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Ignatius Zakka I Iwas
Patriarch of Antioch \& All the East
Supreme Head of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church

No.E118/10


11-June-2010

Apostolic Benediction to our beloved spiritual children: the Reverend Vicar, office bearers and all the other faithful of our Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Churches and Congregations in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

After enquiring about your welfare we inform you the following. We had appointed His Grace Mor Athanasios Geevarghese Metropolitan as our Patriarchal Vicar for our churches in Bahrain, until $30^{\text {th }}$-June-2010. We have now relieved His Grace from the charges as the Patriarchal Vicar, with effect from $01^{\text {st }}$-July-2010, and have appointed His Grace Mor Osthatheos Pathrose, the Assistant Metropolitan for the Biblical Academy and Seminary, Patriarchal Centre, Puthencruz P. O., Ernakulam District-682308, Kerala, as the Patriarchal for our Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Churches and congregations in Bahrain, with effect from $01^{\text {st }}$-July-2010, until further orders from us. We advise you to extend your sincere cooperation and support to His Grace the Metropolitan, for all the welfare of our churches and faithful there. We appreciate the sincere services rendered by His Grace Mor Athanasios Geevarghese Metropolitan and pray for all his well beings. Also May God strengthen His Grace Mor Osthatheos Pathrose Metropolitan to carry out the new responsibilities in a manner most pleasing before God and for the welfare and Glory of our church. We extend our Apostolic


Copy to : His Grace Mor Osthatheos Pathrose Metropolitan.


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Sunday School Classes are closed for the Summer Holidays and will re-open on the $1^{\text {st }}$ of October, 2010.

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I say changing phase because now I am into college life new world, new country, new state, new city, new college , new class rooms, new friends, new strangers......in short a new phase of life. But it's ironic that I am in an ancient college, The Madras Christian College (MCC). It's been over 173 years since this college has been established. So it's a new life in an ancient college.


BA English Literature that's what I am into. I don't know from when on but its last year that I realized that literature has been my passion which I now prefer to make my profession. Even when I opted for Science in my 11th std, I thought I would be going for architecture, but without my knowledge my passion was asleep inside me. I didn't know that waking time was nearing. By the end of my 12th std , it was completely awake.....but I wasn't sure...because as you all know it's quite common for Science students to go for either Engineering or Medicine. But I still had this desire in me to do something different...to deviate from the usual track...and then I thought I would go for Literature. But then my English marks for the Board exam disappointed me greatly. After getting really good marks in the school exams I get a mere 72 in Boards...it was a disaster for me. I remember cursing myself for ever liking English and to think that Literature was my passion and I thought I did rather go for Engineering. Later own I somehow gathered courage, I asked myself why I should back away from my passion. just because I got a 72 in boards and then I took up the challenge of deviating....Going behind my true Passion...' Literature '. For this my parents also supported me.

I know there were some elders who thought that my decision was wrong, because they thought after taking Science I was earmarked for being an Engineer. And that only Engineering had good employment offers....well please don't get me wrong. I am not against Engineers or Engineering. It's wonderful to be an Engineer if you have the true passion for it if you think Science suits you the best...

But my taste was different and so I took up a different path, and by the Almighty's grace got into one of the most reputed colleges for Arts and Science in India. Now I am here in Chennai Its a new experience to be literally melting in the intense summer after having an Air Conditioner, almost everywhere I went, in Bahrain. Staying away from family and friends makes my heart bleed. But this is an inevitable change that had to occur no matter what. Something I miss the most is our Church and moreover teaching the tiny tots in Sunday school. My inspiration to go into the teaching field, to become a Professor, is from the experiences I had teaching my little brothers and sisters in Sunday school, and so all thanks to our Sunday school and especially to Jacob Uncle who is the first person to send me to a Sunday school class as a substitute teacher. I am greatly looking forward to coming back to work in Bahrain and also to be a permanent Sunday School teacher. I know it sounds funny, but it's my dream.

My message to my little brothers and sisters is that Know your passion ...and once you know it... Follow it ...and moreover the almighty has a plan for each one of us and our lives will move on according to that master plan and whatever you take Science Commerce or Arts...nothing is going to change that.

