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“I have therefore authorized the Congregation for the Oriental Churches to provide for the pastoral care of the Syor-Malabar faithful throughout India by the erection of two Eparchies and by the extension of the boundaries of the two already in existence. I decree also that the new circumscriptions, as with those already in existence, be entrusted to the pastoral care of the Major Archbishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly and to the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, according to the norms of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches.” These are the momentous words of Pope Francis in his letter to the Bishops of India dated 9 October 2017. This historic decree of the Pope has brought the Syro-Malabar Church to a new zenith in the actualization of her identity of being a sui iuris Church. Born from the preaching of the Apostle St. Thomas in A.D. 52, her growth was not as swift as it should have been. The erection of the Syro-Malabar Vicariates of Kottayam and Trichur in 1887 was the first shot in her rejuvenation that was further strengthened by the establishment of the Syro-Malabar Hierarchy in 1923. A very decisive moment in her growth was her elevation to the Major Archiepiscopal Status in 1992. This growth process has reached a still higher pinnacle now by being granted to the Syro-Malabar church the right for pastoral care and evangelization all over India, as decreed by Pope Francis. It is the fruition of the constant efforts made by the Major Archbishop and the Synod of Bishops complemented by the ardent prayers and sacrifices of the People of God that this joyous moment has come to pass. It is a great moment of joy for the Syro-Malabar Church and for all those who wished the full blossoming of this sui iuris Church. It is also opens up great challenges and responsibilities. The Major Archbishop together with the Synod of Bishops, the priests, consecrated
women and men, and the lay faithful have to prepare themselves to take up these challenges and responsibilities.

Interestingly this expansion of jurisdiction of the Syro-Malabar Church takes place during the centenary of the Oriental Congregation and the Silver Jubilee of the elevation of the Syro-Malabar Church to the Major Archiepiscopal Status. The Jubilee celebration was scheduled to be held in during the Synod in January 2017, but was providentially postponed to 13 January 2018 so that now the celebration signifies a double joy – that of having been elevated to the Major Archiepiscopal Status as well as having been granted the right for pastoral care and evangelization all over India. The two Synodal Sessions of January and August have planned out the meaningful celebration of the event without pomp and extravaganza. The dignitaries invited include His Beatitude Louis Raphaël I Sako, the Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Babylon together with a few Bishops, Archbishop Cyril Vasil, Secretary of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches together with Rev. Fr. Lorenzo Lorusso, the Under Secretary of the Congregation, His Excellency Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro, Apostolic Nuncio in India, His Beatitude Baselios Cleemis, President CBCI, Archbishop Francis Kallarakal, Archbishop emeritus of Verapoly, Mgr. Pascal Gollnish, Director General of l’Oeuvre d’Orient, and other important personalities from the various spheres of the Church and the Society. The celebration is going to be an event to motivate the Syro-Malabar faithful to take up the new challenges placed before them both in the Church and in the world.

To add to our joy, one of the daughters of the Syro-Malabar Church, Servant of God Rani Maria from Pulluvazhy in the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly, was declared a Blessed Martyr on 4 November 2017 at Indore. It is a proud moment of grace for the Syro-Malabar Church, and the Franciscan Clarist Congregation in a special way as they have already a saint from their fold, St. Alphonsa. The Major Archbishop and
several Syro-Malabar Bishops took part in the beatification ceremony at Indore and the other celebrations at Ernakulam and Puluvazhy. We can rejoice that we have now one more intercessor to pray for our Church and a beacon to guide us to live our faith in all circumstances unmindful of the persecutions and even martyrdom.

The Year 2016 also was a year of blessing for the Syro-Malabar Church also in another way – i.e., through the ecclesiastical provisions made. On 14 January the announcement of the election of Bishop Thomas Tharayil, Auxiliary Bishop of Changanacherry was made and on 1 September the announcement of the election of Bishop Joseph Pamplany, Auxiliary Bishop of Tellicherry, Bishop Tony Neelankavil, Auxiliary Bishop of Trichur, Bishop Sebastian Vaniyapurackal, Curia Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Church. On 9 November, the territory of the Eparchies of Thuckalay and Ramanathapuram was extended and the new Eparchies of Hosur and Shamshabad were erected, thereby extending right of the Syro-Malabar Church for pastoral care to the whole of India. Bishop Sebastian Pozholiparambil was appointed Bishop of the Eparchy of Hosur, and Bishop Raphael Thattil, Bishop of the Eparchy of Shamshabad, who was until then working as the Auxiliary Bishop of Trichur and the Apostolic Visitor for the territory outside the Syro-Malabar Jurisdictions in India.

These were some of the important themes and events that engaged the attention of the two sessions of the XXV Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church. In this issue of the Synodal News (Vol. 25, Nos. 1 – 2, December 2017) we have included documents relating to the two Sessions of the XXV Synod held in the year 2017. Besides, there are Pastoral Letters and Circulars, Documents related to important ecclesiastical provisions and other usual items. It is hoped that these items will help the readers to be informed of the major events and discussions in the Synod of the Syro-Malabar Church.
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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!

We have celebrated the great feast of Christmas and the New Year 2017 has dawns. With freshness of mind and spirit we are assembled here for our usual January Session of the Synod. We are also spiritually refreshed by the moments of reflection animated by the enlightening thoughts of Bishop Joseph Kunnath CMI, especially community based Christian witness as a means of evangelization, beginning from periphery to centre, praying and listening to the Word of God, sanctifying the people of God and shepherding them in love and personal concern. His sharing of pastoral experiences was inviting us to have the real missionary commitment in our ministry as Bishops.

From January 6, the Feast of Denha, to January 12, as you know we are observing the Preshitavaram. This context should give us an impetus to reflect more about our commitment for the Missions.

I would like to begin my words of introduction recalling the memory of Bishop Mathew Vattackuzhy of the Eparchy of Kanjirapally, who left us on 22 November 2016. He was a man of order and serenity both in his own life and in the pastoral administration. Priests and people considered him a just pas-
tor who respected the rights and privileges of others and showed great benevolence in dealing with others. His celebration of Holy Qurbana and administration of Sacraments together with personal prayer and the Liturgy of the Hours gave a spiritual aura to his Episcopal service. The role he played in the formulation and codification of the Particular Laws of our Church is to be ever remembered, especially in the Silver Jubilee Year of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of our Church. The senior members of our synod might have the experience of the loss of a close companion while others might feel that a source of inspiration for their ministry has gone to sheer memory. The Eparchy of Kanjirapally under the leadership of Bishop Mathew Arackal organized a solemn funeral service attended by a large congregation of priests, consecrated men and women and the laity. Let us express our heartfelt condolences to the People of God of Kanjirapally and continue to pray for the eternal repose of our deceased brother in Episcopal service.

During the course of the year 2016-2017, our Church is blessed with 308 New Priests (143 for Eparchies and 165 for Religious Institutes). In this context I would like to place for the consideration of the Synod a policy of Diaconate Ministry for candidates for a fixed duration, in all our eparchies before the Priestly Ordination. This would help the candidates to have a pastoral maturity before getting ordained in taking up priestly ministry. Another practical advantage is that the appointment of newly ordained priests could be done together with the transfer of senior priests in every year at one time. I leave the matter to the forum of the Synod.

I welcome in a special way, Bishop Joseph Srampickal and Bishop Stephen Chirappananath who attend the Synod for the first time, as full members of the Synod. The decision of the Apostolic See to give adequate and appropriate provisions for our migrant communities in Great Britain and Europe will help us to provide our people in those countries with due pastoral care according to our ecclesial traditions. Our unfulfilled projects
for the pastoral care for migrant people in gulf countries and our people in Chennai Region and the areas outside the existing Eparchies in India are to be continued. Despite certain rays of hope still we have to wait for the realization of these goals.

I take this occasion to gratefully acknowledge the hard work Bishop Gregory Karotempre CMI has done with great interest for raising funds for the Curial activities in his capacity as member of the Commission for Finance. I thank him also sincerely for his dedicated service to our Church in many other ways, especially for establishing ASSM and finding funds for its functioning in the initial years. It is worth mentioning the fruitful service that he had rendered in this regard many years ago when he was the Chairman of the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of Migrants. Besides, it is worth mentioning that his initial efforts together with the continued service of the Commission have borne fruit in the erection of the Eparchy of Great Britain and the appointment of Apostolic Visitor for Europe. Thank you Bishop Karotempre for your singular service on all these levels!

In the communion of the Universal Church we have celebrated meaningfully the Year of Mercy in all our Eparchies and migrant communities. We have to inspire this spirit of Christian witness in the ecclesial life of all sections of the People of God. After the two Synods on Family, Holy Father Pope Francis published the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia which got adequate reception in our Church. The life and ministry of the Church in the future has to be family oriented. The reflections on Family in the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly of August 2016 also have deepened our vision on Family Apostolate and we will have more reflections concerning family during the present session of the Synod. The Exhortation and follow up programmes of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly will also be made public during the course of this Session of the Synod.
Holy Father Pope Francis has announced the Synod on Youth to be conducted in 2018. Therefore, Family and Youth have to become the most important areas of interest for all pastors in the Church during the years to come.

Our emphasis on seminary formation has to be followed up. The results and observations from seminary visitation are being communicated to our Major Seminaries, especially to the Rectors and the Staff.

The Empowerment of the Laity through Catholic Congress has to be continued in all the eparchies as they have to be faithful supporters of the social witness of the Church in the society. The recent revival of the Deepika also has to be fostered.

This year of 2017 marks, as you know, the Silver Jubilee of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of our Church. We thought of an inaugural function of this Jubilee in connection with this Session of the Synod in the presence of His Eminence Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches. Since on health grounds, he could not make a long journey to India, we had to cancel that programme. But the Cardinal Prefect is prepared for a later visit which we could make an occasion to celebrate this Silver Jubilee, the details of which could be decided during this session.

The Archeparchy of Trichur enthusiastically came forward, of course with the thoughtfulness of Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Archbishop Jacob Thoomkuzhy in which I also could gladly participate. Hearty felicitations and prayerful wishes to Archbishop Jacob Thoomkuzhy! Bishop Vijay Anand Nedumpuram CMI is in the Golden Jubilee Year of his priestly ordination. Since he celebrates only on spiritual level, we are not able to do any external celebration. Moreover, he is not attending this session of the Synod. All the same, I would like to extend to him all our felicitations, best wishes and prayers in remembrance of his jubilee. For Bishop Jacob Manathodath
the year of the Silver Jubilee of his Episcopal Ordination has begun on 28 November 2016. We shall celebrate his jubilee in the August Session of the Synod. Let us extend to him also our hearty felicitations!

The participation of our delegates in the FABC meeting was in many ways fruitful. It gave us an occasion to manifest the identity and mission of our Church in the Communion of the Church in Asia. As I had written to you earlier in detail, now I do not want to expati ate on it further.

Finally an item of good news: The Congregation for the Catholic Education has erected the Institute of Eastern Canon Law at Paurastya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor on 12 December 2016. The provision is experimental for five years which of course will be renewed, provided the Institute fulfils the conditions for its existence and growth. Let me thank all those who have worked for the realization of this project. Let me also recall to you our commitment to support fully the Institute of Oriental Canon Law at Dharmaram Vidyakshetram, Bangalore, along with the new Institute. Both institutes should grow side by side fulfilling the formation of priests, sisters, brothers and the laity in the Canon Laws of the Church. The collaboration between these Institutes also has to be fostered by all especially the Synod, the Presidents and the Staff of both academies.

It is to be remembered that every Synodal session is an ecclesial act in which the celebrations of the Holy Qurbana, the Liturgy of the Hours, personal prayer, deliberations and decisions in the Synodal sittings and other related activities, altogether give us an experience of our leadership role in the Church and society. The Church was born by the power of the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit is empowering us in all our ecclesial activities. Let every act of the Synod be led by this guiding principle and let us be instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit. May 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 St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Blessed Mariam Thresia and Blessed Kunjachan Theverparampil.

With these words I declare the First Session of the XXV Synod 2017 open.

Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad  
†George Alencherry
9 January 2017  Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
XXV SYNOD (2017), SESSION I  
09 – 14 JANUARY 2017

REPORT

The XXV Synod (2017), Session 1 began with a recollection preached by Bishop Joseph Kunnath 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. During the solemn procession the Major Archbishop carried the holy relic of St. Thomas, which he had personally brought from Orthona, and installed it in the reliquary of the Mount St. Thomas Chapel. The formal sitting of the Synod began at 2.30 p.m. with prayer by the Major Archbishop after which he proceeded with the inaugural address.

The Formal Inauguration of the Synod: In his inaugural address after lighting the lamp, the Major Archbishop thanked Bishop Joseph Kunnath CMI for his enlightening thoughts especially community based Christian witness as a means of evangelization beginning from periphery to centre, praying and listening to the Word of God, sanctifying the people of God and shepherding them in love and personal concern. The Major Archbishop recalled the memory of the late Bishop Mathew Vattackuzhy of the Eparchy of Kanjirapally who was a man of order and serenity both in his life and in pastoral administration. While thanking God for the 308 new priests of our Church, the Major Archbishop placed for the consideration of the Synod a proposal of diaconate ministry for a fixed duration in all our eparchies before priestly ordination. The Major Archbishop welcomed the two new Bishops, Bishop Joseph Srampickal and Bishop Stephen Chirappanath who at-
tend the Synod for the first time as full members of the Synod. While we are grateful to the Apostolic See for the appropriate provisions for our migrant communities in Great Britain and Europe, the Major Archbishop reminded that our efforts for the pastoral care for the migrant people in Gulf Countries, Chennai Region and the areas outside the existing eparchies in India are to be continued. The Major Archbishop gratefully acknowledged the great interest Bishop Gregory Karotemprel CMI has shown in raising funds for the curial activities in his capacity as the Member of the Commission for Finance. The Major Archbishop thanked him sincerely for his dedicated service in many other ways, especially for establishing the Syro-Malabar Mission Fund. The Major Archbishop also recalled the fruitful service Bishop Gregory rendered many years ago for the pastoral care of the migrants which has borne fruit in the erection of the Eparchy of Great Britain and the appointment of the Apostolic Visitor for Europe.

The Major Archbishop expressed his hope that the celebration of the Year of Mercy and the upcoming Synod on Youth will give a proper orientation to the Family and Youth of our Church during the years to come. The Major Archbishop reminded that our emphasis on seminary formation has to be followed up, the empowerment of the Laity through Catholic Congress has to be continued and revival of Deepika has to be fostered. As His Eminence Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, the Prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches could not make a journey to India on health grounds, we could not organize in this session the inaugural function of the Silver Jubilee of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of our Church as we had planned. As the Cardinal Prefect has agreed for a later visit, the Major Archbishop expressed his hope that we will have another occasion to celebrate the Silver Jubilee. The Major Archbishop felicitated Archbishop Jacob Thoomkuzhy who is celebrating
the 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination, Bishop Vijay Anand Nedumpuram CMI who is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his priestly ordination and Bishop Jacob Manathodath who is celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his episcopal Ordination. The Major Archbishop stated that participation of delegates in the FABC Meeting was an occasion to manifest our identity in the communion of the Church in Asia. The Major Archbishop shared with the Synod the happy news of the erection of the Institute of Eastern Canon Law at Paurastya Vidyapeetham, Vadavathoor. In this connection the Major Archbishop recalled our commitment to support fully the Institute of Canon Law at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram along with this Institute. Recalling the fact that every Synodal Session is an ecclesiastical act guided by the Holy Spirit and invoking blessings of God, he declared the first session of the XXV Synod 2017 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 Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (Faridabad), Mar Joseph Powathil (Emeritus, Changanacherry), Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy (Emeritus, Trichur), Mar George Valiamattam (Archbishop Emeritus, Tellicherry), Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil (Emeritus, Palai), Mar George Punnakottil (Emeritus, Kothamangalam), Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI (Emeritus, Bijnor), Mar Gregory Karotemprel CMI (Emeritus, Rajkot), Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil CMI (Emeritus, Sagar), Mar Thomas Chakiath (Emeritus Auxiliary, Ernakulam-Angamaly), Mar Simon Stock Palathra CMI (Emeritus, Jagdalpur), Mar Jacob Manathodath (Palghat), Mar Thomas Elavanal MCBS (Kalyan), Mar Sebastian Vadakel MST (Ujjain), Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy (Belthangady), Mar Joseph
Kunnath CMI (Emeritus, Adilabad), Mar Mathew Vaniakizhalakel VC (Emeritus, Satna), Mar Mathew Arackal (Kanjirapally), Mar Jacob Angadiath (Chicago), Mar Sebastian Adayantrath (Auxiliary, Ernakulam Angamaly), Mar Mathew Anikuzuhalakattil (Idukki), Mar Joseph Kallarrangatt (Palai), Mar Jose Porunnedom (Mananthavady), Mar Anthony Chirayath (Sagar), Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST (Gorakhpur), Mar Joseph Pandarasseril (Auxiliary, Kottayam), Mar Joseph Arumachadath MCBS (Bhadrawathi), Mar John Vadakel CMI (Bijnor), Mar Bosco Puthur (Melbourne), Mar Remigiose Inchananiyil (Thamarassery), Mar Raphael Thattil (Auxiliary, Trichur & Apostolic Visitor in India), Mar Paul Alappatt (Ramanathapuram), Mar Pauly Kannookadan (Irinjalakuda), Mar Jose Chittooparambil CMI (Rajkot), Mar George Rajendran SDB (Thuckalay), Mar Jacob Muricken (Auxiliary, Palai), Mar George Madathikandathil (Kothamangalam), Mar Joseph Kollampamparipil CMI (Jagdalpur), Mar Jose Puthenveettil (Auxiliary, Ernakulam-Angamaly), Mar Joy Alappatt (Auxiliary, Chicago), Mar Ephrem Nariculam (Chanda), Mar Joseph Kodakallil (Satna), Mar Jose Kalluvelil (Exarch, Canada), Mar Antony Kariyil CMI (Mandya), Mar Prince Antony Panengadan (Adilabad), Mar Jose Pulickal (Auxiliary, Kanjirapally), Mar Joseph Srampickal (Great Britain) and Mar Stephen Chirappanath (Apostolic Visitator, Europe),

**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:** Archbishop Mathew Moolakatt OSB (Convenor), Archbishop George Njaralakatt and Bishop Jose Porunnedom.

**Tellers:** Bishop Jose Pulickal, Bishop Joseph Srampickal and Bishop Stephen Chirappanath.
Committee for the Media: Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB (Convener), Bishop Raphael Thattil and Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath.

Committee for the Pastoral Circular: Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (Convener), Bishop Remigiose Inchananiyil and Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI.

Liturical Celebrations: Bishop Pauly Kannookadan.

Review of the Decisions of the Previous Synod: Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI, the Secretary of the Synod read out the decisions of the previous Synod held in August 2016. 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: 1. Follow up of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly 2. Peter’s Pence, 3. Jurisdiction in India and Gulf Countries, 4. Inclusion of New Zealand as part of the Eparchy of Melbourne, and 5. Procura in Rome. With these additional items, the finalized agenda consisted of the following items:

1. Jurisdiction in India and Gulf Countries.
2. Pastoral Care in the Gulf Countries.
3. Follow up of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly.
4. Declaring St Kuriakose Elias Chavara Father of the Syro-Malabar Church.
5. Peter’s Pence.
7. Increasing the number of Eparchial Consultors.
8. Assistance for Priests, Religious and Seminarians in dis-
stress with dysfunctional behaviours.

9. Preparing “Catechists” or “Evangelists” for the Missions of Syro-Malabar Church.

10. Formulating action plan of the reception of Amoris Laetitia.

11. Preparing plan of action for pro-life.

12. Preparing concrete action plan regarding the palliative care mobile services.

13. Popularizing Eliswa visit.

14. Dialogue with Jesus Youth leaders.

15. A handbook on environmental protection and civic culture.


19. A common format for the Seminary Commission’s annual report.


22. Sannaradhana movement led by Dr. Leena.

23. Spiritual Revival Ministry, Bangalore.

24. Draft text of the betrothal.

25. Washing of feet in the Liturgy of Maundy Thursday.


27. Anaphora of Nestorius.

28. Presenting the completed version of the chanting of the prayers of the Holy Qurbana.

29. Dress code for the Permanent Deacons.

30. Suggestions for further honours, titles, awards.

31. Procura in Rome.
Dalit Vikas Society: Bishop Gregory Karotemprel CMI presented “Dalit Vikas Society” (DVS), a proposal for Syro-Malabar Dalit Education Fund. This scheme aims at providing Higher Education to Syro-Malabar Dalit youth with contributions from generous people, our Higher Education Institutions and rich parishes. It was decided to execute this scheme for the time being through the office of the Syro-Malabar Mission.

Assistance for Priests, Religious and Seminarians in Distress with Dysfunctional Behaviours: Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrathe presented a proposal regarding assistance for priests, religious and seminarians in distress with dysfunctional behaviours. Rev. Fr. Tom Pannalakunel, Director, Fransalian Initiative for Renewal and Empowerment (FIRE), Aluva is willing to help us in this regard. This proposal was welcomed by the Synod and it was decided to invite Fr. Tom to have an interaction with the Bishops during a Sitting of the present Session of the Synod. Accordingly in a later sitting, Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI welcomed Fr Tom Pannalakunel, Director, Fransalian Initiative for Renewal and Empowerment (FIRE) Aluva. While presenting the activities of FIRE Fr Tom informed the Synod that it deals with priests and seminarians addicted to alcohol, drugs, sex pornography, internet etc. Methods adopted are: individual counseling and group therapy. Gradually methods like music therapy, art therapy etc also will be made use of. Right now the centre can accommodate 12 clients and the approximate expense per day is Rs. 800/-. Fr Tom expressed his willingness to help priests, religious and seminarians in distress with dysfunctional behavior. The Major Archbishop, while appreciating the initiatives of Fr Tom, thanked him and wished him all the best for his ministry.

Mass Stipend and Allowance of Priests in the Syro-Malabar Church: The Major Archbishop initiated the discus-
sion on Mass stipends and allowance of priests and sisters in the Syro-Malabar Church. While participating in the discussion, Bishops in general felt that the issue related to Mass stipend causes much scandal among our people. Disparity in allowance to priests and sisters was also highlighted in the interventions. At the end of the discussion it was decided to request the Major Archbishop to convene a meeting of Forane Vicars (Three representatives from each Eparchy) in view of arriving at an understanding about Mass stipends, allowance of priests and sisters and similar items.

**Cherupushpa Mission League:** Bishop Jacob Muricken presented the current status of Cherupushpa Mission League (CML). As CML today is under the direction of KCBC and CBCI, the office bearers are being rotated on the basis of the three individual churches. Though the Lion’s Share of the Members of CML is from the Syro-Malabar Church, the rite concern is a serious cause of decline of the CML as sometimes office bearers from other sui iuris Churches do not have the basic knowledge of CML. Hence Bishop Muricken suggested to think about a Syro-Malabar Mission League. In the discussion that followed it was felt that the name CML has to be retained. As CML has facilitated vocation promotion, we have to encourage its activities. Probably CML could adopt a federal structure which might address the concerns raised above. At the end of the discussion, it was decided to request the Commission for Vocation to present a revised draft of this proposal in the present Session of the Synod which could later be submitted in the KCBC and CBCI.

In a later sitting, Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy presented a brief write-up on the situation of CML. In the discussion that followed, it was clarified that CML had its origin in the Syro-Malabar Church and therefore, it is not necessary to form another CML for our Church. At the end of the discussion it was
decided to request the Major Archbishop to write to the KCBC and CBCI on the synodal decision of supporting CML as a Lay Association for the Syro-Malabar Church and federated at the state and national levels.

**A Handbook on Environmental Protection and Civic Culture:** Bishop Thomas Chakiath presented a draft copy of the Handbook on Environmental Protection and Civic Culture for the education of the people, especially of the Youth. This draft has been prepared by the Committee consisting of Bishop Thomas Chakiath (Convener), Bishop Jose Porunnedom and Bishop Jose Pulickal (Members). The Handbook consists of two parts with fourteen chapters. After a brief discussion, it was decided to give approval for the publication of the book. Bishops were asked to give their suggestions to the Committee Members. In view of getting a wider readership, it was felt that the book get published by a secular publication.

**Ecumenical Directory:** Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam, Chairman of the Commission for Ecumenism, presented the draft of the Ecumenical Directory. During the discussion that followed the Major Archbishop informed the Synod that the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity, Rome, has developed a concept that Ecumenism is the pastoral responsibility of all the Bishops and Priests. He added that the publication of the Ecumenical Directory will facilitate us to move in this direction. Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB, while making intervention, stated that a few Knanaya Jacobite Priests and faithful had already joined the Archeparchy of Kottayam in 1921 and started using Antiochan Liturgy, though official reunion movement started only in the 1930s. At the end of the discussion it was decided to request the Commission for Ecumenism to revise the draft of the Directory incorporating suggestions of the Synod and to publish it before the August Session of the Synod after consulting the Commissions for Doctrine, Litur-
gy, Catechesis and the Committee for Canonical Questions.

**Education:** Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI, the Secretary welcomed Fr. George Madathiparampil, Secretary, Committee for Higher Education, Fr. Jacob Palackappilly, Secretary, Committee for School Education, and Fr. Jose Karivelickal, the Secretary Designate for Committee for School Education. Fr. Jacob Palackapilly presented the current education scenario of Kerala and India and made an evaluation of the problems that we face at the national and state levels. In general Government policies at the Centre and the State do not seem to protect our rights. Because of protest from many groups including Christian community against the draft National Education Policy, the Government has dissolved the Committee and is likely to appoint a new one. The CBCI has requested the Government to include Christian representatives in the new Committee. It was suggested that we address issues first through dialogue with the Government and if it does not bear fruit, through legal procedure.

**Solidarity with Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil SDB:** All the Bishops who intervened in the matter concerning the abduction of Fr Tom Uzhunnalil SDB expressed solidarity with him. They also expressed their concern about the present state of affairs as Fr. Tom is still in the custody of the terrorists. With a view to keep the issue alive it was decided to make a special prayer in the Karozutha of Holy Qurbana in all our Churches. The Commission for Liturgy was entrusted with the task of drafting this Karozutha prayer. It was also decided that all the Bishops attending the Synod spend one hour in prayer at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 12 January 2017 in St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica, Ernakulam, along with the faithful.

Accordingly, a ‘one hour adoration’ was held in St Mary’s Cathedral Basilica, Ernakulam, from 7.00 pm today for the re-
lease of Fr Tom Uzhunnalil SDB. All the Bishops attended this adoration which was led by Archbishop George Njaralakkatt. The Major Archbishop gave the message. Many priests including the Vicars General of the Archdiocese of Verapoly, Fr Joyce Thonikuzhyil SDB, Provincial Superior of Fr Tom Uzhunnalil, religious sisters and lay persons joined the prayer service.

**Formulating Action Plan Regarding the Reception of Amoris laetitia:** Bishop Mathew Arackal and Bishop Jose Pulickal presented details of the reception of Amoris laetitia. Since the Apostolic See would like to get a feedback regarding the reception and implementation of Amoris laetitia in our Church, it was decided to request the Commission for Family, Laity and Life to present a common format for the use of our eparchies for giving their report on Amoris laetitia.

**Preparing Concrete Action Plan Regarding the Palliative Care Mobile Services, and Preparing Plan of Action for Pro-life:** Bishop Mathew Arackal elaborated an action plan regarding the palliative care mobile services which he proposed to be executed through SPANDAN, the social mission network of the Syro-Malabar Church. Regarding the action plan for pro-life, Bishop Jose Pulickal informed the Synod that it was in the process of preparation.

**Popularizing Elishwa Visit:** Bishop Jose Pulickal presented the need for popularizing Elishwa Visit. Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil shared with the Synod its effective implementation in the eparchy of Idukki. After a brief discussion it was decided to request the Commission for Family, Laity and Life to present a concept paper on Elishwa visit in this Session of the Synod. Accordingly in a later sitting Bishop Jose Pulickal presented a brief write-up on Elishwa Retreat, a programme of the Elishwa visit. While making interventions, some Bishops informed the Synod that this programme has been successful-
ly going on in their eparchies. The Synod welcomed this idea of Elishwa Retreat and suggested to have a day for grandparents and another day for senior citizens too. At the end of the discussion it was decided to request the Commission for Family, Laity and Life to submit the note on Elishwa visit, Grandparents’ day and Senior Citizens Forum to the Major Archbishop to be sent as a circular to the whole Church.

**Study of the Christian Understanding of Yoga:** Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt, Chairman of the Doctrinal Commission, presented a paper on “Yoga and Catholic Faith”. The paper deals with the significance of yoga, theological arguments against it, and some precautions on Christian meditation etc. In the discussion that followed, several Bishops made interventions.

- Yoga could be considered as a method for retreat/meditation.
- It gives physical exercise, energy and concentration.
- Yoga was being practiced till recently but today it seems to have got a negative dimension.
- It is wrong to say that devils enter human body through yoga.
- We are able to maintain good health through yoga.
- We have to make a distinction between yoga which is union with God and yogasana which consists of physical exercises.
- Many retreat centres present yoga as devilish. Hence it has become very sensitive today.
- We should not mix yoga with spirituality.
- Yoga is a means to attain union at three levels: physical, mental and spiritual.
- Many including ecclesiastical authorities look at yoga from a western perspective.
Yoga is not the best means to maintain health. We should not glorify it.

According to Christian perspective it is the Holy Spirit who gives spiritual attainment. Yoga, therefore, should not be understood as a means to attain concentration.

Yoga as projected by the West is not to be taken as the trade mark of Hinduism

Yoga could be understood as an instance of cultural borrowing as we have borrowed the feast of Passover from the Jewish tradition.

Yoga became an issue as BJP adopted it as a means to propagate Hindutva.

It was decided to request the Doctrinal Commission to incorporate relevant points that have come up in the discussion on “Yoga and Catholic Faith” and present the revised paper in the August Session 2017 of the Synod.

