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Editorial

Annuncio vobis gaudium magnum! Habemus Papam! The words uttered by Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, the Proto-Deacon on 13th April 2013 from the external Loggia of the Hall of blessings of St. Peter’s Basilica filled the hearts of hundreds of thousands of people gathered in St. Peter’s Square and many more glued to their television sets in their homes with a sense of relief and expectation. After the shock waves created by the unthought-of renouncement of Pope Benedict who was guiding the barque of Peter safely for the last eight years began to subside, the question on the lips of everyone was who could be the new Pope to be chosen by the Holy Spirit through the deliberations of 115 cardinal electors assembled in conclave on 12 April onwards. The answer came in the announcement of the Cardinal Proto-Deacon to the people at 8:12 pm on 13 April: “The most eminent and most reverend Lord, Lord Jorge Mario Cardinal of Holy Roman Church Bergoglio who has taken the name Francis” The very first appearance of the newly elected Pope indicated a Copernican Revolution in the style of functioning henceforth – “Before I impart my Apostolic blessing, I ask you to bless me!” From the very moment of his assumption of the Petrine Office, Pope Francis has surprised the world with the newness of his style and utterances. Everyone in the Church and outside has been affected with the simplicity of the new Pope that has done away with many age old practices of formalism and protocol from the Petrine Office. Let us hope that this injects into the entire ecclesial life a newness of simplicity and closeness to the people. We can rejoice that the Father and Head of the Syro-Malabar Church took part in the election of
the present Pope. We shall, with gratitude to God, pray for his successful Petrine ministry. The Holy Father has met the Oriental Patriarchs and Major Archbishops during the plenary of the Oriental Congregation, on 21 November 2013. We hope that this Plenary and the Meeting with the Holy Father will open the way for resolving many issues related to Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants, especially that of the Syro-Malabar Migrants.

In this issue of the Synodal News (Vol. 21 Nos. 1 – 2, December 2013) we have included documents relating to the two Sessions of the XXI Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church held in the year 2013. Besides, there are Pastoral Letters and Circulars, 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!

We have prepared ourselves spiritually with the recollection and the celebration of the Holy Qurbana for a fruitful participation in the present Session of the Synod. We shall commit our thoughts and sentiments to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit so that all of us may work together for the good functioning of the Synod. I thank Bishop Gratian Mundadan CMI for giving us an inspiring talk for the recollection in the context of the Year of Faith emphasizing the new challenges and the proper practical responses to those challenges from our part as Pastors of the Church.

Let me now very cordially welcome all of you to the First Session of the XXI Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church. One of the important events after the August Session of our Synod is the elevation of Major Archbishop Baselios Mar Cleemis of the Syr-Malankara Catholic Church as Cardinal on 24 November 2012. Let us place on record our hearty congratulations to him and thank the Holy Father for having honoured the Church in India with one more Cardinal. The Episcopal Ordinations of Bishop George Rajendran of Thuckalay (16 September 2012) and Bishop Jacob Muricken, Auxiliary Bishop of Palai (1 October 2012) were events of great joy and sense of fulfillment for all of us, especially the Eparchies concerned. I take this occasion to congratulate them on their new offices in the Church and pray God’s blessings on their apostolate. I cordially welcome them in a special manner to the Synod of our Church.
I am glad to note that except three emeriti Bishops, all the other Bishops of our Church are present for this Session. Archbishop Jacob Thoomkuzhy, has informed me by letter that he would attend this Session of the Synod from 9th onwards.

To recollect the memories of the great Council Vatican II and to harness once again the fruits of renewal it produced in the Church, Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has launched the Year of Faith. I am happy to learn that all our Eparchies have enthusiastically entered into this ecclesial observance with various attempts to deepen the faith commitments and life witness of our people. In our diaspora communities in Australia too, whom I visited from 26 November to 7 December 2012, I saw genuine ardour to live the faith in Syro-Malabar ecclesial traditions. The Year of Faith proclaimed by the Holy Father is really a sequel of the ecclesial project of New Evangelization. As far as we are concerned, it becomes a follow up of the Mission Year that we observed from 15 August 2011 to 15 August 2012. In this context it is to be observed that the concluding functions of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Chanda Mission on 24 September 2012 at the end of my pastoral visit in the Eparchy included items that were simple but meaningful for all the missionaries and the faithful assembled there from our Mission Eparchies. The grand finale of the Mission Year in New Delhi from 17-18 November 2012 with the Mission Seminar and the Public Meeting proved a fitting conclusion for the great event in our Church.

The Synod in Rome from 7 to 28 October 2012 on New Evangelization for the Transmission of Faith had many elements of unique importance. The membership of the Synod was characteristically universal and ecumenical in an unprecedented manner. There were 262 Bishop representatives from the Synods and Episcopal Conferences together with 45 Experts, 49 Auditors, 15 Representatives from Churches and Ecclesial Communities not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church, and 3 special invitees: Brother Alois, Prior
of Taizé (France), the Reverend Lamar Vest, President of the American Bible Society (USA) and Mr. Werner Arber, Professor of Microbiology at the Biozentrum of the University of Basel (Switzerland) and President of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. All the Members were given opportunity to intervene during the Synodal Sessions. From India all the non-Bishop delegates (4) were those hailing from the Syro-Malabar Church. The fact that the Oriental Bishops could put forward effectively the appeal for recognition of their rights for evangelization and pastoral care in the propositions presented to the Holy Father is a point worth mentioning.

It is gratifying to note that our Church has a catechetical heritage quite unique and highly productive in the life of faith of our people. It starts from the family catechesis, the systematic Sunday School formation and the faith formation through associations and other ecclesial movements. The family prayer, Kudumbakoottaymakal (Family Units), the celebration of feasts, fast and abstinence, pilgrimages, prayers and observances for the dead, etc. also contribute to the formation of the faith of our people. During this year of faith it is highly needed that all the eparchies pay special attention to the renewal of all these spheres of Christian life.

