Note 1/05-2020

# Gospel Writing Challenge

## Guidelines

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| **Starting date:** | May 13, (commemoration day of the first apparition of Mary at Fatima) |
| **Ending date:** | December 08 (feast day of Immaculate Conception) |
| **Last date of Registration:** | May 31 |
| **Mega Prize:** | $ 500 |
| Register in: | https://forms.gle/YrdH7gbrBb9HLorf7 |

**Registration Fee:** $ 15 to be submitted along with your completed work to the respective parish Priest and inform the Department Secretaries with a Family photo of the participant along with the good news that you completed the task.

**Objective:** Writing the Word of God is a sacred activity. You need to pray before every time you start. Also you may put some prayer intentions for writing the Word of God. We assure you that the Lord will testify with signs the sacred duty you undertake. It shall not be the prize, but the activity of writing the Divine Word that should inspire you.

## Rules:

**Content to be handwritten: 4 Gospels and the Book of Psalms**

**Language and version of original:   POC Malayalam Bible or English NRSV/ RSV Bible**

**Who can participate:** Either individually or as a family, you can write. But once you start writing a Gospel or the book of Psalms, the same person needs to complete that book. A registered participant/family needs to write the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John along with the book of Psalms.

**Paper:** You may use any kind of white paper. But you need to give sufficient space for margins. Be sure that you leave an extra- large left margin to enable you to get it bound successfully.

**Exceptions permitted:**
- You need not write the footnotes
- you need not write in two columns as we see in the Bible
- You need not write the introduction for each book
- You need not write cross reference with the other gospels which we usually see under the headings.
- You may write on both pages if no colours or marks appear there from the other page.

**Essentials requirements:**
- Neatness, accuracy to the original, and no over writing

- You may provide marginal decorative drawings, but not necessary.
- Chapter and verse markings are needed.
- Headings are needed.
- Please write attentively as alterations cannot be made

**The Departmental Process:**

- Upon the submission of the manuscript and approval from the respective parish priest, we will publish a congratulation Flyer with photo for that Family and Parish in our Departmental Face book Page.
- The respective Parish Priest and along with catechism teachers will decide upon the merit of the works received and select and send two for winners list for the Departmental evaluation.
- A panel of judges from the Department will assess the works submitted by the parishes and select the First and Second Prize winners for the parish. The parish will provide them with Prizes.
- Department will choose the best 12 Manuscripts from the received manuscripts.
- From the best 12, a Mega Prize Winner will be announced. If the selection becomes very difficult, the department will go for a lot to find the Mega Winner.
- The best 12 Manuscripts will be awarded with Eparchial Certificates and a memento.
- Parish priests have kindly consented to give suitable recognition to all the successful participants from the parish in a public function as far as the situations permits.
- All the manuscripts will be given back except the Mega prize winner.
- Those who complete this challenge will be entitled to get into the next level challenge, which we will announce later.

NB: **We request all the interested participants to register before May 31. We will not be able to receive your manuscripts unless you register via online.**


Kind Regards,
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Director

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