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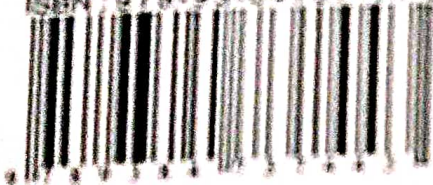
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## EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE SYRIAN CATHOLIC MISSION IN THE KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT

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### Abstract

*Christianity in Kanyakumari district is the second largest religion. The Catholic, denomination church Protestant Salvation Army groups are the major Groups. Christianity is said to date back to the 1st century CE. The Syrian Catholic Mission has contribute the society through education the Syrian catholic mission has two reputed educational institutions one of the institution is situated in the important city of Marthandam in Kanyakumari district and another institution is situated in the nearer of Kerala border Kaliyakavilai Mariagiri in Kanyakumari district. According to the tradition, St. Thomas, one of the twelve apostles, landed on the Malabar Coast (Kerala) in 52CE and introduced Christianity. There was a Christian community in Kanyakumari district was right from the beginning of the first century AD. After the sixteenth century many of the Christian missionaries arrived in district of kanyakumari and its result many of the new Christian community were began to flourish. One of the important Christian communities is Syrian Catholic Christian. The Syrian catholic mission has done many of the social workslike upliftment of the poor. They provide education, and medical services.*

### Introduction:

St. Thomas, one of the Apostles of Jesus Christ came to India in 52 AD. Of the Seven churches and a half Church has to established in India, the District of Kanyakumari is privileged to have the ARAPPALLY at Thiruvithancode. Though there was a Christian community in Kanyakumari right from the beginning of the 1st century, it could not prevail to be a sizeable Christian community. In the 16 century, the Portuguese Missionaries arrived in the Civil District of Kanyakumari and as a result of which, a new Christian community began to flourish. Later during the British regime in India, the Protestant missionaries also started their work among the people in this area, which was, in fact, a part of the erstwhile State of Travancore. Syrian Catholic Mission has served the society through education thus the mission have some educational institutions in the important cities of the kanyakumari district.

### Educational Services:

Mainly the Syrian Catholic Mission has two main educational institutions it leads the society to forward. The important institutions of the Syrian Catholic Mission are Christuraja Matriculation and Higher Secondary School, Marthandam and Malankara Catholic College, Kaliyakavilai.

### Christuraja Matriculation and Higher Secondary School:

The Christuraja Matriculation and Higher Secondary School was founded on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1971, Ever since, the institution has been growing from day to day and catering to the welfare of the children, mainly drawn from the rural society. The school is proud of the that fact it has produced Civil Service Personal, Doctors, Scientists, Journalists, Engineers, Teachers, Professors, Businessmen and other professionals spread out all over the globe. Above all the School has produced citizens who cherish human values.

In Marthandam, the Institution which was started by the D.M Convent of St. Joseph's Province is the pride of the town. It has grown from student strength of 23 to 2980...an increase of more than hundred times over a period of 48 years. It has the state of art with modern facilities and equipped labs, library, transport and other infrastructure for curricular and co-curricular activities.

### Malankara Catholic College:

The College was born out of the Educational Vision of the Most. Rev. Lawrence Mar Ephraem, the first Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Marthandam, established on 20th July, 1998. Subsequent to his eternity on 8th April, 1997, the Most. Rev. Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom became the Second Bishop of the Diocese of Marthandam on 1st July, 1998.

Under his untiring inspiration coupled with the foresighted efforts of Rev. Fr. Prem Kumar, M.S.W, the previous Correspondent/Secretary; the polite behavior of Rev. Fr. Maria Arputham M.A, the

former Bursar; the able guidance of the former Principals and the dedicated staff members, the college began to flourish.

**Conclusion:**

With the assent of the Holy Father Pope Francis and consent of the Holy Episcopal Synod, His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, the Father and Head of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, has expanded to contribute the society through education. In order to enhance evangelization and to boost humanitarian endeavors in the School and College. Apart from the religious aspects the Syrian catholic mission has been serve the society in kanyakumari district and people are committing themselves to use this oppertunities in the great grace and mercy of God.

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