



Exarchate of St. Ephrem, Khadki-Pune

Commission for Faith Formation

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Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, Headmasters, Teachers and Students of Sunday School,

Prayerful Greetings from the Exarchial Commission for Faith Formation!

We are almost in the half-way of the First Semester. Hope the classes are going well. I had sent the Syllabus for the First Semester. Kindly note the inclusions in the Syllabus compared to the last Year. I am attaching herewith the Question Bank of all Classes for the First Semester. Please do guide the children to follow the Question Bank in a more beneficial way.

The website of the Department of Catechesis-MCCETRI will be continued as the official platform of the Department of Catechesis-Gurgaon Diocese. The Commission for Faith Formation-Exarchate of St. Ephrem, Khadki-Pune has switched over to a revamped website for the official announcements and happenings of the Exarchial Commissions and to make available the materials required for the smooth functioning of the Sunday School. The website was launched by His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios, the Apostolic Exarch on 1 September 2015 at Chicago, where he was involved in mission preaching those days. A facebook page has been opened by the Directorate of Exarchial Commissions in order to update the announcements and happenings in various Apostolates of the Exarchate. Kindly *do like* the page to receive timely updates.

Website : www.catechesis.in
Facebook Page : www.facebook.com/exarchialcommissions

Circulars, Syllabus, transliterated version of Liturgical Hymns, Question Bank, Question Pattern and the names of the Headmasters of the Sunday Schools are available in the website. Catechism Roll of the children of Sunday School with their new Unique Identification Number (UIN) will be available in the website soon. The results of the Examinations will be published timely in the website.

For the time being, till a website is launched for the Exarchate, all the announcements and happenings regarding the activities of various Associations, Departments and Commissions will be published in this website.

The Parish Priests are requested to complete the formation of Parish level MCCL atleast by 4 October 2015. The District Directors of MCCL are expected to complete the formalities of the election to the District atleast by 18 October 2015. A detailed circular will follow after the gathering of Exarchial Commissions for Catechesis and Vocation Promotion on 3 October 2015.

The Headmasters are expected to send, in the attached format, the details of the students who enrolled in the Parish this academic year. It should reach the centre on or before 29 September 2015.

It is already time for us to constitute the Exarchial Commission for Catechesis and the Exarchial Commission for Vocation Promotion. The constitution of these commissions will be in a very simple manner. All the Parish Priests are requested to send one representative from each Parish, who has a minimum teaching experience of 5 years in the present system of catechesis in MCC ETRI and who is prepared to spend time for the process of Catechesis and Vocation Promotion in a more constructive and meaningful way. From these representatives, the Exarchial Director will decide members to both the Commissions with the approval of the Apostolic Exarch. The Apostolic Exarch may nominate up to five members according to the requirement in each Commission.

The first Consultation Meeting of both the Commissions is scheduled to be held on 3 October 2015 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at Holy Redeemer's Malankara Catholic Church, Kalewadi. Pune. So all the Parish Priests are requested to send the names of the nominees, at least by 23 Sep 2015, through the District Directors of Catechesis. The names should accompany the phone number and the email id. The existing System of Catechesis will be reviewed in detail and an Exarchial Scheme will be developed taking into consideration the five Districts of the Exarchate. Since this is going to be a very significant Meeting, please do make sure the participation of the nominee from each Parish.

Jeevan Darshan Camp for the Catechism children will be Parish-wise this year. A Resource Team comprising mostly of our Youth will be leading the Camp for children of Class IV-X in each Parish or two-three Parishes together according to the number of participants. It will be a two-days Camp mostly concentrated on a Saturday-Sunday slot as decided by the Team and the Parish. This Camp intends the spiritual growth of our children based on the life-style of Suvishesha Sangham as adapted to their age and spiritual maturity. This Camp guides and sets criteria for the internal assessment of the children together with the academic evaluation. All the Parishes are expected to conduct the Camp in this academic Year itself. The details of the Camp will be communicated to you soon.

Let us actively involve in the initiatives of the Department in order to strengthen our children to grow them in Christ; rooted in the Word and guided by the Spirit!

Wish you all a Blessings and Happiness of the Reunion Day!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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