An important area of concern is vocation to priestly and religious life. It may appear that the vocation to priesthood has not diminished yet and that only vocation to consecrated life of women has suffered a lot. But will there not be a crisis of vocations to priesthood also during the span of a few years from now? Should we not also take into serious consideration the fall in vocations of the consecrated life of women, not leaving it as a problem to be solved by the Congregations themselves? During these days, we Bishops were conferring priestly ordinations in almost all our eparchies and let us be thankful to the Lord for the gift of 112 diocesan priests and 146 priests of Congregations and Societies during these days after Christmas.
We are living in a crime-stricken society. Gruesome crimes against social ethics and sexual morality are being reported almost everyday and it is quite natural that the society looks up to the Church for guidance and enlightenment. Lust for wealth, consumeristic and hedonistic culture created among certain sections of society because of the economic boom favouring them and an aversion to ethical and moral principles hitherto cherished by the society have created a decline in the very life structure of the people as a whole. It is up to the Church to seek remedies and to be the champion of religious ideals and moral principles as the Lord has commanded us to be the leaven of the earth and the light of the world. Together with this responsibility, comes also our commitment to the poor and the afflicted sections of the society. Should we not raise our voice for those who are denied of their rights and privileges for a decent life as children of God? As time allows we have to discuss and come to practical decisions regarding the problems that affect the poor sections of our society.

In the present session we have to pay special attention to our overseeing role of the renewal movements in the Church and the empowerment of the laity, especially the youth. The Catholica Congress is looking for greater support from the part of the Church. The pastoral care of the diaspora communities continues to remain a concern to be dealt with systematically.

Finally I invoke God’s blessings upon all of us to have a fruitful Synodal session. May Mary, Mother of Christ, St. Thomas, our Father in faith and all other Saints intercede for us!

With these words I declare the first session of the XXI Synod 2013 open.

Mount St. Thomas
7 January 2013

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

The XXI Synod (2013), Session 1 began with a recollection preached by Bishop Gratian Mundadan CMI, at 10.00 a.m., followed by personal prayer for some time and a concelebrated Holy Qurbana of the Bishops for which the Major Archbishop George Alencherry was the main celebrant. The formal sitting of the Synod began at 2.30 p.m. with a prayer by the Major Archbishop after which he proceeded with the inaugural address.

**The Formal Inauguration of the Synod:** The Major Archbishop thanked Bishop Gratian Mundadan CMI for the inspiring recollection in the context of the Year of Faith emphasizing the new challenges and the practical responses to those challenges as pastors of the Church. The Major Archbishop recalled the elevation of Baselios Mar Cleemis, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church as Cardinal and placed on record hearty congratulations of the Syro-Malabar Church. He felicitated and welcomed Bishop George Rajendran SDB of Thuckalay and Bishop Jacob Muricken, Auxiliary of Palai and wished God's blessings on them.

The Major Archbishop expressed his happiness on the enthusiastic welcome with which our Eparchies have received the proclamation of the Year of Faith by the Holy Father Benedict XVI in order to deepen the faith commitments and life witnesses of our people. He recalled his recent visit to Australia where our people are living their faith according to the Syro-Malabar ecclesial traditions. He shared his experience of the participation in the Synod in Rome on New Evangelization for the Transmission of Faith. The Synod was indeed characteristically universal and ecumenical in an
unprecedented manner. He expressed his satisfaction that all the four non-Bishop delegates from India belonged to the Syro-Malabar Church. It was worth mentioning that the Oriental Bishops effectively put forward the appeal for the recognition of the rights of the Oriental Churches for evangelization and pastoral care in the propositions presented to the Holy Father.

Coming to the situation of the Syro-Malabar Church today, he invited the Bishops to take into serious consideration the fall in vocations to the consecrated life of the women religious, not leaving it as a problem to be solved by the congregations themselves. He thanked the Lord for the gift of 112 diocesan priests and 146 priests of the congregations and societies during Christmas season. Invoking God’s blessings he declared the First session of the XXI Synod 2013 open.

**Participants:** The following members were present for the current session of the Synod: Mar George Alencherry (Major Archbishop), Mar George Valiamattam (Tellicherry), Mar Mathew Moolakkatt OSB (Kottayam), Mar Andrews Thazhath (Trichur), Mar Joseph Perumthottam (Changanacherry), Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (Faridabad), Mar Abraham D. Mattam (Emeritus, Satna), Mar Joseph Powathil (Emeritus Archbishop, Changanacherry), Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy (Emeritus Archbishop, Trichur), Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil (Emeritus, Palai), Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil CMI (Emeritus, Sagar), Mar Dominic Kokkatt CST (Emeritus, Ghorakhpur), Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI (Emeritus, Bijnor), Mar George Punnakottil (Kothamangalam), Mar James Pazhayattil (Emeritus, Irinjalakuda), Mar Paul Chittilapilly (Emeritus, Thamarassery), Mar Gregory Karotemprel CMI (Emeritus, Rajkot), Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram CMI (Chanda), Mar Jacob Manathodath (Palghat), Mar Simon Stock Palathra CMI (Jagdalpur), Mar Thomas Elavanal MCBS (Kalyan), Mar Sebastian Vadakel MST (Ujjain), Mar Jacob Angadiath (Chicago), Mar Mathew Arackal (Kanjirapally),
Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy (Belthangady), Mar Joseph Kunnath CMI (Adilabad), Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakel VC (Satna), Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath (Auxiliary, Ernakulam Angamaly), Mar Mathew Anikuzhikattil (Idukki), Mar Joseph Kallarangatt (Palai), Mar Jose Porunnedom (Mananthavady), Mar Anthony Chirayath (Sagar), Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST (Gorakhpur), Mar Joseph Pandarasseril (Auxiliary, Kottayam), Mar Joseph Arumachadath MCBS (Bhadravathi), Mar Bosco Puthur (Major Archiepiscopal Curia), Mar George Njaralakkatt (Mandya), Mar Remigiose Inchananiyil (Thamrassery), Mar Raphael Thattil (Auxiliary, Trichur), Mar Paul Alappatt (Ramanathapuram), Mar Pauly Kannookadan (Irinjalakuda), Mar John Vadakel CMI (Bijnor), Mar Jose Chittooparambil CMI (Rajkot), Mar George Rarjendran SDB (Thuckalay) and Mar Jacob Muricken (Auxiliary, Palai).

