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## **PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

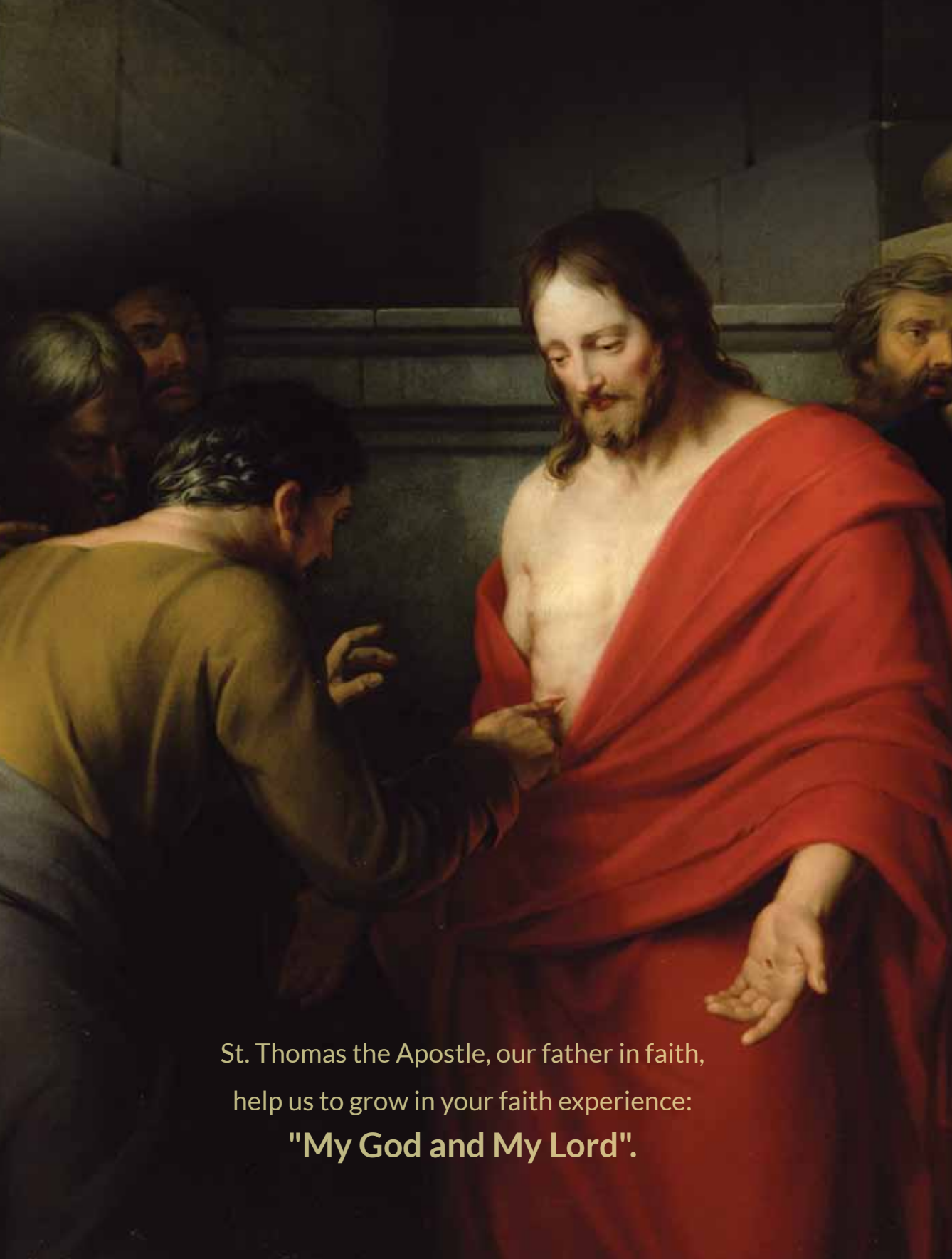
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen

(St. Augustine)



St. Thomas the Apostle, our father in faith,  
help us to grow in your faith experience:  
**"My God and My Lord".**



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## Patron's Message



Catechesis is an ongoing process and like every other branch of knowledge, this also is a lifelong program. Sunday School is only a reminder that we must spend quality time for deepening our faith. One of the major problems of our Catholic Faith is that we take our faith for granted. It is a wrong concept. Faith will never be a part of a person's life without making a positive effort and consent. Jesus compares faith to a mustard seed; like the seed it is to be planted carefully and nurtured cautiously. It needs regular watering, manuring, and protection from weeds and worms and insects. God the Father is the Farmer and everyone who is involved in faith formation participates in the work of the Father. It is a call and a gift.

We, parents, pastors, teachers and elders are called to be the co-workers of Jesus, the Master. As we begin this year's Catechetical Program, let us keep these thoughts in our minds. The directions given in this Directory and the programs and projects proposed in this Directory are to be implemented in our Diocese from this academic year, 2014-15 onwards. I request everyone to take them seriously and try one's level best to put them into practice so that we will be able to impart to our younger generation the rich treasury of our Catholic Faith. This is the most important mission of our Diocese.

There is an alarming amount of anti-catechesis going on in our world, therefore let us be vigilant soldiers of the Lord.

We are historically, culturally and liturgically a very rich community. Our young ones must be given ample opportunities to experience this richness. Thus our children must come to learn, love, live Jesus and His Church.

There is a beautiful prayer in the Syro-Malabar liturgy, and it goes like this: "Lord our God, enlighten us in your Laws, inflame our minds with your knowledge, and sanctify our souls with your truths so that we may be faithful to your words and obedient to your commandments". The purpose of all our catechetical activities must be this illumination of our minds.

Dear Children, may this year be one of grace, peace and joy for you. I keep you all in my prayers.

**Mar Jacob Angadiath**

Your loving Bishop

September 14, 2014

## Message



I am so delighted to know that you have planned to make a Directory for our CCD program in the Diocesan level. . Sunday School (CCD) program makes a parish community active and vibrant. During the summer vacation time, I have noticed that our church and its premises were looking very desolate and dull. Once the CCD begins our church becomes active. Sunday school program is the high light of our parish life. Besides it teaches the fundamentals of our faith, CCD helps children to enter good relationship with their friends too. It teaches God centered values making an ideal environment for nurturing their friendship. It cultivates active participation in church activities and experience in faith traditions. The Gospel is taught in creative age-appropriate ways so that children develop a deeper understanding for the word of God. It fosters a deeper relationship with Christ

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so that you may discern what is the working of God- what is good, and just and whole.” Rom 12:2. The mission of Catechesis is entrusted to each of us by virtue of our baptismal call. The goal of Catechism is the conversion and growth in the spirit of the whole person: mind, soul and body to God. Catechism should be Christ centered; it is living and learning in the midst of a Christian community that shares, nurtures and strengthens the faith of the individuals who

make up the church. Our goal must be to integrate our students with the Holy Qurbana making our faith expressed and experienced for their formation. Let our CCD program help us to look at the world in which we live through a lens formed, informed and transformed by the life of Jesus Christ and help us make a difference in this community in the spirit of Christ Jesus.

I take this opportunity to appreciate you, the diocesan Director, DREs and all our teachers who have spared good amount of their time for the CCD program and their dedicated service for the parish communities in its achieving Christ given goal of “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”. Mat 28: 20.

With Prayerful wishes

**Mar Joy Alappat**

Auxiliary Bishop

September 14, 2014

## Foreword

“For the disciples of Christ to evangelize is an obligation of love.”

**(Pope John Paul II)**

Teaching catechism is an obligation of love for everyone who loves Jesus. The love of Jesus must impel all of us to become formators and transmitters of faith.

What we are doing now is the continuation of what has been going on in our Diocese for the last thirteen years. The Church is a continuity.

Every academic year is a time to renew our vision, and put in new efforts to make our catechetical activities more timely and effective. Let us together, pastors, parents, teachers and students try to open new vistas in the faith formation program of our diocese.

This Calendar is a sign board for all of us to follow in our diocese in pursuing the goals of our Faith Formation Program. Together we are real spiritual brothers and sisters. We believe in togetherness. Let us work together to achieve our goals.

Dear Teachers, to be a catechism teacher in your parish is a real honor. You are participating in the new evangelizing mission of the Church. The Lord is our reward. I thank all our CCD teachers for their faith, trust, dedication and vision. Because of people like you we dare to dream for our Church in U.S.A. As we

work together everyone will come to appreciate the beauty, richness and holiness of our faith which we inherited from St. Thomas the Apostle. We must not be satisfied with the ordinary practices of spirituality, but always be seeking for new ways to accumulate all the treasures of our rich Tradition.

It is said that a bad teacher tells, an average teacher explains, a good teacher demonstrates and a great teacher inspires. Be sources of inspiration for our students.

This year we will be publishing work books for grades 1 to VIII. We try our level best to publish them as early as possible, however it is a time consuming task.

We are a diocese in this country for the last fourteen years as an organized community. We have to go a long way and our new journey must start from our CCD classes. Everything in our church must begin with Christ and continue with Christ and must end in Christ. This is the meaning of catechism.

May I humbly request everyone's wholehearted co-operation in achieving our aim- forming Christ in the lives of our children.

**Fr. Augustine Palackaparampil**

Diocesan Director

September 14, 2014



## Dimensions of Catechesis: An Overview

### What is Catechism?

The Greek word catechesis means ‘instruction by word of mouth’. It is basic Christian religious education of children and adult converts to Christianity. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church “Catechesis is an ‘education in the faith’ of Children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view of initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life” (CCC, prologue # 5).

### Aim of Catechism

Catechesis aims at making the candidates to encounter Jesus Christ, the Truth, the Life and the Way (Jn 14,6). Catechetical classes do not aim at mere imparting of some knowledge about God; rather it should help the students to have a deep, intimate and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It should be a means to encounter Jesus in their lives. In his apostolic letter ‘Catechism Today’, Saint Pope John Paul II enumerates that the vision/aim of catechesis is to help the faithful to believe and practice the faith that Jesus is the Son of God and to build up the mystical body of Christ, i.e., the Church (no.1).

