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Dear Fathers,

Prayerful greetings from the Bishop's House! I am writing this letter to inform you of some of the important programmes that are designed for all the Priests of the Diocese.

SEMINAR FOR JUNIOR PRIESTS

As it has been told you earlier, all the Junior Priests will have a one-day seminar on 11 March 2013. Kindly see the attached copy of the timetable. I request everyone to attend the seminar without fail. Rev. Fr. Mathew Vellanikal from Changanacherry will animate the seminar.

Following Junior Priests are expected to attend the seminar:

Rev. Fr Sebastian Puthenpurayil
Rev. Fr Shojo Erupathanchilchira
Rev. Fr John Paul
Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekadumathil
Rev. Fr Robin Kurumullil
Rev. Fr Robins Kuzhikodil
Rev. Fr Toji Parampiparampil

Rev. Fr Kurian Panthichirackal
Rev. Fr Joseph Puthenpurackal
Rev. Fr Augustine Alappurackal
Rev. Fr Joseph Mundanadackal
Rev. Fr Prince Maliyil
Rev. Fr Kuriakose Arackaparampil
Rev. Fr Jinoy Thottiyil
Rev. Fr Joseph Mangalamadam

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME AND PRIESTS' CONFERENCE

We have set aside 12 March 2013 for an updating course for all the Priests of the Diocese including the Religious Priests. The animator is Rev. Fr. Mathew Vellanikal. Kindly see the attached copy of the timetable. I expect all the Priests to attend the programme. The seminar will end with a brief Priests' Conference.

PRIESTHOOD DAY AND MOORON BLESSING

“Do this in memory of me,” it's a command that Our Lord has bequeathed us before his passion. The Eucharist is the parting gift of our Lord. We who share in the priesthood of Jesus are given the privilege to celebrate the Eucharist. To commemorate the institution of this great event in a meaningful way, we shall celebrate 26 March 2013 as Priesthood Day where Mooron Blessing will also take place. A special monthly recollection will be held on this day at Sangamam. His Excellency Vincent Mar Paulos will preach the recollection. The tentative programme is as follows:

- 09.45 am - Arrival
- 10.00 am - Talk on Priesthood
- 11.00 am - Tea break
- 11.15 am - Adoration and Confessions
- 12.15 am - Holy Qurbana and Mooron Blessing
- 01.30 am - Get-together and solemn lunch

May the Holy week that we are about to enter be a blessing for all of us and to all our people!

Yours in Christ,

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