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# FROM THE APOSTOLIC SEE OF MALANKARA METROPOLITAN DR SHUQOSIUS MAR THOMA 

Circular No: 109



Dearly beloved in Christ,
We have set apart $22^{\text {nd }}$ October 2023 as the Christian Family Dedication Sunday. The theme of this year's Family Sunday is "Family an Expression of the Kingdom of God." Let us utilize this day to thank God for the grace He has showered upon us and to dedicate ourselves in the presence of God. Family is a divine God that God has given to humankind. The kingdom values of love, righteousness, mercy, and equality must be followed in family life. The warmth of relationships that love, care, and accept each other must be present in family life. Families that do the will of God are the expressions of God's kingdom. We should live based on mutual trust, care, and sanctity of life and give due importance to family prayer, study of the Word of God, and worship. We should not forget the duty to work diligently in the ministry of God and to raise the future generations on the foundation of God's faith. Counseling on family empowerment should be made available to parishioners.

The Christian Family Dedication Sunday is to be an opportunity for the submission and re-dedication of our families. Each family must take a vow to stay away from the powers of evil. Programs should be organized by parishes to provide help and care to the needy and lonely. On Sunday, October 22nd, all must come to worship and participate in the Holy Qurbana as families. May God strengthen everyone as families to declare like Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," and diligently carry out the mission of the kingdom of God.

Grace be with you all.


Dated $27^{\text {th }}$ September 2023 from Poolatheen, Tiruvalla


Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan

