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### ***Margam-SMYM Residential Camp 2022***

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

It is with great joy that I write this circular, to bring the wonderful news of the residential camp, **Margam 2022**, that is being planned for the youth of our Eparchy. As I have always emphasized, our youth are the main pillars of the Church. They are the ones who preserve and pass on the treasured heritage of the Syro-Malabar Church whilst adapting to the call of the current time. It is our duty and responsibility to equip the youth for this by ensuring that the youth properly understand, appreciate and enjoy our great heritage, culture and traditions, and are well prepared to meet the questions and challenges of the world.

With this prayerful focus, the SMYM Eparchial committee is organizing **Margam 2022**, for our youth. **Margam**, meaning **the Way**, is a word that has profound meaning in our context. *Mar Thoma Margam* is the way of life of the followers of St Thomas, the Apostle and as such, this may suggest ancient traditions and beliefs. Through *Margam 2022*, SMYM will be working towards redefining the Margam of our ancestors and paving the way towards a gathering where nurturing and fun-filled friendships are made, communal harmony is celebrated, and Syro Malabar identity is explored and embraced. This will be a platform where the youth can think together, share their views and unique experiences and form harmonious and sustaining fellowships. They will also be able to raise their unanswered doubts and queries which can be answered by experts from the Church.

The camp is organized for our youth of 18 years and above (unmarried) and will be held at Yarnfield Park, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL, from 4 pm on 24<sup>th</sup> June to 5 pm on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The camp fee is £150.00 and the registration link for the above camp is given below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/vgCxM1B7Hj>

You may contact our SMYM Director, Rev Fr Fanzwa Pathil for further details on 07309049040 or [smym@csmegb.org](mailto:smym@csmegb.org). I can assure you that this is a unique opportunity for the youth of our eparchy to gather together and celebrate their youth whilst learning more about their roots.

I request the wholehearted support of all our priests and the church community to make sure that the youth of their community join this gathering. If any youth are not able to join the event due to financial difficulties, they can contact their local Parish Priest/Mission Director/Mission Coordinator or the eparchial office and support will be given to ensure their participation. I also request our Parishes/Missions/Proposed Missions to support the event financially through sponsorships and donations. Above all, I seek the intercessory prayer support of our eparchial family for the success of the event. Let us all pray together so that our youth will rise up to their calling, will be enlightened in the Holy Spirit, and find their own *margam* to Jesus.

Pope Francis tells young people to be prophets of a 'hope-filled future'. "In Jesus' Name, I ask you: Arise! Testify that you too were blind and encountered the light. You too have seen God's goodness and beauty in yourself, in others, and in the communion of the Church, where all loneliness is overcome."

Dear brothers and sisters, let us all pray that through *Margam* 2022, our youth will encounter the light, and will see God's goodness and beauty in themselves, in others, and in our Church.

I entrust *Margam*-SMYM Residential Camp 2022 to the Immaculate Heart of Virgin Mary.

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you all abundantly!

Yours in our Lord and our God,

+ *Joseph Srampickal*

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NB: This circular must be read in all the Parishes/Missions/Proposed Missions during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana before 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.