



**FIRST EPARCHIAL ASSEMBLY
SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF MISSISSAUGA
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**BE A MISSION AND BUILD THE CHURCH
QUESTIONNAIRE - *LINEAMENTA***

CHAPTER I

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

1. What is the mission of Syro Malabar Church in Canada?
2. Who is a missionary from your perspective?
3. How can you be a missionary in Canada?
4. How far Syro-Malabar Church is involved in evangelization?
5. What do you understand by Church?
6. What is your role in the building up of the Church?
7. Do you experience walking together in the Church? If yes, point out the factors that helped you to walk together. If not, cite the reasons.
8. What are your suggestions to root your family and parish in Christ?
9. How can you support building a church community?
10. What are the possible missionary activities in Canada?
11. What are the challenges that you face in your missionary work?

CHAPTER II

THEOLOGICAL LEGACY AND THE MISSIONARY ZEAL OF THE SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH

1. How can the Eparchy better promote and educate the faithful regarding the Syro-Malabar Church's theology, particularly the Syro-Malabar liturgy?
2. How was your faith transmitted to you by our ancestors, and which aspects of that transmission had a greater impact on you?
 - a. In your perspective, what is the most crucial element in transmitting faith to the next generation?
 - b. How would you rate the quality of faith formation programmes in your Syro-Malabar parish?
 - c. What challenges or obstacles, if any, hinder your participation in faith formation opportunities in the Eparchy? (eg: time and financial constraints, lack of interest etc.)
 - d. How can our parishes offer better support to parents and families, who are primary educators of faith, in their efforts to transmit the faith?
 - e. What resources or support do you believe would be beneficial in promoting the transmission of faith within our Eparchy?
3. How can effectively involve young individuals in the life of the Church and encourage them to embrace and share the faith? In what ways can we leverage technology and social media to engage them and facilitate the transmission of faith?
4. Are there any aspects of Catholic teaching or tradition that you find particularly challenging to communicate to younger generations? If so, what are they and why do you think they pose difficulties?
5. Are there any modifications or improvements you would like to see in the current faith formation program offered by the Eparchy? Are there any changes or improvements you would like to suggest regarding Eparchy's approach to faith formation?

CHAPTER III

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1. Can you provide specific suggestions to reach out to the scattered Syro-Malabar Catholics residing in remote areas of Canada?
2. Do you think that lay leadership is valued and encouraged in our Eparchy and what measures can be adopted to empower lay leadership?
3. What are your suggestions for strengthening faith formation in the Eparchy and individual parishes?
4. Are there any aspects of faith formation that you believe are not being addressed within the Eparchy and would like to see prioritized by the Eparchy in the future?
5. In recent years, what faith formation opportunities have you engaged within the Eparchy and have they facilitated a personal encounter with Jesus for you? (e.g., Catechism classes, retreats, Bible studies, Holy Qurbana, workshops, prayers etc.)
6. The formation and training of catechists are essential in faith formation. Please share your thoughts on this matter.
7. What initiatives are to be implemented to encourage the active involvement of the faithful, especially children and youth, in Holy Qurbana?
8. Conduct a survey on Syro Malabar Catholics attending regular Sunday Holy Qurbana at their respective parishes.
9. What are the challenges encountered by families and couples in Canada?
10. Are healthcare professionals confronted with dilemmas when it comes to decision-making upholding the sanctity of life?
 - a. How do you approach these situations in line with Catholic teaching?
11. Do you believe that Eparchy and our parishes utilize media and social media platforms for evangelization and dissemination of moral values within society?
12. How strategies can be employed to counteract media campaigns that aim to tarnish the excellent ministries done by the Church?

13. The experience of culture shock and the identity crisis among the Syro Malabar Catholics.
Discuss.
14. Do you think that work-life imbalances and economic challenges affect family life?
15. Provide specific recommendations for assisting and supporting the new immigrants.
16. What do you propose to foster the inclusiveness of youth and children within the parish?
17. Do you feel a sense of welcome within your parish community and that your opinions are heard and valued?
18. Share your general feedback regarding the practice of family prayer.
19. Do you witness Christ within your own family?
20. Are Gospel values actively lived and passed down within your families?
21. What are the challenges you encounter in raising children within the Christian faith?
22. How effective is the family unit meeting within your parish?
23. What suggestions do you have to ensure the active participation of all members in the family unit meeting?
24. Propose specific faith-nurturing activities for children during these meetings.
25. Do the pious associations fulfill their responsibilities within the parishes?
26. What are the challenges faced by pious associations, for the effective facilitation of their ministry within the Eparchy and parishes?
27. Provide valuable recommendations to strengthen pious associations such as CML, Holy Childhood, SMYM- National & International, Mathruvedhi & Pithruvedhi, Nurse's Ministry, Catholic Congress, Knights of Columbus, and other similar associations within your parishes.
28. What are your recommendations to enhance the financial stability of our parishes and missions, to improve facilities?
29. How successful are you in instilling Christian values and inspiring others in your society?
30. What are your suggestions to evangelize society by embracing Gospel values?
31. Christ is the center of your life, family, and society. Are you aware of your call to place Christ at the center of your life?