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The Editorial Board is very glad to present this issue of Synodal News with the Acts of the two Synods of the Syro-Malabar Church held in January and August 2015. The year 2015 is significant because of the celebration of three important events in the Universal Church. In 2013, Pope Francis declared that a Year of Consecrated Life be celebrated throughout the world beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014 and concluding with the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple on 2 February 2016. The Holy Year of Mercy will begin on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on 8 December 2015 and will end on November 20, 2016, the Sunday dedicated to Christ the King. The XIV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome was held from 4 to 25 October 2015 with the theme ‘the Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World.’

In his Apostolic Letter to all the consecrated people on the occasion of the year of consecrated life, Pope Francis reminded the consecrated that “we have to ask ourselves: Is Jesus really our first and only love, as we promised he would be when we professed our vows? Only if he is, will we be empowered to love, in truth and mercy, every person who crosses our path. For, we will have learned from Jesus the meaning and practice of love. We will be able to love, because we have His own heart.” Pope Francis on Sunday, 2 February 2014, highlighted the great value that the consecrated persons bring to the Church. The Pope said that the consecrated persons in different sectors are “the leaven of a more just and fraternal society”. He said that “Consecrated Life is a gift of God to the Church and to His people”. In line with the spirit of the Year of the Consecrated Life, the Major Archbishop in his inaugural address to the Synod in January mentioned that the Year for the Consecrated Life is an occasion for us to rejuvenate consecrated life in the Church and to strengthen our efforts for evangelization. As part of the celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life, a meeting of all the Major Superiors of the Syro-Malabar Institutes of Consecrated Life and the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church was organized on 24 August during the Second Session of the Synod in the month of August.

The aim of the Holy Year of Mercy, as explained in the letter of Pope Francis to Archbishop Rino Fisichella, is “to be for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God...a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective.” During the discussion in the Second Session of the Synod in August, it was pointed out that we should have a face of mercy, without however denying truth and justice. The celebration of the Year of Mercy should be reflected in our personal life and in our pastoral approach. In line with these discussions, an action plan with some basic thrusts was approved by the Synod which include showing greater respect to the lay faithful and women religious by the Bishops and priests, being careful not to inflict wounds on others, emphasizing the administration of the sacrament of reconciliation, administering justice in matrimonial cases expeditiously and with a pastoral outlook, giving greater stress on the palliative care centres to alleviate the sufferings of the terminally ill, setting apart ten percent of the income of the Church institutions for social and charitable activities, reserving 10% of seats for the poor in the Church managed educational and health care institutions, etc.

The XIV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World held in Rome from 4 to 25 October 2015 was an event that generated great interest and expectation all over the world. The Syro-Malabar Church organized discussions on the lineamenta of the Synod at the eparchial level in the forums like Presbyteral Council, Pastoral Council, and at the Forane and Parish levels, and in religious communities and formation houses. Two seminars were conducted on the lineamenta by LRC and the Doctrinal Commission along with Archbishop
Andrews Thazhath and the response of the Syro-Malabar Church on the lineamenta thus prepared was forwarded to the Synod Secretariat by Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt. Besides, the Major Archbishop, Archbishop Andrews Thazhath and Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt represented the Syro-Malabar Church in the Synod and through their interventions, highlighted the properties of marriage and family, stressing the value we give for the family life and the faith formation of our children and family prayer life in our Church including our migrant communities.

The Year 2015 also brought some blessings to the Syro-Malabar Church in the form of certain ecclesiastical provisions that answered a few of the longstanding pursuits of the Syro-Malabar Church in the area of pastoral care of its migrants. On 26th August came the announcement of extending the territory of the Eparchy of Mandya to include six districts of Karnataka which make up the territory of the Archdiocese of Bangalore. The significance of this announcement is enhanced by the fact that at the same time the proper territory of the Syro-Malabar Church was also extended to these territories. Another important announcement in this direction was the erection of the Syro-Malabar Exarchate of Mississauga in Canada. We were also blessed with the appointments of Mar Joseph Kodakalli as Bishop of Satna, Mar Jose Kalluvelil as Apostolic Exarch of Mississauga, Mar Antony Kariyil, CMI as Bishop of Mandya and Mar Antony Prince Panengadan as Bishop of Adilabad.

The Syro-Malabar Church is earnestly preparing for the celebration of two important events – the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly and the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Establishment of Syro-Malabar Church to the Major Archiepiscopal Status. The first session of the Synod in January expressed the view that the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly being a consultative body which advises the Major Archbishop and the Synod on matters of major importance to the Church and its mission, taking into consideration the present context and the common good of the Church and the Country, unlike the Roman Synod which is centred on a particular theme, can take several concerns that affect the Church in the given context. Accordingly the Synod proposed that the upcoming Assembly of 2016 invite themes from eparchies, religious institutes and individuals from which themes for the agenda will be chosen. During the Assembly the delegates will be invited to respond to these themes and there will be an extended Zero Hour when the delegates will have opportunity to share their views even on issues outside the agenda. The Second session of the Synod in August considered various themes proposed by the eparchies and chose the general title of the theme of the Assembly as “The Response of the Church to the Challenges of Today.” The Second session of the Synod also decided to inaugurate the Silver Jubilee Year of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of our Church during the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016 and celebrate it in a befitting manner.

These were some of the important themes and events that engaged the attention of both the sessions of the XXIII Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church. In this issue of the Synodal News (Vol. 23, Nos. 1 – 2, December 2015) we have included documents relating to two Sessions of the XXIII Synod held in the year 2015. Besides, there are Pastoral Letters, Circulars and Documents related to important ecclesiastical provisions and other usual matters. It is hoped that these items will help the readers to be informed of the major events and discussions, which took place the Synod of the Syro-Malabar Church.
XXII Synod (2015) Session 1
5 - 9 January 2015

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF
THE MAJOR ARCHBISHOP

My dear Brother Archbishops and Bishops,

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

Cordial welcome to all of you to the present Session of the Synod! The reflections given by Archbishop Jacob Thoomkuzhy have prepared very well our hearts and minds in the lines of the thinking of Holy Father Pope Francis on consecrated life and pastoral service and I thank him for his inspiring talk. The celebration of the Holy Qurbana has reinforced our Episcopal communion and has strengthened us in the spirit of the Lord to reflect anew on the issues and projects of our Church.

I welcome in a special way Bishop Ephrem Nairiculam who is attending the Synod for the first time as full member of the Synod. Bishop Joy Alappat also would have joined us but for his health condition after the recent bypass surgery. As I requested you twice by e-mail, he needs our prayers to regain his normal health. With these two new Bishops, the membership of our Synod has risen to fifty three. I welcome also the Administrators of the Eparchies of Satna and Mandya, Fr. George Mangalappilly and Fr. George Alukka to this session of the Synod.

After being Bishop of Tellicherry for six years and its Archbishop for nineteen years, Archbishop George Valiamattam has retired from office and Archbishop George Njaralakatt has assumed office as Archbishop of Tellicherry. Bishop Sebastian Valloppilly, the first Bishop of Tellicherry is acclaimed as the Moses of Malabar. If so, Archbishop George Valiamattam can be considered the Joshua who worked hard to settle the people of God in the Archeparchy and to ensure their spiritual and material welfare during these years. It is during his time that the
Eparchy of Belthangady was created. The foundation and initial growth of Good Shepherd Seminary, Kunnoth is mainly due to his initiative and collegial leadership. This Synodal Seminary, without doubt, is a great achievement of the priestly training in our Church. Archbishop George Valiamattam will be ever remembered for his selfless and spiritual leadership he gave to the people of God in Tellicherry, his services to the Syro-Malabar Church and as Vice-President of CBCI to the Indian Church in General. His successor Archbishop George Njaralakatt has a meritorious record of pastoral service as a priest of the Eparchy of Tellicherry, Proto Synccellus and Administrator of Mananthavady, Proto Synccellus of Bhadraavathi and as Bishop of Mandya for four years. He has already won the hearts of the priests and people of the Archdiocese and has begun the apostolate with great confidence and pastoral zeal. Let us thank Archbishop Emeritus George Valiamattam for his meritorious service and wish everything best from God and the people for the service of Archbishop George Njaralakatt.

Bishop Vijay Anand Nedumpuram CMI also has terminated his service as Bishop of Chanda after being there as Pastor of the mission eparchy for 24 Years. He was missionary in every sense of the term. After the example of his great predecessor Bishop Januarius Palathuruthy, he concentrated his mission in the villages taking the message of the love of Christ to the poor and the oppressed. He worked for their uplift, to give them Roti, Kapada and Makkan as far as possible and advocating the latest mode in agriculture namely, Zero Budget Natural Farming. Being a man of interiority, Bishop Vijay Anand lived a life of prayer, simplicity and poverty. He is leaving this legacy to his successor Bishop Ephrem Nariculam who is not new to the Eparchy.

Bishop Ephrem had served the diocese as Rector of the Eparchial Minor Seminary for a term of 7 years. Many of the priests in the Eparchy are his students. He has a diversified plan of development for the Eparchy. He is also aiming at the material welfare of the Eparchy, collecting the resources from the Mother Church and his personal friends. May the Lord give him courage and means to attain his pastoral goals!

Besides the ordinations of the Bishops, the Archeparchial Assembly of Kottayam, the Ruby Jubilee celebrations of the Eparchy of Palghat and the declaration of the affiliation of the Faculty of Theology of Good Shepherd Seminary, Kunnoth and the Eparchial Conventions of AKCC and the consecration of St. George Cathedral of the Eparchy of Idukki are the functions on eparchial levels which I participated after the August 2014 session of the Synod. I am happy to note that the Cathedral of the Eparchy of Idukki is a masterpiece among the newly constructed cathedrals in our Church. Heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil.

The Christmas and New Year season has witnessed a good number of priestly ordinations in the Church. There have been 111 ordinations of diocesan priests in the various eparchies, 72 ordinations in the CMI, 22 in the MCBS, 21 in the CST, 18 in the VC, 11 in the MST, and 4 in the OSH. The number of ordinations in the Syro-Malabar Provinces of the OFM Cap, the CMF, Norbertines, Rogationists, O. Carm., and the OCD (in this month) is 24. Altogether we have 283 new priests ordained in our Church during this season. We have to thank the Lord for this great gift of vocations to priesthood and try to foster similar priestly vocations in the Church.

The most important event for our Church during the past year was the canonization of Blessed Kuriakose Elias Chavara of the Holy Family and Blessed Euphrasia Eluvathingal of the Sacred Heart on 23 November 2014 in Rome by Pope Francis. With the first saint of our Church Alphonsa Muttathupadam we have now three canonized saints. The canonization process of Blessed Mariam Thresia and Blessed Kunjachan Thevarpampill is progressing well, so also the beatification process of Venerable Mar Thomas Kurialacherry and Venerable Kadalikattil Mathaichan. The Causes of 11 Servants of God from our Church have been accepted for study and scrutiny by
the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. All these sons and daughters of our Church are recalling to us our fundamental call to holiness. As Council Vatican II affirms, “All the Christian faithful, of whatever state or rank, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity” (LG 40), and we bishops, priests and consecrated men and women have to be beacons of holiness leading the people on the path of holiness. While addressing the Syro-Malabar faithful assembled in St. Peter’s Basilica at the beginning of our celebration of the thanksgiving Holy Qurbana on 24 November, the day after the canonization of Kuriakose Elias Chavara and Euphrasias Eluvathingal, Holy Father Pope Francis said: “May these new saints help you to treasure their lessons of evangelical living. Follow in their footsteps and imitate them, in a particular way, through love of Jesus in the Eucharist and love of the Church. Thus you will advance along the path to holiness.”

The III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops held in October 2014 in Rome on “The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization,” has raised vivid discussions on certain issues related to marriage and family. The foremost among them is the question of divorced and remarried couples and their admission to the sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation, and the Holy Communion. Coupled with it, is the practice of premarital sex and the living together of human pairs without sacramental marriage. The mostly western phenomenon of homosexual and lesbian couples also has been projected as an issue to be discussed together with the family. The advocacy for the ecclesial legitimacy of same sex marriage and for the right of such couples to adopt children is on the increase in the western countries. The Relatio Synodi of the previous Synod, including these grave issues, has already been sent to the local churches, Episcopal Conferences and the Synods of Oriental Churches as the lineamenta and we have to propose a method of discussion of this lineamenta in our Church and send our report to the Vatican Secretariat in view of the XIV Ordinary Synod on the “Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World” to be held from 4 – 25 October 2015.

From 30 November 2014 to 2 February 2016 the Church is observing the year of the consecrated men and women. We have launched the observance of this year in our eparchies and congregations of consecrated persons and institutes of apostolic life with various programmes and projects. Let us activate these new undertakings with a view of rejuvenating consecrated life in the Church and to strengthen our efforts for evangelization.

Christian life and mission in India may have new challenges in the coming years. Certain indications are already on the scene and the media have started a discussion on conversion and reconversion. The attacks on Christian Churches similar to those happened in the Eparchies of Faridabad and Chhattisgarh area, are also causing anxiety among the people. In this synod we may have to decide upon our response to this current concern of the church and the society.

The Anti-liquor Drive of the KCBC Commission for Temperance is facing a setback due to the new alcohol-favouring measures adopted by the Government of Kerala in their Liquor Policy. The fact that a good section of the Christian community is favouring the government’s new deal and the sad situation of very many of our people entangled in the liquor trade and consumption of alcoholic drinks make our anti-alcoholic stand less credible and effective in the public. How we can bring our community to temperance is a matter to be seriously dealt with.

The pastoral care of our migrants in many parts of India and in the Gulf countries is raising serious concerns. We have to appreciate the good work done by the Apostolic Visitor through his marathon visits to the migrant communities and the contacts with the local ordinaries concerned and also the measures adopted by the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants. I appeal to my brother bishops to dwell upon this concern of the Church with greater attention during this session of the Synod.
Let us recall once again the essential truth that each session of the Synod is an ecclesial act. Through the liturgical celebrations, theological, pastoral, spiritual and social reflections and deliberations, we are experiencing the communion and collegiality of our Apostolate in the Church. As the Church was born by the power of the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit is empowering us to grow in our spirit of communion and collegiality. Let every act of the Synod be led by this guiding principle and let us be instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit. Let our prayers during the days of the Synod bring upon us God’s blessings and let us enter the Synod invoking the mediation of Holy Mary, Mother of Christ, St. Thomas our Apostle, St. Geevarghese and all the Saints of the Church, especially St. Alphonsa, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara and St. Euphrasia Eluvathingal and Blessed Mariam Thresia and Blessed Kunjachan Theverparampil.

With these words I declare the First Session of the XXIII Synod 2015 open.

Mount St. Thomas
5 January 2015

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

+ George Alencherry

XXIII Synod (2015), Session 1
5 -9 January 2015

REPORT

The XXIII Synod (2015), Session 1 began with a recollection preached by Archbishop Jacob Thoomkuzhy, at 10.00 a.m., followed by personal prayer and Holy Qurbana of the Bishops with the Major Archbishop George Alencherry being the main celebrant. The formal sitting of the Synod began at 2.30 p.m. with a prayer by the Major Archbishop after which he proceeded with the inaugural address.

The Formal Inauguration of the Synod: In his inaugural address, the Major Archbishop thanked Archbishop Jacob Thoomkuzhy for his timely and relevant message regarding the year of the consecrated life. He welcomed all the Archbishops and Bishops, and in a particular way Bishop Ephrem Nariculam, Bishop of the Eparchy of Chanda who attends the Synod for the first time as full member. He thanked the Bishops for their prayers for Bishop Joy Alappat, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, who is recovering after surgery. He welcomed also the Administrators of the Eparchies of Satna and Mandya, Fr. George Mangalappilly and Fr. George Alukka to the session of the Synod. The Major Archbishop thanked Archbishop George Valiamattam for his meritorious ministry as the Archbishop of Tellicherry during which, mainly through his efforts, Kunnoth Seminary was founded. The Major Archbishop extended best wishes to Archbishop George Njaralakatt, the Archbishop of Tellicherry, for his ministry. The Major Archbishop congratulated Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil and the eparchy of Idukki for the successful completion of the new cathedral. The Major Archbishop recalled the great blessing of God to the Syro-Malabar Church through the 283 newly ordained priests. Recalling the beautiful ceremony in Rome, on the occasion of canonization of Chavara Kuriakose Elias and Euphrasia
Eluvathingal, the Major Archbishop quoted the message of Pope Francis: “May these new saints help you to treasure their lessons of evangelical living. Follow in their footsteps and imitate them, in a particular way, through love of Jesus in the Eucharist and love of the Church. Thus you will advance along the path to holiness.” Referring to the III Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in Rome on “The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization,” the Major Archbishop requested the Synod to prepare our response to the Relatio Synodi (lineamenta) of the forthcoming Synod of Bishops in Rome. He mentioned that the Year for the Consecrated Life is an occasion for us to rejuvenate consecrated life in the Church and to strengthen our efforts for evangelization. The Major Archbishop appealed to the Synod to dwell upon the concerns of the Church regarding the pastoral care of the migrants with greater attention during this session of the Synod. Invoking blessings of God, he declared the first session of the XXIII Synod 2015 open.

**Sharing of Information by the Major Archbishop:** The Major Archbishop briefed the Synod on the following points:

1. The present position of the establishment of the Faculty of Canon Law at Vadavathoor.

2. Establishment of the College of Cardinals and Bishops to examine the appeals on grave delicts.


5. Election of Mar Thomas Elavanal as the Vice President of the Western Region Bishops Council.


**Participants:** The following members were present for the current session of the Synod: Mar George Alencherry (Major Archbishop), Mar Mathew Moolakkatt OSB (Kottayam), Mar Andrews Thazhath (Trichur), Mar Joseph Perumthottam (Changanacherry), Mar George Njaralakkatt (Tellicherry), Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (Faridabad), Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy (Archbishop Emeritus, Trichur), Mar Joseph Powathil (Archbishop Emeritus, Changanacherry), Mar George Valiamattam (Archbishop Emeritus, Tellicherry), Mar Abraham Mattam (Emeritus, Satna), Mar Joseph Palllikaparampil (Emeritus, Palai), Mar Gratian Mundadan (Emeritus, Bijnor), Mar Paul Chittilapilly (Emeritus, Thamarassery), Mar James Pazhayattil (Emeritus, Irinjalakuda), Mar Gregory Karotemprel CMI (Emeritus, Rajkot), Mar Thomas Chakiath (Emeritus Auxiliary, Ernakulam-Angamaly), Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakek VC (Emeritus, Satna), Mar Jacob Mananthodath (Palghat), Mar Thomas Elavanal MCBS (Kalyan), Mar Sebastian Vadakel MST (Ujjain), Mar Lawrence Mukkanzhy (Belthangady), Mar Joseph Kunnath CMI (Adilabad), Mar Mathew Arackal (Kanjirapally), Mar Jacob Angadiath (Chicago), Mar Sebastian Adayanthath (Auxiliary, Ernakulam Angamaly), Mar Mathew Anikuzhikattil (Idukki), Mar Joseph Kallarangatt (Palai), Mar Jose Porunndom (Mananthavady), Mar Anthony Chirayath (Sagar), Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST (Gorakhpur), Mar Joseph Pandarasseril (Auxiliary, Kottayam), Mar Joseph Arumachadath MCBS (Bhadravathi), Mar John Vadakel CMI (Bijnor), Mar Bosco Puthur (Melbourne), Mar Remigiose Inchananiyil (Thamrassery), Mar Raphael Thattil (Auxiliary, Trichur & Apostolic Visitor in India), Mar Paul Alappatt (Ramanathapuram), Mar Pauly Kannoorkadan (Irinjalakuda), Mar Jose Chittooparambil CMI (Rajkot), Mar George Rajendran SDB (Thuckalay), Mar Jacob Muricken (Auxiliary, Palai), Mar George Madathikandathil (Kothamangalam), Mar Joseph Kollamparambil CMI, (Jagdalpur), Mar Jose Puthenveettil (Auxiliary, Ernakulam Angamaly), Mar Ephrem Nariculam (Chanda), Fr. George Mangalappilly (Administrator, Satna), and Fr. George Alukka (Administrator, Mandya).
Office Bearers for the Present Session of the Synod: The Synod approved the designation of the following persons to the various offices and committees for the conduct of the present session:

Moderators: Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST (Convener), Bishop Jose Porunnedom and Bishop Anthony Chirayath.

Tellers: Bishop Joseph Kollamparampil CMI, Bishop Jose Puthenveettil and Bishop Ephrem Nariculam.

Committee for the Media: Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt (Convener), Bishop Raphael Thattil and Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath. The Major Archbishop thanked and congratulated the Media Committee for the timely and relevant daily reporting in the Media on the activities of the Synod during the previous session.

Committee for the Pastoral Circular: Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam (Convener), Bishop Joseph Kunnath CMI and Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS.

Liturgical Celebrations: Bishop Pauly Kannookadan.

Review of the Decisions of the Previous Synod: Bishop Bosco Puthur, the Secretary of the Synod read out the decisions of the previous Synod held in August 2014. The Synod reviewed the implementation of the decisions.

Leave of Absence: The Synod granted leave of absence to a few Bishops from certain sittings of the present Session of the Synod for various reasons.

Finalizing the Agenda: The Secretary read out the provisional agenda and the Synod approved it for discussion with a few additions. With these additional items, the Synod approved the following agenda:

1. Election of the Rector of Vadavathoor Seminary.
2. Visit of Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, Apostolic Nuncio in India; Blessing of the Statue of St John Paul II and Address of the Nuncio to the Synod.

3. Election of the Syro-Malabar representatives for the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.
4. Discussion on the Lineamenta of the XIV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.
5. Reconstitution of the Editorial Board of Synodal News.
6. Rethinking on the functioning of some of the Major Archiepiscopal Commissions.
7. JDV issue in Pune.
8. Concrete suggestions for formation in the seminaries.
9. Format for the visitation of the Major Seminaries by the Synod Fathers.
10. Approval of the Trust Deed, St. Ephrem Theological College, Satna.
14. Presentation of the Structure of the Syro-Malabar Liturgy of Hours prepared by the Committee of the Bishops.
15. Draft of the basic features needed for an anaphora according to the East Syrian tradition.
16. Continuation of the discussion for finalizing the norms for the revision of the Syro-Malabar Qurbana.
17. Presentation of the English version of the prayer for the Major Archbishop, consecrated persons, etc. in the Holy Qurbana.
18. Confessions during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana.
19. Celebration of Marriage and the Holy Qurbana on the occasion by the same celebrant.
20. Presentation of the observations of the bishops on the draft text of Mystagogical Catechesis in view of finalizing it.


22. Briefing by the Apostolic Visitor in India.

23. Some concrete proposals for a better pastoral care of the migrants in Europe-presented by the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants.

24. Palliyogam Rules, UK.


27. Vocation of the Singles


29. Syro-Malabar Mission Sunday – Discussion ASSM.

30. Protection of Church property with legally valid documents.

**Year of the Consecrated Life:** The Synod was invited to propose suggestions regarding the celebration of the year of the consecrated life (30 November 2014 to 2 February 2016). During the discussion, it was agreed upon that each eparchy shall organize its own celebrations of the year of the consecrated life, taking inspiration from the proposals offered from various levels. At the Major Archiepiscopal level, there shall be appropriate celebrations of the year of the consecrated life during the August session of the Synod for which the Bishop Jose Porunndom, Chairman of the Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life shall present concrete plan of action in this session of the Synod. It was suggested that the Bishops shall remind the priests to commemorate the consecrated persons in Holy Qurbana as decided by the Synod and in the prayer approved by KCBC.

