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# **MCYM PRAYER**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is offence, let me bring pardon. Where there is discord, let me bring union. Where there is error, let me bring truth. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is darkness, let me bring your light. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy. O Master, let me not seek as much to be consoled as to console. to be understood as to understand. to be loved as to love. for it is in giving that one receive, it is in self-forgetting that one finds, it is in pardoning that one is pardoned. it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life. Amen



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# **INTRODUCTION:**

The youth in general are dynamic and energetic. They are the power stock of any community. They contribute and complement much to the building up of the common good of the church and the society. It is unfortunate and deeply saddening to see a vast majority of the youth remain deviated and de-motivated. Proper guidance and motivation empower the youth to reach higher perfection and achieve better quality of life. In the Church we are aware of this and take every possible opportunity to guide the youth in the right way. The Holy Father, Pope Francis in his message for the world youth day in 2019 said, "The church and the society need you with your plans and with your courage, with your dreams and ideals, walls of stagnation fall, and roads open up that lead us to a better fairer, less cruel and more humane world".

This is our optimistic attitude and expectation from our youth. The Malankara Catholic Youth Movement, MCYM, thus commits itself to the cause of the church and the society. The Diocese of Puttur takes every effort to guide and empower the youth in the diocese with a clear action plan and proper leadership. In this regard it is important to keep in mind that the youth without losing the sight of the positive values of the diverse cultures, must be enabled to discern what is incompatible with the ethos and faith of the church and thereby to keep themselves away from the sinful and corrupt practices in the contemporary world. The rules and regulations enable our youth to be more open and committed to the overall wellbeing of the diocese and the society at large.



# Chapter I : Name and Purpose

#### 1.1. Name:

The name of the association of the youth of the Malankara Catholic Church is *Malankara Catholic Youth Movement*, in short MCYM. In the Diocese of Puttur, this association shall be called MCYM Diocese of Puttur.

#### 1.2. Emblem:



This shall be the official emblem of the Movement. The emblem exhorts the youth to continue the salvific mission of Jesus Christ; to be aware of the responsibility they have received from the power of the Holy Cross and the Holy Bible, to spread the light on earth.

#### **1.3.** Flag:



The colours of the flag of the Movement shall be red, white and yellow respectively from the top. All the three portions of the flag must be identical in size. The length and width of the flag shall be in the ratio 3:2. The white piece in the centre shall display the emblem of the Movement.

- 1. The red colour of the flag symbolizes the integral transformation to be realized by the Youth through Christ who, with his blood, initiated a new age.
- 2. The white colour represents the mission to extend the peace and tranquility realized by the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church through the Reunion Movement to the communities outside the Church.
- 3. The yellow stands for the fellowship and communion in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.



#### 1.4. Area of Activity:

The field of activity of the Movement extends to the entire area of jurisdiction of the Diocese of Puttur of the Syro- Malankara Catholic Church.

#### 1.5. Goal:

The mission of the Church is to continue the economy of salvation definitively begun by God the Father in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. The ultimate goal of this Movement is to make this historical salvific plan available to humanity through the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. Evangelization is the means to realize this. This Movement aims at the total liberation of the society and the integral development of the Youth. For the realization of this goal, the following general plan of action is undertaken.

**Vision :** The Malankara Catholic youth centered and grown in the tradition and mission of the church.

**Mission**: With proper guidance and leadership the youth are actively engaged in building up of the diocese and the society from an ecclesial perspective.

#### 1.5.1. Spiritual:

- 1. Help the youth to deepen their Christian faith and to apply the principles of faith in their daily lives.
- 2. Give formation to the youth to acquire through a life of prayer, a spiritual outlook and a style of leadership proper to Christian ideals.
- 3. Mould the youth in Christian principles to practice an exemplary life-style.
- 4. Enable the youth to lead an exemplary sacramental life by developing appreciation of the liturgical life and practices of the Church.
- 5. Impart practical training to the youth to take up leadership roles in catechesis, prayer meetings, retreats and Bible conventions with a view to revitalize the church.



#### 1.5.2. Intellectual:

- 1. Encourage and facilitate the youth to learn, understand and propagate the doctrines of the Church along with other scientific and technology streams.
- 2. Conduct and organize discussions, seminars, debates, meetings, exhibitions and study tours.
- Set up study circles and libraries for the circulation and availability of the resources like MCYM official publications, prospectus, educational and religious publications etc. to help the intellectual growth of the youth.
- 4. Utilize modern scientific and technological skills.

#### 1.5.3. Social:

- 1. Prepare the Youth to study analytically the actual state of the society, to respond boldly against social evils and to work for the creation of a new society through positive action based on Christian ideals.
- 2. Encourage new initiatives in the fields of labour, agriculture and industry by providing training.
- 3. Seek solutions for social problems through organized activities.
- 4. Collect and disseminate information on the welfare schemes of the government and the Church and endeavour to make these available to the deserving.
- 5. Plan the action programmes for the progress of the backward communities and groups subjected to injustice, marginalization and disabilities of any kind.
- 6. Execute the action plan for the uplift of the backward communities, the oppressed, the discriminated and the less privileged ones.

#### 1.5.4. Cultural:

- 1. Set the stage to defend and promote Christian and Indian Cultural traditions.
- 2. Create opportunities to appreciate Indian intellectual heritage (Systems of Philosophy).
- 3. Organize youth festivals, literary-cultural training camps, competitions and cultural gatherings.
- 4. Discover and develop the literary and athletic abilities of the youth.

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#### 1.5.5. Political:

- 1. Educate and encourage participating actively in politics, the cradle of democracy.
- 2. Encourage its members to engage in politics and lead the people to get involved in it.

#### 1.6. Heavenly Patron:

St. Francis of Assisi is the heavenly patron of this Movement. The feast day of the saint is on, 4 October. The first Sunday of October shall be observed actively as MCYM Day, at the unit, district, Diocesan and ecclesial levels.

#### 1.7. Chief Patron:

The Major Arch Bishop Catholicos of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church is the Chief Patron of the MCYM.

#### 1.8. Chairman:

The Bishop of the Diocese of Puttur is the chairman of the MCYM Puttur. In each and every matter of dispute that may arise in the Movement, the decision of the Chairman shall be final and beyond litigation.





# **Chapter II: Membership and Subscription**

#### 2.1. Membership

#### 2.1.1 Nature:

All youth of the Diocese of Puttur, between the age of 15 and 30 years are eligible for membership, provided they endorse the aims and objectives of the Movement. Membership cannot be granted to those under canonical censures and to members or active workers of organizations prohibited by the Church. Every youth member shall have a single membership only; however, the membership can be transferred on the basis of a certificate from the director of the respective Unit.

#### 2.1.2 Identification

The official Identity Card, issued by the MCYM Diocesan office, is mandatory for participation in any event organized in MCYM Puttur. The Identity Card will be issued every year at time of membership for newly inducted members.

Every eligible member in Diocese of Puttur who has turned 15 years of age is mandatorily required to register for MCYM membership within a year.

