



CHALDEAN DIOCESE
OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE U.S.A.

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



“There are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” - 1 Corinthians 12:5-6

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Diocese continues to grow and burn with zeal for the mission of the Church: to proclaim the Gospel, and to make Jesus Christ known in all corners of the world. Focusing on this mission, we first begin with our Chaldean Catholic community here in the Eastern United States. As we continue to expand and grow, we must keep our focus on our primary mission.

I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to all of the parishes, our clergy who bring Jesus to you, and to each one of you: the faithful disciples of Christ, who continue to support the Church and Her mission. Your contributions, both spiritually and financially, help the Church to spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, and to maintain and nourish that which has already been established.

Approximately 9% to 13% of monthly parish collections are sent to the Diocese each month. This, along with nearly \$600,000 raised at last year’s annual Bishop’s Dinner, helps to support our seminarians, clergy, parishes, chancery office, and current and future Diocesan projects.

In the past few years, we have seen many projects that have been initiated by the Diocese and need our continued support such as the renovations of Mar Eliya Retreat Center in Oxford; the purchase of over a hundred acres for the purpose of founding our newest parish, Holy Spirit Chaldean Catholic Church in Commerce; the ongoing renovations and construction at Our Lady of the Fields Camp; and the founding of our first Chaldean Catholic preschool in the Diocese. As the community continues to grow in metro-Detroit the Diocese is also actively searching for a property to build a parish for those who reside in and around Macomb Township.

As we are blessed with so many parishes in the Diocese we are also blessed with so many vocations to the priesthood. This past year we have witnessed the ordination of Father Namir Narra, our newest priest, and in the coming years, we will – God-willing – expect a few more.

My friends, the world today needs Jesus Christ; our families need Jesus Christ; *we* need Jesus Christ. The world hungers for Him and thirsts for Him. The more we build up His Church, the more people can witness the Good News.

With this pivotal mission in mind, kindly find in this program the *2023 Annual Report for the Chaldean Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas the Apostle of the United States*. I am extremely grateful for your ongoing generous support of the Diocese and its work. The Chaldean Church in the Eastern United States could not have been this successful without your continued support.

Let us continue to pray for our Diocese, our clergy, and our Church – that we may forever proclaim the name of Jesus, both now and forever.

Your Servant in Christ,

Mar Francis Y. Kalabat
Bishop of the Chaldean Diocese
of St. Thomas the Apostle U.S.A.

FINANCE REPORT

The 2022/2023 data below reflects net diocesan income from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023.
It does not include seminarian or priest retirement funds.

INCOME

SOURCE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Annulment Processing	\$5,180	0%
Donations	\$156,713	9%
Fundraisers	\$665,136	37%
Other Income	\$40,455	2%
Parish Assessment	\$878,000	49%
Printing & Publishing	\$48,735	3%
Total	\$1,794,219	

EXPENSES

SOURCE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Annulment Processing & Safety Environments	\$25,523	2%
Appeals Remitted	\$192,640	14%
Diocese Office Operating Costs	\$322,851	24%
Professional Fees, Insurance, & Property Costs	\$311,411	23%
Salaries	\$417,775	31%
Warren Diocesan Center	\$58,871	4%
Total	\$1,329,071	

NET INCOME

\$465,148

The Bishop's Office is committed to financial transparency. There is an annual third party audit. If you have financial questions or concerns, please contact the Bishop's Office.

2022 \$402,700

PARISHES

PARISHES	PRIESTS	CONTACT
Holy Cross est. 2013	Msgr. Zouhair T. Kejbou, Pastor	32500 Middlebelt Road Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 626-5055
Holy Martyrs est. 2010	Rev. Selwan Taponi, Pastor Rev. Wisam Matti, Parochial Vicar Rev. Kevin Yono, Parochial Vicar	43700 Merrill Road Sterling Heights, MI 48314 (586) 803-3114
Mar Addai est. 1979	Rev. Stephen Kallabat, Pastor	24010 Coolidge Highway Oak Park, MI 48237 (248) 547-4648
Mart Mariam est. 1986	Rev. Ayad Hanna, Pastor Rev. Rodney Abasso, Parochial Vicar	2700 Willow Road Northbrook, IL 60062 (630) 847-0149
Mother of God (Our Lady of Chaldeans Cathedral) est. 1948	Rev. Bryan Kassa, Administrator Rev. Sanharib Youkhana, Parochial Vicar Rev. Perrin Atisha, Parochial Vicar	25585 Berg Road Southfield, MI 48033 (248) 356-0565
Our Lady of Perpetual Help est. 2013	Rev. Rudy Zoma, Pastor	11200 E. 12 Mile Road Warren, MI 48093 (586) 804-2114
Sacred Heart est. 1975	Rev. Fadi Philip, Pastor	30590 Dequindre Road Warren, MI 48092 (586) 393-5809
St. Ephrem est. 1947	Rev. Hermiz Haddad, Pastor	2537 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue Chicago, IL 60659 (773) 888-7984
St. George est. 2000	Rev. Fawaz Kako, Pastor Rev. John Jaddou, Parochial Vicar Rev. Namir Narra, Parochial Vicar	45700 Dequindre Road Shelby Township, MI 48317 (586) 254-7221
St. Joseph est. 1981	Rev. Sameem Balius, Pastor Rev. Patrick Setto, Parochial Vicar Rev. Fadie Gorgies, Parochial Vicar	2442 E Big Beaver Road Troy MI, 48083 (248) 528-3676
St. Paul est. 2014	(Pastoral services are cared for by Holy Martyrs Parish)	5150 E Maple Avenue Grand Blanc, MI 48439 (810) 820-8450
St. Thomas est. 1999	Rev. Pierre Konja, Pastor Rev. Muhannad Al Tawil, Parochial Vicar Rev. Matthew Zetouna, Parochial Vicar Rev. Marcus Shammami, Parochial Vicar	6900 Maple Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48322 (248) 788-2460
Missions:	Immaculate Conception Chaldean Mission in Boston, MA Administered by Dcn. Sermed Ashkouri	
	Mar Shemmon Bar Sabbae Assyrian-Chaldean Catholic Church in Tbilisi, Republic Of Georgia Administered by Msgr. Benyamin Betyadegar, Pastor	
Bishops:	Most Rev. Francis Y. Kalabat, Bishop Most Rev. Ibrahim Ibrahim, Bishop Emeritus Most Rev. Gabriel Kassab (Retired)	
Retired Clergy:	Rev. Jirjis Abraham Rev. Manuel Boji Rev. Zia Marano	

OUR DIOCESE

The Chaldean Diocese of St. Thomas the Apostle is an Eastern Rite diocese (eparchy) under the Chaldean Catholic Patriarchate of Babylon in Baghdad, Iraq.

Once covering the entire United States, the diocese now serves about 180,000 U.S. Catholics in the eastern half of the country. Metro Detroit has the highest concentration of Chaldeans in the United States, and ten of the diocese's twelve parishes are in Michigan.

DIOCESE STAFF

Most. Rev. Francis Y. Kalabat
Bishop

Vincent Jarbow
Finance Officer

Most. Rev. Ibrahim N. Ibrahim
Bishop Emeritus

Nadia I. Kallabat
Office Administrator

Most. Rev. Gabriel Kassab
Bishop Residing in Diocese

Lubna Seba
Tribunal Administrator
Administrative Assistant

Rev. Ayad Hanna
Vicar General

Renee Kakos
Accountant

Rev. Pierre Konja
Judicial Vicar

Ansam Sitto
Director of Communications
Safety Environments

Rev. Marcus Shammami
Bishop's Secretary

Khairy Foumia
Liturgical Translator

Rev. Bryan Kassa
Director of Seminarians
Mission to Priests

Jason Alkamano, CPA
Finance Advisor

Rev. Perrin Atisha
Director of Vocations



CLERGY & SEMINARIANS



**Most Rev.
Francis Kalabat**
Bishop



**Most Rev.
Ibrahim Ibrahim**
Bishop Emeritus



**Most Rev.
Gabriel Kassab**
Bishop (Retired)

Since 1989, our diocese has entrusted its seminarian formation to Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan. Sacred Heart is recognized nationally and around the world as one of the leading centers in the New Evangelization.