**Election of the Rector of the Vadavathoor Seminary:** Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam, Chairman of the Seminary Commission for Vadavathoor, briefed the Synod about the Commission’s enquiry on the election of the next Rector of the Vadavathoor seminary. A detailed discussion followed in which it was suggested that the presentation of the candidates with necessary curriculum vitae would help better evaluation. Finally, the Synod elected Fr. Joy Ainiyadan to be the Rector.

**New Rector for Good Shepherd Seminary, Kunnoth:** Archbishop George Valiamattam, Chairman of the Good Shepherd Seminary Commission presented the result of the consultation with the staff regarding the new Rector. After some discussion, the Synod deferred the matter to the sittings of the following day. In continuation with the discussion held on the previous day, after a short introduction by Archbishop George Valiamattam, Chairman of the Good Shepherd Seminary Commission, the Synod elected Fr. Mani Attel as the Rector of Kunnoth Seminary.

**Election of the Representatives for the Synod of Bishops in Rome:** After having read out the directive of the Secretary General of the Synod, the Synod took appropriate decision on the matter.

**Response on the Lineamenta of the Synod in Rome:** The Synod decided that there shall be discussions on the lineamenta of the Synod at the eparchial level at least in the forums like Presbyteral Council and Pastoral Council, if possible also at the Parish and Forane levels. Due discretion should be maintained so that the discussions are not derailed into unnecessary issues. Even though some of the issues raised in the lineamenta are not always pertinent to our situation, we shall project the positive elements of the family life in our context. The Chairman of LRC informed the Synod that in the beginning of March, LRC is conducting a seminar on family life. The Synod entrusted the newly elected delegates and substitutes, with Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt as convener, to coordinate the discussions at the
Rethinking on the Functioning of Some of the Major Archepiscopal Commissions: The Major Archbishop introduced the theme on the functioning of some of the Commissions and the need of restructuring them. He highlighted the functioning of the Commission for Family and Laity and sought the opinion of the Synod whether we need to restructure it for better functioning. A detailed discussion followed in which, the general opinion expressed was that it was always better to continue the structure of the Commission having at least three members. Even if they are not in a position to meet often physically there are other ways and means of communicating and seeking consensus on the policies and programmes. There was a suggestion to constitute a separate Commission for the Youth Ministry. Towards the end of the discussion, the Synod requested the Commission for Family and Laity to present in this session itself their proposals for the restructuring of the Commission.

There were some reflections on the structure and activities of the Public Relations Office. There was a general opinion that besides the interventions of the Spokesperson in the Media on current issues, our Church needs a research wing and a think-tank which would help us to evaluate the trends and issues arising from time to time in the Church and in the Society. Towards the end, it was agreed that the present arrangement of the PRO being in close contact with the Major Archbishop and the Curia, should continue and greater efforts should be made for better coordination between PRO and the Committee for Public Affairs. The Committee for Public Affairs shall publish the four documents on important current issues prepared by the previous committee.

One of the Bishops pointed out that previously it was suggested to restructure the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants and assign Bishops to different migrant centres so that they will take care of the pastoral needs of that area in close cooperation with the Commission. The Commission was asked to bring in its concrete suggestions in this regard.

Reorganization of the Commission for Family and Laity: Taking into consideration the proposals of the commission for Family and Laity, the Major Archbishop reconstituted the commission in the following manner. In the commission for Family and Laity Bishop Mathew Arackal (Chairman) will be in charge of the Forums, Bishop Mathew Anikuzhiyadattil will be in charge of the *Kudumbakooottayma* and Family Apostolate, and the new member Bishop Remigiose Inchananiyil will be in charge of Catholica Congress.

New Commission for Youth: Bifurcating the Commission for Family and Laity, the Major Archbishop constituted a new commission for youth with Bishop Joseph Pandarasseril (Chairman), Bishop Jose Puthenveettil and Bishop Ephrem Nariculum as members.

Draft of the Guidelines of the Youth Movement: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Sebastian Kaipanplackal, Director of the Syro-Malabar Youth Movement who presented the Guidelines of the Movement. After some discussion in which Bishop Joseph Pandarasseril clarified certain points, the Synod deferred the matter to another sitting. In a later sitting, Fr. Sebastian Kaipanplackal presented the corrected version of the Guidelines of the Syro-Malabar Youth Movement, SMYM. After some discussion, the Synod requested the Commission to improve the draft with the help of Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB, Bishop Mathew Arackal and legal experts and bring it to the next session of the Synod.

Reconstitution of the Editorial Board of Synodal News: The Major Archbishop announced the new Editorial Board for the Synodal News: Bishop Pauly Kannookadan (Editor in Chief), Bishop Jose Puthenveettil, Fr. Antony Kollannur (Editor), Fr. Sebastian Vaniyapurackal.
Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016: Bishop Sebastian Adyanthara invited suggestions from the Bishops regarding the conduct of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly 2016. The Synod emphasized that the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly is a consultative body which advises the Major Archbishop and the Synod on matters of major importance to the Church and its mission, taking into consideration the present context and the common good of the Church and the Country. Unlike the Roman Synod, which is centred on a particular theme, the Assembly of the Oriental Churches can take several concerns that affect the Church in the given context. Accordingly the upcoming Assembly of 2016 will invite themes from eparchies, religious institutes and individuals from which themes for the agenda will be chosen. During the Assembly the delegates will be invited to respond to these themes and there will be an extended Zero Hour when the delegates will have opportunity to share their views even on issues outside the agenda. Suggested themes for the Assembly will be presented in the following session of the Synod which will finalize the themes. Family, Consecrated Life, Evangelization, Minority Rights, Alcoholism and liturgical unity in the Church are some of the themes suggested in the Synod.

Liturgical Matters: The secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Pauly Maniyattu (Secretary of the Commission for Liturgy) and Fr Francis Pittappilly (Assistant Secretary).

1. Structure of the Liturgy of Hours: Bishop Thomas Elavanal and Fr Pauly Maniyattu presented general observations and structure of the Liturgy of Hours, proposed by the Commission for Liturgy and the Committee of the Bishops nominated by the Synod. After prolonged discussion, the Synod approved with some minor modifications the general proposals, and the structure of the most solemn, solemn and ordinary forms of Ramsa, Lelya and Sapra.

2. Mystagogical Catechism: Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr George Danavelil who presented a brief report on the draft text of the Mystagogical Catechism, which is a joint venture of the Commission for Liturgy and Commission for Catechesis. Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS and Bishop Jacob Manathodath explained how this joint venture was accomplished and sought the approval of the Synod for the text. The Bishops in general appreciated the text of the Catechism and several of them gave their suggestions for the improvement of the text and form of the draft. The Synod gave its approval for the publication of the text incorporating the suggestions proposed by the bishops. The Major Archbishop thanked the committee for its efficient work.

3. Text for the First Confession and Solemn Reception of Communion: Fr George Danavelil presented a brief description and the draft of the content of the proposed text book for the First Confession and Solemn Reception of Communion. After a fruitful discussion the Synod decided to give its consent to go ahead with the project, taking into account the suggestions put forward by the Bishops.

4. Italian, French and German translations of the text of the Syro-Malabar Qurbana: The Synod gave its consent for the Italian, French and German translations of the text of the Syro-Malabar Qurbana.

5. Publication of the Syriac text of the Syro-Malabar Qurbana: The Synod gave its consent for the publication of the Syriac text of the Syro-Malabar Qurbana.

6. Text for the Betrothal Ceremony: The Synod requested the Commission for Liturgy to prepare a text for the betrothal ceremony.

The Major Archbishop thanked the commissions for Liturgy and Catechesis for their meritorious service.

7. Confessions during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana: Bishop Thomas Elavanal presented the pastoral problem regarding the hearing of the confession during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana. During the discussion, it was stated that the ideal would be to schedule the confession at a different time.
other than the celebration of the Holy Qurbana. However, for practical pastoral reasons, we have to allow the present practice. All agreed that there was no need of a new guideline on this matter.

8. Celebration of Marriage and the Holy Qurbana on the Occasion by the Same Celebrant: On this matter the Synod has made its decision in a previous session, namely, after the priestly ordination, the newly ordained priest shall celebrate the Holy Qurbana from the very beginning, whereas in other sacramental celebrations, one of the concelebrants can continue the Holy Qurbana from the Hymn of the Mysteries.

Report of the Apostolic Visitation: Bishop Raphael Thattil, Apostolic Visitor in India briefed the Synod on the situation in the migrant communities. He said that after visiting many of the centers, he was impressed by the enthusiasm shown by our people. Many things have to be done in the migrant centers for conducting regular Sunday Mass and Catechism. We have to negotiate with the local Bishops in order to convince them on the need to erect personal parishes and appoint priests for the pastoral care of our people. Bishop Thattil highlighted in his presentation, situations in Bangalore, Chennai and Hyderabad. He said that although in South India pastoral situations are better arranged for the migrant communities, a lot more in this regard is to be desired in North India. Bishop Thattil informed the Synod of the scheduled National Convention of the Chaplains and representatives on consecutive days (15 & 16 May 2015). The Bishops expressed their willingness to support the efforts of the Apostolic Visitor and suggested that he may start an office at Mandideep within the territory of the Eparchy of Sagar. The Major Archbishop suggested to Bishop Raphael Thattil to continue correspondence with the Latin Bishops and Nuncio and prepare a report of his visitation to be forwarded to Rome.

Syro-Malabar Mission Sunday Celebration: Bishop Raphael Thattil, Director of ASSM brought to the attention of the Bishops, the Syro-Malabar Mission Sunday which is celebrated on 11th January this year. He requested the support of the Bishops for the success of its celebration and the collection taken on the occasion which is earmarked for the support of the mission eparchies and regions.

Report of the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of Migrants: Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST, Chairman, presented a brief report on the activities of the Commission of the last six months highlighting pastoral situations of the migrants outside India. He said that we need to organize pastoral care of migrants in Europe, Gulf Countries and Africa by sending more priests. The Bishops were of the opinion that greater efforts are to be exerted to get proper pastoral care of our people in the Gulf Countries.

Offer of a Church for the Syro-Malabar Community in Preston, UK: The Major Archbishop read out a communication from the Diocese of Lancaster where the Bishop very generously has offered St. Ignatius Church and Presbytery for the exclusive use of the Syro-Malabar Church. The Synod accepted the news with great joy and thanked Bishop Michael G. Campbell OSA. This has been realized through the efforts of the Major Archbishop, the Commission for Migrants and Fr. Mathew Choorapoikayil, the Syro-Malabar Chaplain.

Draft of the Palliyogam Rules for UK: Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST presented briefly the draft of the Palliyogam Rules for UK and the Synod authorized the Commission to approve it.

Presentation of the Report of the Commission for Vocations: Fr. Shaji Kochupurayil MCBS presented report of the meeting conducted by the Commission for Vocations on 3 December 2014 in which all the members of the Commission and most of the Vocation Promoters participated. Fr. Shaji presented the proposals of the meeting for the consideration of the Synod. He also presented the format for the collection of the statistical data on the vocations in the Syro-Malabar Church. During
the discussion, the Bishops appreciated the efforts taken by the recently constituted Commission under the Chairmanship of Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzy. The Bishops gave some suggestions and advised the Commission to send the format of the questionnaire for the statistics by e-mail. There was a suggestion to include the theme of Vocation in the agenda of the forthcoming Major Archiepiscopal Assembly. The Major Archbishop thanked the Members of the Commission and Fr. Shaji Kochupurayil MCBS for their initiatives.

**Format for the Visitation of the Major Seminaries by the Bishops:** Archbishop Thazhath presented the draft of the format for the visitation of the Bishops to the Syro-Malabar Major Seminaries, prepared by the ad hoc Committee. During the discussion, the Bishops in general found the format exhaustive and well prepared. However, a few points were added for its completion. Towards the end, the Synod decided to request the Major Archbishop to reconstitute the team for visitation, in such a way that the Synod’s Commission for Seminaries will make the visitation of the respective seminaries and teams of two Bishops each will make the visitation of one seminary each.

**Trust Deed of St. Ephrem’s Theological College, Satna:** Bishop Mathew Vaniakizhakel VC read out the corrected version of the Trust Deed of St. Ephrem’s Theological College, Satna. After some discussion, the Synod authorized the Seminary Commission for Satna to approve the Trust Deed after due consultation and necessary corrections.

**Statutes of St. Ephrem’s Theological College, Satna:** Bishop Mathew Vaniakizhakel VC read out the corrected version of the Statutes of St. Ephrem’s Theological College, Satna. After some discussion, the Synod authorized the Seminary Commission for Satna to approve the Statutes after due consultation and necessary corrections.

**Syro-Malabar Mothers’ Association (Mathruvedi):** Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil presented the draft of the Byelaw of the Syro-Malabar Mothers’ Association, *Mathruvedi*. Bishop Anikuzhikattil informed the Synod that the name of the Association is changed from Vanitha Forum to *Mathruvedi* and the Synod agreed to it. However, the Bishops said that besides the Syro-Malabar Mothers Association (*Mathruvedi*), the Commission should take care of other Forums for women.

**Appeal of the Consecrated Virgins:** Bishop Anikuzhikattil briefed the Synod on the appeal for establishing “consecrated virgins” in the Syro-Malabar Archiepiscopal Church. He advocated for the establishment of it as it has already been in the tradition of the Church. After some discussion, the Synod requested Bishop Anikuzhikattil to present the matter in the following session of the Synod after further studies and clarifications in consultation with the experts and the persons concerned, regarding the canonical status in the eventual establishment of the “consecrated virgins”.

**Address of the Apostolic Nuncio to the Synod:** The Major Archbishop welcomed Apostolic Nuncio in India, Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio and invited him to address the Synod. The Apostolic Nuncio in his address recalled the long and meritorious history of the Syro-Malabar Church and thanked for the abundant vocations and its missionary zeal. Having come mainly to bless the statue of St. John Paul II in the courtyard of the Curia, he remembered Saint John Paul II who visited Kerala in 1986 and beatified Chavara Kuriakose Elias and Alphonsa Muttathupadath and inaugurated the most solemn form of the Syro-Malabar Qurbana. It was John Paul II who raised the Syro-Malabar Church to the Major Archiepiscopal status. The Apostolic Nuncio invited the Bishops to foster the unity of the Catholic Church especially at a time when the Christian community is under threat from the communal forces. Towards the end of his address he presented to the Major Archbishop a relic containing blood of the saintly Pope which was graciously offered by Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, former secretary of John Paul II and the present Archbishop of Krakow. The Major Archbishop thanked the Nuncio for the precious gift of the relic
as well as for the magnificent bronze statue of Pope John Paul II which the Nuncio was going to bless soon after. The Major Archbishop presented the Nuncio with an icon.

Thereafter, the Bishops interacted with the Nuncio sharing their anxieties and hopes regarding the present situation of the Syro-Malabar Church, especially outside its proper territory. Several Bishops took the occasion to express the gratitude of the Church for the friendly and generous attitude of the Nuncio and requested him to intervene with the concerned authorities so that the Syro-Malabar Church acquires its legitimate All India Jurisdiction. Only then the migrant communities can be given proper pastoral care. They sought also the direct intervention of the Holy Father in the Gulf Region where the Syro-Malabar faithful are desperately hoping for adequate ecclesiastical structures which is our legitimate right. The Nuncio was also requested to intervene with the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life to redress the unhappy situation of some of the women religious in foreign congregations.

The Major Archbishop recapitulating the interventions of the Bishops enumerated the following points for the attention and immediate action of the Apostolic Nuncio:

1. The unhappy situation of some of the women religious in foreign congregations.

2. The efforts of the Syro-Malabar Church for the unity of the Church in India.

3. The growth of the Syro-Malabar Church, contributing to the growth of the whole Church.

4. The danger that some of the Syro-Malabar faithful get estranged from the liturgical and ecclesial tradition of the Church due to lack of adequate pastoral care.

5. Apprehensions in the non-Catholic communities regarding the treatment of the Oriental Catholics in the Catholic Communion.


7. Request to the Nuncio to make use of his good office for the cause of the Syro-Malabar faithful in the Gulf Region.

Blessing of the Statue of Saint John Paul II: In the presence of the Major Archbishop, Archbishop George Panikulam, Apostolic Nuncio to Uruguay, Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, Priests, religious and inmates of the Curia, Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, the Apostolic Nuncio unveiled and blessed the Statue of St. John Paul II which was presented by him to the Major Archiepiscopal Curia.

Pilgrimage to the Kizhakke Palli, Angamaly: The Major Archbishop invited the Bishops for a pilgrimage during the following session of the Synod, in the afternoon of Saturday, 22 August 2015 to the Kizhakke Palli, Angamaly where the last Chaldean Bishop Mar Abraham is buried and which is being renovated.

Conferring the Title of Väidikaratnam: Bishop Pauly Kannoookkadan, convener of the committee for conferring honours and titles, recommended the request to confer the title Väidikaratnam to Fr Antony Elavumkudy from the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly, taking into consideration his contribution in the field of spirituality, pastoral ministry and Christian literature. Several Bishops expressed their appreciation for Fr. Elavumkudy and endorsed the suggestion. The Synod decided to confer the title Väidikaratnam on Fr. Antony Elavumkudy.

Scrutiny of the Decisions of the XXIII Synod (2015), Session 1: The Synod made a scrutiny of the decisions of XXIII Synod (2015), Session 1 and the Synod gave its final approval.

Conclusion of the Synod: The Major Archbishop sought the permission of the Synod to conclude the present session and gave the concluding address. The Major Archbishop said that the Synodal experience is strengthening more and more, our sense of collegiality and communion. He highlighted that the
task of evangelization and pastoral care especially those in the migrant situation is the priority of our Church. Regarding the pastoral situation in the Gulf Countries, he expressed the hope that the Apostolic See will without further delay effectively intervene. The Major Archbishop mentioned about the efforts taken by the Synod in the formation of priestly candidates, for the strengthening of lay movements and for making use of the print and electronic media for more effective evangelization. He invited the Bishops to make adequate preparations in the eparchies regarding the next Synod in Rome in October. He thanked the Apostolic Nuncio for his generous gift of the bronze statue and the relic of St. John Paul II. He thanked the Nuncio for having personally come to bless the statue and address the Bishops. The Major Archbishop concluded his message thanking all those who helped in one way or other for the efficient functioning of the Synod. Invoking God’s blessings upon our Church, the Major Archbishop declared the XXIII Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church (2015), Session 1, closed.

*Bosco Puthur, Secretary*
Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church

**Fr. Antony Kollannur**
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor

**XXIII Synod (2015), Session 1, 5-9 January 2015**

**Decisions**

1. To entrust the delegates and substitutes for the forthcoming Synod in Rome, with Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt as convener, to coordinate the discussions at the eparchial level and get the suggestions, conduct a study seminar at the Synodal level and to formulate our response to the *lineamenta* which has to reach Rome before 15 April 2015.

2. To approve with some minor modifications, the general proposals, and the structure of the most solemn, solemn and ordinary forms of Ramsa, Lelya and Sapra.

3. To give approval for the publication of the text of the Mystagogical Catechism incorporating the suggestions proposed by the bishops.

4. To give consent to the project of the text book for the First Confession and Solemn reception of Communion, taking into account the suggestions put forward by the Bishops.

5. To give consent to the Italian, French and German translations of the text of the Syro-Malabar *Qurbana*.

6. To give consent to the publication of the Syriac text of the Syro-Malabar *Qurbana*.

7. To request the Commission for Liturgy to prepare a draft text of the betrothal ceremony.

8. To confer the title *Vādikaratnam* on Fr. Antony Elavumkudy.

9. To request the Major Archbishop to reconstitute the team of the visitation of the Bishops to the Major Seminaries.

10. To authorize the Seminary Commission for Satna to approve the Trust Deed after due consultation and necessary corrections.
11. To authorize the Seminary Commission for Satna to approve the Statutes after due consultation and necessary corrections.

12. To authorize the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants to approve the Palliyogam Rules for UK

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XXIII Synod (2015) Session 1
5-9 January 2015

CONCLUDING ADDRESS OF
THE MAJOR ARCHBISHOP

My dear Brother Archbishops and Bishops,

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

As this session of the Synod is coming to a close, let us thank the Lord for the manifold blessings, He is showering upon our Church and especially for the special guidance He has given to us through the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. The spirit of the Lord has helped us to make extensive deliberations, fruitful discernment and mature decisions.

The Synodal experience is strengthening more and more our sense of collegiality and communion within the Synod despite certain minor pits and falls on the way. Let us continue our efforts to bring the whole Church into perfect unity and communion.

The task of evangelization and pastoral care especially of those in migrant situation is by all means our priority. We are to some extent disheartened by the discouraging attitudes of the Church leadership in the Gulf countries, to point out in particular, the dispositions of the Vicar Apostolic of Northern Arabia. Our people are also dissatisfied because of the lack of various elements of pastoral care and in Saudi Arabia a good section of our people are distressed and restless. Let us hope that the Apostolic See will without further delay effectively intervene and give necessary directives to the Vicars Apostolic, according to the recommendations of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches to Holy Father Pope Francis. Let us also pray that the Vicars Apostolic in the Gulf will have a change of thinking and may cooperate proactively with the Apostolic See for better pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar faithful in the Gulf recognizing the jurisdictional rights of our Church.
Presently our Synod is taking keen interest in the formation of candidates to priesthood through our minor and major seminaries which is a great responsibility from our part. Together with priestly formation, we have to continue the promotion of vocations among our children and youth. The enthusiasm of the lay movements, forums and associations especially of Catholica Congress and the youth have to be well encouraged and supported by the Bishops so that the lay apostolate may be fostered in the Church. The use of the media, print, electronic and internet should also gain our great attention. While fostering the Deepika and other journals we have to think also about using the TV Channels more effectively for our apostolate.

Let us make an earnest attempt to conduct the preparations in the Eparchies for the October Synod in Rome on the theme “The vocation and mission of the family in the Church and the contemporary world”. We have to pave the way also for a renewal of the Church through the various measures adopted for the observance of the Year of Consecrated Life.

During this Synod, we were fortunate to have the presence of His Excellency Most Rev. Salvatore Pennacchio, Apostolic Nuncio to India. His address to us and our interaction with him have given us new insights for our Apostolate in the Church. Let us be thankful to him for the gift of the beautiful and lively statue of St. Pope John Paul II to our Church. The fact that he himself blessed the statue has added to our joy.

Finally, let me express my gratitude to all those who helped us in the conduct of the Synod, especially Bishop Boso Puthur, the Synod Secretary, the Moderators Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST, Bishop Jose Porunnedom and Bishop Anthony Chirayath who have wisely guided the proceedings of this Session of our Synod. I express my gratitude in a special way to Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Chancellor, who carries out his duties of the Curia with care and devotedness and Fr. Sebastian Vaniyapurackal, the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor. I thank also Fr. Mathew Pulimoottil, the Finance Officer, who manages efficiently the financial affairs of the curia, the profitable cultivation of the land and the upkeep of the curia precincts. I thank also the resident and non-resident Secretaries of the Commissions, other priests functioning for the Curia, SD Sisters and other members of the Staff and their helpers who serve at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia. The next Synodal Session is scheduled from 10.00 a.m. on 17 August 2015 to 12.30 p.m. on 29 August 2015.

While thanking you for the love and concern you show towards me and the wholehearted support you give for my humble service, I entrust our Synod, the priests, the religious and the lay faithful of our Church to the protection of Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Thomas, our Father in faith, St. Alphonsa, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara and St. Euphrasia and all the Blessed of our Church.