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

**Moderators:** Bishop Joseph Kunnath CMI, Bishop Joseph Arumachadath MCBS and Bishop Paul Alappatt

**Tellers:** Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, Bishop George Rajendran SDB and Bishop Jacob Muricken

**Committee for the Media:** Archbishop Andrews Thazhath (Convener), Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB and Bishop Mathew Arackal

**Committee for the Pastoral Circular:** Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam (Convener), Bishop Joseph Kunnath and Bishop Thomas Elavanal who would at the end of the current Session hand over to the Major Archbishop relevant points to be included in the circular.

**Liturgical Celebrations:** Bishop Pauly Kannookadan
**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.

**Rearrangement of the Synod Hall:** The Bishops appreciated the rearrangement of the Synod Hall, the new pews in the chapel as well as provision for Internet access in the rooms of the Bishops.

**Review of the Decisions of the Previous Synod:** Bishop Bosco Puthur, the Secretary of the Synod read out the decisions of the previous Synod held in August 2012. The Synod reviewed the implementation of the decisions.

**Disbursement of the Relief Fund for the Landslide Victims:** The Synod asked clarification about the disbursement to the Eparchies of the relief fund for the landslide victims. Bishop Mathew Arackal, Chairman of the Commission for Finance, informed the Synod that he will later present a report on the matter.

**Briefing on the Visit of the Major Archbishop to Australia:** The Major Archbishop briefed the Bishops on his visit to Australia in November-December 2012. He said that he was given a warm welcome by the Bishops of Australia where there are Syro-Malabar Communities. Most of the Bishops appreciate the presence of the Syro-Malabar Community and show great pastoral concern for our people. In the places where the Major Archbishop celebrated Holy Qurbana, the Local Bishop concelebrated with him. The Major Archbishop invited Cardinal George Pell, Archbishop of Sydney to visit the Syro-Malabar Church and address the Synod during the Session in August 2013 which he accepted. Major Archbishop was invited to address the Australian Bishops Conference in which he presented the pastoral needs of our people and the Bishops very positively interacted in the discussion that followed. The President of the Australian Bishops Conference, Archbishop
Philip Wilson assured the Major Archbishop that he would write to Rome in favour of our request for an Eparchy in Australia. The Major Archbishop informed the Synod that from further discussions he realized that it was better to ask for an Eparchy for the whole of Oceania. The President of the Bishops Conference of New Zealand, who invited Major Archbishop for a visit to New Zealand, informed him that he would endorse such an initiative.

**Finalizing the Agenda:** At the request of the Moderator, the Bishops proposed a few more items to be included in the agenda. With these additional items, the Synod approved the following items of the agenda:

4. Present status of the project of Procura in Rome.
5. Discrepancies in the reply of the Oriental Congregation regarding the Indult.
6. Extension of the *territorium proprium* of the Major Archbishop by including the Mission eparchies.
8. Half a day session for consultation with the Religious.
10. Presentation of the report on the feasibility of Constituting an Office of the Postulator at the Curia.
11. Permission for Syro-Malabar Deacons in Rome to give benediction inside the community with the permission of the Rector.
12. Admission of candidates to Permanent diaconate.

13. Presentation of the report on the observations on the Editio Typica of the Qurbana.


15. Report on the Meeting of the Seminary Staff with the Commission.

16. Presentation of the report on the request for Declaring St. Ephrem Theological College a Mission Seminary of the Syro-Malabar Church.

17. Proposals for the celebration of July Third at the Major Archiepiscopal Level.

18. Proposals for the Celebration of the 1950 Death Anniversary of St. Thomas.


20. Reports on the Meetings of the Committee for Higher Education & English Medium Schools.

21. Final Report on the Mission year, the proposal for the Follow up programs and accounts.

22. Nominations from the Archeparchy of Trichur for the Awards of the Syro-Malabar Church.

23. Report of the Committee appointed to study the pastoral issues regarding the ministry of Jesus Youth and propose to the Synod concrete suggestions to help them through our ministry.

24. Topic for the XIV General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be held in 2015.

25. Appointment of a Synodal Commission/Committee for the organization, execution and follow up of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly.
26. Meeting of the PRO with the Bishops in the Synod.
28. The proposed anti-conversion Bill in Maharashtra and our response.
29. Prioritizing Project Applications from the Syro-Malabar Church to ROACO.
30. Presentation of report on the possibility of fund raising for buying a plot of land in view of the proposed project of building a community centre in Chennai.
33. Pilgrimage to Palayoor and to the Tomb of Blessed Euphrasia.
34. Report on FABC.
35. Topic for the Next Synod of Bishops in Rome.
36. Commencing the process for the canonization of Fr. Canisius Thekkekara CMI.
37. Briefing on Syro-Malabar Youth.
38. Global Meet of Migrants.

**Status of the enquiry on the List of Episcopal Candidates:**
The Synod discussed about the present status of the enquiry on the list of Episcopal candidates for Kothamangalam, Jagdalpur, and Auxiliary for Ernakulam-Angamaly and took appropriate decision.

