

Patriarchal Message

His Holiness Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas

Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, the Supreme Head of the

Universal Syrian Orthodox Church

at

MANARCAD CATHEDRAL

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
the One True God. Amen.

Your Beatitude, our beloved Brother-in-Christ
Catholicos Mor Baselios Thomas I, Your Eminences
our Beloved Metropolitans, Very Rev. Corepiscopos
and Rambachans, Reverend Priests and Deacons,
Devoted Nuns and our beloved spiritual children.

We are very happy to visit this blessed cathedral
once again. We recall our visiting this cathedral earlier
in 1982 and in 2004 during our First and Third
Apostolic Visits to India. In 1982, we consecrated the
Holy Mooron at this church, assisted by the late

Catholicos of the East Mor Baselios Paulose the Second of blessed memory. And during our second visit to this Cathedral in 2004, we offered Holy Qurbano here, and were pleased to declare this Cathedral a ‘Universal Pilgrim Centre’. We have pleasant memories of the same. And now this is our third visit to this Cathedral.

People from all over India, irrespective of their religion come and pray here, beseeching the intercession of St. Mary, the Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ, and they return blessed and happy. And we are also very glad to understand from our beloved Brother-in-Christ His Beatitude Catholicos Mor Baselios Thomas I and from our beloved Metropolitan His Eminence Mor Themotheos Thomas of Kottayam that this parish has always upheld the true apostolic faith and practices of our Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch. You have remained loyal to our Holy Apostolic See of Antioch and all the East and to us even when the enemies of our Holy Church tried to create problems for

you. Your spiritual organisations are functioning well and you are doing much charity works. You are also running good educational institutions. Your St. Mary's College, for which we laid the foundation stone in 1982, is now a well established college. With great joy we congratulate and bless you for all your achievements to this day.

Beloved in our Lord: God has indeed blessed you much through the intercession of St. Mary the Mother of God. So, you all have to be most thankful to God for His great blessings and mercies upon you. You must all continue to remain firm in the apostolic faith of our Holy Church. Continue to be good examples for all in faith as well as in charity works, for faith without deed is dead. Follow the good example of St. Mary and be devoted to God always and submit yourself to His will at all times. Always remember that it is not the one who just calls 'Lord, Lord', but the one who really does the will of God the Father in Heaven, who becomes worthy

to enter the kingdom of Heaven. Let all people see your good works and glorify God. And may God bless you all.