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Message from the Diocesan Bishop

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we enter the month of November, we enter into a season of many celebrations. The celebrations of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year, call us to remain thankful and hopeful as we continue our faith journey. Let us give thanks to God for allowing the members of the Diocese to come together for the 33rd Diocesan Family Conference at the Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta. The conference indeed was an occasion to reaffirm our living faith in Christ and to be renewed by enriching fellowship.

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, let us remember that the act of thanksgiving is a gift given to us by the good and loving nature of our heavenly Father. In and out of every season of life, we have a reason to give thanks because we serve a wholly faithful, good, and loving God. In Thanksgiving, we experience the joy of a proper perspective and have our hearts stirred by the renewing of our minds. Psalm 100:4 says, *“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!”* When we live each day with a heart of thanksgiving, we will be filled with the joy of the Spirit and will be guided to choose a life of communion with the Father over the pursuits of the world.

May we all be empowered and filled with transcendent joy and enjoy the fruits of renewed minds and hearts. Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving Day!

With prayerful regards,

Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos
Diocesan Bishop



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 01: MTVEA Prayer
November 06: Dedication of Pheonix MTC
November 19-21: Diocesan Yuvajanasakhyam Conference
November 28: Diasphora Sunday

The Innauguration of the extension of Mar Thoma Literature Society and Library at Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta.

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Diocesan Family Conference 2021



The 33rd Diocesan Family Conference was held from October 29-31, 2021 at the Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta, Georgia. The theme of the conference was “Living in Christ, Leaping in Faith” based on St. John 15:7. The Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos, provided the Presidential Address, and Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan inaugurated the conference through a video message. Rev. Eappen Varghese (Vicar, Immanuel MTC, Houston) served as the Main Speaker. Rev. Prince Varghese (Princeton Seminary) led the Bible Study, and Rev. Sibu Pallichira (Vicar, Epiphany MTC, NY) led the motivational talk. A special session on the “Role of Women in Enriching the Life of People” was led by Rev. Dr. Anna Thomas (Beverly United Methodist Church, NJ), and Dr. George Abraham (Carmel MTC, Boston) led a health seminar on the topic “The Role of the Church During Times of Crisis.” Special sessions for children and youth were also arranged. Over 425 delegates from various parishes and congregations of the Diocese attended the conference. Let us praise and thank God for this blessed gathering.



Diocesan Clergy Conference 2021

The Annual Diocesan Clergy Conference was held on October 28-29, 2021 at Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta. The Theme of the conference was Pastoral Care: Providing Hope and Healing. Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Thirumeni, Rev. Larry Varughese, Dr. Raj Nadella were the main speakers of the conference. Rev. Biju P Simon and Rev. George Abraham led the Bible Study and Devotion respectively. Ms. Anita E. J. Ninan led the session of Visa Process in US. Rt. Rev. Oommen George the Bishop of Kollam-Kottarakkara Diocese of CSI Church also participated the meeting.



Interested in Ministry?

Candidates who are members of the Mar Thoma Church and interested for full time ministry and willing to pursue theological studies may contact the diocesan office.

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