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Year of Liturgy: Explanatory Note 20 September 2025 - 19 September 2026

Dear Bishops, Corepiscopoi, Rambans, Rev. fathers, Deacons,
religious, and beloved faithful in our Lord,

In preparation for the centenary celebration of the Reunion we are observing the year of the Liturgy from 20 September 2025 to 19 September 2026. In this regard I would like to draw your attention to the details of the Parish level and Ecclesial district level programs in the circular sent on 10.09.2025. In order to facilitate the observance of the Year of Liturgy, a booklet containing the study guide and Action Plan containing topics have been published. These books will be given to priests in the Priestly orientation programs conducted in each Eparchy. At the Ecclesial level, training for priests, sisters and Laity from 60 Ecclesial districts has already been completed.

All Priestly brothers should take up these programs and take the lead in making them effective and in nurturing our Liturgical Tradition.

Parish Level Activities

1. In all the parishes an awareness class on Holy Confession is organized on one Sunday of the liturgical year (morning to noon or noon to evening) followed by a general preparation for service, a penitential service, followed by confession and Holy Communion. To ensure the corporation of Priests in nearby parishes for confession, the date for the confession in each parish should be fixed in advance in the district (regional) level. Before this, a home visit should be completed in the parish.

Home Visit

Before the Sunday on which the confession is arranged, in each parish all the families in the parish should be visited and be given awareness about the Liturgical Year. For this, a team consisting of a sister and two members from *Suvisesha Sangam* should visit each house and provide awareness. Depending on the size of the parish, number of teams can be arranged. Sisters and *Suvisesha Sangam* members for respective ecclesial district can be assigned for this mission. The district (regional) vicar should discuss these matters in general at the district meeting of priests and decide the action plan for each district. During the house visit, the team should take all the efforts to convince them of the need of observances of family prayer, Bible reading, active participation in the sacraments, fasting and abstinence.

The reverent sisters and the members of the *Suvisesha Sangam* have already been informed of the arrangements. In each ecclesial district the district vicar and the director of the year of liturgy of the ecclesial district should convene a meeting of the sisters and the members of the *Suvisesha Sangam* in each ecclesial district to discuss these matters and arrange for home visit in each parish. If a sufficient number of sisters and *Suvisesha Sangam* members are not available in the district, they may be invited from other ecclesial districts.

2. In all parishes the Holy Cross, adored with *urara*, should be placed at the middle of seven candles and those candles should be lit on Sundays.
3. In all parishes, a one hour class on the Holy Eucharist should be held before the Holy Eucharist on a Sunday followed by Holy Communion.
4. In every parish one Sunday a Year, a public Baptism should be held. The Sermon at the Holy Mass should be about Baptism and all the faithful in the parish should participate in the Baptism.
5. In every parish one Sunday a year a public celebration of Anointing of the sick should be held. All the sick in the parish may be anointed for this purpose on this occasion.

6. Training on the liturgical matters should be arranged at the parish level for the members of the organizations, MCYM, MCA, MCMF and MCCL specially and the parish community in general.
7. Evening prayer should be celebrated with the faithful on Saturday evening in all parishes.
8. The Bible conventions held during lent days and on the occasions of Parish feasts, should ensure the proclamation of Gospel centered on the Liturgical Year and the Sacraments.
9. A 50 episode liturgical study series will be broadcasted on Malankara Catholic TV. The faithful in the parish should be instructed to involve maximum number of individuals from each parish in this online study programme, which will start in the first week of December. Based on the episodes exams will be conducted (three exams) in parishes and certificates will be awarded. The names and phone numbers of those involved in this study programme from each parish should be informed to the Director of Liturgy of the ecclesial district.
10. Syriac language studies will be conducted online through Malankara Catholic TV from December 2025. Faithful members of the Church should be encouraged to participate in this programme.

Liturgical Year in Ecclesial Districts

Special attention should be paid to send representatives from the parish to the public events held at the district level in connection with the year of liturgy. The district level events are listed below:

1. Provide training on liturgical matters at the district centers to the executive members of MCYM, MCA, MCMF, and MCCL from each ecclesial districts. Along with the office bearers other faithful who are able to participate in the training could be accommodated.
2. Provide training on liturgical matters to the altar boys from each ecclesial districts at the district centers.
3. Provide renewal classes at the district centers for those from each ecclesial district who have received their first communion within the

past three years.

I pray that all the faithful in our Church will be able to further activate the worship of God and grow in the experience of God through the celebration of the Year of Liturgy. In this regard, the reverend priests, the religious and the faithful of the Church should work in union.

Your humble servant in the Lord,

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NB: This circular is a general notice to the Reverend Fathers. The relevant matters in this should be communicated to the faithful.