Catechesis aims at, Christ being formed in the faithful. St. Paul’s words provides correct vision about the aim of catechism: “My children, I am going through the pain of giving birth to you all over again, until Christ is formed in you” (Gal 4,9).



### Mission of Catechesis

As per the General Directory for Catechesis, *knowledge of faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer, communal life, missionary spirit* are the six tasks of catechesis.

#### 1. Growth in Faith through Knowledge and Experience

The primary mission of catechesis is to make growth in faith life through continuous nurturing and providence. Catechesis should make the candidates aware of the foundations of Christian faith. It aims at making one mature in Christian faith. The knowledge of God, imparted in the Catechetical classes, should lead one to the experience of God. Here comes the importance of catechesis through liturgical celebration.

#### 2. Liturgical Life

The most important celebration of our faith is the celebration of the Holy Qurbana. All our learning, prayers, celebrations and blessings are oriented to and derived from the Holy Qurbana. The fundamentals of catechesis; teaching, formation and transformation, find their realization in the liturgy. What is taught in the classes should form the life so that it shall be transformed according to the Gospel principles. Liturgy, especially the celebration of Holy Qurbana where Christ’s teaching is carried out through the Word of God, prayers and hymns, give formation to the faithful so that they may be transformed as His true disciples. So liturgy is catechesis in action. If liturgy is not illumined by proper catechism, it will be empty and meaningless action. At the same time if catechesis is not directed to active liturgical life, it will be merely an intellectual process. What should we aim is a liturgical catechism. Therefore proper emphasis should be given to liturgical formation so that participants can encounter and experience Jesus during its celebration.

#### 3. Formation of Conscience

Formation of conscience depends upon the values and principles learned and appreciated. Through catechesis the candidates should know the Christian values revealed in Sacred Scriptures and Church teachings, so that they can mold a good conscience founded on the gospel principles of faith,





love, goodness and truth. The formation of right conscience is important to discern and follow the will of God in our personal and community life. Catechesis is of great importance in the formation of conscience.

#### 4. Prayer Life

What we believe and celebrate should help us to live with a vital relationship with the living and true God. This is actualized through a prayer life. Catechesis should help one to be united with God through prayer. This relationship with God is implied in the question “Where are you?” (Gen 3:9).

#### 5. Communitarian Life

Communion with God necessarily leads to communion with fellow beings. Faith formation should help one to become a member of loving community of faithful, i.e., Church. The communitarian dimension of Christian life is well expressed in the question “Where is your brother?” (Gen 4:9).

#### 6. Missionary life

To be with the Lord is meant to send out with a definite purpose. Catechesis is a process of being with the Lord so that one may be send to the world with a definite purpose of being true witness of Jesus Christ in the world.

#### The Role of Family

Family has the primary responsibility in the formation and transformation of faith. Parents, by word and example are the first heralds of the faith with regard to the children. Praying parents are the first agents of faith formation. Every family should be a centre of faith formation through a life based on prayer and gospel values.

#### The Role of Parish

After the family, parish is the space where life of faith is manifested. Catechetical classes are the extension of the proclamation of the Word of God, performed during the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Holy Qurbana. Just like Jesus gave burning experience in the hearts of the disciples of Emmaus through the explanation of the Word of God,

catechetical classes should provide spiritual enlightening in the life of candidates. It should open their eyes of faith so that they can recognize Jesus during the celebration of the breaking of the bread.

#### Difference between East and West

There are differences between the West and the East in their approach towards theology; however both are complementary, like the two lungs. In the West, theology is more a class room exercise; therefore it is more an intellectual process. In the East, theology is more centered on prayer and meditation. It is more related to heart and has an experiential nature. The experiential nature of Eastern theology is to be given right emphasis in the catechesis, especially in a society where people thirst for real God experience.

**Rev. Dr. Sebastian Vethanath**

“Young people today... will be very likely to reject some of what they learn, or to refuse to integrate it in their lives, if it is not taught in ways makes sense to them emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually”.

(N.D. FOR Catechesis)

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## The Twelve Keys of the Craft of Catechesis

1. **Holistic:** Catechesis must include the four dimensions of our faith: Profession of Faith (the Creed), the celebration of Christian Mystery (the Sacraments), Christian Prayer (Our Father), Life in Christ (the Commandments).
2. **Graceful:** Maintain the primacy of grace: God is first, grace is first. God and His work come first in catechesis.
3. **Organic:** the truths of our faith together form a living unity.
4. **Personal:** personal realities lie at the heart of catechesis: the Holy Trinity, Christ, Paschal Mystery, Human Person
5. **True:** Teaching the faith as one and true; mystery of faith as true, and one can know them truly, though cannot know them fully.
6. **Attractive:** Present the beauty and goodness of the faith. Impart the joy one gets from faith.
7. **Purposeful:** Present the loving plan of the salvific work of God. From the beginning God acts with a purpose, and everyone finds the meaning of one's life in the dynamic history of God's plan.
8. **Faithful:** "Recognize... Remember... Never forget" (Leo the Great). Present the teachings in life context of the catechized. Teach the whole Truth in the light of redemption.
9. **Evangelizing:** Proclaim the faith for an ongoing conversion.
10. **Scriptural:** Scripture leads the presentation of doctrine. Present Scripture as the divine force of doctrine and its inspired source; not simply present Scripture as "proof-testing".
11. **Liturgical:** the rule of prayer is the rule of faith. The liturgy expresses what we believe. We need to catechize both toward liturgy and also from liturgy.
12. **Prayerful:** Catechesis is a prayerful pedagogy, because the history of salvation is the history of prayer. Make catechism a school of prayer.

(Cfr. The Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Craft of Catechesis by Petroc Willey & Pierre de Cointel & Barbara Morgan)

## 3

## Motto, Vision & Mission

### MOTTO

"Be Alive to God"  
(Gal. 2/19)

### VISION

We envisage to motivate our young ones to **Learn, Love, Live** and **Proclaim** Jesus, the Lord and God in and through the Church as Syro-Malabar Catholics in the present U.S. context.

### OUR MISSION

- To **prepare** persons to live authentic Catholic lives in a culture that is increasingly diverse, complex and challenging.
- To **teach** to carry on the Treasury of Faith and Tradition of the Syro-Malabar Church
- To **form** spiritually, morally, emotionally, socially, mature disciples of the Lord
- To **help** persons to live a counter-cultural life of witnessing.

Along with the above tasks, the Faith Formation Department also aims at fulfilling the following tasks of catechesis:

- Knowledge of Faith
- Liturgical Education





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- Teaching how to pray
- Education of Family/Community life
- Missionary initiation
- Vocation promotion/discernment

### OUR COMMITMENT

We, parents, pastors and teachers are committed to give our students a quality faith formation program with a view to concretize our vision and mission into reality.

### OUR CORE VALUES

- **Agape** – Divine love of the Holy Eucharist
- **Koinonia** – One in Christ, the fellowship Jesus wants
- **Diakonia** – Serving Christ and people as Good Samaritans
- **Kenosis** – Self-emptying life of humility
- **Kerygma** – Proclaim the Good News to the ends of the earth
- **Didache** – Adherence to the Apostolic teachings
- **Eucharistia** – live the Paschal mystery

### SELF-HOOD DECLARATION

We are the members of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago, USA and belong to the Major Archiepiscopal Syro-Malabar Church of India, which is in communion with the Pope, Supreme Pastor of the Catholic Church.

We inherit our Christian legacy from St. Thomas the Apostle, and follow the East Syrian Liturgy.

## 5

## Functions of Diocesan Faith Formation Office

1. Give Text Books for Catechesis, Work Books, Teacher's Manual and other Study Materials
2. Conducts Teacher Training Programs
3. A Media Resource Center
4. Conducts Examinations and issues Certificates
5. Organizes Bible and History Quiz and Cultural Programs
6. Evaluates and co-ordinates the Catechetical Activities of the diocese
7. Helps Parishes and Missions by providing Resource Persons

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## General Directions

**“The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ. Only He can lead us to love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity.”**

(Catechesi Tradendae)

Bring our children closer to Jesus is the primary aim of all our catechetical activities. Thus everyone who goes through our catechism school must be able to develop a Christ centered faith and spirituality. **“Catechists catechize others by first catechizing themselves”.**



The first and the primary catechists are parents and their lives form the basic catechism texts. Parents must be aware of their role in all faith formation programs. Teachers along with the parents are the guiding spirits and role models. Jesus taught **with authority, in Parables** and **in villages**. Jesus' authority was moral, which one possesses when one has an excess of good qualities in life. Parables urge one to make a decision for or against the teacher and his teachings. In villages means in the actual life situations of the people. A catholic teacher must teach **with authority, in parables, and in villages**.

A catechism teacher needs to be a person with moral authority and must be able to urge one's students to arrive at a life changing decision. Teaching is not imparting a bundle of intellectual information to the minds of the students but a facilitating act which helps the student to become a participative learner.

We aim at a **lifelong** and **lifewide** formation. Faith formation is not confined to the catechism school and the catechism hours. It must go beyond always and everywhere.

Catholic catechesis is inalienably linked with **spirituality**. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit brings one closer to God, the Holy Trinity. Holy Trinity brings us all to the awareness that **spirituality is interpersonal communion**. The relationship in mutual love is to be fostered by every catechetical effort. “In so far as I am not love I am unintelligible to myself”. In one word **“divinization”** is the aim of catechesis.