With these words I formally declare the First Session of the XXIII Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church closed.

9 January 2015
Kakkanad + George Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
XXIII SYNOD (2015) SESSION 2
17-29 AUGUST 2015

Inagural Address of the Major Archbishop

My dear Brother Archbishops, Bishops, Bishops-elect and Fr George Alukka, Eparchial Administrator of Mandya,

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

Cordial welcome to all of you to the present Session of the Synod!

The reflections given by Bishop Gregory Karotemprel CMI have helped us to prepare ourselves for a fruitful participation in the Synod. The points of his talk were centred on an emphatic call for greater unity in the Church, unity as the result of love, as the work of the Holy Spirit, unity that requires peace, the attitude of Christ, sacrifice and the love for common good. Quoting II Maccabees 1:19-24, he appealed to us that we may be perfectly united in minds and hearts and bring back the oil of spiritual power and burn it into a fire and re-consecrate our Church to the Lord. He turned our thoughts to a simplicity of life style and greater concern for the needs of the people in shepherding them. The celebration of the Holy Qurbana has reinforced our Episcopal communion and has strengthened us in the spirit of the Lord to reflect anew on the issues and projects of our Church.

I welcome in a special way Bishop Joy Alappat who is attending the Synod for the first time as full member of the Synod. As you know we have three Bishops-elect, Fr Joseph Kodakallil for Satna, Fr Prince Antony Panengaden for Adilabad and Fr Jose Kalluvvelil, Apostolic Exarch with Episcopal rank for the ‘Apostolic Exarchate for the Syro-Malabars in Canada’. The dates of their Episcopal ordination are already fixed, 15 September in Satna, 19 September in Canada and 29 October in Adilabad. Although not full members, they will be attending
the Synodal Sitting for a few days of their choice. Fr. George Alukka, the Administrator of the Eparchy of Mandya is also attending this synodal session. I welcome them all cordially to the Synod.

It is good to recall to our minds the challenges for evangelization that exist today in the Church and society. In western countries the challenges are arising from the ravaging effects of secularization. Vast number of people in these countries, especially in Western Europe, has lost interest in religion and they have developed values that are needed for a vision of life suited to their commitments in this world. The foundations of family, namely permanent bond between husband and wife, respect for life, care of children, bond of love between parents and children, care for the elderly are all shaken, hedonistic and ‘use and throw’ life style is on the increase. The forces of secularization have their damaging influence on the life of the Indian society too. It is in this backdrop of secularization that Pope Benedict XVI launched the project of New Evangelization. Pope Francis has given it a new impetus by the declaration of the Year of Mercy and entrusting its realization to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization.

In India we do have the challenges of religious extremism and objections to conversion from the part of fundamentalist groups. Times are difficult for Christian Mission in India. But let us not forget the exhortation of St. Paul to Timothy, “to preach the word and insist on it in season and out of season” (2 Tim. 4:2). We have to find out ways and means for furthering the Kingdom of God in the hearts and minds of the people of our Country.

Fortunately family life in India and particularly in the Syro-Malabar Church has so far maintained its spiritual foundations without succumbing too much to forces of disintegration. Still the Church as a whole and persons engaged in family apostolate have to be more and more concerned about the strengthening of the different aspects of Christian marriage and family. Our contribution to the October Synod in Rome also has to be well thought out and prayerfully represented. The resurgence of the Laity of our Church under the banner of Catholica Congress and other forums has to be well-organized and activated for the good of the Church and the Society.

We are now passing through a period when our presence and action are looked upon with overcritical dispositions, both by communal and political forces in the society. The Media too is highly aggressive towards our way of being the Church. Our public utterances and social relations have to be much more authentic and imbibe with Gospel prudence.

Let us be thankful to the Lord for the new provisions that the Apostolic See has granted for the organizational growth of our individual Church. We have to strive strenuously for the realization of necessary ecclesiastical structures for all our migrant communities both in India and abroad together with the jurisdictional right for evangelization in India as a whole. In pursuing these objectives, we have to maintain our healthy relations with the Latin and Malankara Churches, thereby maintaining the ecclesial communion in all respects.

Let me place on the record the unfailing support of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches and of the Apostolic Nunciature in pursuing our jurisdictional rights in India and of the migrant communities abroad.

It seems to me that the Synod has to consider seriously the setbacks our community has been subjected to during the past two or three decades and likely to continue in the coming years too. Our younger generation is less and less interested in civil service and other important competitive exams. A good number of them are getting attracted by IT and management jobs abroad. Even those who become doctors and engineers are drawn towards money making job opportunities outside the country. The number of merchants, industrialists and entrepreneurs from our community is also on the decrease. The Synod has to give a serious thought to this phenomenon and suggest remedial
measures to be implemented by the concerned wings of our community.

Let us recall once again the essential truth that each session of the Synod is an ecclesial act. Through the liturgical celebrations, theological, pastoral, spiritual and social reflections and deliberations, we are experiencing the communion and collegiality of our Apostolate in the Church. As the Church was born by the power of the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit is empowering us to grow in our spirit of communion and collegiality. Let every act of the Synod be led by this guiding principle and let us be instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit. Let our prayers during the days of the Synod bring upon us God’s blessings and let us enter the Synod invoking the mediation of Holy Mary, Mother of Christ, St. Thomas our Apostle, St. Geevarghese and all the Saints of the Church, especially St. Alphonsa, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, St. Euphrasia Eluvathingal, Blessed Mariam Thresia and Blessed Kunjachan Theverparampil.

With these words I declare the Second Session of the XXIII Synod 2015 open.

Mount St. Thomas          + George Alencherry
17 August 2015            Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

XXIII SYNOD (2015), SESSION 2
17 -29 AUGUST 2015

Report

The XXIII Synod (2015), Session 2 began with a recollection preached by Bishop Gregory Karotempur CMI, at 10.00 a.m., followed by personal prayer for some time and Holy Qurbana of the Bishops with the Major Archbishop George Alencherry being the main celebrant. The formal sitting of the Synod began at 2.30 p.m. with a prayer by the Major Archbishop after which he proceeded with the inaugural address.

The Formal Inauguration of the Synod: In his inaugural address, the Major Archbishop thanked Bishop Gregory Karotempur CMI for his emphatic call for greater unity in the Church. He turned our thoughts to the simplicity of life style and greater concern for the needs of the people in shepherding them. The Major Archbishop welcomed all the Archbishops and Bishops, and he welcomed in a special way Bishop Joy Alappat who was attending the Synod for the first time as full member of the Synod. He further welcomed Bishops-elect, Fr Joseph Kodakallil of Satna, Fr Prince Antony Panengaden of Adilabad, Fr Jose Kalluvellil, Apostolic Exarch with Episcopal rank of the ‘Apostolic Exarchate for the Syro-Malabars in Canada’ and Fr. George Alukka, the Administrator of the Eparchy of Mandya. The Major Archbishop brought to the attention of the Synod, the challenges of secularization, religious extremism and fundamentalism. The Major Archbishop reminded the Synod of our contribution to the October Synod in Rome on the Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World, which has to be well thought out and prayerfully represented. The Major Archbishop invited the Synod to suggest measures for greater involvement of younger generation in socio-political life, civil service and in business enterprises. Invoking blessings of God, he declared the second session of the XXIII Synod 2015 open.
Participants: The following members were present for the current session of the Synod: Mar George Alencherry (Major Archbishop), Mar Mathew Moolakkatt OSB (Kottayam), Mar Andrews Thazhath (Trichur), Mar Joseph Perumthottam (Changanacherry), Mar George Njaralakkatt (Tellicherry), Mar Kurikose Bharanikulangara (Faridabad), Mar Joseph Powathil (Archbishop Emeritus, Changanacherry), Mar George Valiamattam (Archbishop Emeritus, Tellicherry), Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy (Archbishop Emeritus, Trichur), Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil (Emeritus, Palai), Mar Paul Chittilapilly (Emeritus, Thamarassery), Mar James Pazhayattil (Emeritus, Irinjalakuda), Mar Gregory Karotemprel CMI (Emeritus, Rajkot), Mar George Punnakottil (Emeritus, Kothamangalam), Mar Simon Stock Palathra CMI (Emeritus, Jagdalpur), Mar Thomas Chakith (Emeritus Auxiliary, Ernakulam-Angamaly), Mar Mathew Vaniakizhabal VC (Emeritus, Satna), Mar Jacob Manathodath (Palghat), Mar Thomas Elavanal MCBS (Kalyan), Mar Sebastian Vadakel MST (Ujjain), Mar Jacob Angadiath (Chicago), Mar Mathew Arackal (Kanjirapally), Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy (Belthangady), Mar Joseph Kunnath CMI (Adilabad), Mar Sebastian Adayantrath (Auxiliary, Ernakulam Angamaly), Mar Mathew Anikuzhiikkattil (Idukki), Mar Joseph Kallarangatt (Palai), Mar Jose Porunnem (Mananthavady), Mar Anthony Chirayath (Sagar), Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST (Gorakhpur), Mar Joseph Pandarasseri (Auxiliary, Kottayam), Mar Joseph Arumachadath MCBS (Bhadravathi), Mar Bosco Puthur (Melbourne), Mar Remigioso Inchananiyil (Thamarassery), Mar Raphael Thattill (Auxiliary, Trichur & Apostolic Visitor in India), Mar Paul Alappatt (Ramanathapuram), Mar Pauly Kannookadan (Irinjalakuda), Mar John Vadakel CMI (Bijnor), Mar Jose Chittooparambil CMI (Rajkot), Mar George Madathikandathil (Kothamangalam), Mar George Rajendran SDB (Thuckalay), Mar Jacob Muricken (Auxiliary, Palai), Mar Joseph Pallikapparampil CMI, Mar Jose Puthenveettil, Mar Ephrem Nariculam (Chanda), Mar Joy Alappatt (Auxiliary, Chicago), and Fr. George Alukka (Administrator, Mandya).

Office Bearers for the Present Session of the Synod: The Synod approved the designation of the following persons to the various offices and committees for the conduct of the present session:

Moderators: Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST (Convener), Bishop Jose Porunnem and Bishop Anthony Chirayath.

 Tellers: Bishop Jose Puthenveettil, Bishop Ephrem Nariculam, and Bishop Joy Alappatt.

Committee for the Media: Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB (Convener), Bishop Raphael Thattil and Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath.

Committee for the Pastoral Circular: Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam (Convener), Bishop Joseph Kunnath CMI and Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS.

 Liturgical Celebrations: Bishop Pauly Kannookadan.

Review of the Decisions of the Previous Synod: Bishop Bosco Puthur, the Secretary of the Synod read out the decisions of the previous Synod held in January 2015. The Synod reviewed the implementation of the decisions.

Leave of Absence: The Synod granted leave of absence to a few Bishops from certain sittings of the present Session of the Synod for various reasons.

Finalizing the Agenda: The Secretary read out the provisional agenda and the Synod approved it, with a few additions, for discussion. With these additional items, the Synod approved the following agenda:

1. Synod on Family.
2. Concluding celebration of the Year of the Consecrated.
3. Holy Year of Mercy.
4. Silver Jubilee of the Erection of the Syro-Malabar Church to the Status of Major Archiepiscopal Church.
5. Starting of the Lay Association of SKD Sisters.
6. Amendment of the existing Statutes of the Syro-Malabar Religious Conference (SMRC).


8. Presentation of the draft text of the Anaphora of Nestorius.

9. Continuation of the discussion on the norms of the revision of Qurban.

10. Presentation of the General structure and the themes of the new anaphora.

11. Discussion of CLC on the possibility of a simple celebration of the consecration of altar, with Oil consecrated in the same celebration or the Oil consecrated in a previous celebration, especially in the context of the consecration of chapels.

12. Discussion of CLC on the possibility of a Bishop being concelebrant and a priest as main celebrant in Qurban.

13. Presentation of the draft text of the Preparation for First Confession and Solemn Communion (together with the Catechetical Commission).


15. Two commemorations of the Dead.


17. Networking of the Missions.


19. Annual General Statistics of the Eparchies/Religious Congregations – copies to be sent also to the Major Archiepiscopal Curia.

20. Pastoral service after Licentiate in Rome before admitting for Doctorate.

21. Ad hoc Committee for St. Ephrem’s Theological College, Satna to be made Synodal Commission.


24. Greater clarity regarding the functioning of the Jesus Youth Movement and its relation to the Syro-Malabar Church and its hierarchy.

25. Improved draft of the guidelines of the Youth Apostolate.


28. New LRC seminar on the contributions of Arnos Padri to the Church and to the Nation.


30. ASSM Mission.

31. Major Archiepiscopal Assembly- 2016.

32. Farmers’ Issue.

33. Pattayam Issue.

34. Request for awarding Vaidikaratnam.

35. Meeting with the PROs.

36. Presentation of Reports:
   i. Commission for Liturgy
   ii. Commission for Catechesis
   iii. Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants
   iv. Commission for Clergy
   vi. Commission for Doctrine
vii. Commission for Ecumenism
viii. Commission for Vocation
ix. Commission for Youth
x. Commission for Family and Laity + AKCC, Mathruvedi, Kudumbakoottayma & Family Apostolate
xi. Committee for Public Affairs
xii. Association of Supporters of SM Mission Fund
xiii. Committee for Higher Education - Colleges
xiv. Committee for Higher Education - Schools
xv. Public Relations Office
xvi. Syro-Malabar Internet Mission
xvii. Liturgical Research Centre
xviii. Major Archiepiscopal Tribunal

37. Presentation of Reports of Various Major Seminaries:
   i. St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha, Aluva.
   ii. St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, Kottayam.
   iii. Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kunnoth.
   iv. St. Ephrem’s Theological College, Satna.


39. Presentation of the Statement of Accounts and Budget of the Curia.

Sharing of Information by the Major Archbishop: The Major Archbishop briefed the Synod on the developments of the proposed ecclesiastical structures for Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and the rest of India. He also informed the Synod regarding the future realization of our proposals for Europe and Great Britain, and the difficulties for such developments in the Gulf Region.

Welcome Accorded to the Bishops-Elect: The Major Archbishop welcomed to the Synod the three Bishops-elect, Fr Joseph Kodakkallil for Satna, Fr Prince Antony Panengaden for Adilabad and Fr Jose Kalluvelil, Apostolic Exarch with Episcopal rank for the ‘Apostolic Exarchate for the Syro-Malabars in Canada’. They, in turn, invited the Bishops to their respective Episcopal ordinations.

Announcement of the Appointment of the Bishop of Mandya: At 3.30 p.m. on 26 August, the Major Archbishop, in the presence of the Bishops, priests, religious and laity of the Syro-Malabar Church announced the appointment of Fr. Antony Kariyil CMI, the second Bishop of the Eparchy of Mandya with its territory, and at the same time the proper territory of the Syro-Malabar Church, extended to include the civil districts of Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Chickballapur, Kolar, Ramnagar and Tumkur. The Major Archbishop George Cardinal Alencherry and Archbishop George Njaralakkatt, Archbishop of Tellicherry and the former Bishop of Mandya presented the bishop-elect with the insignia of Episcopacy. Fr George Alukka, the Administrator of Mandya and Fr Sebastian Thekkedath, the General Councilor of CMI felicitated the bishop-elect, presenting bouquets. Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor read out the appointment letter and Fr. Sebastian Vaniyapurackal, the Vice-Chancellor read out the Press Release. All the Bishops attending the Syro-Malabar Synod were present on the occasion.

Episcopal Ordination Date of Bishop-Elect Fr Antony Kariyil CMI: The Major Archbishop welcomed Fr Antony Kariyil CMI, the Bishop-elect of Mandya. Fr Kariyil informed the Synod that due to practical reasons his Episcopal Ordination is scheduled for 2.30 pm on Sunday 18 October 2015 in the Cathedral premises of Mandya at Mysore. He invited the Bishops to the Ordination.

Gift of ASSM to the Exarchy in Canada: At the invitation of the Major Archbishop, Bishop Raphael Thattil, the Director of ASSM, presented a gift of Rs. 5,00,000.00 to the new Exarchy
of Canada and handed over the cheque to Bishop-elect Jose Kalluvelil.

Missionary Association in the Syro-Malabar Church: It was suggested that formation of a Missionary Association for priests is very relevant in today’s context. The Church has to prepare itself for taking up greater responsibility in the field of mission. Bishop Joseph Pallickaparampil reminded that the Missionary Society of St. Thomas was established precisely for this purpose. There was a suggestion to open a minor seminary for forming missionaries. However, others suggested that it is better to send candidates to priesthood in the already existing minor seminaries of mission dioceses. Bishops from the Mission dioceses requested the Bishops of the proper territory to help them to recruit priestly candidates for the mission eparchies. The Synod was reminded of the importance of mission exposure to our seminarians during their formation, especially the regency period. It was mentioned that the August Session of the Synod (2014) had already given permission to the Apostolic Visitor for selecting candidates for the diaspora communities. Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath was requested to include an item in the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly to create greater awareness regarding the missionary vocation of our Church. Towards the end of the discussion, the Synod decided to request the Bishops to create the possibility by which the Vocation Promoters of the sponsored eparchies can reside in the sponsoring eparchies and interact with the presbyterium and local parish communities, for joint vocation promotion and recruitment of candidates together with the local vocation promoter.

Networking of the Missions: The Major Archbishop said that after his visit to the Mission Centres of Sangli, Rajkot, Sagar, Bijnor, Belthangady, etc. he is convinced that there is the need of a networking of our missions in order to share among us the various activities and developments. He suggested that it would be good to start a magazine for this purpose. Some said that due to linguistic and cultural differences, it may not be so useful to have one single magazine for all the Mission Eparchies. There is a natural and geographical bond between some eparchies. In the light of which the Major Archbishop suggested the following groupings which we hope may eventually evolve into Provinces: 1) Kalyan, Rajkot, Chanda and Adilabad. 2) Sagar, Satna, Ujjain and Jagdalpur. 3) Faridabad, Bijnor and Gorakhpur.

The Bishops from Mission Eparchies expressed their happiness that the present session of the Synod has taken such interest in the mission. There was a suggestion to have a common pastoral centre in the mission area although it was not very clear regarding the location of such a centre. Some others suggested that instead of constructing new structures it would be better to have programmes in the already existing facilities in places like Bhopal. Another suggestion was that in every session of the Synod one or two Bishops from Mission Eparchies shall be invited to present their missionary experiences. The Bishop of Chanda informed the Synod that the work of the history of the Chanda Mission is in progress. Another suggestion was to conduct an ongoing formation for priests as well as a preparatory meeting of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly in North India, which was readily accepted by Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath. Towards the end of the discussions the Synod decided the following: a) To request the Bishops to make it a point to visit Mission Eparchies as part of their pastoral programme, b) To start a Mission News Bulletin (E-Magazine) under the auspices of ASSM, c) To conduct ongoing formation course in North India for priests who have completed ten years in priesthood, and d) To evolve Mission Provincial Centres.

Networking of the Social Ministry of the Syro-Malabar Church: There was a suggestion that networking of the various social ministries of the eparchies and religious institutes of our Church would be beneficial both for the Church and Society. As individual eparchies and institutes, the Church is doing ministry of great magnitude which does not often come to the public notice. In order to facilitate the initial steps towards the
networking of the social ministries of our Church, the Synod entrusted Bishop Mathew Arackal to convene a preliminary consultation meeting of the Directors of the Social Services of the eparchies and religious institutes of the Syro-Malabar Church, in order to plan out concrete programmes for the networking of the social ministry of our Church.

Concluding celebration of the Year of the Consecrated Life:
After a brief discussion on the modality of the concluding celebration of the Year of the Consecrated Life, the Synod decided to have the celebrations at the eparchial level.

Holy Year of Mercy: The Major Archbishop introduced the theme of celebrating the Year of Mercy. He said that unlike the previous celebrations, the Holy Father wants us to celebrate the Year of Mercy in a new and different way. We should have a face of mercy without however denying truth and justice. The celebration of the Year of Mercy should be reflected in our personal life and in our pastoral approach. It was mentioned that KCBC has already formulated an action plan. During the discussion, it was mentioned that we should have certain thrusts in the celebration of the Year of Mercy. Bishops and priests should give greater respect to people; we should be careful not to inflict wounds on others. There was a detailed discussion on the functioning of the ecclesiastical tribunals. Some Bishops said that the tribunals should expedite the procedure and help people who are already in a difficult situation of life. Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt, OSB, General Moderator of the Administration of Justice, informed Synod that generally the tribunals complete the process of the declaration of nullity of marriage within the stipulated period of one year. He said that the ecclesiastical tribunals cannot give declaration of nullity to all the cases where the civil courts have given judgement in favour of divorce. Pope Francis’ appeal for mercy does not mean to grant declaration of nullity of marriage at any cost, but showing mercy to people in such situations. It was suggested that it would be good that the Major Archbishop meet the Major Archiepiscopal Tribunal personnel and give them pastoral guidance regarding the procedure. The Major Archbishop said that considering the tribunal as part of the diocesan Bishop’s pastoral ministry, it is his duty to take personal interest in the procedure of the tribunal and meet the aggrieved persons, both during the session for reconciliation and towards the end of the process.

There was a suggestion that the Syro-Malabar dioceses give greater stress on the palliative care centres to alleviate the sufferings of the terminally ill. During the Year of Mercy we should ensure just salary to those who are employed by the ecclesiastical institutions. As advised by the Holy Father, we should give greater importance to the administration of the sacrament of reconciliation. The functioning of the Charitable Trust of the Syro-Malabar Church at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia level has to be strengthened. The Church institutions have to try to set apart ten percent of their income for social and charitable activities. It was suggested that the educational and health care institutions have to reserve 10% of seats for the poor. Bishops and priests have to give greater respect to people, especially to women religious. Culture of respect for the people has to be imbibed by the seminarians during the formation periods. Towards the end of the discussion, a committee of Bishop Sebastian Adayananthral (Convener), Bishop Mathew Arackal, and Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB was formed to formulate concrete suggestions for the celebration of the Year of Mercy to be presented in the current session of the Synod.

Programme for the Holy Year of Mercy: Bishop Sebastian Adayanathral presented before the Synod a detailed Action Plan on the Holy Year of Mercy. After some discussion and proposed modifications, the Synod approved the action programme. At the request of some Bishops, Bishop Adayanathral said that the action programme will be given in English too. The Synod proposed to the Major Archbishop to request to the Holy See for getting necessary permission to make use of the logo of the Holy Year.
Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Establishment of Syro-Malabar Church to the Major Archiepiscopal Status: It was suggested that our Church has to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of its Major Archiepiscopal Status. During the discussion the following proposals emerged: a) To inaugurate the Silver Jubilee Year of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of our Church during the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016, b) To publish Major Archbishop’s pastoral letter highlighting the historical importance of the event and the developments in our Church during the last twenty five years, and c) To request LRC to conduct a study seminar and publish a documentation volume.

Synod on the Vocation of Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World: The Major Archbishop said that as directed by the previous session of the Synod of the Syro-Malabar Church, the Committee for the drafting of the response of our Church on the lineamenta of the Roman Synod has already forwarded it to the Secretariat of the Synod in due time. He further said that one of the key questions which will be discussed in the Synod is whether communion can be administered to people who are divorced and remarried. He said that although we have to show mercy to these people from the pastoral point of view, we cannot tamper with doctrinal and moral principles on family and marriage. The Major Archbishop invited the Bishops to give in writing on what has to be presented in the Synod by the delegates of our Church. Archbishop Andrews Thazhath said that the pastoral care of the migrant families has to be a key point in our presentation. Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt, the Convener of the drafting committee said that as requested by the previous session of the Synod, the theme of the Roman Synod was seriously discussed in the eparchies, religious communities and formation houses and the theological commission along with Archbishop Andrews Thazhath convened a discussion forum on the matter and thereafter our response was drafted, taking into consideration the reports received. And the secretariat of the Synod has already drafted the instrumentum laboris from the responses received from all over the world. Towards the end of the discussion, it was suggested that the position of our Church is to facilitate to regain the properties of marriage and family. In our presentation, we can stress the value we give for the family life and the faith formation of our children and family prayer life in our Church including our migrant communities.