**Spiritual Revival Ministry, Bangalore:** Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt presented report of the Doctrinal Commission of the Syro-Malabar Church on Spiritual Revival Ministry, Bangalore. Apart from this commission’s study, Archbishop Bernard Mores of Bangalore also is making a study regarding issues and accusations leveled against this group. He will be presenting the findings of this study in the forthcoming CBCI standing committee. Taking into account the many positive elements of this group, especially among Catechists and youth, the Doctrinal Commission recommended that we could wait till concrete proofs for doctrinal fallacy of this group is obtained for any action from our side.

**Sannaradhana Movement Led by Dr. Leena:** Deviations of sannaradhana of Dr. Leena have already been discussed in the August 2016 Synod. The Doctrinal Commission has been
entrusted by the Synod to examine the involvement of Fr Shaji Thumpechirayil with this group. Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt brought once again to the attention of the Synod the aberrations of Sannaradhana. He then presented a report of the commission’s meeting with Fr Shaji. The Commission’s assessment is that though Fr Shaji is impressed by the life style of Dr. Leena, he does not support her teaching. Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam, in his intervention informed the Synod that he is closely observing the life and activities of Fr. Shaji and stated that as on today he appears to be docile and obedient to eparchial authorities. The Major Archbishop requested Archbishop Perumthottam to continue to be judiciously vigilant regarding Fr. Shaji’s association with this movement. He added that instead of correcting our priests when they go astray, we should be able to inspire them by our life and example.

**Clarification Regarding the Number of the Eparchial Consultants:** For the query raised by Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath, Auxiliary Bishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly, whether the number of Eparchial Consultants could be raised from 12, it was suggested that if necessary, there could be special invitees so that there are adequate representations from different groups. If needed the matter could be referred to Rome.

**Draft Text of Betrothal:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Pauly Maniyattu, Secretary, Commission for Liturgy and Fr Francis Pittappillil, Asst Secretary. Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS, Chairman, Commission for Liturgy, presented the draft text of Betrothal. In the discussion that followed a few modifications were suggested, the most important being substitution of the psalm 23 by another psalm. It was decided to request the Commission for Liturgy to incorporate the suggestions of the Synod and submit the revised text to the Major Archbishop for promulgation (if necessary, with permission
from Rome). It was clarified that betrothal ceremony does not constitute part of Holy Qurbana.

Revised Draft of the Homiletic Directory: Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS, presented suggestions of the Special Committee of the Bishops on Homiletic Directory. After a brief discussion it was decided to request the Commission for Liturgy to incorporate the suggestions of the Synod with the help of Homiletics Professors in the seminaries and Bible Scholars and submit it in the August Synod of 2017.

Washing of Feet in the Liturgy of Pesaha Thursday: Fr Pauly Maniyattu read out the paper on the washing of feet in the Liturgy of Pesaha Thursday. It examines the biblical, patrological and liturgical foundation of this ceremony. In the discussion that followed some bishops suggested that candidates from all the members of the People of God could be considered for the washing of the feet in a non liturgical context, whereas in the liturgical celebration the existing tradition may be continued. Some other bishops, however, felt that this matter needs further study. It was therefore decided to request the Commission for Liturgy to study further this matter with the help of experts. The Commission shall consult also the Special Committee for Liturgy before submitting its report in the August Session of the Synod 2017. For the time being the understanding arrived at is that the status quo will be maintained.

Dress Code for the Permanent Deacons: The Commission for Liturgy proposed a special vestment for the permanent deacons. However, after a brief discussion it was decided to adopt for the permanent deacons the same type of vestments used by the deacons who are designated for priesthood.

Anaphora of Nestorius: As per the request of the Synod, Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS presented the draft of the
abridged form of the Anaphora of Nestorius from the text which had already been approved by the Synod. In the discussion that followed, it was decided to request the Bishops to communicate their suggestions on the text of the Anaphora of Nestorius by the end of February 2017 to the Commission for Liturgy who in turn will incorporate such suggestions and submit the revised text to the Major Archbishop with its English translation to be sent to Rome for the approval.

**Peshitta Version of Psalms:** Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS presented the Peshitta version of the Psalms which has already been approved by the Synod. As many Bishops, in a previous discussion, felt the need to improve the language of this translation it was decided to request the Commission for Liturgy to get it revised with the help of language experts and Bible scholars.

**Text for Betrothal:** In a previous sitting of the Synod a suggestion had been made to substitute Psalm 23 by another suitable psalm in the text for Betrothal. Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS informed the Synod that the Commission for Liturgy unanimously selected psalm 34 instead of psalm 23. The Synod endorsed this decision.

**Revision of Qurbana Taksa:** Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS made the following clarification to the query regarding the revision of the Qurbana Taksa. The suggestions which the individual bishops gave to the Commission were studied by the Special Committee. The committee will prepare a draft Qurbana Taksa on the basis of the suggestions of common agreement. It will be sent to individual bishops, after being evaluated by the CLC. Bishops will send their observations and suggestions to the special committee who will study them. Then the committee will make final draft and present it in the August session of the Synod.
Chanting of Prayers of the Holy Qurbana: Malpan Fr Mathew Vellanickal with the help of his team had given a demonstration of Chanting of Syro-Malabar Qurbana on 10 January 2017. A CD containing the Chanting was distributed to all the Bishops. Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS sought the mind of the Synod regarding the Chanting. After a few interventions it was decided to endorse it.

Presenting the Completed Version of the Chanting of the Prayers of the Holy Qurbana: Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS, Chairman of the Commission for Liturgy, welcomed Malpan Fr Mathew Vellanickal and his team. Malpan Mathew Vellanickal, with the help of his team, gave a demonstration of Chanting of the Syro-Malabar Qurbana in the conference hall attached to the Synod hall, after supper. The Major Archbishop expressed appreciation for the efforts taken by Malpan Vellanickal in this regard and emphasized the need to practice and develop the chanting of liturgical prayers and psalms in our Church. He also brought to the attention of the Bishops that there are chants developed in different languages in the Latin Church on the basis of the Gregorian chant.

Formulating a Method for Evaluating Formators and Professors in the Major Seminaries: Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath presented “Course Evaluation Form for Seminary Teaching Staff”. In the discussion that followed it was suggested to include a few questions which would reflect the formative role of the professors. With a view to making the evaluation objective it was felt that in addition to the evaluation by the students the seminary concerned could also evolve a system in which a team appointed by seminary authorities evaluate the professors using the same format. It was decided that Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath incorporate these suggestions and submit the revised format to the Seminary Commissions.
A Common Format for the Seminary Commission’s Annual Report: Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam presented the draft of the common format for the Seminary Commission’s annual report. In the discussion that followed, a few suggestions to improve the format were made. At the end of the discussion it was decided to request Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam to reformulate the format. It was also decided to request him to prepare another format which could be used by Rectors while presenting Seminary reports in the Synod.

Claretian Seminary in Wardha: Bishop Ephrem Nariculam informed the Synod that Claretian Seminary in Wardha desires to be a part of Syro-Malabar Seminary Formation. It was clarified that this request will be considered favourably after the Seminary makes a formal representation to the Major Archbishop.

Institute of Oriental Canon Law at Paurastya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Vincent Alappatt, President of Paurastya Vidyapitham and Fr James Thalachelloor, Director-designate of the Institute of Oriental Canon Law at Vadavathoor. Fr Vincent Alappatt gave a briefing about the newly erected Institute of Oriental Canon Law at Paurastya Vidyapitham. He added that for the last twenty nine years we have been trying to get it instituted and for the last six years in the most intensive way. Fr Alappatt expressed the gratitude of the Paurastya Vidyapitham to the Bishops who had played a significant role in making this dream a reality especially, the Major Archbishop George Cardinal Alencherry, Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt, Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam, Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt, Bishop Raphael Thattil and Bishop Stephen Chirappanath. He also thanked the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome for the timely and effective interventions in this re-
gard. Fr Alappatt added that the Institute has all the facilities, like physical infrastructure, qualified staff, and a good collection of books. He requested the Bishops to send candidates to join the licentiate programme of the Canon Law Institute. The Major Archbishop, while making reference to his inaugural address, reminded the Synod and the Paurastya Vidyapitham of our collective responsibility to support fully the Institute of Oriental Canon Law at Dharmaram Vidyakshetram, Bangalore, along with the new Institute. On behalf of the Synod the Major Archbishop congratulated Fr Alappatt and Fr Thalachelloor and wished them all the best.

**Apostolic Visitation, India:** Bishop Raphael Thattil suggested that Directory of all our Archeparchies and Eparchies should include the three Apostolic Visitations, namely, India, New Zealand and Europe. While presenting the Indian situation, Bishop Thattil stated that we are losing our people as we have not been able to get canonical provision in those places where there is significant number of our community. This has led to hurt feelings and humiliation among our people. There was a general feeling that we should not adopt aggressive measures as any rupture will take many years for healing. Hence it was decided to address this issue through proper dialogue with persons concerned together with the representation we intend to make to the Apostolic See.

**Preparing Catechists or Evangelists for the Missions of Syro-Malabar Church:** Bishop Raphael Thattil presented a proposal for preparing catechists or evangelists for the missions of Syro-Malabar Church. Many lay persons from Kerala take interest in missionary activities. Such people are being promoted by lay organizations like fellowship groups, FIAT Mission, etc. In the context of increasing need for mission work, the Church could own such people and give them missionary
training so that we have sufficient personnel for missionary activity. In the discussion that followed Bishops in general welcomed this concept. Though proficiency in local language is useful to communicate to the villagers, language does not seem to be a barrier as their prayer life seems to attract even non-Christians to join them in prayer in Churches and mission centres. The Synod accepted this proposal in principle and decided to appoint a Committee consisting of Bishop Raphael Thattil (Convener), Bishop Thomas Thuruthimattam CST and Bishop Prince Antony Panengadan (Members) to prepare the details of this proposal and submit them to the Permanent Synod for approval.

**Pastoral Care in the Gulf Region:** The Major Archbishop read out all the letters of correspondence with the Apostolic See since 2015 regarding the Gulf situation. We have not received any written reply from the Apostolic See, which in turn has made our people in Gulf Countries impatient and restless. However, it was felt that as in the Indian situation, instead of taking any radical measures, we continue our dialogue and representation with the Apostolic See and the Ecclesiastical authorities in the Gulf Countries.

**Representation from Gulf Countries:** On Friday, 13 January 2017, Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI, Secretary of the Synod, welcomed the following representatives from Gulf Countries: Dr Mohan Thomas (Qatar), Sibichen (Saudi-Riyadh), Biju Joseph Bahrain, K.K. Shaji (UAE Ajman), Benny Edayady (Mathew Thomas, UAE Ajman), Jose Joseph (Qatar), Joy Antony (Qatar), Jacob Pynadath (Ex-Kuwait) and Siby Joseph (Ex-Qatar). Dr Mohan Thomas, Gulf Coordinator, made a presentation of the background, problems and the proposed solutions for the present Gulf situation. This was followed by a sharing by individual members of the delegation. During the discussion that followed the Bishops appreciated the sincere
attempt of our people in keeping the faith and tradition of the Syro-Malabar Church alive in Gulf countries. The Major Archbishop informed them that the Synod has been continuously following up the issue with ecclesiastical authorities in Rome and Gulf. He told them that the Representation which they together made to the Apostolic See seems to have contributed to the progress of our cause and requested them to be in touch with the Apostolic See through letters from each individual country. He asked them also to continue their dialogue with the Church authorities in the Gulf. The Major Archbishop thanked the delegation and wished them all the best in their efforts.

**Briefing about Eparchy of Great Britain:** Bishop Joseph Srampickal, while briefing about the newly erected Eparchy of Great Britain for Syro-Malabar faithful stated that he has been able to remove to a certain extent the apprehensions among the people about the significance of this eparchy. As the See of the eparchy is situated at Preston, in the diocese of Lancaster, its Bishop along with the Bishops’ conferences of England, Wales and Scotland has been very supportive in the erection of the eparchy and its various activities. He informed the Synod that he was very much encouraged by the visit of the Major Archbishop and he is getting good support from 23 priests who are working as chaplains and 65 other priests of our Syro-Malabar Church who help the eparchy in various pastoral activities. The government of UK also is very much supportive of the eparchy.

**Apostolic Visitation in Europe:** Bishop Stephen Chirappananth, while briefing about his role as the Apostolic Visitator for Europe, informed the Synod that the priests and coordinators of different countries are cooperative in his new mission. People in General are also enthusiastic. Though in a
few countries some are not convinced about the relevance of the Apostolic Visitation, Bishop Stephen expressed hope that he will be able to work through it. The Major Archbishop, on behalf of the Synod, congratulated Bishop Chirappanath and wished him a fruitful Episcopal ministry in Europe.

Procura in Rome: Bishop Stephen Chirappanath, Apostolic Visitor for Europe and Procourator of the Major Archbishop, gave a presentation of the current status of the Procura. The renovation cum additional construction work of the Procura which started on December 22, 2016 is expected to be over on June 30, 2017. It is proposed to hold the inauguration on October 14, 2017. To mark the centenary celebration of the establishment of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches and the Silver Jubilee of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of our Church, 15 October 2017 will be celebrated as Heritage Day. The name suggested for the Procura is Casa Mar Thoma. Realization of the procura has been made possible through the whole hearted contribution of the eparchies, Religious Congregations (Men and Women) individual priests and generous people. In the discussion that followed Bishops appreciated the efforts of Bishop Stephen Chirappanath. The Major Archbishop requested the Bishops to continue their cooperation and good will to the Procura and wished Bishop Stephen Chirappanath all the best in fulfilling his duties as the Procurator.

Release of the Pastoral Exhortation after the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly: After the first sitting of the Synod in the afternoon of Friday, 13 January 2017, all the Bishops assembled in St Pope John Paul II Square near the Synod hall. Fr Shaji Abraham Kochupurayil MCBS, Secretary of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly, welcomed the gathering. The Major Archbishop then presented the Pastoral Exhortation Onnai Munnottu which has been prepared on the basis of the discus-
sions and proposals of the 4th Major Archiepiscopal Assembly held from 25-28 August 2016. He then released the Pastoral Exhortation by handing over a copy each to Bishop Pauly Kannonkad, Bishop Sebastian Adyanthrath, Bishop George Rajendran, Fr Shaji Kochupurayil MCBS, Sr Caroline CSN, Delsy Lukachen, Joby Thomas, Sijo Pynadath and Adv. Jose Vithayathil.

**Declaring St Kuriakose Elias Chavara as the Father of the Syro-Malabar Church:** Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara presented the report of the Committee which was constituted to study the subject of declaring St Kuriakose Elias Chavara as the Father of the Syro-Malabar Church. The Committee suggested that the title ‘Doctor of the Church’ could be more appropriate. After a few clarifications it was decided to request the CMI Prior General and CMC Superior General to publish books and writings about St Kuriakose Elias Chavara and collect necessary information about him as per the requirement of the Apostolic See for declaring one as the Doctor of the Church. The Committee, after evaluating the materials thus obtained will present a comprehensive report in the August 2017 Session of the Synod before forwarding it to Rome for approval.

**Syro-Malabar Social Mission Network:** Bishop Mathew Arackal proposed the formation of a Department with the name Spandan for unifying various social welfare activities of the Church. In the discussion that followed, the bishops in general welcomed the idea of spandan. Some of them suggested that care should be taken not to have any conflict with the programmes of Caritas of CBCI and similar organizations of the church at various levels, while organizing programmes of spandan. At the end of the discussion it was decided to make spandan a special department to coordinate social welfare ac-
tivities of the Church with Bishop Mathew Arackal (Chairman), Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI and Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath, members.

**Best Social Worker Award:** Bishop Mathew Arackal informed the Synod that Bishop Jacob Angadiath has offered to institute the Best Social Worker Award (Rupees One Lakh annually). The Major Archbishop appreciated the contributions the Eparchy of Chicago has made on several occasions, including the present one.

**New Titles and Honours:** Bishop Pauly Kannookadan, Convenor of the Committee for Titles and Honours, presented a write up on new honours, titles and awards. The three established titles and honours are Vaidikaratnam, Malpan and Sabhataram. The Committee suggested the titles of Sadguru (Shreshtaguru) and Karmayogi, Mar Kariyattil Award or Paremmackal Award or Mother Teresa Award or Chavara Kuriakose Elias Award for exceptional seminary professors and remarkable social workers. After a brief discussion it was decided to request the Committee, to present in the August 2017 Session of the Synod, another write up on suitable titles for Seminary Professors, Social Workers and Missionaries.

**Honouring Fr. Mathew Madathikunnel, the First Finance Officer of the Major Archiepiscopal Curia:** On Saturday, 14 January 2017, Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI, Secretary of the Synod, welcomed Fr. Madathikunnel. The Major Archbishop in his felicitation address recalled the committed service of Fr. Madathikunnel in the initial stages of the Major Archiepiscopal Curia such as purchase of the land, construction of the building, etc. Fr. Madathikunnel in his reply thanked the Major Archbishop for having honoured him in the Synod. He also gratefully remembered the pleasant association he had with Cardinal Antony Padiyara, Archbishop Abraham Kattumana,
Cardinal Varkey Vithayathil, and priests, sisters and lay staff who were with him at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Ernakulam and Kakkanad. Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Chancellor read out the felicitation note in the memento. The Major Archbishop then presented the memento to Fr. Mathew and honoured him with a shawl. The Major Archbishop wished him happy days ahead.

**Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Elevation of the Syro-Malabar Church to Major Archiepiscopal Status:** The Major Archbishop initiated the discussion of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of the Church. He requested the bishops to come out with action plans during the jubilee year. Following suggestions were made by individual bishops.

- A prayer in Karozutha in our Holy Qurbana in order to get God’s blessings and to keep the spirit of jubilee alive in the minds of the faithful.
- An evaluation of 25 years of our existence as a Major Archiepiscopal Church.
- This is an occasion for conscientisation about the relevance of our Church especially in eparchies outside India.
- This is the appropriate time to request the Apostolic See to raise our Church to the Patriarchal Status.
- There should be a historical documentation of our Church which could be combined with mission documentation, already under preparation.
- We have grown a lot in solidarity and collegiality, but still we have to go ahead in these directions.
- We have been able to achieve a lot during the last 25 years. There are however shortcomings too. Jubilee is an occasion to evaluate ourselves so that we are able to proceed further with necessary corrections.
★ A survey could be conducted with a view to understand the opinion of the people.

★ A documentary film for a duration of about one hour presenting important events during last 25 years.

★ It may be good to have a simple inaugural function.

★ Jubilee is an occasion to make awareness at the global level which would in turn facilitate to get our rights established.

★ Though it is good that we bring out books, films etc., adequate attention has to be made with regard to their marketing too.

★ We could invite heads of other Oriental Churches and have a one day theological discussion in Mount St. Thomas.

★ During the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly, it was strongly felt that our celebrations should be simple. Hence we could have the jubilee celebrations during the August Synod with a theological discussion in Mount St. Thomas.

★ It is not necessary to conduct a survey as people have already given their opinions and suggestions during the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly.

★ As part of the jubilee celebration, we could think about acts of social engagements like construction of a few houses for the poor.

★ Jubilee could be an occasion to organize priestly ordination of deacons of our Church in common.

★ Though there was an attempt some time back to invite heads of other Oriental Churches, the Oriental Congregation was not in favour of it. Hence it did not materialize.

★ Maintaining simplicity in celebration is good, but we have to remember that the jubilee is an occasion to give awareness about our identity and unity.

★ Celebration should be made at the diocesan level too, keep-
ing in mind the aspect of simplicity.
★★ There should be awareness at the grass root level. Eg: Many of our youngsters do not have a clear concept of the origin of the word “Syro-Malabar Church”.
★★ Simplicity in celebration should not be at the cost of feeling of oneness.
★★ Jubilee celebration should not make us feel that the Syro-Malabar Church is just 25 years old. We have a tradition of 2000 years. Hence a grand celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Major Archiepiscopal status seems to be out of proportion. A simple celebration at Mount St. Thomas could be sufficient.
★★ This is an occasion to make our people aware of the synodal nature of our Church.
★★ Syro-Malabar Church should have a clear policy regarding the relationship between the synod and each diocese. There should be an active involvement of the synod especially in our mission eparchies.
★★ We should try to establish the global presence of our Church.
★★ We should adopt some measures whereby the present generation becomes aware of the struggles we had to face to attain the Major Archiepiscopal status.
★★ Conscientisation of our Church and its activities especially of the mission eparchies should primarily be undertaken through catechetical instructions. Lay persons should be involved in the decision making process of our Church. The synodal nature of our Church would be clear only through this process.
★★ With a view to make awareness of the activities of our Church among children especially those in standard 10,
there should be a book which gives information about our Church till synod. Further a symposium could be organized which could take up topics like synod and spirituality, synod and liturgical celebrations etc.

★ Our mission eparchies have been supported by the mother Church. They look forward to the continued support of the mother Church in the years to come too.

★ Though our Church today has become quite active, we have not been able to realize the identity and unity which are to be very much reflected in liturgical celebrations.

★ On the basis of these suggestions, the Major Archbishop made the following proposals.

1. Symbolic inauguration of the silver jubilee.
2. Karozutha prayer throughout the year.
3. A symposium with following topics: Synodal nature of the Church, History of our Church, Vision of our Church, Future activities.
4. Inviting heads of other Oriental Churches. As such a meeting in the presence of Cardinal Sandri is likely to embarrass many, it may be good that we think about inviting them during the symposium.
5. Catechetical small booklets giving information about the origin, growth and development of our Church.
6. More involvement of the laity in decision making process of our Church.
7. Patriarchal status: We are the only oriental Church in India that has been in communion with Rome right from the beginning. Hence we have all the right to get the patriarchal status. All the bishops who intervened in this matter, unanimously suggested that we should request the Apostolic See to raise our Church to Patriarchal Church. Some of the
Bishops added that it may be good that the permanent synod make a representation to the Apostolic See regarding this.

8. Identity and unity: We should not go back from the steps we have initiated towards unity. At the time, we should take steps leading to unity. Eg: Use of Bema.

9. Social Engagement: It was suggested that social engagement programme could be directed to help mission eparchies. We could aim at making a corpus fund with contributions from generous people.

It was decided to have the inaugural function of the silver jubilee at 4 pm on Saturday, January 14, 2017 in the auditorium of Mount St. Thomas with representations from neighbouring eparchies and religious congregations.

Inauguration of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of the Syro-Malabar Church:

At 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, 14 January 2017, all the Bishops assembled in the St. Thomas Auditorium to participate in the inaugural function of the silver jubilee celebration of the Major Archiepiscopal status of our Church. Priests, sisters and lay persons of neighbouring parishes and eparchies too were present. Bishop Antony Kariyil, Secretary of the Synod, welcomed the gathering. In his inaugural address the Major Archbishop recalled the long journey of our Church to the Major Archiepiscopal status. He appealed to all to be faithful to our faith and tradition. The Major Archbishop then formally inaugurated the Jubilee by lighting the lamp. Rev. Fr. Paul Achandy, CMI Prior General, Rev. Sr. Perumpanany, SABS Superior General, Rev. Bro. Franco Kannampuzha, MMB Superior General, Mrs. Delcy Lukachan, President, Mathruvedi and Adv. Biju Parayannilam, Secretary, Catholic Congress, felicitated on the occasion representing priests, religious and laity of the Church.
Rev. Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor proposed the vote of thanks. The meeting came to a close with the Syro-Malabar anthem.

**Announcement of the Auxiliary Bishop of Changanacherry:** At 4:30 pm on Saturday, 14 January 2017, in the presence of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church and a good number of Clergy, religious and laity who were present for the inaugural ceremony of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of the Syro-Malabar Church, the election of Fr. Thomas (Tomy) Tharayil as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Changanacherry was announced. The Major Archbishop and Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam conferred upon the Auxiliary Bishop-elect Episcopal insignia. Archbishop Joseph Powathil congratulated the Auxiliary Bishop-elect with a bouquet flowers and Archbishop Andrews Thazhath felicitated the bishop-elect. Fr. Antony Kollannur, Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor read out the appointment letter and Fr Sebastian Vaniyapurackal, Major Archiepiscopal Vice Chancellor-I read out the press release. After the te deum, the formal meeting concluded with a prayer by the Major Archbishop. All the bishops then felicitated the new bishop-elect.

**Welcome to Auxiliary Bishop-elect:** Bishop Antony Kariyil, Secretary of the Synod, welcomed Auxiliary Bishop-elect Thomas Tharayil, who came to the Synod Hall to invite the bishops for his Episcopal Ordination. He said that the Episcopal Ordination is scheduled for 23 April 2017, on the Sunday after Easter at Changanacherry and invited all the Bishops. The Major Archbishop on behalf of the Synod congratulated the Bishop-elect and wished him all the best in his Episcopal ministry.

**Scrutiny of the Decisions of the XXV Synod (2017), Session 1:** The Synod made a scrutiny of the decisions of XXV Synod (2017), Session 1 and 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. In his concluding address the Major Archbishop made reference to two simple but meaningful programmes, namely, the inauguration of the silver jubilee of the Major Archiepiscopal status of our Church and the Eucharistic adoration in St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica, Ernakulam, for the release of Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil SDB. The Major Archbishop expressed his concern about the unresolved issues in Gulf Countries and requested not to lose heart but continue to strive for the realization our goal. He referred to the election of Fr. Thomas Tharayil as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Changanacherry as a joyful event. 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 XXV Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church (2017), Session 1, closed at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday, 14 January 2017.

Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI, Secretary
Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church

Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor

Mount St. Thomas,
14 January 2017
XXV SYNOD (2017), SESSION I
MONDAY, 09 – 14 JANUARY 2017

DECISIONS

1. To execute “Dalit Vikas Society” (DVS), a proposal for Syro-Malabar Dalit Education Fund, for the time being through the office of the Syro-Malabar Mission.

2. To entrust Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath to incorporate the suggestions regarding the format to evaluate formators and professors in the Major Seminaries and submit the revised format to the Seminary Commissions.

3. To appoint a Committee consisting of Bishop Raphael Thattil (Convener), Bishop Thomas Thuruthimattam CST and Bishop Prince Antony Panengadan (Members) to prepare the details of the proposal of Preparing Catechists or Evangelists for the Missions of Syro-Malabar Church and submit them to the Permanent Synod.

4. To give approval for the publication of the book on Environmental Protection and Civic Culture.

5. To make a special prayer in the Karozutha of Holy Qurbana in all our Churches for the release of Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil SDB and to entrust the Commission for Liturgy with the task of drafting it.

6. To hold a prayer session attended by all the Bishops along with the faithful, at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 12 January 2017 in St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica, Ernakulam to express solidarity with Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil SDB and for his release from the terrorists.
7. To request the Commission for Family, Laity and Life to present a common format for the use of our archdioceses for giving their report on the reception and implementation of Amoris laetitia in our Church.

8. To request the Doctrinal Commission to incorporate relevant points that have come up in the discussion on “Yoga and Catholic Faith” and present the revised paper in the August Session (2017) of the Synod.

9. To conduct the inaugural function of the Silver Jubilee at 4 pm on Saturday, January 14, 2017 in the auditorium of Mount St. Thomas with representations from neighbouring archdioceses and religious congregations.

10. To request the Commission for Liturgy to incorporate the suggestions of the Synod regarding the draft text of the Betrothal and submit the revised text to the Major Archbishop for promulgation (if necessary, with permission from Rome).

11. To request the Commission for Liturgy to incorporate the suggestions of the Synod on Homiletic Directory with the help of Homiletics Professors in the seminaries and Bible Scholars and submit it in the August Synod of 2017.

12. To request the Commission for Liturgy to study further the issue concerning the washing of feet on Pesaha Thursday with the help of experts and to present its report in the August Session of the Synod 2017 after having consulted the Special Committee for Liturgy.

13. To adopt for the permanent deacons the same type of vestments used by deacons who are designated for priesthood.

14. To request the Bishops to communicate their suggestions on the text of the Anaphora of Nestorius by the end of February 2017 to the Commission for Liturgy who in turn will incorporate such suggestions and submit the revised text
to the Major Archbishop with its English translation to be sent to Rome for the approval.

15. To request the Commission for Liturgy to get the Malayalam translation of the Peshitta version of the psalms revised with the help of language experts and Bible scholars.

16. To request the Commission for Ecumenism to revise the draft of the Ecumenical Directory incorporating suggestions of the Synod and to publish it before the August 2017 Session of the Synod after consulting the Commissions for Doctrine, Liturgy, Catechesis and the Committee for Canonical Questions.

17. To request Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam to reformulate the common format for the preparation of the annual report by the Seminary Commissions.

18. To request Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam to prepare another format which could be used by Rectors while presenting Seminary reports in the Synod.

19. To request the Committee for Titles and Honours to present in the August 2017 Session of the Synod another write up on three suitable titles for Seminary Professors, Social Workers and Missionaries.

20. To make “Spandan” the Department to co-ordinate social welfare activities of the Syro-Malabar Church with three Bishops as its members.

21. To request the Major Archbishop to write to the KCBC and CBCI on the Synodal decision of supporting CML as a lay association for the Syro-Malabar Church, and federate it at the State and National Levels.

22. To request the Commission for Laity, Family and Life to submit a note on Eliswa Visit, Grand Parents’ Day and Senior Citizens’ Forum to the Major Archbishop who will send it as a circular to the whole Church.
23. To request the Major Archbishop to convene a meeting of Forane Vicars (three representatives from each eparchy in Kerala) in view of arriving at an understanding about mass stipend, allowance for priests and sisters and similar items.


Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI, Secretary
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Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor

Mount St. Thomas,
14 January 2017
XXV SYNOD (2017) SESSION 1
09-14 JANUARY 2017

CONCLUDING ADDRESS
OF THE MAJOR ARCHBISHOP

My dear Brother Archbishops and Bishops,

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

We are in the last moments of this session of the Synod. Let us thank the Lord for all the blessings He has showered on us during these days.

Every session of the Synod is a special grace for the whole Church. Our prayers, Holy Qurbanas, reflections, discussions pave the way to receive this special grace. We have experienced this special grace in many ways during this session. Even on difficult questions the Spirit of the Lord led us to happy conclusions and new lines of action.

