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“I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one” (I Jn 2:14).

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

I am delighted to announce the upcoming SMYM Eparchial Youth Gathering scheduled on Sunday the 15th of September 2024, will be called “*Handhoosa*” means Happiness, In the words of Pope Benedict XVI “...the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth”.

I had opportunity to meet the youth committees and animators in relation to the preparation for “*Handhoosa*”. I congratulate the missions and proposed missions for the progress in establishing the SMYM units across the Eparchy, at present we have over 40 SMYM units.

To further strengthen our youth ministry, I earnestly recommend that you establish a unit of Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM) in each Parish/Mission/ Proposed Mission as an immediate preparation for the “*Handhoosa*” before Monday the 26th of August 2024. Each unit should consist of five youth executive members and two animators, both male and female.

Following to the establishment of the SMYM units, each region must create a SMYM regional body along with the priest in-charge for the youth. By Saturday the 31st of August 2024 you are requested to elect the Regional SMYM Executive unit with the help of Rev Fr Joseph Mukkatt and Mr Jitto David Chittilapilly, the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission for the Youth Apostolate respectively. On Saturday the 7th of Sep 2024, the regional SMYM executives along with the animators come together to elect the National Executive team. The National Executive team will be blessed by our Major Archbishop His Beatitude Mar Raphael Thattil at “*Handhoosa*”.

I look forward to your active participation and support in making “*Handhoosa*” the Eparchial SMYM gathering a memorable event. Let us work together to nurture the faith and enthusiasm of our youngsters.

Yours in our Lord and our God,

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NB: This circular must be read in all the Parishes/Missions/Proposed Missions of the Eparchy during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana on Sunday the 4th of August 2024 (or the nearest Sunday when Holy Qurbana is celebrated, if there is no Holy Qurbana celebrated on the 4th of August 2024).

