



**THE SYRO-MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH
MCCLDAY-2026**

**(MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S LEAGUE)
THE MESSAGE OF THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE SYNODAL COMMISSION
FOR FAITH FORMATION**

Rt. Rev. Corepiscopoi and Rambans, Reverend Fathers, Deacons,
Religious and dear children in Jesus,

We are celebrating the MCCL day on Sunday February 8, 2026. We have envisioned this movement as a practical School of Faith formation for children. Each one of our children confesses the true faith in worship and grasps its benefits. In the catechism classes they try to understand that faith deeply. The basic training for living this faith by sharing it with their fellow human beings is given in families. MCCL continues this training, practically, in more social and ecclesiastical platforms.

Saint Paul the apostle in his letter to the Romans chapter 12 teaches about the social order that must be followed by those who embraced the Christian faith. The apostle begins this exhortation by inviting us to "present our bodies as a living sacrifice acceptable to God" (Romans 12:1). Each one should not think for himself alone but should live as one body, use the favours and gifts that he has received for the good of others, love one another, be patient and steadfast in suffering without being discouraged, learn to forgive one another and not repay evil for evil but stand firm in our goodness.

These are the main aspects of the lifestyle that the apostle recommends in his exhortation in the above chapter.

The culture around us is a culture training children in competition among one another, being selfish and hateful. Without realising the warmth of true human relationships they became slaves to internet friendship that could be formed based on their own interests. They value only their own happiness and they live in the fancy that all happiness can be purchased at a price. In this context it is most essential for our children to learn the lessons of the Christian social perspective taught by Saint Paul. This is the basic goal of organisations such as MCCL and MCYM.

Co-existence is something that is alien to the new generation who are trapped in their own worlds. It has become difficult for them to do activities together and strengthen each other. The Children Leagues' practical work programs such as praying together, involving in charitable activities, and training and participating in artistic skills, etc., will raise our children to be co-extensive. Apart from this organisational work helps them to learn social etiquette and develop a culture of mutual respect. As St. Paul himself tells us, they receive basic training "to do all things properly and in order" (1 Cor 14:40). To practice a community life based on love and brotherhood it is essential to have sense of sacrifice and dedication. That is the reason why St. Paul describes that way of life as living sacrifice. St. Paul explains further to say that this living sacrifice is the true Christian worship (Rom 12:1).

However, Saint Paul in the same letters teaches us that the basis of all Christian goodness is the graces we receive through the sacramental life which includes baptism and the Holy Eucharist (Rom 6:1-14 on baptism and 1 Cor 11, 21-34 on Holy Eucharist). It is clear

that the apostle sees the social order based on the sacramental life as Holy sacrifice and worship. This year the church is celebrating the Year of Liturgy in preparation for the centenary of its Reunion. As part of this year celebration various activities have been planned that will enable us to delve deep into various aspects of Sacramental worship. The general theme of study during this year is "worship the father in Spirit and in truth" (Jn 4:23). The activities of the Year of Liturgy will help our children to learn more about the liturgy, deepen their faith through it, and actively participate in worship. Let us undertake the activities in a way that helps them deepen their understanding of God's grace through sacramental worship. I specially remind the MCCL ministers to work together and implement programmes at eparchial level as per the instructions received from the Ecclesial level.

I would like to remind you that 8th February should be observed as MCCL day with appropriate programs as per the instructions of the eparchial directors and Parish priests. Activities like Holy confession, active participation in the Holy Eucharistic celebration, conferences various study forums, special programs related to the Year of Liturgy etc., should be included as part of the day.

I express my heartfelt gratitude for the loving and overwhelming support of our Parish communities the Rev Vicars, parents teachers children of MCCL. I especially comment the esteemed parents and other ministers who are leading them in the right path. May the merciful God bless you all abundantly. with the love in Jesus,

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✠ **Thomas Mar Eusebius**

Chairman of Synodal Commission for Faith Formation
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NB: This circular should be read during the Holy Mass on 8 February 2026, Sunday, in all Churches, Mission centres and Centres of worship.