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**Programme of the Conclusion of the Year of Children  
on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at Bethel Convention Centre**

“All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.” Is. 54.13

Dear Fathers, Brothers and sisters,

The love and light a child brings to the world in a profound way convey God's unending creative intervention in the world. When a child is born into a family, all its attention is affectionately turned towards the child. As for the family and the whole world, the Church also sees the face of Her future in Her younger members. Keeping in mind this truth, our Eparchy has taken interest in the formation and growth of our children and has dedicated the first year of our pastoral planning for them. Many initiatives to ensure the greater participation of children in the life of the Church have been undertaken in the parish/mission levels and some are underway. I appreciate all parents, catechesis teachers and all who are in one or the other way involved in the spiritual formation and growth of our children. I encourage all priests and parish leadership team to continue to build on these initiatives and I offer my wholehearted personal support as well as of the eparchial commissions associated with the formation of children.

As heading towards the end of the year, after the Summer holidays and a busy time of regional Bible Conventions and Kalotsavams, I would like to let you know about the eparchial children's gathering marking the end of the year of children and the beginning of the year of the Youth. The meeting, which is envisaged to be the biggest gathering of this kind in our eparchy, is to take place on December 1, 2018, at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelwin Way, Birmingham B70 7JW. The Father and Head of our Church, His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry has kindly agreed to be the Chief Guest. David Wells, an internationally acclaimed preacher and catechist, would deliver the keynote address. There will be time for children to pray, share their experience and showcase their talents. I request you to make sure that all children who are of the age 12 or above/ studying in Year 7 or above from your Region/Parish/Mission/Holy Qurbana Centre join this event. May we be true disciples of Jesus, who encourage the children to approach Jesus confidently.

Please find the detailed schedule of the day.

10:00 am Inauguration

10:30 am Praise and Worship

11:00 am Testimony: Ola Stayne

11:30 am Holy Qurbana

Main Celebrant: His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry  
(Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church)

1:00 pm Lunch Break

- 2:00 pm Praise and Worship  
2:30 pm Key Note address: David Wells (Internationally Acclaimed Preacher and Catechist)  
3:15 pm Syro-Malabar Church at a glance  
4:00 pm Testimonies and feedback from the Children  
4:30 pm Conclusion of Year of Children and the inauguration of Year of Youth:  
His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry  
5:00 pm Departure

Yours in our Lord and our God,

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NB: Please ensure to announce the content of this circular in all the Parishes/ Missions/  
Qurbana Centres of our Eparchy during the Celebration of the Holy Qurbana before 16<sup>th</sup>  
September 2018.