- Exception\*: Newly inducted youth who are yet to register as a member and who do not have an Identity Card shall obtain a No Objection Certificate issued by their Parish priest to be eligible to attend or participate in youth activities.
- 2. Definition of Newly inducted member:
- a) A member of Diocese of Puttur who has turned 15 years before or after the prescribed date of membership and who is yet to register themselves at Regional and Diocesan level.
- b) A member who is between the age of 15 and 30 years and is recently inducted into the Malankara Syrian Catholic Parishes under the Diocesan jurisdiction of Diocese of Puttur and is yet to register himself/herself at Regional and Diocesan level.



c) A member of the Diocese of Puttur who, for valid reasons as approved by the Parish priest, missed the membership registration prescribed in a particular year.

#### 2.1.3 Membership Fees:

A new member shall pay an amount of Rs 100/- as membership fees. This membership fee will be retained by the unit. The membership fee is subject to revision based on approval of the Diocesan Senate.

#### 2.1.4 Loss of Active Membership:

Membership is liable to be lost due to following reasons

- **1.** Non participation without due cause for a continuous period of three years.
- 2. Default of subscription without the consent of the Unit Director.
- **3.** Actions in or outside the Church that question the integrity of Catholic faith.
- **4.** By a declaration of the Chairman that the member acts against the aims and objectives of the Church or the Movement.
- In grave situations the matter shall be formally intimated to the Chairman by the concerned authority and the unit shall abide by the decision of the Chairman. The Chairman also holds the right to reinstate the youth into the MCYM.

#### 2.2 Subscription:

- The subscription for a period of one year to be collected from each member shall be Rs. 250 from employed youth and Rs. 100 from unemployed youth. Alternatively, a one-time lifetime membership of Rs. 2000 can be collected for both employed and unemployed youth if the member is willing to do so.
- 2. The subscription collected from the employed and unemployed youth shall be shared with the Diocese, District and Unit levels in the ratio of 40%, 20% and 40% respectively.



Category	Unit	District	Diocese	<b>Total Subscription</b>
Employed	40%	20%	40%	250
Unemployed	40%	20%	40%	100
Lifetime Membership	40%	20%	40%	2000

- 1. The amount of subscription should not be increased or decreased by the Unit / District. This amount is uniformly collected across the Diocese. If any District / Unit is found collecting more than the above said amount, they shall be liable to disciplinary action.
- 2. Support fund(s) can be collected by Unit / District / Diocese but not as subscription.

The subscription fee is subject to revision with the approval of the Diocesan Senate.





# **Chapter III: The Structure of the Movement**

- 3.0 The Movement is constituted in four levels:
- 1. Unit (Parish)
- 2. Ecclesiastical District (Regional)
- 3. Diocesan
- 4. Central Secretariat (Sabhathalam)

#### 3.1. Unit:

The Unit is the parish level body of the Movement. MCYM is one of the associations proper to the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church and hence of each parish. All the youth of the parish are deemed to be its members. The Parish Priest is the Unit Director. The Unit must have a Unit Executive consisting of the President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, two Secretaries, a Treasurer, Nominees to the District Syndicate, the office bearers of the higher bodies, two Lay Animators (one male and one female) and one Sister Animator (if available). One of the Vice Presidents and one of the Secretaries shall be female. The Units having members less than 25 can opt for having one Vice President, one Secretary and one Lay Animator. The Units having members less than 10 shall form the Executive having a President, General Secretary, Treasurer and Lay Animator only.

The Unit Secretary shall submit a quarterly report to the District Secretary at the end of March, June, September and December. The Unit Treasurer shall handover to the District Treasurer the portion of the subscriptions due to the District and the Diocese by the end of August. The Unit Executives are responsible for the unit activities. Besides the unit activities, the executive shall organize events and activities as per the directives from the District/Diocese.

#### 3.2. Ecclesiastical District:

The Ecclesiastical District MCYM comprises of the units of an Ecclesiastical District of the Diocese. The District structure includes the District Senate, District Syndicate and District Secretariat. The Priest elected by the Presbyterial body of the Ecclesiastical District is



the Director of the District MCYM. The Ecclesiastical District Secretariat must have a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, two Secretaries, a Treasurer, Nominees to the Diocesan Syndicate, office bearers of the higher bodies, two Lay Animators (one male and one female) and one Sister Animator. One of the Vice Presidents and one of the Secretaries shall be female.

The District General Secretary shall submit a half yearly report to the Diocesan General Secretary at the end of June and December. The District Treasurer shall handover to the Diocesan Treasurer the portion of the subscriptions due to the Diocese by the end of October. The District Executive is responsible for the district activities. Besides the District activities, the executive shall organize events and activities as per the directives from the Diocese.

#### 3.3. Diocesan Level:

The Diocesan MCYM is a communion of all the youth of the Diocese. It is represented by the Diocesan structure that includes the Diocesan Senate, Diocesan Syndicate and Diocesan Secretariat and their communion with the lower structures. The Priest appointed by the Chairman as the Secretary of the Diocesan Commission for the Youth is the Director of the Diocesan MCYM. The Diocesan MCYM must have a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, two Secretaries, a Treasurer, Nominees to the Central Syndicate, Ex-Officio Members (President of the previous Diocesan Secretariat), Office Bearers of the higher bodies, two Lay Animators (one male and one female) and one Sister Animator. One of the Vice Presidents and one of the Secretaries shall be female.

The Diocesan General Secretary shall submit a yearly report to the Central Secretariat in December. The Diocesan Treasurer shall handover to the Central Secretariat the due affiliation fee in December. The Diocesan Executive is responsible for the Diocesan activities. Besides the Diocesan activities, the executive shall organize events and activities as per the directives from the Central Secretariat.



#### 3.4. Higher Bodies:

#### 3.4.1 Central Secretariat (Sabhathalam)

It is the highest governing body of the MCYM. It comprises of the representatives of the Diocesan MCYM.

#### 3.4.2 ICYM

Indian Catholic Youth Movement is the highest governing body of all the Catholic Youth Associations in India.

#### 3.4.3 KRYC

Karnataka Regional Youth Commission (KRYC) is the Commission for Youth in KRCBC (Karnataka Regional Catholic Bishop's Council). KRCBC is one of the regional bishop's council for the state of Karnataka, constituted under CBCI (Catholic Bishops Conference of India).





# **Chapter IV: The Unit**

The Unit MCYM is the communion of the youth of a Parish. The Unit MCYM is an association proper to the Parish. All the youth of the parish are deemed to be its members. It is represented by the Unit Executive Committee.

#### 4.1. Constitution and Administration

#### 4.1.1. Unit meeting:

- 1. Unit meeting is a gathering of all the youth of the parish.
- 2. It is presided over by the Unit President.
- 3. It is the forum to formulate the plan of action in accordance with the directives from the District and Diocesan level.
- 4. The general content should include: Bible Reading, Prayer, Welcome, Minutes of the Previous Meeting, Presidential Address, Director's Address, Presentation of the Agenda, Discussion, Announcement of Final Decisions, Vote of Thanks, Prayer and MCYM/National Anthem.
- 5. It is advisable that the youth of the parish gather together every week preferably on Sunday after the Holy Qurbana. There should be at least one Unit Meeting in a month.