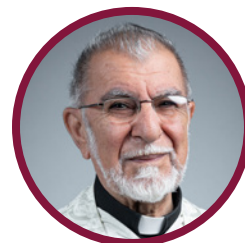
“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:16

27 PRIESTS In order of year ordained.
24 Active | 3 Retired



Rev. Stephen Kallabat
Pastor
Mar Addai



Rev. Jirjis Abraham
Retired



Rev. Manuel Boji
Retired



Msgr. Zouhair Kejbou
Pastor
Holy Cross



**Rev. Sanharib
Youkhana**
Parochial Vicar
Mother of God



Rev. Zia Marano
Retired



Rev. Selwan Taponi
Pastor
Holy Martyrs



Msgr. Benyamin Betyadegar
Pastor
*Mar Shemmon Bar Sabbae
(Georgia Mission)*



Rev. Wisam Matti
Parochial Vicar
Holy Martyrs



Rev. Ayad Hanna
Pastor, Vicar General
Mart Mariam



Rev. Fadi Phillip
Pastor
Sacred Heart



Rev. Muhannad Al Tawil
Parochial Vicar
St. Thomas



Rev. Sameem Balius
Pastor
St. Joseph



Rev. Rudy Zoma
Pastor
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Rev. Fawaz Kako
Pastor
St. George



Rev. Hermiz Haddad
Pastor
St. Ephrem



Rev. Pierre Konja
Pastor, Judicial Vicar
St. Thomas



Rev. Matthew Zetouna
Parochial Vicar
St. Thomas



Rev. Bryan Kassa

Administrator, Director of Semina-
rians and Mission to Priests
Mother of God



Rev. Patrick Setto

Parochial Vicar
St. Joseph



Rev. John Jaddou

Parochial Vicar
St. George



Rev. Fadie Gorgies

Parochial Vicar
St. Joseph



Rev. Rodney Abasso

Parochial Vicar
Mart Mariam



Rev. Perrin Atisha

Parochial Vicar
Director of Vocations
Mother of God



Rev. Kevin Yono

Parochial Vicar
Holy Martyrs



Rev. Marcus Shammami

Parochial Vicar
Bishop's Secretary
St. Thomas



Rev. Namir Narra

Parochial Vicar
St. George



Dcn. Sermed Ashkouri

*Immaculate Conception
Chaldean Catholic Boston Mission*

11 SEMINARIANS 8 Graduate | 3 Undergraduate



Eahab Ishak
Theology III (Iraq)



Joseph Nannoshi
Theology III



Brandon Elias
Theology II



Lucian Gumma
Theology II



Matthew Bakkal
Theology I



Eddie Dickow
Theology I



Anthony Simon
Theology I



Mathew Yousif
Theology I



Rami Kina
Philosophy I



Andrew Mattia
Philosophy I



Patrick Jaboro
Pre-Theology I

2022/2023 Priest Retirement Fund

Fiscal Year: July 2022 - June 2023

Christmas Collection	Donations	Mass Offerings	Bishop's Dinner	Interest
\$55,286	-	\$75,000	\$64,000	\$20,558
Income \$214,844	Expenses \$171,018	Net Income \$43,826	Net Value \$3,375,000	



2022/2023 Seminary Fund

Fiscal Year: July 2022 - June 2023

Christmas Collection	Donations	Easter Collection	Bishop's Dinner	Stride for Seminarians
\$55,521	\$55,286	\$164,088	\$64,000	\$100,000
Income \$438,895	Expenses \$446,655	Net Income -\$7,760	Net Value \$3,233,000	