The simple but meaningful programmes for the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the sui iuris Status of our Church, accepted after a long discussion with the participation of almost all the Synod Fathers is a good indicator of the guidance of the Holy Spirit for us. The decision to go over to St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica Ernakulam to pray during one hour Eucharistic Adoration for the release of Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil from his abductors, is another pointer to the Spirit's action on us. The ecclesial community and the media welcomed it gladly. Let me recall the new orientations of pastoral care in the coming
years namely of Family and Youth apostolates. I request you to give due importance to the document 'Onnai Munnot', discuss its contents in the eparchial Pastoral and Presbyteral Councils and take strong measures to execute the directives given at the end of the document. Even on matters that generated divergent issues we could arrive at positive and consensus decisions.

The question of our jurisdictional rights over our faithful in the areas outside our Eparchies in India and in the Gulf Countries still remains unresolved. It is a painful situation and we feel that our brother Bishops in India and in the Gulf are letting us down and the concerned dicasteries in Rome are not paying sufficient attention to recognize our legitimate rights. Let us not loose heart and continue to strive for the realization of our goals.

Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI the new Secretary of the Synod has gained the general appreciation of the Synod. Congratulations to Bishop Antony Kariyil! I thank him and the trio Chancellors of the Curia who worked in the last hours of these days to prepare the minutes of the Synod.

The election of Fr Thomas Tharayil as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Changanacherry gives us added joy and let us congratulate him on his election.

I thank also the resident and non-resident Secretaries of the Commissions, other priests functioning for the Curia, CSN 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 Monday 21 August 2017 to 06.00 p.m. on Friday 1 September 2017.

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, Moth-
er of the Church, St. Thomas, our Father in faith, St. Alphonsa, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara and St. Euphrasia and all the Blesseds of our Church.

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

Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad  †George Alencherry  
14 January 2017  Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
XXV Synod (2017)
Session II
21 August – 1 September 2017
XXV SYNOD (2017), SESSION II
21 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

INAUGURAL ADDRESS
OF THE MAJOR ARCHBISHOP

My dear Brother Archbishops and Bishops,

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

In the Silver Jubilee Year of the Major Archiepiscopcal Status of our Church we are ushering in the Second Session of the 25th Synod. Cordial welcome to all of you to the present Session of the Synod!

First of all, let me thank Bishop Anthony Chirayath for the prophetic and heart piercing reflections on the liturgical reform and the pastoral care of our migrants, pointing to new perspectives and lines of action by the Synod.

We cannot but begin this synodal session without recalling to our mind the memory of our brother Archbishop Kuriakose Kunnacherry, the former Metropolitan of Kottayam, who left us on 14th June this year, to be with the Lord in the heavenly abode.

For the last few years Archbishop Kuriakose Kunnacherry was not attending the Synod due to old age and ill health but he was spiritually present with us through his brotherly love and prayers. From the occasional conversations I had with him I got the impression that his absence in the synod hall did not impede him from being well updated with the synodal discussions and decisions.
Archbishop Kunnacherry was ordained a priest on 21 December 1955 and received his Episcopal consecration on 24 February 1968. It was a rare privilege to be a Bishop for fifty years in the 62 years long life as a priest. He was first appointed as the coadjutor Bishop of the Eparchy of Kottayam in 1968 and on 5 May 1974 he became the successor of Bishop Thomas Tharayil. When the Eparchy of Kottayam was raised to the status of a Metropolitan See on 9 May 2005 Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry became its first Metropolitan.

I don't dwell upon the different offices that Archbishop Kuriakose Kunnacherry held in the Syro-Malabar Church, CBCI, FABC, KCBC levels and in the Universal Church.

He was also very much involved in shaping the social and political life of Kerala. He was in the forefront in fighting for the preservation of the minority rights. Whenever the educational rights of the minorities were challenged by vested interests, he was in the front leading the fight for protecting those rights. His presence and hard work for the community and the eparchy changed the social fabric of the town of Kottayam. He worked hard to provide the best hospital care to the people of the town and its surrounding regions through the hospitals and clinics that he supported to the hilt. The scintillating performance of Archbishop Kunnacherry in the spiritual as well as the social life of our State will always be remembered with great appreciation and admiration.

After having fulfilled all his responsibilities faithfully he accepted the final call of the Divine Master. The Archeparchy of Kottayam under the leadership of Archbishop Mathew Moolakatt OSB organized a solemn funeral service attended by a large congregation of bishops, priests, consecrated men and women and the laity belonging to different Churches. Let us express our heartfelt condolences to the Knanaya Faithful in the Archeparchy of Kottayam and remember our deceased brother in Episcopal service constantly in our prayers.
It was during the previous Session of the Synod the announcement of Bishop Thomas Tharayil as the Auxiliary Bishop of Changanacherry was made. Bishop Tharayil is attending the Synod for the first time after his Episcopal Ordination as a full member of the Synod. In the name of all the synodal fathers let me offer him our hearty congratulations, best wishes and prayers.

After the January Session of the Synod we had to face a few critical challenges due to the counter witnesses of priests and consecrated people that marred very much the image of the Church in the media. Some of the financial ventures at different levels of the Church also have been subjected to scathing criticism by the public. And our sense of justice is being questioned, reasonably or not, especially in the matter of remunerations to the employees, to cite for example, the recent issue of the salary of the nurses. Delayed response and speedy actions to maintain justice and fairness in our dealings with people will always taint the name of the Church. The good work done through those long years of sacrificial work by hundreds of our self-sacrificing people, lay and clerical, are treated in public arena with derision and contempt.

On the other hand, the spiritual renewal of the Church is going on with numerous initiatives from the part of all sections of believers in the Church. Earnest efforts are being taken for the renewal of family life. The reconstitution of the Commission for Family, Laity and Life has been well acclaimed by the local churches and Family Apostolate is getting well organized. Reflections on the synod on youth have gained the attention of the youth and animators. We have to sort out projects and programmes for the renewal of this Apostolate both at the level of the Synod and of the local churches.

As usual we have to spend more time to reflect seriously on the programmes of priestly formation. The ratio fundamentalis institutionis sacerdotalis has been revised and published by the
Congregation for the Clergy on 8 December 2016. We have received a few copies of the Vatican edition in English with the title "The Gift of Priestly Vocation". I have placed a copy each of the document for you on the table. It is my suggestion that the "The Charter for Priestly Formation in the Syro-Malabar Church" that our Synod published on 15 August 2007 could also be revised along the lines of this new ratio fundamentalis, of course, by giving emphasis to the characteristic features of our seminary formation and priestly service.

The challenges are many for the ministry and life of priests all over the world including our own country. Clericalism, laxity in moral life, professionalization of ministry, search for pleasure at all levels, multiplication of feasts, jubilees, tours etc are points of criticism raised by the laity in the Church. During the years to come we may have to find constructive measures of renewal in seminary formation and priestly life.

Regarding the provisions we have applied for India, the Secretary of State, after having consulted other Congregations concerned, has taken a positive decision which they may execute in due course. This decision was taken by the Secretary of State in pursuance of the appeal of the full Synod of Bishops and the meeting of Archbishop Mathew Moolakatt, Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt, Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST and the Major Archbishop with the Secretary of State, heads of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. The matter is kept confidential with the aim of getting the cooperation of our Latin confreres without creating negative reactions. Let us cooperate with the Apostolic See in this prudential procedure and pray for the successful conclusion of our centuries old efforts for jurisdictional autonomy.

Although the Institute of Eastern Canon Law at Vadavathoor has begun to function, its formal inauguration is fixed in mid-
way of this synodal session on 27 August 2017. I request all the Bishops to participate in this historic function.

We may have to spend some time to discuss our response to the changed political, social and economic scenario of our country vis-à-vis our task of evangelization.

The building of our Procura in Rome is in the last stage of renovation. We may fix a convenient day of inauguration for it in the year 2018.

We have two Bishops who celebrate their Episcopal Silver Jubilee: Bishop Jacob Manathodath and Bishop Simon Stock Palathara CMI. I had mentioned in the January Session of the Synod about Bishop Manathodath who will complete 25 years of Episcopate on 28th November this year. Bishop Simon Stock Palathara has entered into the Jubilee on 19th March. In spite of his weak health, he has travelled all the way from Jagdalpur and is present for this session. Let us extend to both our brother Bishops hearty felicitations! We will have an occasion to greet them on 31st August.

The beatification of the Servant of God Sr Rani Maria FCC is going to be a great moment for the Catholic Church in India. She will be declared Blessed Martyr on 4 November 2017 in Indore, the place of her last three years of life and martyrdom. His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Amato, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints will be the principal celebrant for the ceremony. There will be a Kerala level celebration of the event on 11 November at St Mary's Cathedral Basilica Ernakulam under the aegis of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly and the Franciscan Clarist Congregation. On 19 November there will be a special function at Pulluvazhy to commemorate the beatification.

Once again let us bear in mind that every Synodal session is an ecclesial act in which the celebrations of the Holy Qurbana, the Liturgy of the Hours, personal prayer, deliberations and decisions in the Synodal sittings and other related activities
give us an experience of our leadership role in the Church and society. The Holy Spirit is empowering us in all our ecclesial activities. Pope Francis reminds us: 'Let us be open up to the Spirit, He will push us forward like the wind pushes a sailing boat'.

May 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 Father in faith, St. Geevarghese and all the Saints of the Church, especially St. Alphonsa, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara and St. Euphrasia Eluvathingal and St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Blessed Mariam Thresia and Blessed Kunjachan Thevarparampil.

With these words I declare the Second Session of the XXV Synod 2017 open.

Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad       †George Alencherry
21 August 2017    Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
XXV SYNOD (2017), SESSION II
21 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

REPORT

The XXV Synod (2017), Session 2 began at 10.00 a.m. with a recollection preached by Bishop Anthony Chirayath, followed by personal prayer for some time and Holy Qurbana of the Bishops with the Major Archbishop George Cardinal Alencherry being the main celebrant. The formal sitting of the Synod began at 2.30 p.m. with prayer and lighting of the lamp 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 Anthony Chirayath, for his reflections on the liturgical reform and pastoral care of our migrants, pointing to new perspectives and lines of action by the Synod. The Major Archbishop commemorated Archbishop Kuriakose Kunnacherry who left us for eternal rest on 14 June this year. The Major Archbishop recalled the committed service of Archbishop Kunnacherry in the spiritual and social life of our State which, he said, will always be remembered with great appreciation and admiration. His presence and hard work brought in a lot of enthusiasm in the community and the Archeparchy of Kottayam. Through the various offices he held in the Syro-Malabar Church, KCBC, CBCI, and FABC Archbishop Kunnacherry manifested his great love for the Universal Church. The Major Archbishop expressed heartfelt condolences of the Synod to the Knanaya faithful and the Archeparchy of Kottayam.
The Major Archbishop welcomed to the Synod Bishop Thomas Tharayil, the Auxiliary Bishop of Changanacherry who participates for the first time in the Synod as full-fledged member. He drew the attention of the Members to a few critical challenges we faced after the January session of the Synod. At the same time the Major Archbishop referred to the spiritual renewal in the Church that goes on with numerous initiatives from the part of all sections of the Church. Introducing the Ratio fundamentalis institutionis sacerdotalis, the Major Archbishop reminded the Bishops of their duty to find constructive measures of renewal in seminary formation and priestly life. He requested the Members to pray for the successful conclusion of our efforts for jurisdictional autonomy at the earliest. The Major Archbishop extended hearty felicitations to the two Bishops who celebrate their Episcopal Silver Jubilee, Bishop Jacob Manathodath and Bishop Simon Stock Palathra CMI. Referring to the beatification ceremony of Servant of God Sr. Rani Maria which would take place in Indore on 4 November 2017, the Major Archbishop stated that it is going to be a great event for the Catholic Church in India.

Invoking the mediation of Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas, our Father in faith and all our Saints, the Major Archbishop formally declared the Second Session of the XXV Synod (2017) open.

Participants: The following members were present for the current session of the Synod: Major Archbishop George Alencherry, Abp.Mathew Moolakkatt OSB (Kottayam), Abp.Andrews Thazhath (Trichur), Abp.Joseph Perumthottam (Changanacherry), Abp.George Njaralakkatt (Tellicherry), Abp.Jacob Thoomkuzhy (Emeritus, Trichur), Abp.George Valiamattam (Archbishop Emeritus, Tellicherry), Bp.Gratian Mundadan CMI (Emeritus, Bijnor) Bp.Kuriakose Bharanikulanagara (Faridabad), Bp.George Punnakottil (Emeritus, Kothamangalam), Bp.Simon Stock Palathra CMI (Emeri-

**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 Pauly Kannookadan (Convener), Bishop Jose Chittooparambil CMI and Bishop George Madathikandathil.
**Tellers:** Bishop Joseph Srampickal, Bishop Stephen Chirappanath and Bishop Thomas Tharayil.

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

**Committee for the Pastoral Circular:** Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (Convener), Bishop Remigiose Inchananiyil and Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI.

**Liturgal Celebrations:** Bishop Pauly Kannookadan.

**Review of the Decisions of the Previous Synod:** Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI, the Secretary of the Synod read out the decisions of the previous Synod held in January 2017. 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. With these additional items, the finalized agenda consisted of the following items:

1. Incardination of priests for Jesus Youth in the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly.
2. Cherupushpa Mission League, National and International Bodies and the appointment of a national director.
3. Baptism administered in Retreat Centres.
4. Initiating the Cause of Mother Mary Francisca de Chanthal, Co-Foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SABS).
5. St Kuriakose Elias Chavara, Doctor of the Church.
7. Statutes of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly.
8. Reflections on the recommendations of the August 2016 Major Archiepiscopal Assembly - its implementation and ATR (Action Taken Report) in different levels.
9. Formation Consultation Council with the participation of the Laity.
10. Study of Islamology in Seminaries.
11. Common format for the preparation of the annual report by the Seminary Commissions.
12. Format for the Rectors while presenting Seminary reports in the Synod.
13. Use of Churches for Movie Shooting.
17. Yoga and Catholic Faith.
19. Titles and Honours.
21. Washing of feet on Pesaha Thursday.
22. Peshitta version of the psalms.
23. Draft text of the Qurbana based on the unanimous suggestions and observations.
24. Identity of the Syro-Malabar Church outside Kerala.
25. Renewal of Syro-Malabar Qurbana.
27. Former Pravasi Consortium.
28. Crisis in the agricultural field.
29. Permission to start pastoral care of the migrants in Hosur.
30. Preparing Catechists or Evangelists for the Missions of Syro-Malabar Church.
31. A project of a Common Centre for the Syro-Malabar Church at Mylappur.
32. Pastoral care for migrant community.
33. Briefing on the Apostolic Visitation in India.
34. Presentation of the pastoral situation in Eparchy of St. Thomas Melbourne, Australia.
35. Briefing on the Apostolic Visitation in Europe and the Procura.
36. LRC 55th Seminar to be held from 13 to 15 December 2017 on the "Syro-Malabar Church: Growth and Contributions".
38. Socio-political situation in India
39. Sannaradhana.
40. Catholic Congress
41. Future dates of Synods
42. Region wise discussion
43. Presentation of Reports of the Commissions and Departments:
   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
xi. Committee for Public Affairs
xii. Committee for Education - Colleges
xiii. Committee for Education - Schools
xiv. Syro-Malabar Mission (SyMM)
xv. Syro-Malabar Dalit Vikas Society
xvi. Public Relations Office
xvii. Syro-Malabar Internet Mission
xviii. Liturgical Research Centre
xix. Major Archiepiscopal Tribunal
xx. Social Mission Network (SPANDAN)

44. Presentation of Reports of Various Major Seminaries and the Institutes:
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.
v. Report of Paurastya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor

45. Presentation of Report of the Curia.

46. Presentation of the Statement of Accounts and Budget of the Curia.
**Sharing of Information by the Major Archbishop:** The Major Archbishop read out a few items of information regarding certain programmes that will take place during the course of this Synod. The Major Archbishop made reference to some of the events that have led to the spiritual progress of our Church: 1. Grand Conference at Sehion Retreat Centre in which 800 priests and 13 Bishops participated, 2. Global Malayalee Charismatic Convention (International Youth Retreat) under the auspices of Kerala Charismatic Renewal team of KCBC held at Lumen Youth Centre, Irinjalakuda in which around 10,000 faithful took part, and 3. Youth retreat at Divine Retreat Centre attended by over 4000 young people.

The Major Archbishop congratulated Bishop Jose Kalluvelil on his commitment and dedication in getting three churches consecrated within two years of the exarchate for the Syro-Malabar Faithful in Canada. He also recalled, in this context, the whole hearted cooperation of the Latin Bishops there.

Referring to the item on the agenda regarding the crisis in the Agricultural sector, the Major Archbishop said it would be good to invite Shri. P. C. Cyriac, former Chairman of Rubber Board and the synod agreed to this proposal.

Bishop Remigioso Inchananiyil brought to the attention of the Synod the passing away of Mr M.D. Joseph Manniparambil, former president of Catholic Congress (AKCC) and the Synod expressed heartfelt condolences.

**Yoga and Catholic Faith:** Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt, Chairman of Commission for Doctrine, presented the paper prepared on Yoga and Catholic Faith. After a discussion it was decided to request Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt to prepare a draft circular which will give a balanced view on Yoga in its relation to the Catholic faith based on the concluding remarks of the paper presented.

**Sannaradhana:** Bishop Paul Alappatt briefed the Synod about the issues relating to *Sannaradhana* in the Eparchy of Ramanathapuram.
Study of Islamology in Seminaries: The Major Archbishop informed the Synod that though we have fairly good knowledge about Hinduism most of us are unfamiliar with Islam. At present Islam is to be accepted as a reality. India is the second most Muslim populated country in the world after Indonesia. We should therefore, be able to enter into a meaningful dialogue with the Muslim brethren. After a brief discussion it was decided to assure the inclusion of Islamology in the curriculum of our seminaries and in the programme of ongoing formation of priests by making a proper study relevant to the situation.

Use of Churches for Film Shooting: The Major Archbishop informed the Synod that he has been receiving complaints about the use of our churches and chapels for shooting films. Quite often such instances are misused. At the same time programmes like Holy Mass, Rosary etc telecast in our Catholic devotional channels give spiritual comfort and consolation to many especially the sick and the old. In the discussion that followed it was decided not to permit shooting of commercial films inside our churches and chapels but may be given for shooting programmes of Catholic channels like Goodness TV, Shalom TV etc.

Former Pravasi Fellowship: Bishop Mathew Arackal, Chairman of the Commission for Family, Laity and Life informed the Synod that the Major Archbishop had directed to him representatives of former pravasis who had returned to their home towns after retirement, mainly from Gulf Countries. In view of utilizing their expertise and resources it is necessary to think about a 'Former Pravasi Fellowship'. In the discussion that followed it was decided to request Catholic Congress (AKCC) to take leadership in organizing various activities of the former pravasis, for the time being at the eparchial level.

Meeting of the Synod with the Major Superiors: The meeting of the Synod with the Major Superiors of the various
Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life was held under the auspices of the Commission for the Institutes of Consecrated Life, in St Thomas Auditorium of the Major Archiepiscopal Curia on Friday 26th August 2017. The meeting began with a prayer song led by the seminarians of the Little Flower Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Aluva of CST Fathers. Cardinal George Alencherry, the Major Archbishop, inaugurated the meeting. Bishop Jose Porunnedom, the chairman of the Commission presided over the meeting and welcomed the gathering. Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy and Bishop Jose Chittooparampill CMI, the members of the Commission, Rev. Fr Joy Kolengadan CMI, and Rev Sr Betty Louis CHF, president and secretary of the Syro-Malabar Religious Conference respectively, graced the occasion on the stage. Rev. Fr Shabin Karakkunnel, CST, the secretary of the commission proposed the vote of thanks. Rev. Bro. Franco Kannampuzha MMB, the superior general of the Malabar Missionary Brothers, anchored the meeting. A total of 170 Major Superiors and other representatives participated.

The Major Archbishop pointed out that the consecrated women and men of our Church are at the heart of the Church. He further said that their service constitutes an essential part of the ministry of the Church and hence if it comes short it is a disadvantage to the universal Church. He called upon the consecrated women and men to be strong witnesses of the Catholic faith in the fast changing world of today and to renew themselves to answer to various questions of the young generation. He thanked the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life for their cooperation and help for the setting up and functioning of the Major Archiepiscopal administrative system and the various initiatives of the Syro-Malabar Church. Bishop Porunnedom said that every faithful who is in leadership role participates in the pastoral function of Jesus Christ. He further pointed out that in the Mystical Body of Christ when one organ comes short of its responsibility or when one performs well the whole body suffers or gets credit.
There were three speakers, namely Rev. Fr Kurian Kunnumpuram SJ (Professor Emeritus, JDV Pune), Rev Bro. Joseph Kongola CST (Superior General, Congregation of St Therese of Lisieux) and Rev Sr Alice SKD (Superior General, Society of Kristu Dasis). The following were the themes exposed by the speakers: Religious Life: New Perspectives (Fr Kunnumpuram); Challenges that are faced by the Congregations for Brothers (Bro. Kongola) and Challenges in Religious Formation (Sr Alice). Fr Kolengadan shared the concerns of the consecrated women and men as expressed in the meeting of SMRC. Bishop Stephen Chirappanath, the Apostolic Visitor for Europe and the Major Archiepiscopal Procurator to the Apostolic See explained the present status of the project of the Major Archiepiscopal Procurar in Rome. He thanked profusely all those who have contributed to this cause especially the religious.

After each talk there was occasion for clarification. One of the sessions was dedicated for general discussion. Fr Kolengadan in his intervention shared the desire of the SMRC Executive that SMRC units be established in all eparchies. The chairman clarified that this requires the modification of the statutes of SMRC and he requested them to present as early as possible the modified text for the approval of the synod. He further requested the members of the synod to take up the challenges faced by the children's homes following the enforcement of Juvenile Justice Act. It was also pointed out that the issues related to title deeds (pattayam) in Idukki district too is a matter of serious concern for the houses of the consecrated women and men.

One of the main problems that the sisters pointed out was that their relationship with the parish priests in a few places is very much strained because of their dominating attitude. The chairman pointed out that the consecrated women should endeavour to empower their members by making them aware of the gender policy of the Church as found in the two documents
prepared by CBCI and KCBC as well as the other documents of the Church. He also explained the need of utilizing the modern communication media, websites as well as the mobile apps prepared by the Syro-Malabar Church Internet Mission (SMCIM). During the meeting, the Major Archbishop released the new directory of the consecrated women and men prepared by the commission.

The meeting came to a close at 4.00 pm with the vote of thanks and the blessing imparted by the Major Archbishop.

**Reception to Most Rev Philipose Mar Chrysostom:** A reception ceremony was arranged Wednesday, 23 April 2015 in the Conference Hall of the Major Archiepiscopal Curia in honour of former Marthoma Valiyametropolitan Philipose Mar Chrysostom who will be completing hundred years of age on 27 April 2018. The Major Archbishop presided over the meeting and presented him with a memento. Archbishop Joseph Powathil felicitated and Bishop Joseph Pallikkaparampil honored him with Shawl. Valiyametropolitan Philipose Mar Chrysostom thanked the Synod of Bishops for having honoured him. The meeting started with a prayer song led by the sisters of the curia. Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI, Secretary of the Synod, welcomed the gathering and the meeting concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Bishop Mathew Arackal followed by lunch.

**Navathi and Jubilee Celebrations:** During supper on 25 August 2017, Navathi of Bishop Joseph Pallikkaparampil, Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Jacob Manathodath and Bishop Simon Stock Palathra and Sixtieth Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Archbishop Jacob Thoomkuzhy were celebrated.

**Conclusion of Silver Jubilee Celebration:** It was decided to hold the concluding celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of the Syro-Malabar Church in Mount St. Thomas on Saturday, 13 January 2018. It was
suggested to invite the following guests to participate in the celebration. 1. His Beatitude Louis Raphaël I Sako, the Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Babylon. 2. His Beatitude Sviatoslav Chevchuk, the Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Church. 3. His Excellency Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro, Apostolic Nuncio in India. 4. His Beatitude Baselios Cleemis, President CBCI, 5. His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias, President, FABC & CCBI, 6. His Grace Archbishop Soosa Pakiam, President KCBC, Heads of 7. Orthodox, 8. Jacobite, 9. Marthoma, 10. CSI Churches and 11. Mar Aprem, and 12. Justice Kurian Joseph. Further details will be decided in the Permanent Synod.

**St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, proposed title of 'Doctor of the Church':** Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara informed the Synod that he had contacted the Prior General of the CMI and Superior General of the CMC on the proposed title of "Doctor of the Church" to St Kuriakose Elias Chavara. The Major Superiors and the study group of the above-mentioned Congregations, after having studied the proposal have requested for some more time to come up with more scientific and theological studies clearly highlighting the unique theological contributions St Kuriakose Elias Chavara has made in and through his life and writings.

**Initiating the Cause of Mother Mary Francisca de Chantal, the Co-Foundress of the SABS Congregation:** Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam informed the Synod that Mother Mary Francisca de Chantal, the Co-Foundress of the Congregation of SABS has become a source of comfort and consolation for the poor and the downtrodden even after her death. Everyday a lot of devotees pray at her tomb seeking her intercession and it has become a pilgrim centre today. Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam sought the favourable opinion of the Synod to initiate the process of canonization of Mother Chantal. After a brief discussion, it was decided to request the
Committee for Canonical Questions to study the matter and present it in the current session of the Synod itself for taking further steps.

In a later sitting Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, Convener of the Committee for Canonical Questions informed the synod that the Committee is convinced of the fame of sanctity of Mother Mary Francisca de Shantal SABS. After a brief discussion, the synod gave its favourable opinion to begin the Process of Canonization of Mother Mary Francisca de Shantal SABS.

*Cherupushpa Mission League, National and International Bodies and the Appointment of a Director:*

*Cherupushpa* Mission League (CML) had its origin in the Syro-Malabar Church. As it took a multi ritual growth in the course of time, the CML was referred to the CBCI National leadership. Since it exists mainly in the Syro-Malabar Church and a few Latin dioceses in Kerala, the CBCI referred the matter back to KCBC. The KCBC, after due consultations and deliberations, decided that CML in Kerala could be considered a Confederation belonging to the three sui iuris Churches in Kerala. But the CML can be an association in the Syro-Malabar Church at the Global, National and State levels. And the global constitution which gives directives and guidelines for its activities is to be drafted. Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy, the Bishop in charge, suggested that the synod nominate a global director for the CML.

**Registration of Syro-Malabarians Migrating to Foreign Countries:** Bishop Jose Porunnedom expressed his preparedness to entrust the Syro-Malabar Church Internet Mission to prepare an interface for the Syro-Malabar Web Portal as the mobile app by which the members of the Syro-Malabar Church migrating to foreign countries and to the various cities of India can register their names in such a way that their home parishes and the parishes in the place of migration can know
their details and provide them the required pastoral care.

**Matters of Youth Commission:** Bishop Joseph Pandarasseril, the Chairman of the Youth Commission, while briefing the Synod on the activities of the Youth Commission, made the following observations:

1. The Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM) has become a reality today. The activities of our youth are to be encouraged at the Major Archiepiscopal, Eparchial and parish levels.

2. Because of the pressing need of connecting our youth we should have a data bank. The Commission has prepared a Migrants' Youth Form which will be circulated for finalization after which orders could be placed specifying the number of forms required.

3. Regional Youth Conventions are being held in different eparchies. In view of making SMYM a national movement, nearby eparchies are requested to send their representatives to such conventions.

**Incardination of Priests for Jesus Youth in the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly:** Bishop Sebastian Adyanthra wanted to know the mind of the Synod regarding incardination of priests for Jesus Youth in the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. After an elaborate discussion, the Synod came to the following conclusions:

1. Jesus Youth is a Private Association approved by the Apostolic See and its activities could be encouraged in all our eparchies.

2. Each Eparchy shall see to it that there are sufficient trained priests to do ministry among the Jesus Youth.

3. It is up to each eparchy to take the policy regarding the admission of candidates and incardination of priests destined for ministry among Jesus Youth.
Constitution of Jesus Youth is to be amended in such a way that the appointing authority of Chaplains is the Bishop of the eparchy concerned. The constitution should also keep up the identity of the sui iuris Churches. In this regard, a Committee consisting of Bishop Raphael Thattil, Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt and Bishop Pauly Kannookadan will make a representation to the Apostolic See.

Baptism Administered in Retreat Centres: Bishop Pauly Kannookadan wanted the Synod to give proper directive regarding baptism in retreat centres. After a brief discussion it was decided to have in each eparchy a priest in charge of evangelization who will constantly interact with the retreat centres and direct catechumens to the parish concerned for their continued pastoral care.

**Liturgical Matters:**

**Homiletic Directory of the Syro-Malabar Church:** Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS presented the final draft of the Homiletic Directory of the Syro-Malabar Church. In the discussion that followed the Synod decided to approve the Homiletic Directory with the condition that the observations of the bishops which they may send to the Commission before 15 October, 2017, will be incorporated into the text and published. If the observations are concerned with serious matters, the commission will consult the Special Committee.

**Liturgical Rite of the Washing of Feet:** Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS informed the Synod that in accordance with the direction of the previous session of the synod the commission had consulted Bible scholars and theologians regarding this matter. After a discussion, the Synod decided to maintain the status quo with regard to the liturgical rite of washing the feet on Pesaha Thursday.

**Revision of Qurbana:** Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS informed the Synod that the Committee of Bishops and Central Liturgical Committee (CLC have studied matters related to the
revision of Qurbana. The unanimous observations and suggestions by the Committee of Bishops and suggestions and observations by the CLC were read out by Fr Pauly Maniyattu and Francis Pittappillil, respectively. After detailed discussion in which several bishops participated, it was decided to:

1. Retain the repetitions in the Qurbana according to the importance of the prayer. With regard to Lakumara and Trisagion, repetition may be retained. With regard to prayers like Suraya (Ambaramanavaratham), Onitha d’raze, Onitha of Fraction repetition may be avoided.

2. Shorten the Karozutha by way of limiting certain prayers for ordinary days.

3. Avoid, as far as possible, interlude within the hymns in liturgy. However, in the beginning a short bit can be played.