#### 4.1.2. Unit Executive Committee

- 1. Unit Executive Committee is the governing and executive body of the Unit.
- 2. It comprises of the Unit Director, Animators, Elected Office Bearers and the Nominees to the Higher Bodies.
- 3. The tenure for the Unit Executive Committee is one year.
- 4. The meeting should be held at least once in two months.
- 5. Unit President presides over the executive meeting.
- 6. The quorum of the meeting should be at least 50% of the total members of the committee.
- 7. All the Unit activities should be approved by the Executive Committee.
- 8. The Unit Executive Committee gives leadership to conduct various unit level activities, maintains proper books of accounts and



responsibly handles the expenditure. It encourages new members to join the movement.

- 9. The resignation of the Office Bearers, given in writing, is placed for the consideration of the Committee. The Director can accept the resignation for due reasons and the same is intimated to the resigned in writing within 30 days of receiving the written request. The vacancy is to be filled up within 30 days from the acceptance of the resignation.
- 10. If the Unit plans to conduct an event which invites (for participation or as a guest to the dias) MCYM members external to the diocese of Puttur and/or higher Hierarchial/Authoritarian officials of the Malankara Catholic Church and its organizations external to the diocese of Puttur and/or other dignitaries of other Catholic/Non-Catholic Churches, the Unit executive committee is required to inform and seek consent from the District Secretariat.

#### 4.2. Rights and Duties of the Office Bearers:

#### 4.2.1. Unit President

- The President discharges the duties of the leader of the Unit and the general administration of the Unit. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw he/she shall:
- 1. Convene or arrange to convene unit and executive meetings.
- 2. Preside over Unit and Executive meetings and guide the action plan proposed by the Church.
- 3. Plan activities jointly with the Unit Director.
- 4. Issue statements consonant with the objectives and declared policies of the Movement.
- 5. Be empowered to spend up to Rs. 1000/- on his/her own initiative, in case of emergency in his/her tenure.

#### 4.2.2. Vice President

- 1. The Vice President assists the President in the activities of the movement; he/she shall handle matters entrusted to her/him by the President.
- 2. In the absence or resignation of the President until the election of his/her successor, the Vice President shall exercise all powers and discharge all the duties of the President.



#### 4.2.3. General Secretary

- The General Secretary discharges the routine administration of the organization. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw he/she shall:
- 1. Convene and conduct Unit and Executive meetings in accordance with the directives of the Unit Director and President.
- 2. Submit a quarterly report to the District General Secretary at the end of March, June, September and December.
- 3. Carry on correspondence and maintain the files.
- 4. Send information about the meetings.
- 5. Issue circulars and notices as authorized by the Director and President.
- 6. Prepare annual and quarterly reports.
- 7. Maintain the minutes of meetings, report of activities and registers.
- 8. Be empowered to spend up to Rs. 1000/- on his/her own initiative in case of emergency in his/her tenure.
- 9. Entrust, when found necessary, his/her rights and duties to the Secretaries, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

#### 4.2.4. Secretary

- a. The Secretary assists the General Secretary.
- b. He/she shall also handle other responsibilities entrusted to him/her by the General Secretary.
- c. In the absence of the General Secretary and in the event of his/her resignation, until the election of the successor, the Secretary shall exercise all powers and discharge all the responsibilities of the General Secretary.

#### 4.2.5. Treasurer

- The Treasurer manages the finances of the Unit. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw he/she shall:
- 1. Collect membership fees and subscription from the Unit members and donations or funds under any other head; thereof issue receipts with the seal of the Unit MCYM.
- 2. Handover to the District Treasurer the portion of the subscriptions due to the district and the diocese by the end of August.



- 3. Maintain accounts of the assets, income and expenses of the movement and preserve all the documentation in the unit office under his/her personal control and responsibility. This includes the books of accounts, bills, receipts and vouchers for expenses incurred by the Unit MCYM.
- 4. Submit the statement of income and expenditure for the specified period after audit.
- 5. Deposit the funds of the movement in banks in accordance with the directive of the parish.
- 6. Not to retain any sum exceeding Rs.3000/- for more than 7 days. The movement is not bound by any transaction of the treasurer without due authorization, vouchers and bills.
- 7. Disburse the fund against the bills and vouchers presented by the Unit Director, President and General Secretary, spent according to their discretionary powers.

#### 4.2.6. District Syndicate Members

- 1. The representatives from the unit to the district are the District Syndicate Members.
- 2. Each Unit has to nominate members as per the direction of the District Secretariat.
- 3. The Nominees from the Unit must have served the Unit Executive for at least one year
- 4. The District Secretariat Members are to be elected from these nominated members.

#### 4.2.7. Animator

The animator is the one who encourages and guides the youth of the MCYM to meet the objectives of the movement at the unit level.

- 1. He/she should have the knowledge of the goals of the movement and inspire the youth.
- 2. He/she should be a lay person who is nominated by the Unit Director in consultation with the Executive Committee.
- 3. Animator is a mandatory participant of Unit Executive and monthly meetings and a special invitee on the dais at events.
- 4. The Unit Executive should discuss, for all its activities, the proposals



and issues with the animator.

5. The Unit Director can appoint a Sister animator to help in the Unit level youth activities.

#### 4.2.8. Unit Director

The Unit Director is the one who bonds together the dynamism of the youth with the spirituality of the Church to fulfil the mission of the MCYM. He is the spiritual guide of the youth in the Unit.

- 1. The Parish Priest is the Unit Director.
- 2. He shall motivate and inspire the youth to function as per the aims and objectives of the Movement.
- 3. The Unit Executive should discuss, for all its activities, the proposals and issues with the Unit Director.
- 4. His directives and decisions are final with regard to the Unit unless otherwise reserved to the higher bodies.





# **Chapter V: Ecclesiastical District**

The District MCYM is a communion of all the youth of the Ecclesiastical District.

#### 5.1. Constitution and Administration

#### 5.1.1 District Senate:

- 1. The District Senate is the general body and the higher governing body of the ecclesiastical district MCYM according to the Bylaw of the MCYM.
- 2. It is constituted of the Executive Committee of the individual units in the district, along with the District Secretariat and the nominees to the Diocesan Syndicate.
- 3. Its tenure is two years.
- 4. Its meeting should be held at least twice in a year and the quorum of the meeting is one fourth of the members of the District Senate.
- 5. The District President presides over the senate meeting.
- 6. All meetings of the District Senate should be intimated to all the members at least 10 days before the meeting.
- 7. It should make a plan of action to execute the decisions of the Diocesan Senate.
- 8. The agenda and the draft of resolutions have to be sent to the Unit Secretaries at least three days prior to the senate Meeting. Urgent matters, if any, can be discussed with the permission of the chair.
- 9. Updates, annual reports and accounts are to be discussed and approved.
- 10. It elects the District Secretariat and nominates the representative to the Diocesan Syndicate.
- 11. The general content of the meeting should include Bible Reading, Prayer, Welcome, Minutes of the Previous Meeting, Presidential Address, Director's Address, Introduction of the Agenda and Discussion on them, Announcement of Resolutions/Decisions, Vote of Thanks, Concluding Prayer and MCYM Anthem.



