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## **MESSAGE**

We visualize human relationship at different levels — interpersonal, family, neighbourhood, blood relations besides those like regional, national, international and universal. When we look at a family association as that of Marattukalam family based on blood relationship, we understand it not just on the social level but on a deeper level as an association based on spiritual values. Relationship within a family is the most basic to humanity. It is having a sacramental nature too. Among the seven sacraments of the church, marriage is the first sacrament initiated by God himself and hence relationship in a family cannot be broken off except by the reason of death. Such a relationship cannot be confined to individual families alone but also made extended to blood relations again making a natural, divine and unifying reality and that is family association.

Let us thank God that all of us have come together to this life of union and try to become lively in this union by gathering together, celebrating together, knowing one another, sharing what we can, growing together in strength and making our own contributions to ecology and to the welfare of the community at large.

Our loving God the Father loves us most and let not a single person of this Marattukalam association (Kudumbayogam) live astray from this union.

As the Patron of this noble union, I wish and pray 'God Bless us All'.

(Signed) Fr. George Marattukalam, CMI