**Pilgrimage to Palayoor and to the Tomb of Blessed Euphrasia:** The Synod decided that on the Sunday during the Session of the Synod in August 2013 a pilgrimage to Palayoor
and to the tomb of Blessed Euphrasia shall be arranged, in which the participation will be optional. Archbishop Andrews Thazhath welcomed the proposal and assured the Synod of organizing it appropriately.

Election of Bishop for Kothamangalam: The Synod took appropriate decision on the matter.

Visit of the Canadian Delegation: The Major Archbishop expressed his appreciation for the reception at Mount St. Thomas given to the Canadian delegation comprising Mr. Jaison Kenny, Minister of Citizen, Immigration and Multiculturalism, Mr. Stewart Beck, Canadian High Commissioner to India and Mr. Sidney Frank, Immigration program Manager – High Commission of Canada to India and their team. The Major Archbishop mentioned that the Minister who is a fervent Catholic appreciated the vibrancy of our Church and the religious education we give to our children.

Prayer at the Beginning of the Synodal Sittings in English: Bishop Joseph Kunnath CMI suggested that it is better to recite the prayer at the beginning of the Synodal Sittings in English rather than in Malayalam. The Synod entrusted the translation of the prayer to Bishop Pauly Kannookadan who will present it in the following session of the Synod.

Ordination and Enthronement of the Bishops: The Major Archbishop sought the opinion of the Synod regarding the celebrant of the ordination and enthronement of Bishops. After some discussion, the general opinion was to follow the common law, i.e., in the proper territory the Major Archbishop ordains and enthrones the Metropolitan Archbishops and the Metropolitan Archbishops ordain and enthrone the Bishops in their provinces.

Revision of the Text of Enthronement of Bishops: It was pointed out that there was a need for revision in the Text of the Enthronement Ceremony, especially when it takes place
immediately after the ordination. The Commission for Liturgy was entrusted with the revision of the Text observing the procedure for the approval of the Liturgical Text.

**Discrepancies in the Reply of the Congregation for Oriental Churches on the Indult Given in the Eparchy of Kalyan:**
Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS presented to the Synod the explanation given by the Congregation for Oriental Churches regarding the application of the Indult in his Eparchy. He said that the recent explanation on the Indult goes against the spirit of the Indult and it adversely affects the Oriental faithful of his Eparchy. Bishop Elavanal requested the Synod and the Major Archbishop to act upon it with urgency. Several Bishops intervened in the discussion that followed. Some observed that this indirectly affects other Eparchies too. A committee was constituted to study the issue and draft our response to the explanation on the Indult with the following members: Archbishop Andrews Thazhath (Convener), Archbishop Kuriakose BharaniKulangara and Bishop Paul Alappatt in consultation with Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS.

**Extension of the Territory to the Mission Eparchies:** Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS presented the proposal of extending the proper territory of our Church to the Mission Eparchies. Long discussion on this subject followed in which it was mentioned that the point had been already proposed by the Synod more than once. The possibility of the extension of Syro-Malabar Eparchies to the territories where there are our faithful was also brought up in the discussion. Bishop Mathew Arackal sought the mind of the Synod for the extension of the pastoral care of the Eparchy of Kanjirapally to Kambam and Theni where there are Syro-Malabar faithful. The Major Archbishop requested Bishop Arackal to present in the following Synod the statistics of our faithful in those areas. On the question of making a request to the Apostolic See regarding the extension of the proper territory by including our Mission Eparchies and the creation
of Ecclesiastical Provinces, the Major Archbishop suggested that it would be taken up in the following Synod taking into consideration the proposals already made by the Synod in this regard.

**Pastoral Care of the Migrants in Saudi Arabia:** During the discussion the subject of the pastoral care of the migrants in the Gulf Region, especially in Saudi Arabia came up as an important subject. The Major Archbishop informed the Synod that in spite of our delegation to the Apostolic See and constant reminders, the proposed Inter-dicasterial Meeting on the pastoral care in the Gulf Region has not yet taken place. The general opinion of the Synod was that we have to take effective steps to safeguard the pastoral care of our faithful in the Gulf Region especially in Saudi Arabia. And the Synod authorized the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants to take appropriate steps to ensure effective pastoral care of our faithful.

**AKCC Bye Laws:** Bishop Mathew Arackal presented in the name of the Committee appointed to scrutinize in detail the Bye-law of AKCC, the suggestions for amendments. During the discussion anomaly regarding the membership was pointed out. So also in few Eparchies instead of AKCC, other similar organizations exist. This Committee was requested to dialogue with the Eparchies in order to sort out the differences and coordinate lay associations for strengthening AKCC. An active lay movement in the Syro-Malabar Church is an urgent need. The Committee informed the Synod that it will incorporate the positive elements proposed in the Synod and the final draft of the Bye Law will be forwarded to the Bishops for their suggestions for amendments before its presentation in the August Synod for final approval.

**Postulator General of the Syro-Malabar Church:** Bishop Jose Porunnedom proposed that it is opportune to constitute the Office of the Postulator General for the Syro-Malabar Church as has been suggested by Fr. George Nedungatt SJ who has agreed
to donate to the Curia some important documents and reference books regarding the process of canonization. The Synod accepted the proposal and decided that it shall come under the General Moderator for the Administration of Justice. The Major Archbishop, in consultation with the General Moderator for the Administration of Justice, Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB, shall appoint an appropriate person to the Office of the Postulator General.

**Permission for Deacons in Rome to be the celebrants of Benediction:** The request of the Syro-Malabar Deacons in Rome to be celebrants of the Eucharistic Benediction in their seminaries was discussed in the Synod. The general opinion was not to mitigate the Particular Law in this regard.

