



St. Mary, Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA and Canada

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To the Reverend Fathers of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in USA & Canada

Dear Reverend Fathers,

It is with profound joy and gratitude to God I write these lines to express my appreciation to all as I complete one year of service in our Eparchy on October 28, 2018. On this occasion I convey my gratitude to each one of you for the valuable services you render to our parishes and missions. In a very special way thank you very much for your prayerful support to me. I wish to bring to your kind attention the following matters:

1. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery has celebrated his 75th birthday on October 5, 2018. Since he is out of USA now, we shall celebrate his birthday on Sunday October 28, 2018 along with other intentions in our Eparchial Cathedral. We shall make use of the occasion to express our gratitude to him for his long-term dedicated services in various capacities in USA and Canada.
2. Rev. Fr. Daiju Kuriakose has returned to India after his term of service in Calgary and Rev. Fr. Baby Madathikunnath has taken charge of our mission there. We thank Fr. Daiju for his marvelous ministry and wish him all the best in his ministries in the diocese of Moovattupuzha. We also extend warm welcome to Fr. Baby and wish him God's blessings in Calgary.
3. Rev. Fr. Liju Thomas Mathew Thundiyl is appointed as the pastor of St. Mary's church at Yonkers. We extend him hearty welcome in our Eparchy and best wishes in his ministry in Yonkers.
4. Kindly convey our appreciation to the parish community for the generous contributions towards the Kerala flood relief fund. As on October 7, 2018, we could collect \$ 111,021/-
5. I am happy to inform you that I had a fruitful attendance in the Canadian Catholic Bishop's Conference held October 24-28, 2018.
6. If God willing, I will leave for Germany on October 8 to attend an international meeting and will return on October 24, 2018.

Let us remain united in love, mutual support and prayers.

Yours lovingly in Christ,

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October 7, 2018.

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