#### 5.1.2. District Syndicate:

- 1. District Syndicate is the governing body of the Ecclesiastical District. It should ensure that the district plan of action is executed.
- 2. It is constituted of the District Secretariat, Nominees to the Diocesan Syndicate, Directors, Presidents and Animators of the individual Units of the District
- 3. Its tenure is two years.
- 4. Its meeting should be held at least once in a quarter and the quorum of the meeting should be one third of its total members.
- 5. The District President presides over the Syndicate Meeting.
- 6. The meeting should be intimated to all the members at least 10 days in advance
- 7. The agenda of the meeting should include evaluation of the past quarter and planning for the next quarter.
- 8. As per the directives from the Diocesan Senate, the Syndicate is responsible for the formation and execution of the action plans and allocation of funds
- 9. The resignation of the District Secretariat members, if any, may be accepted by the District Director if there is sufficient reason in consultation with the District Syndicate and he shall respond to the resignee in writing within 30 days. The vacancy is to be filled up from the District Syndicate by the District Senate within 30 days.

#### 5.1.3. District Secretariat:

- 1. The District Secretariat is the executive body of the District MCYM.
- 2. It comprises of the Proto-presbyter, District Director, District Animators, District Office bearers and Nominees to the Diocesan syndicate.
- 3. Its tenure is two years.
- Its meeting should be held at least once in three months and the quorum of the meeting is 50% of the members of the District Secretariat
- 5. It should execute the plan of action approved by the Syndicate/Senate.
- 6. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw, this body should execute the directives given by the Diocesan Bodies.



7. If the Ecclesiastical District plans to conduct an event which invites (for participation or as a guest to the dias) MCYM members external to the diocese of Puttur and/or higher Hierarchial/Authoritarian officials of the Malankara Catholic Church and its organizations external to the diocese of Puttur and/or other dignitaries of other Catholic/Non-Catholic Churches, the District Secretariat is required to inform and seek consent from the Diocesan Secretariat.

#### 5.2. Rights and duties of the Office Bearers

#### 5.2.1. District President

- The President discharges the general administration and the leadership of the District MCYM. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw he/she shall
- 1. Convene or arrange to convene District Secretariat, Syndicate and Senate meetings.
- 2. Preside over the District Secretariat, Syndicate and Senate Meetings and guide the action plan proposed by the District.
- 3. Plan activities jointly with the District Director.
- 4. Inspect any record(s) of the movement without prior notice.
- 5. Temporarily assign any of his/her power to the Vice President after consulting with the District Syndicate
- 6. Issue statements consonant with the objectives and declared policies of the movement.
- 7. Empowered to spend up to Rs. 2000/- on his/her own initiative in case of emergency during his/her tenure.

#### 5.2.2. Vice President

- 1. The Vice President assists the President in the activities of the Movement; he/she shall handle matters entrusted to him/her by the President.
- In the absence of the President and in the event of his/her resignation, until the election of the successor, the Vice President shall exercise all powers and discharge all the responsibilities of the President.



#### 5.2.3. General Secretary

- The General Secretary discharges the routine administration of the movement. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw he/she shall:
- 1. Convene and conduct District Secretariat, Syndicate and Senate meetings in accordance with the directives of the District Director and President.
- 2. Carry on correspondence and maintain their files.
- 3. Send information about the meetings.
- 4. Submit a half yearly report to the Diocesan General Secretary at the end of June and December.
- 5. Issue circulars and notices as authorized by the Director and President.
- 6. Prepare annual and quarterly reports.
- 7. Maintain the minutes of meetings, report of activities and registers.
- 8. Empowered to spend up to Rs. 2000/- on his/her own initiative in case of emergency during his/her tenure.
- 9. Entrust, when found necessary, his/her rights and duties to the Secretaries
- 10. Maintain minutes of District Senate, District Syndicate, Secretariat meetings and special meetings in the respective books and report to competent forums.
- 11. Follow directions given from time to time by the President/District Syndicate.

#### 5.2.4. Secretary

- 1. The Secretary assists the General Secretary.
- 2. He/ She shall also handle other duties entrusted to her/him by the General Secretary
- In the absence of the General Secretary and in the event of his/her resignation, until the election of the successor, the Secretary shall exercise all powers and discharge all the responsibilities of the Secretary.



#### 5.2.5. Treasurer

- The Treasurer manages the finances of the district. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw he/she shall:
- 1. Collect membership fees and subscription from the Units and donations or funds under any other head; thereof issue receipts with the seal of the District MCYM.
- 2. Maintain accounts of the assets, income and expenses of the movement and preserve all the documentation in the District office under his/her personal control and responsibility. This includes the books of accounts, bills, receipts and vouchers for expenses incurred by the District MCYM
- Submit the statement of income and expenditure for the specified period, after audit, to the Secretariat. The approved statement is submitted to the Syndicate/Senate. He/she prepares the budget in consultation with the Secretariat and submits it to the Syndicate/Senate.
- 4. Handover to the Diocesan Treasurer the portion of the subscription due to the Diocese by the end of October.
- 5. Deposit the fund of the Movement in an authorized bank in the name of the Movement. It should be operated jointly by the
- District Director and the Treasurer. Bank pass books, FD receipts should be maintained properly.
- 6. Not retain any sum exceeding Rs. 3000/- for more than 7 days. The movement is not bound by any transaction of the treasurer without due authorization, vouchers and bills.
- 7. Disburse the fund against the bills and vouchers presented by the District Director, President and General Secretary, spent according to their discretionary power.

#### 5.2.6. Diocesan Syndicate Members

- 1. The representatives from the district to the Diocese are the Diocesan Syndicate Members.
- 2. The Chairman can nominate up to 5 members to the Diocesan Syndicate
- 3. The representatives from the District must have served the District Secretariat for at least 1 year



4. The Diocesan Secretariat Members are to be elected from these Diocesan Syndicate representatives and nominees.

#### 5.2.7. District Animator

The District Animator is the one who encourages and guides the youth of the MCYM to meet the objectives of the movement at the district level.

- 1. He/she should have the knowledge of the goals of the movement and inspire the youth.
- 2. He/she should be a lay person who is nominated by the District Director in consultation with the Presbyteral body of the Ecclesiastical District.
- 3. The Animator is a mandatory participant of all the meetings of the District Senate, Syndicate and Secretariat and a special invitee on the dais at events.
- 4. The District Secretariat should discuss, for all its activities, the proposals and issues with the Animator.
- 5. The Proto-Presbyter can appoint a Sister animator to help in the district level youth activities.

#### 5.2.8. District Director

The District Director is the one who connects together the dynamism of the youth with the spirituality of the Church to fulfil the mission of MCYM. He is the spiritual guide of the youth ministry in District.

- 1. The Priest elected by the Presbyteral body of the ecclesiastical district is the Director of the District MCYM.
- 2. He shall function as per the aims and objectives of the movement.
- 3. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw, he shall facilitate to establish new MCYM units, inspire and guide the youth, oversee and be available for all the youth activities at the District level.
- 4. It is the responsibility of the District Director to act in accordance with the directives given by the Diocesan MCYM bodies to lead the District Youth for the smooth functioning of the movement.
- 5. If the District Syndicate/Senate is functioning against the interest of



the youth movement, the District Director should refer the issue to the Diocesan MCYM Director if it warrants a disciplinary action.

