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My dear Fathers,

Brotherly greetings from the Bishop's House. As we had decided in our last priest conference held on 25th Nov. 2013 that the diocese level conclusion of the Year of Faith would be on 9th Nov. 2013 and parish level official conclusion would be on 24th Nov. We successfully concluded the diocese level Year of Faith on 9th Nov. As you plan for the official closure parish level, in order to have some uniformity and order in the liturgical celebration we asked the liturgy committee of the diocese to prepare a short liturgical animation note with needed information, prayers and suggestions.

I have attached herewith the special liturgical animation note to be used on 24th Nov. What really important is that the people need to be informed in advance regarding this celebration and they should come prepared. Therefore, we are reaching it to you by 16th Nov. You will have sufficient time to plan and assign responsibility to various groups, etc

The procedure:

1. Introduction: before the entrance hymn
2. Special readings: chosen for the day (FAITH)
3. Points for Homily. (Develop the homily on faith with a special reference to the Year of Faith activities you organised in the parish.)
4. Prayer of the faithful: Krosusa (only 3 are prepared, you may prepare according to your need and situation.)
5. The Creed: As a parish community recite the creed with lighted candle in hand
6. Keep the *Manvilakku* lit in a prominent place while reciting the credo

After the Holy Qurbana, it will be nice to welcome suggestions from the faithful or groups regarding the continuation of the FAITH filled life in the parish. For example:

- a. You may continue some of the Year of Faith activities throughout the year
- b. Uraviam activities can be given more stress
- c. Explaining the Creed in detail. (during the year)
- d. Presenting saints who sacrificed their life for the propagation of faith
- e. Etc

Thank you very much dear fathers for taking various initiatives and steps to keep alive the FAITH of the faithful in the parish. You are a guide directing people to the light. In times of failure and set back lets cling to God who sees our intention and will reward us according to our effort.

Yours in Christ

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