



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

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**Circular 8/2020**

Dear Reverend Corepiscopoi, and Fathers,

Cordial greetings to you! I hope and pray that you are keeping well. I wish to express my appreciation to you for all your efforts in making our parish communities and ministries alive and active during this painful period of the pandemic. It is praiseworthy that despite the adversities, we could conduct the Catechism classes and examinations, other apostolates of MCCL, MCYM, MBOC, Prayer Meetings, etc., in effective manner. I solicit your continuous and creative endeavors and engagements to keep our faithful connected to God, the Church, and one another.

I wish to invite your kind attention to a few important matters related to our Eparchy.

1. Please make it convenient to attend an “online chit chat and prayer session” of our clergy to be held on August 25, 2020, Tuesday, at 9 PM EST using Google Meet:  
<https://meet.google.com/ztk-nveb-azu>
2. We have been preparing a “Handbook for Clergy of Our Eparchy”. It was one of the proposals of the Clergy Meeting held in August 2019. The draft of the Handbook is ready for final review. A printed copy will be surface mailed to you soon. Please take pain to read the draft-document carefully and submit your observations and recommendations to me before September 30, 2020.
3. We have received a request from Rev. Dr. Antony Kakkanatt to start the “*Suvisheshasangam*” in our Eparchy. Herewith the copy of his letter is sent to you. Since the proposal has varied implications, we need serious reflections before making any decisions. Therefore, I request you to kindly send your opinions regarding the relevance and feasibility of starting the *Suvishesasnagam* in our parishes, to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Augustine Mangalath Corepiscopa before August 30, 2020.
4. Kindly pray for the successful completion of the purchase of the school & convent buildings next to our Cathedral, for the purpose of our Eparchial Pastoral Centre. The deal is expected to be signed shortly.

With prayerful best wishes,  
In Jesus Christ,

+ Philipos Mar Stephanos  
Dated: August 19, 2020

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