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### Formation of Regional Councils

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

As we have completed seven fruitful years as an Eparchy, I write this circular, regarding the formation of the Regional Councils, as it was discussed earlier. The Regional Councils have the primary objective of having effective pastoral arrangements among priests and faithful. It is also meant to provide the wholehearted, spontaneous, and fruitful involvement of the laity to give maximum pastoral care and support. Forthcoming Eparchial Pastoral Council would be formed with the representatives of Regional Councils.

The members of Regional Council are as following: the Regional coordinator, all priests who serve in the Parish/Mission/ Proposed Mission in that Region of the Eparchy, one of the Custodians/*kaikarans* from each of the Parish/Mission/ Proposed Mission, the Regional President/Representative of the Catechesis, Evangelisation, Family Apostolate, *Kudumba-kootayma*, Bible Apostolate, CIO Regulatory Commissions, Men's Forum, Women's Forum and Youth Apostolate. I invite the cooperation of all the priests and the faithful of this Eparchy in the formation of Regional Council so that it may come into effect on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

The Regional Councils are presided by the Regional Coordinators. The Regional Councils will assemble a minimum of 4 times a year. The term of the Regional Council shall be for 3 years.

Requesting your Prayers and support in this regard, I pray God's abundant Blessing upon you and upon the newly forming Regional Councils, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and of the Church, the Holy Patriarch Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Catholic Church, St Thomas the Apostle, the Father of our Faith, St Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of our Eparchy and All Saints.

Yours in our Lord and our God,

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**NB:** The summary of this Circular must be communicated in all the Parishes/Missions/Proposed Missions of the Eparchy during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 (or the nearest Sunday when Holy Qurbana is celebrated, if there is no Holy Qurbana celebrated on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2023).