## Healthy Practices to be followed

**The following are the general practices we must try to follow this year in our catechism :**

- **Holy Qurbana** is the source and summit of our catechism. Every Sunday catechism must begin with or conclude with the Holy Qurbana. This Qurbana is to be celebrated in English, the first language of our children.
- Solemn Holy Communion will be in the **3rd grade**. The book, **First Holy Communion** published by our Diocese will be the text for preparing children for Holy Communion.
- Catechism class must begin with the **school assembly**. The procedure for the assembly can be the following:

### a. Recitation of the Peace prayer together

Lord make me an instrument of Thy Peace.  
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
 Where there is injury, pardon.  
 Where there is doubt, faith.  
 Where there is despair hope.  
 Where there is darkness, light.  
 Where there is sadness, joy.  
 O Divine Master, grant that I may not  
 So much seek to be consoled as to console,  
 To be understood as to understand,  
 To be loved as to love.  
 For it is in giving that we receive,  
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life

Amen.



### b. Pledge

I / the CCD Student / pledge myself /  
 To be faithful to my call / towards universal brotherhood / and  
 Christian holiness./  
 I love my Church / I am proud of its rich /  
 And various spiritual heritage./  
 I pledge myself / to abide by the teachings of the Holy Catholic  
 Church.  
 I will attend the Holy Mass / and the CCD Classes regularly.  
 I pledge to love / respect and honor /  
 The Pope/ the Major Archbishop / the Bishop / the Pastor / my  
 parents and teachers.  
 Lord Jesus , bless me / May the Blessed Virgin Mary / My Mother and  
 St. Thomas the Apostle /  
 Help me to abide by this pledge.

### c. Director/principal's message





#### d. Disperse to respective classrooms

- Pastor/Mission director is the Director of Catechism. For convenience sake the principal will be called DRE as s/he is known in the U.S. parishes.
- CCD teachers are advised to join the *Theology Diploma Program* and equip themselves for the ministry.
- The Diocesan Centre will conduct the *final examinations* of the tenth and twelfth grades and will give certificates to all the successful candidates.
- Parishes/missions may conduct a one day *Faith-Fest* on a Saturday.
- There will be *Bible Quiz* and *History Quiz* on Forane and Diocesan level.
- *Vacation Bible School* is encouraged to be conducted in all of our parishes.
- Teachers' guide in Malayalam is available for download in [syromalabarcatechesis.org](http://syromalabarcatechesis.org)
- Recognize teachers who have completed **10 years** of service in catechesis by giving them certificates of appreciation from the Diocese. Those who have completed **5 years** shall be given a certificate from the parish
- The diocese will conduct *National level competitions* for a few items: Essay competition, Bible Quiz, History Quiz, Creative writing – story, poem, painting. Foranes have to organize competitions and other Forane level programs.
- *CCD-PTA is encouraged* to be established so that the Parents can be made aware of the need to continue catechesis in the parishes. **Family, Parish Partnership will be our style of catechetical formation.**
- Recognition for *the best CCD Forane*, best CCD *Parish* and the best CCD Mission will be selected according to the criteria given in this directory.
- Organize a *pilgrimage* from the parish to a pilgrim centre.
- *Community service* is to be included in the syllabus of grades ten through twelve.

- Minimum number of CCD working days is **30**.
- All parishes/missions are requested to follow the text Books, workbooks and teacher aid books published by the Syro-Malabar Catechetical Centre or the Diocese of Chicago.
- **A team** will be formed to visit the parishes and **to evaluate** the catechetical activities of the parish.
- Every parish must conduct **termly** examinations.
- Students must be encouraged to use **library**
- Regular **staff meeting** must be a system in our schools
- One Sunday is to be celebrated as **vocation day**
- **Mission Sunday** must be a part of catechesis
- **The curriculum of the higher grades should not be directed to examination.** The goal should be to prepare the students to lead a good Christian life when they face the harsh realities of modern life. (std.10-12).
- **Vocation promotion** must be one of the aims of our CCD. We need priests because we Catholics are Eucharistic people.
- **Family life orientation** is to be included in our teaching.
- It is a matter of serious concern that whenever parish conducts programs of any sort for adults it must be made mandatory that programs for children, teens, and youth must also be arranged in the parish, otherwise our young ones will feel that they are cruelly abandoned.
- Give **progress report** to every student.
- Cultural and **personality development** programs must be part of catechesis.
- Give our children and youth the genuine feeling that they are the church—A deep **sense of belongingness**.
- **Prevent all sorts of anti-catechesis at our homes and churches and gatherings.**
- **“Gospel should be proclaimed through witness” Pope Francis.**



## General Criteria for the Best Catechetical School

This year onwards awards will be given to *the best Sunday schools* on parish, and Mission levels. The criteria for selecting the best CCD School are given below.

Marks are distributed out of 600.

- A. **Facility:** classrooms, library, audio visuals, conference hall, auditorium, office, records, teaching aids, textbooks, liturgical texts, funding (100 Marks).
- B. **Faculty:** staff, service period, number of classes and proportion of staff presence, staff regular attendance, teaching notes, qualification of the staff: certificate/diploma/degree on-line and other programs, teacher evaluation and safe environment training ,teaching notes ,staff meetings, report recording (100 Marks).
- C. **Program:** class schedule, number of working days ,seminars, faith fest, vacation bible school, bible study groups, cultural activities, exam and result, pilgrimage, prayer sessions, retreats, observation of feasts, CCD calendar, creative writings by students, use of library. Parallel programs with adult programs. Scholarships for students, participation in diocesan/forane level competitions (150 Marks).
- D. **Participative learning - teaching:** participation in Holy Qurbana, choir, students' presentations, creative works, peer group learning-teaching, youth involvement, e-publications, PTA, Parish Council participation, voluntary service, community service, web learning, seminars and other activities. encouragement to teachers from the parish (150 Marks).



### E. Innovative teaching-learning practices

Special innovative and spiritually inspiring catechetical programs designed, organized and implemented by the parish (100 Marks).

- F. **Negative marks:** Shortage of class hours, attendance shortage of students and teachers, avoidance of special Mass for children, not organizing special program for children during the time of parish retreats, failure to follow the safe environment program, any sort of anti-catechetical activities (100 Marks).



## Teachers and Volunteers

- Must be qualified, well reputed. Service minded and God Fearing persons.
- Must work in close co-operation with the Parents, Pastor, Principal and Teachers.
- Should be able to participate in the Holy Qurbana with the students.
- Attendance in staff meeting and teacher training programs are sign of commitment.
- Keep away from controversies so that our mission will be acceptable to the whole community.
- In the matter of safe environment zero tolerance is our policy.
- It is a healthy academic practice that a term for the principal is established by every parish.
- Our teaching must be learner centered. Education is what institution does, learning is what persons do.



## CCD SYLLABUS 2014-15

No textbook is perfect. Our CCD text books are inter-linked ones, therefore to get a conceptual vision **every teacher must read all the text books of all the classes**. The text book is only one of the resources, not the sole source of teaching and learning. Make use of all the available material to make the teaching-learning process effective.

Learning takes place when there is repetition, especially in junior classes. The repeated material is presented each year with new depth and clarity. Use technology to make the lessons vivid. **The personal relationship of a teacher with Christ is the most important source of teaching**. Inspire the students to love and live the Gospel. No teacher works in isolation, ours is a common effort.



“It is not fitting, when one is in God’s service, to have a gloomy face or a chilling look”.

St. Francis of Assisi

### A Good Teacher

- will live what one teaches.
- will be a great teacher by elevating the average student to his/her highest performance.
- life will be a message for students.
- will develop a spirit of enquiry in the students, so that they may blossom into creative persons.
- will treat all the students with love and respect.
- will impart quality education.
- is doing an important service to the growth of the Church.
- will celebrate the success of the students.
- Teacher must help the student to set a goal in his/her life; help to discern a vocation.

### Qualities of a Teacher

- An engaging personality and teaching style
- Clear objectives for lessons
- Good classroom management skills
- Good communication with parents
- Knowledge of curriculum and standards
- Passion for learning and teaching
- Exemplary Catholic life

Ours must be a welcoming attitude. Our CCD must be student- friendly. No student shall be send out of the class or expelled from the class without the consent of the Principal. The final decision will be of the pastor.





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## Calendar for the year 2014-15

August 2014	
10 Sun	CCD Begins - Class Day 1
15 Fri	Feast of Assumption & Indian Independence Day
17 Sun	Class Day 2
24 Sun	Class Day 3
29 Fri	Feast of Bl. Euphrasia
September 2014	
01 Mon	Labor Day
07 Sun	Class Day 4
08 Mon	Nativity of Bl. Mary
14 Sun	Class Day 5, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
21 Sun	Class Day 6
28 Sun	Class Day 7
October 2014	
01 Wed	Feast of St. Theresa of Infant Jesus
04 Sat	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
05 Sun	Class Day 8
12 Sun	Class Day 9
13 Mon	Columbus Day
16 Thu	Feast of Blessed Kunjachan
19 Sun	Class Day 10
26 Sun	Class Day 11
November 2014	
01 Sat	Feast of All Saints
02 Sun	Class Day 12, Saints Day Parade, All Souls Day Day light saving time ends
09 Sun	Class Day 13

CLASS I	God the Creator	Work Book. Teacher Manual
CLASS II	God the Savior	Work Book.
CLASS III	God the Life-Giver	Work Book. The First Holy Communion
CLASS IV	Streams of Life	Workbook Family Prayers
CLASS V	People Who Awaited the Redeemer	Saints of America
CLASS VI	People Who Experienced Jesus	Saints of India
CLASS VII	Teachings of Jesus	Workbook Worshiping Angels on Earth
CLASS VIII	Church: People of God	Workbook Fathers of the Church
CLASS IX	Church: The Worshipping Community	Syro-Malabar Qurbana
CLASS X	Church: The Missionary Community	Theology of the Body Community service
CLASS XI	Christian Life in the Church and Society Vol. I	Difficult Questions in Moral Theology Community service
CLASS 12	Christian Life in the Church and Society Vol. II	YouCat Community service



11 Tue	Veterans Day
16 Sun	Class Day 14
23 Sun	Class Day 15, Feast of Christ the King
27 Thu	Thanks giving Day
30 Sun	Class Day 16
December 2014	
03 Wed	Feast of St. Francis Xavier
07 Sun	Class Day 17
08 Mon	Feast of Immaculate Conception
12 Fri	Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe
14 Sun	Class Day 18, Diocesan Level Christmas Examination
21 Sun	Christmas Holidays: CCD Christmas Celebration
25 Thu	Christmas
26 Fri	Feast of St. Stephen
27 Sat	Feast of St. John the Evangelist
28 Sun	Feast of Holy Innocents, Infants Day Blessing, Holy Family
31 Wed	End of the Year
January 2015	
01Thu	Holy Name of Jesus
03 Sat	Bl. Chavara Kuriakose Elias
04 Sun	Class Day 19
06Tue	Feast of Epiphany
11 Sun	Class Day 20
18 Sun	Class Day 21
19 Mon	Martin Luther King Day
25 Sun	Class Day 22
30 Fri	World day of peace
February 2015	
01 Sun	Class Day 23
07Sat	Fathers of the Greek tradition
08 Sun	Class Day 24

13 Fri	Commemoration of the Dead
14Sat	Fathers of the Syriac tradition
15 Sun	Class Day 25
16 Mon	Lent begins. Penitential Service, President's Day
22 Sun	Class Day 26
March 2015	
01 Sun	Class Day 27
08 Sun	Class Day 28, Day light time starts
15 Sun	Class Day 29
19Thu	Death of St. Joseph
22 Sun	Class Day 30
25Wed	The Feast of Annunciationa
29 Sun	Palm Sunday
April 2015	
02 Thu	Maundy Thursday- Pesaha
03 Fri	Passion Friday
04 Sat	Great Saturday
05 Sun	Easter. Resurrection of the Lord
12 Sun	
19 Sun	
21 Tue	World prayer day of Vocations
24 Fri	Feast of St. George
26 Sun	
May 2015	
01 Fri	
03 Sun	
06 Wed	St. Dominic Savio
10 Sun	Mothers' Day
14 Thu	Ascension of Our Lord
17 Sun	
24 Sun	Pentecost
25 Mon	Memorial Day



31 Sun	Trinity Sunday
Jun 2015	
04 Thu	Corpus Christi
07 Sun	Bl. Mariyam Thresia
09 Tue	St. Ephrem
14 Sun	
21 Sun	Fathers' Day
28 Sun	
29 Mon	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
July 2015	
03 Fri	Dukrana of St. Thomas the Apostle
05 Sun	
12 Sun	
16 Thurs	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
19 Sun	
25 Sat	St. James the Apostle
26 Sun	
28 Wed	St. Alphonsa



## CHURCH DOCUMENTS ON CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION

**1. Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States (1990)** by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Go to the USCCB website to read this document online. (<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/evangelization/go-and-make-disciples/go-and-make-disciples-a-national-plan-and-streategy-for-catholic-evangelization-in-the-united-states.cfm>)

### 2. Catechesis in Our Time (Catechesi Tradendae)

([http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john/paul/ii/apost\\_exhortations/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_exh\\_16101979\\_catechesi-tradendae\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john/paul/ii/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_16101979_catechesi-tradendae_en.html))

### 3. Apostolic Exhortation of John Paul II (October 16, 1979)

Go the Vatican website to read this document online. ([http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_oayk\\_ii/apost\\_exhortations/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_exh\\_16101979\\_catechesi-tradendae\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_oayk_ii/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_16101979_catechesi-tradendae_en.html))

### 4. On Evangelization in the Modern World (Evangelii Nuntiandi)

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Paul VI (December 8, 1975)  
Go to the Vatican website to read this document online.



## Basic Catechetical Training Program for Teachers - BCT

Every teacher is expected to get the **Basic Catechetical Training (BCT)** of three hours duration conducted by our diocese. The program will be made available to every parish/mission as power-point presentation. This program is prepared by **Rev. Dr Jose Kalluvellil**.



The following are the topics of this program.

**1. Catechesis: Handing on the faith**

- a. The Nature of Catechesis
- b. The Object of Catechesis
- c. The Duties of Catechesis

**2. The Pedagogy of the Faith**

- a. "You have one Master the Christ" (Mt 23:10)
- b. Diversity of Methods in Catechesis
- c. The Role of the Catechist

**3. Adaptation to those to be catechized**

- a. Catechesis according to Age
- b. Environmental Catechesis
- c. Catechesis in the Socio-cultural Context



**Reference Books**

1. The Bible (always use the catholic bible)
2. Catechism of the Catholic Church
3. Youcat
4. National Directory for Catechesis, USCCB
5. Documents of II Vatican Council
6. The Christian Faith, edited, J. Neuner and J. Dupui
7. Foundations of Christian Faith, Karl Rahner
8. The Teachings of the Church Fathers, John R. Williams
9. The Nazranies edited, Prof. George Menacherry
10. Social Teachings of the Church
11. The Apostolate's Family Catechism Vol. I & II by Lawrence G. Lovasik
12. Modern Catholic Dictionary, Hardon

13. The Catholic Source Book, Harcourt Religion Publishers
14. Fundamentals of Catholicism, Baker
15. US Catholic Catechism for Adults
16. Mar Thoma Margam: The Ecclesial Heritage of the St. Thomas Christians, Dr. Andrews Mekkattukunnel (Chief Editor)
17. Eastern Christianity in India, Cardinal Tisserant
18. The Thomas Christians, Placid Podipara
19. Church History: Christianity through Centuries, Dr. Thomas Pallipurathukunnel
20. The Catholic Church in India, P. Pallath
21. Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Benedict XVI
22. Practical Catechetis, by Judith Dunlap
23. The Catechist's tool box, by Joe Paprocki
24. The Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Craft of Catechesis by Petroc Willey & Pierre de Cointel & Barbara Morgan



**CATECHETICAL WEBSITES,  
LINKS, T.V. PROGRAMS**

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| 1. EWTN  | 13. <a href="http://www.visualcatechesis.org">www.visualcatechesis.org</a>       |
| 2. <a href="http://www.Shalomtv.org">www.Shalomtv.org</a>                            | 14. <a href="http://www.turnbacktogod.org">www.turnbacktogod.org</a>             |
| 3. <a href="http://www.usccb.org">www.usccb.org</a>                                  | 15. <a href="http://www.youcat.org">www.youcat.org</a>                           |
| 4. <a href="http://www.vatican.va">www.vatican.va</a>                                | 16. <a href="http://www.nccl.org">www.nccl.org</a>                               |
| 5. <a href="http://www.pactholic.org">www.pactholic.org</a>                          | 17. <a href="http://www.zenit">www.zenit</a>                                     |
| 6. <a href="http://www.yencat.org">www.yencat.org</a>                                | 18. <a href="http://www.catholicworldnews.org">www.catholicworldnews.org</a>     |
| 7. <a href="http://www.Catechismernakulam.com">www.Catechismernakulam.com</a>        | 19. <a href="http://www.pureloveclub.sacramento">www.pureloveclub.sacramento</a> |
| 8. <a href="http://www.wordonfire.org">www.wordonfire.org</a>                        | 20. <a href="http://www.catholicsanswers">www.catholicsanswers</a>               |
| 9. <a href="http://www.Catholicculture.org">www.Catholicculture.org</a>              | 21. <a href="http://www.catholicsunitedforfaith">www.catholicsunitedforfaith</a> |
| 10. <a href="http://www.Syromalabarcatechesis.org">www.Syromalabarcatechesis.org</a> | 22. <a href="http://www.chastity.com">www.chastity.com</a>                       |
| 11. <a href="http://www.alphathalassery.org">www.alphathalassery.org</a>             | 23. <a href="http://www.familyland.org">www.familyland.org</a>                   |
| 12. <a href="http://www.osservatoreremano.org">www.osservatoreremano.org</a>         | 24. <a href="http://www.catechistsjourney.com">www.catechistsjourney.com</a>     |



- 25. [www.4catholiceducators.com](http://www.4catholiceducators.com)
- 26. [www.osjspm.org](http://www.osjspm.org)
- 27. [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)
- 28. [www.cbpa.org](http://www.cbpa.org)
- 29. [www.catholiccatechist.org](http://www.catholiccatechist.org)
- 30. [www.catholicmusicnetwork.com](http://www.catholicmusicnetwork.com)
- 31. [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

- 32. [www.findinggod.org](http://www.findinggod.org)
- 33. [www.silk.net/reled](http://www.silk.net/reled)

These links are provided for the sole purpose of the user's convenience. Syro-Malabar Diocese of Chicago does not endorse these websites, its contents or sponsoring organizations.



## VIDEOS/CHANNELS FOR FAITH FORMATION

*“The Church recognizes that these media, if properly utilized, can be of great service to mankind, since they greatly contribute to men’s entertainment and instruction as well as to the spread and support of the Kingdom of God”*

*(Inter Minifica, 2)*

**Son of God Movie, Reflection and Video Guide:** The Diocese of Washington, D.C. in conjunction with Msgr. Brian Bransfield, Associate General Secretary of the USCCB, have put together a Reflection Booklet and Video Series guide based on “Son of God”.

The following links will bring you to YouTube channels for each video producer. They represent a variety of formats, lectures, stories, cartoons – some very creative productions. They can be used to spark conversation, deepen understanding of the faith and aid in ongoing conversion.

**The Apostleship of Prayer YouTube Channel** began in France in 1844. Its goal is to help you grow in your spiritual life by offering resources to foster a closer and heart-centered relationship with Jesus.

**The Archdiocese of Milwaukee YouTube Channel** serves the people of southeastern Wisconsin. The Archdiocese offers a variety of videos on faith topics.

**The Archdiocese of St. Louis YouTube Channel** offers a number of good videos on priestly and religious vocations.

**The Busted Halo YouTube Channel** is sponsored by the Paulists and written by young adults for young adults. It offers engaging and relevant faith based videos.