4. Discourage singing by just one or two persons only. The role of the choir is to help the liturgical assembly for active participation in singing. The choir itself should be a group singing, not just one or two singing with individual microphones. Microphones should be placed and used in common by the choir members.

5. Request the commission for liturgy to give proper guidelines to the eparchial liturgical directors and choir leaders in view of giving proper training to the choir and the community for the congregational singing in the parishes.

6. Have uniformity in the celebration of the Holy Qurbana in its most solemn, solemn and simple forms. Essential elements in the celebration of each form should be prescribed.

7. Sing in the Qurbana only the hymns given in the Taksa. However, the hymns approved by the eparchy may be sung as entrance, communion and recessional hymns.

8. Give more hymns in the appendix of Taksa.
9. Make sure that *Bema and Bethgazza* are used in our churches.

10. Regarding the singing of hymns and the use of incense in Raza, solemn *qurbana*, Sundays and Feast days, general instruction numbers 3&4 in the *Qurbana Taksa* can be joined together.

11. Ring the hand bell at the time of Institution Narrative, Epiclesis and Elevation in the *Qurbana*.

12. Entrust the Commission for liturgy with the work of the revision of the propria of *Qurbana*.

13. Revise the puttama in the propria of the *Qurbana* for the dead adding theme from the ordinary *puttama* of the *Qurbana* for the dead.

14. Shorten the Communion hymn in order to provide sufficient time for the faithful for personal prayer in silence.

15. Use incense in all our churches on Sundays and feast days, if not hindered by serious practical inconveniences.

16. Reformulate the hymn *Annapesaha* in four lines. When the present *Annapesaha* is sung, the community need not repeat the first stanza.

**Release of the *Editio Typica* of the Syro-Malabar *Qurbana* in Syriac (*Taksa d'Raze)*:** The Major Archbishop released the *Editio Typica* of the Syro-Malabar *Qurbana* in Syriac (*Taksa d'Raze*) by handing over a copy to Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt. The experts in India and in Rome who had worked for the publication of the text were remembered with gratitude.

**Reports of Commissions, Committees and Departments:**

1. **Report of the Commission for Liturgy:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Pauly Maniyattu, the Secre-
tary and Fr Francis Pittappillil, Assistant Secretary of the Commission for Liturgy. After a brief introduction by Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS, Chairman of the Commission, Fr Pauly Maniyattu presented the report which highlighted the main activities of the Commission for the year 2016-17. The Commission's central activity of the reporting year consists of the preparation and publication of the liturgical texts on behalf of the synod with the collaboration of the Central Liturgical Committee (CLC). The Secretary presented also the receipts and payments of the accounts from April 2016 to August 2017 and the Synod decided to approve it. In the discussion that followed the Synod requested the commission: 1. to send the definitive text of the Anaphora of Mar Theodore to Rome for the recognitio; 2. to send to Rome the text of the Anaphora of Mar Nestorius approved by the January 2017 Synod, as one text, marking within square brackets those prayers which are considered as optional for the recognitio.

2. **Report of the Commission for Catechesis:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Jimmy Poochakatt, the Secretary of the Commission for Catechesis who presented the report. Bishop Jacob Manathodath, the Chairman of the Commission informed the Synod that the major works that have been done this year were corrections and necessary changes in catechism text books, publication of the textbook for the preparation of the solemn reception of Holy Communion in English, starting of smart catechism and training programmes. In the discussion that followed it was decided to request the eparchies to do the needful to take care of the pastoral needs, especially in the participation of the Holy Qurbana, for the deaf and the dumb with the help of trained persons and for the blind by making available books in braille language. The Major Archbishop expressed thanks to the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission.
3. **Report of the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Sebastian Muttamthottil MCBS, the Secretary of the Commission who presented the report. Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST, highlighted the steps that have been taken with regard to the pastoral care of our communities in foreign countries, especially in Singapore, African and Gulf countries. While thanking the Chairman and the Secretary for their sincere service, the Major Archbishop expressed the hope that our efforts be realized in the near future itself.

4. **Report of the Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Shabin Karakunnel CST, Secretary of the Commission who presented the report. Bishop Jose Porunnedom pointed out the role played by Consecrated women and men in creating a spiritual ambience in the church. In the discussion that followed it was decided to request the Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life to identify areas where eparchial priests and Consecrated women and men work together and discuss them in joint meetings in view of arriving at a mutual understanding and cooperation among them. It was also decided to request the Major Archbishop to send a pastoral letter on the occasion of beatification of Sr Rani Maria FCC. The Major Archbishop thanked the Chairman and the Secretary for the hard work they do to promote the activities of the Commission.

5. **Report of the Commission for Clergy:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Jimmychan Karthanam, the Secretary of the Commission for Clergy and invited him to present the report. Bishop Sebastian Adyanthrath, Chairman, briefed the activities of the Commission for the year
2016-17, details of which were presented by the Secretary. The Bishops highlighted the pressing need of empowering priests in their pastoral ministry. After a discussion it was decided to organize a month-long ongoing formation programme, mandatory for priests who complete five years of their priestly ordination and requested the Commission for Clergy to present a draft plan of this programme in the January (2018) Synod. The Major Archbishop thanked the Chairman and Secretary for their efforts in making programmes of the Clergy meaningful and effective.

6. **Report of Syro-Malabar Commission for Doctrine:**
The secretary of the synod welcomed Fr. Joseph Pamplany, the secretary of the Commission. Bishop Joseph Kallarangat, Chairman informed the synod that the commission's central activity of the reporting year consists of the various theological forum gatherings and colloquiaums on behalf of the synod of bishops. Fr. Pamplany gave a detailed presentation of the activities such as Theological and Doctrinal Evaluation of Yoga, a study on Spiritual Revival Ministry, Bangalore, Response to the Dossier Regarding the Declaration of St. Chavara as 'Father/Doctor of the Church' in the Syro-Malabar Church Sui Iuris, Discussion on washing the feet of women etc. In the discussion that followed, bishops appreciated the efforts of Chairman, Secretary and their team for keeping the commission active and alive. The Major Archbishop thanked the commission for the significant contribution it gives in promoting relevant contextual reflection on the Christian faith, in fidelity to the teachings of the Church and its living tradition.

7. **Report of the Commission for Ecumenism:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Cherian Karukaprampil, Secretary, who presented the report of the Commission
for 2016-17. Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam introduced Ecumenical Directory of the Syro-Malabar Major Archi-
episcopal Church, which was released by the Major Arch-
bishop in the present sitting of the Synod. Following sug-
gestions were made in the discussion:

1. Promote a spirit of praying for unity: personal prayer as well as in communities.

2. Ecumenical awareness programmes for Seminarians, clergy and the religious. It was decided to request the Major Archbishop to make the Ecumenical Directory the text book of Ecumenism in Syro-Malabar Seminaries.

3. Ecumenical Symposia on selected themes: Study on Fa-
thers of the Church.

4. Ecumenical pilgrimages and study tours.

5. Regular ecumenical get together of local leaders and heads of different Churches and communities.

6. Certain combined action programmes of social nature and activities of Common witness, e.g., temperance movement, Observance of World Environment day.

7. Religious or Monastic Orders may visit or invite such Houses or Monasteries of other ecclesial traditions.

8. Possible occasions for Common Witness and Celebration:

   i. Beginning of the Liturgical Year, Ecumenical Christmas Gathering

   ii. January : Unity Octave - Common prayer gathering

   iii. Period of Great Lent - A time of penance and reconcilia-
tion. Ecumenical gathering of Priests for Prayer and re-
fection.

   iv. Easter Gatherings and Celebrations

   v. Social gatherings during Feasts common to the Churches of St. Thomas Christian tradition. E.g., Feast of Nativity
of Our Lady; Feast of Assumption of our Lady, Dukrana (July 3.), Exaltation of Mar Sleeva (Sept. 13 & 14), etc.

vi. 175th Birth year of the great Ecumenist of the Syro Malabar Church Rev. Fr. Nidhiry Manikathanar.

9. As Ecumenical movements take place all over India, a report giving details about their activities in the territories of Syro-Malabar Eparchies outside Kerala also are to be presented in the Synod for its consideration.


The whole Synod appreciated the work of Ecumenical Directory and thanked the Chairman and the Secretary for their dedicated service in this regard.

8. Report of the Commission for Youth: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Sebastian Kaippanplackal, the Secretary of the Commission who read out the report of the Commission and SMYM. He highlighted important activities of the Commission of the year 2016-17, namely printing and distribution of bye-laws, national youth conventions, etc. Bishop Joseph Pandarasseril, the Chairman, briefed the upcoming important events of SMYM, namely Launching of website, face book and twitter, Youngsters Life and Attitude Formation (Y-LAF), Youth Conventions in Metropolitan cities, Syro-Malabar Youth Day, Youth News Letter, etc. The Major Archbishop and the Chairman of the Commission highly appreciated and thanked the committed service of Fr Sebastian Kaippanplackal and wished him all the best for his higher studies.

9. Report of the Commission for Family, Laity and Life: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Antony Moolayil, the General Secretary of the Commission for Family, Laity and Life and all other secretaries of various forums of the Commission: Fr Joseph Kollakombil (Family Apostolate), Fr Lawrence Thaikkattil (Kudumbakoottayma),
Adv. Jose Vithayathil (Laity Forums), Adv. Biju Parayannilam, (Catholic Congress), Mr. Sabu Jose (Pro-life Activities) and Mrs. Giji Puliyamkunnel (Mathruvedi). Bishop Mathew Arackal gave a brief explanation to the various activities of the Commission for Family, Laity and Life, details of which were presented by Fr. Antony Moolayil, the General Secretary of the Commission. After a discussion the following suggestions were made:

1. To have coordination among different commissions and forums especially on common matters like Media, PRO, Public Affairs, etc.

2. To encourage the establishment of Pithruvedi in all our parishes.

3. To ensure uniformity in the names of organizations like Mathruvedi, Pithruvedi, Kudumbakoottayma, etc and commemoration of days like feast of SS Joachim- Anna as Grandparents' Day, Feast of Visitation of Our Lady as Pro-life Day, etc.

4. To form a THINK TANK at the Major Archiepiscopal and Eparchial levels to face the challenges against family and to transmit correct teachings of the Church to the faithful.

5. To seek the possibility of establishing new forums like Dalit Nadar, Karshaka forum, etc.

a) **Report of Mathruvedi:** Mrs. Giji Jacob Puliyamkunnel, the Secretary, presented the report of Mathruvedi. The main activities of the Mathruvedi in the reporting year were Elisha visit, Navomi Sangamam, Bodhini, etc. She added that Mathruvedi was in the forefront fighting against the negative attitude of the Government with regard to the running the orphanages, home for the physically challenged and other charitable organizations.

b) **Report of Kudumbakoottayma (Family Units):** Fr Lawrence Thaikkattil, General Convener, presented the
report of *Kudumbakoottayma*. In addition to presenting the routine activities of *Kudumbakoottayma*, he said that sufficient training should be given to the seminarians to guide and accompany families so that after priestly ordination they will be able give effective leadership to organizations and movements like *Mathruvedi, Pithruvedi, Kudumbakoottayma*, Pro-life, etc.

c) **Report of Family Apostolate:** Fr Joseph Kollakombil, the Secretary, presented the report of Family Apostolate. After giving a brief description of the Family Apostolate, he expressed certain concerns, chief of which is that many young men are not able to get married even after the age of thirty. Some other are increasing number of direct sterilization and the use of contraceptives, small families, etc.

d) **Report of Pro-Life Activities:** Mr. Sabu Jose, the Secretary, read out the report of the Pro-life Apostolate which as a separate entity, coming under the Commission for Family, Laity and Life was established on March 17, 2017. This, therefore, is the first report presented by the Pro-life Apostolate in the Synod. Mr. Sabu, briefed the Synod about the various activities of the Apostolate like conscientization programmes, get together of the blind and Holy Qurbana in brail language for them, get together of couples, etc. While the Church should come strongly against abortion, the parents are to be made aware of the importance of having many children in the family.

e) **Report of Catholic Congress:** Adv. Biju Parayannilam, Secretary of Catholic Congress read out the report of the year 2016-17. He briefed the Synod about the important activities like hunger strike for the release of Fr Tom Uzhunnalil, Camp at Charalkunnu, Clean home, clean city programme, popularizing Deepika, etc. As this is the centenary year of the establishment of Catholic Congress, it is planning several meaningful activities, the most impor-
tant being the establishment of a centenary memorial in Ernakulam.

f) **Report of Laity Forums:** Adv. Jose Vithayathil, the Secretary, presented the report of Laity Forums. He briefed the Synod about the different Laity Forums like History and Research Forum, Dalit Forum, Science and Technology Forum, Professionals Forum, Agricultural Forum, Media Forum and Entrepreneurs Forum. The activities of the Forums aim at uplifting the status of Dalits and eradicating various problems in agricultural sector.

The Major Archbishop thanked the Chairman, Episcopal members and Secretaries of the Commission for their team work in effectively carrying out various activities.

10. **Report of the Commission for Vocation:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Sebastian Muttamthottil MCBS, the Secretary of the Commission who readout the report. Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy brought to the attention of the Synod the comparison of the statistical data of vocations in the Syro-Malabar Church 2016-17 to that of 2014-15. The Major Archbishop observed that a scientific study has to be undertaken to evaluate the quality of vocations to priestly and religious life. After a discussion the following recommendations were made:

1. Need of issuing a Certificate for those who attend the Vocation Promoters' Meeting, which, in turn, may be used for Vocation Promotion as well.

2. Issue of Identity Card for Vocation Promotion (like the one given by KCBC). This would create in the Vocation Promoters a sense of belongingness to the Syro-Malabar Church.

3. Make known to the Vocation Promoters the timings of Vocation Camps in the Eparchies.

4. Inform important matters on Vocation Promotion decided in the Synod or Eparchies.
5. Arrange more Mission Exhibition, Mission tours, etc. at different levels of the Church.

6. Parishes shall own Missions and promote missionary endeavors and vocations.

7. The youngsters shall be given freedom to choose Eparchy or Institute.

8. The Church as a whole shall consider promotion of vocation to Mission as very important.

9. The parish priests may be instructed to be more generous in promoting and encouraging vocation to the Institutes of Consecrated Life and to the Missions.

10. Request the Bishops to occasionally write vocation-circulars on the Consecrated life and the Missions.

   The Major Archbishop thanked the Chairman and Secretary for keeping the activities of the Commission always alive.

11. **Report of the Committee for Public Affairs:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr George Madathiparampil, Secretary of the Committee for Public Affairs, who presented its report. Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, the Convener, pointed out that we should have a mechanism to respond to situations that are fast developing in our society today. After a discussion it was decided to request the Committee for Public Affairs to develop a THINK TANK and a Vigilance Cell, calling upon the intelligentsia of the society, with a view to responding to situations that evolve in our society from time to time. The Major Archbishop thanked the convener and the secretary for their whole hearted cooperation and support in the discussion and implementation of different matters of the Committee.

12. **Report of the Committee for Higher Education:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr George Madathiparampil, Secretary of the Committee for Higher
Education, who presented the report of its activities. He made a few suggestions like training programme for teachers with a view to establish good relationship with students, conducting catechism and other catholic activities in colleges, transparency in the administration of our institutions, etc. The Major Archbishop thanked the convener and the Secretary for their service in this regard.

13. **Report of the Committee for School Education:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Jose Karivelickal, Secretary of the Committee for School Education, who presented the report. In the discussion that followed the Bishops expressed their opinion about the latest issue of salary in unaided schools. It was decided to request Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, Convener, Committee for Education, Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB and Fr Jose Karivelickal to present a draft statement on the salary pattern of teaching and non teaching staff in unaided schools, in the first sitting of the following day. In view of maintaining the minority character of our educational institutions it was decided to insist on catechism classes in all our schools. The Major Archbishop thanked the Convener and Secretary for their timely interventions in various matters connected with our school education.

14. **Report of SPANDAN:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Michael Vettickat, the Chief Coordinator to present the report of SPANDAN, Syro-Malabar Social Development Network. Bishop Mathew Arackal, the Chairman, while articulating the aims and objectives of SPANDAN informed the Synod that it will work as a coordinating agency of social welfare activities of our church. He thanked the Eparchy of Chicago for sponsoring Syro-Malabar Social Ministry Award. Fr Michael Vetticat, in presenting the activity report, highlighted the consultation meeting of eparchial social work Directors and General Councilors of social work of religious congregations at
Mount St Thomas on 9th June, 2017. The Major Archbishop thanked the Chairman, Members and the Chief Coordinator for the efforts they are taking for the growth of SPANDAN.

15. **Report of the Syro-Malabar Internet Mission:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Joby Maprakavil MST, the Executive Director of SMCIM. Bishop Jose Porunnedom informed the Synod that the main works of the reporting year were website development, software development, mobile application development and matrimony network, details of which were presented by the Secretary with the help of power point. The Major Archbishop thanked Bishop Gregory Karotemprel CMI and Bishop Bosco Puthur for their valuable contributions as members of the Governing Body of SMCIM. He reiterated that it is the efficient leadership of Bishop Jose Porunnedom which brought the Internet Mission to its present heights. The Major Archbishop inaugurated the Syro-Malabar Mobile App Network and expressed his gratitude to the Chairman and the Secretary for their dedicated service.

16. **Report of the Public Relations Office (PRO):** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Jimmy Poochakatt, the Spokesperson of the Syro-Malabar Church, Fr Mathew Chandrankunnel, Mr. P.I. Lazar and Mr. Sijo Painadath, members of the Public Relations Office. Fr. Jimmy Poochakatt read out the annual report followed by the sharing of the other PROs. In the discussion that followed, importance of social media in the present society was highlighted and it was decided to request the PRO, the Commission for Youth and the SMCIM to suggest measures to effectively intervene in the social media in a scientific way. The Major Archbishop appreciated the service of the PROs and thanked them in the name of the Synod.

17. **Report of LRC:** Secretary of the Synod, Bishop Antony
Kariyil CMI welcomed Fr. Peter Kannampuzha, Executive Director, LRC and invited him to present the report of LRC. Fr. Kannampuzha presented the principal activities of LRC, namely, research seminars, publications, St. Thomas Christian Museum, Mar w-alah Syriac Academy and new projects, especially starting the construction of the St Thomas Heritage and Research Centre. He also presented the income and expenditure account of LRC of the financial year ended on 31 March 2017. In the discussion that followed the Synod approved the budget presented. Bishop Pauly Kannookadan made the following suggestions: 1. Anthem of the Syro-Malabar Church has already been published. Eparchies may take necessary steps to use it during important events. 2. Eparchies are requested to encourage our faithful to visit the museum. 3. Bishops may donate to the museum, objects of archaic value from their eparchies. Bishop Kannookadan informed the Synod that a seminar will be organized to mark the conclusion of Silver Jubilee of the Major Archiepiscopal status of the Syro-Malabar Church on December 14-16, 2017. Bishop Jose Porunnedom and Archbishop Andrews Thazhath proposed to bring out a commemorative volume too during the conclusion of the Silver Jubilee. Bishop Porunnedom suggested uploading our publications as ebooks and creating an on-line platform for sale of books since we face the problem of marketing them. The Major Archbishop concluded the discussion by requesting the Bishops to make generous financial contributions for the construction of the St Thomas Heritage and Research Centre and directed LRC to prepare a fund raising programme for the same which is to be presented for the approval of the 2018 January Session of the Synod.

18. **Report of Syro-Malabar Mission (SyMM):** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Joseph Pulavelil MST, Secretary of the Syro-Malabar Mission, who presented the
report. In the discussion that followed it was decided to form teams to make "Mission Appeal" in our parishes and to organize fund raising programmes for which organizations like CML, CLC, etc, could be involved.

19. **Report of Syro-Malabar Dalit Vikas Society:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Joseph Pulavelil MST, Secretary and Mr. George Jacob, Working President, of the Syro-Malabar Dalit Vikas Society (SDVS). It was established in January 2017 under the initiative of Bishop emeritus Gregory Karotemprel CMI, with the aim of helping at least ten Dalit students per year from eparchies of proper territory to do higher studies in medicine, engineering, MBA, MCA, etc. During the discussion, Mr. George Jacob, the working president informed the Synod that after the establishment of the SDVS, a sum of rupees more than ten lakhs was raised and ten students were supported under the scheme. He requested the eparchies from the proper territory to send one delegate each to the executive body of the SDVS. The Major Archbishop brought to the attention of the Synod that together with the uplifting the Dalit students, construction of houses for the homeless Dalits also should be our concern. He thanked the Apostolic Visitor, the Secretary and in a special way Mr George Jacob for his inspiring leadership and cooperation in this regard.

20. **Report of the 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. In his presentation Fr. Chiramel highlighted the various activities of the Tribunal. He noted that after the implementation of the new motu proprio Mitis et Misericors Iesus of Pope Francis, the number of marriage nullity cases has increased in lower tribunals and appeal cases have declined in the Metropolitan Tribunals. In the discussion that followed several issues were raised
that could not be clarified immediately in the Synod, e.g., problems in connection with the declaration of nullity of marriage of a non Christian and non Catholic Christian in the context of marrying a Catholic. It was therefore decided to request Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB, General Moderator for the Administraton of Justice and Fr Jose Chiramel, President of the Major Archepiscopal Ordinary Tribunal to suggest, in consultation with other canonists of the Synod, practical ways to address issues which need more clarification regarding the nullity of marriage and similar items. Fr Chiramel informed the Synod that 'The Eastern Legal Thought', the annual of the Syro-Malabar Major Archepiscopal Tribunal, from 2002 onwards, will be published hereafter in close collaboration with the Institute of Eastern Canon Law at Paurastya Vidyapitham, once the formal agreement has been signed up and the Major Archbishop has given the final approval. The Major Archbishop thanked Fr Jose Chiramel for the service that he is doing in his capacity as President of the Major Archepiscopal Tribunal as well as the Postulator General of the Syro-Malabar Church.

21. **Report of the activities of the Curia:** Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Major Archepiscopal Chancellor, made a power point presentation of the report of the various activities of the Curia, visits of important guests to the Curia and main programmes of the Major Archbishop in and outside India. The Bishops appreciated the brief presentation and congratulated and thanked the Chancellor for his dedicated service.

22. **Financial Report of the Curia:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Mathew Pulimoottil, the Finance Officer who presented the Statement of Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of the Curia from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. The report indicated the shortage of suffi-
cient funds and sought the mind of the Synod to address this issue. After a discussion it was decided to request the Major Archbishop 1) to write to the Major Superiors of religious congregations to give their annual contributions towards meeting the expenses of the curia 2) to convene a meeting of Rectors, Vicars and Kaikars of Pilgrim centres and Churches which are financially sound and appeal to them to contribute annually towards meeting the expenses of the Curia. It was also decided to request the eparchies in the January (2018) Synod to enhance their per head contribution if there are no sufficient funds even with the contribution of the religious congregations, pilgrim centres and financially sound churches.

Approval of Accounts and Budget of Curia: It was decided to request the Major Archbishop to get accounts and budget of the curia approved by the permanent synod.

Report of the Synodal Major Seminaries and Institutes: The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Mathew Illathuparampil (Rector Mangalapuzha), Fr Emmanuel Attel (Rector Kunnoth), Fr Joseph Ottapurackal (Rector, Satna), Fr Joy Ainiyadan (Rector, Vadavathoor) and Fr Andrews Mekkattukunnel (President, Paurastya Vidyapitham).

1. St Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha: Fr Mathew Illathuparampil, the Rector presented the report of the Seminary for the academic year 2016-17. The report appreciated the leadership given to the Seminary by the Synodal Commission. During the academic year the Seminary had 237 students, and 101 day scholars, hailing from 26 eparchies and 7 religious congregations. During the reporting year, 34 deacons were ordained priests. The Seminary is served by 20 Resident Staff, 30 Visiting Professors and 30 Auxiliary Staff. Following the widely accepted four pillars of formation, namely, Spiritual, Intellectual, Human and Pastoral, the Seminary was able to give
adequate formation for the future priests of our Church. Sufficient opportunities are given to the students to develop their intellectual and pastoral aptitudes. The Seminary started Master's Programme in Philosophy and correspondence course for sisters and lay persons. More than 2000 candidates have joined this programme. The report indicated also the financial deficit of the last academic year.

2. **Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kunnoth:** Fr Emmanuel Attel, the Rector, presented the report of the Seminary which proudly mentioned that in the last fifteen years of its functioning, the Seminary has given to the Church 175 priests. The total strength of the Students is 145, hailing from 20 eparchies and 7 religious congregations. The formation stresses on the spiritual, intellectual, human, missionary and pastoral dimensions. The construction of the new administrative cum library block was completed and was inaugurated by the Major Archbishop George Cardinal Alencherry on 20 July 2017 in the presence of Archbishop George Njaralakkatt, Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy and Bishop Remigiose Inchananiyil. As the seminary faces financial constraints, the report suggested enhancement of eparchial contribution. The Seminary is trying to raise funds from the parishes to overcome the deficit. The Rector expressed his gratitude to the Seminary Commission and the Synod of Bishops for the paternal solicitude of the Bishops towards the Seminary.

3. **St Ephrem's Theological College, Satna:** Fr Joseph Ottapurackal, the Rector presented the report of St. Ephrem's Theological College. In the academic year 2016-17, there were 71 Seminarians in the College. Besides the spiritual and intellectual formation, the Seminary stresses pastoral and missionary dimensions. A special feature of the Seminary is that the whole Seminary Community celebrates together with the local community the Holy
Week and the Easter. Bishop Joseph Kodakallill inaugurated the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the College, which was held on 03 July 2016. On 15 August 2017, a new website (www.stephrem.org) was launched with the support of Syro-Malabar Church Internet Mission (SMCIM). The report brought out some of the strengths of the seminary like formation being given with mission perspective, well qualified staff members, etc.

4. **St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor:** Fr Joy Ainiyadan, the Rector, presented the report of the St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary. The report says that the Seminary community is structured in the pattern of the ideal community of Jesus and his disciples which is modeled on the perfect community in the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Seminary has 269 Students, hailing from 24 Eparchies and 9 religious congregations. The three alumni of the Seminary, Bp. Stephen Chirappanath, Bp. Joseph Srampickal, Bishop Thomas Tharayil, and Archbishop Kurian Vayalumkal, a native of Vadavathoor village offered thanksgiving mass in the seminary and were felicitated. The Seminary tries to impart integral formation to its students, visualized by the Charter for Priestly Formation in the Syro-Malabar Church. The report proudly mentions numerous books and articles published by the teaching staff.

5. **Paurastya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor:** Fr. Andrews Mekkkattukunnel, President of Paurastya Vidyapitham presented the report of the Institute. The institute, ever since its inception in 1982 had been rendering great service to the Eastern Churches in India and the Universal Church at large. The Vidyapitham has 23 staff members which include 6 Professors, 8 Lecturers and 9 Teachers on probation. Besides, there are 51 visiting staff. Total number of students is 315. Considering the importance of specialized studies in Eastern Canon Law in the local ecclesial
context, the Congregation for Catholic Education erected the Institute of Eastern Canon Law (IECL) at Paurastya Vidyapitham on 12 December 2016. Good Shepherd Seminary, Kunnoth, St. Ephrem's Theology Institute, Satna, Ruhalaya College of Theology, Ujjain, Paurastya Vidyani kethan, Vidyana gar, Kottayam, and Mar Thoma Vidyani kethan, Changanacherry are the institutions affiliated to Paurastya Vidyapitham.

**General Discussion on Seminary Formation:** There was a detailed discussion on seminary formation in which several bishops participated. It was decided to request the Commissions for the Seminaries to present in the January 2018 session of the synod an evaluation of 1) the present system of philosophy after college study and 2) the proposal to integrate MA programme of IGNOU with the two year philosophy study. The Major Archbishop requested the rectors to conscientize the staff and students of the seminary about the need of using clerical dress. He also brought to their attention the synodal decision to make the Syro-Malabar Ecumenical Directory, the textbook on ecumenism in our seminaries. The Major Archbishop expressed deep gratitude of the Synod to the Rectors and Staff of the four Seminaries for their selfless service towards the formation of our future priests.

**Formation of Consultation Council with the Participation of the Laity:** The Major Archbishop informed the Synod that though we have decided to involve Laity in our seminaries it has not been effectively implemented. After a discussion it was decided to request the Major Archbishop to send directives to our seminaries, minor and major, to make Formation Consultation Council effective by involving representatives of the Laity from different fields and priests and religious (men and women) who hold important offices in the church. It was also decided to request the four seminary commissions to conduct a joint meeting during this session of the Synod itself with a convener chosen from among themselves
who shall take initiative by constituting a committee to draft detailed directives related to formation. For this purpose, help of formators in the seminaries, especially Rectors shall be obtained. It was also decided to revise the Charter for Priestly Formation in the Syro-Malabar Church by the above mentioned committee in collaboration with the Commission for Clergy, accommodating the present day requirements and the document Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis (The Gift of the Priestly Vocation).

**Format for Presenting Reports of Seminaries by the Rectors:** Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam presented a draft format for presentation of reports by the Rectors. After a discussion it was decided to request Bishop Thomas Tharayil (Convener), Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI and Bishop Bosco Puthur (Members) to revise the format and present it in the January (2018) Synod.

**Identity of Syro-Malabar Church outside Kerala:** Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy while pointing out the problems of migrant communities reiterated that the Syro-Malabar Church which keeps its core identity should be able to adapt itself to the ethos of each state. After a discussion, it was decided to request LRC to form a team of experts in all levels with regard to the adaptation of cultural forms in our Christian practices outside Kerala.

**A Common Centre for the Syro-Malabar Church at Mylapore and Pastoral Care of the Migrants in Hosur:**

Bishop Pauly Kannookadan gave a briefing about the need to have a common centre for the Syro-Malabar Church at Mylapore and permission to start pastoral care in Hosur. After a brief discussion, these items were deferred for the time being, in the context of our efforts for canonical provision for the Chennai Mission.

