



  
**FROM THE APOSTOLIC SEE OF MALANKARA  
METROPOLITAN DR. JOSEPH MAR THOMA**

Circular No.276

*Blessings to you all the Vicars, Resident Clergy, Trustees  
and Members of all the Parishes under our authority*

Beloved in Christ,

A healthy society is everybody's dream. Healing ministry was an important part of the public ministry of our Lord. This healing ministry is being continued even today through the Church and other areas of ministry to the sick. February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is set apart to be observed as the Medical Mission Sunday to specially remember this great service rendered through the church, to uphold those engaged in this work in our prayers and to extend financial support to this ministry.

With a view to provide the best treatment with least expenditure on the part of patients St. Thomas Mission Hospital Kattanam, Fellowship Hospital, Kumbanad and Mar Thoma Mission Hospital, Chungathara are functioning under the Mar Thoma Medical Mission Board. In addition, George John Achen Memorial Hospital, Valakom and Gramodharan Mission Hospital, Kidangannoor are being run as de-addiction Centers.

Special mention need to be made of the Ophthalmic Department and Dialysis Centre of the 250 bedded Kattanam Mission Hospital. 600 students get trained in different Courses like B.Sc Nursing, General Nursing, Health Workers Course, B.Sc Optometry and Ophthalmology, B.Sc Medical Lab Technology, B Pham and M.Sc Nursing attached to this hospital. Cardiology Unit was inaugurated by me on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 and started functioning.

Really Commendable are the services of the A.M.A Geriatric Centre and the Community Palliative Care Unit attached to the 150 bedded Fellowship Hospital Kumbanad. Now the Geriatric Centre can accommodate 120 persons. The dialysis unit started with the support of Mar Thoma Parish, Abu Dhabi is functioning well. Plans are underway to have MRI Scanning System and to start a Physiotherapy College.

50 bedded Chungathara Mar Thoma Medical Mission Hospital is also functioning well.

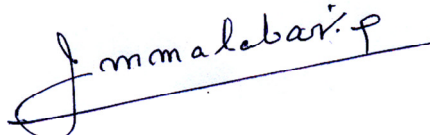
With the sponsorship of the Church, students are undergoing various courses in Christian Medical Colleges at Vellore and Ludhiana.

It has been made possible to reach out to the poor in the society through Medical Camps, Free Medical Aid Projects, Mobile Clinic, Palliative Care, Ambulance Service and Community Health Centre. There are 9dialysis units in Kattanam and 6 at Kumbanad. Financial support is solicited for the treatment of poor dialysis patients. It is informed that Rs.650/- will be charged for 1 free dialysis.

Medical Mission activities are to be specially remembered and offertories given on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>February 2017. This year Rs.27 lakhs is expected as offertory. We exhort that all should whole-heartedly co-operate in this ministry.

Grace be with you all.

Dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 from Poolatheen Tiruvalla,



**Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan**