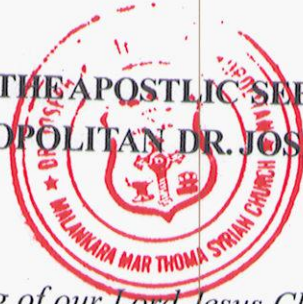


FROM THE APOSTOLIC SEE OF MALANKARA  
METROPOLITAN DR. JOSEPH MARTHOMA



Circular No. 199

*Blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ with the Vicars,  
Clergy, Trustee of the Parish and the believers in our Church*

*Beloved in Christ,*

This year the Mar Thoma Church has set apart September 7<sup>th</sup> as 'Education Sunday'. It is an occasion for thanksgiving and to pray for our work in the field of Education.

The Mar Thoma Church has many Schools and colleges in and outside Kerala. Under the Mar Thoma corporate Management, we have 145 schools, 114 of them are Lower Primary, 15 Upper Primary, One Teacher Training Institute and 15 High Schools of which 6 have Higher secondary (Plus Two) Section and one Vocational Higher Secondary.

Camps and conferences are organized to help our students in Personality Development and character formation, scripture teaching and moral lesson help in spiritual growth. Regional and annual conference for teachers help them become duty bound. 'Mission to School Programme, led by Diocesan Episcopas, is a blessing to both students and teachers. The quality improvement Programme which started 9 years back helped to improve the infrastructure as well as the curricular standards in our schools. This programme to be continued.

It is desirable that the local Churches may pay much attention to the needy schools nearby. Those Churches which are financially capable can adopt some of the schools and provide facilities for the well functioning of the schools. The QIP which aims at the physical development of schools can be materialized fully with the whole hearted co-operation and financial support of our church members.

This year we need Rs. 50,00,000/- for the above purpose. A part of this expected amount is to be collected through Education Sunday offertory. Last year the collection through this source was Rs.16,89,291/-. Thanks to one and all for your generous contribution. This year, the amount expected is Rs.22,00,000/-. So, we appeal you all to offer your contribution in the Education Sunday covers on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Teachers and students must be given participation in the church service on that day. Let the devotional talks on that day be on topics connected with education. Remember in your prayers, the blessings our Educational Institutions and those who worked there have given us. May God bless all our endeavors in the field of education.

Grace be with you all

Dated 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 from Poolatheen, Tiruvalla.

**Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan**