

BY THE GRACE OF GOD ALMIGHTY
HIS GRACE DR. ABRAHAM MAR SERAPHIM METROPOLITAN
DIOCESE OF BANGALORE



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Blessings to our beloved Vicars, Asst Vicars, Kaisthanees, Secretaries, Managing Committee Members and members of the Parish

Dear Beloved in Christ,

The Diocese of Bangalore is preparing to welcome in a grand manner the Catholicose of the East and Supreme Head of our Church His Holiness' Apostolic Visit with immense joy and devotion, for which we look forward to the presence of all the faithful, which is scheduled to take place on February 28th, Tuesday, 2023 at St. Thomas Orthodox Maha Edavaka Bangalore East, where Evening prayer will be held followed by public meeting and love feast. The Diocese would respect and honour His Holiness in the revered presence of Bangalore's Archbishop of the Catholic Church, Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, who would formally inaugurate this endeavour. In light of this, on January 3, 2023, an online Zoom meeting was convened under my presidency and in the presence of the respected Clergy, Sabha Managing Committee members, Diocesan Council Members, Representatives of Malankara Association, Diocesan General Body Members and leaders of spiritual organisations. Following extensive discussions our Diocesan Secretary Rev. Fr. Skariah Mathew was chosen as the Convenor, Rev. Fr. Koshy Thomas, Vicar of St. Thomas Orthodox Maha Edavaka, as Joint Convenor, the revered Clergy as Vice-Presidents, laity as Coordinators, and simultaneously, several committees were formed for the program's efficient execution. We hereby urge all the priests of respective parishes and mission centres, as well as all the faithful of our diocese, to attend this grand reception in welcoming our Bava Thirumeni on February 28, 2023 at 5.30 p.m. at the St. Thomas Orthodox Maha Edavaka, as well as the evening prayer, public meeting and love feast that will follow.

Again, Dearly Beloved, as you are all well aware, the humble contribution we make to the Catholicate Day collection is the primary source of income for our Holy Church. All parishes in our Diocese are expected to raise more than the target amount allotted to each parish towards Catholicate Day for the year 2022-2023 by February 20, 2023, and proper arrangements must be made to present the funds to His Holiness at the official reception on February 28, 2023. In a meeting to be held on the same day at 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Orthodox Maha Edavaka, where the Catholicate day fund will be collected, the respective parish vicars, secretaries, and trustees will hand over the funds directly to His Holiness. Members of the Sabha Managing Committee, Diocesan Council Members, Malankara Association Representatives, Diocesan General Body Members, and office bearers of spiritual organisations must also attend this meeting. The contribution from each parish is to be handed in the form of cheques in the following name of **Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church**.

Blessed in Christ, The Bangalore Region convention 'Meltho' will be conducted on 2023-February 17, 18, 19 and the Hyderabad Region convention 'Logos' will be held on 2023-March 3, 4, 5. H.G. Zacharias Mar Severios, Metropolitan of Idukki Diocese, and Rev. Fr. Job Sam Mathew would be the keynote speakers for the "Bangalore Meltho Convention" and "Hyderabad Logos Convention," respectively. All the faithful of the respective regions must find time to attend these conventions and seek God's eternal blessings.

May the Grace and Blessings of the Almighty abide with you forever.

From The Bangalore Aramana on the 10th January 2023.



Metropolitan Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim
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