In a later sitting of the Synod, there was a prolonged discussion on the topic of the Synod in Rome on Family, our response to lineamenta and our Church’s position on the main theme of the Synod. The mind of the Synod was that the Church cannot change its pastoral stand on marriage and family without endangering dogmatic and moral teachings of the Church on the Subject. However, pastors are invited to have concern for the affected people. Bishops suggested that our interventions in the Synod shall highlight the importance of Christian values in the Syro-Malabar families, the prayer life, and role of grandparents in the families. Another point is regarding the lack of adequate pastoral care in the migrant communities of the Syro-Malabar Church. It was also suggested to enlighten the participants in the Synod on the pre-Cana courses conducted in the Syro-Malabar Church as an immediate preparation for marriage and the regular Sunday catechism classes.

Ad hoc Committee of St. Ephrem’s Theological College, Satna: The Major Archbishop read out a letter of Bishop Mathew Vaniakizhakkel VC, expressing his desire to be relieved of the office of Convener of the Ad hoc Committee of St. Ephrem’s Theological College, Satna. In consultation with the Synod, the Major Archbishop accepted it and reconstituted the Ad hoc Committee with Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST (Convener), and Bishop Raphael Thattil. However, the Major Archbishop requested Bishop-elect Joseph Kodakallil (from the time of his installation), to see to it that everything goes smoothly in the Seminary.

Election of the Commission for Kunnoth Seminary: The Synod elected the Seminary Commission for Kunnoth with Archbishop George Njaralakatt (Chairman), Bishop Remigiose Inchananiyil and Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy (Members).
Re-composition of the Committee for Education: The Major Archbishop informed the Synod of the re-composition of the Committee for Education with the following members: Archbishop Andrews Thazhath (Convener) Bishop Mathew Arackal and Bishop George Madathikandathil (Members).

Committee for the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly: The Major Archbishop read out a letter of Bishop Sebastian Adayantrath requesting to relieve him of the Convenership of the committee of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly. The Major Archbishop seeking the mind of the Synod accepted the request and appointed Bishop Pauly Kannookadan Convener of the Committee for the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016, with Bishop Sebastian Adayantrath and Bishop George Rajendran SDB, Members.

Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Shaji Kochupurayil MCBS, General Secretary, to present the report of the preparatory activities of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016. Fr Shaji presented a well prepared detailed report on the proposals regarding the conduct of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly. He said that there was positive response to the request for proposing the theme for the Assembly. From among the themes the following eight are presented for the consideration of the Synod: 1) Family/Laity in the Church 2) Simplicity in the Church 3) Church and Society 4) Evangelization 5) Eco-friendly Church 6) Consecrated Life 7) Pastoral Care of the Migrants 8) Liturgical unity in the Church.

After a brief introduction by Bishop Sebastian Adayantrath, Convener of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016, the Synod had a detailed discussion on the selection of the themes. Finally it was decided that the general title of the theme of the Assembly will be “The Response of the Church to the Challenges of Today”. Consequently Family, Simplicity and Migrants will be the sub themes. The other topics could come up in the general discussion. Bishop Adayantrath said that as the expected number of participants is 475, there is the problem of insufficient space at Mount St Thomas. Transporting the participants from other places where they have the night rest is both expensive and time consuming. Hence he suggested that it would be more convenient to choose another venue for the Assembly. One suggestion was the campus of the Sahrudaya Engineering College of Irinjalakuda. The venue will be decided after due consultation. The estimated cost of the conduct of the Assembly is Rs. 2,040,000.00. The Synod decided to hold the 2016 Second Session of the Synod from 22 August to 3 September and the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016 from 26 to 28 August. The Major Archbishop expressed his deep gratitude to the committee for the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016 for its excellent preparatory works.

In a later Sitting of the Synod, Bishop Pauly Kannookadan, Convener of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly 2016, gave preliminary information about the topic and mode of conducting the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly 2016 on 26-28 August. Bishop Kannoookadan expects that the Assembly becomes a movement that reaches the grass roots of our Church. A meeting of the Secretaries of the pastoral councils, presbyteral councils and conveners of the Eparchies will be held to prepare lineamenta which would be ready before the Synodal Session in January. By that time the delegates to the Assembly are to be designated so that they can participate in the discussion on the lineamenta. There shall be a prayer added to the Karozoutha to be recited one month before the Assembly. The mind of the Synod was not to include liturgy as a topic of the agenda of the forthcoming Assembly.

Venue of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly: Bishop Pauly Kannookadan, Convener of the Committee of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016 informed the Synod about the possibility of conducting the Assembly in Sahrudaya Engineering College at Kodakara in the Eparchy of Irinjalakuda. The Synod wholeheartedly agreed to this proposal and decided to conduct the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016 there.
**Eastern Catholic Churches in Australia:** Bishop Bosco Puthur presented to the Synod a leaflet, Eastern Catholic Churches in Australia a document prepared by the Australian Bishops’ Conference for the Priests and Deacons of the Latin Catholic Church in Australia in their parish pastoral ministry. The Major Archbishop called for wide publication of this document.

**Jesus Youth:** Bishop Bosco Puthur requested the Synod to make official the understanding reached between the leaders of Jesus Youth and Bishop Raphael Thattil regarding the functioning of Jesus Youth under the direction of the respective *sui iuris* church authorities. After some discussion, Bishop Raphael Thattil promised the Synod that after meeting the representative of Jesus Youth, he shall present the document in the current session of the Synod to make it official document of the Synod to be circulated at various levels.

**The Directive to the Jesus Youth Movement:** The Synod once again discussed the Directive prepared for the functioning of the Jesus Youth Movement according to the *sui iuris* nature of the Churches. It was decided to make the text of the Directive to Jesus Youth Movement more precise by adding “The ecclesial belongingness of the unit and the proper formation in the ecclesial traditions is to be promoted” and to publish it with a forward by the Major Archbishop exhorting the Members of the Jesus Youth to live the spirituality of their movement taking into consideration the ecclesial *sui iuris* nature of its members.

**Guidelines for the Syro-Malabar Retreat Centres:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Jose Anchanickal to present the guidelines for the Syro-Malabar Retreat Centres. Fr Jose highlighted the different chapters of the well prepared and balanced document. Bishop Raphael Thattil and Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt said that the document is prepared in consultation with the directors of the Retreat Centres and theological and biblical experts. It is a balanced document presenting guidelines for the Retreat Centres. Bishop Kallarangatt told the Synod that the numerous endnotes is a clear evidence about the solid sources from which this document has evolved. Towards the end of the discussion the Synod came to the understanding that the matter will be further discussed later in this session of the Synod. The Major Archbishop congratulated the Bishops of the committee and Fr Jose Anchanickal for the excellent work they have done to produce the guidelines.

**Directives to the Retreat Centres:** The Synod decided to authorize the Committee consisting of Bishop Raphael Thattil, Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt and Bishop Pauly Kunnookadan to publish the Directive incorporating the necessary corrections from the proposals received from the eparchies by 15 September 2015.

**Mission of the Apostolic Visitation:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Francis Eluvathingal, the Coordinator General and Fr Joseph Pulavelil MST, Secretary to the Apostolic Visitator. Fr Joseph Pulavelil presented a report highlighting visits of Bishop Raphael Thattil, the Apostolic Visitor to different migrant centres in India. The presentation gave a detailed statistical data of our migrant communities in India. It also brought to light the efforts to provide pastoral care to these communities. The report is of the opinion that the present situation of the pastoral care in many of the migrant centres is inadequate. During the discussion Bishop Raphael Thattil informed the Synod that through patience and continued dialogue with the Latin Bishops, he hopes that the situation will improve. Fr Francis Eluvathingal, the Coordinator General of the Apostolic Visitation, who now resides in Nagpur presented in power point a Road Map in to the future. He said that the formation of the Eucharistic communities in all the migrant centres is the priority of the Apostolic Visitation. The Major Archbishop along with the whole Synod congratulated the Apostolic Visitor and his team for the excellent work they have done within such a short period. The Major Archbishop informed the Synod that only through understanding and patience we can avoid tension and achieve smoothly our long term goals.
Liturgical Matters:

1. Possibility of a Simple Celebration of the Consecration of Altar: Fr Pauly Maniyattu explained to the members of the Synod the possibility of a simple celebration of the consecration of the altar with Oil consecrated in the same celebration or the Oil consecrated in a previous celebration, especially in the context of the consecration of chapels. During the discussion it was clarified that Mooron is not to be used for the consecration of the Church. However, oil already blessed during the consecration of a Church can be used for the consecration of Chapels and altars. In the convent chapels and similar places consecrated Deppa can be used for the celebration of the Qurbana. The Major Archbishop requested the Commission for Liturgy to present in the next session of the Synod precise and systematic directive on the above matters, taking into consideration the mind of the Synod.

2. The Possibility of a Bishop being Concelebrant and a Priest as Main Celebrant in Qurbana: It was clarified that Bishop is ordinarily the head of the liturgical celebration. However, there are occasions when the Bishop, though present, need not be the one who offers the Qurbana in cases like First Holy Qurbana immediately after Ordination or Jubilee celebration of priests. Even when another priest celebrates the Qurbana the Bishop is still the liturgical head, performing certain liturgical actions like blessing of the incense and reciting the Huthama.

During the discussion the Synod clarified that after the ordination, the new priest may continue the Holy Qurbana with Onitha d’Raze.

3. Presentation of the General Structure and the Themes of the New Anaphora: Fr Pauly Maniyattu presented before the Synod guidelines on the structure and contents of the new Anaphora. Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS explained that although the new Anaphora is expected to be shorter it should have the essential elements of the East Syrian Eucharistic Liturgical Celebration.

After some discussion on the matter the Synod deferred it to another day.

4. Draft Text of the Anaphora of Nestorius: Fr Pauly Maniyattu presented the Anaphora of Mar Nestorius and the Synod went through the whole text. During the discussion Bishop Thomas Elavanal said that even though the prayers are rather long, the Anaphora is spiritually elevating. It has five g’hanta prayers. During the institution narrative the statements that Jesus ate the bread and drank from the cup are very special to this Anaphora. At the end of the discussion, it was decided to approve the Anaphora of Mar Nestorius and to constitute a committee for the scrutiny of its language, with members of the Commission for Liturgy, Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam, Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt, Bishop George Punnakottil, Bishop Thomas Chackiath and Bishop Sebastian Adyanthra. Besides the complete version of the Anaphora, some Bishops proposed for an abridged version of the Anaphora. The Synod requested the Commission for Liturgy to produce an abridged version of the Anaphora of Mar Nestorius and to present it, if possible, in the January 2016 Synod. There was a suggestion to look for a new Anaphora, not being lengthy as the present ones, taking prayers from each of the three existing Anaphoras.

5. General Instructions for the Blessing of Churches and Chapels and Concelebration with Bishop not being the Main Celebrant: In continuation with the discussion on the topic, the Commission for Liturgy was entrusted with preparing two different texts for the blessing of Churches and chapels, one with the blessing of the oil and another without the blessing of the oil. The Synod decided to entrust the Commission for Liturgy to formulate general instruction regarding the rubrics to be included in the taksa and to present it in the current session of the Synod for approval. Bishop Thomas Elavanal, Chairman of the Commission for Liturgy presented the revised version of the General Instruction regarding the blessing of the Church and Concelebration with Bishop not being the main celebrant, and the Synod gave permission for its publication in the Taksa.
6. Norms for the Revision of the Present Text of the Qurbana:
After discussing briefly the norms of the revision of the present text of the Qurbana prepared by the CLC, the Synod decided to request the Commission for Liturgy to send it to the Bishops seeking from the eparchies concrete suggestions and proposals and collate them for presentation in the August 2016 Session of the Synod.

The Major Archbishop expressed his gratitude to the Commission for Liturgy, to the CLC and to the Secretaries of the Commission.

PRO of the Syro-Malabar Church: The Major Archbishop informed the Synod that taking into consideration the need of the time, he is constituting a new team for the Public Relations Office for our Church. He expressed his gratitude to Fr Paul Thelakatt who had been handling the office of the PRO single handedly for several years and Fr Jose Palakeel MST and Fr Jolly Vadakan who joined him for the last three years. The Major Archbishop announced that the new team of PRO consists of Fr Jimmy Poochakatt (coordinator), Fr Abraham Kavilpurayidom, Fr Mathew Chandrankunnel, P.I. Lazar and Sijo Pynadath. He said that they will be given initial training as they take up the responsibility.

During a later sitting of the Synod, the Major Archbishop expressed the gratitude of the Synod to the outgoing team of PRO of the Syro-Malabar Church, namely, Fr. Paul Thelakat (Spokes Person), Fr. Jolly Vadakkan and Fr. Jose Palakeel MST. The Major Archbishop said that the team has done meritorious service taking into consideration the present media climate and the influx of events. Fr. Paul Thelakat who has been serving the Church as Spokesperson for 15 years, for 12 years alone and for the last three years as a team, said that he is grateful to the Church for the confidence vested in him. He recalled Cardinal Varkey Vithayathil who entrusted the responsibility to him. He asked to be excused for the possible mistakes he might have committed in executing his responsibilities. Fr. Jolly Vadakkan said that being a Spokesperson is a challenging and difficult job and he found it a great opportunity to have worked along with Fr. Paul Thalakat, expert in the Media world.

Synod’s Meeting with the Major Superiors of the Syro-Malabar Church: The Synod spent the day for dialogue with the Major Superiors of the Religious Congregations of the Syro-Malabar Church. The meeting started at 10.00 a.m. with prayer led by the SD Sisters working in the Curia. Bishop Jose Chittoopparampil CMI, Member of the Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life formally welcomed the audience. The Major Archbishop in his inaugural address stressed the importance of the life and ministry of the men and women religious for the life of the Church. He also thanked them for their full support for the cause of the Church. Fr. Winson Moylan CMI, the President of SMRC addressed the meeting on the ‘Relationship of the Religious with the Hierarchy: Expectations of the Religious’. Sr. Sinclaire, Superior General of FCC brought to the attention of the audience the ‘Challenges Faced by Women Religious in the Church’. Bro. Franco Kannampuzha, Superior General of MMB spoke on the ‘Future of Vocations to Religious life’. Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy, Member of the Commission dealt with the ‘Relationship of the Religious with the Hierarchy and the Expectations of Hierarchy’. During the discussion moderated by Bishop Jose Porunnedom, the Chairman of the Commission, several Bishops and religious superiors intervened. The general tone was a call for a greater understanding and unity between the Bishops, Priests and the Religious Communities at all levels. Concluding the discussion, Bishop Jose Porunnedom promised the participants of the meeting that he would prepare a detailed report of the meeting to be circulated to the participants. Bishop Raphael Thattil, the Apostolic Visitor to India, briefed the audience about the migrant Syro-Malabar communities spread all over India and invited the religious communities to come forward to take care of the migrant communities in the
neighbourhood of their houses. In his final response, the Major Archbishop thanked the Bishops and the Major Superiors, and especially the Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life for this fruitful get together. He invited both the Bishops and the Religious Superiors for introspection so that we can correct our failures and bear better witness to the Gospel message.

**Amendment of the Statutes of SMRC:** Bishop Jose Porunnedom, Chairman of the Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, requested the Synod for giving permission to the Commission for making necessary amendments in the Statutes of SMRC to facilitate formation of the eparchial units of SMRC. The Synod gave its permission.

**Official Recognition for the Consecrated Virgins in the Syro-Malabar Church:** Bishop Jose Porunnedom presented before the Synod the request of Fr Jose Kottayil, animator of the Society of Marian Singles for official recognition for the Consecrated Virgins in the Syro-Malabar Church. Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil endorsed the request. During the discussion, it was clarified that the Society of the Marian Singles has a centre at Oonnukallu in the Eparchy of Kothamangalam. It was further clarified that in this group there are two sorts of women; one group comprises of women, some of whom are well educated and employed who want to live as Consecrated Virgins officially recognized by the Church whereas the other group would like to continue to live in their families but would like to come together occasionally for spiritual retreats and counseling. It was suggested that there should be clarity regarding who want to become Consecrated Virgins. Some Bishops highlighted the importance of the Consecrated Virgins in the life of the Church and its provision in the Canon Law. Official recognition can be given only after drafting a bye-law for them. It is the Local Hierarch who has to take initiative in this regard. And the Synod decided to constitute a committee with Bishop George Madathikandathil (Convener), Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil and Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath (Memebrs) to study the matter and present a report in the January 2016 Session of the Synod.

**Starting of Lay Associations by Religious Congregations:** In the context of the request to the Major Archbishop by the Society of Kristu Dasi Sisters to form a Lay Association of their supporters, the Synod considered the phenomenon of lay associations by religious congregations. It was remarked that several congregations already have such associations. Some of the Bishops expressed their apprehensions that these associations may form themselves as exclusive groups. However, it was also observed that it has got its own benefits for the good of the Church. After some discussion, the Synod decided to leave the matter to the proper hierarchs to decide whether they should permit starting of Lay Associations by Religious Congregations in their eparchies.

**The Text Book for the Solemn Reception of Holy Communion:** Bishop Jacob Manathodath introducing the draft text of the catechism for the solemn reception of Holy Communion, sought the mind of the Synod regarding the procedure of its publication. After some discussion, the Synod requested the Bishops to forward their suggestions to Bishop Jacob Manathodath within a month. The text shall be presented in the January Session of the Synod, incorporating relevant suggestions.

**Formal Release of the Mystagogical Catechism:** At the invitation of the Commissions for Liturgy and Catechesis, the Major Archbishop formally released the first copy of the Mystagogical Catechism of the Syro-Malabar Church, on 24 August 2014, handing over its first copy to Fr. Winson Moyalan CMI.

**Release of the Book of Bishop Paul Chittilapilly:** The Major Archbishop formally released the Book “KudumbaVishudhee karanam” of Bishop Paul Chittilapilly, by giving away the first copies to Bishops Mathew Arackal, Mathew Anikuzhikattil, Remigiose Inchananiyil and Sebastian Adayanthrath. The Major
Archbishop congratulated the service of Bishop Paul Chittilapilly through this book for the good of the family in the year of the Synod on Family and requested the Bishops to distribute its copies, if possible, to all the families.

**Väidikaratnam:** The Major Archbishop presented a request of the Director General of the Missionary Society of St Thomas, endorsed by Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt for honouring Fr Sebastian Thuruthel MST with the title *Väidikaratnam* which is recommended by the members of the committee for awarding honours and titles. The Major Archbishop said that Fr Thuruthel is a zealous and exemplary priest who is also teacher of some of our Bishops. The Synod unanimously decided to award the title *Väidikaratnam* to Fr Sebastian Thuruthel MST for his exemplary and meritorious priestly ministry.

**Presentation of LRC Award:** On 24 August 2015, during the meeting of the Synod with the Major Superiors, the Major Archbishop, at the invitation of LRC, presented the LRC Award 2015 to Sr. Mary Litty LDSDP, for her meritorious service to the poor and the downtrodden of the society.

**Anthem of Syro-Malabar Church:** The Major Archbishop handed over prizes to the winners of the competition for Syro-Malabar Church Anthem. In a later sitting, the Synod listened to the recording of the anthem composed from the different winning compositions of the competitions conducted by LRC for the anthem of the Church. The Chairman of LRC was requested by the Synod to improve the text and the music of the anthem and present it in the January 2016 Session of the Synod.

**Blessing and Inauguration of the Exposition of the Collection of the Crosses in the Museum:** After the Synodal Sittings on 28 August, in the presence of the Bishops and inmates of the Curia, the Major Archbishop blessed and inaugurated the exposition of the collection of crosses in the Museum. Both the Major Archbishop and the Chairman of LRC Bishop Pauly Kannookadan expressed gratitude to Fr. George Alumkal for donating his personal collection of crosses to the Museum.

**Demise of Fr. Emmanuel Thelliyil CMI:** The Major Archbishop expressed the condolence of the Synod at the demise of Fr. Emmanuel Thelliyil CMI, the renowned Syriac Scholar. The Synod had already offered the morning Holy Qurbana for the repose of the departed soul. The Major Archbishop mentioned that Fr. Thelliyil as a Syriac Scholar has greatly contributed for the liturgical development of our Church. During the introduction to the Holy Qurbana, Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam had qualified Fr. Thelliyil a *Malpan* of our Church.

**Condolement to Victims of the Boat Tragedy:** At the request of the Major Archbishop, the Synod offered its condolence to the victims of the boat tragedy in Kochi in which 6 people died.

**Presentation of Reports of the Commissions and Committees:**

1. **Commission for Liturgy:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Pauly Maniyattu, Secretary and Fr Francis Pittappillil, Joint Secretary of the Commission for Liturgy. Fr Pauly Maniyattu presented detailed report of the activities of the Commission for Liturgy for the year 2014-15. He said that in collaboration with the Commission for Catechesis, the Commission for the Liturgy had been working for the last eight years to prepare Mystagogical Catechism and he gladly informed the Synod that it will be published during the present session of the Synod. The report presented the road map of the preparation of the anaphora of Mar Nestorius which will be presented in this session of the Synod for its approval. The other activities of the commission were regarding norms and guidelines for the revision of Qurbana, revision of the Liturgy of the Hours, new Anaphora, Handbook for the solemn Holy Communion and First Confession, Taksa of betrothal, Taksa of the Qurbana in European languages and in Syriac, new text for the rededication of Church, etc. During the discussion that followed, Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS, the Chairman of the Commission and Fr Pauly Maniyattu gave clarifications to the queries of the Bishops. Fr Pauly Maniyattu then presented the financial report of the Commission.
2. Commission for Catechesis: Secretary of the synod welcomed Fr. George Danavelil, the secretary of the Commission. Bishop Jacob Manathodath, the Chairman of the Commission after a brief introduction requested Fr. Danavelil to present the report of the Commission. The activities of the Commission include publication of text books, power point presentation of text books, training programme in eparchies, major seminaries and migrant centres, Prathibhasangamam, Animation DVDs, Documentary films on Saints, Catechesis through internet, etc. The future plans of the Commission are publication of the text book for the solemn Holy Communion, production of teaching aids, catechetical congress, e-learning programme for Catechists, Prathibhasangamam, DVD on catechesis texts, smart class rooms, and training programme for resource persons. The report also presented the accounts of the Commission. The report highlighted the publication of the mystagogical catechism of the Syro-Malabar Church.

