

MESSAGE

"Blood is thicker than water," thus goes the saying. Martattukalam Kudumbayogam is a union of families brought and bound together by blood.

Our world has become a global village in which people live in physical

proximity; but miles apart from each other in their hearts. In this context this book has a special place in bringing all the family members closer together in love and agape. Let the knowledge of our family history enable each one of our families to help one another in sharing all that we have. One of the cancers that eats up today's family is loneliness. Let this book enable all the members of our family to connect with each other to share our joys and sorrows in such a way that all the members of the Marattukalam family may feel belonged to this extended family of ours. We know for sure that all the members in the family however capable or incapable one may be, have a role to play in making the family a place of God experience. May the Trinitarian family, from which we have derived our existence, bless us all.

Wishing you all the best,

And invoking God's blessings,

Fr. Shyju Thomas, S.J.