**The Church in the 21st Century** is sponsored by Boston College as a catalyst and resource for the renewal of the Catholic Church in the United States. The C21 Center engages in conversations facing the Catholic community focusing on: handing on the faith, roles and relationships in the Church, sexuality in the Catholic tradition, and the Catholic intellectual tradition.

**The Diocese of Madison YouTube Channel** serves to ensure that all individuals are graciously invited every day to meet the person of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, face to face and be changed by him.

**The EWTN YouTube** is the largest Catholic media network in the world. It provides videos on the Catholic faith.

**The Goodness Reigns YouTube Channel** fuses the imagination of youth and young adults with the art of filmmaking to produce short films about the Catholic faith.

**Liturgy Training Publications** offers Virtual Workshops for those called to pastoral ministry throughout the Catholic Church.

**The outside the Box YouTube Channel** brings Jesus Christ to the young church through digital media.

**The Sadlier Religion YouTube Channel** offers quality catechesis and sacramental preparation materials that faithfully present the teachings of the Catholic Church.

**The Word on Fire YouTube Channel** contains brief and insightful commentaries on faith and culture by the Catholic theologian and author, Fr. Robert Barron.

**The Video Catechism YouTube Channel** is a video series from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, produced by Outside Da Box. The video series hope to help young people grow in their understanding of the Catholic Church in a relevant format. Discussion guides are available for each video.



## Diploma in Theology

### Teachers' Training Program

Course Coordination

[www.alphathalaserry.org](http://www.alphathalaserry.org)

Diploma in theology is a one year program with two semesters. Basic qualification is +2 or equivalent.

#### Course Director:

Rev. Dr. Sebastian Vethanath D.O. Sc.

#### Finance Officer:

Rev. Fr. Paul Chalissery MA., M. Phil.

#### Resource Persons:

Rev. Dr. Joseph Pamplaniyil - 01191-9495335872

Rev. Dr. Thomas Kochukarott - 01191-9495650747

Rev. Dr. John Kudiyiruppil - 1-780-807-7751

Rev. Dr. Jose Kalluvelil - 1-647-787-6790

Rev. Dr. Mathew Manakatt - 215-421-5737

Rev. Fr. Thomas Mulavanal - 310-709-5111

Rev. Dr. Andrews Mekkattukunnel - 01191-9447112104

Rev. Dr. Sebastian Vethanath - 630-310--9957

Contact the resource persons if you need any special help in understanding your text books.

### DIPLOMA SYLLABUS

#### First Semester

##### Dogmatic Theology

1. Introduction to Theology
2. History of Theology

3. Ecclesiology - Introduction
4. Theology of the Holy Trinity
5. Christology - Introduction
6. Christian Eschatology - Introduction
7. Mariology

##### Church History

8. Arrival of St. Thomas
9. Indian Church History - Middle Ages
10. History of the Syro-Malankara Church
11. Customs and Traditions of Mar Thoma Christians
12. Persecution and Freedom of the Church

##### Moral Theology

13. Christian Concept of Morality
14. Conscience
15. Concept of Sin

#### Second Semester

##### Holy Scripture

1. Revelation in Scripture and Tradition: creation, narration
2. Pentateuch - Introduction
3. Creation and fall stories
4. Prophetic books - Introduction
5. Wisdom Literature - Introduction
6. Gospels - Introduction
7. Synoptic Gospels
8. Gospel according to St. Mark
9. Gospel according to St. John
10. Pauline Letters - Introduction

##### Canon Law

11. Eastern and Western Codes of Canon Law
12. Sacraments in Ecclesial life
13. Canons concerning Parish
14. Canons concerning the sacrament of marriage



## Safe Environment: Protecting God's Children

**St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago  
Commission for the protection of Children and Youth**

### Code of Conduct for Church Personnel (Employees, volunteers and visiting /temporary staff)

As someone who ministers to young people, I will maintain a professional role and be mindful of the trust and power I possess as a minister to young people. To achieve this,

I will:

- Never touch a minor in a sexual way or other inappropriate manner.
- Never be alone with a minor in a residence, rectory, sleeping facility, or any other closed room.
- Never share a bed with a minor.
- Never take an overnight trip alone with a minor.
- Never introduce sexually explicit or pornographic topics, vocabulary, music, recordings, films, games, web sites, computer software, or entertainment.
- Never provide drugs, alcohol, or tobacco to a minor.
- Never use, possesses, or be under the influence of illegal drugs.
- Never use alcohol when engaged in ministering to a minor.
- Never engage in physical discipline for behavior management of minors. No form of physical discipline is acceptable.

## Liturgy

15. Formation of Liturgical Families
16. Liturgy of the Syro-Malankara Church
17. Significance of Divine Offices
18. Sacraments as the source of Spiritual Life
19. Liturgical Calendar
20. Liturgy of the Latin Rite
21. Fundamental Principles of Liturgy





## Measures to Aid Observance of the Code of Conduct

To help me keep the promises in the Code, I will:

- Report any suspected child abuse to the proper authorities.
- Avoid physical contact when alone with a minor. Physical contact with minors can be misconstrued, especially in private settings.
- Avoid overnight stays with a minor unless there is another adult present in a supervisory role.
- Avoid providing overnight accommodations for minors in private residences or rectories.
- Avoid driving alone in a vehicle with a minor.
- Refrain from giving expensive or inappropriate gifts to a minor.
- Avoid meeting privately with minors in rooms, offices, or similar areas where there is no window or where the door cannot remain open. If one-on-one pastoral care of a minor is needed (e.g., Sacrament of Reconciliation) avoid meeting in isolated locations.
- Exercise caution in communicating with minors through e-mails or the internet.
- Only share work/ministry related e-mail addresses with minors. Do not participate in chat rooms with minors.
- Ensure that all activities (extra-curricular, catechetical, youth ministry, scouting, athletics, etc.) for which you are responsible have been approved in advance by the appropriate administrator.
- Have an adequate number of adults present at events. A minimum of two adults in supervisory roles must always be present during activities for minors.
- Release young people only to parents or guardians, unless the parent or guardian has provided permission allowing release to another adult.
- Avoid taking minors away from the parish, school, or agency for field trips, etc. without another adult present in a supervisory role. Obtain written parental permission before such activities. Permission slips should include the type, locations, dates, and times of the activity and emergency contact numbers.

## Practical Suggestions

These are some practical suggestions for identifying permissible and impermissible conduct.

### Conduct that May Be Permissible

Appropriate affection between Church personnel and minors constitutes a positive part of Church life and ministry. Nonetheless, any touching can be misunderstood and must be considered with great discretion. Depending on the circumstances, the following forms of affection are customarily (but not always) regarded as appropriate.

- Verbal praise.
- Handshakes.
- “High-fives” and hand slapping.
- Pats on the shoulder or back.
- Hugs.
- Holding hands while walking with small children.
- Sitting beside small children.
- Kneeling or bending down for hugs with small children.
- Holding hands during prayer.
- Pats on the head when culturally appropriate.

### Conduct that is Not Permissible

Some forms of physical affection have been used by adults to initiate inappropriate contact with minors. In order to maintain the safest possible environment for minors, the following are examples of affection that are not to be used:

- Inappropriate or lengthy embraces.
- Kisses on the mouth.
- Holding minors over four years old on the lap.
- Touching buttocks, chests or genital areas.
- Showing affection in isolated areas such as bedrooms, closets, staff-only areas or other private rooms.
- Touching knees or legs of minors.
- Wrestling with minors.





- Tickling minors.
- Piggyback rides.
- Any type of massage given by minor to adult.
- Any type of massage given by adult to minor.
- Any form of unwanted affection.
- Compliments that relate to physique or body development.

### Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form Employees and Volunteers

Parish/School/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have received a copy of the *Code of Conduct for Church Personnel*. I have read and understand this Code of Conduct, and I agree to abide by it. I have also read and understand the “Measures to Aid Observance of the Code of Conduct” and the “Practical Suggestions” and will employ them to help me observe the code of conduct. A violation of this code can result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination and/or removal from ministry.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position

The signed Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form shall be kept in employee personnel files at the agency/parish/school or in a general volunteer file at the agency/parish/school.

Please return this completed form to the site where you are an employee or volunteer.



“If you truly wish your children to study Torah (The Pentateuch), study it yourself in their presence. They will follow your example. Otherwise, they will not themselves study Torah but will simply instruct their children to do so”.

(Jewish Wisdom)

## List of CCD Directors and Principals

### Arizona

**1. Phoenix: Holy Family Church**

Director: Rev. Fr. Mathews Munjanath (Ph. 623-476-9924)  
Principal: Sajan Mathew (Ph. 623-234 -3729)  
e-mail: sajanmathew1@yahoo.com

### California

**2. Santa Ana: St. Thomas the Apostle Church**

Director: Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Madukkakuzhy (Ph. 708-582-5243)  
Principal: Tomy Pullapally (Ph. 562-413-0787)  
e-mail: tomcerritos@aol.com

**3. Los Angles, San Fernando: St. Alphonsa Church**

Director: Fr. Kuriyakose Vadana (Ph. 617-717-4018)  
Principal: Nimi Santhosh Kattakayam (Ph. 323-274-8004)  
e-mail: nimimathew@yahoo.com

**4. San Francisco, Milpitas, St. Thomas the Apostle Church**

Director: Fr. Roy Jacob Kalayil (Ph. 361-230-9095)  
Principal: Paul Cyriac (Ph. 510-386-7015)  
e-mail: paulcyriac@aol.com

**5. Sacramento: Infant Jesus Church**

Director: Fr. Sibi Kurian Velamparampil VC (Ph. 916-844-5483)  
Principal: Shelby Kocherry (Ph: 916-337-4380/916-941-9348)  
e-mail: skocherry@gmail.com



**6. San Jose, St. Mary Knanaya Parish**

Director: Fr. Jose Illikunumpurath (Ph. 847-912-5673)  
Principal: Jose Mampallil (Ph. 408-448-2985)  
e-mail: jkurian1568@gmail.com

