

# MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### **MALANKARA CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY** **3 OCTOBER 2009 SUNDAY**

#### **MESSAGE**

Beloved young men and women,

Yet another Youth Day arrives. It is not merely accidental that the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is chosen as our Youth Day. There remains no doubt whatsoever that this young man who set out in search of Christ in his youth is a constant inspiration for every young man of all ages throughout the world. This Youth Day is an occasion to timely reform the state of Youth and to renew their mission. The young people should be able to extol eternal values and to evince extraordinary enthusiasm towards ideals. But under the influence of the consumerist culture, our publications and associations have diluted our concepts of eternal values. In this background our young people are in a state of intellectual perplexity. In this mental situation of being not able to discern right and wrong, the modern youth is being continuously allured by the evil powers.

The powers of evil are stronger today compared to any other previous period and their appearances today are more attractive and beautiful. Through their constant interventions they upset our mental attitudes. Gradually we show lack of credibility and we arrive at new

conclusions concerning what we held to be true and virtuous in our society and especially in our families from time immemorial, them. A halo of bravery is being demarked for this growing evil. Even severe vices, such as, excessive drinking, drug addiction, human relations sans love and commitment, sex perversity etc., have gained contradictory opinions. In the mean time, there are those who depict the search for God and striving after possessing Him as futile. This has brought about anarchy in society. In order to experience the side-effects of this anarchy, the brokers of authority have prepared traps and are waiting for their victims. Under this circumstance, the Christian youth also should be ever vigilant. The most effective means to conquer this is intimate personal relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the fullness of His youth our Lord had taken upon Himself the mission of being taught by God the Father, being led by Him and of being sanctified by Him. And the price He paid for this was very precious. A life based on ideals demands sacrifice. What we perceive in Jesus is the very perfection of this, self-abandonment and ideal. Hence, dear young people, for that, there is no loftier model given to us other than our Lord Himself.

The virtues we have received from our families and parents through succession of races are many. So also we have received a lot from others too. But till now, we have repaid only very little. This realization should lead us to genuine humility. And that will lead us towards commitment to society and towards service mentality. Dear parents, you need not be told about the importance of this day. Your children are the fruit of your prayer and hope. You should never refrain from praying for your children. I, specially remind you that over and above being parents, you are the source of their Christianity. It is our parents who have to impart to our children faith and visions of ecclesial life.

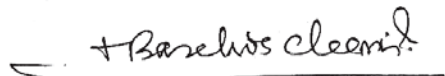
Dear young men and women, you have a commitment to this universe, to the society, Church, family and to your own selves. You have to fulfill that through your deep faith in God and in the consciousness of dependence upon God. You are living in an era when nature is being dealt with in a dangerous manner. I, specially invite you to the

preservation of ecology and for the protection of the produces and climatic conditions of nature. You have a grave and noble responsibility towards all creatures. I invite you at this juncture when wars, terrorism and communalism are rampant, to be promoters of love, truth, justice and peace. You should make towards the authoritative teachings of the Church. You owe obedience to your parents and should have the awareness that you are enjoying in your life the good fruits of their hard labour. Each one of you is the abode where the Holy Spirit of God dwells. Hence you are called for a special and noble mission. When the Catholic Church observes this year of Priesthood, I invite you to recognize the loftiness of the Ministerial priesthood and I solicit your special attention and interest towards this divine ministry.

Our young men and women should grow as individuals having deep knowledge and esteem for the Malankara Catholic Church. This knowledge and experience will lead you to a complete dedication of your own lives. You should always remember that the Malankara Catholic Church has to accomplish some special missions. Let your hearts be filled with the sense of communion with the Church against those united forces who assiduously try to divert you from the main stream of the Church and to diminish your commitment to her.

May God abundantly bless your study, fields of service and your family

Your beloved Father in the Lord



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Our Father in Heaven...

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**N.B.:** This message should be read in all our churches, mission centres and centres of worship during the Holy Qurbono next Sunday.