**Presentation of the Pastoral Situation in the Eparchy of Melbourne:** Bishop Bosco Puthur presented to the Synod
the pastoral situation in the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne, Australia. He informed the Synod that at present there are thirty three priests working in 45 Mass centres, of which 6 are parish churches. There are around 30000 registered members in the eparchy. Some of our members still continue to be attached to the Latin parishes. There is also a challenge in the youth ministry as most our priests serving in the eparchy have to yet internalize Australian culture and communicate with the youth in their language. He asked the Bishops to instruct the parish priests: 1. To properly introduce to the migrants, our eparchies in U.S.A., Australia and Great Britain, exarchate in Canada and the Apostolic Visitations in Europe and New Zealand, and to send necessary documents while members of our community leave their home parishes as migrants to such countries. 2. Not to pressurize the migrants to donate huge amount of money when they approach the mother parish church in connection with marriage, baptism, etc. 3. When people from such countries where we have proper ecclesiastical provisions come for sacramental needs, the parish priests in the mother Church are to be instructed to get proper documents from the parish priests of our Church.

**Pastoral Care for Migrant Community in Canada:** Bishop Jose Kalluvelil briefed the Synod about the present situation of our Exarchate in Canada. He informed the Synod that about 1000 students of Syro-Malabar Community migrate to Canada every year. It is necessary to identify them in order to give them pastoral care. With this end in view Bishop Jose Kalluvelil presented "Testimonial Letters for the Immigrants". In the discussion that followed several suggestions came up and the matter was deferred to another sitting of the present Session of the Synod.

In continuation of the discussion of the previous day on "Testimonial Letters for the Migrants" presented by Bishop Jose Kalluvelil, many synod members pointed out that the young
people are very reluctant to fill up forms, instead feel very much at ease with the online methods. Bishop Jose Porunnedom said that the Internet Mission can help in this regard by giving a possibility for online registration on the web portal of the Church. He further said that it is also necessary to make available online the required information regarding the various educational institutions which are open to foreign students and the possibility of finding cheap and convenient lodging facilities in such a way that the students searching the web will come across our website with the necessary information. The synod decided to accept the proposal of Bishop Jose Porunnedom and requested him to go ahead and instructed the concerned hierarchs to collaborate with him.

**Apostolic Visitation in India:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr Joseph Pulavelil MST, Secretary to the Apostolic Visitor in India who presented the report. Bishop Raphael Thattil, the Apostolic Visitor, informed the Synod that three Churches for the Syro-Malabar Faithful in Hyderabad were consecrated and in more than twenty places purchase of land and constructions are being undertaken. He also brought to the attention of the Synod the need to buy land and construct churches in more than 100 cities of India. He reiterated that the Apostolic Visitation should be the concern of the entire Church and appealed to the Synod to extend cooperation and support to this cause by providing personnel and material resources from our eparchies.

**Preparing Catechists or Evangelists for the Missions of Syro-Malabar Church:** Bishop Raphael Thattil presented a proposal for the formation of catechists and evangelists for the Syro-Malabar Mission. After a detailed discussion in which the Bishops mainly from Mission Eparchies participated it was decided to permit Bishop Raphael Thattil, Bishop Thomas Thuruthimattam CST and Bishop Prince Antony Panengaden to execute this programme under the auspices of Syro-Malabar Mission (SyMM) on an experimental basis in the mission
eparchies of Gorakhpur and Adilabad and to present the interim report of its execution in the January Session (2018) of the Synod.

**Apostolic Visitation in Europe:** Bishop Stephen Chirappanath briefed the Synod about the visitations he had made with a view of organizing our communities motivating them and making necessary arrangements to take care of their pastoral needs. In the discussion that followed it was decided to request Bishop Stephen Chirappanath to plan and organize his activities in view of establishing an exarchate in a country where he could be the exarch and Apostolic Visitator in other countries of Europe.

**Procura in Rome:** Bishop Stephen Chirappanath briefed about the renovation of the Procura building in Rome. He appealed to the Synod to help him complete the work through their financial support. After a discussion, it was decided to request the Eparchies to contribute a share, in proportion to the number of faithful of each eparchy towards meeting the expenses of the completion work of the Procura building.

**Nomination of a Bishop to WACOM (World Apostolic Congress on Mercy):** At the direction of the Major Archbishop, Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara explained to the Synod the content of a letter from His Eminence Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, Archbishop of Vienna and His Grace Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. This letter having been forwarded by His Eminence Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, requests the Synod of Bishops to delegate one bishop to WACOM. It was decided to select later a representative for WACOM.

**Guidelines of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Commission for Vocation:** Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy, Chairman, Commission for Vocation, presented the Guidelines
for Vocation. In the discussion that followed it was decided: 1) to request the Major Archbishop to get the guidelines scrutinized by the Curia and to give approval for a year, 2) to request the Commission for Vocation to revise the guidelines after consulting experts in the field and to present it in the August (2018) Session of the Synod.

**Clerical Dress:** The Major Archbishop sought the mind of the synod about deciding a uniform clerical dress outside the liturgical and official duties of the priests. All the bishops who participated in the discussion supported the suggestion. Practical steps to be taken while executing it will be discussed later. Bishops were asked to conscientize the priests on this matter.

**Invitation to the Events of Papal Visit to Bangladesh:** The Major Archbishop read out the letter of Patrick Cardinal D'Rozario, CSC inviting the Major Archbishop to the events of the Papal Visit to Bangladesh on 2 December 2017. The synod unanimously requested the Major Archbishop to participate in the event.

**Pilgrimage to Seven Churches Founded by St. Thomas:** The Major Archbishop proposed organization of pilgrimages to the seven Churches founded by St. Thomas, the Apostle. All the Bishops welcomed the suggestion.

**Farmers' Issue in the High Ranges:** The Major Archbishop gave a briefing about several problems faced by farmers especially the members of our community in High Ranges. After a brief discussion it was decided to request the Government to speed up the process of giving title deeds (pattayam) to the farmers in the High Ranges and protect them from attack of the wild animals.

**Crisis in the Agricultural Field:** The Secretary welcomed Mr. P.C. Cyriac IAS, former Chief Secretary, Tamil Nadu and former Chairman, Rubber Board, Kerala. He explained to the synod, the present crisis of agricultural sector in our state. In
order to address the problems rubber farmers face, he suggested the following action-plan. 1) Identify in our parishes rubber gardens where replanting could be taken up and conscientize the farmers about it. 2) Together with replanting rubber, plant also oil palm and cocoa in the same agricultural land. 3) Establish factories where oil could be produced by crushing oil palm bunch. 4) With a view to increase the earnings, social service societies could take initiatives in poultry, goat, pig and livestock farming ventures. The Major Archbishop thanked Mr. P.C. Cyriac for the initiatives he takes in addressing the crisis the agricultural farmers face today.

**Socio-Political Situation in India:** Archbishop Andrews Thazath briefed about the socio-political situation in India. He stated that the members of our community are going backwards in all the spheres of life. The Church should take the initiative to bring the laity to the forefront, especially in the socio-political field. After a discussion, it was decided to suggest to Catholic Congress to rename it as Syro-Malabar Catholic Congress. It was also decided to help Deepika in its effort for all round progress.

**Special Titles to Certain Parish Churches and Pilgrim Centres:** The Major Archbishop sought the mind of the synod regarding the conferral of special titles to certain Parish Churches and Pilgrim Centres. After a discussion, it was decided to request Committee for Titles and Honours to present in the January (2018) session of the Synod, norms to confer special titles to certain parish Churches or pilgrim centres.

**Titles and Honours:** Bishop Pauly Kannookadan gave a briefing about the decision of January (2017) session of the synod on the conferral of Titles and Honours for Seminary Professors, Social Workers and Missionaries. In the discussion that followed, it was decided to confer the title of "Gurusreshta" on Seminary Professors(Priests) who have rendered meritorious service and requested the committee for Titles and Honours
to suggest suitable titles for (priests), Social Workers and Missionaries.

**Follow up Programmes of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly 2016:** The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Sebastian Muttamthottil, MCBS, Secretary, Bishops' Committee for the Follow up Programmes of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly. He presented the report of the implementation of the follow up programmes of the Assembly at the eparchial and parish levels on the basis of implementation reports received from 17 eparchies and 8 institutes of consecrated life. During the discussion, it was decided to take appropriate steps for the implementation of the decisions of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly selecting specific themes periodically with an internal system of evaluation to monitor them.

**Releasing Acts of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly:** The Major Archbishop released Acts of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly on Friday, 1 September 2017 in the Synod Hall, by handing over a copy to Bishop Mathew Arackal. Major Archbishop remembered with gratitude the committed service of Fr. Shaji Kochupurayil MCBS and his team for its publication.

**Announcement of Three Canonical Provisions:** The Major Archbishop informed the synod under the embargo of Pontifical Secret that he has received information from the Apostolic Nuntiature that the official announcement of the Canonical Provisions of the Auxiliary Bishops of Trichur and Tellicherry and of the Curia Bishop will take place at 12.00 noon (Italian Time), in Vatican and simultaneously at Mount St. Thomas at 3.30 pm IST.

Announcement of the Auxiliary Bishop of Trichur, Tellicherry and Curia Bishop: On Friday, 1 September 2017, at 3:30 pm, in the presence of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church and a good number of Clergy, religious and laity, the election of Fr. Tony Neelankavil as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Trichur, Fr. Joseph Pamplany as Auxiliary Bishop of Tellicherry and Fr. Sebastian Vaniyapurackal as the Curia
Bishop was announced by the Major Archbishop. The Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor Fr. Antony Kollannur read out the Appointment Letters of the Bishops-Elect. The Major Archbishop, Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, Archbishop George Njaralakkatt and Bishop Mathew Arackal conferred upon the Bishops-elect the Episcopal insignia. Archbishop Mathew Moolakatt OSB felicitated the Bishops-elect. This was followed by their reply. After Te Deum, the formal meeting concluded with a prayer by the Major Archbishop. All the bishops and those present in the hall felicitated the new bishops-elect.

Welcome to Bishops-elect: Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI, Secretary of the Synod, welcomed Bishops-elect Fr. Tony Neelankavil, Fr. Joseph Pamplany and Fr. Sebastian Vaniyapurackal who came to the Synod Hall to invite the bishops for their Episcopal Ordination. The Major Archbishop on behalf of the Synod congratulated the Bishops-elect and wished them all the best in their Episcopal ministry.

**Forthcoming Synodal Sessions:** The Synod decided to confirm the schedule of the forthcoming Synodal Sessions:

- Monday, 8 January, 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Saturday, 13 January 2018
- Monday, 20 August, 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Friday, 31 August 2018
- Monday, 7 January, 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Saturday, 12 January 2019
- Monday, 19 August, 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Friday, 30 August 2019

**Scrutiny of the Decisions of the XXV Synod (2017), Session 2:** The Synod made a scrutiny of the decisions of XXV Synod (2017), Session 2 and 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. In his concluding address the
Major Archbishop highlighted important events that took place during the current session of the Synod like the appointment of three Bishops, inauguration of the Institute of Eastern Canon Law at Paurastya Vidyapitham and a meeting with the Major Superiors, both men and women. He reminded the Bishops of their responsibility to achieve greater degree of consensus for the uniform mode of celebration of Holy Qurbana. While thanking God for raising Sr. Rani Maria FCC to the honours of the altar, the Major Archbishop requested the cooperation of the Bishops in the celebrations connected with the Beatification. He appreciated all those who have worked for the publication of the editio typica in Syriac of the Holy Qurbana, Ecumenical Directory and Acts of the IV Major Archiepiscopal Assembly and the realization of the Syro-Malabar Mobile App network and the Syro-Malabar Mission Website. He also brought to the attention of the Synod certain concerns like Christian witness in Catholic families, effective catechetical formation of children, dangers posed by the fundamentalists, uniform clerical dress, just wages to the nurses and teachers in our self-financing institutions, etc. 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 XXV Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church (2017), Session 2, closed.

Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI, Secretary
Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church

Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor

Mount St. Thomas,
1 September 2017
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DECISIONS  

1. To appoint in each eparchy a priest in charge of evangelization who will be constantly interacting with retreat centres and direct catechumens to the parish concerned for their continued pastoral care.  

2. To request Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt to prepare a draft circular which will give a balanced view on Yoga in its relation to the Catholic faith based on the concluding remarks of the paper presented.  

3. To assure the inclusion of Islamology in the curriculum of our seminaries and in the programme of ongoing formation of priests, by making a proper study relevant to the situation.  

4. To permit Bishop Raphael Thattil, Bishop Thomas Thuruthimattam CST and Bishop Prince Antony Panengaden to execute the programme of preparing Catechists or Evangelists for the Missions of Syro-Malabar Church on an experimental basis in the mission eparchies of Gorakhpur and Adilabad and to present the Interim report of its execution in the January Session (2018) of the Synod.  

5. To revise the Charter for Priestly Formation in the Syro-Malabar Church accommodating the present day requirements and the document Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis.  

6. Not to permit shooting of commercial films inside our churches and chapels except for shooting programmes of
Catholic channels like Goodness TV, Shalom TV, etc.

7. To request Catholic Congress (AKCC) to take leadership in organizing various activities of the former pravasis, for the time being, at the eparchial level.

8. To hold the concluding celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St. Thomas on Saturday, 13 January 2018.

9. To direct LRC to prepare a fund raising programme for the construction of the St Thomas Heritage and Research Centre which is to be presented for the approval of the 2018 January Session of the Synod.

10. To send the definitive text of the Anaphora of Mar Theodore to Rome for the recognitio.

11. To send to Rome the text of the Anaphora of Mar Nestorius approved by the January 2017 Synod, as one text marking within square brackets those prayers which are considered as optional for recognitio.

12. To approve the Homiletic Directory with the condition that the observations of the Bishops which they may send to the Commission before 15 October, 2017, will be incorporated into the text and published.

13. To maintain the status quo with regard to the liturgical rite of the washing of feet on Pesaha Thursday.

14. To request eparchies to organize pastoral care especially Holy Qurbana, for the deaf and the dumb with the help of trained persons and for the blind by making available books in brail language.

15. To request the PRO, the Commission for Youth and the SMCIM to suggest measures to effectively intervene in the social media in a scientific way.

16. To request Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt, General Moderator for the Administraton of Justice and Fr. Jose
Chiramel, President of the Major Archiepiscopal Ordinary Tribunal to suggest, in consultation with other canonists of the Synod, practical ways to address issues which need more clarification regarding the nullity of marriage and similar items.

17. To request the Committee for Public Affairs to develop a THINK TANK and a Vigilance Cell, calling upon the intelligentsia of the society, with a view to responding to situations that evolve in our society from time to time.

18. To insist on catechism classes in all our schools in view of maintaining the minority character of our educational institutions.

19. To request the Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life to identify areas where eparchial priests and Consecrated women and men work together and discuss them in joint meetings in view of arriving at mutual understanding and cooperation among them.

20. To request the Major Archbishop to send a pastoral letter on the occasion of the beatification of Sr. Rani Maria FCC.

21. To organize a month-long ongoing formation programme, mandatory for priests who complete five years of their priestly ordination and request the Commission for Clergy to present a draft plan of this programme in the January (2018) Synod.

22. To request the eparchies to form teams to make "Mission Appeal" in our parishes and to organize fund raising programmes for which organizations like CML, CLC, etc, could be involved.

23. To select later a representative for World Apostolic Congress on Mercy (WACOM).

24. To request the Major Archbishop to write to the Major
Superiors of religious congregations to give their annual contributions towards meeting the expenses of the curia.

25. To request the Major Archbishop to convene a meeting of Rectors, Vicars and Kaikars of Pilgrim centres and Churches which are financially sound and to appeal them to contribute annually towards meeting the expenses of the Curia.


27. To request Bishop Thomas Tharayil (Convener), Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI and Bishop Bosco Puthur (Members) to revise the format of the presentation of reports of Seminaries by the Rectors and present it in the January (2018) Synod.

28. To request the Major Archbishop to get the guidelines for vocation scrutinized by the Curia and to give approval for a year.

29. To request the Commission for Vocation to revise the guidelines after consulting experts in the field and present it in the August (2018) Session of the Synod.

30. To request the Major Archbishop to get accounts and budget of the curia approved by the permanent synod.

31. To request the Commissions for the Seminaries to present in the January 2018 session of the synod an evaluation of 1) the present system of philosophy after college study and 2) the proposal to integrate MA programme of IGNOU with the two year philosophy study.

32. To take appropriate steps for the implementation of the decisions of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly selecting specific themes periodically with an internal system of evaluation to monitor them.
33. To accept the proposal of Bishop Jose Porunnedom on the online registration of the "Testimonial Letters for the Migrants" on the web portal of the Church, and instruct the concerned hierarchs to collaborate with him.

34. To set apart at least two days for discussion on Holy Qurbana in the January (2018) Session of the synod.

35. To approve the Common Format for the Annual Report of the Visit of Seminary Commissions and request them to submit the report according to this format.

36. To request LRC to form a team of experts in all levels with regard to the adaptation of cultural forms in our Christian Practices outside Kerala.

37. To request Committee for Titles and Honours to present in the January (2018) session of the Synod, norms to confer special titles to certain parish Churches or pilgrim centres.

38. To confer the title of "Gurusreshta" on Seminary Professors(Priests) who have rendered meritorious service and request the committee for Titles and Honours to suggest suitable titles for Social Workers and Missionaries(priests).

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41. To suggest to Catholic Congress to rename it as Syro-Malabar Catholic Congress.

42. To help Deepika in its effort for all round progress.

43. To confirm the schedule of the forthcoming Synodal Sessions:
Monday, 8 January, 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Saturday, 13 January 2018

Monday, 20 August, 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Friday, 31 August 2018

Monday, 7 January, 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Saturday, 12 January 2019

Monday, 19 August, 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Friday, 30 August 2019

Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI, Secretary
Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church

Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor

Mount St. Thomas
1 September 2017
XXV SYNOD (2017) SESSION 2
21 AUGUST- 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

CONCLUDING ADDRESS
OF THE MAJOR ARCHBISHOP

My dear Brother Archbishops, Bishops and Bishops-Elect,

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

We have reached the final moments of the present Synod. Let me recall first certain facts and figures regarding the present session. 53 Bishops of our Church participated in this session. Many of the Bishops Emeriti attended the Synod fully or partially. Only those Bishops Emeriti who could not move about due to reasons of health, were not present for the Synod.

Lord Jesus the Good Shepherd has blessed our Church by providing us three more shepherds to pastor our faithful in different ways: Fr Tony Neelankavil as auxiliary Bishop of Trichur, Fr Joseph Pamplany, as auxiliary Bishop of Tellicherry and Fr Sebastian Vaniyapurackal as Curia Bishop. We have filled the Office of the Curia Bishop for the second time. Let us wish all the Bishops-elect God's blessings for a fruitful apostolate ministry in the Church.

The official inauguration of the Institute of Eastern Canon Law at Paurastya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor was a modest celebration of the fulfillment of a long cherished goal of our Church. It will surely strengthen the Mission of our Church with canonical empowerment for our pastors, missionaries and other leaders of our Church world over.
The meeting with the Major Superiors, both men and women, helped us to strengthen more the mutual relations and cooperation. We have to work more and more in this regard to create greater communion and collaboration in the Mission of the Church.

The hope that fills our hearts is the probable realization of the jurisdictional rights of our Church in our own country by the establishment of two more Eparchies. Let us continue to pray that by the benevolence of the Apostolic See, these provisions will come to a reality.

Another ray of hope is regarding the unity and perfect communion of our Church in liturgical matters, which in turn, will create a style of functioning of the whole Church 'one in heart and mind' (Acts 4:32). Let us keep up the openness and the generosity in accepting one another and sharing the views evolving in the Synodal discussions that will contribute to the good of the whole Church rather than our own personal or eparchial sentiments. We have to devote more time and spiritual energy to achieve the consensus for a uniform mode of celebration of the Holy Qurbana. In the meantime let us not forget to create a climate of understanding among our priests and people inculcating in their patterns of thinking and liturgical life, the need for a liturgical unity in all our Eparchies and Mission areas.

The various Commissions, Committees, LRC and the Internet Mission are becoming more and more effective in gathering the pastoral and missionary forces existing in our Church. As the Church becomes more and more universal, our task also is becoming ever more widened. The presence of the Lord and the working of the Spirit are deeply felt in the functioning of our Church. The highly inspirational sharing of the Word of God by the celebrants of the Holy Qurbana has strengthened the Bishops in synodal functioning. Despite some counter witnesses from the part of certain ministers in the
Church, the holiness of the Church also is shining forth in greater number of ministers and the faithful. Let us thank the Lord for the gift of Sr. Rani Maria, who will be declared a 'Blessed Martyr' on 4th November this year at Indore. I earnestly request your cooperation in the celebrations connected with her beatification. She will surely be a link of ecclesial communion among the three individual Churches in India.

The release of the editio typica in Syriac of the Holy Qurbana, the Ecumenical Directory "Called to be United", the Acts of the Fourth Major Archiepiscopal Assembly, the launching of the Syro-Malabar Mobile App Network and the Syro-Malabar Mission Website are signs of our achievement in spreading the Good News of the Lord and the establishment of His Kingdom. I do greatly appreciate all those who have worked for these advancements in our ecclesial service. We have to give greater attention to our ecumenical efforts in local, regional and in inter-ecclesial levels. The reception given to Philipose Mar Chrisostom Valia Metropolita of the Mar Thoma Church was acclaimed by the public in Kerala as an ecumenical decoration for the Synod.

The present concerns of the Church have to be always in the forefront of our pastoral and missionary apostolate. They are mainly the Christian witness in Catholic families, through their integrity of married life, effective catechetical formation of children and the 'faith and vocational discernment' of the youth as goes the theme of the coming Synod proposed by the Holy Father, the vigilance and protection needed for our faithful from the dangers posed by the fundamentalist of all sorts, and proactive measures of giving Christ and His Gospel to the people who do not know him. We have spent considerable time to reflect on the amelioration of seminary formation with a view to face the challenges of today. The proposal to fix up a uniform clerical dress to be used outside the time of liturgical and official duties of the priests may be, in due time, issued as a di-
rective taking into confidence the priests and the consecrated men through dialogue and consultations.

The social challenge of justice, especially just wages to the nurses in hospitals and teachers of self-financed institutions like the English medium schools also was well discussed in the Synod. The people, both Catholic and others, expect a prophetically Christian approach and effective measures from our part in our policies towards employees of all levels. Let us be just and merciful towards all people who depend on us for their life and dignity in the Church and society.

Finally let me express my gratitude to all those who helped in the conduct of the Synod, the Moderators Bishop Pauly Kannookadan, Bishop Jose Chittooparambil CMI and Bishop George Madathikandathil who have cleverly guided the proceedings of this Session of our Synod. I thank very specially Bishop Antony Kariyil CMI for his strenuous work to prepare the minutes and decisions of the Synod. I express my gratitude in a special way to Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Chancellor, who always 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 curias. My special thanks are due to the new Bishop-elect Fr. Sebastian Vaniyapurackal, Vice-Chancellor-I and Fr Paul Robin Thekkath, Vice Chancellor-II. I thank also the resident and non-resident Secretaries of the Commissions, other priests functioning for the Curia, CSN Sisters and Sr Akhila CMC and other members of the Staff and their helpers who serve at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia. The next Synodal Session is scheduled for 8 January from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on 13 January 2018 in which we plan to conclude the Silver Jubilee Celebration of our church's elevation to the status of Major Archiepiscopal Church.

While thanking you for the love and concern you show towards me and the wholehearted support you give for my hum-
ble 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 Blesseds of our Church.

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

Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad †George Alencherry
1 September 2017  Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
PASTORAL LETTERS
CIRCULARS
2017 ജനുവരി 9 മുതൽ 14 വരെ കാലാവധിയിൽ തെരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ട സ്ഥാനത്ത് അഭിമുഖ്യമിക്കുക ഗവേഷണം നടത്തി. ഗവേഷണം നടത്താനും പ്രധാനയായി കരുതിയ ഹോം ഡയറക്ചർ 25-നാണ് പ്രവർത്തിച്ചത് (പ്രായേണി ഹോം ഡയറക്ചർ എന്ന പദ്ധാതിയിലെ 25 നാമമുള്ള പ്രവർത്തിക്കാർക്കു ഉദ്ദീപിക്കുന്ന പരിപാടി). പ്രവർത്തകർ മുൻപിലുള്ള പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കു പിന്തുണയുടെ കാര്യങ്ങൾക്കു നയിക്കുന്നതായി രൂപീകരിക്കപ്പെട്ട പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചു.
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വ്യക്തികൾക്ക് കാരണമായും. സുരക്ഷയായി വികസിക്കുന്നതിനു കഠിനമായി കമ്മ്യൂണിസം നാണ്യത്തിൽ കൂടി (Physical exercise) ഡുകാണം എന്നും, എങ്ങനെയും തങ്ങളുടെ സ്വാഭാവിക സാംസ്കാരിക വിഭാഗങ്ങൾ കൂടി മൂടിയ ഒരു സമ്പത്തിയുടെ പരിഭാഷയിൽ നിറഞ്ഞ അനുഭവത്തെ തെളിയിക്കുന്നു. ചെയ്യപ്പെടുന്ന അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ വിജ്ഞാനം മൂലം നിരീക്ഷിക്കപ്പെടുന്നതിനോടെ, അനുഭവത്തിന്റെ ഒരു പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള രീതിയുടെ രൂപം നൽകാൻ പ്രസ്താവിക്കുന്നു (Personal God). അതു പ്രകാരം നവാർന്നങ്ങളെ സമുദായസ്വഭാവം (trascendental) ക്ഷണത്തിൽ എന്നും. നവാരയത്തിന്റെ പരിഭാഷയിൽ നിന്നും വിജ്ഞാനത്തിന്റെ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവേഷണരൂപം ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥരെ നിർദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നു (കാണാം). ഇതിനായി നിർദ്ദേശിക്കുന്ന നിരീക്ഷൽ സാമൂഹ്യമായ നവാരയസ്വഭാവം (യുവകരി), വിജ്ഞാനത്തിന്റെ പരിഭാഷയിലുള്ള ഓരോ പ്രതീകമായി അതിന്റെ അനുഭവത്തിന്റെ പ്രത്യക്ഷസൃഷ്ടി മാത്രമാണ്. നിരീക്ഷണഭേദമായും നിരീക്ഷണസ്വഭാവം, നിശ്ചിതമായി നിരീക്ഷണമായി (സംഭാവ്യവും) പ്രമാണികമായ നിരീക്ഷണാനിവേശത്തിന്റെ അവും (സമാന്യാനിവേശം) അപരാജിളമായ നിരീക്ഷണാനിവേശത്തിന്റെ അവും (സമാന്യാനിവേശം) തുടങ്ങാൻ പാടും. ഇവയിലെ ഒന്നും ജ്ഞാനം അനുഭവത്തിന്റെ അവാസ്ഥയും അശ്ലീലതയും അവാസ്ഥയും അവാസ്ഥാനത്തിൻ, അവാസ്ഥാനത്തിൻ അനുഭവത്തിൻ അശ്ലീലതയും അവാസ്‌താനത്തിൻ അശ്ലീലതയും അവാസ്ഥാനത്തിൻ.
തന്നെ പുസ്തകക്കും തന്നെ അനുഗ്രഹം കിട്ടിയും. അനുഗ്രഹത്തിന്റെ കിട്ടൽവാഴ്ത്തി അതിനെയും അതിനു കിട്ടിയതിനെയും അതും ലഭിച്ചു. അനുഗ്രഹം ലഭിക്കുമ്പോൾ അവരുടെ സന്തോഷത്തോടെ ആശിര്വാദിക്കുന്നു എന്ന് അനുഭവമായിരുന്നു.

ജനകികളുടെ സാകാരരീതി മനസാശാഭിവൃഹത്തായ അപ. സ്വരൂപം അവരുടെ സാക്ഷികാണ്ഡത്തെ പ്രതിപാദികൊണ്ടു. അവരുടെ സാക്ഷികതകൾ പ്രതിപാദികൊണ്ടു. ഈ പ്രതിപാദം അനുഭവത്തെ സഹായിക്കുന്ന പ്രതിപാദം അവരുടെ സാക്ഷ്യത്തിൽ സാക്ഷ്യമാണ്. ഇതിനെ സൃഷ്ടിക്കുന്ന പ്രതിപാദം അവരുടെ സാക്ഷ്യത്തിൽ സാക്ഷ്യമാണ്. അധികാരികളുടെ സാക്ഷ്യം വഴി പിന്തുണയുക്തമായി പ്രതിപാദം പ്രതിപാദം പ്രതിപാദം പ്രതിപാദം.

ജനകികളുടെ സാക്ഷ്യമാണ്. അവരുടെ സാക്ഷ്യത്തെ വഴി പ്രതിപാദം പ്രതിപാദം പ്രതിപാദം.

† അധികാരികളുടെ സാക്ഷ്യത്തെ സാക്ഷ്യം പിന്തുണയുക്തമായി പ്രതിപാദം പ്രതിപാദം പ്രതിപാദം പ്രതിപാദം.

ക്കൊമ്പും പിന്തുണയുക്തമായി പ്രതിപാദം അധികാരികളുടെ സാക്ഷ്യം അധികാരികളുടെ സാക്ഷ്യം അധികാരികളുടെ സാക്ഷ്യം 2017-18 സേസൺ മാസം മാസം 5 -6 മാസത്തോടെ പ്രതിപാദം.
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CIRCULAR

Circular of the Major Archbishop after the XXV Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, Session 1, held from 9 to 14 January 2017 in the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

The XXV Synod, Session 1 was held from 09 to 14 January 2017 in the backdrop of the Silver Jubilee of the Major Archepiscopal status of the Syro-Malabar Church. The Synod began with the solemn installation of the relics of St. Thomas in the chapel of Mount St. Thomas.

The Synod paid homage to the deceased Bishop Emeritus of the eparchy of Kanjirappally, Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy. Synod extended an official welcome to Bp. Joseph Srampickal, Bishop of the eparchy of Great Britain and Bp. Stephen Chirappanath, the Apostolic Visitor in Europe, who were participating the synod for the first time officially.