**7. Lose Angeles, Monte Bello, St. Pius X Knanaya Catholic Parish**

Director: Rev. Fr Thomas Mulavanal (Ph. 310-709-5111)  
Principal: Susan Mathew (ph. 909-268-7939)  
e-mail: mathewsusan68@yahoo.com

### Colorado

**8. Denver: St. Thomas Catholic Mission**

Director: Fr. Jacob Chennath VC (Ph. 248-996-3960)  
Principal: Rekha Thomas (Ph.508-615-6641)  
e-mail: rkodankandath@gmail.com

### Connecticut

**9. Hartford: St. Thomas Catholic Mission**

Director: Rev. Fr. Francis Nambiaparambil (Ph. 718-710-9773)  
Principal: Manju Abraham (Ph. 860-604-8555)  
e-mail: Manjuabraham98@yahoo.com

### Delaware

**10. South Jersey & Delaware: St. Jude Catholic Mission, S. Jersey & H. Trinity Catholic Mission, Delaware**

- Director: Fr. John Melepuram
1. Principal: Josemon Abraham Ph: (856-366-8392)  
e-mail: josemonabraham@comcast.net
  2. Principal: Raji Mathew (Ph. 302-824-1690)  
e-mail: rajimathew1@yahoo.com

### Florida

**11. Coral Spring: Our Lady of Health Church**

Director: Fr. Kuriakose Kumbakeel (Ph. 405-532-2043)  
Principal: Dr. Jimmy Emmanuel (Ph. 786-382-9501)  
e-mail: sajimme@yahoo.com

**12. Tampa: St. Joseph catholic Church, Tampa, FL**

Director: Fr. George Malieckal (Ph.813-420-3436)  
Principal: Sr. Christy Kanjirakkattu(Ph. 813-324-6067)  
e-mail: skanjirakkattu@yahoo.com

**13. Tampa: S. H. Knanaya Catholic Church**

Director: Fr. Pathrose Champakara (Ph.813-516-2616)  
Principal: Sonia Pazhika (Ph. 813-494-2412)  
e-mail: Sonia-pazhika@yahoo.com

**14. Orlando: St. Mary Catholic Mission**

Director: Fr. John Kuppayil MST (Ph.407-489-8978)  
Principal: Mrs. Celine Emmanuel (Ph: 407-207-4847)  
e-mail: celinekiran@yahoo.com

**15. Miami: St. Jude Knanaya Catholic Mission**

Director: Fr. Jemy Puthusserril (Ph.630-400-7162)  
Principal: Subin Stephen (Ph.954-263-4837)  
e-mail:subistephen@yahoo.com

**Georgia****16. Atlanta: St. Alphonsa Church**

Director: Fr. George Elayadathumadom MSFS (Ph. 847-217-8613)  
Principal: Mr. Francis Nangiyalil (Ph: 404-267-5850)  
e-mail: nangiyalil@yahoo.com

**17. Atlanta: Holy Family Knanaya Catholic Church**

Director: Fr. Dominic Joseph (Ph. 678-761-4685)  
Principal: Ancy Sabu (Ph. 706-207-9043)  
e-mail: sabu@bellsouth.net

**Illinois****18. Bellwood: Mar Thoma Sreeja Cathedral**

Director: Mar Joy Alappat (Ph. 201-951-1701)  
Asst. Director: Fr. Roy Moollechalil (Ph. 630-880-8520)  
Principal: Sr. Jeslin Thalachira CMC (Ph.773-699-1039)  
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**19. Maywood: S. H. Church Knanaya Catholic Parish**

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## Registration Form for Teachers

Since it is good to have a record of all our CCD teachers in our parishes, at the beginning of the academic year please get a filled in application form from every teacher and file it in our office. A sample application form is given below.

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#### TEACHER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF PARISH/MISSION \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME OF TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

2. ADDRESS IN USA \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSENUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

3. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

4. EMPLOYMENT \_\_\_\_\_

5. HAVE YOU HAD THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING? YES NO  
CIRCLE ONE OF THE ABOVE

6. HOW MANY TEACHER TRAINING SEMINARS HAVE YOU ATTENDED?  
(GIVE THE DETAILS ON A SEPARATE SHEET)

7. IN WHAT GRADE ARE YOU PRESENTLY TEACHING? \_\_\_\_\_

8. ARE YOU PRESENTLY IN ANY RESPONSIBLE POST? SUCH AS: DRE/PRINCIPAL/STAFF  
SECRETARY/PARISH COUNCIL/VICE-PRINCIPAL, ETC YES NO

CIRCLE ONE OF THE ABOVE

9. HAVE YOU SIGNED THE SAFE ENVIRONMNET CODE OF CONDUCT? YES NO

CIRCLE ONE OF THE ABOVE

10. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A CCD TEACHER? SPECIFY YEAR AND PARISHES  
WHERE YOU MINISTERED AS A TEACHER.

11. ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A TEACHER RECOGNITION AWARD FROMN THE DIOCESE?

YES NO

(Requirement is 10 years of ministry, need not be in one Parish/Mission and continuous)

12. Are you eligible for a Teacher Recognition Award of the Parish?  
(Five years of ministry, need not be continuous and in one parish/mission)

13. What if any specific academic contribution can you give to the community?

( Bible Quiz, Training for Bible Quiz, Liturgical music, textbook preparation, etc.)

14. Do you want to share any of your qualities, qualifications, special talents,  
important services with the community? YES NO

#### DECLARATION

I \_\_\_\_\_ the CCD teacher  
understands that my ministry is a call from God to serve, teach, train and protect God's  
children. I will discharge my duties conscientiously adhering to the teachings of the Holy  
Catholic Church which is the Body of Christ.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

PRINCIPAL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

## TEACHERS TRAINING SCHEDULE 2014

### Resource Persons, Date and Place

#### Rev. Dr. Jimmy Poochakatt,

Director, catechetical Centre,  
Angamaly-Ernakulam, Archdiocese

#### Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil OCD

Carmelaram, Bangalore

1. 2014 September 5-6-7, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at St. John Paul II Mission Garfield, NJ Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil OCD
2. 2014 September 12-13-14, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at St. Thomas Forane Church, Philadelphia by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil
3. 2014 September 12-13-14, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at St. Joseph Forane Church, Houston by Rev. Dr. Jimmy Poochakatt
4. 2014 September 19-20-21, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at St. Thomas Forane Church, Somerset by Rev. Dr. Jimmy Poochakatt
5. 2014 September 19-20-21, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at St. Thomas Church, Detroit by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil
6. 2014 September 28 Sunday, St. Thomas Church Milpitas, CA, Rev. Dr. Jimmy Poochakatt
7. 2014 September 28 Sunday, SH Knanaya Catholic Church, Maywood by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil



8. 2014 October 3,4,5 Friday, Saturday and Sunday at St. Thomas Forane Church Bronx, NY, by Rev. Dr. Jimmy Poochakatt
9. 2014 October 3,4,5 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Our Lady of Health Church Coral Springs, FL, by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil
10. 2014 October 10, 11, 12 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, St. Thomas Forane Church Garland, TX, by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil
11. 2014 October 17, 18, 19 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Holy Family Catholic Church Phoenix, AZ by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil
12. 2014 October 24, 25, 26 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, SH Knanaya Catholic Church Tampa FL, by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil
13. 2014 October 31, November 1, 2 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, St. Thomas Forane Church Santa Ana, CA, by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil
14. 2014 November 7,8,9 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, St. Thomas Church San Francisco, CA by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil
15. 2014 November 14, 15, 16 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church Morton Grove, IL, by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil
16. 2014 November 21, 22, 23 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, S.H. Cna by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil
17. 2014 November 28, 29, 30 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Cathedral, Bellwood, IL, by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil
18. 2014 December 5,6,7 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, St. Alphonsa Forane Church Atlanat, GA, by Rev. Dr. Mathew Choorapanthiyil





## Protecting God's Children: Facilitators of our Diocese

(Saturday, July 19, 2014 – 8:30 A.M.  
Bellwood, IL 60104

Facilitators: Patricia Neal and Thomas Moolayil)

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## Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church



Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church is the second biggest Oriental Catholic Church in the world. St. Thomas the Apostle is the founder of this church who came to India in 52 AD. Syriac, the dialect of Aramaic language spoken by Jesus Christ, was the liturgical language of this Church till 16th century. This church makes use of the anaphora of the apostles, Addai and Mari, the most ancient anaphora of the Christian world. This anaphora was developed in the Syriac Churches of Mesopotamian region, basing on the greatest faith proclamation of St. Thomas the Apostle: “My God and My Lord” (Jn 20:28).

The words ‘Syro’ and ‘Malabar’ give insights into the origin and roots of this apostolic church. The word ‘Syro’ connects the Church with great traditions of Syriac Christianity. The word ‘Malabar’ is used to denote the state Kerala in India.

This Church has 31 dioceses. The church is blessed with more than 40 lakhs faithful, 53 bishops, 8,547 priests, 32114 religious nuns, and about 1500 seminarians. St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago is the first diocese established under Syro-Malabar Church outside India. This diocese has 33 parishes and 39 missions in different parts of USA and Canada.

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## Milestones in the History of Syro-Malabar Church

- AD 52 St. Thomas the Apostles arrived at Kodungallur, Kerala and founded seven communities.
- 72 St. Thomas Martyrdom at Mylapur
- 345 Migration of Christians from Southern Mesopotamia under the leadership of Thomas of Kinai
- 649-660 Church of St. Thomas Christians is reconstituted under the Metropolitan and Gate of All India.
- 825 Bishops Mar Sabbor and Mar Porth arrived at Quilon.
- 849 Ayyanadickal, the King of Venad, grants privileges and seventy two stately positions to the Church and to the St. Thomas Christians by the Thareesapalli Copper Plates
- 1498 Vasco de Gama arrived at Kozhikode.
- 1542 St. Francis Xavier and the Jesuits in Malabar
- 1542 Discovery of St. Thomas Cross at Mylapur
- 1552 Diocese of Goa was established.
- 1567 Archdiocese of Angamaly was established.
- 1597 Bishop Mar Abraham, the last Chaldean Bishop died and was laid to rest at St. Hormis Church Angamaly.
- 1599 The Synod of Diamper
- 1599 Bishop Francis Roz was appointed the commissioner and Administrator of the St. Thomas Christians.
- 1600 The supremacy of Portuguese Christians is imposed.
- 1601 All India jurisdiction of St. Thomas Christians was restricted to Malabar.
- 1609 Establishment of Kodungallur diocese. The Archdiocese of Angamaly is suppressed.