**Permanent Diaconate:** Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST sought clarification of the Synod whether a Bishop can proceed with ordaining Permanent Deacons. It was clarified that the Synod has already approved the Ordination of Permanent Deacons after the prescribed formation. Hence an Eparchial Bishop, if he finds it useful for the pastoral ministry in his Eparchy, can proceed with the ordination of Permanent Deacons, having fulfilled the required canonical procedures in the Eparchy and after ensuring their maintenance and other provisions. During the discussion the Major Archbishop brought to the attention of the Bishops the fruitful experience of some of the Eparchies of the pastoral ministry of the Deacons, candidates for priesthood, and exhorted others to initiate diaconate ministry before priestly ordination.

**Reconsidering the Requirement for Admission in the Major Seminary:** Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB presented his request to reconsider the previous decision of the Synod making graduation a requirement for admission in the Major Seminary. Archbishop Moolakkatt explained that according to the explanations given by the Congregation for Catholic Education, it is impossible to fulfill the academic requirements demanded
by them for B.Ph. degree with a two year course. Hence he requested the Synod to reconsider the previous decision. During the discussion that followed Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, the Chancellor of the Pontifical Institute, Alwaye briefed the Synod on the result of his visit to the Congregation for Catholic Education in the month of October 2012. The Congregation has requested him to present a detailed programme of the Philosophy Course with 180 credits. According to the Explanation of the Congregation auxiliary subjects can be taught during the graduation period and an examination has to be conducted for those subjects before admission. At the end of the discussion, the Synod stood by its previous decision on the matter. The Major Archbishop advised the authorities of the seminaries to prepare more effectively and convincingly the curriculum of philosophy with the requirements demanded by the Congregation for Catholic Education and obtain from them the necessary permission to have B.Ph. degree course in two years.

Report on the Consultative Meeting with the Seminary Staff: Bishop Bosco Puthur, the Curia Bishop who convened the one-day consultative meeting of the resident staff of the three Synodal Seminaries of our Church in Kerala along with the members of the Synodal Commission for the three Major Seminaries, presented the report of the meeting. The Major Archbishop initiated the discussion stating that as we have already listened to the Staff, we should listen to the Students and sit together to shape a new programme of formation. A long discussion followed in which the following points were highlighted:

1. Stress on ecclesial spirituality in formation
2. Classes on social awareness and Panchayathi Raj
3. More effective involvement of the Seminary Commission in formation
4. Consultative Meeting with the student representatives of the seminaries
5. Formulating better programme of formation
6. Making use of the Sabbatical year for spiritual, intellectual and pastoral updating
7. Identifying the most effective formation courses for the Staff
8. Informing his Local Ordinary when a member of the Staff is absent for more than two weeks
9. Consulting priests, laity and women religious on formation
10. Insistence on personal prayer and media education
11. Ongoing formation for priests
12. Priest, a man of Word and Sacrament
13. Forming the seminarians in personal convictions
14. Fostering love for the Church, a sense of discipline, a sense of prayer and a sense of transparency
15. Forming the seminarians to be mature in their motivation and conviction
16. Acquiring expertise in spiritual and pastoral matters
17. Spirituality seen as life in Jesus

After the sharing by the individual Bishops, Members of the Seminary Commission shared their experiences. The three Seminary Commissions visit their seminaries twice a year spending one or two days for interaction with the Rector, Vice-Rector, Finance Officer, Animators and other Members of the Staff. The Commission meets the students classwise and the whole seminary community. The Eucharistic celebration with the students and Staff is an important item in the visit of the Seminary Commission. If there is any correction or clarification
to be made, the Commission instructs the Rector on the matter. In general, the students appreciate the visit of the Seminary Commission. The modalities of the visit varies from seminary to seminary.

Bishops responsible for Mary Matha, Satna, Ruhalaya and Dharmaram Seminaries shared their experiences regarding formation in those seminaries. More than the seminaries under the Synod, it was observed that there is a better home feeling in the above seminaries.

It was mentioned that both the Synod as well as the Seminary Commissions have to pay attention to the quality of the faculty and its development. There was a suggestion regarding a dynamic process of better relation between the Seminaries and the Synod. The attitudes that are reflected in our Church affect the seminary formation. Hence there needs better unity in our Church. This would create an atmosphere for the Synod to ‘own’ the seminaries. The Commissions should take initiative for innovative and creative programmes of formation. We should avoid all sorts of sectarian attitudes and disunity in the Church and in seminaries. If anyone from the Staff is found unfit, he should be immediately removed from the Seminary. Likewise the Seminary Staff should have freedom to take necessary disciplinary actions against seminarians when needed. Involvement of the laity in formation is important and positive. The Bishops should be invited to visit the seminaries and the Bishops should find time to do so. One of the Bishops inquired about the role of the local ordinary in the seminary affairs. The Members of the Seminary Commission have to visit the seminary also informally. It is good that at least once in a while all the Bishops go to visit the seminaries. The Commission should conduct transparent interaction with the Seminary Staff and students and with the Synod. We need better planning regarding the running of the seminary. We should be aware that the quality of the students, both intellectual and spiritual,
has gone down considerably. An evaluation of the pastoral ministry of the young priests coming out of our seminaries will help us to understand the situation. The formators should be people who can inspire the students. When we select priests for higher studies we should make the selection of the candidates also taking into consideration the needs of the seminaries. There is need for a scientific and systematic study on all the aspects of seminary formation. The seminaries should create an atmosphere of cordiality also for the visits of the Bishops. Small seminaries help to give more personal attention in formation. In the general discussion that followed it was felt that these points should reach the Seminaries through the Commissions of the respective Seminaries. However, the general opinion was that we need further consultation with different sections of people. Only after studying in depth the reports of these various consultations, we will be able to propose concrete programme of action regarding better formation in our Major Seminaries.

