

# DIocese of Thuckalay

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Dear Rev. Fathers,

*“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)*

I am writing to you personally to draw your kind attention to the important matters concerning the **initial steps of the construction of our Diocesan Cathedral**, which stands as the visible sign and identity of our Diocese. To ensure a synchronized beginning across the Diocese, please adhere to the following directives:

## 1. Preparation and Materials

By Sunday, February 1, 2026, you will receive the following materials at your Parish/Institution:

- My Circular Letter
- Prayer Card for the Cathedral
- Notice on the Cathedral Construction
- Cathedral Poster

## 2. Liturgical and Pastoral Actions (Sunday, Feb 1)

- Reading of the Circular: The enclosed circular must be read during the Holy Qurbana in all Parishes and Institutions on Sunday, February 1.
- The Cathedral Prayer is to be recited after the Holy Qurbana on all Sundays
- The Notice on the Cathedral Construction is to be distributed to all the parishioners.
- Cathedral Poster: Display the poster prominently at the front of the Madhbaha. As we currently have the *Syro-Malabar Community Empowerment Year 2026* poster, please place these two posters on either side (e.g., on the two pillars of the Madhbaha) to maintain aesthetic and spiritual balance.

**3. One Day's Wage Offering:** Inform the parishioners to prepare their “One Day's Wage” offering. This will be collected during the offertory of the Holy Qurbana on Sunday, February 15, 2026.

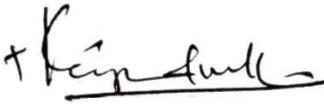
## 4. Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony

The foundation stone for our Cathedral will be laid on **February 17, 2026, at Soosaipuram.**

- All priests are requested to participate in this historic ceremony.
- You are requested to bring the offerings collected on February 15.
- When the name of your parish is announced during the liturgical ceremony, please come forward with your Kaikars to present the offering to the Bishop.

Dear Fathers, I urge you to prepare our people spiritually for this great undertaking. Let us build not just with stone, but with faith and unity. I request your earnest prayers for the success of this mission.

Invoking God's blessings upon you and your ministry, Yours fraternally in Christ,

  
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