



## Commission for Faith Formation Eparchy of St. Ephrem, Khadki-Pune

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**Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, Headmasters, Teachers and Children of Sunday School,**

Prayerful Greetings of the season of Pentecost from the Department of Catechesis!

With heartfelt gratitude, we extend our sincere thanks to **Rev. Fr. Mathew Punakulam**, outgoing Eparchial Director of Catechesis. His unwavering dedication and selflessness have enriched our Eparchy immeasurably. May God's blessings accompany him in all his future pastoral endeavours.

The month of May ushered in a season of restful vacation. As we prepare to reopen our Sunday school classes on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024, I warmly welcome all Headmasters/Headmistress to orchestrate the essential arrangements with diligence and care. Here's to a year ahead filled with growth and fruitful endeavours.

- **Re-examination:** The Re-examination will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024. In adherence to previous practice, the evaluation for the 12th standard remains centralized. Following the reexamination, we eagerly anticipate announcing the Eparchy toppers for classes 4 to 12 of the academic year 2023-'24.
- **Online Sessions for the assignment Chapters for Class 9th – 12<sup>th</sup>** : As previously determined, online sessions will be organized for the assigned chapters. Anticipated to take place in July, these classes aim to facilitate comprehensive learning. A detailed report on the completion of assignments will be furnished accordingly.
- **Ist Semester Examination:** As previously communicated via Circular Number 37, please be reminded that the commencement of the I Semester Examination is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2024. Oral Examinations are to be conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024. I kindly request all Headmasters and teachers to ensure the completion of the designated portions well in advance.
- **MCCL Elections:** I trust that the parish-level MCCL elections have been successfully concluded. I kindly urge for the timely completion of the MCCL district elections within the month of June. As for the MCCL Eparchy election, it is scheduled to take place in July.
- **Catechism in Missions:** This year, our focus lies in nurturing the seeds of Catechism within our mission regions, notably Andhra, Telangana and Maharashtra. It is imperative to facilitate translations

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into native languages and uphold the integrity of catechetical teachings. Guiding this endeavour is the esteemed Joint Catechism Eparchial Director, **Rev. Fr. Jacob Matcha**, poised to orchestrate this noble undertaking with excellence.

- **Attendance Register:** Attendance registers will be made available and teachers are requested to mark the attendance. Headmasters/Headmistresses, I entrust you with the responsibility of overseeing the register and securing signatures from the Vicar.

I seize this moment to express my profound gratitude to all our esteemed fathers and sisters who have generously dedicated their time and efforts to nurture our children in every capacity. Additionally, I extend sincere appreciation to the outgoing Headmasters and Headmistresses for their invaluable service. A heartfelt thank you also extends to our diligent teachers, whose unwavering dedication and tireless efforts have truly made a difference.

I extend a heartfelt welcome to all our revered Achans, new Headmasters, and teachers as they join our cherished family. Let us unite as one cohesive unit, working harmoniously towards the noble goal of nurturing the faith of our children. With great anticipation, we welcome our new Aboon, **His Excellency Mathews Mar Pachomios OIC**, who will graciously guide us on this sacred pilgrimage.

I extend my heartfelt commendations to each of you for your unwavering dedication and heartfelt service in nurturing the faith formation of our children. Let us unite as a cohesive family, committed to instilling the profound love of God within our young learners. May our collective efforts guide them to flourish as devoted Disciples of Christ amidst the ever-evolving landscape of our world.

Dear children in Christ, reflecting upon the words of Matthew 7:7—'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you'—I extend my heartfelt wishes to you all for a year filled with drawing nearer to God. May our journey in faith formation transcend mere lectures, transforming into a profound experience of encountering and knowing God, thereby nurturing a deep love for Him within our hearts.

May the blessings and the Grace of the almighty Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.



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Eparchial Director of Catechesis