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Message

St. Thomas Orthodox Theological Seminary (STOTS) in Nagapur, Maharashtra is one of the prestigious institutions of Malankara Orthodox Church built up on the culmination of a dream of the Orthodox Christian Diaspora under the committed dedication of Metropolitan H.G. Dr. Stephanos Mar Theodosius of blessed memory and of generous support from the faithful. We thank God for our Old Seminary in Kottayam which completed its 200 years and the new seminary in Kalmeshwar, Nagpur which completed 20 years of teaching ministry. STOTS, Nagpur is on run in its committed efforts to edify and strengthen and bring in our new generations of Diaspora in Orthodox Christian faith, tradition and values. Although the primary function of the seminary is priest training, it has also taken the responsibility engaging OSSAE & OVBS of Outside Kerala Region (OKR) and providing support and leadership in this potential area. Seminary has also taken care of all spiritual organisations of the Church in the *Outside Kerala Region* efficiently.

We appreciate very much the initiative of the coordinators of ICON, have supported the mission of the Church on a few occasions very meaningfully and responsibly, to support our new seminary by opening a new portal for the seminary friends' project. We anticipate, from the faithful of the Church, a genuine concern and creative intervention in STOTS projects for their perfect accomplishment.

Let Heaven's blessings be prevailed upon you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Basilios Marthoma Paulose II', written in a cursive style.

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