previous Family Conferences. Over the years, this conference has benefitted a large number of families in the Diocese and helped to uplift the fellowship and spirituality of the larger community, the family of families. In addition, these conferences have played a significant role in the growth and organization of our Diocese.

The 31st Mar Thoma Family Conference will be held from Thursday, July 2 to Sunday, July 5, 2015 at The Hilton Stamford Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, CT near New York. The theme chosen for the conference is, "Harvest in the Family of Families – Hope for Humanity" based on Hosea 6:11. We have eminent leaders like The Most. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Rev. Dr. Sham P. Thomas (Bangalore), to expose the theme and help us reflect on it. For more information regarding the conference, please visit: www.mtfc2015.org.

The 31st Conference is organized by the Mar Thoma parishes in the North East Region of this Diocese. The North East RAC has appointed a General Committee and various sub-committees for the effective organization of the conference. The success of the conference depends on the wholehearted support and participation of all parishes and families in our Diocese. As in the past, there will be a separate session for our youth and children.

In 2015, the Clergy Conference, Diocesan Assembly, and Family Conference will be held consecutively in the New York area. This arrangement will help to cut down the travel expenses for people attending these conferences. The parishes are required to meet all the expenses of their Vicar and family to attend the above mentioned conferences in 2015.

The Family Conference Registration and Souvenir Committees will be active for registration and souvenir campaign, and we expect the wholehearted participation of the Vicar, Office Bearers, Diocesan Assembly, Mandalam Members, and all the parishioners. All are invited to register without missing the opportunity. **Please note that the cut-off date for Registration is Tuesday, March 31, 2015.** After this date, we cannot guarantee registrations, and if accepted, it will be with a late fee (additional fee).

The gathering of the families and the spiritual nourishment through the conference sessions will undoubtedly empower the life and mission of our Church. All are exhorted to remember this conference in your regular prayers. Let us join together as the family of families to reap a harvest and to give hope for humanity.

May the blessings of God be with us all.

Prayer and blessings,

Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius
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