The Synod was conducted during the days following Christmas after the usual time of the Priestly Ordination and First Holy Qurbana of our deacons. Altogether 308 deacons got ordained this year in the Syro-Malabar Church, 165 religious priests and 143 eparchial priests. Let us thank Jesus Christ, the eternal priest for this great gift!

The Synod always takes keen interest in the pastoral care of the migrants outside Kerala. The Synod discussed very seriously about the provisions for pastoral care of the migrants in
the Chennai Region and other places in India, where there are no Syro-Malabar eparchies. The Synod expressed its concern about the challenges in the pastoral care of migrants in the Gulf Countries and other places in India outside Kerala and analyzed what had been done till now for the pastoral care of our faithful. It was decided to create a more organized and fruitful course of action on these matters.

Young People are the focal point of the next Synod of Bishops in Rome. Young People are our strength. Youth Apostolate in the eparchies should prepare plans to be active and available. Topics like our Priestly Formation, Empowerment of the laity, Social Service etc. were also discussed in the Synod. The necessity of improving the programme for priestly formation to make it fruitful according to the need of the hour was discussed. In order to make it more scientific, the concerned commission is entrusted to establish a system of evaluation of the teaching methods of the professors in the Synodal seminaries.

Synod brought out an Ecumenical Directory which aims at strengthening the relationship between other Christian denominations. Considering the importance of lay apostolate, Synod fathers were of the opinion that the way should be prepared for a more active participation of the Laity in the Syro-Malabar Church through appropriate formation. In the light of Mission ad Gentes, several fathers pointed out the need of the mission oriented lay people becoming evangelizers. In the field of lay empowerment our Church still needs to make much progress. In this context, the activities of the lay missionary organizations are commendable. Synod also discussed about the methods for developing the organizational character of Cherupushpa Mission League.

The Syro-Malabar bishops who participated in the recently concluded FABC plenary assembly in Sri Lanka presented their report. As usual, the discussions of the previous Synod were followed up and the decisions were evaluated. In this regard,
the Synod considered a handbook on environmental protection and Civic Culture prepared under the leadership of Bishop Thomas Chakiaith, titled "Me and My Earth, Me and My Society" which discusses themes like eco developmental programmes and the partnership of Church in it. The handbook which also elaborates themes like Solar Energy, Water Pollution, Waste Management, Practice of Cleanliness etc., will be useful to everybody, especially to the youth and children. It would be very good if the book is promoted by the various eparchies in their parishes and associations.

The efforts and endeavours made by our eparchies to propagate and implement Amoris laetitia, the post-synodal apostolic exhortation of the Universal Church on family are laudable. Its reports from different eparchies are complied and sent to Rome. I take this opportunity to exhort you to strive to implement in the parish level all that is envisaged in the apostolic exhortation, since family life is one of the important elements of the life of Church.

Another subject considered in the Synod was the practice of Yoga. Recognizing the important place given to Yoga in Indian Culture, it is to be considered as a physical exercise or postures to concentrate or to meditate. It is not quite right to think that the experience of God and the personal encounter with the Lord is possible through Yoga. The God in whom we believe is a Personal God. God is not someone who can be reached through a particular posture. Those who hold different opinions other than that of the Church in this regard are not to be encouraged. In this context, each one should take utmost care to avoid getting into those prayer groups and spiritual movements which are against the Catholic faith and do not recognize the official teachings of the Church.

Liturgical matters were also taken up by the Synod. Liturgical Ceremony for Betrothal was approved by the Synod. Even if the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday was widely dis-
cussed, it was advised by the Synod to follow the existing tradition. At the same time, the Synod entrusted the Commission for Liturgy to continue its study on the matter.

I am glad to inform you that at Paurastya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor, a canon law faulty is being erected. As our Church is in the silver jubilee year of the status of being a Major Archiepiscopal Church, it is an occasion to go ahead in unity and solidarity. Let this jubilee be an occasion to improve on our missionary endeavours! In this jubilee year, let us try to recall the paths we travelled and commemorate the bishops who led the Church in its early days! It has been decided to organize an international seminar on the occasion of the jubilee.

Synod expressed its concern on the abduction of Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil SDB by terrorists in Yemen. Prayers and adoration were offered during one of the days of the Synod at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Ernakulam for his release. Synod decided to seek the help of the government to speed up the process of the release of Fr. Uzhunnalil.

Wishing you a lent of spiritual renewal, I remain
Yours cordially in Christ,

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

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad, on 05 March 2017.
prot. No. 0002/2018


2017 ജൂൺ 21 തവണി ദേശഭാഷയിലെ 1 വാല കോഡാറ്റുകൾ മുഴുവൻ ദേശഭാഷയിലെ 1 വാല കോഡാറ്റുകൾ പ്രാരംഭിക്കുന്ന പ്രക്രിയയിലെ 25-ാം പ്രാധാന്യത്തിലുള്ള ചോദ്യത്തോടെ പുതിയ പ്രക്രിയയിൽ പങ്കെടുക്കുന്നുള്ള പ്രാധാന്യം ഇതിൽ പ്രധാന ആണ്. പ്രതി അന്തരേന അടിസ്ഥാനായി പരിഷ്കർത്തുകൾ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു.
അല്ലാഹുവിന്റെ ആല്ലാഹുവിന്റെ അംഗീകാരവും വെള്ള തലത്തിൽ ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്ന ഒരു പദാർഥ എന്നാണ്. അല്ലാഹുവിന്റെ ആല്ലാഹുവിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്ന ഒരു പദാർഥമാണ് വെള്ളം. വെള്ളം ഒരു തലമുറയാണ്. അല്ലാഹുവിന്റെ ആല്ലാഹുവിന്റെ അംഗീകാരവും വെള്ളം ഒരു പദാർഥമാണ്. വെള്ളം ഒരു തലമുറയാണ്.
അഭിവൃദ്ധി കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ പ്രഭാരപ്പെട്ട പാട്ടല്ലാണ് പ്രായകാലനാടൽ.

അഭിവൃദ്ധികേന്ദ്രത്തിന്റെ സമഗ്രമായിരുന്നു സുപ്രധാനം ഭാഗം മാത്രമാണ് വ്യാപാരം പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. അഭിവൃദ്ധികേന്ദ്രത്തിന്റെ പ്രസ്താവനമായ പ്രവർത്തനം മൊത്തം വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം കേന്ദ്രസമിതിയുടെ (New Evangelization) സഹകരണത്താൽ വിന്യസിക്കപ്പെട്ടു. അതേസമയം സഹായിക്കുന്നതാണ് കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. മൊത്തം വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം കേന്ദ്രസമിതിയുടെ (എന്നു വിശ്വസിക്കുന്ന) പ്രവർത്തനം പ്രായപെട്ട് നല്ല ആശയം വന്നു (പുരാതന കുറിപ്പാലാണ്) അഭിവൃദ്ധികേന്ദ്രത്തിനു അനുമാനം നൽക നല്ല നിരവധി പേര്

അഞ്ചുമാതൃകാസമൂപ്പ് തിരിച്ചു അനുഷ്ഠിച്ചു എന്നു ഉറപ്പെടുന്നു ചിലസമയങ്ങളില്ല പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു. പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന മിശ്രം ഭാഗമരണം മൂലം കുറഞ്ഞു മുള്ളുകളായ അനാവധി വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം അദ്ധിരാഷ്ട്രകാലയിലാണ് അതിനെ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു. അതിരുത്ത അശ്ലീലാവശ്യമായ പെർഫൂർമ്മൻസ് അൽകേശ്

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വിവിധ വായുതാരം: (Retired hands)

തന്നെ ലോകത്തിൽ ഒരു ചെറുപ്പു സമൂഹത്തിൽ അപൂർവ്വമായ ആവശ്യമാണ്. തന്നെ ഒരു സാമൂഹ്യ സ്വകാര്യ ജീവിതവാസം വ്യാപാര കൊല്ലത്തിനനും ‘ബാബുർണ്ണ മാൻ’ എന്ന സെൻസർ പ്രശാന്തമായി പ്രവൃത്തിയോപകരണം നടത്തിയിരുന്ന രാത്രിയിൽ ചേർന്നു തുടങ്ങിയും.

ടോണ്ട് സെന്റ്‌ബാസ്ക്കൊയിൽ കുഞ്ഞൽക്കാരനും മുഹൂർത്തുക്കാരനും നിരന്തരം അദ്ധ്യാപകനും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ കേന്ദ്രത്തിലും പ്രവൃത്തിയോപകരണം നടത്തിയിരുന്നു. കുഞ്ഞൽക്കാരനും മുഹൂർത്തുക്കാരനും കുട്ടികൾക്ക് സ്വഭാവസൃഷ്ടിയായ പ്രവൃത്തിയോപകരണത്തിലും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിലുമായ യാതൊരു ദൃഢതയുള്ള നിരക്കം നിലനിന്നിരുന്നു. പ്രവൃത്തിയോപകരണത്തിലും നിരാശയോപകരണത്തിലും ഗുണമേറ്റിയിരുന്നു, വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിലും ഗുണവിഭാഗത്തിലും ഫലസ്ഫലം വരുന്നു.

പ്രായകാലത്തിൽ മുന്നിലെ കാലിനക്ഷത്രകക്കുട്ടി മനുഷ്യർ മനുഷ്യൻ വിധിക്കും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം (വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം മേടരുന്നു). (വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം) നൽകുന്ന മുഖ്യസവാധികാരികൾ യഥാർത്ഥം സാമൂഹ്യ രീതിയിൽ നിന്ന് വിഷമിച്ചെടുക്കുന്ന യാതൊരു സാമൂഹ്യനീതിയും താഴ്വരയായി നമുക്ക് അതിന്റെ ഉപയോഗം കൂടാതെ പ്രകൃതിയിലും വാർത്താപുരുഷന്റെ സാമൂഹ്യാനുമാനം നടപ്പായ നിരാകരണം നല്കി തേടിയിരുന്നു.

സ്നേഹത്തെ നല്കിക്കടുത്ത് കമ്മൂനിറ്റിക്ക് വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം എളുപ്പം നൽകുകയാണ്. (സ്നേഹം) എണ്ണാന് ലളിതമാക്കുകയും കൂടാതെ തുടങ്ങിയ സാമൂഹ്യനീതിയും യാതൊരു സാമൂഹ്യനീതിയും സാമൂഹ്യനീതികൂട്ടാനാകാം. ദുരുപയോഗം നൽകാതെ തുടങ്ങി നൽകുന്ന മുഖ്യസവാധികാരികളുടെ (സാംസ്കാരിക) സാമൂഹ്യനീതിയും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിന്റെ പ്രാവശ്യമേറ്റു.
നിരോധനാരോഗ്യതത്തിലെ പ്രശ്നങ്ങളും തീരേണംകൊടുക്കുന്ന നിരീക്ഷണങ്ങളും ദീർഘകാലത്ത് മാറുനാമകരണം കോശികാകൃതി. മുഴുവൻ വ്യവസ്ഥയിലെ മൂലനായിരുന്ന വിദേശങ്ങളിലെ സമയത്തിനു അത് പ്രയുക്തമായിരുന്നു എന്നാണ് കരുതപ്പെടുന്നത്. പക്ഷേ കോമ്പനികൾക്ക് മാത്രമുള്ള പദ്ധതികളും പ്രയാണപാടുകളും പ്രകാരമെന്നു കരുതപ്പെടുന്നു. അതു പോലുള്ള സാമ്പത്തിക വാക്യങ്ങളും വിലാസങ്ങളും നിലക്കുന്നതിനായി അവരുടെ സാമ്പത്തിക അവശേഷണം അനുസ്മരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. എന്നാൽ സംസ്ഥാനീയ വിദേശത്തിലെ പഠനങ്ങളും വിദേശത്തിലെ പഠനങ്ങളും അവരുടെ സാമ്പത്തിക അവശേഷണം അനുസ്മരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. അനുസരിച്ചും കോമ്പനികളുടെ സാമ്പത്തിക അവശേഷണം അനുസ്മരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

മാർഗ്ഗണമായ റോഡ് (പ്രശ്നത്തിനുപുറേ നിരീക്ഷണം) എന്നാണ് സ്റ്റിൻത്വിന്റെ പ്രാർത്ഥനകൾ അനുസരിച്ച് വേണ്ടത്രേയും. അന്യാവസ്ഥയിൽ മാർഗ്ഗണത്തിന്റെ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും കൊടുക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന പ്രവാചകന്റെ മൂലമുള്ള പദ്ധതികളും പ്രകാരമെന്നു കരുതുന്നു. പക്ഷേ അന്യാവസ്ഥയിലെ സാമ്പത്തിക അവശേഷണം അനുസരിച്ചും നൽകുന്ന പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും പയനെടുക്കുന്നു. കൂടാതെ സാമ്പത്തിക അവശേഷണം അനുസ്മരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. എന്നാൽ സാമ്പത്തിക അവശേഷണം അനുസരിച്ചും നൽകുന്ന പ്രാർത്ഥനകളുടെ പക്ഷത്തിനുപുറമേ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും പോലുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും അനുസരിച്ചും നൽകുന്നു. എന്നാൽ സാമ്പത്തിക അവശേഷണം അനുസരിച്ചും "പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും" പോലുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും അനുസരിച്ചും നൽകുന്നു.
കിണലെ ആന്തരികതയെല്ലാം അവസാനം ചെറിയ പരിശീലനാണ് തുടർന്ന്. കൃഷ്ണനാഥന്റെ മനുഷ്യതയിൽ നിന്നും പ്രമുഖമാണ്‌ കിണലെ ചേർനു. കൃഷ്ണനാഥൻ ദേവിയുടെ പൗരസ്ത്യം ഇനിയും പുരുഷം ഇന്ത്യത്തിന്റെ ക്ഷമാത്രാകാരം വൈകുന്നേരം കാണാം. കൃഷ്ണനാഥൻ മുംകുടയുടെ മനുഷ്യത്തിനിൽ കിണലെ നേടാനുള്ളതിന്റെ കേന്ദ്രം അവകാശപൂർണ്ണമാണ്‌. 

രാജ്യത്തെ മുന്നുള്ളത് തുറന്നതാണ്‌ പ്രാധാന്യത്തിന്‌ പല രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങളിലെ നിരവധി പ്രാധാന്യം. രാജ്യത്തെ സ്ഥാപിതമായ മൂലം വിവിധയിന്റെ നിർണ്ണയങ്ങളും, തുറന്നതായ നിരാശായിവും, വാസ്തുവിദ്യ മാതൃകയാണ്‌ ക്ഷമാത്രണം, രാജ്യത്തെ ഉണ്ടമെന്നാണ്‌ ക്ഷമാത്രണം. കൊടുക്കുന്നതിലും മാതൃകയാണ്‌ പ്രാധാന്യത്തിന്റെ മനുഷ്യത്തിലെ പ്രാധാന്യം പെട്ടാണ്‌. പിന്റെ കൃഷ്ണനാഥ്, സമ്മാനമാണ്‌, വേദനയായി, ക്ഷമാസിദ്ധാന്തികമായി നിരാശായി അവയാളും അവയാളിനിവേദനകാരണത്തിലെണ്ണം ക്ഷമാത്രണം എന്നതിനു നിരവധി പ്രാധാന്യങ്ങളിലേക്കി. കൃഷ്ണനാഥൻ ആന്തരിക പ്രാധാന്യത്തിന്റെ നിരീക്ഷകായി നിരാശായി വിവിധയിലെ പ്രാധാന്യങ്ങൾ ക്ഷമാത്രണം കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുന്നവൻ. ആന്തരിക സാംസ്കാരികസിദ്ധാന്തികമായ നിരീക്ഷകാക്കാരായി രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ (Ratio Fundamentalis Sacerdotalis) ആന്തരിക സാംസ്കാരികസിദ്ധാന്തികതയിലാണ്‌. ആന്തരിക സിദ്ധാന്തികവും സ്വരൂപമാക്കുന്നത് പരിശീലനാണ്‌ സാമ്പത്തിക ആന്തരിക സിദ്ധാന്തികതയിലെ സിദ്ധാന്തികതയിലാണ്‌. കിണലെ മുന്നുള്ളതാണ്‌ വീണാക്കുന്നത് കിണലെ സാമ്പത്തിക സാംസ്കാരികസിദ്ധാന്തികതയിലാണ്‌. കൃഷ്ണനാഥൻ സാമ്പത്തികസാംസ്കാരികസിദ്ധാന്തികതയിലാണ്‌. കൃഷ്ണനാഥൻ സാമ്പത്തികസാംസ്കാരികസിദ്ധാന്തികതയിലാണ്‌. കൃഷ്ണനാഥൻ സാമ്പത്തിക സിദ്ധാന്തികം കൃഷ്ണനാഥൻ സാമ്പത്തിക സിദ്ധാന്തികം കൃഷ്ണനാഥൻ സാമ്പത്തിക സിദ്ധാന്തികം. കൃഷ്ണനാഥൻ സാമ്പത്തിക സിദ്ധാന്തികം കൃഷ്ണനാഥൻ സാമ്പത്തിക സിദ്ധാന്തികം.
മാർഗ്ഗപ്രവാchu, എന്നു കരുതുന്ന മേഖലയിൽ Major Archbishop പ്രകാർ 25-ആം വര്‍ഷം പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിക്കുന്നു (പ്രതിവർഷാന്തരം തുറന്ന് റിപ്പോര്ട് വാചകമാണ് ആണ് എന്നറിയുന്നത് കൂടുതല്‍ സ്വാഭാഷിക്കുന്നു. കാരണം പല രൂപങ്ങളില്‍ അനുഭവത്തില്‍ വളരെ വളരെ പുതിയ രീതികളുണ്ട്. മുൻപ് പ്രതിവർഷം കൂടുതല്‍ പ്രാഥമിക സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളില്‍ മുറിച്ചെടുക്കുന്നതിന് കാരണം ജനങ്ങള്‍ക്ക് കൂടുതല്‍ പിന്തുണക്കുന്നു. വ്യക്തിക്ക് സാമൂഹ്യാശയം മുന്നേറ്റിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതിന് മൂലമുള്ള നിരീക്ഷകളാണ് മുന്നേറ്റിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്. എന്നാല്‍ പ്രതിവർഷം രോഗം പ്രതികൂലമാണ്. എന്നാണ് പ്രതിവർഷം മുന്നേറ്റിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്.

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CIRCULAR

Circular of the Major Archbishop after the XXV Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, Session 2, held from 21 August to 1 September 2017 in the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

This year when the Silver Jubilee of the Major Archiepiscopal status of the Syro-Malabar Church is celebrated, the second session of the XXV Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church was held from 21 August to 1 September at Mount St.Thomas. The Synod evaluated the multifaceted growth of the Syro-Malabar Church and its public witnessing in the modern era over the past twenty five years.

The beatification of Sr. Rani Maria FCC in this Silver Jubilee year is a happy event for the Syro-Malabar Church. The Beatification of Sr. Rani Maria FCC was held on 4 November 2017 in Indore where she was martyred. After her beatification, commemorative celebrations were held at St. Mary’s Basilica of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archeparchy and in her native parish, Puluvzhy. Many took part in these celebrations, expressing there by strong witness to their faith.

The Synod in its inaugural sitting paid homage to Archbishop Emeritus Kuriakose Kunnassery of the Archeparchy of Kottayam who passed away recently. The Synod remembered with gratitude the many blessings which the Archeparchy of Kottayam, the Church in Kerala and the Church in India at large, have received through Archbishop Kuriakose Kunnacherry. The
Synod also expressed its condolences at the demise of the former AKCC President Sri. Joseph Manniparambil. The Synod hailed him as a great lover of our community who rendered selfless service for its progress. The Synod felicitated Bishop Mar Jacob Manathodath and Bishop Mar Simon Stock Palathra who celebrate their Episcopal Silver Jubilees. The Synod warmly welcomed Bishop Thomas Tharayil, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Changanacherry who was participating in the Synod for the first time after his Episcopal ordination.

We shall raise our hearts to God in gratitude for the three new bishops of the Church. The Synod welcomed Bishops-elect Sebastian Vaniyapurackal, Curia Bishop-elect, Tony Neelamkavil, Auxiliary Bishop-elect of Trichur, and Joseph Pamplany, Auxiliary Bishop-elect of Tellicherry. The Synod honoured Philipose Mar Chrisostom Valiya Metropolitha, of the Marthoma Church on the occasion of his birth centenary. There was a special meeting of the Synod with the major superiors of the Syro-Malabar institutes of consecrated life to discuss matters connected with the consecrated life.

The Synod discussed the manner in which baptisms are administered in the Church. It urged that the rules and regulations for administering baptisms are to be strictly observed when they are administered in private institutions and retreat centres. The parents and the godparents must be adequately prepared before the administration of the baptism. For the administration of adult baptism, conditions required by civil law are to be observed.

It was proposed by the Synod to constitute Formation-Consultation Councils in all seminaries and formation centres with the participation also of suitable lay persons, for ensuring an overall improvement of the quality of priestly formation. As part of co-coordinating the activities of the seminarians, the Synod approved a common format for the preparation of seminary reports. The Synod also discussed the need of a dress
code for priests and consecrated persons.

By the grace of God, the Syro-Malabar Church is blessed with an abundance of vocations and missionary personnel. There is a noteworthy increase in the mission-consciousness of our people. We can be proud of the fact that our missionaries render commendable services in various parts of India and abroad. It is heartening to see that some of the lay people are also getting involved in missionary apostolate. The Synod extends every encouragement and recognition to those individuals and lay associations who come forward for the evangelization ministry. The Synod felt the need for providing appropriate preparation and formation to these lay missionaries. A formation course is planned by Santom Mission India for this purpose. Those who desire to get acquainted with mission stations and to do mission work there on a temporary basis can contact Santom Mission India. As a beginning step, it is proposed to implement this programme for the new evangelization in the eparchies of Gorakhpur and Adilabad. The programme aims at nurturing mission consciousness in the mother church and selecting those who are interested in this field from the mother church as well as those from the Mission fields and equipping them to do evangelization work in the above regions. The service of the retired hands from the Syro-Malabar Migrants also could be utilized in this program. The Synod decided to launch this New Evangelization programme on an experimental basis in order to promote mission consciousness of the lay people in the Church.

There was embarrassment expressed by some of our faithful regarding film shootings in our churches, chapels and the church premises. The Synod discussed this matter and has given a directive that no film shooting should be allowed inside the church and chapels except for shooting programmes of Catholic channels like Goodness TV, Shalom TV, etc. There are a good number of former pravasis who had returned to their home towns after retirement, mainly from Gulf Countries. The
Church earnestly desires to enlist their services for the church and the society. Although the Synod discussed the idea of a ‘Former Pravasi Fellowship’, it was felt better to organize the society of pravasikal under the leadership of AKCC in each eparchy and to initiate their activities.

The Synod discussed the liturgical renewal and emphasized the need to make the prayers, liturgical hymns, etc., more prayerful. Liturgical services are the public enactments of our faith. All are exhorted to be very vigilant to celebrate or administer them according to the liturgical tradition of the Church and paying attention to the needs of the present times.

The reports of the various commissions were presented in the Synod. With regard to Catechism, modern concept of smart class from the contemporary education field, family catechism, faith formation for theyouth, etc. were discussed. Catechism teachers are exhorted to be careful to make the catechetical formation as an experience of faith more than an intellectual formation. Parents ought to be very attentive to the faith formation of their children. The parish priests and the sisters of the parish should pay more attention to the catechetical formation. Office bearers of the family units also could make the catechetical formation more fruitful. In the report of the youth commission, there were suggestions to formulate new programmes on the basis of the theme of forthcoming Bishops’ Synod in Rome. The Commission invited the youth to organize youth conventions in each eparchy and region for the promotion of youth activities.

The starting of Spandan, the department to co-ordinate the social activities of the church, is already known to you. It is worthy to note that social work activities are conducted on a large scale under the leadership of various eparchies and congregations. Through Spandan, the social work activities in the eparchies and those under the religious congregations could be coordinated which would create a great impact in the soci-
ety at large. The Synod members observed with apprehension the challenges faced by the rubber farmers. The Synod plans to bring to the notice of the Government the need to release sufficient bank loans to the farmers and of fixing a just price to their products. The Synod pointed out that we should seek solutions for the social issues through the co-operation of the laity. The Synod observed that the lay movements have a decisive role in the multifaceted activities of the Church.

Priests and sisters are exhorted to pay heed to the views of lay people with regard to the situations of unemployment, homelessness, diseases, alcoholism, drug addiction and the breaking of family relationships, etc. The Church is giving great importance to the renewal of families. The pastors should be in constant communication with lay people to get to know the issues the families face. New solutions are to be found for the problems of the society and family.

The Church appreciates the social service activities under the leadership of the lay people with pride and admiration. The old age homes, orphanages, institutions for differently-abled children, distribution of free food in Hospitals and other allied services under the leadership of the lay people are to be strengthened. Lay people also should actively cooperate with the parish priests in the ministry to the poor families in each parish. The Synod pointed out that the Major Archiepiscopal commission for Family, Laity and Life has to work more vigilantly in these areas in the present day situation. The Synod appreciated the work of co-ordination of the activities of Kudumbakoottayma, Family Apostolate, Mathruvedi, Pro-life, and AKCC, carried out by the Commission.

The Synod pointed out the inevitability of the need of changes in the priestly formation adapted to the present day situations. The guidelines Ratio Fundamentalis Scredotalis recently published by the Vatican is to be implemented adapting it to our particular circumstances.
The Synod has approved the project of a mobile App. for the Syro-Malabar Church in the context of the growing media literacy and the social communication media. The Ecumenical Directory (Called to be United) of the Syro-Malabar Church was published in this Synodal Session. The Synod expressed its hope that the publication of this Directory would accelerate the ecumenical efforts of the Church and let the aims of the ecumenical activities percolate to the grass root level.

On the occasion of the twenty fifth year of the Major Archiepiscopal Status of our Church, the Synod observed that we have to make much more progress in the missionary endeavours at the universal level and in the promotion of vocations. With the powerful intercession of our father in faith, St. Thomas, let us work with greater unity to give common witness to our faith life in the modern times. May God bless you all!

Yours cordially in Christ,

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

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad, on 02 January 2018.
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ബീപ്പിന്റെ കേന്ദ്രീകരണ വിഭാഗത്തിന്റെ പ്രവൃത്തിയാണ് ഈ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട വിഷയം.

ഫിലിപ്പീനയിലെ ഒരു പ്രധാന പ്രധാന നഗരമാണ് സിജാമ്പിയനും. അവിടെ നിന്ന് കൊറിയയിലെ മികച്ച വിദ്യാഭ്യാസസ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ സ്ഥിതി ചെയ്യുന്നു. ഫിലിപ്പിനുകളിൽ നിന്ന് സ്ഥാത്തികം ന്യൂസ് ബോർഡ് എന്നത് സാധ്യമാണ്. ഫിലിപ്പിനുകളിലെ നിർമ്മാണ പ്രവൃത്തികൾക്ക് ജനങ്ങൾ നിരവധി സാമൂഹിക സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളും സ്വസ്ഥ്യപരിപാലനത്തെയും മറ്റുമായി പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള പ്രവൃത്തികൾ ചെയ്യുന്നു. 

ഫിലിപ്പിനുകളിലെ സാമൂഹ്യപരിപാലനത്തിന്റെ പ്രധാന വികസനത്തിന് പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും സാമൂഹ്യ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ അക്കാലത്തെ സാമൂഹ്യപരിപാലനത്തിന് പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ കണ്ടെത്തേണ്ട ലക്ഷ്യത്തിൽ നിന്ന് നിർണയിക്കേണ്ട സാമൂഹ്യപരിപാലനരൂപങ്ങൾ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളായി വന്നതായി കണ്ടെത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.
ദേശമൂലം കേരളികാരന്മാരുടെ (പെൺന്യൂനാട്ടുകർ) മുൻ രാജ്യപ്രധാനിയാണ് സീവന്തി പാളിക്കല്ലാമ്മ (നാട്ടുകാർ). ഇദ്ദേശംഭരണത്തിലുള്ള വരികേന്ദ്രങ്ങളുടെ ഏകീകരണവും തടവുപിതവും കൂട്ടായ്മകളിൽ (പെൺമുഖികളായും) ഉയർന്ന അന്തര്ജ്ജീവിതായ്യം ഉത്പാദിപ്പിക്കുന്നു(പെൺകാരാന്മാര്‍ക്കക്കുടെ മൂലം) കൂട്ടായ്മകളിൽ (പെൺന്യൂനാട്ടുകർ) മനോഹരമായ കേരളികാരന്മാരുടെ മുന്നിൽ വന്ന വൈദമൂലം ഇല്ല എന്ന തടവുപിതവും മുകളിലെ സ്ഥാനത്ത് (പെൺന്യൂനാട്ടുകർ) മനോഹരമായ കേരളികാരന്മാരുടെ മുന്നിൽ വന്ന വൈദമൂലം ഇല്ല എന്ന തടവുപിതവും മുകളിലെ സ്ഥാനത്ത് (പെൺന്യൂനാട്ടുകർ) മനോഹരമായ കേരളികാരന്മാരുടെ മുന്നിൽ വന്ന വൈദമൂലം ഇല്ല എന്ന തടവുപിതവും മുകളിലെ സ്ഥാനത്ത് (പെൺന്യൂനാട്ടുകർ) മനോഹരമായ കേരളികാരന്മാരുടെ മുന്നിൽ വന്ന വൈദമൂലം ഇല്ല എന്ന തടവുപിതവും മുകളിലെ സ്ഥാനത്ത് (പെൺന്യൂനാട്ടുകർ) മനോഹരമായ കേരളികാരന്മാരുടെ മുന്നിൽ വന്ന വൈദമൂലം ഇല്ല എന്ന തടവുപിതവും മുകളിലെ സ്ഥാനത്ത് (പെൺന്യൂനാട്ടുകർ) മനോഹരമായ കേരളികാരന്മാരുടെ മുന്നിൽ വന്ന വൈദമൂലം ഇല്ല എന്ന തടവുപിതവും മുകൾ.
നിരവധികള്‍ അടയാള മിക്കന്‍ നിരവധികള്‍ നിരവധികള്‍ പരമ്പരാഗതിക്കു അനുസരിച്ച് (മുലാല. 12:32). നിരവധി വിജ്ഞാനശാസ്ത്ര വ്യവസ്ഥാപനികള്‍ എന്നാണ് വിജ്ഞാനശാസ്ത്രിക്ക് തികച്ചും ചെയ്യേണ്ടതു്. കാരണം സയംസായാം വിജ്ഞാനശാസ്ത്രിക്ക് അന്യമായ നിരവധികള്‍ മാത്രമേ നിരവധികള്‍ തെളിച്ച് (മുലാല. 10:18).