- 6. When the District Director's post is vacant, till the new Director is appointed, the Proto-Presbyter will be the interim Director.
- 7. The District Director is expected to serve for a period of three years.





# **Chapter VI : Diocese of Puttur**

The Diocesan MCYM is a communion of all the youth of the Diocese and its lower structures.

#### 6.1. Constitution and Administration

#### 6.1.1. Diocesan Senate:

- 1. The Diocesan Senate is the general body and the higher governing body of the Diocesan MCYM as per the Bylaw of the MCYM.
- It is constituted of the Diocesan Syndicate (ref. 6.1.2) and the District Secretariat (ref 5.1.3).
- 3. Its tenure is two years.
- Its meeting should be held at least once in a year and the quorum of the meeting is 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the Diocesan Senate
- 5. It forms the policy of the Diocesan MCYM as per the constitution of the MCYM, the current pastoral approaches of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church and the Magisterium of the Universal Catholic Church.
- 6. It discusses the common issues of the Church and Public related affairs.
- 7. It draws up, discusses and passes the annual action plan, annual report, annual income and expenditure of the Diocesan MCYM. It is to be approved by the Chairman before being published.
- 8. It elects the Diocesan Secretariat and elects/nominates the representatives to the MCYM Central Syndicate.
- 9. It passes the amendments to the Bylaw, if any, and submits to the Chairman for his approval.
- 10. The Diocesan President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer of the outgoing Diocesan Secretariat are guests to the Diocesan Senate.
- 11. The President of the Diocesan MCYM or in his/ her absence the Vice-President or in the absence of both, the member chosen from the Diocesan Secretariat shall preside over the Senate meeting. Meetings wherein any concern rose against the President or the



Vice-President is discussed, shall be presided over by the Director with the assent of the Chairman.

- 12. The Senate Meeting is overseen by the Diocesan Chairman and his decision shall be final.
- 13. The general content of the meeting should include Bible Reading, Prayer, Welcome, Minutes of the Previous Meeting, Presidential Address, Chairman's Address, Director's Address, Introduction of the Agenda and Discussion on them, Announcement of Resolutions/Decisions, Vote of Thanks, Concluding Prayer and MCYM Anthem.
- 14. The President with the consent of the Chairman can allot time for questions and answers. The questions have to be submitted to the General Secretary at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

#### 6.1.2. Diocesan Syndicate:

- 1. The Diocesan Syndicate is the Governing Body of the Diocesan MCYM. It should ensure that the Diocesan plan of action is executed.
- 2. It is constituted of the Diocesan Secretariat, District Directors, Presidents and Animators of the ecclesiastical districts of the Diocese and district representatives to the Diocesan Syndicate.
- 3. Its tenure is two years.
- 4. Its meeting should be held at least once in a year and the quorum of the meeting is 1/4th of the Diocesan Syndicate
- 5. The Diocesan President presides over the Syndicate meeting.
- 6. It is also responsible for raising and allocating funds for the Diocesan action plan as per the directives from the Diocesan Senate.
- 7. It discerns the matters to be discussed in the Diocesan Senate, drafts resolutions and schedules the order of the agenda.
- 8. It gives timely instructions to the District MCYM for implementing the plan of action decided at the annual senate meeting.
- 9. The resignation of the Diocesan Secretariat members, if any, may be accepted by the Diocesan Director with due reason and he shall respond to the Resignee in written form within 30 days after consultation with the Diocesan Syndicate. The vacancy is to be filled from the Diocesan Syndicate by the Diocesan Senate within 30 days.



- 10. It can create committees for the proper and fruitful implementation of the proposed action plans.
- 11. It can approve a deficit of up to 10% of the approved budget.
- 12. It has to discuss and approve the minutes of the previous senate Meeting, annual working report, statement of annual income and expenditure, audit report and budget of the upcoming year to be presented in the Senate.

#### 6.1.3. Diocesan Secretariat:

- 1. The Diocesan Secretariat is the executive body of the Diocesan MCYM.
- 2. It comprises of the Chairman, Diocesan Director, Assistant Director if any, Diocesan Animators, Diocesan Office Bearers, Nominees to the Central Syndicate and Ex-Officio Member (Previous Diocesan President).
- 3. Its tenure is two years
- 4. Its meeting should be held at least once in every 3 months and the quorum of the meeting is 50% of the Diocesan Secretariat
- 5. It should execute the plan of action approved by the Diocesan Syndicate/Senate.
- 6. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw, the Diocesan Secretariat should execute the directives given by the Central Secretariat.

#### 6.2. Rights and duties of the Office Bearers

#### 6.2.1. Diocesan President

The President discharges the general administration and the leadership of the Diocesan MCYM. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw he/she shall:

- 1. Convene or arrange to convene the Diocesan Secretariat, Syndicate and Senate Meetings
- 2. Preside over the Diocesan Secretariat, Syndicate and Senate meetings and guide constructive action to associate with the Diocesan plan of action.
- 3. Plan activities jointly with the Diocesan Director
- 4. Inspect any records of the movement without any prior notice.



- 5. Temporarily assign any of his/her power to the Vice President after consulting with the Diocesan Secretariat.
- 6. Issue statements consonant with the objectives and declared policies of the movement.
- 7. Empowered to spend up to Rs. 5000/- on his/her own initiative in case of emergency during his/her tenure.

#### 6.2.2. Vice President

- 1. The Vice President assists the President in the activities of the movement; he/she shall handle matters entrusted to him/her by the President.
- 2. In the absence of the President and in the event of his/her resignation, until the election of the successor, the Vice President shall exercise all powers and discharge all the responsibilities of the President.

#### 6.2.3. General S1ecretary

The General Secretary discharges the routine administration of the movement. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw he/she shall:

- 1. Convene and conduct the Diocesan Secretariat, Syndicate and Senate Meetings in accordance with the directives of the Diocesan Director and President
- 2. Carry on correspondence and maintain their files
- 3. Send information about the meetings
- 4. Submit the yearly report to the Central Secretariat by the end of December
- 5. Issue and record circulars/notices as authorized by the Director and President
- 6. Prepare annual reports
- 7. Maintain the minutes of meetings, report of activities and registers
- 8. Empowered to spend up to Rs. 5000/- on his/her own initiative in case of emergency during his/her tenure
- 9. Entrust, when found necessary, his/her rights and duties to the Secretaries



- 10. Maintain the minutes of Diocesan Senate, Syndicate, Secretariat Meetings and special meetings in the respective books and report to the competent forums
- 11. Follow the directions given from time to time by the President and Syndicate

#### 6.2.4. Secretary

- 1. The Secretary assists the General Secretary.
- 2. He/she shall also handle other duties entrusted to her/him by the General Secretary
- 3. In the absence of the General Secretary and in the event of his/her resignation, until the election of the successor, the Secretary shall exercise all powers and discharge all the responsibilities of the General Secretary.