## ARISE AND SHINE..\&...ALL THE VERY BEST......!!!!!!!!

With lots of Love

Yours Lemma Chechy

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## A Quiz by the Numbers

1. One is the number of ...
a. sons of Isaac
b. years Paul had to wait before meeting the disciples
c. healed lepers who returned to thank Jesus
2. Two is the number of...
a. spies who recommended that Israelites invade Canaan.
b. Sons of Jacob
c. Years of Jesus' ministry
3. Three is the number of ..
a. sons of Abraham
b. days Jonah was in the belly of fish.
c. Testaments.
4. Four is the number of ....
a. people king saw in the fiery furnace.
b. lions in the den with Daniel.
c. Books of the Bible written by John
5. Five is the number of ...
a. Bible books credited to Moses.
b. Sons of Jesse
c. Species that Noah would not let on board the ark
6. Six is the number of
a. loaves of bread a little boy let Jesus multiply
b. days God took to create things
c. friends of Job
7.Seven is the number of...
a. times Naaman was asked to dip in the Jordan river
b. daughters of Laban
c. Bible books written by Paul
7. Eight is the number of...
a people on the ark.
b. commandments God really gave on Mount Sinai.
c. fish caught by Peter after he denied Jesus.
8. Nine is the number of ....
a. stones David slung before hitting Goliath.
b. soldiers who tried on Saul's armour before David did.
c. feet tall, approximately ,that Goliath was.
9. Ten is the number of .
a. brothers of Goliath who swore vengeance against David
b. husbands of Ruth.
c. virgins in Jesus' parable who took their lamps to meet the bridegroom.
10. Eleven is the number of...
a. brothers of Joseph.
b. disciples of Jesus.
c. chapters in genesis.
11. Twelve is the number of .....
a. brothers of Joseph
b. disciples of Jesus
c. chapters in 1 Corinthians
12. Thirteen is the number of...
a. fruit flies on the ark.
b. the famous "love chapter" of 1. Corinthians.
c. The infamous hate chapter of Ecclesiastes.
13. Fourteen is the number of...
a. total years Jacob worked so he could marry Rachel.
b. bad dreams Jacob had before reuniting with Esau.
c. rungs on the ladder Jacob saw ascending towards heaven
14. Fifteen is the number of...
a. people of Nineveh who responded to Jonah's message
b. years God added to Hezekiah's life after he prayed for healing.
c. Days Elisha had to wait to become a prophet.
15. Sixteen is the number of...
a. years the chosen people wandered.
b. chapters in Acts of Apostles
c. number of gospels squared.
16. Twenty is the number of...
a. pieces of silver the slave traders paid for Joseph.
b. Years in Babylonian captivity
c. Friends who advised Job
17. Thirty is the number of...
a. pieces of silver Judas got for betraying Jesus.
b. days Noah was aboard the ark.
c. people who fell asleep during Paul's preaching.
18. One hundred is the number of...
a. soldiers led by a centurion
b. the days sun stood for Joshua
c. soldiers Gideon used to rout an army of thousands
19. One thousand is the number of ...
a. people who became Christians on the day of Pentecost.
b. bricks, slaves had to make for Egyptians per hour
c. years that one day is like, to the Lord.

## COMPARISON - A BLOW TO SIBLING HARMONY

In the local newspaper last week, there was a letter from a person who was always compared to his good looking brother. He became jealous because he was ignored by his family and friends. He admits he used to beat his brother, push him around and did a lot of harm to him out of jealousy. And yet, each time, his brother would hug him and look at his face with gleaming eyes still brimming with love. One tragic morning, his brother suffered a nasty fall and died of massive internal injuries. He writes "I cried for the first time for my brother looking at his closed eyes; from that day I never hurt even a fly."

We all do have this habit of comparing children; parents compare siblings, teachers compare students, employers compare employees. Comparing a child to his brother or sister or a cousin only demotivates the child. It will make it harder for him to cope up with his tasks. We may not be aware of it, but our unnecessary comparisons put a tremendous amount of stress on our children.

A friend visited us with his family recently. As usual, the conversation revolved around the academic performance of his children. Both the parents were praising the younger one about his smartness, his good grades in studies and how every body liked his pleasing jovial nature but how the older brother was the complete opposite of his brother. He was never regular in studies, was always complaining, unhappy, not ambitious...the list went on. I looked at the boy's face and I could read how miserable, hurt and ashamed he felt. I wished they would stop it. I quickly diverted the conversation to something else to save the child from further humiliation.

Every child has his or her own set of talents, so don't ever compare your children with each other or with others. You will make the child revengeful, resentful or angry with his sibling, cousin or anyone to whom he is compared. Give them small tasks to do together and praise them equally when it is completed.

We have to remember, whatever we want to tell our child, can be told without any comparison to a brother or sister, stick to the issue you want him to do at that time and try to help him do it. He will remember you always for that concern and support.

Children do understand each other's capabilities. By nurturing their appreciative attitude carefully, you'll find your child saying "my brother sings really well..." with pride in their voice that their sibling has such talent. Try not to encourage or support others when they compare your children. Be the rock your children can come to in times of sadness as well as jubilation. Work actively on building up your child's selfconfidence by helping him discover things he is good at or has an innate talent for. The encouragement, support and trust your children get from you will eventually help shaping their future.

Competition in any form is actually a tool for comparison. Though they motivate a few, they demotivate even more. Some stop pursuing a talent when they repeatedly lose in such competitions.

Grading systems introduced by examination boards attempt to rank students and group a large number of students with a diverse set of talents by what is assumed to be the same range of intelligence. There is seemingly a competition for everything now and no one thinks twice about engaging in foul play and ignoring all ethics just to win. Often, the charm and grace of the art itself is lost. Despite football being one of the most popular games in the world, that brings the world together; didn't we see several instances in this world cup of players feigning injury or diving on the field just to get a free kick?

There is always room for healthy competition as this helps hone talents and makes people aspire towards greatness. But keep competition in perspective, and remember that with our children, there is definitely such a thing as too much competition.

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