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Blessings to all the Clergy and the MMVS Members of the Parishes in the Irish Region in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity,

As you are all aware, the MMVS Regional Meeting of the Irish Region is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 30 August 2025, hosted by St. Peter's and St. Paul's Indian Orthodox Church, Drogheda. The theme guiding all our activities this year is '**Towards the Redeeming Christ**', which calls us to orient every aspect of our life and service towards the salvation and renewal we have in Christ.

It is encouraging to see that the meetings in all zones this year were conducted with great care and devotion. I sincerely acknowledge and thank the central organisers and the zonal office bearers for their tireless efforts and the spiritual leadership they have offered, and may God bless their families abundantly.

I wish to remind all parishes that it is essential for every single unit to be represented at the Regional Meeting. I have come to know that Onam celebrations planned in some parishes are causing a hindrance to participation in the Regional Meeting. While our spiritual tradition has never opposed wholesome cultural celebrations, they must never take precedence over our primary commitment - which is to Christ, the Gospel, and the Holy Church. Our spiritual organizations are the very platforms through which we live out this commitment. Let us therefore guard against replacing these with cultural programmes, however meaningful they may seem.

I urge all clergy and units to ensure that your members register for the Regional Meeting on or before 31 July 2025.

The theme '**Towards the Redeeming Christ**' reminds us that our Christian journey is one of constant movement toward Christ, who redeems and renews us. This journey requires a conscious turning away from distractions and a steadfast walk in His grace, offering our lives and work to be transformed in His redeeming love.

Praying for the success of the Regional Meeting and for the continued spiritual growth of all our MMVS members in the Irish Region.

Prayerfully yours in Christ

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