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**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE ONE TRUE
TRIUNE GOD FOREVER AND EVER, AMEN**

Dearly Beloved Vicars, Associate Vicar, Asst. Vicars, Sabha Managing Committee Members, Diocesan Council Members, St. Thomas Mission Executive Members, Office Bearers of all Parishes, Leaders of Spiritual organizations and faithful Believers of Calcutta Diocese,

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Beloved in the Lord,

The news of spread of the pandemic Corona Virus in India and Kuwait has saddened us. Thousands of people are being directly and indirectly affected by this pandemic. Among the places under the jurisdiction of our Dioceses, **Kuwait** appears to be the most affected region. It has been communicated that a lot many of our members are facing economic crisis due to loss of job or salary-cut. We feel that it is our responsibility to assist our brethren who are facing hard times. Though we wish to help everyone, as you know we are in a position to help a few only. Hence we hereby constitute **Kuwait Relief Fund (KRF)** to support our members in Kuwait during the current testing times.

Resources

At present the Diocese and Mission are going through financial crunch. As you may know, only about 25 to 30 percentage of the amount of Priests Salary is collected from the Parishes as Salary Quota and the rest is drawn from institutions where the priests serve. Due to lockdown Schools are closed and no fee is being collected which has further put a burden on the Diocese and Mission. We are also forced to cut the Salary of the Staff. **In spite of these constraints**, we are trying hard to pool up from the Diocese and St. Thomas Mission for the Relief Fund. All our priests along with the Diocesan Metropolitan shall also donate to the **KRF**. Diocesan Martha Mariam Samajam has pledged Rs. 50,000/- for Covid Relief which shall be used for KRF. Voluntary contributions to KRF may be remitted to the account of 'The Calcutta Orthodox Diocesan Council, Bhilai' (Account Number: 10277995370), State Bank of India, Industrial Estate Bhilai, IFS Code: SBIN0003510.

Beneficiaries

As the name suggests, Kuwait Relief Fund is a tiny attempt to mitigate the burden of the neediest of our people in Kuwait. Our humble contribution shall be remitted to the beneficiaries' bank account in Kerala/ India. We earnestly wish to help not less than fifty families.

Screening Committee

In spite of our eagerness to help all the affected, we are not in a position to do so. As the need exceeds our resources and scope, a Screening committee shall finalise the most needy beneficiaries. We here by appoint the following members to the Screening Committee of KRF:

President: Fr. Giju George (+965 65161350), Vicar St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Maha Edavaka, Kuwait

Coordinator: Shri. Kurien Varghese, Sunday School Head Master, SGIOME, Kuwait

Members

Fr. Anil Varghese (+965 51171819), Vicar, St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Pazhaya Palli, Ahmadi, Kuwait

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Mr. Babu Varghese, Sabha Managing Committee Member

Mr. Koshy Mathew, Sabha Managing Committee Member

Mr. Anil George, Diocesan Council member

Mr. Abraham C. Alex, Diocesan Council member

Mr. Shaji Abraham, Diocesan Mission Coordinator, Kuwait Zone:

Trustee & Secretary, St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Maha Edavaka, Kuwait

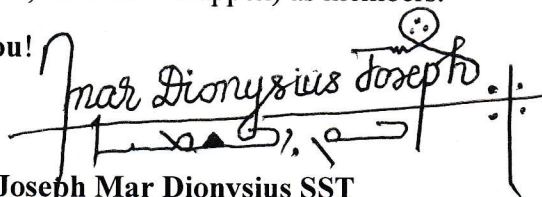
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Trustee & Secretary, St. Basil Indian Orthodox Church, Kuwait

Trustee & Secretary, St. Stephens Indian Orthodox Church, Kuwait

The Screening committee shall forward to us the details of shortlisted beneficiaries including the name, address, account no., and reason for recommendation. As the names and details are received in our Diocesan office at Bhilai, the amount shall be sent to the same as early as possible. The operation of relief fund shall be supervised by the **KRF Monitoring committee** with the Diocesan Metropolitan as the President as well as Diocesan & Mission Secretaries, Diocesan Council Members, St. Thomas Mission Executive, Sabha Managing Committee Members from the Diocese (Shri. Jose Mukkathu, Shri. K.C. Eappen) as members.

May God Bless You!



Metropolitan Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius SST

Cc to: All Members of Screening Committee and Monitoring committee