**Report on Satna Seminary:** Bishop Bosco Puthur, Convener of the Committee to study the feasibility of the request for declaring St. Ephrem Seminary, Satna a Synodal Mission Seminary, presented its report. A detailed discussion followed in which both the positive and negative aspects of such an initiative were highlighted. Several Bishops expressed their reservations regarding the financial implications. There was a suggestion at least in the beginning to declare the seminary regional and entrust its management to the Bishops of the Region. However the General opinion was that the whole Synod should own the seminary. Finally the Synod in principle agreed to the request and asked the same committee to present the juridical feasibility and the terms and conditions of such a step. During a subsequent sitting of the Synod, Bishop Bosco Puthur presented the terms and conditions for declaring St. Ephrem Theological College a Mission Seminary of the Syro-Malabar Church. After a brief discussion, the Synod gave its consent to go ahead with the procedures.
Celebration of the Feast of St. Thomas at Major Archiepiscopal Level: Bishop Bosco Puthur who was assigned to propose mode of celebration of the feast of St. Thomas at the Major Archiepiscopal level read out the proposals. The programme is envisaged to be held on July 3rd at Mount St. Thomas with the representatives from all the eparchies, Superiors General of the Religious Congregations of the Pontifical and Major Archiepiscopal right and Religious Brothers in which those elected by the Synod will be awarded the honours and titles. After a short discussion on the matter the proposal was accepted. The Major Archbishop concluded the discussion and invited especially the Archbishops and Bishops emeriti for the function.

Report of the Committee for Education: Bishop Bosco Puthur, Convener of the Committee presented two reports, one on Higher Education and the other on School Education and Special Schools. The proposals of the Committee were read out and discussed. After necessary clarifications, they were passed and the Synod entrusted the Secretaries to proceed with the programmes, taking into consideration the policies on Education taken by CBCI and KCBC and in coordination with the diocesan activities in the field of education.

Meeting with the PRO: Bishop Bosco Puthur, Secretary of the Synod, welcomed Fr. Paul Thelakat (Spokesperson), Fr. Jose Palakeel MST and Fr. Jolly Vadakkan, Members of the Public Relations Office of the Syro-Malabar Church. The Major Archbishop invited them to share with the Bishops their experiences in the field and expectations. All of them made brief interventions on the subject. The following are some of the points:

1. In the Media world, urgency of time is a key factor. Therefore Media persons are always under tremendous pressure to respond on the spur of the moment. The
Church has to understand this and keep always a friendly attitude with Media persons.

2. We have to be pro-active to the social issues that confront the Church and the Society.

3. It will be ideal that the websites of the eparchies are linked with the Portal of the Syro-Malabar Internet Mission which would facilitate immediate sharing of the news.

During the discussion several Bishops intervened. The Major Archbishop said that we need not emotionally jump into controversies caused by remarks by politicians or other public personalities. Our PRO should take into consideration KCBC, CBCI and Inter Church Council while reacting to the issues of public interest. However, Syro-Malabar Church will have to intervene through the Media on public issues that concern us. While dealing with local issues, care should be taken to keep coordination with the eparchial units. All agreed that Media is an important field and Syro-Malabar Church has to strengthen its Media ministry. We have to think of launching a research wing in this regard. Church has to keep its presence in the World by effective intervention through Media. The PRO should always keep in mind that it is the public voice of the Church. On very important issues it is advisable to seek the opinion of our Bishops through e-mail. The Bishops expressed their gratitude to the PRO for their difficult but important ministry.

**Report on the Observations on Editio Typica of the Holy Qurbana:** Bishop George Punnakottil, Chairman, Commission for Liturgy welcomed Fr. Pauly Maniyattu who presented report on the observations on the *editio typica* of the Holy *Qurbana*. An important point of discussion was what should be the term used for the Eucharistic prayer (Anaphora). The report proposed the English words ‘sanctification’ or ‘hallowing’. After some discussion, the Synod decided to retain *Quodasa* in English and Malayalam. There followed a lengthy discussion on the question whether the present Syriac text can be called
editio typica. If it is the editio typica, how can we propose alterations in its text and rubrics? Is not the editio typica the normative source for translations into other languages? It was clarified that there is a difference between editio typica and editio critica edition. Finally the Major Archbishop concluded the discussion announcing that during his visit to Rome he will seek clarifications on the matter from the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.

Announcement of the Appointment of Fr. George Madathikandathil as the Bishop of Kothamangalam:
As prescribed by the communication from the Apostolic Nunciature, announcement of the appointment of Fr. George Madathikandathil as the Bishop of Kothamangalam took place at 4.30 p.m. on 10 January 2013, at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia. After a word of welcome by Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor, and prayer to the Holy Spirit, Bishop Bosco Puthur, Secretary of the Synod, made the announcement. The Major Archbishop welcomed the Bishop-elect and presented him with the Episcopal insignia. Bishop George Punnakottil, Bishop of Kothamangalam, felicitated him with a bouquet. The Bishop-elect expressed his gratitude to God’s providence and promised that he will try his best to live up to the call of being pastor of the Eparchy of Kothamangalam. He thanked the Synod for the trust placed on him by this election. He requested the prayers of all for his future ministry. The Major Archbishop imparted the final blessing with a prayer. With a hymn of thanksgiving and felicitations of the Bishops present, the programme came to a close.

Meeting with the Executive Council of SMRC and the Religious Advisory Body of the Commission for the Institutes of Consecrated Life:

The two afternoon sittings were dedicated for meeting with the Executive Council of the Syro-Malabar Religious Conference (SMRC) and the Religious Advisory Body (RAB) of the
Commission for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Thirteen members including Sr Dr Vimal Rose CMC, the secretary of the Commission participated in the meeting. The Major Archbishop welcomed them and Bishop Jose Porunnedom, the chairman of the Commission explained the purpose and dynamics of the meeting. He said that the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the comments made by the Religious against certain clauses in the Draft of the Guidelines prepared by the Commission for Evangelization and for the Pastoral Care of Migrants for coordinating the ministry and activities of the Syro-Malabar Religious Institutes and Societies in other *sui iuris* Churches.