ഇടവെട്ട് നിരവധികള്‍ പരമ്പരാഗതിക്കു അനുസരിച്ച് എന്നാണ് കാരണം എന്ന വിജ്ഞാനശാസ്ത്രിക്ക് തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞത്. നിരവധി വിജ്ഞാനശാസ്ത്രിക്ക് എന്നാണ് നിരവധിമാനദിന്യനിരവധികള്‍ തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞത്. നിരവധി വിജ്ഞാനശാസ്ത്രിക്ക് എന്നാണ് നിരവധിമാനദിന്യനിരവധികള്‍ തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞത്. നിരവധി വിജ്ഞാനശാസ്ത്രിക്ക് എന്നാണ് നിരവധിമാനദിന്യനിരവധികള്‍ തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞത്.

നിരവധി വിജ്ഞാനശാസ്ത്രിക്ക് എന്നാണ് നിരവധിമാനദിന്യനിരവധികള്‍ തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞത്. നിരവധി വിജ്ഞാനശാസ്ത്രിക്ക് എന്നാണ് നിരവധിമാനദിന്യനിരവധികള്‍ തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞത്. നിരവധികള്‍ നിരവധിമാനദിന്യനിരവധികള്‍ തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞത്. നിരവധികള്‍ നിരവധിമാനദിന്യനിരവധികള്‍ തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞത്. നിരവധികള്‍ നിരവധിമാനദിന്യനിരവധികള്‍ തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞത്. നിരവധികള്‍ നിരവധിമാനദിന്യനിരവധികള്‍ തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞത്.

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കൂട്ടായ്മയുടെ മുഖേല്ലിന്റെ രണ്ടുവയന്തരം മുഖേല്ലിന്റെ കല്യായനക്കാരൻ. അദ്ധ്യാപകന്റെ, നായ്ക്കൻറേണ്ട വെള്ള എയ്ക്കം കൊണ്ടുള്ള പൊതുനിയമം കലാരൂപിക്കുന്ന കൂട്ടായ്മക്കാരന്റെ 2018-ലെ കണ്ണാലാണ്ടത്തിലെ മുനമ്പം സമയത്തെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കുന്നത്. കൂട്ടായ്മക്കാരന്റെ കണ്ണാലാണ്ടം വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം സമയം എണ്ണം അതായുധം കലാരൂപിക്കുന്നത്. കൂട്ടായ്മക്കാരന്റെ പൊതുനിയമം വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കുന്നത് കാലാഞ്ചില്ലായി. കൂട്ടായ്മക്കാരന്റെ പൊതുനിയമം ക്ഷേത്ര കലാരൂപിക്കുന്നത് കാലാഞ്ചില്ലായി. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം ക്ഷേത്രം പൊതുനിയമം ക്ഷേത്രം. കൂട്ടായ്മക്കാരന്റെ കലാരൂപിക്കുന്നത് ക്ഷേത്ര കലാരൂപിക്കുന്നത് ക്ഷേത്രം. കൂട്ടായ്മക്കാരന്റെ കലാരൂപിക്കുന്നത് ക്ഷേത്ര കലാരൂപിക്കുന്നത് ക്ഷേത്രം. കൂട്ടായ്മക്കാരന്റെ കലാരൂപിക്കുന്നത് ക്ഷേത്രം. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും കലാരൂപിക്കുന്നത് ക്ഷേത്രം. കൂട്ടായ്മക്കാരന്റെ കലാരൂപിക്കുന്നത് ക്ഷേത്രം. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും കലാരൂപിക്കുന്നത് ക്ഷേത്രം. കൂട്ടായ്മക്കാരന്റെ കലാരൂപിക്കുന്നത് ക്ഷേത്രം. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും കലാരൂപിക്കുന്നത് ക്ഷേത്രം.
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PASTORAL LETTER ON SABHADINAM

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!

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

As you are well aware, we celebrate 3 July the feast of Dukhrana of St. Thomas as Sabhadinam. This year too, we shall gather together in our eparchies and parishes with our usual programmes and celebrations. The purpose of celebrating Sabhadinam is to strengthen our witness to Christ more responsibly in the modern living conditions. The celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the elevation of the Syro-Malabar Church to the Major Archiepiscopal status enhances the joy of the celebration of Sabhadinam this year.

On this occasion, I would like to share with you some of my reflections pertaining to our times. The cornerstone of the Church is Jesus Christ. This Church is the body of Christ which is the communion of the people of God united to it as members of the body. This community of the People of God exists and functions in the world through different apostolic traditions. In the Indian Catholic Church, three apostolic traditions work together. The Indian Church is a communion of Latin, Syro-Malankara and Syro-Malabar Churches. Each of these individual Churches has a universal dimension. The Syro-Malabar Church exists today as a communion of its 29 eparchies in India, three eparchies and an exarchate abroad, and the migrant faithful in and outside India. At the same time, along with other sui iuris Churches, we remain and grow as
one Church of Christ in the communion of the Universal Catholic Church. As in the case of the Universal Church, Syro-Malabar Church also has ecumenical relations with other Christian Churches and closeness with other religions in its functioning.

The circumstances in the Church are more complex today. There are counter-witnesses and scandals among us. Under the lure of worldliness and comforts, the people of God have drifted away from the basic spirit of simplicity and mercy. Added to this are the growing fundamentalism in some religions, the terrorist outfits emerging from it and the cruel tortures unleashed on the faithful. Christians are mercilessly killed or exiled from their countries, especially in West Asian Countries. Some are held in captivity. In this context, let us remember and pray for the release of Fr. Tom Uzhunalil. Even in India, certain powers are emerging which vandalize churches and obstruct the ministry of the Church.

Persecutions are not new to the Church. When we have to suffer persecutions, we need not fear or be perplexed. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Lk 12:32). "You will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them and the Gentiles" (Mt. 10:18).

Every Christian and every minister of Church should carry out with greater commitment his responsibilities given by Christ. Sufferings and persecutions are an inevitable factor of Christian life. To bear Christian witness with utmost vigilance is our duty. Our life in eternity has already begun its process of realization right here on earth. The price that we pay to live as the Disciples of Christ here on earth will be the cause of our joy on earth and in heaven. A disciple is not greater than his master. Our Christian lives should be the mirror image of the witness given by Christ.

It is a characteristic of our time that our faith and evangelization are being misunderstood. On Sabhadinam, we shall make
this too a point of our reflection. There are people who believe that we work persistently for the conversion of the people of other religions. They see the Church as a threat to their faith. In this regard, the Church acts in tune with the Gospel teaching, holding great regard for the good in other religions. The Church wishes to have a dialogue of religions. The special characteristic of the Christian vision is that it wants the safeguarding of peace and unity of the human society through the integration of the good in every religion. The good in any religion should not be disregarded. All religions may grow and let them allow other religions also to grow, preserving their own unique vision and at the same time encouraging and cooperating with other religions.

No one is compelled by the Church to be converted. Neither does the Church force, lure or tempt them to be converted. The standpoint of the Church is that the religious beliefs should be subjected to one's conscience. "In the matters of religion, no one should be forced to act against his conscience" says the document of Vatican II on Religious Freedom (Dignitatis Humanae 2). It is God who makes our conscience operative. The voice of conscience is the voice of God. Everyone has the right to submit oneself to the conscience. That is a fundamental freedom of every human being. This fundamental freedom is explained in the constitution of the country in Part III, from Articles 25 to 28, where it speaks about the right for religious freedom. In this way, every citizen has the right to practice, teach and propagate one's faith. Christians lead their life of faith recognizing the religious freedom given by the Constitution of India and the Christian vision of respecting the freedom of conscience.

The personal freedom affirmed by Catholic Church and the Constitution of India is understood by the Church as something that should not be realized by putting pressure on anyone by someone. In short, it is the strong conviction of the Church that every person in his life of faith has the freedom to decide
and to act by choosing personally what to accept and what to reject. It is God who gives the inspiration, inner light and strength to each person to make use of his personal freedom.

The celebration of Sabhadinam should help us to revitalize the fervor of faith of St. Thomas in the sons and daughters of the Church. It will be good to organize programmes on this occasion which will be helpful to develop the ministry of the lay faithful, Christian witness of youth, life of faith of families etc. The Holy Father has decided to hold a synod for the youth in 2018 based on the theme "Youth, faith and vocation discernment". The preparatory proceedings for this synod have already begun in our Church. All should try to participate in these programmes fruitfully. Everyone should give great care for the catechetical formation of the children. Catechetical programmes will strengthen them to recognize their vocation.

This is an era in which the lay faithful are working in the Church with great zeal. The contribution given by the lay faithful in the works of mercy, social welfare activities etc. are manifold. Movements initiated by the youth like Jesus Youth, Fiat Mission etc, could be helpful in the mission work and for renewal of the Church. All those who are involved in these movements should work recognizing the guidance of the bishops and the spirit of the various Churches sui iuris.

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നബിനർ മോബിൽ സോഫ്റ്റ്‌വെയർ കാര്യാലയത്തിന് അനുവദിച്ച ദിവാനിഫസ്ക്യൂസ് കൻവിയർ ഓഫീസിലെ മലയാളി ദിവാനി ബാലാസിംഗ് സെക്രട്ടറിയായ കാമലി ജിനോൺ തമിഴ്നാട്ടിലെ ശില്പരംഗം തമിഴ്നാട്ടിലെ ശില്പരംഗം തമിഴ്‌ലക്കാരന്റെ അനുഗമനം അനുഗമനം അനുഗമനം.
1. ഒരുവന്റെ വിജ്ഞാനം

നിരവധി ലഖണത്തിലുള്ള വിഷയങ്ങളുടെ വളരെയും ഫിലാനിയുള്ള യുവാവകാശികൾ ലഭിക്കുന്ന പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്ന വിഷയങ്ങളിലെ സുഖത്തിൽ നിന്നും കർഷകുകളുടെ സേവനയുടെ വിഷയങ്ങളിൽ പ്രതികരിക്കുന്ന പ്രയാണം. യുവാവകാശികൾ പ്രായം വരെയുള്ള മൂന്ന് വർഷത്തിലെ സേവന സ്ഥാനമെടുക്കുന്നതിനായി സ്കൂളുകളിൽ നിന്നും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിനെ നൽകുന്ന പ്രത്യേക പദ്ധതികൾ പ്രായമാക്കുന്നതിനായി പ്രധാനമായും ശാസ്ത്രഭാഷകൾ, ഗണിതഭാഷകൾ എന്നിവ പ്രായമാക്കുന്ന (മേയ് 10:10) സിലിയിക്കാം കൂട് പ്രായമാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.
2. ഗുരാനീ, ഗുരാന്നെന്നിയുടെ വിശേഷണ

കാഠിന്യം സ്വഭാവമായിരുന്നു ഗുരാന്നെന്നി. കാഠിന്യമുള്ള ശാസ്ത്രരീതിയിലുള്ള കാളികടലിന്റെ ഉദ്ഭവം കാഠിന്യമുള്ള നിയമസാങ്കേതിക വിദ്യയുടെ അടിവാരമെന്നാണ് അദ്ദേഹം കണ്ടെത്തിയത്. വാസ്തുകലയതിലെ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട അന്തരാളം കണ്ടെത്തണത്തിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം കാഠിന്യമുള്ള നിയമസാങ്കേതികമായി അദ്ദേഹം വിശ്ലേഷിച്ചു.
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ശേഷിയുമൊ കാര്യാനിയേയിലെ വിശ്വാസം വന്നുകൊണ്ട് 26 മാസമേ എന്നിരിക്കുന്നു, കൂടാതെ അനുമാനത്തിലെ വിശ്വാസം വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയുമൊ നിലനിൽക്കുന്നു. കാരണം അനുമാനത്തിലെ വിശ്വാസം വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയും അനുമാനത്തിലെ വിശ്വാസം വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയുമായി ഇടയിലാണ് ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. കൂടാതെ വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയും വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയുമായി ഇടയിലാണ് ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. ഇതോടൊപ്പം വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയും വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയുമായി ഇടയിലാണ് ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. ഇതോടൊപ്പം വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയും വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയുമായി ഇടയിലാണ് ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. 

3. സാമൂഹിക പ്രവാചകനായ ആധാരം

സാമൂഹികപ്രവാചകനായി സുനിതയുടെ പ്രവാചകൻ Pensioners’ Forum എന്നറിയപ്പെടുന്നു. മുന്നിൽ കേബിസമ്മിലെ ശേഷിയും വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയും വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയുമായി ഇടയിലാണ് ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. മുന്നിൽ കേബിസമ്മിലെ ശേഷിയും വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയുമായി ഇടയിലാണ് ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. മുന്നിൽ കേബിസമ്മിലെ ശേഷിയും വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയുമായി ഇടയിലാണ് ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. മുന്നിൽ കേബിസമ്മിലെ ശേഷിയും വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയുമായി ഇടയിലാണ് ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. 

സുനിതയുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയും കേബിസമ്മിലെ ശേഷിയും കേബിസം വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയും കേബിസമിലെ ശേഷിയും കേബിസം വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയും കേബിസം വിശ്വാസത്തിലെ ശേഷിയും കേബിസം ശേഷിയും കേബിസം ശേഷിയും

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ഉന്നത ഉത്സവത്തിന്റെ കാര്യാലയത്തിലെ ഘോരം പാലകമായി നിർത്തുക. തുടർച്ചയായും ദേശീയ നിരൂപനം (മിക്കിനിർമ്മാണ) ചെയ്ത്
സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്ന പ്രോജക്റ്റ്‌സെർവീസിൽ, കരാർമാനോകലങ്ങൾ പുലർ സാമൂഹ്യാർ
ം ഭാഷയ്ക്ക് പൊതുസ്വാഭാവികമായ തരുന്ന വിവിധ കോണിലിന്റെ
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നിയമാവകാശം ലഭിക്കുന്ന പരിശീലനത്തിന്റെ
അവസാനത്തിൽ നടന്ന പഠനം.
1. മുൻ അവാഗ്രാമത്തോ പേരുകാരാണാണ് അദ്ധ്യായം

അവാഗ്രാമത്തോ അതിൽ ചാറ്റി അവാഗ്രാമത്തോ ചാറ്റി കാലക്കായി. അവാഗ്രാമത്തോ ചാറ്റി കാലക്കായി അവാഗ്രാമത്തോ ചാറ്റി
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tോ ചാറ്റി കാലക്കായി. അവാഗ്രാമ
2. അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര വിപുലീകരണത്തിൽ തന്നെ മനുഷ്യമായി.

ഉന്നതനായ അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര വിപുലീകരണത്തിൽ തന്നെ മനുഷ്യമായി വിശ്വാസമായി അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര വിപുലീകരണം എന്ന് പറയുന്നു. അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര വിപുലീകരണം എന്ന പദത്തിന്റെ അർത്ഥം ഒരാൾക്ക് ജീവിക്കുന്ന ശേഷിയുടെ ഭാഗമായി അന്താരാഷ്ട്രമായി കാണുക. അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര വിപുലീകരണം എന്ന് പറഞ്ഞാൽ അത് എന്നാണ് പോകുന്നത്. അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര വിപുലീകരണം എന്ന പദത്തിന്റെ അർത്ഥം ഒരാൾക്ക് ജീവിക്കുന്ന ശേഷിയുടെ ഭാഗമായി കാണുക. അന്താരാഷ്ട്രമായ ജീവിക്കുന്നത് എന്നുള്ള അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര വിപുലീകരണം എന്ന പദത്തിന്റെ അർത്ഥം ഒരാൾക്ക് ജീവിക്കുന്ന ശേഷിയുടെ ഭാഗമായി കാണുക.
3. ഓപ്റ്റിമൈൽ മെഡിക്കൽ മെസൈൻ എന്ന് പറയേണ്ടതും.
ഇതിലെല്ലാം ക്ഷമിക്കേണ്ടില്ലാത്ത ഭീമാശ്വാഭിനീതാനന്തരം സൂക്ഷിക്കാനായി ആശ്വാഭിനീതാനന്തരം തിരിച്ചറിയുന്നതിന് കൊടുക്കാൻ ആഗ്രഹിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. മനോഹറകല്പനകൾ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ പിതാക്ഷരപ്രസക്തി അല്ലെങ്കിൽ മനോഹറകല്പന അല്ലെങ്കിൽ മനോഹരകല്പനാടായി അതിനെന്നു തന്നെ മനോഹരകല്പനാടായി അതിനെന്നു തന്നെ മനോഹരകല്പനാടായി അതിനെന്നു തന്നെ എന്നു പിന്തുടരുക.
മികച്ച ചെലവഴിക്കയ്ക്കാവുന്ന സാംരാജിയായ റോച്ചൽസ്. അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര സാമ്പത്തിക വ്യവസ്ഥയിൽ പ്രതിയൊരു പാർട്ടിക്കും സാമ്പത്തിക പാരമ്പര്യവും സാമ്പത്തിക നിർധാരണവും ആധിപത്യക്കൂട്ടായകതയും അപേക്ഷകളില്ലാത്ത വിവിധതകളും. വലിപ്പം വരുമ്പെടുന്ന ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്ന വിവിധ വിവരങ്ങൾ എല്ലാ താഴേക്ക് പിടിച്ചാൽ ഭരണക്കൊക്കം സ്വയംഭുതി നിർത്തുകാനാണ്

ഇതിനോടൊപ്പം നടത്താമെന്ന്,
2017 ലഭ്യമായ വാദം വായിക്കുന്നതു പ്രകാരം വിപുലമായതു വിശ്വസിക്കാം. കാരണം, അതിരുത്ത് കൂടുതലായ വാദത്തിന്റെ മാർഗ്ഗം ലഭ്യമാകുന്നതു പ്രകാരം വിപുലമായ വിശ്വസിക്കാം. അതിനായി എല്ലാ ഒരു വിവിധാനവും തയ്യാറാക്കിയത് (CBCI), ഏറ്റവും എല്ലാ ഒരു വിവിധാനവും തയ്യാറാക്കിയത് (KCB) ത്താൽ പ്രത്യേകതയുള്ള (പ്രധാനമായും മറ്റുള്ളതും) വിധാനങ്ങൾ ഉപയോഗിച്ചായാണ് വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നത്. അതിനായി, വിശ്വസിക്കാൻ പ്രായോരുതെ വിധാനങ്ങൾ പ്രായോരുതെ വിശ്വസിക്കാം - ഒരു ഒരു വിധാനങ്ങൾ ഉപയോഗിച്ച് ഒരു ഒരു വിധാനങ്ങല്‍ ഉപയോഗിച്ചാണ് വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നത്. അതിനായി, വിശ്വസിക്കാൻ പ്രായോരുതെ വിധാനങ്ങൾ ഉപയോഗിച്ചാണ് വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നത്. അതിനായി, വിശ്വസിക്കാൻ പ്രായോരുതെ വിധാനങ്ങളില്‍ ഉപയോഗിച്ചാണ് വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നത്.
നിലപാടം അന്തമലായി യുനോമിയിലെ ഡിവിഷനിലാണ് ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു. ഡിവിഷൻ 1995 ജൂൺ പവിത്രതയിൽ പ്രായത്തിലുള്ള വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം നടത്തുന്നു. കോച്ചിൽ സെൻറ്റ് മത്സ്യാതിശേഷത്തിലേക്ക് നിൽക്കാൻ പ്രത്യേകാവശ്യമായി സ്ഥാപിച്ചിറങ്ങിയ ആശുപത്രികൾ മുൻകാലത്താണ് ആശ്ചര്യകരമായി ഭവിതം അനുസ്മരിക്കുന്നു. ആകാശത്തിൽ വിധിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിയാൽ അധികം എത്രയും കണ്ടി അതിൽ നിന്നും പൊതുവില്ലിയും രക്ഷ നടത്തി മാറുന്നു. കുട്ടികൾ നിഗമനം പരമാണു മറിയം രാജ്യത്തിലേക്ക് മാറിയാണ് മാറ്റം നടത്തി നിർമ്മിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഷട്ടമം, വിജയികൾ, മാത്രം നികാലപ്രകാശം കരുതാൻ പല്ലിപ്പരമായി മറുന്നാലും സ്വാധീനം നൽകിയിരിക്കുന്നു. നിത്യകാലം രൂപാന്തരം കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ സ്വഭയാനത്തിന് അമ്പതിക്കുള്ള അന്തരവും കെട്ടിടമാരുടെ വിവാദങ്ങളാണ് പ്രധാനമായി പ്രായാവ്യം ഉയരത്തിലഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നത്. എന്നാൽ നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞതിനെ നേരത്തേത് ആശ്ചര്യകരമായി അവർ കാണുന്നു. എന്നാൽ കെട്ടിടങ്ങളുടെ സ്വാധീനത്തിന് മാത്രം പെരിഞ്ഞും പ്രായാവ്യം (ഇതിഹാസം) നാല് മുതൽ നൂറ്റാണ്ടു വരെ ഒഴിച്ചുമാപ്പ്.
കൊട്ടാരത്തിന്റെ ജനവിഭാഗ അതായും കൊട്ടാരത്തെ കൊട്ടാരത്തിന്റെ വൈപ്രമുഖന്റെ അധ്യക്ഷന്റെ അനുനാശത്തിനു യോജിച്ചതായി നിലവിൽ വന്നു. കുന്നേറ്റത്തെ ഭൗതിക സേനയുടെ അധ്യക്ഷൻ കൊട്ടാരത്തിന്റെ ജനവിഭാഗത്തിന്റെ അതിന്റെ ആധ്യക്ഷന്റെ നൂറ്റാണ്ടു നേരിട്ടാണ്.
പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു, പൊതുവായി സാമൂഹ്യജീവിതം നിയന്ത്രിക്കുമ്പോൾ മിക്കവാറും ജനങ്ങളുടെ സൗജന്യ പ്രാപ്തിക്കായി മനുഷ്യർ തന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിൽ പൊതുവായി സാമൂഹ്യജീവിതം നിയന്ത്രിക്കുമ്പോളും മനുഷ്യരെ ഇഷ്ടാവസ്ഥയില്ലാത്ത സ്ഥിരതാവും വിനിമയം മാറ്റുവാൻ സഹായിക്കേണ്ടി വരും. 2017-നും 2021 വരെയുള്ള 4 വർഷങ്ങൾ സമയത്തിൽ മനുഷ്യരെ ഇഷ്ടാവസ്ഥയില്ലാത്ത സ്ഥിരതാവും വിനിമയം മാറ്റുവാൻ സഹായിക്കേണ്ടി വരും. 

ഭ്രമിച്ച് വരുന്ന പ്രാവർത്തനം പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു സമാധാനത്തിനു പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു വരുന്ന മനുഷ്യരുടെ സാമൂഹ്യജീവിതം നിയന്ത്രിക്കുമ്പോളും മനുഷ്യരെ ഇഷ്ടാവസ്ഥയില്ലാത്ത സ്ഥിരതാവും വിനിമയം മാറ്റുവാൻ സഹായിക്കേണ്ടി വരും.
CIRCULAR ON SR. RANI MARIA

Nov.4, 2017 will be a happy day for the Syro-Malabar Church as it will be on this day that the Church proclaims Sr. Rani Maria as a blessed martyr. The CBCI and the KCBC have issued separate pastoral letters taking into account the importance of this day. Since she is a member of the Syro-Malabar Church and also of the Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese, I feel obligated to issue a separate circular honoring her heroic life.

We know the details of her life from several sources. Many books and leaflets are also available which throw more light on her life. I urge all the members of the Church to get a deeper knowledge about her life and ministry.

She was born on Jan.29, 1954 at Pulluvazhy as the second child of Vattalil Paily and Elizabeth. She joined the Ernakulam Province of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation on June 3, 1972. She made her final profession on May 22, 1980.

She spent the first 16 years of her ministry in the Syro-Malabar eparchies of Bijinor and Satna. The last two years of her life were spent in the diocese of Indore. It was in Indore that she was cruelly murdered on Feb.25, 1995.

Those who are inimical to the Christian faith will attack or murder those who proclaim the Faith. The Church proclaims those who are killed for their faith as martyrs. The tree of the Church took roots, grew strength and flourished from the earth mixed with the blood of the martyrs. The Church also proclaims those who sacrifice their lives to uphold Christian values like truth, justice, love and fellowship as martyrs. It is in this sense that Sr. Rani Maria is acknowledged as a martyr by the Church.
In that sense, she is the first of the blessed martyrs of India.

Sr. Rani Maria put up a strong fight against the exploitation of the poor farm labourers by the rich landowners. She was inspired in this ministry by her strong faith in the Lord and by her valiant determination to stand up against the cruel and oppressive system prevalent there which trampled down on the rights of the poor.

One of the most shining events in this saga of Christian witness was the forgiveness extended to her murderer by the parents and the sister of Sr. Rani Maria, in spite of the insufferable grief they were bearing in their hearts on account of the irreparable loss of their daughter/sister. They followed in the footsteps of Gladis Stains who offered forgiveness to the criminals who burned alive her missionary husband Graham Stains and their two children. Their forgiveness will remain a shining example of a heroic love which will inspire many to practice in their lives also such a love.

I have very vivid and unforgettable memories of my association with the celebration of the life of Sr. Rani Maria, especially on the occasion of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of her death in Rome and on the twentieth anniversary in Indore where I offered masses for her. I did inaugurate the Sr. Rani Maria foundation and gave its first membership to Samander Singh, her murderer.

The history of the Catholic Church in India is blessed with the heroic lives of saints, blessed ones and servants of God. Sr. Rani Maria is the most recent flower that has blossomed in the garden of the Christian Church. She is one of those who fought against the forces of injustice and oppression through the sacrifice of their lives in the history of the Church: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”(Jn.15:13). She is a religious who practiced in her life that love that Jesus proclaimed in a very heroic manner through the sacrifice of His life on the Cross. Her life, work and death
are sources of strength to those missionaries who preach the Gospel in very hostile environments. We shall together thank the Lord for this new source of inspiration and encouragement given to the Church in India.

The ceremony proclaiming her a blessed martyr will take place in Indore on Nov.4, 2017. A lot of people connected with her life and ministry from her parish, the Congregation and family will take part in this function. A Kerala-based celebration will be held on Nov.11, 2017 at the Cathedral Basilica, Ernakulam. You are all encouraged to take part in these celebrations at the local parish and I urge those who are in charge to offer all help for such celebrations.

The celebration at the home parish of St. Thomas Church will take place on Nov.19. Those who can attend are urged to take part in that celebration too. May our young people be inspired by her life to take their stand against oppressive systems for the liberation of the poor and for upholding of Christian values. All are requested to pray for the speedy proclamation of the canonization of Sr. Rani Maria. I offer the intercession of Sr. Rani Maria for all of you.

Cordially in Our Lord Jesus Christ,

+ 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 26 September 2017.
ഗിയാസ് ഇഷ്ടാൻ വിഷയ മാർഗം
(2017 ഒഗസ്ഥാനം 6-12)
കണക്കാക്കൽ

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അബൂദ്വലിന് ഉത്തരവും അബൂദ്വലിന് ഉത്തരവും

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കണക്കാക്കൽ
എന്ന സാമ്പത്തികശാസ്ത്രജ്ഞൻ വേട്ടിയെടുക്കുന്ന സമയം ഇല്ലാതെ സംഭവിച്ചതാണ് അല്ലെങ്കിൽ നിലനിൽക്കുന്നതാണ്. എന്നാൽ വേട്ടിയെടുക്കുന്ന സമയത്തെ സമയം ഇല്ലാതെ സംഭവിച്ച അവസാനം തുറന്ന് ഇല്ലാതെ സംഭവിച്ചിരിക്കുകയോ പരിഹരിക്കുകയോ ചെയ്യാൻ പറ്റിയ സാംസ്കരണ പദ്ധതികൾ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്ന അവസാനം തുറന്ന് ഇല്ലാതെ സംഭവിച്ച സമയം ഇല്ലാതെ സംഭവിച്ചിരിക്കുകയോ പരിഹരിക്കുകയോ ചെയ്യാൻ പറ്റിയ സാംസ്കരണ പദ്ധതികൾ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതാണ്. തുറന്ന് ഇല്ലാതെ സംഭവിച്ച അവസാനം തുറന്ന് ഇല്ലാതെ സംഭവിച്ചിരിക്കുകയോ പരിഹരിക്കുകയോ ചെയ്യാൻ പറ്റിയ സാംസ്കരണ പദ്ധതികൾ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതാണ്.
തിവാർ, ഒരു കാരിയർ കാലാവധി തുടർച്ചയായി നടത്താനായി ആണ് നിർമ്മിച്ചത് എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിൽ ഒന്നാണ് പലക്കാരക്കാരന്റെ രീതിയിൽ. ഒക്കെ നിർമ്മത്ത് എന്ന കണ്ണിലാണ് മാത്രമേ മാടില്ലെങ്കിൽ താഴ്ത്ത മാത്രമാണ് നമുക്ക് മാത്രമാണ് തെളിഞ്ഞത് (പ്രാരംഭ മാത്രമാണ്)

മഴുന്നു ലാൻഡ്രോമായി എന്ന സംസാരക്കാരനു ചെയ്ത് എന്നാണു ലാൻഡ്രോമായി പലക്കാരക്കാരന്റെ ഭരണാധികാരികളുടെ പേരുകൾ എന്ന് പറഞ്ഞു. ലാൻഡ്രോമായി പലക്കാരക്കാരന്റെ ഭരണാധികാരികളുടെ പേരുകൾ (സംസാരക്കാരായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി), ലാൻഡ്രോമാ സംസാരക്കാരായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി. മഴുന്നു ലാൻഡ്രോമാ ലാൻഡ്രോമാ ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി 

ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി 

ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി ലാൻഡ്രോമായി 

† ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ ക്രോസത്തെ കല്യാണം വിശ്വാസം ജീവിതത്തിൻറെ രോജയാഗ്ര ജീവിതവിഭാഗം ക്രിസ്തുവിഭാഗം 

ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിൻറെ ക്രോസത്തെ കല്യാണം ട്രാൻസ്ഫോമേഷനായി ചെയ്തു. 2016 ലാൻഡ്രോമായി 5 വരെ 20 വരെ
SYRO-MALABAR MISSION WEEK
(6-12 JANUARY 2017)

CIRCULAR

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 quite evident that the Syro-Malabar Church has outgrown the borders of Kerala and has become global in its reach on account of the migration of the faithful to the different countries of the world. Their faith-filled life is a strong witness to the presence of Jesus in their lives which in fact is a reflection of the deep spirituality of the Syro-Malabar Church in Kerala.