During the discussion that followed, the Bishops in general congratulated the Commission for its effective service in the faith formation of our Church. Some were of opinion that even though our catechetical ministry is very systematic, it does not convey the needed conviction in many children. Often catechetical classes become academic and not necessarily experiential. Some others said that this is because faith formation at the family level has become very weak. The faith formation will become qualitatively better only when there is a close collaboration between, parish priests, catechism teachers and parents. There was suggestion that childrens’ retreat would be an effective means for conveying faith experience. Another suggestion was to seek ways and means to better promote the role of the parents. Some suggested that the methodology of teaching catechism has to change into discussion and interactive methods. Another suggestion was to form the children in the family prayer traditions. Only through personal relationship between children and catechism teacher, effective faith formation can take place. Bishop Joy Alappatt said that there is the need of improving the language of the English edition of the catechism books for the use of the students in foreign countries. Bishop Jacob Manathodath, the Chairman of the Commission asked clarification of the Synod, if the text book for the First Solemn Communion, the joint venture of the Commissions for Catechesis and Liturgy could be published without the scrutiny of CLC. The Bishops requested the Commission to supply them copies of the text book so that an appropriate response can be given to the query. Bishop Jacob Manathodath informed the Synod that the Commission for Catechesis is distributing the book ‘Mystagogical Catechism’. Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB expressed the gratitude of the Synod to the members and the Secretary of the Commission for their hard work.

3. Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants: Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Shaji Kochupurayil MCBS, the secretary of the Commission and requested him to present the report of the Commission. The report presented the activities of the Commission, namely, various meetings and visits of the Commission and the National Mission Consultation at Ujjain in February 2015 on Syro-Malabar Church 50 Years after Ad gentes of Vatican II: A Consultation on Mission Ad gentes today: Prospects and Challenges. The report further presented the pastoral situation in the migrant communities highlighting the details in United Kingdom, Ireland, Italy and the Gulf Region. In UK, the diocese of Lancaster has constituted two personal parishes for the Syro-Malabar faithful and given a church for the exclusive use of the Syro-Malabar Church. The Commission said that whereas in European Countries there was wonderful progress with regard to the pastoral care of the migrants, the situation in the Gulf region is depressing. In Singapore and Nigeria we could not do anything. Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST, Chairman of the Commission further clarified the situations in
various Countries regarding the pastoral care of the migrants and brought to the attention of the Synod the urgent need of doing something effective for the cause of our faithful in the Gulf region. Joining the discussion, the Major Archbishop expressed his joy in the generosity of the Bishop of Lancaster in constituting two personal parishes and giving a church and presbytery for our exclusive use. He said that at the insistent invitation of the Bishop of Lancaster, he is going to inaugurate the personal parishes.

The Commission sought, as follow up of the National Mission Consultation, the permission of the Synod to conduct regional mission consultations in Kerala with the participation of a few delegates from the Mission eparchies. After some discussion, the Synod decided to give permission to the Commission to conduct three regional mission consultations at Kottayam, Aluva and Tellicherry.

The Major Archbishop thanked the Commission and the Secretary Fr. Shaji Kochupurayil MCBS for their hard work.

4. Commission for Clergy: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Jimmy Poochakatt, the Secretary of the Commission for Clergy and invited him to present the report. The main activities of the Commission for Clergy in the year 2014-15 were 1) Golden and Silver Jubilarians’ get together, 2) The Newly Ordained Priests’ gathering and 3) Ongoing formation for the priests who have completed ten years of their priestly ordination. The proposed programmes for the year 2015-16 are 1) Get together of the Deacons (both diocesan and religious) on 6 November 2015, 2) Get together of the newly ordained priests after Easter, 3) Get together of the Silver and Golden Jubilarians, 4) Joint meeting of Vicars General and Chancellors and 5) Ongoing formation for priests. Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath expressed his satisfaction in the activities of the Commission. During the discussion the Major Archbishop said that the gathering of the Deacons will be an occasion to conscientise them of the missionary dimension of our Church and of Vocation Promotion. It will give also an occasion to remind the Deacons to celebrate their Ordination without too much extravaganza. There was a suggestion to conduct ongoing formation for priests who have completed 20 years of their Ordination. The Major Archbishop thanked the Commission for their meritorious service.

5. Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Sr. Vimal Jose CMC, Secretary of the Commission who presented the report. As part of the celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life, the Commission sent to all the Major Superiors a common prayer both in prose and musical form to be recited in all the religious houses and conducted Junior Sisters’ Meet. The report also mentioned of the joint meeting of the Synod with the Major Superiors. Bishop Jose Porunnedom mentioned that there need to be an amendment in the SMRC statutes so that the eparchial branches of the SMRC can operate. During the discussion that followed, there was a suggestion for a mechanism at the eparchial level to solve issues that arise between the religious and parish priests. Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB thanked the Commission for its leadership and activities for the good of the religious in the Syro-Malabar Church.

6. Commission for Vocations: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Shaji Kochupurayil MCBS, the Secretary for the Commission to present its report, which presented before the Synod the various activities of the Commission in its first year, mainly the meeting of Vocation Promotors at various levels. The report also presented a statistical data of vocations in the eparchies and religious congregations and gave information on the launching of the website of the Commission. Towards the end of the report the Commission presented suggestions from the consultations with the Vocation Promotors for the consideration of the Synod. After sufficient discussion on the matter, the Synod with some modifications requested the
Commission to execute following suggestions: 1. To conduct a joint meeting of the Vocation related Commissions (Family, Catechism, Consecrated Life, Evangelization and Pastoral Care, Formation and Apostolic Visitation) in view of promotion of vocations. 2. A meeting of the psychologists for facilitating better vocation promotion. 3. Guidelines for vocation camps. 4. Gathering of vocation promoters at the eparchial level. 5. Survey of vocations in the eparchies. 6. Vocation promoters’ annual meet in July.

Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy expressed his happiness that within one year, the Commission could do these much for the cause of vocation promotion in our Church and thanked the Bishops for their co-operation and the Secretary for his hard work. Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB thanked the Commission and the Secretary for their work especially for the statistics presented.

7. Commission for Youth: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Sebastian Kaipanplackal, the Secretary of the Commission for Youth. He presented a short report of the activities of the Commission and read out the draft of the Bye laws for the Syro-Malabar Youth Movement. Bishop Joseph Pandarasseril, Chairman of the Commission, explained to the Synod the activities of the Commission and requested the Synod to approve the draft of the Bye laws for the Syro-Malabar Youth Movement. The Synod had a detailed discussion of the Bye laws and approved it *ad experimentum* for three years, with the proposed corrections. The Major Archbishop thanked the Commission and the Secretary for their hard labour in preparing the Bye laws.

8. Commission for Doctrine: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Joseph Pamplany, the Secretary of the Commission and Fr. Francis Pittapillil, the Asst Secretary. Fr. Pamplany presented the report of the Commission in power point in which he mentioned that there were 8 Executive Committee Meeting during the last one year. The Doctrinal Commission constituted a Theology Forum with 27 Members to study the relevant theological issues affecting the life of the Church and the inaugural meeting of the Forum was held at Mount St. Thomas. It also conducted regional theological forums at Pala, Thalassery and Thrissur. In the light of the circular of the Major Archbishop on the *lineamenta* of the Roman Synod on family, the Commission held a pastoral and theological conference at Mount St. Thomas on the challenges of the family in the Church and the contemporary world. The aim of the conference was to know the responses of the theologians, faithful and experts towards the challenges on family. The Commission collated the reports on the *lineamenta* received from the eparchies, seminars and the religious institutes in order to formulate the response of our Church on the *lineamenta*. The Commission actively participated in the Bishops – Theologians Colloquium in Bangalore. The Commission is preparing a book on eschatology explaining the teaching of the Church on the matter. Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt, the Chairman of the Commission, observed that it is when the doctrinal teachings and preaching become weak in the Church, splinter groups and sects with deviated teachings flourish. Hence we need to cultivate a theological culture in our Church.

The Major Archbishop thanked the Commission and the secretaries, especially Fr. Joseph Pamplany for their meritorious service.

9. Commission for Ecumenism: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Cherian Karukaparambil, Secretary of the Commission for Ecumenism. The report briefly presented various activities of the commission like ecumenical gatherings, formation programme for priests and religious, priests’ gathering of the Episcopal Churches and activities of common witness. Fr Cherian presented in detail the sketch of the Ecumenical Directory in preparation. The Synod in general appreciated the Commission’s initiative to bring out the Directory. The Synod requested that it would be useful to add in the Directory the list
of the Churches with valid baptism rites. Regional gathering of the Inter-Church Council would help better understanding in the field of ecumenism. The Major Archbishop thanked Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam, the Chairman of the Commission for Ecumenism in his absence and Fr Cherian, the Secretary.

10. Laity Commission: In the absence of Jacob Mundackal, the Secretary of the Laity Commission, Bishop Mathew Arackal, the Chairman presented the report of the Commission. The report presented various activities of Mathruvedi, Farmers Forum, Media Forum and Dalit Forum, and the agricultural and educational seminars conducted by the commission. Bishop Arackal also presented the activities of “The People” which is an umbrella coordination bringing together 58 organizations in which also non Christians participate. During the discussion that followed it was brought to the attention that there is some confusion regarding the involvement of “The People” and that of INFARM and such Organizations. Towards the end of the discussions the Synod decided to constitute a committee with the members of the Commission for Laity, Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, Archbishop Mathew Moolakatt OSB, Bishop Thomas Chakiath, Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt and Bishop Sebastian Adyanthra (Convener), to define the role of different forums and associations and clarify their relation to the Laity Commission.

a. Catholic Congress: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Jacob Palackapilly, Director and Adv. Biju Parayannilam, the General Secretary of AKCC. Adv. Biju presented a detailed report of AKCC. He said that AKCC has now 1188 units and the Archeparchy of Tellicherry has the largest number of units. He said that during the mochanayathra, he could see the great enthusiasm of our people for the cause of our community. During the recent past, AKCC took active role in issues like Gadgil-Kasthurirangan Report, Problems of the people of the coastal line, title deed issue, threats from the wild animals, etc. One of the new ventures of the AKCC is the micro financing which he hoped will be successful with the cooperation of all concerned. Adv. Biju expressed his gratitude to the Bishops, priests and lay people who helped AKCC and the mochanayathra. Fr. Jacob Palackapilly thanked the Bishops for their great support and invited them for the blessing of the office of the Micro Finance of AKCC at Karanakodam on 27 August. During the discussion, the Bishops appreciated the enthusiasm of our people at the revival of AKCC. The Major Archbishop clarified that AKCC should never enter into communal or political partisan groups. It should empower our people in political, economic, social, and cultural spheres of public life. Formation of Forums which is the competence of the Laity Commission is not within programme of AKCC. AKCC should be able to exert issue-based political pressure for the benefit of the common people. The Major Archbishop thanked Bishop RemigioSelennananiyil, Fr. Jacob Palackapilly and the leaders of AKCC.

b. Mathruvedi: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Lissy Varghese, the Secretary of Mathruvedi. Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil, Bishop-delegate of the Mathruvedi briefly explained its activities and requested Lissy Varghese to present the report. She said that the office bearers of Mathruvedi paid visits to various eparchies and mission centres. Mathruvedi is striving to execute its 10 point programme. The Secretary expressed her gratitude to the Synod for having instituted Mathruvedi and approved its bye-laws. She further thanked Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil, the Bishop-delegate, Fr Joseph Kochuparambil, the director, Sr Johncy CMC, the animator and Delsy Lukachan, the president. Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil requested the Bishops to accept the name Mathruvedi for Mothers’ organization in their Eparchies.

c. Family Apostolate: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Joseph Kollakompil the secretary who read out the report of the Family Apostolate for the year 2014-15. During this period the Family Apostolate was concerned with the following issues: a) Formation of Family Apostolate Directors, b) Gathering of
the Syro-Malabar Gynaecologists and c) Conference of Family Counselors. During the discussion that followed Bishop Mathew Anikuzhiikkattil requested the Bishops for greater cooperation from the part of the Eparchial Family Apostolate Directors. It became evident during the discussion that the expenses for the activities for the Family Apostolate were met from the accounts of the Family Apostolate of Idukki. The Major Archbishop remarked that this has to be remedied and requested the Family Apostolate to convene a meeting of the Eparchial Family Apostolate Directors to plan the ways and means to raise necessary funds for the execution of its activities. The Major Archbishop thanked Fr Kollakompil for his zealous leadership.

**d. Kudumbakootayma (Family Units):** In the absence of Fr Lawrence Thaikattil, the new Secretary, Bishop Mathew Anikuzhiikkattil presented the report of the Family Units (*Kudumbakootayma*). He said that because Fr Jose Pollayil, the former secretary, became the Chancellor the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly a new secretary was appointed in the person of Fr Lawrence Thaikattil. The report expressed its gratitude to the Synod for its approval of the bye-laws of the *Kudumbakootayma* and acknowledged that during the last one year there were only limited activities.

**11. Committee for Public Affairs:** A short report of the activities of the Committee for Public Affairs also was presented. It was brought to the attention of the Synod that the book ‘*Samuhikapresanangal Sabha Veezhathanathil***, edited by Fr. George Madathikandathil is the collection of documents prepared under the auspices of Public Affairs Committee of the Syro-Malabar Church under the leadership of Archbishop Joseph Powathil and former Secretary Fr. Philip Nelpuraparmil.

**12. Committee for Higher Education:** In the absence of Fr. George Madathiparampil, Secretary of the Committee for Higher Education, a short report on the activities of the Committee for Higher Education was presented. The Report highlighted the seminars conducted with the aim to energize teachers and managers and to improve the catholic atmosphere in our Higher Educational Institutions. The enthusiasm of the newly appointed teachers and campus counselors was encouraging. Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, the newly appointed Convener of the Committee, briefed the Synod of the challenges the Church faces in the field of education due to the approach of the Government without proper orientation.

**13. Committee for School Education:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Jacob Palackapilly, the Secretary of the Committee. He presented the report regarding the activities of the Committee especially the training seminars conducted for managers and financial administrators of the schools. He also presented some statistical data on the Catholic Church in the field of education. He said that while the KCBC Commission for Education will take care of the Catholic Church’s dealing with the department of education and the Government, the Syro-Malabar Committee for School Education will aim at qualitative betterment of our educational ministry. During the discussion the Synod made it clear that the competence of the Committee goes beyond the boundaries of Kerala. The Bishops suggested that training seminars are to be conducted also for teachers.

**14. LRC:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Peter Kannampuzha, the Executive Director of LRC. After a brief introduction by Bishop Pauly Kannookadan, the Chairman of LRC, the report was presented describing the principal activities of LRC, the functioning of LRC Book stall and the development of St. Thomas Christian Museum. Fr. Peter informed the Synod of the roofing done over the Museum building and of the project for a new building for Museum. Fr. Peter presented also the financial report of LRC. The Major Archbishop congratulated the LRC Director Board and Fr. Peter for the excellent work he is doing for LRC and for the Curia in general.

**15. ASSM:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Joseph Pulavelil MST, Secretary cum Treasurer, ASSM and requested
him to present the report. Fr. Pulavelil presented an exhaustive report of the activities of ASSM with financial details. Thereafter, Bishop Raphael Thattil, Director of ASSM explained the various activities of ASSM and thanked the Bishops, especially for the Syro-Malabar Mission Sunday collections. He said that although the amount collected did not reach the expectations, the Syro-Malabar Mission Sunday celebration of this year with the participation of CML, KCSL, CLC and Jesus Youth is a promising beginning. During the discussion that followed, some Bishops expressed their concern regarding two Mission Sunday celebrations. However, the concluding opinion was that the celebration of the Mission Week would help to create awareness and conscientization about the mission of our Church (instead of the Syro-Malabar Mission Sunday) from Denha culminating on the following Sunday. The Major Archbishop thanked Bishop Gregory Karotempil CMI, Bishop Raphael Thattil, Fr Dennis Kochuveettil CST and Fr Joseph Pulavelil MST for their hard work.

16. Internet Mission: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Joby Maprakavil MST, the Executive Director of the Internet Mission. The report he presented described the various activities of the internet mission like web development, web application development and web hosting. The most important achievement of the mission is the Syro-Malabar Matrimonial site into which we could integrate the matrimonial sites of several eparchies. And Fr. Joby appealed to the eparchies who have not yet done so, to come forward to join the common venture of the internet mission of our Church. Fr. Joby informed the Synod that the internet mission has developed a very reliable and economical parish management software and requested the Bishops to promote it in their eparchies with the participation of the parishes. Presenting the financial report, Fr. Joby thanked the Major Archbishop and Mr. Febin Mootheril for their generous donations by which the Internet Mission could pay back its loans. Bishop Jose Porunnedom expressed the gratitude of the Internet Mission to Bishop Gregory Karotempil CMI, its initiator and all the Bishops for their support. Bishop Porunnedom said that Fr. Joby, an expert in the internet media, continued the successful development initiated by Fr. Jose Palakeel MST, the former Executive Director. The Major Archbishop expressed the gratitude of the Synod to the dynamic leadership of Bishop Jose Porunnedom and to the expertise of Fr. Joby. The Major Archbishop recalled the great initiative of Bishop Gregory Karotempil CMI for the Internet Mission.

17. Major Archiepiscopal Tribunal: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Jose Chiramel, the President of the Major Archiepiscopal Tribunal and invited him to present the report. Fr. Chiramel presented a detailed report of the various activities of the Tribunal giving statistical data of the marriage cases dealt with in the Tribunal. He said that the publication of Eastern Legal Thought, the meeting of the Judicial Vicars, Meeting of the Defenders of the Bond and Notaries and the Meeting of the Tribunal Personnel and Family Apostolate Directors were the main activities of the Tribunal besides the regular judicial proceedings. The seminar on the occasion of the 25th year of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches with the financial support of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches under the auspices of the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Churches and the Oriental Canon Law Society was the high point of the activities of this year. Fr. Chiramel brought to the attention of the Bishops the increase in the number of requests for the declaration of nullity in our Tribunals, many of such marriages, according to him, should not have taken place as the parties were not competent to marry. In response to the financial report of the Tribunal, the Synod suggested that the Major Archbishop in consultation with the officials of the Tribunal could fix a higher fee for the marriage cases and allot TA to the Judges and other officials taking into consideration the growing cost of living.

The Major Archbishop thanked Archbishop Mathew Moolakkat OSB, the Moderator of the Tribunal and Fr. Jose Chiramel, the President for their excellent service.
18. Report of the Activities of the Curia: Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor, presented the report of the various activities of the Curia and visits of important guests to the Curia and important programmes of the Major Archbishop in different eparchies, mission centres and abroad. The Bishops appreciated the brief presentation.

19. Financial Report of the Curia: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Mathew Pulimoottil, the Finance Officer of the Major Archiepiscopal Curia. After a brief introduction by Bishop Mathew Arackal, Chairman of the Commission for Finance, Fr. Mathew read out the financial report. He described various renovation projects in the Curia like laying tiles in the rooms, refurbishment of the stage in the auditorium, the new parking facilities, and purchase of a new generator. Through the generous contribution of the sabhadinam this year we could manage without incurring substantial deficit. The finance officer informed the Synod that after prolonged and laborious process we received all the required documents for the Curia buildings. He thanked the Major Archbishop and the Commission for Finance for their support. During the discussion that followed, Bishop Mathew Arackal congratulated Fr. Pulimoottil for his hard work in managing the financial administration of the Curia with efficiency, keeping the Curia premises very neat and tidy and for the effective use of the land property for agriculture. The Chairman of the Commission informed the Synod of the project for constructing a new building for the Museum for which the Synod has already given permission in principle. With the active support of the Major Archbishop, the Commission for Finance is planning to execute the project.

It was suggested that we could imitate the custom of the eparchies of the Oriental Churches presenting financial donations to the Head of the Church called cathedraticum. Reflecting on the ways and means to generate income for the financial self-support of the Curia by making proper use of our property, some of the Bishops suggested that we could construct a pastoral animation centre with modern facilities. The Synod requested the Commission for Finance to study the viability of this project with the help of experts and present it in the following Session of the Synod.

The Major Archbishop thanked the Commission for Finance, especially its Chairman and the Finance Officer for the efficient management of finances of the Curia.

20. Report of the Synodal Major Seminaries: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Mathew Illathuparampil (Mangalapuruzha), Fr Joy Ainiyadan (Vadavathoor), Fr Emmanuel Attel (Kunnoth) and Fr Thomas Kochuthara (Satna) Rectors of the four Synodal Major Seminaries of the Syro-Malabar Church.

a. St Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuruzha: Fr Mathew Illathuparampil, the Rector presented the report of the Seminary. The report started by thanking Fr Antony Nariculam, the former Rector. The report presented various aspects of the Seminary formation namely spiritual, intellectual, human and pastoral. The Rector said that the spiritual life of the seminarians has yet to improve. As part of the human and pastoral formation, he said the seminarians once a way go to help the traffic police. He expressed his happiness that through repeated exhortation the extravaganza of the ordination celebration has gone down considerably. He said that it would be good that the seminarians make use of their baptismal name rather than pet names. It has been reported that during the Sunday pastoral ministry, some parish priests make the seminarians, even those without diaconate, recite the prayers of the Qurbana reserved to the celebrant. He informed the Bishops that from the next academic year onwards the Pontifical Institute is starting MA course in Christian Philosophy which could be recognized by the secular universities. Towards the end, presenting the accounts of the seminary, the Rector said that there is a steady decrease of income and increase of expenditure, may be also partly due to the decreasing number of students.
b. St Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor: Fr Joy Ainyadan presented the report of the Seminary in three parts: 1) Constitution of the Seminary Community 2) Integral Formation 3) Highlights of the Academic Year and finally the Financial Report. He said that the Seminary community is modelled on the perfect community of the three persons of the Holy Trinity. He thanked Fr Alex Tharamangalam, the former Rector of the Seminary for his exemplary service. Presenting the four dimensional formation the report said that the Seminary gives primary importance to the spiritual formation, whereas the intellectual formation is mainly taken care of by the Paurastya Vidyapitham. The pastoral formation is realized through Weekend pastoral ministry in the parishes, reach out social groups, Jesus Fraternity, Youth Friends and other social groups. The human formation is imparted by helping the seminarians become integrated human persons through a harmonious blend of discipline and freedom. The Rector observed that there is a qualitative difference in the first year Philosophy students as they come after graduation.

c. Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kunnoth: Fr Emmanuel Attel presented the report of the Seminary by mentioning that the Seminary which has entered its 14th year of functioning has so far given birth to 125 priests. The report presented various aspects of the four fold formation highlighting the importance the Seminary gives to the liturgical formation. The Rector said that the daily Eucharistic con-celebration is highly appreciated by the Seminary community. He brought to the attention of the Synod that the Library building is still under construction. He expressed his happiness that the seminary could install a 10 KV solar power plant. Concluding the report the Rector appealed to the Synod to increase substantially the eparchial contribution and tuition fee of the students in order to cover the deficit.

d. St Ephrem’s Theological College, Satna: Fr Thomas Kochuthara presented the report of the Seminary. He said that Seminary has in the present academic year 76 Theology students. Besides the four dimensions of the formation envisaged by the Pastores dabo Vobis, Satna Seminary being situated in the mission context gives greater stress to the missionary formation of the candidates. The Seminary gives due importance to the liturgical formation. Being a small community the Seminary enjoys better interpersonal relationship. The shortage of staff and students is still a great problem for the Seminary. The Rector expressed his anxiety about the financial viability of the Seminary. Before being a Synodal Seminary, as an eparchial institution, it had the full support from the Eparchy of Satna.

The Synod requested the Rectors to integrate into the curriculum classes on the Consecrated Life in all its dimensions. The Bishops requested the Rectors also to instruct the seminarians of the spiritual and ascetic practices and traditions of our Church including the five fasts. It was observed that the Seminarians have to get adequate missionary exposure. The spiritual formation in the Seminary has to be according to the spirit of the liturgical calendar of our Church. The Rectors were reminded that besides the common training of the whole Seminary Community, greater stress has to be given to yearwise groups. It would be useful to get from the parish priests evaluation report of the seminarians after long holidays. Better use of the library will enhance the intellectual formation of the Seminarians. Greater stress and care has to be given to the morning meditation and prayer life. There was a suggestion that when the Seminary takes serious disciplinary action, like regency break, against Seminarians especially in the senior classes it is desirable that the respective Bishops are duly consulted.

