

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

Circular No.155

*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 3rd, 2013 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 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. 350 students get trained in different Courses like B.Sc Nursing, General Nursing, Health Workers Course, B.Sc Optometry and Ophthalmology and B.Sc Medical Lab Technology attached to this hospital. Arrangements are under way to start a Cardiac Unit, M.Sc Nursing Course and a Pharmacy College.

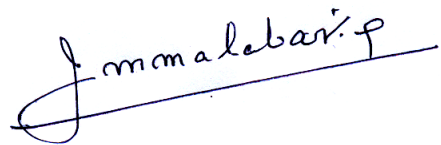
Really Commendable are the services of the A.M.A Geriatric Centre and the Community Palliative Care Unit attached to the 250 bedded Fellowship Hospital Kumbanad. A dialysis unit could be started here with the support from Mar Thoma Parish, Abu Dhabi. Sixty students are studying in the General nursing course attached to the Hospital. Plans are underway to have MRI Scanning system and to start a B.Sc Nursing College.

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.

Medical Mission activities are to be specially remembered and offertories given on Sunday, February 3, 2013. This year Rs.18 lakhs is expected as offertory. We exhort that all should whole-heartedly co-operate in this ministry.

Grace be with you all.

Dated 26th December 2012 from Poolatheen Tiruvalla,



Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan