
THE SYRO-MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MESSAGE OF YOUTH DAY – 2010

Beloved Youth in our Lord Jesus Christ,

3 October 2010, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, known as the Second Christ in the Universal Church, is being observed as Youth Day in the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. For our Church, our Youth, beyond the fact that they are the promise in the future, are the custodians and guardians of our spirituality and tradition that we regard as our heritage for many centuries. The youth has the most vibrant period of life. You shall consider the sanctification and confirmation of life that are available through the holy Catholic Church as fortunate.

We are the holders of a great and wealthy spiritual source. This source is handed down from generation to generation and is entrusted in our hands today. The generation today enjoys the goodness of it. A great zeal

for and fidelity to faith, based on Gospel, giving importance to the liturgical life and closely in communion with the leaders of the Church, is the speciality of our Church in all times. It is now to be spread to the next generation through us. It is very essential that we should approach and deal with it with proper understanding and seriousness. We should take part in the economy of salvation, made available to us by our Lord Jesus Christ through his death on the cross and his glorious resurrection. This salvific grace is made available through sacraments. You shall actively come to receive Holy Communion through the reception of the sacrament of Penance which is a sacrament of reconciliation. Dear Youth, I exhort you to tread the path of God that is different from that of the world.

We are passing an age where yawning gaps in familial relations are the order of the day. The relationship between the parents and their children comes to a mechanical type. The tendency to be away from the restraints of their parents is very strong among our youth. And this is one of the dangers that engulfs the western world. Dear youth, you shall specially strive to sustain your family in divine grace by being obedient to your parents. Dear parents, you shall love your children more than money and material comforts.

The whopping conception of alcohol and drugs, increase in sexual disorders, the tendency to question value system, atheism, denying God and so on have endangered our social system.

In this circumstance, our youth shall be a corrective force. They should set themselves as a model of having

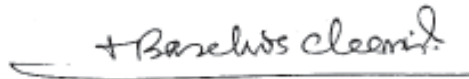
deep faith in God and sanctity of life. And you shall try to restore a close dependence of God that is being lost.

It is very probable that they leap into dangers in their journey to make themselves intellectually refined and technologically skilled. And accordingly they lose a sense of priority in their life. God and the search for God have become behind their priority. It is very fearful to think that ecclesiastical life is a substitute for having nothing to do in one's life. Dear youth, you should re-order your sense of priority. You shall hold on to God. You shall excite yourselves to a fervent imitation of the virtues of the saints.

Let the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi, who loved the soil, plants, man and God more than anything, be a stronghold to you.

May God bless you abundantly!

With Blessings in Love



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N.B.: This Circular should be read in all our churches, mission centres and centres of worship during the Holy Qurbano next Sunday.
