

Teachers Certification Program.

Objective : *The primary objective of the Teachers Certification Program is to ensure consistent, thorough, and correct understanding of the faith, sacraments, practices, and traditions of the Malankara Orthodox Church in all Sunday School teachers of the South- West Diocese of America.* The below noted suggestions have been submitted to the Diocesan Metropolitan for approval. The Kalpana from the Metropolitan has been received on this matter.

A- This Certification Course will be an on line course consisting of 6 months material study and 2 months of training, seminars leading to the final examination. The study material will be posted on the website. The duration of the course will be 8 months, which ends with final examination. The program will begin in November 2010 with the final examination in June 2011.

B- Designate a priest for each region to review and coordinate the activities of the course.

C- Enrollment for the course will start in October 2010. The review classes will start in November 2010 and end by March 2011. Seminars and final reviews will be done in April and May 2011. Examination will be conducted on Sunday June 26, 2011.

D- Current teachers and any new teachers will have 3 years to complete the certification from the year of Sunday School teaching.

E- Grade 5th and higher should be assigned to the certified teachers after the initial 3-year certification period.

F- Centralized examination centers will be setup in different cities of the diocese and proctors will be appointed to conduct the exam.

G- Certificate of completion will be distributed from the Diocese for those teachers who pass the test with minimum 70% score.

H- Candidates can retake the examination any number of times to complete the course.

I- The teachers certification committee under the direction of the Sunday School Director will take necessary steps to set the detailed guidelines, prepare the notes and materials per syllabus, work and coordinate with the North East Diocese in setting the question papers and arranging an evaluation process and generally be responsible for the conduct of this course and the examination. The program and the examination shall be managed and administered by the Diocesan Sunday school leadership under the control and direction of the Sunday School Director.

J- The attached enrollment form has been approved and the form will be posted on the website.

The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
Diocese of South-West America
Sunday School Association
Sunday School Teachers' Training Certificate
Enrolment Form 2010-2011

Parish Name and Address: _____
 Name of Vicar: _____ Name of Principal: _____
 Principal's E-mail address _____ Tel # _____

Sl. No.	Name and Address of Teacher	Telephone Number	E-mail address

X _____
 Signature of Vicar

X _____
 Signature of Principal

Date ____ / ____ / ____

 After completing the enrollment form, please mail to:
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