#### 6.2.5. Treasurer

The Treasurer manages the finances of the Diocesan MCYM. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw he/she shall:

- 1. Collect membership fees and subscription from the districts and donation or funds under any other head; thereof issue receipts with the seal of the Diocesan MCYM.
- Maintain accounts of the assets, income and expenses of the movement and preserve all the documentation in the Diocesan MCYM office under his/her personal control and responsibility. This includes the books of accounts, bills, receipts and vouchers for expenses incurred by the Diocesan MCYM.
- Submit the statement of income and expenditure for the specified period, after audit, to the Secretariat. The approved statement is submitted to the Syndicate/Senate. He/she prepares budget in consultation with the Secretariat and submits it to the Syndicate/Senate.
- 4. Deposit the fund of the movement in an authorized bank in the name of the movement. It is operated jointly by the Diocesan Director and the Treasurer. Bank pass books, FD receipts should be maintained properly.
- 5. Not to retain any sum exceeding Rs.5000/- for more than 7 days. The



Movement is not bound by any transaction of the Treasurer without due authorization, vouchers and bills.

6. Disburse the fund against the bills and vouchers presented by the Diocesan Director, President and General Secretary, spent according to their discretionary powers.

#### 6.2.6. Members to the Central Syndicate

- 1. The Diocesan Senate elects/nominates one representative to the central syndicate as per the directives of central syndicate.
- 2. The candidate must have served the Diocesan Secretariat for at least one year.
- 3. He/She is elected from a list of candidates approved by the Chairman.

#### 6.2.7. Members to the KRYC

- 1. The Diocesan Senate elects/nominates two representatives to KRYC as per the directives of KRYC.
- 2. The candidates must have served the Diocesan Secretariat for at least one year and must be unmarried.
- 3. They are elected from a list of candidates approved by the Chairman.
- 4. As per the Bylaw of the MCYM, one of the elected members to the KRYC must be a female.

#### 6.2.8. Diocesan Animator

The Diocesan animator is the one who encourages and guides the youth of the MCYM to meet the objectives of the Movement at the Diocesan level.

- 1. He/she should have the knowledge of the goals of the movement and inspire the youth.
- 2. He/she should be a lay person who is nominated by the Chairman.
- 3. Animator is a mandatory participant of all the meetings of the Diocesan Senate, Syndicate and Secretariat and a special invitee on the dais at events.
- 4. The Diocesan Secretariat should discuss all the activities, proposals and issues with the animator.



- 5. The Chairman can appoint a Sister animator to help in the Diocesan level youth activities.
- 6. Animator, lay/sister, is expected to serve at least for two years.

#### 6.2.9. Assistant Director

- 1. The Chairman can appoint the Assistant Director from among the Priests/Sisters serving in the Diocese.
- 2. He/she shall be a member of the Diocesan Secretariat.
- 3. In the event of the absence or in the event that the office of the Diocesan Director remains vacant, the Assistant Director exercises the rights and duties of the Diocesan Director.
- 4. The Assistant Director executes the duties assigned by the Diocesan Director.

#### 6.2.10.Diocesan Director

The Director is the one who bonds together the dynamism of the youth with the spirituality of the Church to fulfil the mission of MCYM. He is the spiritual guide of the youth ministry.

- 1. The Diocesan Chairman appoints the Diocesan Director from the priests serving in the Diocese.
- 2. Besides what is mentioned elsewhere in this Bylaw, he shall facilitate to establish new MCYM units, inspire and guide the youth, and oversee all the youth activities at the Diocesan level. He shall be available for the activities of the entire Diocese.
- 3. He shall give leadership to the activities planned by the Central Secretariat and function as per the aims and objectives of the Movement.
- 4. He acts in accordance with directives given by the Central Secretariat to lead the Youth of the Diocese for the smooth functioning of the Movement.
- 5. He refers to the Chairman if an MCYM member or body functions against the interest of the MCYM.
- 6. The Diocesan Director is expected to serve for a period of three years.
- 7. In case of emergency, the Diocesan Director can call for a meeting at any levels of the Executive body





# **Chapter VII: Election**

#### 7.1. General Instructions:

- 1. A Candidate to an office of the Movement must be an active member.
- 2. He/she shall be aware of the rights and duties of the respective office and be ready to fulfil them. If an elected person is absent for 3 consecutive meetings of the Executive Body, without prior intimation of the due cause/reason, he/she will *ipso facto* cease to be a Member of that Body.
- 3. The Diocesan Director will be the chief election officer for the elections at all levels, which include the Unit, District and Diocese. The Director at the respective level is the Returning Officer.
- 4. The election at any given level must be conducted as per this Bylaw and the election circulars issued by the Chief Election Officer.
- 5. The tenure for the newly elected members will be two years at all levels of the Diocese. However, till the new Office Bearers take charge of their respective offices, the outgoing Office Bearers shall continue in their office.
- 6. In the event that a person resigns from his/her office, he/she shall continue in office until the resignation is accepted. If an office is to be vacant for more than six months, the competent body at the respective level will convene a meeting to fill up the vacancy.
- 7. After the election, the outgoing Office Bearers shall handover all the books, records and other relevant documents to the newly elected Office Bearers.
- 8. The complaints against any election and its resolutions should be conducted as per a natural justice system. If there are any complaints against the process of election, the appeal must be made within 24 hours and the same must be resolved within 10 days, in such cases the Oath taking shall take place only after the issue is resolved.
- 9. All complaints must be signed by respective directors & protopresbyters.



- 10. In the event that the President of any Executive Body is a male, the first Vice President shall be a female. However, if the President is a female, the first Vice President shall be a male. If the General Secretary is a male, the first Secretary shall be a female and vice versa.
- 11. If two Candidates receive the same number of votes in an election, the candidate senior in age and experience in handling the office shall be declared elected by the Returning Officer at the respective level. If both the Candidates are of the same age and experience in handling office, the Returning Officer will decide the matter with his casting vote.
- 12. One cannot hold two offices at the same time at any level.
- 13. The Directors, Animators and Ex-Officio Member have no right to vote.
- 14. Any exceptions arising during or about the elections at any level, has to be approved by the Diocesan Director

#### 7.2. Unit Elections:

- 1. The members of the Movement have the right to vote in the Unit election. The quorum for the election is 50% of the Unit MCYM members. The Candidates are elected by majority of votes.
- The members elected to an office in the Unit Executive must be an active member of the Unit MCYM for at least two years. Those elected to the post of the President, General Secretary and Treasurer should also have an experience of at least one year in the Executive Body.
- 3. Those elected to the District Syndicate must have held an office in the Unit Executive for a period of at least two years.
- 4. If there are any complaints regarding the elections, the same must be brought to the notice of the Returning Officer immediately. The Returning Officer shall resolve the issue within 24 hours. If the complaint still persists the complainant can approach the District Director via e-mail or a written letter immediately. The District Director shall give a decision within 10 days. If the decision is not in favour of the one elected, a fresh election has to be conducted for that post.



