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## Dear Respected Headmasters/Headmistresses,

It has been a blessed and fruitful 2011 and we welcome the dawn of a New Year with many projects already in progress to benefit and improve our current program.

The Sunday School board takes this opportunity to thank you for what you have done for our Sunday school in 2011 and wish you a blessed 2012.

Remember the great saying about the effect of Sunday school, "as goes Sunday school, so goes the church". Your services are that critical and for that reason any enhancement in our Sunday Schools would have a multiplying positive impact on our churches. Given below are some information and suggestions that may help you in leading your Sunday schools more effectively

### 1. Some syllabus related changes that became effective from 2011

a) **KG Book** - A book is available now for the KG class. This is available on the Sunday school page of our Diocese website.

b) **8, 9, and 10th Grade syllabus changes** - a treatise on Holy Eucharist has been introduced as 3 parts for the 8, 9, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes as supplements. These books have been issued to all of you last year. These will also be uploaded on to our website within the next couple of weeks. Each of these books has 3 to 4 chapters. However, in order to avoid an increase in course load for the students some of the chapters from the 8 to 10 grade books have been removed from the Syllabus. These excluded chapters are as follows:

- Grade 8: Lessons 6, 7, 8, 9, 29 and 30
- Grade 9: Lessons 2a, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Grade 10: Lessons 5, 6, 7 and 8

### 2. 10th Grade Centralized Exam

Congratulations to all of you who have worked hard to prepare and encourage students for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade test last month. We had altogether around 70 students who have participated in 2011 centralized test. We are planning to publish the results in February 2012. The test date from 2012 onwards will be on the **Sunday before the Thanksgiving day** (this change from the from the first Sunday in December to the Sunday before Thanksgiving day was made to avoid the clash of the test date with SAT tests and Christmas caroling). The 2012 centralized test will be on **Sunday, November 18, 2012**. The suggested model exam date is October 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The midterm exams for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade should be done at a church level.

All other classes (KG to 9<sup>th</sup> grade) should have a midterm and final exams at church levels