Concluding the discussion, the Major Archbishop congratulated the Rectors for the good formation they give to our students. He exhorted that the Seminarians have to be trained to live a Christocentric ecclesial life because they are called by Christ to minister in the Church and for the Church. In the name of the Synod the Major Archbishop thanked the Rectors and encouraged them saying that they are not alone but the whole Church is involved in the formation ministry.
Report of the Seminary Visitation: There was a short discussion regarding the mode of presenting the report of the seminary visitation. Towards the end there emerged an understanding that the Bishops who made the visitation shall personally report it in the January Session of the Synod and afterwards the Synod shall discuss the collated suggestions from the reports.

Pastoral Service after Licentiate in Rome before Admitting for Doctorate: At the request of the Major Archbishop, Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST read out the letter of Fr. Varghese Kurishuthara OCD, the Rector of the Institute of St. John Damascene, Rome. Fr. Kurishuthara briefed the Synod of the situation of the candidates sent to the Institute by the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Churches for ecclesiastical Higher Studies and proposed the following suggestions:

1. To send students only for Licentiate after which they have to return to their dioceses or provinces.

2. To give them a chance to teach in seminaries or to involve in the academic activities for two or three years.

3. Thereafter, to decide regarding their doctoral studies, after getting the opinion of their rector, including that of the Damascene.

In the discussion that followed, the Major Archbishop invited the Bishops to take seriously the letter of Fr. Kurishuthara and suggest possible solutions. Bishop Jacob Manathodath, Episcopal Delegate to Damascene, informed the Synod that Fr. Kurishuthara had serious discussion with him on this matter and it is at his suggestion that Fr. Kurishuthara wrote the letter. Some of the Bishops were of opinion that it would be better that the Bishops send their priests for Licentiate/M.Th. in the Theological Institutes in India and only then, the selected ones for Doctorate abroad. Some were of opinion that a Doctoral degree shall not be considered merely from an academic point of view and observed that it would enhance pastoral efficiency also in other fields.

In continuation with the discussions of the previous day, the Synod deliberated upon this topic in detail. It was observed that if Licentiate is done in India it would be appropriate that the Oriental Congregation give some scholarship for the students which would help the faculties. Some Bishops observed that apart from academic importance, studies abroad would give great cultural openness and better proficiency in scientific methodology to the priests. Hence we should not limit the study of licentiate to India alone. Besides, there are subjects like history, archeology, etc. which do not have faculties here. It was also opined that we should give exceptions to students of high intellectual qualities, who can contribute substantially in the field of theological sciences and who would serve for the good of the diocese and of the Church. A break after licentiate studies may be beneficial to improve the pastoral and academic potentialities of the candidates, but at the same time, which should not negatively affect the academic pursuit. All agreed on the need of proper selection of the candidates for Higher Studies, taking into consideration recommendations for Higher Studies from the respective seminaries. Some Bishops observed that in general priests do not want to do Higher Studies in India because they consider it to be merely a continuation of their seminary studies. At present those who have finished M.Th. here are required to do complementary subjects in the European Universities before enrolling themselves for Doctorate. Hence we have to seek the possibility of making the requirements of M.Th. course equal to that of Licentiate in the European Universities. It was also observed that we have to limit the years for the completion of Doctorate. At the end of the discussion, the Synod decided to entrust Bishop Jacob Manathodath, the Bishop Delegate to Damascene (Convener) and Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST to formulate general guidelines on the principles for sending priests for Ecclesiastical Higher Studies and present draft in the following Session of the Synod scheduled for January 2016.

Reception to Mr. V.J. Kurian I.A.S.: On 27 August, the Major Archbishop introduced Mr V.J. Kurian I.A.S, additional Chief
Secretary to the Government of Kerala and Managing Director of Cochin Airport, as an illustrious son of our Church serving the whole society. The Major Archbishop recalled the great service of Mr. Kurian in various capacities, especially as the first Managing Director of the Cochin International Airport and as the innovative initiator of the solar energy installation in the Airport. Mr Kurian is a man who walks the way of truth and justice with efficiency and transparency. The Major Archbishop honoured Kurian with a shawl and memento. Responding to the reception accorded to him, Mr. Kurian remembered the yeomen service, extended by the Catholic Church, especially the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly for the establishment of the Cochin Airport at Nedumbassery. Kurian described himself as a practicing Catholic and as an instrument in God’s hands. He confessed that he is strengthened by daily prayer life and participation in the Eucharistic celebration. He said that he is grateful to God for the abundant graces showered upon him and he thanked the Synod for honouring him.

Inauguration of the Office of the Micro-Finance under the Auspices of Catholic Congress: In the evening on 27 August, the Major Archbishop and Bishops participated at Karanakodam in the inaugural function of the Office of the Micro Finance under the auspices of Catholic Congress.

Extension of the Approval of the Statutes of Catholic Congress: At the request of Bishop Remigioso Inchananiyil and the Office Bearers of the Catholic Congress, the Synod extended for one more year the provisional approval given to the Statutes of Catholic Congress.

Distribution of Title Deeds: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Sebastian Kochupurackal and Adv. Biju Parayannilam to present the draft of the press release expressing our concern for the delay of the distribution of Title Deeds to the legitimate land owners, with an urgent request to the Government to expedite its process. The press release will also request the Government to guarantee minimum price stability for the agricultural products. During the discussion the gravity of the situation became very clear to the Bishops and the Synod decided to issue a press release on the above two issues. The Major Archbishop explained the need of our continued efforts to help the settlers who are denied of their legitimate Title Deeds. In a later Sitting, the Synod approved the publication of the Text of Press Release on the urgency of granting Title Deeds and of fixing stable minimum price for agriculture products.

Forthcoming Synodal Sessions: The Synod decided to hold Synodal Sessions on the following dates:

From 10.00 a.m. on 7 to 6.00 p.m. on 12 January 2016 (excluding the Sunday)
From 10.00 a.m. on 22 August to 12.30 p.m. on 3 September 2016
From 10.00 a.m. on 9 to 6.00 p.m. 13 January 2017
From 10.00 a.m. on 21 August to 12.30 p.m. on 2 September 2017

Scrutiny of the Decisions of the XXIII Synod (2015), Session 2: The Synod made a scrutiny of the decisions of XXIII Synod (2015), Session 2 and the Synod gave its final approval with some modifications.

Conclusion of the Synod: The Major Archbishop sought the permission of the Synod to conclude the present session and gave the concluding address. The Major Archbishop in his concluding message expressed gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings He showered upon the Church during the two weeks of the Synod. Regarding liturgy, important mile stone was the approval of the restoration of the Anaphora of Mar Nestorius and Synod’s decision in favour of an abridged form of this anaphora. In the pastoral field, the extension of territory of the Eparchy of Mandya to the Bangalore area and the appointment of the new Bishops, and the establishment of the Exarchy in Canada and appointment of the Exarch with the Episcopal
Rank are significant steps. Major Archbishop mentioned the completion of the procurement of the procura property in Rome and the proposal for a building for Museum. The dialogue with the Major Superiors, the revival of the Catholic Congress, briefing on Deepika and the reports of the various Commissions and Committees highlighted the dynamism of our Church. Expressing his gratitude to all who have helped to make this Synod successful, the Major Archbishop formally closed the Second Session of the XXIII Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church at 12.30 p.m. on 29 August 2015.

+ Bosco Puthur, Secretary
Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church

Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor

Mount St. Thomas,
29 August 2015

XXIII SYNOD (2015) SESSION 2
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Decisions

1. To request the Bishops and the Major Superiors not to admit seminarians from other congregations and dioceses, without having obtained the necessary recommendation letter from the respective Seminary Rectors and from the Major Superiors, in the case of religious candidates, and from the Bishops, in the case of diocesan candidates.

2. To entrust Bishop Jacob Manathodath, the Bishop Delegate to Damascene (Convener) and Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST to formulate general guidelines on the principles for sending priests for Ecclesiastical Higher Studies and present draft in the following Session of the Synod scheduled for January 2016.

3. To request the Bishops to create the possibility by which the Vocation Promoters of the sponsored eparchies can reside in the sponsoring eparchies and interact with the presbyterium and local parish communities, for joint vocation promotion and recruitment of candidates together with the local vocation promoter.

4. To have the concluding celebrations of the Year of the Consecrated Life at the eparchial level.

5. To leave to the proper hierarchs to decide whether they should permit starting of Lay Associations by Religious Congregations in their eparchies.

6. To hand over the plot of the land (approximately two cents) in Delhi under the ownership of the Syro-Malabar Church to the Eparchy of Faridabad, the expenses for the transfer and registration being borne by the eparchy of Faridabad.
7. To celebrate Syro-Malabar Mission Week (instead of the Syro-Malabar Mission Sunday) from Denha culminating on the following Sunday.

8. To award the title Vāidikaratnam to Fr Sebastian Thuruthel MST.

9. To hold the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016 from 26 to 28 August.

10. To constitute a committee with Bishop George Madathi kandathil (Convener), Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil and Bishop Sebastian Adayantrath (Members) to study the request for the recognition for the Consecrated Virgins and present a report in the January 2016 Session of the Synod.

11. a) To inaugurate the Silver Jubilee Year of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of our Church during the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016, b) To publish Major Archbishop’s pastoral letter highlighting the historical importance of the event and the developments in our Church during the last twenty five years, and c) To request LRC to conduct a study seminar and publish a documentation volume.

12. a) To request the Bishops to make it a point to visit Mission Eparchies as part of their pastoral programme, b) To start a Mission News Bulletin (E-Magazine) under the auspices of ASSM, c) To conduct ongoing formation course in North India for priests who have completed ten years in priesthood, and d) To evolve Mission Provincial Centres.

13. To appoint Bishop Pauly Kannookadan Convener of the Committee for the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016, with Bishop Sebastian Adayantrath and Bishop George Rajendran SDB, Members.

14. To conduct the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly-2016 at Sahrudaya Engineering College, Kodakara in the Eparchy of Irinjalakuda.

15. To approve the Anaphora of Mar Nestorius and to constitute a committee for the scrutiny of its language, with members of the Commission for Liturgy, Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam, Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt, Bishop George Punnakottil, Bishop Thomas Chackiath and Bishop Sebastian Adayantrath.

16. To request the Commission for Liturgy to produce an abridged version of the Anaphora of Mar Nestorius and to present it, if possible, in the January 2016 Synod.

17. To request the Commission for Liturgy to send the norms for the revision of the present text of the Qurbana to the Bishops seeking from the eparchies concrete suggestions and proposals and collate them for presentation in the August 2016 Session of the Synod.

18. To send a letter with the signature of all the Bishops to the Apostolic See requesting to constitute a Commission to look into the matter of the pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar faithful in the Gulf region.

19. To send a delegation of the Major Archbishop with Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (Convener), Bishop Jacob Manathodath and Bishop Raphael Thattil (Members), to meet personally Bishop Camillo Ballin and to request him to provide adequate pastoral care to the Syro-Malabar community as per the teaching of the Church, and to console our community, assuring the solidarity and support of the Synod for its legitimate cause.

20. To give permission to the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants to conduct three regional mission consultations at Kottayam, Aluva and Thalassery.

21. To approve the Bye laws of the Syro-Malabar Youth Movement *ad experimentum* for three years.
22. To request the Major Archbishop to write a circular on the dangers of the Spirit in Jesus Movement to the Catholic faith.

23. To make the text of the Directive to Jesus Youth Movement more precise by adding “The ecclesial belongingness of the unit and the proper formation in the ecclesial traditions is to be promoted” and to publish it with a forward by the Major Archbishop exhorting the Members of the Jesus Youth to live the spirituality of their movement taking into consideration the ecclesial *sui iuris* nature of its members.

24. To authorize the Committee consisting of Bishop Raphael Thattil, Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt and Bishop Pauly Kannookadan to publish the Directive to the Retreat Centres incorporating the necessary corrections from the proposals received from the eparchies by 15 September 2015.

25. To give permission for the publication of the revised version of the General Instruction regarding the blessing of the Church and concelebration with Bishop not being the main celebrant, in the Taksa.

26. To constitute a committee with the members of the Commission for Laity, Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, Archbishop Mathew Moolakatt OSB, Bishop Thomas Chakiath, Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt and Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath (Convener), to define the role of different forums and associations and clarify their relation to the Laity Commission.

27. To request the Commission for Finance to study with the help of experts the viability of the project to construct in the curia property a pastoral animation centre with modern facilities and present it in the following Session of the Synod.

28. To approve the action plan of the Holy Year of Mercy.

29. To extend for one more year the provisional approval given to the Statutes of Catholic Congress.

30. To hold the forthcoming sessions of the Synod:
   - From 10.00 a.m. on 7 to 6.00 p.m. on 12 January 2016 (excluding the Sunday)
   - From 10.00 a.m. on 22 August to 12.30 p.m. on 3 September 2016
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31. To Authorize the Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life to amend the statutes of SMRC to facilitate the formation of eparchial units of SMRC.

32. To entrust Bishop Mathew Arackal, as per the direction of the Major Archbishop, to convene a preliminary consultation meeting of the Directors of the Social Services of the eparchies and religious institutes of the Syro-Malabar Church, in order to plan out concrete programmes for the networking of the social ministry of our Church.

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Concluding Address of the Major Archbishop

My dear Brother Archbishops, Bishops, Bishops-Elect and Fr George Alukka,

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

As the present session of the Synod has come to the final moments, I thank God Almighty for all the blessings He has showered on us during these twelve days of the Synod. The celebrations of the Holy Qurbana and the Liturgy of the Hours have helped us to grow in the communion of leadership and service. The well prepared homilies of the Bishops gave new thoughts and insights for our apostolate in the Church.

The restoration of the Anaphora of Nestorius with appropriate adaptations will enrich the liturgical heritage of our Church. It is up to us to give the right orientation and encouragement to the priests for its use in the Holy Qurbana at least on the days recommended. The decision of the Synod to make an abridged form of this Anaphora would facilitate its acceptance in all the Eparchies of our Church.

There still remains a good number of migrant communities both in India and abroad that call for our Pastoral care. The news regarding four new bishops and two new ecclesiastical provisions namely, The Apostolic Exarchate for the Syro-Malabars in Canada and the extension of the Eparchy of Mandya with the civil districts of Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Chickballapur, Kolar, Ranmagnar and Tumkur, as its proper territory, and thereby part of the proper territory of the Syro-Malabar Church, has been received with great joy by the whole Church and in particular by the people of God in the restructured Eparchy of Mandya and that of the Apostolic Exarchate in Canada. Let us thank the Lord for these two new gifts. I would like to place on record the deep appreciation and gratitude of the Synod towards Bishop Jacob Angadiath for the pastoral governance that he rendered to the Syro-Malabar communities in Canada all through the 14 years of his service as Apostolic Visitor and for having prepared them to the level of becoming an Apostolic Exarchate.

It is a matter of joy that the project of the Procura is getting successfully completed. The proposed project of the Museum also should gain our whole hearted support.

For some years now, we have been paying more attention to the formation of our seminarians, both diocesan and religious. The visitation of our 17 seminaries by teams of Bishops has been a unique venture and we have to make practical measures for the reform of the formation programmes basing on the findings of the visitation. In relation to this seminary formation we may have to revise also our policies regarding the higher studies of our priests especially those in foreign countries, more particularly in Rome.

The dialogue with the Major Superiors of men and women of consecrated life has been highly fruitful. It helped to create greater awareness both among the Bishops and the Major Superiors regarding the problems that exist in the life and witness of persons of consecrated life. We have to find solutions to the particular issues through dialogue between persons who are involved in them.

The revival of Catholic Congress and the enthusiasm it has created in the Laity has to be further fostered by the priests under the guidance of the Bishops. This association can play the right role of advocacy in matters of political, economic, social and cultural commitments of the Church. As Council Vat. II says these are realms where the Laity has to play their specific role (AA n.7). The Deepika Daily also has reached a take off stage after its taxiing through various measures of changes in the management. Let us hope and pray that the new team of Management will lead Deepika to greater heights.
It is through the various Commissions and Committees of the Synod and other organs of the Church that the functioning of the Synod of Bishops becomes effective. These wings have an important role to provide matters for the consideration of the Synod and also to execute the decisions and action plans of the Synod for the benefit of the different sections of the people of God. I am happy to note with great satisfaction that our church is becoming more and more active and vibrant thanks to the efforts of these contributing factors. The publication of the book on Mystagogical catechesis through the joint efforts of the Commissions for Liturgy and catechesis will be highly helpful either to initiate or to promote more efficiently the process of Liturgical Catechesis in all the sections of the people of God. It will be a highly helpful tool in the hands of the thousands of our teachers of Sunday schools to integrate liturgical learning and experience in their Catechetical Service. The painstaking efforts of the Apostolic Visitor in India and the Commission for Evangelization and pastoral care of Migrants have greatly helped the ecclesial shaping of the Syro Malabar communities in India and abroad and also to the formation of the Eparchy of Mandya with the extended territory and the establishment of the Apostolic Exarchate of Canada. I request the earnest cooperation of the whole Church to the project of the regional seminars on missionary cooperation between the home dioceses in Kerala and other dioceses in India and abroad. Ever since its inception, the Commission for Consecrated life has succeeded in enlisting the cooperation and unified action of the religious communities with the local churches and our church as a whole. The help of the commission to solve the occasional problems and to give guidance to the religious sisters in their life witness especially in some conflicting situations is to be recorded with gratitude. The commission for family and laity has become more vibrant and active in all its branches with new forums and activities. The project of the Commission for Ecumenism to publish the Ecumenical Directory is to be executed with hard work and diligence. The enthusiasm that the Commission for Vocations has engendered among the diocesan promoters of vocations is remarkable. It is likely to produce good results in the future. The approval of the bye-laws for the SYYM is an important step to mobilize the youth in our eparchies and thereby in the parishes.

During this session of the Synod we raised some educational and other social issues that affect our people. The advocacy that we have taken up for the farmers and the settlers who are struggling for their Title Deeds have to be continued vigorously. We have appreciated the efficient functioning of the Major Archiepiscopal Tribunal and appealed to the tribunals to have a face of mercy in its style of functioning in accordance with the new emphasis of the Pontificate of Pope Francis. We are successfully concluding the Year of Consecrated Life and let us launch the Holy Year of Mercy with the programmes approved by the Synod in line with those given by the Apostolic See. We have to take care that the organization of the forthcoming Major Archiepiscopal Assembly be done with the involvement and cooperation of the entire Church.

Finally, let me express my gratitude to all those who helped us in the conduct of the Synod, especially Bishop Bosco Puthur, the Synod Secretary, the Moderators Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST, Bishop Jose Porunnedom and Bishop Anthony Chirayath who have wisely guided the proceedings of this Session of our Synod. I express my gratitude in a special way to Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Chancellor, who carries out his duties of the Curia with care and devotedness. I thank also Fr. Mathew Pulimoottil, the Finance Officer, who manages efficiently the financial affairs of the curia, the profitable cultivation of the land and the upkeep of the curia precincts. My special thanks are due to Fr. Sebastian Vaniyapurackal, the Vice-Chancellor. I thank also the resident and non-resident Secretaries of the Commissions, other priests functioning for the Curia, SD and SH Sisters and other members of the Staff and their helpers who serve at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia. The next Synodal Session is scheduled for 7 January from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on 12 January 2016.
While thanking you for the love and concern you show towards me and the wholehearted support you give for my humble service, I entrust our Synod, the priests, the religious and the lay faithful of our Church to the protection of Mary, Mother of Christ, St. Thomas, our Father in faith, St. Alphonsa, St Kuriakose Elias Chavara, St Euphrasia and the Blessed of our Church.

With these words I formally declare the Second Session of the XXIII Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church closed.

29 August 2015
Kakkanad

+ George Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

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വായിക്കുന്നപ്പാട്ടും കരിയ്ക്കുന്നപ്പാട്ടും ഇന്നും അതിനെത്തന്നെ കരിയ്ക്കുന്ന ചുവപ്പും പുറപ്പന്നം ആഘോഷപ്പെടുന്നാണ്. "ആഘോഷം കീഴിൽ സാംസാധ്യമായ കരിയ്ക്കുന്ന ചുവപ്പും പുറപ്പന്നം" എന്നിവ ഭാരതീയനായ കരിയ്ക്കുന്ന വായിക്കുന്നപ്പാട്ടുകളുടെ ബന്ധത്തിൽ വായിക്കുന്ന ചുവപ്പും പുറപ്പന്നം ആഘോഷപ്പെടുന്നാണ്.

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കരിയ്ക്കുന്നപ്പാട്ടുകളുടെയും വായിക്കുന്നപ്പാട്ടുകളുടെയും ചുവപ്പും പുറപ്പന്നം മാത്രമാണ് ആഘോഷപ്പെടുന്നത്. ആഘോഷവുടെ രൂപത്തിന് മാത്രമാണ് ആഘോഷപ്പെടുന്നത്. കരിയ്ക്കുന്ന ചുവപ്പും പുറപ്പന്നം ഇന്നും വായിക്കുന്ന ചുവപ്പും പുറപ്പന്നം മാത്രമാണ് പ്രതിഷേധിക്കുന്നത്. വായിക്കുന്നപ്പാട്ടുകളുടെയും കരിയ്ക്കുന്നപ്പാട്ടുകളുടെയും ചുവപ്പും പുറപ്പന്നം മാത്രമാണ് പ്രതിഷേധിക്കുന്നത്. എന്നിരിക്കുന്നത് വായിക്കുന്നപ്പാട്ടുകളുടെയും കരിയ്ക്കുന്നപ്പാട്ടുകളുടെയും ചുവപ്പും പുറപ്പന്നം മാത്രമാണ് പ്രതിഷേധിക്കുന്നത്. കരിയ്ക്കുന്ന ചുവപ്പും പുറപ്പന്നം ഇന്നും പ്രതിഷേധിക്കുന്നത്. വായിക്കുന്ന ചുവപ്പും പുറപ്പന്നം മാത്രമാണ് പ്രതിഷേധിക്കുന്നത്.

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Pastoral Letter on Sabhadinam

GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERY, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Men and Women Religious and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church, May the Grace of the Lord be with you all!

My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

In response to the question of St. Thomas: “Lord, we do not know where you are going; then, how will we know the way?” Jesus replied: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (Jn: 14:5-6). The question of Thomas and the response of Jesus took place when Jesus revealed that he would be leaving the disciples to go to His Father and that he would come back after preparing a place for them in Heaven and that they would know the Way to the Father.

Jesus revealed a great truth to the world because of the intervention of St. Thomas. Christ is the Way to the Father for the children of God. Sons of men find truth and attain the fullness of life through this Way. Jesus has come from his Father in heaven and his birth as a man is meant to give the fullness of life to mankind. It is the Way of Christ that we have to seek to get the meaning of life. St. Thomas wanted to find the Way that Jesus would take to be with the Father. If Jesus is the Way, it means then, that His life would be the Way that we have to choose for our lives too.

Seeker of the Way:

St. Thomas has sought the Way to heaven. He searched for it not from anyone else but from his own Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. He found the way from Jesus himself. For every Christian, the Way of life is Christ himself. To be baptized into a new being with Christ, living like Christ, suffering, dying and
rising like Christ is the way of life for a Christian. This way of life is called the ‘Way of Christ’ by Christians, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles. The early Christians of India called this way, the Way of Thomas. Our forefathers were those who received the Way of Thomas.

