

Diocesan Examination – 2008

Date: Sunday, May 11, 2008. The examination will start at 12.00 Noon EST for all Sunday schools.

Eligibility: The test will cover grades 5 through 10. The test are only for pre-registered students. Those who score 60% or more marks in the semester examination is eligible to take the test. Examination fee is \$5.00(U.S. Dollar)

Syllabus: a. Mar Thoma Sunday school Curriculum- 25 lessons of the 30. (**Please see the attached list for the lessons excluded for the test.**)

b. Mar Thoma Church “ Our Foundation and Vision”- The lessons prescribed for each grade.

Format of the Test: Mar Thoma Sunday school curriculum 85%
Mar Thoma Church Foundation and Vision 15%

The Sunday School Council unanimously felt that, to make learning more challenging and meaningful, more emphasis should be given to the Bible Reading portions assigned to each lesson. Teachers and test writers are requested to focus on this aspect in teaching and making the tests.

(Please see the attached format which will be followed for the 2008 Diocesan Examination.)

Grading: Under the changing circumstances it is necessary to change our grading system too. It was decided to eliminate the numerical grading system and students will be graded as follows

Score	Grade
96-100%	A+
91-95%	A
86-90%	B+
81-85%	B
76-80%	C+
65-75%	P (Pass)
64% and below	N (Need Improvement)

All students who receive Grade A+ will be given awards and certificates.

All students who receive Grade C+ and above will be given certificates

A system of curving will be introduced to make sure that 2% of students appearing in each grade will be in the Grade A+.

Evaluation: The Council also felt the need for decentralizing the evaluation process. This will ensure shared responsibility and reduce the work load. In 2008 the evaluation will be at 4 centers: Chicago, Dallas, New York and Toronto.