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Golden Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Mar Andrews Thazhath

Beloved Clergy, Consecrated Persons, and Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Archdiocesan Metropolitan, His Grace Most Rev. Mar Andrews Thazhath, is completing fifty years since receiving the ministerial priesthood. Let us offer our heartfelt prayerful wishes on this Golden Jubilee to our revered Father, who has dedicated his life to God and the people of God. The archdiocesan-level celebrations of the Jubilee shall be held on Monday, 30th November, the feast day of the revered Father's heavenly patron, St. Andrew the Apostle. On that day, a solemn Holy Mass of Thanksgiving shall take place at 2:30 PM at the Lourdes Metropolitan Cathedral, Thrissur, followed by a felicitation ceremony at 4:30 PM at the Cathedral Centenary Auditorium.

I cordially invite all the clergy, consecrated religious, and lay representatives of the Archdiocese of Thrissur to join His Grace Mar Andrews and other visiting prelates in offering the Holy Mass of Thanksgiving, and to participate in the felicitation ceremony that follows.

In accordance with the wishes of His Grace Mar Andrews, the Jubilee celebrations have been organised in a very modest manner. Consequently, specific representatives from various levels are cordially invited to attend the archdiocesan-level celebrations, as indicated below:

- Clergy and seminarians of the Archdiocese
- Major Superiors of religious congregations
- Two representatives from every religious house
- Members of the Pastoral Council
- Members of the Archdiocesan-level pious associations coordination committee
- Not fewer than 25 representatives from each parish, comprising the church wardens (Kaikaran), the parish council secretary, members of the central committee of *Kudumbakoottam* (Family Units), members of the pious associations coordination committee, and three faith-formation (Sunday school) teachers.

We are those who have abundantly experienced the beneficial fruits of the spiritual ministry and other services rendered by His Grace Mar Andrews, who was ordained as a priest on 14th March 1977. Through the paths of service as a priest, bishop, and metropolitan, and through various responsibilities, the entire people of God—and particularly the children of the Church in Thrissur—have received peerless blessings through our revered Father. This Jubilee is a golden opportunity bestowed upon us to offer our gratitude to the good God who gave us our revered Father, and to express our love, reverence, and debt of gratitude towards him. Let us participate fully in the Holy Mass of Thanksgiving and the felicitation ceremony on 30th

November, and thereby make the golden jubilee celebrations of the revered Father's priesthood another luminous memory in the history of our Archdiocese.

Let us all, entrusted to the pastoral governance of Mar Andrews Thazhath, unite in prayer, committing the revered Father into the sacred hands of Jesus. Let us ensure our presence at the Jubilee celebrations on 30th November. Wishing you all abundant divine blessings.

Affectionately in Christ,

(Signed)
Mar Tony Neelankavil
Auxiliary Bishop of Thrissur

N.B.: This circular must be read in all churches and institutions, or its contents conveyed to the faithful, on Sunday, 08/11/2026. +TN.

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