



To make His presence felt again...



## Major Archbishop's Charity Fund

The Syro Malankara Catholic Church  
Major Archdiocese of Trivandrum



"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor." - Pope Francis

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*That they may have life, and have it abundantly (Jn. 10:10)*

The concept and realization of Major Archbishop's Charity Fund in the Major Archdiocese of Trivandrum spring from the abundance of God's love for His people that caters to man's becoming not only spiritually developed but also physically improved. Ever since the assumption of the office as the Father and the Head of the Malankara Catholic Church, His Beatitude Cardinal Basielios Cleemis has written a responsible role for himself to ease the burdens of life that haunt the people of God. His Beatitude believes that his participation in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ is nothing other than being united in love with the Lord and being extended in love for the fellow human beings. On the great occasion of the feast of his heavenly patron St. Basil, His Beatitude sets himself with the *gesture of receiving* for the people of God. The financial contribution that is received during the occasion of the feast is spent for the social ventures of utmost importance for the cause of the poor. His Beatitude bases his acts of love and care on bold principles of human dignity, leverage, empowerment, interconnectedness, sustainability, social transformation and so on.

Here is a short description of the charity projects undertaken by His Beatitude beginning from the year of 2008. Putting his trust in God alone and submitting himself to God's Will, His Beatitude has made the presence of Jesus felt again in the world. His Beatitude invites the spirit of goodwill of the people from all walks of life and irrespective of caste and creed, to prayerfully and, according to each one's ability, financially involve themselves in the service of the poor. If you wholeheartedly endorse the charitable work initiated by His Beatitude, you are invited to devote yourselves to becoming the good news to those who carry the burdens of life.

### Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios Snehaveedu

*Beyond small mercies*

Hard realities of life have fallen heavily on them making them flattened against the ground and their cries faintly heard. We are speaking about those, in and outside the Trivandrum city, who are marginalized or deserted because they cannot stand the pace. His Beatitude had an ardent desire to shelter them and provide them with the necessities of life and making them feel the dignity of a human being. Snehaveedu is meant for men who are mentally and physically challenged and are left with nobody. Vagrants are provided with food and shelter irrespective of caste and creed. His Beatitude's landmark decision to go in search for the wounded and weak has set the entire church in motion towards thinking about and working at the well being of the poor.

It was an important milestone in the year of the Platinum Jubilee of the Major Archdiocese of Trivandrum to start a Home for the Destitute (Archbishop Mar Gregorios Snehaveedu) to provide shelter and support to those who are abandoned and homeless. Snehaveedu is dedicated to the revered memory of Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios. The home was inaugurated by Sri Mullapally Ramachandran, the then Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India, on October 10, 2009.

A team of dedicated religious sisters take care of these people under the guidance of a Priest-Director and make them experience the love, care and acceptance which they have been deprived of. Presently there are 75 inmates in Snehaveedu. Some churches, institutions and individuals have become shining examples of what people can do for and how they can be at the service of the inmates of Snehaveedu.

His Beatitude invites you to have a heart for the poor and weak, that spurs you into loving and caring for them

#### You may become involved in it by:

- ✿ Making your prayer for the cause
- ✿ Sponsoring an inmate
- ✿ Providing them with basic necessities of daily life
- ✿ Sponsoring the food



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