One who walked in the Way:

St. Thomas walked in the way of Christ when he found that Christ was the Way. He accepted the experience of Christ as his own. St. Paul too speaks in the same vein when he says “Christ is my Life.” Jesus speaks about the persecutions that the disciples would encounter when they were sent for the ministry in Galilee. He reminded them that their sufferings would be similar to the sufferings of their Master,(Mt.10:21-25). The depth of discipleship is really revealed in the words that Thomas uttered when the other disciples tried to prevent Jesus from going to Jerusalem by saying that the Jews were waiting to stone him to death: “Let us go and die with him (Jn.11:16). The desire of St. Thomas to follow the Way of Jesus was fulfilled when he was killed at Chinnamalai, Mylapore, pierced with a sword. Chinnamalai became the Calvary for St. Thomas. He died with Jesus. He might have said at the time of his death the words that he uttered when he was face to face with Jesus in the closed room: “My Lord and My God.” Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has said in his book “Jesus of Nazareth” that those words of St. Thomas are the most important declarations of Faith that we find in the Gospel.

Those who have to walk in the Way:

Those who have accepted the Christian Way have to walk in the path of Christ. When we lose our Way, the credibility of our faith is at risk. When Christians are indulging in alcoholism, extravagant spending and luxurious ways of life, ignoring the obligations of their commitment to Jesus, something deep and spiritual is missing from their lives.

We don’t have to view this criticism with intolerance. People expect a life style that is in conformity with Christ’s way of life from those who are believers in Christ. That is the reason why Christians and Christian Churches are criticized more severely than the followers of other religions. How lofty is the way of Christ that teaches everyone to love one’s enemies and to practice that love to be witnessed through one’s own personal life. Christians have to develop such a noble way of life. Because of evil actions of a few Christians, the good that is done by the Church and the individual Christians is ignored by many in today’s world. Who can deny the great contributions made by Christians in the field of education and healthcare in India? Christians are also in the forefront of many charitable activities. Many other groups or institutions are now engaged in charitable activities, inspired by the contribution of the Christians. Christians are also involved in helping the mentally and physically challenged people. We shall work to strengthen our Christian witness by continuing to do the good works and by avoiding sinful actions.

Priests, the religious and the laity have to join together in this reformation of life in the Church. The celebration of the Year of the Consecrated Life is in fact aimed at the reformation of all the believers in Christ. Through the activities of the Catholic Congress, Youth Movement and Mathravedi, these steps for reformation in the Church can definitely be implemented.

On this day when we celebrate the memory, Dukarana, of the martyrdom of St. Thomas, we shall remember all those who sacrificed their lives for Christ especially those Christians who were martyred recently in Iraq and Syria and also the life of the Indian Martyr Blessed Devasahayam Pillai and Servant of God Sr. Rani Maria.

India is a land where the followers of many religions live in harmony. We do accept the good that is in all religions and do not reject anything that is true and holy in other religions as we proclaim the Truth and the Life that is Jesus, with respect for all. Many of the activities, life styles, traditions and teachings of
other religions are different from the teachings of the Church. In spite of that, the Church respects these traditions and practices. For, all these religions contain the rays of Truth that illuminate the life of all (Non-Christian Religions No.20).

**Sabhadinam:**

The celebration of **Sabhadinam** will be held at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad. All the representatives of all the dioceses and Religious congregations are invited to participate in the celebration. I urge all our parishes and **Pravasi** communities to celebrate this day solemnly with Eucharistic celebrations, meetings and cultural programmes. The contributions collected on the **Sabhadinam** should be used for the common needs of the Church.

I am sorry to note that it has not been yet been possible to organize ecclesiastical structures for the **Pravasi** communities to worship in their own rite. Even though the Holy See is in favor of making arrangements in this matter, there are still some practical difficulties which remain unresolved.

Hence, I urge all our **Pravasi** Catholic faithful who are living outside the 29 dioceses of the Syro-Malabar Church to observe July 2nd as a day of fast and prayers so that they may be given the permission to have their own ecclesiastical organizations to worship in their own rite. All the faithful are also requested to join the **Pravasi** Catholics on this day through their prayers.

Lovingly in Christ Jesus,

*+ George Cardinal Alencherry*  
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad, on the 23rd of May 2015.
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SYRO-MALABAR MISSION WEEK
(6-12 JANUARY 2016)

Circular Letter

GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Men and Women Religious and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church.

My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

It is a fact that the Syro-Malabar Church is known all over the world because of her missionary zeal. The sons and daughters of the Syro-Malabar Church now live in almost all the countries of the world as missionaries. This missionary zeal is a result of her spiritual vitality. The words of Pope Leo XIII, “the Salvation of India is in the hands of her children”, became the wake-up call to arouse the missionary zeal of the Syro-Malabar Church. It is a matter of pride and great joy that thousands of missionaries working in different parts of the world were inspired by the organizations like Cherupushpa Mission League (CML), CLC and magazines like Preshitha Keralam etc. This missionary zeal is in fact the fragrance of the missionary spirit of the Church.

But we have to acknowledge the distressing fact that there is a diminution of this missionary zeal today. The following words of the Apostle should prompt us to re-examine our conscience: "you do not love me now as you did at first. Think how far you have fallen! Turn from your sins and do what you did at first” (Rev.2:4-5).

The diminution of the missionary zeal of the Church can be attributed to the loss of authenticity in Christian life. A deeper awareness of the missionary spirit of the Church is the need of the hour. The Church’s primary task is evangelization (AG 12, 29, EN 14, RM 36). She is called to make the Gospel known “to the ends of the earth” (Act1:8), “until the end of the world” (Mt. 28: 20).

The Synod of the Syro-Malabar Bishops, held in August 2015, has thought about different ways in which this missionary zeal could be more alive. As a consequence of the deliberations at the Synod, I am very happy to inform you that the Syro-Malabar Missionary Sunday that was usually celebrated on the Sunday after the Feast of Denha is now extended for the whole week and hence the days from Jan.6-12 will be hereafter known as the Mission Week.

The motto of the MISSION WEEK is: “Know the Missions and be a Missionary.” Hence all are requested to make use of this Mission Week to create more awareness about missionary activities and to support them with prayers, financial assistance and the promotion of missionary vocations. Let this celebration be an opportunity for all the members of our Church to deepen their missionary zeal!

I would urge all the families and institutions of the Church to support the missionary activities of our Church according to their financial ability, inspired by genuine ‘love and help for the missions,’ on Sunday (Jan.10) after the Feast of the Denha. This Collection which is done through the envelopes distributed through the parishes to all the families should be collected at the parish level and is to be sent to the respective dioceses to be forwarded to the Mission Support Office at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad. I assure you that your contributions will be disbursed to Mission Dioceses for various missionary works.

The Mission Support Office at Mount St. Thomas is entrusted with the task of giving you more details with regard to the celebration of the Mission Week. I would urge you to put into practice those suggestions as far as possible.
The words of St. Thomas the Apostle “Let us go and die with him” are words charged with great missionary zeal. Praying that the arduous journey and the martyrdom of St. Thomas, the Apostle may inspire us to love and help our missions, I bless you, in the name of the Father + and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

+ George Cardinal Alencherry  
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad, on 05 November 2015.
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GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Men and Women Religious and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church, May the Grace of the Lord be with you all!

An extra-ordinary General Assembly was held in Rome from 5-20 October 2014 under the auspicious presence of Pope Francis to reflect upon the problems and challenges of the family in the contemporary world. The Synod Fathers have gathered together to ponder over the reality of family in all its complexities, “with both its lights and shadows”, and to renew the commitment of the Church and the society to the family founded upon the marriage between a man and a woman.

The Synod has pointed out the socio-cultural problems that diminish the dignity of the sacramental dimension of marriage. Divorce, co-habitation before marriage, mixed marriage and inter-religious marriage are real threats to the sanctity of marriage and family. The difficulty of raising children, hesitancy to welcome new life, and the tendency to consider the older persons as burdens can affect negatively the smooth running of the family, the cornerstone of the society. The children are the real victims of family break-ups. The increasing rate of violence against women is another alarming threat against the safety and sanctity of the family.

In this crucial context, the real solution, according to Pope Francis, consists in turning towards Jesus Christ and to maintain a fixed gaze upon Him (Pope Francis, Discourse, 4 Oct. 2014). The indissoluble union between a man and a woman (Mt. 19, 8) is the basic principle that the Church holds regarding the concept of marriage. The indissolubility of marriage is to be understood not as a ‘yoke’ imposed on a person but as a ‘gift’ to a husband and wife united in marriage. Mutual self-giving and sharing of life together in moments of joy and sorrow are essential to the family life. God consecrates the love of the husband and wife and confirms its indissolubility, offering them assistance to live their faithfulness, mutual complementarity and openness to life. Therefore, the Church looks to the married couples as the heart of the entire family.

The divine plan regarding the family was firstly revealed in the union between Adam and Eve in Paradise. God not only created human beings male and female (Gen. 1, 27) but He also blessed them to be fruitful and multiply (Gen. 1, 28). This primordial union was wounded by the sin of a man. The Sacred Scripture teaches us that wherever the sin increases, there the sanctity and holiness of the marriage and family decrease.

The bride and the bridegroom really build up the body of Christ and are a “domestic church” (L.G.11). As the Lineamenta of Synod 2014 declares, the future of the Church and the society is in the hands of the families who remain faithful to the teachings of the Gospel. Proclaiming the gospel of the family in various situations is an urgent need of the day in the work of evangelization. The Church has to carry this out with the tenderness of a mother and the clarity of a teacher (Eph. 4, 15). The Synod Fathers emphasized that the Catholic families, by reason of the grace of the sacrament of marriage, are called upon to be the active witnesses to the joy of family in the contemporary society. The Church, a sure teacher and a caring mother, recognizes that the only marriage bond for those who are baptized is sacramental and the breach of it is against the will of God. The Church as a Mother feels pained over those who have gone away from her tenderness by divorce, mixed marriage, cohabitation and civil marriage.

The Lineamenta of Synod 2014 will be the guiding principle for the XIV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, scheduled from 4-25 October 2015 under the title “The vocation and mission of the family in the Church and contemporary world”. According to Pope Francis, the ideas and
opinions of all the faithful should be reflected in the forthcoming Synod. In order to achieve this goal, a thorough study and reflection of this Lineamenta is necessary. Therefore, study forums shall be conducted at different levels of the eparchy, namely, parish, forane and diocesan levels. A codified report of the eparchial level discussions may be sent to Mount St. Thomas Curia, Kakkanan before 20 March 2015. In addition to this, a study forum on family will be conducted at the Major Archepiscopal level at Mount St. Thomas on 24 March. The religious congregations also may discuss this Lineamenta on family and submit a report to the Major Archepiscopal Curia in time. The final report of our Church is to be submitted to the Roman Curia in the first week of April 2015.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, who was born in the Holy Family of Nazareth, bless you all and your families through the intercession of Holy Mary.

+ George Cardinal Alencherry  
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Given from the Major Archepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanan on 18 January 2015.
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1. ബിബിലിയിലെയുള്ള പ്രദർശനനിർമ്മാണം

2016 ഏപ്രിലിൽ 2-ന്റെ ബിബിലിയിലെയുള്ള പ്രദർശനക്കും നല്ല മൂല്യം ഉള്ളു. പ്രദർശനക്കും തുടക്കം പക്ഷേ അതിനായി പ്രവൃത്തി ആവശ്യമുള്ള പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള അവശ്യമായ വിവരങ്ങൾ നൽകാൻ പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു പ്രവൃത്തികളും നൽകാൻ സാധ്യതയും ഉള്ളു.

2. ബിബിലിയിലെയുള്ള പ്രദർശനനിർമ്മാണം പ്രദർശനക്കും

ബിബിലിയിലെയുള്ള പ്രദർശനനിർമ്മാണം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും ചേർന്ന പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം പ്രദർശനക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം {

3. ബിബിലിയിലെയുള്ള പ്രദർശനനിർമ്മാണം (Procura)


4. കുറിച്ച് കൃതിയുടെ മുന്നോട്ടുപാടിയാണ് എടുത്തിട്ട്

നവോത്ഥനം താഴെയാണ് കുറിച്ച് മുന്നോട്ടുപാടിയാണ് എടുത്തിട്ട് (ആശ്രയകുണ്യം) 2016 ഫെബ്രുവരി 26 മുതൽ 28 വരെ നിർവാഹകഭാഷകൾ രാഷ്ട്രീയ നിയമപരമായി നിരക്കുന്നതിന്. 475-മുതൽ 555 വരെ കുറിച്ച് മുന്നോട്ടുപാടിയാണ് എടുത്തിട്ട് കൃതിയുടെ മുന്നോട്ടുപാടിയാണ് എടുത്തിട്ട് രാഷ്ട്രീയ നിയമപരമായി നിരക്കുന്നതിന്. ക്രമേണ വൈകല്യം നിരക്കുന്നതിന് "അയിരം തിരുമുളയുള്ള b.c." രാഷ്ട്രീയ നിയমപരമായി നിരക്കുന്നതിന്. ക്രമേണ, മുഖേദ്യം, (മുന്നോട്ടുപാടിയാണ് എടുത്തിട്ട്) മറ്റു ഉപയോഗമന്യാണ് നിരക്കുന്നതിന്. കൃതിയുടെ കൃതിയുടെ മുന്നോട്ടുപാടിയാണ് എടുത്തിട്ട് നിരക്കുന്നതിന് ബന്ധം മനിലയ്ക്കുന്നതിന് മറ്റു ഉപയോഗമന്യാണ് നിരക്കുന്നതിന്.

(പെപ്പർക്ലൈഡ് മുന്നോട്ടുപാടി)

1. കുറിച്ച് മുന്നോട്ടുപാടിയാണ് പെപ്പർക്ലൈഡ്

പെപ്പർക്ലൈഡ് പെപ്പർക്ലൈഡ് കൃതിയുടെ ഗണാമയാണ് നിരക്കുന്നതിന് ബന്ധം മനിലയ്ക്കുന്നതിന് ഗണാമയാണ് എടുത്തിട്ട് പെപ്പർക്ലൈഡ് മുന്നോട്ടുപാടിയാണ്. പെപ്പർക്ലൈഡ് മുന്നോട്ടുപാടിയാണ് എടുത്തിട്ട് പെപ്പർക്ലൈഡ് മുന്നോട്ടുപാടിയാണ്. പെപ്പർക്ലൈഡ് പെപ്പർക്ലൈഡ് മുന്നോട്ടുപാടിയാണ് എടുത്തിട്ട് പെപ്പർക്ലൈഡ് മുന്നോട്ടുപാടിയാണ്.
2. മെച്ചപ്പെട്ട മാതൃകാത്മകാവിനിലയിൽ

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അവസാനത ഐതിഹ്യം മെച്ചപ്പെട്ട പ്രകടനം

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9. മെച്ചപ്പെട്ട മാതൃകാത്മകാവിനിലയിൽ

10. മെച്ചപ്പെട്ട മാതൃകാത്മകാവിനിലയിൽ
13. സംസ്കാരിക്കാരൻ ക്ഷേത്രത്തിൽ ഗവേഷണം

സിനിമാകേന്ദ്രത്തിന് വിവിധാനമേറ്റുന്ന സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ സംസ്കാരിക്കാരന്റെ.

14. ആര്യപിന്നികൾ ആര്യപിന്നികൾ ആര്യപിന്നികൾ ആര്യപിന്നികൾ ആര്യപിന്നികൾ ആര്യപിന്നികൾ ആര്യപിന്നികൾ ആര്യപിന്നികൾ

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3. മൂല്യാന്തരീകരണ സംവിധാനം

ഒരു സാമൂഹിക വിവരണയിലെ കണക്കുകളും അവകാശവും അനുകാരാജനകൽക്കാരാണ് സാമൂഹിക വിവരണയിലെ കണക്കുകളും അവകാശവും അനുകാരാജനകൽക്കാരാണ്. ഓരോ സാമൂഹിക വിവരണയിലെ കണക്കുകളും അവകാശവും അനുകാരാജനകൽക്കാരാണ് സാമൂഹിക വിവരണയിലെ കണക്കുകളും അവകാശവും അനുകാരാജനകൽക്കാരാണ്.

[ഇതുവരെ ഒരു വിഷയത്തിൽ ചില സൂചിപ്പികള്‍ പോലെ പ്രകാരം വിശദീകരിക്കുക]

[ഉള്ളിലെ വിശദാംശങ്ങളക്ക് സൂചിപ്പിക്കുക]

+ കമ്പോസ്റ്റ് സംവിധാനം അവസാനം, ഓരോ സാമൂഹിക വിവരണയിലെ കണക്കുകളും അനുകാരാജനകൽക്കാരാണ്

നവംബർ 1, 2015
Circular of the Major Archbishop

After the XXIII Synod (2015), Session 2 of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church held from 17th to 29th August 2015 in the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad.

Dear Priests, Religious and Lay Faithful,

I am very happy to share with you the summary of the discussions and decisions of the Second Session of the Synod that took place from Aug.17-29 at Mount St. Thomas. In the morning session of the first day of the Session, the bishops participated in the Eucharistic celebration and spent time in prayers and reflections. In the afternoon session, the Bishops dealt with the items in the agenda. Forty six bishops attended this session of the Synod.

Extension of the boundaries of the Diocese of Mandya and the appointment of the new Bishop

One of the happy events that took place at the Synod was the appointment of the new Bishop for the diocese of Mandya along with the declaration of the extension of the boundaries of the diocese. Mar Antony Kariyil was appointed the second Bishop of Mandya and the boundaries of the diocese were extended to include the boundary of the Latin Archdiocese of Bangalore. The consecration of the new bishop was held on Oct.18th at the Cathedral of Mandya Diocese. Because of the extension of the boundaries, the thousands of the Syro-Malabar Catholics living in the six districts of Bangalore got the advantage of experiencing the pastoral care of their own Mother Church.

Pastors and Progress in Evangelization

The Church needs more zealous priests to work in the new regions that are being allotted to the Syro-Malabar Church for pastoral ministry and evangelization. Seminarians have to be given special preparation in order to equip them for missionary work. The Synod has proposed that seminarians may be given training for such ministries during their years of formation at the seminaries. The Synod has also put forth suggestions to encourage more missionary vocations from the dioceses in Kerala.

I have had the privilege of visiting some of the mission dioceses and regions like Sangli, Rajkott,Sagar, Bijnor and Belthangadi. The Synod discussed in earnest many of the activities that are taking place in mission dioceses and the possibility of starting new ventures to encourage more of such activities like the publication of a journal to give publicity to missionary activities, the visit of the Bishops to mission regions, the training to be given to priests in mission centres in order to give them a real experience of life in the missions, the development of regional mission centres etc. In short, the Synod discussed with great interest the missionary work that is being done on behalf of the Syro-Malabar Church in the mission areas.

Social Activities

The social work that is done by the dioceses, religious congregations and other Catholic organizations is manifold. The general public gets only a very limited information about these activities. The Synod has decided to establish a system to link the various activities that are done at the different levels of the Church and to disseminate more information about them.

The Holy Year of Mercy

Let me bring to your attention some matters connected with the celebration of the Year of Mercy as proposed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. The Holy Father wants this celebration of the Year of Mercy to be totally different from the usual types of celebrations. Without denying the role of justice and truth, we have to live a life of mercy. The celebration of the Year of Mercy should reflect in our personal life and in our personal approaches. Our interactions and our relationships with people should be based on mutual respect and regard for one another.
Ministry to the Terminally ill

The Bishops have urged the dioceses to give attention and care to those who are terminally ill and are on the verge of death. We have to establish more centres to take care of the terminally ill. The following are other activities that the faithful can engage themselves in the Year of Mercy: Reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation, Decent wages to those who are employed in institutions run by the Church, spending a certain percentage of income to social and charitable activities. A programme of activities for the celebration of the Year of Mercy was approved by the Synod.

Some Special Events

1. The year of the Consecrated life will conclude on Feb. 2

It was the decision of the Synod that the celebration of the conclusion could be held in each diocese separately and that it need not be celebrated as a single event by the Syro-Malabar Church.

2. The Silver Jubilee of the granting of the Major Archiepiscopal Status

The silver jubilee year of the granting of the Major Archiepiscopal status to the Syro-Malabar Church falls in 2016. Many suggestions for the celebration were proposed by the Bishops. They will be announced later.

3. Pro cura - A centre for the Syro-Malabar Church in Rome

It was the desire of the Church to have a common centre in Rome in order to coordinate the activities of the Church with the curial offices in Rome.

It has become a reality now. Msgr. Stephen Chirappanath is in charge of this Centre. I am very happy to inform you that the pastoral ministry to the Syro-Malabar Catholics scattered in different parts of Rome has now been very much strengthened.

4. Major Archiepiscopal Assembly

The next Major Archiepiscopal Assembly will be held from Aug. 26-28. Around 475 people are participating in the Assembly. The Assembly will be held at the Sahrudaya engineering college, Kodakara, Irinjalakuda. The theme will be: ‘Response of the Church to the Challenges of Today’. Family, simple life style and migrants will also be included in the topics for discussion.

The preparations for the Assembly are being done under the auspices of the committee for the Assembly. More details will be given later.

Pastoral Ministry for Migrants

1. Activities of the Apostolic Visitor

Mar Raphael Thattil who is entrusted with the task of coordinating and arranging the pastoral ministry for the Syro-Malabar Catholics spread all over India is doing a magnificent job. In spite of a lot of obstacles and hardships, it has been possible for him to solve many intricate problems. We shall pray to the Lord for a smooth implementation of pastoral programmes that would look after the pastoral needs of the migrants.

2. Activities of the Commission

The Synod is very much concerned about the pastoral ministry that is to be offered to the Syro-Malabar faithful who are scattered all over the world and is doing the maximum possible in spite of very stringent limitations. There is great progress in coordinating the ministry for the migrants in Europe. Two personal parishes have been assigned to Syro-Malabar Catholics in the diocese of Lancaster, England. But there are severe limitations in the discharge of the pastoral ministry in the Gulf countries. We are continuing our efforts to resolve the problems there.

Liturgical Matters

1. Instructions with regard to the consecration of churches
and to the celebration of the Eucharist in the presence of the bishop by a priest were decided at the Synod.

2. The synod has approved the Malayalam text of the third Anaphora according to Nestorius. A special committee is examining the language of the text. After its official approval by the Synod and later, by Rome, this text will be published for common use in the Church.

Notifications and Publication of Information

1. Catechetical Text

A catechetical text to prepare children for the solemn reception of the First Communion is being prepared by the Catechetical Commission. It will most probably be published at the time of the Synod in January.

2. The text for the preparation of liturgical celebrations

A text titled ‘Liturgical Faith Formation of the Syro-Malabar Church’ meant to prepare people for liturgical celebrations, was published under the auspices of the Liturgical and Catechetical Commissions as per the decision of the Synod. It is intended to give training to the youths and the children for a meaningful participation in the celebration of the Eucharist as well as of the sacraments. All are requested to make use of this book in order to lead a life in accordance with the religious traditions of the Church.

3. Vādikaratham

Fr. Sebastian Thuruthel MST was honoured with the title Vādikaratham for his long and dedicated service to the Church.

4. LRC Award to Dr. Sr. Mary Litty LSDP

The LRC award that was instituted by the Synod was given to Sr. Litty, the founder of the Little Sisters of the Divine Providence who minister to the destitute and the poor in the city.