One of the comments regarding the Guidelines was that it imposed a mandatory consultation with the Major Archbishop before houses are established in other *sui iuris* Churches. The observation was that it was against the legitimate autonomy of the Institutes. More than one synodal member pointed out that it was not meant to curtail their freedom but to empower them against any arbitrary action on the part of the receiving bishop. It was further noted that the consultation was also to ensure the Syro-Malabar members the right to have the liturgical and other services according to their own ecclesial tradition even in another *sui iuris* Church. Moreover, in the opinion of many synodal members such a consultation was a matter of ecclesial act, that is taking counsel from the Father and Head of the Church before venturing into new areas of ministry. Finally it was decided to redraft the clause in question with an explanation of the spirit in which it was incorporated in the Guidelines and thus to allay the fears of the Religious Institutes.

Another comment was on the requirement to follow the liturgical traditions of the Syro-Malabar Church in the houses in the Latin dioceses. This was mainly the concern of the women religious. They pointed out that for a long time they have been following the Latin practices and most of their new members
in the houses in the Latin dioceses are members of the Latin Church. While understanding their difficulty in switching over to the Syro-Malabar traditions they were advised by the Major Archbishop to make an effort to conscientise their members in this regard and to slowly introduce the Syro-Malabar liturgical practices wherever and as far as it is possible. They were also advised to explore the possibility of establishing Latin provinces of their Institutes in those areas where the members were mostly Latins and where there was little possibility of getting candidates from the Syro-Malabar Church. It was decided to incorporate these observations in the Guidelines.

The third comment was on the requirement to include a clause in the contract to have right for catering to the pastoral care of the Syro-Malabarians in the Latin territories. According to the Religious this matter needs to be taken up by the Major Archbishop with the concerned Latin bishop. The proposal was accepted.

Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikutangara, the bishop of Faridabad, pointed out that the initial understanding of bringing under the Eparchy of Faridabad the provincial houses and the formation houses of the Syro-Malabar Institutes which were under Latin jurisdiction until the erection of Faridabad, was not being implemented because of the lack of understanding of some provincials. He requested the concerned authorities to look into this matter and take appropriate steps. However, the religious pointed out their difficulty that most of the members in those houses were candidates of Latin origin or Syro-Malabarians who have been used to the Latin ecclesial traditions for a long time and so it was very difficult and in a certain sense not beneficial to the communities in those houses.

Among the general issues that were discussed, the question of freedom to recruit candidates from the Syro-Malabar eparchies was the main one. The religious had a very strong feeling that they were discriminated. The synodal members explained that
there could have been isolated incidents in this matter and added that certain restrictions were introduced in this regard to control the unhealthy competition among the Religious Institutes in recruiting candidates.

Another point was that the members of non-clerical male congregations were losing their best members because they opted out to join eparchies or clerical congregations to become priests because of the prejudice against them. They wanted the eparchial authorities to look into this matter and foster the vocation to brotherhood.

At the end of the meeting Bishop Bosco Puthur, the Curia Bishop thanked everybody for their active participation. With the final prayer and blessing by the Major Archbishop, the meeting came to a close at 6.00 p.m.

**Briefing on the Reception to the Bishop-elect at Kothamangalam:** At the request of the Major Archbishop, Bishop George Punnakottil briefed the Synod of the reception accorded to the Bishop-elect, Fr. George Madathikandathil at Kothamangalam. The Bishop-elect reached the Kothamangalam Cathedral accompanied by the present Bishop and after a short prayer reached the Bishop’s House where the representatives of clergy, religious and laity, gave him a warm welcome. Bishop George Punnakottil informed the Synod that in the meeting thereafter of the Presbyteral Council and the representatives of the Pastoral Council, 9th February was chosen for the Episcopal Ordination.

**Nomination from Trichur for Sabhatharam:** Archbishop Andrews Thazhath of Trichur proposed the names of Mr. P.I. Lazar and Prof. Elizabeth Mathew for the Title *Sabhatharam*. He said that both of them are staunch Catholics, very much active in the Church, leading exemplary life. The Synod decided to award the Title *Sabhatharam* to Mr. P.I. Lazar and Prof. Elizabeth Mathew.
Report of the Consultation from the Retreat Centres: Bishop Bosco Puthur, Convener of the Committee appointed for convening the Meeting of the Directors of the Retreat Centres and their Superiors presented the report of the meeting. The consultative meeting had formed a committee under Bishop Raphael Thattil to formulate guidelines for the retreat centres. After a brief discussion, the Synod decided to nominate Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt and Bishop Pauly Kannookadan to this Committee of which Bishop Raphael Thattil will be the Convener. The Committee shall present the guidelines for retreat centres in the following Synodal Session.

List of Episcopal Candidates for the Auxiliary of Ernakulam-Angamaly and Terna for the Eparchy of Jagdalpur: The Synod took appropriate decision on the matter.

Initiation of the Process of Canonization of Fr. Canisius Thekkkekara CMI: Bishop Pauly Kannookadan sought the counsel of the Synod regarding the initiation of the process of canonization of Fr. Canisius Thekkkekara CMI. He said that Fr. Canisius lived a holy life bearing witness to the theological virtues in an exemplary manner. Bishop James Pazhayattil and Archbishop Andrews Thazhath confirmed the holiness of life of Fr. Canisius. The Synod gave its consent.

Structure of the Prospective Code: Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST, Convener of the Synodal Committee for Canonical Questions proposed the draft of the structure of the prospective code with table of contents. The Synod requested the Committee to go ahead with the programme.