5. An elected member cannot hold a specific post in the Executive for more than 2 consecutive terms.

#### 7.2.1. Eligibility

- 1. **President:** The Unit President should be an active member of the MCYM for at least for 3 Years; he/she should be at least 18 years of age. He/she should have held an office for at least 1 year in the Unit Executive.
- 2. Vice President: The Unit Vice Presidents (2) should be an active member of the MCYM for at least 2 years; he/she should be at least 17 years of age.
- 3. General Secretary: The Unit General Secretary should be an active member of the MCYM for at least 3 Years; he/she should be at least 18 years of age. He/she should have held an office for at least 1 year in the Unit Executive.
- 4. Secretary: The Unit Secretaries (2) should be an active member of the MCYM for at least 2 years; he/she should be at least 17 years of age.
- Treasurer: The Unit Treasurer should be an active member of the MCYM for at least 3 Years; he/she should be at least 18 years of age. He/she should have held an office for at least 1 year in the Unit Executive.
- 6. Lay Animator: The Unit Lay Animator (1 male and 1 female) should be an active member of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. He/she should be above 35 years old.
- 7. Nominee to Regional Syndicate: 2 nominees shall be elected as representatives to the Regional Syndicate. The Nominees should be active members of MCYM, and he/she should have at least 2 years of experience in the Unit Executive.
- 8. Exceptions to age restrictions (for Unit Elections only) can be made by Unit Director in consultation with District Director



## 7.3. District Elections:

- 1. The elected members from the Unit must provide a written proof to the District Director from their respective Unit Director to be members of the senate.
- 2. The members of the newly formed District Senate have a right to vote in the District election. The quorum for the election is 50% of the members. The Candidates are elected by majority of votes.
- 3. The newly elected Syndicate Members sent from the units are eligible to be Candidates for the election.
- 4. Those elected to the Diocesan Syndicate must have served an office in the District Secretariat for a period of at least one year. If eligible candidates are lacking in the district syndicate, the district presbyteral body can nominate eligible members to the Diocesan Syndicate.
- 5. If there are any complaints regarding the elections, the same must be brought to the notice of the returning officer immediately. The returning officer shall resolve the issue within 24 hours. If the complaint still persists the complainant can approach the Diocesan Director via e-mail immediately. The Diocesan Director shall give a decision within 10 days. If the decision is not in favour of the one elected, a fresh election has to be conducted for that post.

## 7.3.1. Eligibility

- President: The District President should be an active member of the MCYM for at least 5 Years; he/she should be at least 21 years of age. He/she should have held an office for at least 1 year in the District Secretariat.
- 2. Vice President: The District Vice Presidents (2) should be an active member of the MCYM for at least 4 Years; he/she should be at least 19 years of age.
- 3. General Secretary: The District General Secretary should be an active member of the MCYM for at least 5 Years; he/she should be at least 21 years of age. He/she should have held an office for at least 1 year in the District Secretariat.



- 4. Secretary: The District Secretaries (2) should be an active member of the MCYM for at least 4 Years; he/she should be at least 19 years of age.
- Treasurer: The District Treasurer should be an active member of the MCYM for at least 5 Years; he/she should be at least 21 years of age. He/she should have held an office for at least 1 year in the District Secretariat.
- 6. Lay Animator: The District Lay Animator (1 male and 1 female) should be an active member of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church and should have a working experience with youth in Unit level for minimum 3 years. He/she should be above 35 years of age.
- 7. Nominee to Diocesan Syndicate: 2 nominees shall be elected as representatives to the Diocesan Syndicate. The Nominees should be an active member of MCYM and he/she should have at least 2 years of experience in the District Executive or 3 years of experience in Unit Executive.

## 7.4. Diocesan Elections:

- 1. The elected members from the District must provide a written proof to the Diocesan Director from their respective District Director to be members of the Diocesan senate.
- 2. The Chairman can nominate up to five members to the Diocesan Syndicate. He is to send their names to the Diocesan Director.
- 3. The newly elected and nominated Diocesan Syndicate members from the District are eligible to be candidates for the election.
- 4. The Members of the newly formed Diocesan Senate have a right to vote in the Diocesan election. The quorum for the election is 50% of the Members. The Candidates are elected by majority of votes.
- 5. The Diocesan Secretariat shall be elected from the Diocesan Syndicate by the Diocesan Senate
- 6. The Representative to the Central Syndicate shall be elected from the Diocesan Syndicate or nominated by the Chairman
- If there are any complaints regarding the elections, the same must be brought to the notice of the Returning Officer immediately. The Returning Officer shall resolve the issue within 24 hours. If the



complaint still persists the complainant can approach the Chairman via e-mail immediately.

- 7.4.1. Eligibility
- 1. President: The Diocesan President should be an active member of the MCYM for at least 6 Years; he/she should be at least 23 years of age. He/she should have held an office for at least 1 year in the Diocesan Secretariat.
- 2. Vice President: The Diocesan Vice Presidents (2) should be active members of the MCYM for at least 5 Years; they should be at least 21 years of age.
- 3. General Secretary: The Diocesan General Secretary should be an active member of the MCYM for at least 6 Years; he/she should be at least 23 years of age. He/she should have held an office for at least 1 year in the Diocesan Secretariat.
- 4. Secretary: The Diocesan Secretaries (2) should be active members of the MCYM for at least 5 Years; they should be at least 21 years of age.
- 5. Treasurer: The Diocesan Treasurer should be an active member of the MCYM for at least 6 Years; he/she should be at least 23 years of age. He/she should have held an office for at least 1 year in the Diocesan Secretariat.
- 6. Lay Animator: The Diocesan Lay Animator (1 male and 1 female) should be an active member of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church and should have a working experience with youth in unit / District level for minimum 3 years. He/she should be above 35 years old.
- 7. Representative to Central Syndicate: He/She should have been an active member of the MCYM for at least 6 Years; he/she should be at least 23 years of age. He/she should have held an office for at least 1 year in the Diocesan Secretariat.
- 8. Representative to KRYC: He/She should have been an active member of the MCYM for at least 6 Years; he/she should be between 18 years and 28 years of age. He/She should be unmarried. He/She should have held an office for at least 1 year in the Diocesan Secretariat.





# **Chapter: VIII: General Laws**

#### 8.1. Sources of Income:

- 1. Annual Subscription fixed by Diocesan Syndicate from time to time, donations and income decided by the Chairman shall be the sources of the income for the movement.
- 2. The income received through other projects / drives approved by the Chairman and interest on deposits shall be the sources of income for the movement.
- 3. Besides those mentioned in clauses (a) and (b), district / unit can find their own innovative means to generate income with the approval of their respective directors.
- 4. The assets of the Movement are to be understood as common property of the Movement and therefore no portion of the assets and the income shall be distributed among the members.
- 5. The assets and funds of the Movement belong to the Church and none of them, partially or fully, should be distributed among its members. If the activity of this Movement ends or is brought to an end, then the Chairman has the right to use the property for the common good after clearing the liabilities.

#### 8.2. Celebrations:

The *dukhrono* of St. Thomas, feast of St. Francis of Assisi, MCYM day, Youth day, Easter, Christmas, Mar Ivanios day, reunion day, the commemoration day of the Bishops of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church and social justice day shall be the days that are to be celebrated by the movement. Besides these, special days can be selected for the celebrations based on the decisions of the syndicate.

