

THE MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR

CHENNAI – BANGALORE DIOCESE

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Circular No: 33 CBD/DB/S33/M10/2015

**All Achen and Members of the Mar Thoma Parishes & Congregations
Chennai - Bangalore Diocese.**

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Blessings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

With heart full of gratitude to the Lord Almighty and appreciation to all the members of the Chennai - Bangalore Diocese for your valuable prayers and contributions, I urge each one of you to prayerfully participate in the ***Diocesan Day Collection*** which is scheduled on ***Sunday the 15th of November 2015.*** I do acknowledge your participation in the Diocesan Sunday offertory in August 2015

The Diocesan Sunday is an occasion to remember our Diocese and all its mission activities. We have been blessed by our Lord and with all the support and goodwill extended by the Parishioners from time to time. The Chennai –Bangalore Diocese is a missionary diocese reaching out to the unreached with mission activities in the states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and the Union territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Pondicherry . It also includes Abu Dhabi and Al-Ain in UAE.

The mission, educational, social and developmental activities are progressing well with proper initiatives and dedicated work of the Achen and Evangelists. The balawadies, hostels, tailoring institutes, self employment schemes, participatory development projects etc. are progressing well. Thanks for the prayers and generous contributions of our members. The Diocesan Day Collection and Pulpit Exchange Programme is arranged on Sunday the 15th of November 2015 to raise funds for the activities of the Diocese. Special donations will be received on this day. Receipt book will be sent to the parishes for the same. The funds received will be utilized for the mission activities and for the Students ministry of the Diocese.

The Hospital Guidance and counselling centres at Vellore and Manipal are catering to the needs of a wide range of people irrespective of their caste, creed and colour who are coming to the Hospitals from different parts of the world. The second phase of the Hospital and Guidance Home at Vellore is nearing completion. A rehabilitation centre for HIV/AIDS patients named 'Anpin Karam' is functioning at Kuruvakkalam which caters to around 290 patients. Fellowship meetings are held once in a month and health kits are distributed.

Every mission is accomplished only by the wholehearted prayer and support of its members. Kindly do your best in supporting the mission programmes of the Diocese. The office bearers and members of the Diocesan Assembly are advised to assist the Vicar and the visiting achen in this regard. Ensure that the collection is completed soon and sent to the Diocesan office by the end of January 2016.

The total amount expected from your parish is Rs..... Rev..... will be visiting your parish. Your Vicar Rev..... is deputed to I urge all the members to donate generously for the mission work of the diocese.

Let all our efforts be for the Glory of God and for the extension of His Kingdom.

May God's Blessing be with you all.

Dated 17th of October 2015 from Mar Thoma Bhavan, Chennai.

Sd/-

**Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos
The Diocesan Bishop**