2023 SACRAMENTS

Baptisms & Confirmations

1,292

2020|1,085 2021|1,111 2022|1,252

1st Communion

1,081

2020|726 2021|1,128 2022|1,063

Marriages

447

2020|324 2021|555 2022|483

Funerals

358

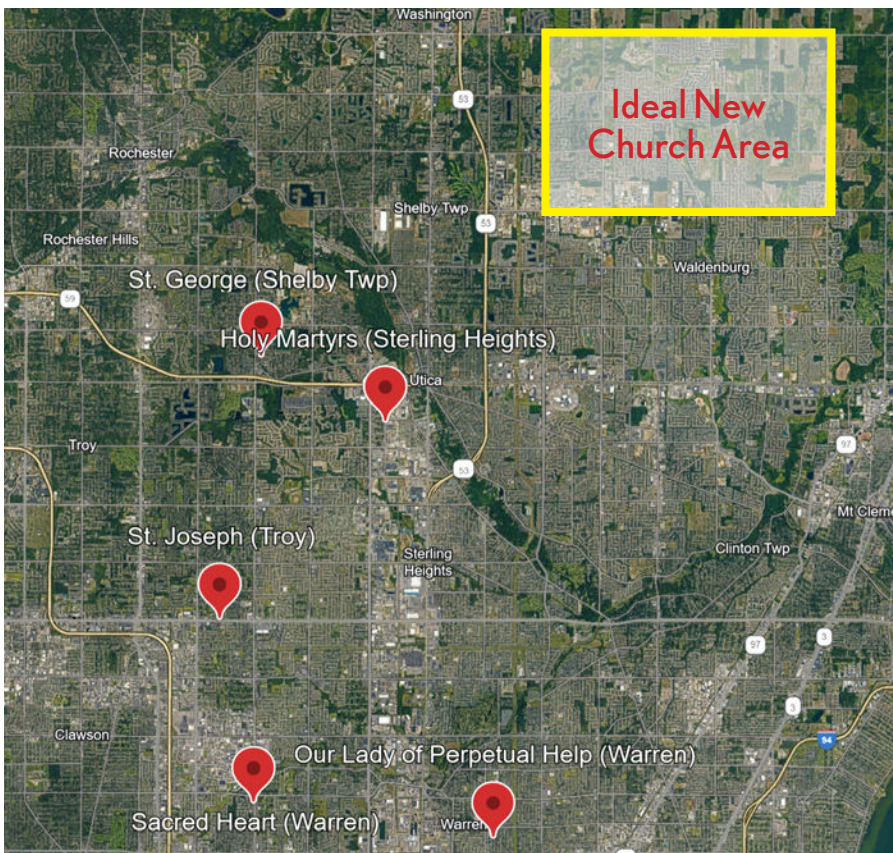
2020|509 2021|409 2022|336



YEAR IN REVIEW

Bay Pointe Commerce Twp Property (Holy Spirit Chaldean Catholic Church)

The ultimate goal of the purchase of the hundred acres of land in Commerce Township is to establish a new Chaldean Catholic Church and parish site. Building costs are at an all-time high and traffic studies need to be done in order to make the most prudent and best decision for this property. In the meantime, the Diocese will outsource the operations of the golf course and banquet facility so that loan payments are covered by the revenue. As more information and decisions are made, the Diocese will continue to be transparent.



Active Search for Macomb County Church

As our community continues to grow and thrive in the metro Detroit area, we are aware of the need for more churches to accommodate the sacramental and spiritual needs of our people, especially further north east in Macomb County. The Diocese is actively looking for either a church building to convert to a Chaldean Catholic Church or a large enough land to build a new church and parish site. The map shows the area where we are actively looking. It is a process that requires patience and diligence. We are confident that God will provide the right location that will serve our community.

Our Lady of the Fields Camp

Our Lady of the Fields Camp and Retreat Center, located in Brighton, Michigan, has undergone some major changes this past year. A place where family, fun, and faith all run parallel. Our Lady of the Fields has been providing kids and families with endless opportunities to enjoy their summer at camp since 2010. Due to our community's ongoing generosity and support, the camp has taken strides in renovating and updating the grounds. Some of those changes include a newly renovated kitchen, new floors in the dining area, updated cabins and bathrooms, new lake inflatables, and even a newly restored pontoon. We couldn't have made these renovations without our community's help and support and we hope to see the camp continue to flourish this year! Our Lady of the Fields has entered into an exciting partnership with Damascus from the Diocese of Columbus, OH to offer their premier Catholic youth summer camp program. Camp Damascus is an exciting and vibrant Catholic summer camp that hosts 8 different weeks where teens from middle school and high school can detach from worldly comforts and experience Jesus and authentic Catholic fellowship all while having a fun summer camp experience.