#### 8.3. The Diocesan office:

The Diocesan Office of this Movement shall be at Bishops house of the Diocese of Puttur. Besides these there can be regional offices in the districts of the Diocese.

## 8.4. The Registers and Records:

The following records and registers must be maintained in the



Diocesan Office. Similarly, the District and Unit level Offices should also maintain respective records and registers relevant on their level.

- 1. Constitution (Bylaws of MCYM).
- 2. The complete details of the Diocesan, District and Unit Members and Office Bearers.
- 3. The name and complete address of the Members of the Secretariat, Syndicate and Senate.
- 4. The reports of the meetings of the Secretariat, Syndicate and Senate
- 5. The details of the assets related to the Movement, bank documents, receipts, vouchers, seals and letter pad of the movement
- 6. Correspondence files.
- 7. Associate forms and their details.
- 8. Office diary and Visitors' diary.
- 9. Other records as per the decisions of the Syndicate.

#### 8.5. Penal procedure:

- 1. The Unit executive Committee can recommend penal action against a member or an Office Bearer of the Unit to the District Syndicate and the District Syndicate shall take action over the same. The defendant/s can appeal before the Diocesan Syndicate against the decision of the District Syndicate and the decision of the Diocesan Syndicate shall be final.
- 2. The District Syndicate can recommend penal actions against any of its Office Bearer to the Diocesan Syndicate and the Diocesan Syndicate can decide on the same. The defendant/s can appeal before the Chairman against the decision of the Diocesan Syndicate and the decision of the Chairman shall be final.
- 3. A complaint against any of the Diocesan Office Bearers can be submitted to the Diocesan Director and he can decide over the same. The defendant/s can appeal against the decision of the Director to the Chairman and the decision of the Chairman shall be final.



## 8.6. Redressal (Appeal Body):

- 1. The first level of redressal for any issues arising in the Unit should be referred to the Unit Director.
- 2. The second level of redressal for any issues arising in the unit should be referred to the District Director.
- 3. The Diocesan Director will be a lateral office for redressal for any Unit or District issues.
- 4. The District or Diocesan Director may consult with the respective Secretariat members for effective resolution of the issue.

## 8.7. Motion of no-confidence:

- 1. If any of the Senate member needs to make motion of noconfidence against the Elected Member/s, he/ she has to submit the reasons to the Director, at the respective level, in a written format with the consent of at least 2/3 majority of the Senate.
- 2. The Director at the respective level has the right to accept or reject it based on the majority. If the motion of no-confidence is against the defendant, the defendant has to resign. The decision of the Director at respective level is final.
- 3. The defendant shall be given chance to give explanations.

## 8.8. Amendment of the Constitution (Bylaw):

- 1. To amend any part of the Bylaw, it requires 3/4<sup>a</sup> majority of the assembled Diocesan Senate.
- 2. Chairman has authority to accept, reject or return the amendments with the recommendation.
- 3. If the amendment has to be taken into discussion in the Diocesan Senate the amendment part has to be completely published in the Senate notice prior to the meeting.
- 4. The amendments come into effect after the Chairman's approval.
- 5. All amendments of the Diocesan MCYM are subject to the Bylaw of the Ecclesial MCYM

## 8.9. Interpretation of Bylaw:

The Diocesan Syndicate is the only competent body to interpret this Bylaw subject to the approval of the Chairman.



- 8.10. Promulgation of the constitution, nullifying the former constitution:
- 1. This constitution after approval by the Diocesan Senate is submitted for the confirmation of the Chairman. He promulgates the Bylaw by his decree.
- 2. All the former Bylaws of Diocesan MCYM are nullified by the promulgation of this Bylaw.

#### 8.11. Audit:

- 1. Income and expenditure details of all the various levels of MCYM under the Diocese are audited by an internal auditor before it is presented to the respective committee.
- 2. Auditor should be a member of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church
- 3. All income and expenditure statements would stand void if not validated by the respective auditor.





#### MALANKARA CATHOLIC YOUTH MOVEMENT DIOCESE OF PUTTUR OATH

I.....hereby swear in the name of God That I will serve in the ......hereby swear in the name of God That I will serve in the ......unit of the Malankara Catholic Youth Movement in the capacity of ......of MCYM obeying the rules of the observed constitution and in accordance with the dictates of the head of the Syro- Malankara Catholic Church and the Chairman of Puttur Diocese.

I swear that I will incessantly strive for the establishment of God's kingdom on earth based on truth, justice, love and peace, fully believing in the path of salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ, the spirituality of the holy Malankara Church formed in the Apostle Thomas, deeply rooted in Indian tradition and culture, the legacy of the apostles and the uniqueness of the Universal Catholic church and that I will continue to work towards the fulfilment of the re -union movement, especially for the growth and development of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church.

I swear that I will ceaselessly endeavor to work for the building of a strong youth culture with its foundations on the principles of Christianity respecting the unity and integrity of my motherland with a collective responsibility aimed at preserving the objective of the youth Movement, that I will perform the responsibility vested on me by the constitution with sincerity and loyalty without fear or favour giving due importance to my social commitment respecting the moral values instilled in me through my spiritual upbringing.

May the Holy Mother Mary and Blessed Saint Francis Assisi the patron saint of MCYM help me to fulfil this pledge.

Name	 Signature
Position held	 Date
Address	



## **MCYM PLEDGE**

I, a member of the Malankara Catholic Youth Movement/ the Youth Organization of the Malankara Catholic Church, / believe in the economy of salvation instituted / in Jesus Christ and in the Church. / I esteem in the apostolic patrimony of the Malankara Church / fashioned by St. Thomas the Apostle; / the cultural heritage proper to Mother India, / in the individuality and spiritual tradition / of the worldwide catholic church.

I do swear in the name of God to work ceaselessly / in accordance with the constitution of the MCYM / for the success of the Reunion activities which constitute / the vocation proper to the Malankara Catholic Church and / for the attainment of the objectives of the organization. May the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Francis of Assisi, / the heavenly patron of the MCYM / help me to fulfil this oath.

# **DRAFTING COMMITTEE:**

1.	Rev. Fr. Rino Erupathanchil	Di
2.	Mr. Joyal Jose	Pr
3.	Mrs. Dhanya Angela	Ge
4.	Mr. Babith	Tr
5.	Ms. Jisha	Vi
6.	Mr. Jobin Alarme	Vi
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# **ANTHEM**

സിരകളിൽ വിര്വം നുരയും നുതന യുവജന ശക്തി തരംഗം കരളിൽ ക്രൈസ്തവ ധർമം ലക്ഷ്വം മാനവ വിമോചനം (2)

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തമസിൻ കോട്ട തകർക്കാനൻപിൻ പൊൻ വിളക്കുകളായിടാം നേരിൻ പൊന്നൊളി വിശാൻ നന്മതൻ നക്ഷത്രക്കതിരായിടാം (2) പ്രശ്ന ശതങ്ങളിൽ അമരും നാടിനെ വിശ്വാസത്താലുണർത്തിടാം (2) (സിരകളിൽ വിര്വം....)

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