- 1653 In protest against the Portuguese rule of the Church, the Marthoma Christians pledge the Coonan "Cross Oath" at Matanacherry, Cochin.
- 1653 At Alangad 12 priests placed their hands upon the Archdeacon Thom to consecrate him bishop and started division.
- 1659 The Vicariate of Malabar is erected by Pope Alexander VII.
- 1659 Beginning of Propaganda Jurisdiction in Kerala
- 1663 Mar Chandy Palliveetil was consecrated the first native Vicar Apostolic of Malabar Vicariate
- 1665 Mar Gregorios, the first Jacobite Bishop came to Malabar.
- 1682 A Seminary started for Syrians at Verapoly.
- 1689 Joseph Sebastiani OCD became Vicar Apostolic of Malabar.
- 1700 St. Thomas Christians came under double jurisdictions: The **Propaganda** represented by the Carmelite vicar Apostolic of Verapoly and **Padroado** represented by the archbishop of Kodungallur.
- 1701 East Syrian Bishop Mar Simeon consecrates Angelo Francis in Malabar.
- 1709 Vicariate of Malabar is suppressed and Vicariate of Verapoly is erected by Pope Clement XI.
- 1778 Kariyattil Yawsep Malpan and Paremmakkal Thoma Kathanar to Lisbon and Rome for reunion purposes.
- 1782 Mar Joseph Kariyattil was consecrated as Metropolitan of Kodugallur.
- 1785 '**Varthamanapusthakam**', the first written travelogue in India by Paramakkal Thoma Kathanar
- 1786 Mar Kariyattil dies in Goa and Paremmakkal made Administrator.
- 1831 Foundation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI)
- 1861 Kuriakose Elias Chavara was appointed the Vicar General of the St. Thomas Christians.
- 1874-82 East Syrian bishop Mar Eliah Mellus in Trichur.

- 1876 Apostolic Visitor Leo Meurin.
- 1886 Latin hierarchy of Varapuzha
- 1887 Vicariates of Kottayam and Trichur
- 1887 'Nazarani Deepika' started publication at Kottayam
- 1896 Vicariates of Ernakulam, Changanacherry and Trichur with native bishops.
- 1908 Timotheos Mar Abimalek at Trichur re-introduces East Syriac traditions.
- 1911 Vicariate of Kottayan for the Southists
- 1923 Establishment of Syro-Malabar hierarchy
- 1930 Reunion of Mar Ivanios and followers: Syro-Malankara Church
- 1953 Cardinal Tisserant's visit to Kerala and establishment of the diocese of Tellichery for the Syro-Malabar migrants
- 1955 Syro-Malabar jurisdiction extended beyond Pampa and Bharatapuzha
- 1962 Restoration of the Syro-Malabar Qurbana
- 1962 Establishment of St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, Kottayam
- 1962 Chanda, the first Syro-Malabar Mission outside Kerala
- 1986 Holy Father John Paul II arrives in India
- 1986 Beatification of Bl. Kuriakose Elias and Bl. Alphonsa by Pope John Paul II
- 1988 Diocese of Kalyan, first diocese for the Syro-Malabar migrants outside Kerala
- 1992 Syro-Malabar Church becomes Major Archiepiscopal Church
- 2001 St. Thomas Syro-Malabar diocese of Chicago
- 2008 Canonization of St. Alphonsa
- 2011 The first Major Archbishop elected by the Synod of Syro-Malabar bishops: Mar George Alencherry
- 2014 The Eparchy of Melbourne, Australia

## Media Evangelization

### The vision

The Department of Media Evangelization stands for enhancing the Faith, through the development of a media-mindful community in the Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago.

### The Objectives

- To complement and facilitate the faith formation activities of the diocese especially that of the ministry of Catechesis.
- To cultivate media mindfulness among youth and children as a part of their character and faith formation.
- To establish media machinery that people can look up to, which stands for Catholic beliefs and values, and which speaks the truth of the matter
- To make every one media literate so that one can become mature and critical media consumers.
- To serve as a reliable resource center for matters pertaining to Christian teaching accessible to all students .
- To harness effectively the current and new media outlets and vehicles such as online news channels, publications and web logs (blogs), content sharing sites such as YouTube, social networking sites such as Facebook, twittering etc. in order to propagate clearly the views of the diocese and that of the Catholic Church at large.

### The mission

- To achieve the above objectives,
- A Media Department has to be set up.
- Give extra focus and emphasis on the media mindfulness of youth and children born and brought up in this country.



### Rationale

- We are living in a world where information is increasingly overwhelming, and the attention and concentration of the population is divided and distracted, and in short best described as FICKLE. In addition, the future of our diocese, our children, who grow up in a fiercely competing technology driven world, where the black and white printed words, or the spoken word hardly arouses any interest! It may not be wrong to say that they have a new vocabulary and language, and if we must share effectively to them the beauty of Our Faith, it is imperative that we do it in a way they would understand.
- There has never been such a time in history where the Catholic Church has been attacked with such a venomous vigor by people with vested interests via the so-called Secular Media.
- The easy accessibility to mass media, also presents a dilemma of credibility of information, especially when technology savvy people use them to propagate, attack, ridicule the Church. There needs to be a common platform serving both as an authority for credible information, and at the same time, serving to address doubts, ill feelings and disenchantment that members of the community may be holding before they broadcast their prejudices.
- Faithful have to be informed of the detrimental effects of 'new-age' journalism of 'sound bites' and 'exclusive live coverage'. Because of the cut-throat competition for being to be the first to 'break the news', many journalistic principles fall by the wayside. Profit and popularity have become the primary motive of media. Church needs to highlight this, and also should encourage, persuade and coerce media channels to rectify this situation.
- In an age where idols and superstars generated by the media, define the aims, aspirations, moral and social ethos of entire generations, it is absolutely essential to provide the population with alternative idols that have walked this earth, emulating the Way, the Truth, and the Light of the ULTIMATE SUPER STAR!



## The activities

### I. Media Education programs:

- a) Train all to interact with all kinds of media, and help them understand the nature, the strength of modern media, and also the harm it can do if consumers are not critical.
- b) Ensure that everyone is aware of diocese's media policies and objectives.
- c) Launch media education activities on parish level. Make it a part of the CCD program.
- d) Make media awareness a topic of discussion in the marriage preparation program
- e) Make use of Family (Ward) meetings to give media education. Each parish should have trained people to organize and conduct media education programs.

### II. Media Publications

- a) Help produce value oriented low cost media such as parish newsletters, pamphlets, circulars, magazines, documentaries, DVDs, CDs, etc.
- b) Distribute these publications so that they reach the target audience (community members) effectively.
- c) Support and sponsor value-based programs on TV channels, radios etc.
- d) Encourage the consumers to discuss these programs in small groups like Family Unit (ward) meetings, CCD classes, in pious organizations, etc.
- e) Every Sunday bring to the attention of the congregation the forthcoming value rich media programs. Encourage them to watch/read it critically.
- f) Train the public to be on the watch for all kinds of media programs. Encourage and train them to give positive and critical feedbacks to the producers. Public has the power to control media.

### III. Use emerging Social Media

Develop a plan for harnessing new social media such as the Internet, Web logs, Content sharing sites (YouTube), Networking sites (Facebook),

Mass Email Campaigns, Internet Polls, etc. (some ideas: establishing an official Facebook network, a YouTube channel, establishing web logs by church leaders, etc.) These have become already mainstream channels to reach out to and mobilize the community.

### The context:

- The literacy of the immigrant population of the diocese is very high; the culture in which they live is flooded by secular media; the consumption rate of various media channels is amazing; and the high penetration of a multitude of media vehicles such as Cable TV, Mobile communication, Internet, Facebook etc. is very high especially among the youth.
- There is a high concentration of intellectuals, media personals and thought leaders among the members of the diocese.

## Conclusion

New generation is media savvy and information hungry. People have a variety of sources of information at their fingertips. They are provided with different version of the same stories every moment from Blogs, Chat rooms, Text messages, face book, twitter etc. We have to penetrate into and absorb the public effectively and convincingly with our own voice with the help of these kinds of media. We have to take into consideration that the attraction and affiliation to a particular medium varies from person to person, culture to culture and generation to generation. We have to communicate with people in the language and through the medium that is more intelligible to them.

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## Video Library for Catechesis

### Selecting Titles

For selecting titles for the library, there are several sources for good reviews and other useful information. One of the best websites for movie reviews is Catholic New Service which is operating under the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The site also has a page which describes the rating criteria used. They also provide a top10 movie list from 1965 to 2009. Another useful list is the Vatican Top 45 which provides a list of recommended movies under three categories (Religion, Values and Art).

Catholic News Services provides ratings mostly on English/Western movies. For documentaries and Indian/Malayalam movies there are no

single sources which provide ratings and reviews. However, documentaries produced by EWTN are good value adds for church libraries. For Indian/Malayalam titles, videos created by/for Catholic TV channels are good additions. Other videos, movies or documentaries should be internally reviewed before adding to the library.

A list of recommended titles is also included. The prices mentioned are from online sources like Amazon.

### Target Audience

Movie ratings alone may not always indicate the target audience. Also, due to cultural differences, a movie rated A-I (General patronage) by CNS may contain themes or visuals that are not appreciated by everyone. Identifying and classifying movies based on the target audience is to be done internally. Here are a few sample categories.