5. Award for Syro-Malabar Anthem

Awards were given to those who were declared winners in the competition conducted by the LRC for the selection of an anthem for the Syro-Malabar Church.

6. Collection of Crosses at St. Thomas Museum

A collection of crosses from different parts of the world donated by Fr. George Alumkal of the Kanjirappally diocese is on exhibition at St. Thomas Museum.

7. Demise of Fr. Emmanuel Thelliyal CMI

The Synod expressed its deep sorrow at the passing away of Fr. Thelliyal whose contributions for the renovation of the Syro-Malabar liturgy were very significant and it offered special prayers for the repose of his soul.

Fr. Thelliyal was a great scholar in Syriac and had published a Syriac dictionary. He brought out through his writings and studies the Syriac origins of the Liturgy. He deserves to be called a Malpan of Syriac language. We acknowledge with deep gratitude his services to the Church and offer our prayers for the repose of his soul.

8. The Jesus Youth

Guidelines have been prepared by the Synod for the functioning of the Jesus Youth movement. The Synod has expressed its strong desire for inculcating in the members of the movement a deep love for the Mother Church as well as for its traditions. Its spirituality comes from the Church. The new guidelines will include all these matters.

9. Guidelines for Retreat Centres

The Synod has succeeded in issuing guidelines for retreat centres under the Syro-Malabar Church. The Synod gave its approval to the draft prepared by a committee designated for this purpose. All the retreat centres are requested to abide by these guidelines. It will be made available soon.

10. Formation of Seminarians

The formation of seminarians is an important concern of the Church. The Synod discussed the various aspects of the
training to be given to the formation of priests. There are four seminaries under the direct supervision of the Synod. They are the ones at Vadavathoor, Alwaye, Kunnoth and Satna. They are under the supervision of Episcopal Commissions with bishops as members. I request the Church to become more actively interested in giving support to the formation of our seminarians.

Committees of bishops have visited the seminaries officially and did an extensive study of their situations. Those studies are very helpful. We are trying to make improvements in the running of the seminaries in the light of their suggestions. It has to be noted that these visits highlighted the importance of the formation in our seminaries.

11. Readmission of dismissed seminarians

With regard to the readmission of seminarians who were dismissed from religious congregations or dioceses, the Synod has taken a decision in the light of the letter received from the office of the Congregation for Oriental Rites. According to this decision, if the students are from religious congregations, a letter from their Rectors is needed; if they are to be admitted to a diocese, a letter from their Rector as well as from their Bishop is required.

12. New Team for Public Relations’ Office

The responsibility of the Public Relations of the Syro-Malabar Church has been entrusted to a new team under the leadership of Fr. Jimmy Poochakkatt consisting of five members. We record here our appreciation for and thanks to Fr. Paul Thelekkatt who functioned as the spokesperson for the Church until this time.

13. Meeting with the Major Superiors

In connection with the Synod, a meeting was held between the Bishops and the Major Superiors of religious congregations to discuss the ministry of the Religious in the Church. The various ministries of the religious congregations of men and women are very important for the Church. We shall remember with gratitude the great services rendered to the Church by these congregations. I remember with gratitude the great financial support given by the religious congregations to the Church.

The Synod has expressed its strong desire for maintaining a very cordial relationship at all levels among the bishops, priests and the religious congregations. The services of the religious congregations are direly needed in the migrant communities. We shall try to witness to the Gospel in an exemplary manner, solving first the problems that arise in our midst.

14. Situations of Single Women

The Synod discussed the situation of women who remain single and unmarried. Some who are educated and employed express their intention to live a community life with the permission of the Church. Some others want to remain in their own houses but entertain the desire to come together occasionally for retreats and prayers. Whatever may be the nature of their situations, rules are to be formulated to guide the lives of these women. The Synod was of the opinion that each bishop should be given the discretion to guide these women according to these common guidelines.

Commissions and Committees

It is evident to all, that the Synod is functioning through the Commissions and Committees which were established under the direction of the Bishops. These committees and commissions deal with the different areas of pastoral ministry. Their reports were presented at the Synod and were discussed. The following are the commissions and committees.

Commissions

The Commission for Liturgy, the Commission for Catechetical Formation, the Commission for the Clergy, the Commission for the Religious, the Commission for Vocations, the Commission for the Youth, the Commission for the Doctrines, the Commission for Ecumenical Affairs, and the Commission
for the Laity are the Commissions that work for the Synod. Organizations like the AKCC, Mathruvedi, Family Apostolate and Kudumbakoottayma etc come under the Laity Commission.

Committees: Committee for Public Affairs, Committee for Higher Education and Committee for Schools are the different committees that work under the direction of the Synod.

The following organizations too work under the direction of the Synod

1. Liturgical Research Centre (LRC)

The purpose of this Centre is to conduct research, publish books related to Church matters and to hold conscientization programmes in order to offer an intellectual backing to the growth and development of the Church.

2. ASSM (Association of the Supporters of the Syro-Malabar Mission.)

This association supports the missionary endeavours of the Church through finance and personnel. Our mission dioceses need the support of the Mother Church. All are requested to cooperate with the missionary activities of our Church.

3. Internet Mission

Internet mission is trying to establish an internet linkage among the dioceses. Its work is very helpful in improving the unity and efficiency of the many activities of the Church.

By noon of Aug.29, the twenty third session of the Synod came to an end.

I remember with gratitude all those who have worked and prayed for the success of the Synod.

May the good Lord bless you!

Kakkanad + George Alencherry
01 December 2015 Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

PAPAL BULL APPOINTING REV. FR. JOSEPH KODAKALLIL BISHOP OF SATNA

Francis Bishop
Servants of the Servants of God,

To the beloved son Joseph Kodakallil, from the clergy of the Eparchy of Satna of the Syro-Malabar Church and elected Bishop of the same Eparchy, Health and Apostolic Blessing!

Whereas in the example of Blessed Peter, we take the greatest care of the entire sheepfold of the Lord, with the grace of God, we constantly consider with great earnestness the good of all the particular Churches. As it became necessary that a Bishop be appointed to the Eparchy of Satna of the Syro-Malabar Church which fell vacant by the canonical renunciation of Bishop Mathew Vanyakizhakkel V.C., having consulted our venerable brother His Eminence Most Reverend Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches in the audience on 26th of the month June of this year, you, beloved son, adorned with illustrious qualities and experience in the pastoral filed, have been found to be apt person to shepherd it. Therefore, with my supreme Apostolic authority, I nominate you Bishop of the Eparchy of Satna of the Syro-Malabar Church with all the rights and duties in accordance with the norms of CCEO.

As regards your ordination and profession of faith and promise of obedience to us and to our successors, the norms of the same code must be observed. Moreover, I decree that this letter be made known to the priests and your people, whom I exhort to accept you joyfully and remain united with you.

Finally, beloved son, we entrust you to God, together with the protection of the Virgin Mary and the perennial prayers of
the Apostles (Cfr. Hymn of Akathistos, 7), for the gifts of the Holy Spirit by the help of which you may govern the faithful entrusted to your care, adhering to supreme charity which is the queen of all virtues among the virtues of a pastor.

May the peace and light of Christ always be with you and with this ecclesial community which is most beloved to me!

Given in Rome, at St. Peters, on 21st day of the month of July, in the year of the Lord 2015, third year of our Pontificate.

Francis
(Sd)

PAPAL BULL ERECTING THE APOSTOLIC EXARCHATE OF MISSISSAUGA IN CANADA

Francis Bishop
Servant of the Servants of God

For perpetual Memory

Desiring to protect and promote the spiritual riches of the Oriental Churches, We now wish more particularly to take solicitous care of the faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church residing in Canada.

Consequently, having accepted the opinion of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, and having received the advice of Our venerable brother Cardinal George Alencherry, Major Archbishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly, and that of the Synod of the Syro-Malabar Bishops, and that of the President of the Conference of Bishops of Canada, We have judged it opportune to establish a new Ecclesiastical circumscription in Canada.

For this reason, in virtue of Our Apostolic Authority, We hereby erect the Syro-Malabar Apostolic Exarchate for the faithful of same Church residing in Canada, with all its own rights and obligations. We establish the see of this new ecclesial community in the city of Mississauga.

“In relation to the establishment of this Exarchate, the appropriate customs and norms prescribed by the Code of Canons of the Oriental Churches are to be observed. Moreover, once the procedures have been completed, the customary documents are to be forwarded to the above-mentioned Congregation. Finally,
We desire that this Our Apostolic Constitution be valid now and in the future, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given in Rome, at St. Peter’s, this sixth day of August, the Transfiguration of the Lord, in the Year of Our Lord 2015, the third of Our Pontificate.

PETRUS CARD. PAROLIN
Secretary of State

LEONARDUS CARD. SANDRI
Prefect of the Congregation for Oriental Churches

Marcellus Rossetti, Protonot. Apost.
Franciscus Di Felice, Prot. Apost.

PAPAL BULL APPOINTING REV. FR. JOSEPH KALLUVELIL, APOSTOLIC EXARCH OF MISSISSAUGA

Francis Bishop
Servant of the Servants of God

To Our beloved Son Joseph Kalluvelil, priest of the Eparchy of Palghat, and until now, Chaplain for the faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church residing in the city of Toronto, appointed Syro-Malabar Apostolic Exarch for the faithful of the same Church residing in Canada and at the same time, elected titular Bishop of Tabalta, greetings and Apostolic Blessing.

We humbly worship our Saviour and, performing the weighty office of Successor of St. Peter, We strive to care for the pastoral needs of all the faithful. Now we are solicitous for the Syro-Malabar Apostolic Exarchate, for the faithful of the same Church who reside in Canada and which, on this same day, We have erected by Our Apostolic Constitution ‘Spiritualium ubertatem’ and for which it is necessary that We assign its first bishop. We know that you, beloved Son, have demonstrated extraordinary gifts, especially in the work of education and catechesis, and expertise in ecclesiastical in matters. Wherefore, for this reason, We have judged you particularly able to assume a burden of even greater responsibility. Therefore, having considered the advice of the Congregation for Oriental Churches, by Our Apostolic authority, We appoint you Exarch of the aforementioned Exarchate and We name you titular Bishop of Tabalta with all the rights and obligations which are connected to your office and position, in accordance with the norms of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches. With regard to your ordination, you
must make the profession of faith and promise of obedience to Us and Our Successors, observing carefully the established norms of the aforementioned Code.

We desire that this our Decree be made known to the clergy and faithful of your flock, all of whom we exhort, that, under your governance, they might work faithfully for the good of all in the name of Christ and might grow unceasingly in truth and charity. Given in Rome, at st. Peter’s, this sixth day of August, the Transfiguration of the Lord, in the Year of Our Lord 2015, the third of Our Pontificate.

Francis
(Sd)

PAPAL BULL APPOINTING REV. FR. ANTONY PRINCE PANENGADAN, BISHOP OF ADILABAD

Francis Bishop
Servant of the Servants of God

To our Beloved Son Antony Prince Panengadan of the clergy of the Eparchy of Adilabad of the Syro-Malabars, until now Protosyncellus and Parish Priest of the Cathedral Parish, elected Bishop of the same Eparchial See, greetings and Apostolic Blessing.

We, who fulfil the office of the Successor of blessed Peter which we have divinely received, not only hold in high esteem the spiritual heritage and richness of the Eastern Churches, but also diligently endeavour to preserve and enhance them. Diligently considering the pastoral needs of the faithful of these communities, we now particularly turn our attention to the flock of Adilabad which, after the resignation of Venerable Brother Joseph Kunnath CMI, awaits a new spiritual leader, a herald of the Gospel and an administrator of temporal affairs. Therefore, beloved Son, We turn our mind to you, who have distinctly excelled in human, Christian and priestly qualities, as well as in zealous activity in the ecclesial community. Therefore, in accordance with the counsel of the Congregation for Oriental Churches, by Our Apostolic Authority we appoint you Bishop of the Eparchial See of Adilabad of the Syro-Malabars, granting you all the faculties and obligations that are bound to this nomination, according to the norms of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches. As regards your ordination, profession of faith and promise of obedience to Us and to Our Successors, you shall accurately observe the established norms of the aforementioned Code. We wish you to inform the clergy and
the faithful of the flock entrusted to your care about this Our decree, all of whom we exhort that, under your leadership, they diligently seek to understand and pursue the will of God in daily life.

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter’s, on the sixth day of the month of August, on the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, in the year of our Lord 2015, in the third year of Our Pontificate.

Francis
(Sd)

Prot. N. 188/2014

DECREE OF EXTENSION OF THE TERRITORY OF THE EPARCHY OF MANDYA

Congregatio Pro Ecclesiis Orientalibus
Decretum


His omnibus Summo Pontifico FRANCISCO PP. in Audientia Cardinali Præfecto huius Dicasterii die 26 mensis luliæ h.a. concessa expositis, et audito voto Exc.mi Apostolici Nuntii in India, idem Summus Pontifex dignatus est fines Eparchiae Mandiensis immutare, ita ut civiles districtos Bengaluru Urban, Bengalure Rural, Chickballapur, Kolar, Ramnagara et Tumkur comprehendant, necnon eadem actu iurisdictioni Episcopi Mandiensi submittere omnes fideles ecclesiae Syro-Malabarensis qui in his districtis degunt vel degent.

Idcirco, vi huius Decreti auctoritate Summi Pontificis lati. fines eparchiae Mandiensis ita immutantur, ut omnes regiones qurum mentio nuper facta est complectantur.

Contrariis quibuslibet minime obstantibus
Datum Romae, ex Aedibus Congregationis pro Ecclesiis Orientalibus.
die 4 mensis Augusti A.D. 2015

Cyrillus Vasil, S.I
Archiepiscopus a secretis
P. Laurenitus Lorusso, O.P
Subsecretarius
Prot. No. 1625/2015

DECREE APPOINTING REV. FR. ANTONY KARIYIL, CMI, BISHOP OF MANDYA

Major Archiepiscopal Letter
of Canonical Provision

GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY, THE MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF THE SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH sends his paternal Blessings to you, REV. FR. ANTONY KARIYIL CMI, priest from the Congregation of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, Scared Heart Province, Kochi, presently Director of Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology (RSET), Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RCSS) and the Rajagiri Business School (RBS), who, having obtained the prior assent of the Holy Father, has been elected by the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church in the Second Session of the XXIII Synod (2015), held from 17-29 August 2015, Bishop of Mandy which office fell vacant upon the transfer of Bishop George Njaralakkatt as the Archbishop of Tellicherry. You as a person of exemplary priestly qualities with adequate intellectual formation, administrative experience and spiritual depth have been chosen to succeed him as the Bishop of Mandy.

By its decree, Prot. N. 188/2014, dated 4 August 2015, the Congregation for the Eastern Churches has communicated that His Holiness Pope Francis, in the audience granted to the Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation on 26 July 2015, has designed to extend the territory of the Eparchy of Mandy, and contemporaneously the proper territory of the Syro-Malabar Church, so as to include the civil districts of Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Chickballapur, Kolar, Ramnagar and Tumkur, at the same time, bringing all the Syro-Malabar faithful actually residing in these areas and those who will be residing there in the future under the jurisdiction of the Eparchy of Mandy.

Therefore, in virtue of CCEO c. 86 §1, 1º and by the authority vested in me as the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church to provide the people of God entrusted to my care with pastors and efficient systems of governance, and guided by the consideration of the good of the faithful of the eparchy of MANDYA and of the entire Syro-Malabar Church, I, George Cardinal Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, hereby appoint you BISHOP OF THE EPARCHY OF MANDYA, with its territory extended to include the civil districts of Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Chickballapur, Kolar, Ramnagar and Tumkur, as per the decree Prot. N. 188/2014, dated 4 August 2015, of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches.

You are to be ordained Bishop in accordance with CCEO c. 187 §2 and c. 188 and take canonical possession of your office in accordance with CCEO c. 189. Commending you to Our Lord, the Master Shepherd and praying that through the intercession of Mary our Mother, St. Thomas, our Apostle, you may in close communion with the entire clergy and the faithful of the Eparchy of MANDYA, fulfil the duties of your office as “an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” (1Tim 4:12). I send you, my hearty congratulations and prayerful good wishes.

All contrary dispositions notwithstanding.

Given from the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkadan, on 26th day of the month of August of the year 2015 under my seal and signature.

+ George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor
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ACTIVITY OF THE TRIBUNAL IN SECOND INSTANCE

A. CAUSES OF MATRIMONIAL NULLITY HANDLED AFTER AN ORDINARY PROCESS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

Number

1. Causes pending at the beginning of the year: 34

2. Causes introduced this year: 346

3. Decrees of ratification (total number): 309

4. Grounds of nullity considered in the decrees:

(If a decision considered several grounds of nullity, these are to be indicated separately; thus the total number of decisions under 4 may be greater than that under 3)

CCEO c. 801 - Impotence: 01
CCEO c. 818, 1: Lack of sufficient use of reason: --
CCEO c. 818, 2 - Grave lack of discretion: 50
CCEO c. 818, 3 - Inability to assume: 24
CCEO c. 820§2-Error of quality: 91
CCEO c. 821-Fraud: 51
CCEO c. 824§2- Simulation total: 04
CCEO c. 824 §2- Intention against fidelity: 21
CCEO c. 824§2- Intention against children: 02
CCEO c. 824§2- Intention against the good of the spouses: 20
CCEO c. 824§2- Intention against indissolubility: 03
ACTIVITY OF THE TRIBUNAL IN THIRD & SUBSEQUENT INSTANCES

A. CAUSES OF MATRIMONIAL NULLITY HANDLED AFTER A PROCESS IN SECOND INSTANCE

1. Causes pending at the beginning of the year: 05
2. Causes introduced this year: 30
3. Decrees of ratification (total number) as per CCEO can. 1369): 14
4. Grounds of nullity considered in the decrees: (If a decision considered several grounds of nullity, these are to be indicated separately; thus the total number of decisions under 4 may be greater than that under 3)
   CCEO c. 818,2-Grave lack of discretion: 01
   CCEO c. 818,3 -Inability to assume: 01
   CCEO c. 820§2-Error of quality: 07
   CCEO c. 824§2-Intention against good of the spouses: 02
   CCEO c. 825 -Force or grave fear: 02
   CCEO c. 821-Fraud: 01
5. Sentences given (after an ordinary examination): 16
   a) In favour of nullity (“constat de nullitate”, at least on one ground) ......................... 16
   b) In favour of the bond (“non constat de nullitate”: on every ground alleged) .................. --
6. Grounds of nullity considered in the sentences (if a sentence considered several grounds of nullity, these are to be indicated separately; thus the number of decisions under 6 may be greater than the sum of 5a and 5b)

   AFFIRMATIVE
   (constat de nullitate)
   (nonconstat de nullitate)

   CCEO c. 818,2 -Grave lack of discretion: 01 01
   CCEO c. 818,3 -Inability to assume: 01 01
   CCEO c. 820§2-Error of quality: 10 --
   CCEO c. 824§2 -Intention against fidelity: 02 01
   CCEO c. 824§2-Intention against good of spouses: 12 --
   CCEO c. 821 - Fraud: 01 --
   CCEO c. 825 -Force or grave fear: 02 --

7. Causes abandoned:
   a) Through renunciation nil
   b) Through abatement (Peremptio) nil

8. Causes pending at the end of the year 39
AFFIRMATIVE

(constat de nullitate)

NEGATIVE

(nonconstat de nullitate)

CCEO c. 818,2 - Grave lack of discretion: 01 --
CCEO c. 820§2 - Error of quality: 05 --
CCEO c. 824§2-Intention against good of the spouses: 08 --
CCEO c. 825 - Force or grave fear: 01 --
CEO c. 824§2 -Intention against fidelity: 01 --

7. Causes abandoned:
a) Through renunciation (due to the death of the respondent): nil
b) Through abatement (Peremptio): nil

8. Decrees of Nullity of Sentence: nil

9. Causes pending at the end of the year: 05

ACTIVITIES OF THE LOWER TRIBUNALS IN
THE YEAR 2014

There are seventeen eparchies in four metropolitan provinces and one archeparchy within the proper territory of the Syro Malabar Church. All the four metropolitan provinces have metropolitan tribunals and they function as the tribunals of appeal in the second instance as per c. 1064§1. The metropolitan tribunal of Kottayam judges cases only of the Archeparchy of the metropolitan of Kottayam. The eparchies of Belthangady and Thuckaly and Bhadravathi have single judge tribunals. The cases of the eparchy of Ramanathapuram are handled by the eparchial tribunal of Palakkad and the cases of the eparchy of Mandya by the eparchial tribunal of Mananthavady.

The activities of the eparchial and metropolitan tribunals during the year 2014 are briefly given in the following tables:
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## ERNAKULAM-ANGAMALY

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SUMMARY OF THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2015

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Sd/-
Fr. Mathew Pulimoottil
Finance Officer

Sd/-
C.J. Romid FCA
Chartered Accountant
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1. നടുമൈന്തി ഫോക്സ് ലെയോഡും (fixum s.r.u immobile) രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ ക്യാറിയും തുറമുറ്റാനായും അതിന്റെ ഫോക്സ് ലെയോഡിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിച്ചു അവരുടെ വ്യാപ്തിയുടെ വിവിധ വിഭാഗങ്ങളും അവരുടെ വിവിധ വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിച്ചു അവരുടെ വിവിധ വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിച്ചു അവരുടെ വിവിധ വിഭാഗങ്ങളും.  

2. രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ ആന്റിരോസ്റ്റോമൊയിൽ ഒരു കൊടിയും അത്യുത്ഥമായ വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും.  

3. ക്രിയാരേഖാകൃതിയുടെ വിഭാഗങ്ങളായും വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും.  

4. രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ അവയുടെ വിഭാഗായി വിഭാഗങ്ങളും വിഭാഗങ്ങളും വിഭാഗങ്ങളും വിഭാഗങ്ങളും വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും.  

5. ക്രിയാരേഖാകൃതിയുടെ വിഭാഗങ്ങളായും വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ വിശദീകരിക്കുന്ന വിഭാഗങ്ങളും.  

6. രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ സ്ഥിതി കരസ്ഥമായ വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ സ്ഥിതി കരസ്ഥമായ വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ സ്ഥിതി കരസ്ഥമായ വിഭാഗങ്ങളും രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ സ്ഥിതി കരസ്ഥമായ വിഭാഗങ്ങളും.  

7. രാമില്ലിനകലൂരിയിൽ സ്ഥിതി കരസ്ഥമായ വിഭാഗങ്ങളും.


1. പിന്നിൻരക്കോയിയായി അവാമമായി അനന്തരഭാഷയിലെ പിന്നിൻറെ മുദ്രാസൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൃത്യത്വാനന്തരം ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക, പിന്നിൻ പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക.

2. (പ്രരക്കൊടുത്ത് പ്രകാരമായി) അനന്തരഭാഷയിലെ പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക. ഉപ: സ്പാനീഷ് പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും, അനന്തരഭാഷയിലെ ട്രാങ്ങിലുകളുടെ പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക, പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക. അതുപോലെ, പ്രവാസികളുടെ പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക, പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക.

3. പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക, പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക.

3.1. പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക.

3.2. പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക.

3.3. പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക.

3.4. പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക.

3.5. പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക.

3.6. പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക.

3.7. പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക.

3.8. പിന്നിൻറെ പിന്നിൻറെ ടൂറിസ്മിന്റെ കിഴക്കും പ്രബന്ധത്തിൽ അറിയിക്കുക.