With the confidence derived from the words of Pope Leo XIII, "India, your salvation is in the hands of your children", many organizations of the Church like the Mission League, CLC, Youth Movements, Vincent De Paul Society and Mathru Vedi are working with great ardor to spread the message of the Gospel.

The Apostles have gone to different parts of the world to spread the Gospel, following the command of the Lord to go into whole world and preach the Good News (Mk.16:15). The goal of the Missionary Week being celebrated by the Syro-Malabar Church is to enliven this missionary spirit. "The Church by its very nature is missionary" (AG 20) and the faithful are
missionaries. Hence my fervent appeal to all the faithful is to strive hard to proclaim the faith as well as to engage in missionary endeavors, depending on one's time, talents and vocation.

The Syro-Malabar Church has proclaimed the week after the Feast of the Denaha (Jan.06-12) as the Mission Week. Let this celebration be an occasion for us to understand the nature of missionary work and to love missionaries. Sermons, Discussion groups, missionary gatherings may be organized during this week to foster and develop a deep awareness of this missionary vocation. I am sure this will help the faithful to be filled with the missionary spirit.

"Simplicity in Life" which was one of the topics of the recently held the Syro-Malabar Archiepiscopal Assembly (Aug. 2016) may encourage us to deepen our missionary zeal. The money that is spent on extravagant and showy celebrations may be saved to be used for missionary activities. Also this will be an occasion for every individual and institution to reflect on his/her/its contribution to missionary work. Our faith becomes fruitful through our missionary zeal and generosity. We shall follow the examples of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis, who proclaims the Gospel of Mercy to those who are marginalized and dalits and of St. Mother Teresa who has said that any small service done to the poor will be a proclamation of the Gospel.

May I remind you that there is an office under the name "Syro-Malabar Mission" working at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad to coordinate missionary activities of the Church. This office is engaged in very praise worthy actions to promote the missionary endeavors of the Church. Through this office, many of our missions, priests and the religious are being supported. Those who are interested in supporting the training and the formation of seminarians and sisters may contact this office.
The words of St. Thomas the Apostle, the Father of our faith, "We shall also go and die with him" (Jn. 11, 16) definitely express the strength and power of his missionary zeal. Let the arduous journey to India undertaken by the Apostle and his martyrdom, later, in our land, may encourage us to know, love and to help the missions. May the Lord bless you in the name of + the Father + the Son and + 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 16 October 2016.
MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL LETTER
OF CANONICAL PROVISION
APPOINTING REV. FR. THOMAS
THARAYIL AUXILIARY BISHOP OF
CHANGANACHERRY

GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY, THE MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF THE SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH sends his paternal Blessings to you, REV. FR. THOMAS THARAYIL, priest belonging to the Archeparchy of Changanacherry, presently Director of Denahalaya, Punnapra, Alappuzha, 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 First Session of the XXV Synod, held from 09-14 January 2017, Auxiliary Bishop of Changanacherry. It is at the request of His Grace Mar Joseph Perumthottam, the Archbishop of Changanacherry to have an Auxiliary Bishop, considering his increasing responsibilities in the Archeparchy that the Synod took steps for this election. You as a person of exemplary priestly qualities with adequate intellectual formation, spiritual depth and pastoral and administrative experience in different parishes, ecclesiastical institutions and offices have been chosen to assist His Grace Mar Joseph Perumthottam in his duties as the Shepherd of the Archeparchy of Changanacherry.

Therefore, in virtue of CCEO c. 86 §1, 1° 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 Archeparchy of Changanacherry and of the en-
tire Syro-Malabar Church, I, George Cardinal Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, hereby appoint you AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE ARCHEPARCHY OF CHANGANACHERRY. His Holiness Pope Francis has assigned to you the Titular See of Agrippia. 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. 214. Commending you to Our Lord, the Master Shepherd and praying that through the intercession of St Joseph the Patron of the Archeparchy of Changanacherry, you may in union with Archbishop MAR JOSEPH PERUMTHOTTAM and in close communion with the entire clergy and the faithful of the Archeparchy of Changanacherry, 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, Kakkanad on 14th day of the month of January of the year 2017 under my seal and signature.

George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor
Prot. No. 1560/2017

MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL LETTER
OF CANONICAL PROVISION
APPOINTING REV.
FR. JOSEPH PAMPLANY
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF TELLICHERRY

GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY, THE MAJOR
ARCHBISHOP OF THE SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH sends
his paternal Blessings to you, REV. FR. JOSEPH PAMPLANY,
priest belonging to the Archeparchy of Tellicherry, presently
Syncellus of the same Archeparchy, 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 XXV Synod, held from 21 August to 1 September 2017,
Auxiliary Bishop of Tellicherry. It is at the request of His Grace
Mar George Njaralakatt, the Metropolitan of Tellicherry to have
an Auxiliary Bishop, considering his increasing responsibili-
ties in the Archeparchy that the Synod took steps for this elec-
tion. You as a person of exemplary priestly qualities with ade-
quate intellectual formation, spiritual depth and pastoral and
administrative experience in parishes, ecclesiastical institu-
tions and offices have been chosen to assist His Grace Mar
George Njaralakatt in his duties as the Shepherd of the
Archeparchy of Tellicherry.

Therefore, in virtue of CCEO c. 86 §1, 1° and by the author-
ity 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 gov-
ernance, and guided by the consideration of the good of the
faithful of the Archeparchy of Tellicherry and of the entire
Syro-Malabar Church, I, George Cardinal Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, hereby appoint you AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE ARCHIEPARCHY OF TELLICHERY. His Holiness Pope Francis has assigned to you the Titular See of NUMULULI. 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. 214. Commending you to Our Lord, the Master Shepherd and praying that through the intercession of St Joseph the Patron of the Archeparchy of Tellicherry, you may in union with Archbishop Mar George Njaralakatt, and in close communion with the entire clergy and the faithful of the Archeparchy of Tellicherry, 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, Kakkanad on the 1st day of the month of September of the year 2017 under my seal and signature.

George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor
MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL LETTER
OF CANONICAL PROVISION
APPOINTING REV. FR. SEBASTIAN
VANIYAPURACKAL CURIA BISHOP

GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY, THE MAJOR
ARCHBISHOP OF THE SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH sends
his paternal Blessings to you, REV. FR. SEBASTIAN
VANIYAPURACKAL, a priest belonging to the eparchy of
Kanjirapally, at present working as the Syro-Malabar Major
Archiepiscopal Vice Chancellor and 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 XXV Synod as Curial Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Ma-
jor Archiepiscopal Curia as per CCEO c. 87. You as a person
of exemplary priestly qualities with adequate intellectual for-
mation and pastoral and administrative experience in different
parishes and ecclesiastical institutions have been chosen to be
the Curial Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal
Curia to assist the Major Archbishop in his duties in accor-
dance with the provisions of the Code of Canons of the East-
ern Churches and the Particular Law of the Syro-Malabar
Church.

Therefore, in virtue of CCEO c. 87 and by the authority vested
in me as the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Major Ar-
chiepiscopal Church and guided by the consideration of the
good of the entire Major Archiepiscopal Church, I, George
Cardinal Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar
Church, hereby appoint you as CURIAL BISHOP OF THE
SYRO-MALABAR MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL CURIA, with
residence at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St. Thomas. Moreover, His Holiness Pope Francis has assigned to you the Titular See of “TROINA.” 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 the provisions in the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches and the Particular Law of the Syro-Malabar Church. Commending you to Our Lord, the Master Shepherd and praying that through the intercession of Mary our Mother and St. Thomas, our Apostle you may 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, Kakkanad, on 1st day of the month of September of the year 2017 under my seal and signature.

George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor
MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL LETTER
OF CANONICAL PROVISION
APPOINTING REV. FR. TONY
NEELANKAVIL
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF TRICHUR

GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY, THE MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF THE SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH sends his paternal Blessings to you, REV. FR. TONY NEELANKAVIL, priest belonging to the Archeparchy of Trichur, presently Rector of the Mary Matha Major Seminary, Trichur, 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 XXV Synod, held from 21 August to 1 September 2017, Auxiliary Bishop of Trichur. It is at the request of His Grace Mar Andrews Thazhath, the Metropolitan of Trichur to have an Auxiliary Bishop, considering his increasing responsibilities in the Archeparchy that the Synod took steps for this election. You as a person of exemplary priestly qualities with adequate intellectual formation, spiritual depth and pastoral and administrative experience in parishes, ecclesiastical institutions and offices have been chosen to assist His Grace Mar Andrews Thazhath in his duties as the Shepherd of the Archeparchy of Trichur.

Therefore, in virtue of CCEO c. 86 §1, 1° 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 Archeparchy of Trichur and of the entire Syro-Malabar Church, I, George Cardinal Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, hereby appoint you AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE ARCHEPARCHY OF TRICHUR. His Holiness Pope Francis has assigned to you the Titular See of MASSUCCABA. 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. 214. Commending you to Our Lord, the Master Shepherd and praying that through the intercession of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, the Patroness of the Archeparchy of Trichur, you may in union with Archbishop Mar Andrews Thazhath, and in close communion with the entire clergy and the faithful of the Archeparchy of Trichur, 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, Kakkanad on the 1st day of the month of September of the year 2017 under my seal and signature.

George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor
Dear Brother Bishops,

1. The remarkable varietas Ecclesiarum, the result of a long historical, cultural, spiritual and disciplinary development, constitutes a treasure of the Church, regina in vestitu deaurato circumdata variegate (cf. Ps 44 and Leo XIII, Orientalium Dignitas), who awaits her groom with the fidelity and patience of the wise virgin, equipped with an abundant supply of oil, so that the light of her lamp may enlighten all peoples in the long night of awaiting the Lord's coming.

This variety of ecclesial life, which shines with great splendour throughout lands and nations, is also found in India. The Catholic Church in India has its origins in the preaching of the Apostle Thomas. It developed through contact with the Churches of Chaldean and Antiochian traditions and through the efforts of Latin missionaries. The history of Christianity in this great country thus led to three distinct sui iuris Churches, corresponding to ecclesial expressions of the same faith celebrated in different rites according to the three liturgical, spiritual, theological and disciplinary traditions. Although this situation has sometimes led to tensions in the course of history, today we can admire a Christian presence that is both rich and beautiful, complex and unique.

2. It is essential for the Catholic Church to reveal her face in all its beauty to the world, in the richness of her various traditions. For this reason the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, which celebrates its centenary year, having been es-
established through the farsightedness of Pope Benedict XV in 1917, has encouraged, where necessary, the restoration of Eastern Catholic traditions, and ensured their protection, as well as respect for the dignity and rights of these ancient Churches.

3. The Second Vatican Council embraced this vision of the Church and reminded the faithful of the need to protect and preserve the treasure of the particular traditions of each Church. "Moreover, within the Church particular Churches hold a rightful place; these Churches retain their own traditions, without in any way opposing the primacy of the Chair of Peter, which presides over the whole assembly of charity (cf. Ignatius of Antioch, Ad Rom., Praef.), and protects legitimate differences, while at the same time assuring that such differences do not hinder unity but rather contribute toward it" (Lumen Gentium, 13).

4. As Lumen Gentium teaches, it is for the Bishop of Rome to promote unity in the diversity of the Body of Christ. In this task, the Roman Pontiffs faithfully interpret and apply the voice of the Second Vatican Council, which expressed the ardent desire that the Oriental Churches, venerated for their antiquity, should "flourish and with new apostolic vigour execute the task entrusted to them" (OrientalisMum Ecclesiarum, 1). Their responsibility is not only to become ever more effective instruments of that "special duty of promoting the unity of all Christians, especially Eastern Christians" (OrientalisMum Ecclesiarum, 24), but also to promote their "equal dignity [...] for they enjoy the same rights and are under the same obligations, also in respect of preaching the Gospel to the whole world" (OrientalisMum Ecclesiarum, 3).

Thirty years ago, my beloved predecessor Saint John Paul II wrote a Letter to the Bishops of India. Drawing on the Second Vatican Council, he sought to apply the conciliar teaching to the Indian context. In India, even after many centuries, Chris-
tians are only a small proportion of the population and, consequently, there is a particular need to demonstrate unity and to avoid any semblance of division. Saint John Paul II also stated that the need for unity and the preservation of diversity are not opposed to one another: "This need to be faithful to the traditions and patrimony of one's own rite must not be interpreted as an interference with the Church's task of 'gathering into one the children of God who are scattered abroad' (Jn 11:52) or with the mission of the Church to promote the communion of all people with the Redeemer" (Epistula ad Indiae Episcopos, 28 May 1987).

5. Five decades ago, when the Syro-Malabar Church expanded to some central and northern parts of India with "missionary eparchies", it was generally thought by the Latin Bishops that there should be just one jurisdiction, that is, one bishop in a particular territory. These eparchies, created from Latin dioceses, today have exclusive jurisdiction over those territories, both of the Latin and Syro-Malabar faithful. However, both in the traditional territories of the Eastern Churches, as well as in the vast area of the so-called diaspora (where these faithful have long been established), a fruitful and harmonious cooperation between Catholic bishops of the different sui iuris Churches within the same territory has taken place. This cooperation not only offers an ecclesiological justification for such a solution, but also demonstrates its pastoral benefits. In a world where large numbers of Christians are forced to migrate, overlapping jurisdictions have become customary and are increasingly effective tools for ensuring the pastoral care of the faithful while also ensuring full respect for their ecclesial traditions.

6. In India itself, overlapping jurisdictions should no longer be problematic, for the Church has experienced them for some time, such as in Kerala. Saint John Paul II's Letter authorized the erection of a Syro-Malabar eparchy in the Bombay-Pune region, which became the Eparchy of Kalyan. In In 2012
the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Faridabad was erected in the region of Delhi and its neighbouring states, while the boundaries of the Eparchy of Mandya were extended in 2015 to include the metropolitan area of Bangalore. In the same year, an Eparchy and an Apostolic Exarchate were erected for the Syro-Malankar faithful, so that by these ecclesiastical circumscriptions the Syro-Malankar Church could provide pastoral care for its faithful throughout the territory of India. All these developments show that, albeit not without problems, the presence of a number of bishops in the same area does not compromise the mission of the Church. On the contrary, these steps have given greater impetus to the local Churches for their pastoral and missionary efforts.

7. In 2011 my predecessor Benedict XVI wished to provide for the pastoral needs of the Syro-Malabar faithful throughout India, and I confirmed his intention following the plenary session of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches in 2013. There is currently an Apostolic Visitor, in the person of Bishop Raphael Thattil, for those Syro-Malabar faithful in India who live outside their own territory, and he has provided detailed reports to the Apostolic See. This issue has been examined in meetings at the highest levels of the Church. Following these steps, I believe the time is now right to complete this process.

I have therefore authorized the Congregation for the Oriental Churches to provide for the pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar faithful throughout India by the erection of two Eparchies and by the extension of the boundaries of the two already in existence.

I decree also that the new circumscriptions, as with those already in existence, be entrusted to the pastoral care of the Major Archbishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly and to the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, according to the norms of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches.

8. I hope that my decision will be welcomed with a gener-
ous and peaceful spirit, although it may be a source of apprehension for some, since many Syro-Malabars, deprived of pastoral care in their own rite, are at present fully involved in the life of the Latin Church. I am convinced, however, that all those involved will understand that there is no need for concern: the Church's life should not be disrupted by such a provision. Indeed it must not be negatively interpreted as imposing upon the faithful a requirement to leave the communities which have welcomed them, sometimes for many generations, and to which they have contributed in various ways. It should rather be seen as an invitation as well as an opportunity for growth in faith and communion with their sui iuris Church, in order to preserve the precious heritage of their rite and to pass it on to future generations. There is already an instruction by the Congregation for the Oriental Churches to the Eparchy of Faridabad, which indicates that a member of the Syro-Malabar faithful, by virtue of the law itself, belongs to the Syro-Malabar parish where he or she is domiciled (Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, Can, 280 §1); yet at the same time, he or she can remain fully involved in the life and activities of the parish of the Latin Church. No dispensation is required from the law currently in force for the faithful to practice their faith serenely, but only the solicitude of both the Latin and the Syro-Malabar pastors (cf. Prot. No. 197/2014, 28 January 2016).

9. The path of the Catholic Church in India cannot be that of isolation and separation, but rather of respect and cooperation. The presence of several bishops of the various sui iuris Churches in the same territory will surely offer an eloquent witness to a vibrant and marvellous communion. This is the vision of the Second Vatican Council, which I quote once again: "Between all the parts of the Church there remains a bond of close communion whereby they share spiritual riches, apostolic workers and temporal resources. For the members of the people of God are called to share these goods in common, and of each of the Churches the words of the Apostle hold good: 'According
to the gift that each has received, administer it to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God' (1 Pet 4:10)" (Lumen Gentium, 13). It is in this spirit that I urge all the beloved Churches in India to be generous and courageous as they witness to the Gospel in the spirit of fraternity and mutual love. For the Syro-Malabar Church, this continues the valued work of their priests and religious in the Latin context, and sustains their availability for those Syro-Malabar faithful who, although choosing to attend Latin parishes, may request some assistance from their Church of origin. The Latin rite Church can continue to generously offer hospitality to members of the Syro-Malabar communities who do not have church buildings of their own. The cooperation among all the sui iuris Churches should continue, for example in the area of retreats and seminars for clergy, Bible conferences, celebrations of common feast days and ecumenical endeavours. With the growth of spiritual friendship and mutual assistance, any tension or apprehension should be swiftly overcome. May this extension of the pastoral area of the Syro-Malabar Church in no way be perceived as a growth in power and domination, but as a call to deeper communion, which should never be perceived as uniformity. In the words of Saint Augustine, who sang the praises of the Trinity and of the wonderful communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, I also ask you: dilatentur spatio caritatis (Sermon 69, PL 5, 440.441). May there be a growth in love, communion and service.

Dear brother Bishops, I commend all of you to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and I assure you of my closeness in prayer. To all of you, the Church and the faithful in India, I impart my Apostolic Blessing, and I ask that you pray for me.

From the Vatican, 9 October 2017

FRANCIS
DECREES ERECTING THE EPARCHY OF HOSUR

IN INDIA, OUT OF CERTAIN TERRITORIES IN THE STATE OF TAMILNADU AND UNION OF PUDUCHERRY, THE NEW EPARCHY OF HOSUR IS ESTABLISHED

BISHOP FRANCIS
SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD

For the everlasting memory of this occasion

The unity of the mystical body, which the diversity of the members does not destroy, generates and favours charity among the faithful, so if one member is honoured, all the members rejoice. Having considered these things, which are well integral to Our apostolic solicitude, and after carrying out the appropriate consultation regarding the governance of the Churches, we turn our attention to the dear faithful in India, and recognise the need of establishing a new eparchy for the faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church residing in the Indian state of Tamilnadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry and Karaikal.

Thus, having received the favourable vote of those concerned and on the advice of the Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, We deemed that it would contribute greatly to the salvation of souls and thus we have gladly decreed for the execution of the plan.

Accordingly, with the fullness of our apostolic authority, we erect and constitute the new eparchy by name Hosur out of
the territory of the northern part of Tamilnadu, within the boundaries of those civil districts known presently as Chennai, Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Cuddalore and Vilupuram, including also the areas from the territory commonly called Puducherry and Karaikal, which is in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

We decree that the headquarters of this new eparchy be in the town named Hosur and that the church of God in the place called Noothrenchery in honour of St Anthony of Padua be raised to the rank and dignity of the cathedral church, with all the due rights and privileges. We declare that this eparchy shall be under the jurisdiction of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches and that everything else be provided for according to the canonical norms of the Oriental Churches.

In carrying out all these things, the appropriate laws and customs shall be observed and these are prescribed by the Code of Canons of the Oriental Churches. Moreover, after the transaction of all these matters, the customary documents shall be drawn up and sent to the above-mentioned Congregation.

We beseech God that, following the one who refused to see the sepulchral corruption of Her Who had ineffably given birth from Her womb to Her Incarnate Son, this flock may be enabled to find hope and comfort in the growth of the Church and, rooted in the apostolic virtues, grow further in the knowledge of the Gospel.

Therefore, I desire that this Our constitution be confirmed, all things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given in Rome, at St. Peter's on the 9th day of the month of October, in the year of the Lord 2017, in the fifth year of my Pontificate.

POPE FRANCIS
DECREE APPOINTING FR. SEBASTIAN POZHOLIPARAMBIL
BISHOP OF HOSUR

BISHOP FRANCIS, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, to beloved son SEBASTIAN POZHOLIPARAMBIL, until now Synccellus of the Eparchy of Irinjalakuda, the first Bishop-elect of the newly constituted Syro-Malabar Ecclesial Community of Hosur, Health and Apostolic Blessing.

Constituted in the ministry of the Church dispensers of the fruit of mercy to all the Sees erected throughout the world to nourish the faithful so that in no way they lack spiritual sustenance, we consider the pastoral needs of the people of God of the Syro-Malabar Rite and to achieve that end, we now establish on this same day through the Apostolic Constitution Corporis Mystici Unitas, a new eparchy of the name of Hosur, and we are eager to appoint a suitable pastor for it. Therefore, beloved son, we are thinking about you, who because of your industrious hard effort will be able to see that portion of the people of God growing up to be a particular Church. Therefore, having received the counsel of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, in the fullness of our apostolic authority, by virtue of this letter, we constitute you as the first Bishop of the newly erected eparchy, endowed with the appropriate rights granted and the obligations attributed. As regards your ordination, the profession of Faith and the promise of obedience towards Us and Our Successors, you will keep exactly the norms
of the Code of Canons of the Oriental Churches. With this Our decree, We wish to inform you, the clergy and the people of this eparchy, and we admonish all of them, that they look on you as their master, while We pray the Lord to grant you, with the protection of Saint Thomas the Apostle, the grace to shine forth with apostolic virtues for preaching the Gospel and working for the salvation of the poor.

Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, on the 9th day, of the month of October, in the year of the Lord 2017, in the fifth year of my Pontificate.

POPE FRANCIS
DECREE ERECTING THE EPARCHY OF SHAMSHABAD

IN INDIA, OUT OF ALL THE TERRITORIES HITHERTO DEVOID OF EPARCHIAL JURISDICTION FOR THE LAITY SUBJECT TO THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE, THE EPARCHY OF SHAMSHABAD IS ESTABLISHED

BISHOP FRANCIS
THE SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD

In perpetual memory of this occasion

Like the branches of the vine united in the Church of Christ, we cannot but always call to mind that very important chapter of the Catholic faith, which teaches us that we are the living members of the mystical body of Jesus Christ: "As the body is one, having many members, and all the members, while being many, form one body, so it is with Christ", (1Cor.12, 12). In the light of those dispositions, while studying the particular needs of the Church, our attention turns to our beloved faithful of the Syro-Malabar rite, recognising the need to constitute a new eparchy.

Accordingly, having obtained the favourable opinion of the persons concerned and having listened to our venerable Brother, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches, and in the fullness of our Apostolic authority, we erect and constitute the new eparchy under the name of SHAMSHABAD, out of all the territories of India where at present the eparchial
jurisdiction for the Christian faithful of the same Syro-Malabar Church is wanting.

We determine that the headquarters of this new eparchy be in the town commonly called Shamshabad and that the existing church in the place generally called Kukatpally, dedicated to God in honour of St Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception. We designate for the time being this church with the rank and dignity of a Pro-Cathedral in keeping with all the inherent rights and privileges until the completion of the construction and consecration of the new cathedral church. We decide that this eparchy be subject to the Major Archbishop and the Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church for its pastoral care and we declare St Thomas the Apostle and Pope St John Paul II as its patrons before God. The rest shall be regulated according to the norms of the Code of Canon Law of the Eastern Churches. Moreover, after the transaction of all these matters, the customary documents shall be drawn up and sent to the above-mentioned Congregation.

Besides, we beseech God, that His people, after the proper execution of all the ecclesiastical matters, may enjoy prosperity, joy and peace.

Accordingly, we wish that our Constitution be confirmed, all things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given in Rome, at St Peter's on the 9th day of the month of October, in the year of the Lord two thousand and seventeen, the fifth year of Our Pontificate,

POPE FRANCIS
BISHOP FRANCIS, THE SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD to Venerable Brother Raphael Thattil, hitherto Titular Bishop of Buruni and Auxiliary of Trichur, the first Bishop Elect of the Ecclesial community of SHAMSHABAD, Greetings and Apostolic Blessing.

By virtue of the pastoral office committed to Us, so that We carry out with much diligence these Our apostolic commitments, through which, we provide all the suitable means through ecclesial services for the salvation of the faithful, having considered favourably the advantage and wellbeing of the flock of the Lord. Wherefore, considering the needs of the flock of the eparchy of Shamshabad in India constituted this day through the Apostolic Constitution Tamquam viti palmites, We hasten to provide a shepherd for the spiritual progress of this community. We, therefore, Venerable brother, have thought about you, who for a long time now, have been working hard for the pastoral care of the faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church. Therefore, after consulting our Venerable Brother, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, in the fullness of our Apostolic authority, by virtue of these Letters, we appoint you, with the bond of the above Titular Church dissolved and the office of the Auxiliary Bishop relieved, the first Bishop of the newly erected eparchy of Shamshabad, with the inherent due rights and obligations. I wish that you inform the clergy and the people of this eparchy about this decree and exhort all the people that they consider you as the Father and respect you as the Teacher, and through the intercession of St Thomas the Apostle and Pope St John Paul II, accompanied by the testimonies of Christian life, that they constitute one family and are always united in fraternal charity.

Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the 9th day of the month of October, in the year of the Lord 2017, in the fifth year of Our Pontificate,

POPE FRANCIS
### ACTIVITY OF THE MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL TRIBUNAL - 2016

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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.

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II Causes introduced this year: 13
III Decrees of ratification (total number): Nil
IV Sentences given (after an ordinary examination):
   a) In favour of nullity ("constat de nullitate", at least on one ground): 06
   b) In favour of the bond ("non constat de nullitate"): on every ground alleged Nil
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<td>Decrees of ratification (total number):</td>
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<td>Sentences given (after an ordinary examination):</td>
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<td>a) In favour of nullity (&quot;constat de nullitate&quot;, at least on one ground)</td>
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<td>b) In favour of the bond (&quot;non constat de nullitate&quot;: on every ground alleged)</td>
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<td><strong>V</strong></td>
<td>Grounds of nullity considered in the sentences</td>
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<td>(if a sentence considered several grounds of nullity, these are to be indicated separately; thus the number of decisions under 5 may be greater than that under 4)</td>
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Activities of the Lower Tribunals in the Year 2016

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, Thuckaly and Bhadravathi have single judge tribunals. The cases of the eparchy of Ramanathapuram are handled by the eparchial tribunal of Palakkad.

The activities of the eparchial and metropolitan tribunals during the year 2016 are briefly given in the following tables:
### Cases Processed by the Tribunals of the First Instance during the Year 2016

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**Total** | **591** | **730** | **1321** | **709** | **13** | **721** | **55** | **01** | **778** | **538** |
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## SUMMARY OF THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH, 2017

### I. INCOME & EXPENDITURE

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<td>898,978</td>
<td>Contribution and Donations</td>
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<td>1,298,206</td>
<td>Administrative Receipts</td>
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<td>415,781</td>
<td>Synodal and Commission Meetings</td>
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<td>452,175</td>
<td>Agriculture Income</td>
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<td>486,477</td>
<td>Major Tribunal Collection</td>
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<td>141,854</td>
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<td>Internet Mission Income</td>
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<td>Administrative Expenses</td>
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<td>278,838</td>
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<td>Donations &amp; Charity</td>
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12,190,515 | 11,341,468 | Sub-Total | 14,756,250 | 16,738,895 |

### II. CAPITAL RECEIPTS & INVESTMENTS

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<td>1,206,551</td>
<td>Furniture &amp; Equipments</td>
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<td>18,022</td>
<td>Other Assets - Vehicle</td>
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6,047,096 | 4,018,201 | Sub-Total | - | 2,377,714 |

### III. CURRENT LIABILITIES & ASSETS

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5,133,771 | 8,483,426 | Sub-Total | 20,575,867 | 4,515,008 |

### IV. BANK & CASH BALANCES

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<td>1,174,737</td>
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<td>61,390</td>
<td>Bank &amp; Cash : Synodal News</td>
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<td>884,727</td>
<td>Bank &amp; Cash : Tribunal</td>
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<tr>
<td>17,580</td>
<td>Cash in Hand</td>
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25,388,434 | 24,917,321 | Sub-Total | 24,917,321 | 36,617,821 |

48,760,416 | 48,760,416 | GRAND TOTAL | 60,249,438 | 60,249,438 |

Sd/-
Fr. Mathew Pulimoottil
Finance Officer

Sd/-
C.J. Romid FCA
Chartered Accountant