- Videos to be (or can be) shown for the whole community or groups (Children, Youth, etc.)
- Videos that has to be explained/discussed along with the screening. Ideally, such discussions are to be led by a priest (or an expert) .
- Videos that can be watched by children without adult supervision
- Videos to be watched by the whole family together
- Videos with mature themes, language or visuals but has relevant content. These are usually restricted, but may be must-watch for people doing certain jobs/roles.

Question: How will we classify the movie “The Passion of Christ”?

### Links

Catholic New Service (CNS) new movie ratings: <http://www.catholicnews.com/movies.htm>

CNS ratings archive (for movies before 2009) : <http://archive.usccb.org/movies/movieall.shtml>

Explanation of CNS rating criteria: <http://archive.usccb.org/movies/criteria.shtml>

Vatican Top 45 List : <http://archive.usccb.org/movies/vaticanfilms.shtml>

Top10 List (1965 - 2009): <http://archive.usccb.org/movies/topten/topten.shtml>



## Recommended Titles

Sl No.	Title	Language	Year	CNS Rating	Blu-Ray Price	DVD Price
1	The Bible: In the beginning	English	1966		\$10.99	\$8.49
2	The Bible - Genesis	English	2000			\$14.97
3	Noah's Ark	English	1928			\$19.23
4	Noah's Ark	English	1999	A-II		\$9.99
5	Abraham	English	2005			\$6.49
6	Jacob (The Bible Collection)	English	2005			\$6.99
7	Joseph (The Bible Collection)	English	2005			\$6.99
8	The Story of Jacob and Joseph	English	2001			\$8.93
9	Moses (The Bible Collection)	English	2005			\$6.99
10	Moses (The Bible Collection)	English	2005			\$6.99
11	Prince of Egypt	English	1998			\$4.99
12	The Ten Commandments	English	1956	A-I	\$10.99	\$4.99
13	The Ten Commandments	English	2007	A-I		\$5.70
14	David (The Bible Collection)	English	2005			\$7.49
15	David and Goliath	English	1961	A-I		\$9.99
16	David and Goliath	English	2001			\$4.13
17	Jeremiah	English	2000			\$8.93
18	Esther	English	2000			\$8.93
19	Esther and the King	English	2006			\$10.65
20	One Night with the King (Esther)	English	2006	A-II	\$12.99	\$4.99
21	Solomon	English	2000			\$8.93
22	Story of Ruth	English	1960	A-I		\$7.49
23	Samson and Delilah (The Bible Collection)	English	2005			\$6.99
24	Samson and Delilah	English	1949	A-II		\$9.99
25	Story of Noah	English	2009			\$5.99
26	Joseph - King of Dreams	English	2000			\$4.99

27	The Greatest Story Ever Told	English	1965	A-I	\$10.99	\$7.99
28	Jesus	English	1979	A-I		\$8.60
29	Jesus	English	2010			\$5.00
30	Jesus	Malayalam				
31	Misiha Charithram	Malayalam				
32	Jesus of Nazareth	English	1977			\$9.00
33	Nativity Story	English	2006	A-I	\$14.99	\$6.49
34	Passion of Christ	English	2004	A-III	\$10.97	\$4.99
35	Acts	English	2004			\$10.49
36	Ben Hur	English	1959	A-I	\$10.99	\$7.99
37	St. John's Revelation	English	2009			\$15.00
38	Joseph of Nazareth	English	2004			
39	Mary of Nazareth	English	2004			\$18.61
40	Mary of Nazareth (From Nativity to Calvary)	English	2006			\$19.99
41	Judas	English	2004			\$9.67
42	Thomas	English	2004			\$9.67
43	Mary Magdelene	English				
44	Paul the Emissary	English	2003			\$10.84
45	St. Paul	English				
46	Peter and Paul	English	2002			\$13.66
47	St. Peter	English	2007			\$25.00
48	The Final Inquiry	English	2008			\$6.99
49	The Robe	English	1953		\$10.99	\$11.99
50	Jesus' Wonders	Malayalam				
51	Alphonsa	Malayalam				
52	Chavara	Malayalam				
53	Euphrasia	Malayalam				
54	Mariam Thressia	Malayalam				
55	Brother Sun Sister Moon	English	1973	A-II		\$9.39
56	The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc	English	1999		A-II	\$26.99
57	Passion of Joan of Arc	English	1928	A-II		\$26.53
58	Johny (malayalam)	Malayalam				





59	Visudha Manushyan Chavarayachan	Malayalam				
60	Marcelino	Spanish	1955		\$15.00	\$11.75
61	John Hus	English	2004			\$10.93
62	Journey to Sky (Sadhu Sundar Singh)	English				
63	Miracle Man - Padre Pio	English	2006			\$17.12
64	Mother Theresa	English	2006			\$6.49
65	Mother Theresa	English	1986			\$19.95
66	Mother Theresa: In the name of Gods poor	English	2005			
67	Pope John Paul II	English	2006			\$17.14
68	Karol: The man who became Pope	English	2006			\$7.49
69	Theresa of Lisieux	English	2004	A-II		\$9.68
70	Maria Gorethy	English	2007			\$15.16
71	Abhayam	Malayalam				
72	Jeevodayam	Malayalam				
73	Oru Naivedyamay	Malayalam				
74	Seasons of Love	Multiple				
75	Steps unfaltered	Multiple				
76	Right Path	Multiple				
77	Scape Goat	Multiple				
78	Who Am I - Personality Development	Multiple				
79	Paschal Lamb	Multiple				
80	Tree of life	Multiple				
81	Ethal Kozhiyunna Pookkal	Malayalam				
82	Let Me be Born	Multiple				
83	Mother Save Me	Multiple				
84	Hello I am Here	Multiple				
85	Holy land	English				
86	Jerusalem	English				
87	Land of Jesus	English				
88	The Land Jesus Walked	English				
89	It's a Wonderful Life (Colorized)	English	1946	A-II	\$26.11	\$14.42
90	Letters to God	English	2009		\$14.99	\$3.98

91	The Perfect Stranger	English	2005			\$11.95
92	Another Perfect Stanger	English				
93	Time Changer	English				
94	Pilgrim's Progress - Journey to Heaven	English				
95	The Mission	English				
96	Super Saints (66 DVD set) -	EWTN	English			

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## Student-Teacher Data (2013-14)

**Total Students : 8271**

**Total Teachers : 1314**

	Name of Parish/Mission	No. of students	No. of Teachers
1.	Atlanta, GA : St. Alphonsa	186	32
2.	Austin, TX: St. Alphonsa	71	17
3.	Baltimore, MD: Catholic Mission	76	16
4.	Boston, MA: St. Thomas	108	30
5.	Bronx, NY: St. Thomas	134	27
6.	Cathedral, Bellwood, IL: Mar Thoma Sleeha	705	70
7.	Cincinnati, OH: Bl. Chavara	32	7
8.	Columbus, OH: St. Mary	18	7
9.	Coppell, TX: St. Alphonsa	325	28



10.	Coral Spring, FL, Our Lady of Health	249	65
11.	Dallas, TX: St. Thomas	257	32
12.	Delaware, Holy Trinity	40	12
13.	Denver, CO, Syro-Malabar	26	4
14.	Detroit, MI :St. Thoma	153	15
15.	East Millstone, NJ: St. Thomas	251	51
16.	Edinburg, TX: Divine Mercy	64	12
17.	Garfield, NJ: Bl. John Paul II	193	16
18.	Hartford, CT: St. Thomas	32	6
19.	Houston, TX: St. Joseph	530	53
20.	Las Vegas, NEV: Bl. Mother Theresa	45	7
21.	Los Angeles, CA: St. Alphonsa	106	15
22.	Minnesota, MN: St. Alphonsa-	30	5
23.	N. Virginia, NVA: St. Jude	122	35
24.	Nashville, TN: Bl. Mother Theresa	14	4
25.	Oklahoma, OK: Holy Family	55	15
26.	Orlando, FL: St. Mary-	51	20
27.	Pearland, TX: St. Mary	160	40
28.	Philadelphia, PA: St. Thomas	244	38
29.	Phoenix, AZ: Holy Family	124	24
30.	Raleigh, NC: Lourdes Matha	129	24
31.	Richmond, VA: St. Alphonsa	28	12
32.	Rockland, NY: St. Mary	126	19
33.	Sacramento, CA: Infant Jesus	84	16
34.	San Antonio, TX: St. Thomas	30	9
35.	San Francisco, CA: St. Thoma	208	32
36.	Santa Ana, CA: St. Thomas	153	17

37.	South Jersey, S.NJ: Catholic mission	36	13
38.	Staten Island, NY: Bl. Kunjachan	16	6
39.	Tampa, FL: St. Joseph	134	27
40.	W. Hempstead, NY: St. Mary	247	26
41.	Washington, MD: Our lady of perpetual Help	44	16

### Parishes & Missions in Knanaya Region

42.	Atlanta, GA: Holy Family	71	28
43.	Chicago: Maywood: Sacred Heart	186	27
44.	Chicago, Morton Grove: St. Mary's	503	36
45.	Dallas, DFW, TX: Christ the king	210	24
46.	Detroit, MI: St. Mary	50	13
47.	Houston, TX: St. Mary	289	35
48.	Los Angeles, CA: St. Pius X	36	18
49.	Miami, FL: St. Jude	53	15
50.	Floral Park, NY: St. Stephen	67	21
51.	Philadelphia, PA: St. John Neumann	30	7
52.	Rockland, NY: St. Mary	77	22
53.	San Antonio, TX: St. Antony	30	10
54.	San Jose, CA: St. Mary	57	11
55.	Tampa, FL: Sacred Heart	151	24

### Missions in Canada

56.	Mississauga, TN	400	40
57.	Scarborough, TN	300	35
58.	Edmonton, AB	125	28
59.	Clagary, AB		
60.	Regina,		

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