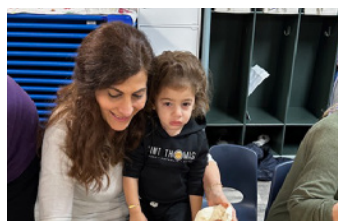


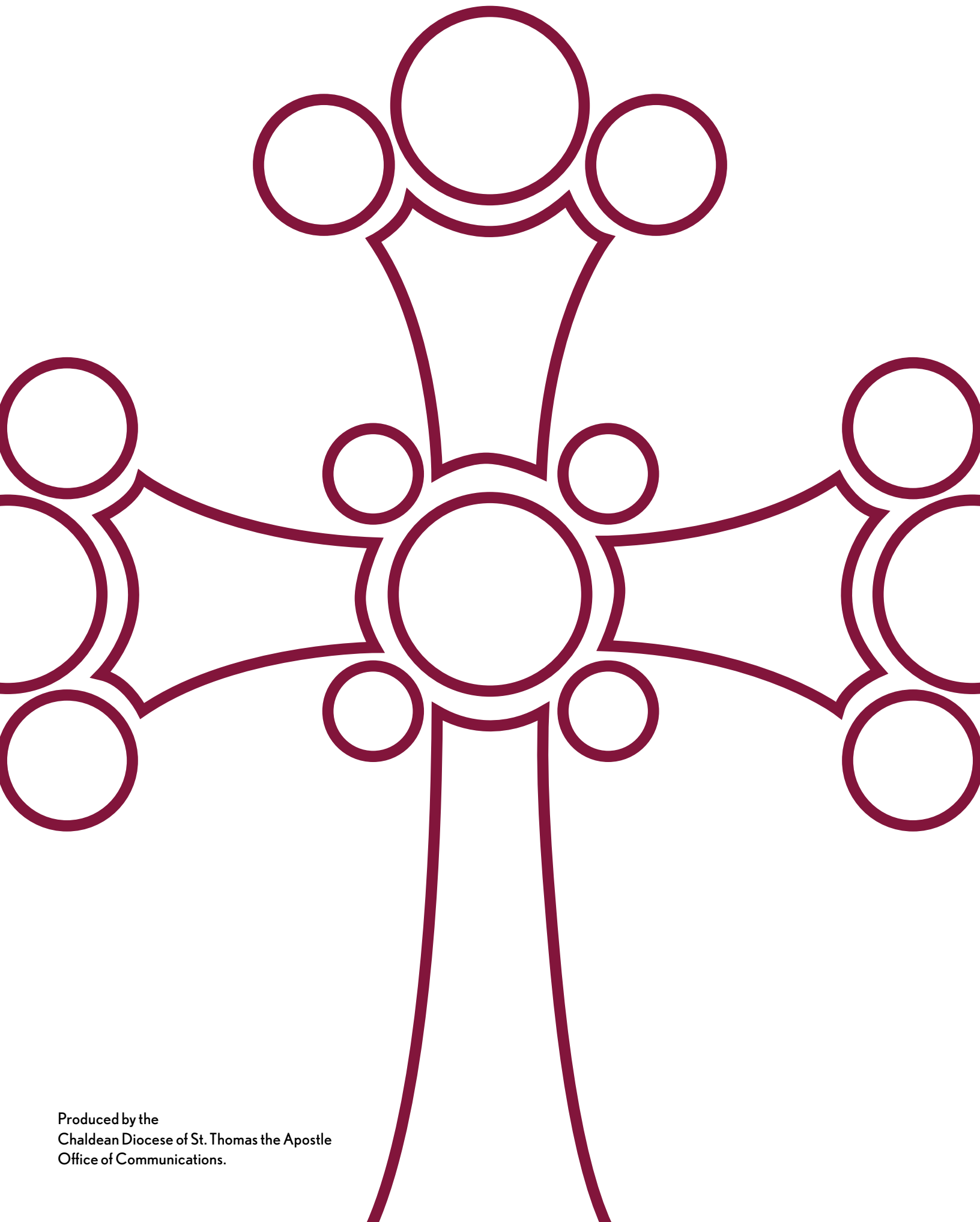
Mar Eliya Retreat Center

The many retreats that are hosted through our parishes and ECRC have been very fruitful for thousands of Chaldeans who have attended them throughout the years. We are blessed to have the Boji family donate the funds for the purchase of this retreat center and over 40 acres of land that go with it. The process of renovations, however, will take time as we make sure that the facility will accommodate our needs for many decades. Again, this takes time and patience. A few architectural renditions have been commissioned and due to the state of the current building, it will take well over \$3-\$4 million to renovate. Finances are always challenging in the church, thus, we must approach this renovation task diligently, prudently, and intentionally.

Saint Thomas Montessori School

Ever since opening its doors in January of 2023, St. Thomas Montessori Preschool has experienced nothing but growth and success through the staff, children, and parents. We were blessed to have 80+ children enrolled this year. The school's commitment to fostering a fruitful and faithful environment for the children has been instrumental in its growth. Furthermore, the school's emphasis on instilling the faith and prayers of Jesus Christ in the children has been very fruitful this past year. Due to its ongoing success, there is currently a waitlist of families who are eager to enroll their children. As it continues to evolve and thrive, the school remains steadfast in its mission to nurture young minds both educationally and spiritually.





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