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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you have no Life in you" (Jn 6:53).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Considering the increasing number of faithful to receive the Holy Communion, exemplary catholic faithful from the Parish/Mission/ Proposed Mission of the Catholic Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain are invited to support the priests as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion.

The Parish/Mission/ Proposed Mission wishes to have the service of extraordinary ministers of Holy communion can select the necessary number of candidates after due consideration and study on their life of faith and morals. This should be in consultation with the respective Parish councils.

The names of the candidates should be sent to Rev Dr Tom Olikkarott, the Pastoral Co-Ordinator (07963765691) on or before Monday the 9th September 2024.

The candidates have to attend six online classes and two days (Saturday and Sunday) in person training programme and retreat. During the concluding session of the retreat, they will be awarded the course certificate and the appointment letter signed by the Eparchial Bishop.

The following themes will be elaborated by the experts in the online classes:

- A. Theology of Holy Qurbana- Rev Dr Pauli Maniyatt
- B. Study on Syro-Malabar Holy Qurbana- Rev Sr Dr Jeen Mathew SH
- C. Biblical Background of the Holy Qurbana- Rev Dr Tom Olikkarott

The Following are the Schedule of the Online classes:

Dates and Time: **12th and 19th of October 2024 from 4pm to 5: 30 pm**

(Theology of Holy Qurbana- Rev Dr Pauli Maniyatt, President, *Paurasthya Vidhyapitham*, Vadavathoor)

:26th and 27th of October 2024 from 9pm to 10:30 pm

(Study on Syro-Malabar Holy Qurbana- Rev Sr Dr Jeen Mathew SH, Director,
CSMEGB Women's Forum)

:2nd and 3rd of November 2024 from 9pm to 10:30 pm

(Biblical Background of the Holy Qurbana- Rev Dr Tom Olikkarott, Pastoral Co-
Ordinator of CSMEGB)

Retreat and in person training session will be at Divine Retreat Centre Ramsgate. It starts at 10 am on **Saturday the 7th** and ends at **4 pm on Sunday the 8th of December 2024.**

The service of the extraordinary ministers of the Holy communion will begin by Christmas 2024.

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion are supposed to lead exemplary spiritual and sacramental life and they have to participate in the yearly retreat and training programme. The permission to function as extraordinary ministers of Holy communion is for one year and every year it should get renewed from the Eparchial Bishop according to the need of the respective Parish/Mission/ Proposed mission.

In the Eparchy of Great Britain there will be a common dress code for all the extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion.

The Syro-Malabar faithful who are currently serving as Eucharistic Ministers in other *Sui Iuris* churches also have to attend this training programme if their service is to be continued in the Eparchy of Great Britain.

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 11th of August 2024 (or the nearest Sunday when Holy Qurbana is celebrated, if there is no Holy Qurbana celebrated on the 11th of August 2024).