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Message

We are much delighted to know that our St. Thomas Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Mission, Bhilai is celebrating its Golden Jubilee and we praise God Almighty for using Bhilai Mission as a fruitful instrument to spread the values of the Kingdom of God. The Malankara Church established St. Thomas Mission, Bhilai on 3rd July, 1972 to commemorate the martyrdom of our Father in Christ, St. Thomas. We gratefully remember H.H. Baselios Marthoma Mathews I, (Metropolitan Mathews Mar Athanasius of Outside Kerala), founder of the Mission and also H.G. Dr. Stephanos Mar Theodosius of blessed memory who nurtured the Mission, as its first Director. Mar Theodosius guided the Mission to serve the poor and marginalized of the Central and Eastern Parts of India. The focus on educational mission and developmental projects of the locality is highly commendable. We are elated at the progress of the various mission activities undertaken by Bhilai Mission and appreciate Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius Metropolitan, the present director of the Mission and its office bearers. It is indeed a matter of joy to be informed that as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations all the parishes and congregations are being motivated to imbibe the spirit of mission and undertake at least one developmental or charitable activity. We also pray for the success of the various Jubilee projects of the Mission envisaged such as free job skill training for the youth, scholarships and fee concessions for students, after school care, promotion of environmental conservation and organic farming. God Bless You!

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