Global Meet: Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST, Chairman, Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of Migrants, proposed to convene Global Meet of the Syro-Malabar migrants in the month of August. After some discussion, the Synod decided to hold Global Meet on 18 August 2013, the day before the starting of the August Synodal Session. The Major
Archbishop earnestly requested the Bishops to take part in the Meet.

**Financial Report of the Mission Year Celebration:** Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST, Convener, Mission Year Celebrations, presented the Financial Report of the Syro-Malabar Mission Year celebration. He stated that because of the generous contribution from the Eparchies, Religious Congregations and other benefactors we could meet all the expenses and could spare some amount towards the cost of publishing the Mission Year Souvenir. He thanked all who cooperated one way or other for the success of the Mission Year celebrations.

**Contribution from the Migrant Centres:** Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST, Chairman, Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of Migrants, presented a list of contributions from the migrant centres which the Synod decided to earmark for the maintenance of the Major Archiepiscopal Curia.

**Financial Help to Syro-Malabar Internet Mission:** Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST, Chairman, Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of Migrants, informed the Synod of the request from the Chairman, Governing Body of the Syro-Malabar Church Internet Mission for financial help. The Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of Migrants was in favour of acceding to the request which was acceptable to the Synod.

**Celebration of the 1950th Death Anniversary of St. Thomas:** Bishop Mathew Arackal and Bishop Pauly Kannoorkadan, presented the proposals for the 10 year long celebrations of the 1950th Death Anniversary of St. Thomas. The Synod in principle approved the plans and requested them to present detailed programme in the following Synodal Session. The official inauguration of the 10 year celebrations shall be held on July 3 at Mount St. Thomas and in the Eparchies.
Report on Funds for Community Centre at Chennai: Bishop Mathew Arackal briefly reported the efforts taken regarding the purchase of land for the community centre in Chennai. The Synod asked him to present the progress in this regard in the following Synodal Session.

Invitation for Episcopal Ordination at Kothamangalam: Bishop-elect Fr. George Madathikandathil participated in the Synod in the last sitting of the day. He was warmly welcomed by the Major Archbishop. The Bishop-elect invited the Bishops to his Episcopal Ordination scheduled for 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 9 February 2013. Bishop George Punnakottil requested the Bishops to come also for the dinner at 12.00 noon.

Briefing of the Procurator of the Major Archbishop at the Apostolic See: Mgr. Stephen Chirapanath briefed the Synod of the activities of the Syro-Malabar Church in Rome. He said that in Italy there are 18 centres where Holy Eucharist is celebrated for the Syro-Malabar Migrants. Seven of them are in Rome itself. The reception given to the Major Archbishop in Rome on 19 February and the celebration of the Syro-Malabar Heritage in the month of October has helped the community to grow considerably and experience greater unity. He also briefed the Synod regarding the process of purchase of the new Procura as well as taking over the management of St. Ephrem College which can accommodate 18 priest-students for a monthly pay of Euro 650. The Major Archbishop requested the Bishops to send their priest-students as far as possible to St. Ephrem College. At the request of the Major Archbishop, Mgr. Stephen presented the list of contributors towards the new Procura. The Major Archbishop requested the Bishops for their generous cooperation in raising funds for the Procura. He further requested the patronage of the Bishops for the proposed visit of Bishop Bosco Puthur and Mgr. Stephen Chirapanath to the Major Superiors of the religious congregations. The Major Archbishop congratulated Mgr. Stephen Chirapanath
on being given the title Monsignor by the Holy Father and for his sacerdotal silver jubilee and thanked him for his zealous ministry in Rome.

**Topic for the Next Synod of Bishops in Rome:** The Major Archbishop said that the Holy Father had already announced the next Synod of Bishops will be held in Rome in 2015. The Secretariat of the Synod has requested the Bishops to suggest topics for the Synod. Bishop Bosco Puthur was requested to collect the suggestions from the Bishops on the topic for forwarding it to the Secretariat of the Synod in Rome.

**Briefing on the Youth Ministry:** Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath briefed the Synod on his initiatives regarding the revival of the youth ministry in the Syro-Malabar Church. He said that he was planning for a youth convention and he sought the advice of the Bishops regarding better youth ministry in our Church.

**Press Release:** Archbishop Andrews Thazhath read out the press release of the Synod and with some modifications, it was approved for publication.

**Scrutiny of the Decisions:** The Synod made a scrutiny of the decisions of the XXI Synod (2013), Session 1 including the decisions of the final day, and the Synod gave its approval for them.

**Conclusion of the Synod:** The Major Archbishop sought the permission of the Synod to close the present session of the Synod and gave the concluding address. The Major Archbishop thanked the Lord for the gift of a new Bishop for the Eparchy of Kothamangalam in the person of Fr. George Madathikandathil. He recalled the meeting of the Synod with the Executive Council of the Syro-Malabar Religious Conference (SMRC) and the Religious Advisory Body (RAD), of the Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life and the meeting with the PRO Team. He thanked the Bishops for the fruitful suggestions especially regarding
priestly formation in our Church and for the decision by the Synod to declare St. Ephrem’s Theological College, Satna, a Missionary Seminary of the Syro-Malabar Church. He thanked all the Commissions for their cooperation and hardwork. He expressed his appreciation for the remodeling of the Synod Hall, pews in the Chapel and Internet Connectivity. Expressing his gratitude to all the collaborators in the Curia as well as those who helped in one way or the other for the functioning of the Synod, he declared the First Session of the XXI Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church closed.

Mount St. Thomas,  
11 January 2013

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

Fr. Antony Kollannur, Chancellor  
Major Archiepiscopal Curia.
XXI Synod (2013), Session 1
7-11 January 2013
DECISIONS

1. To go on a pilgrimage to Palayoor and to the tomb of Blessed Euphrasia on the Sunday during the Session of the Synod in August 2013 in which the participation will be optional.

2. To entrust Bishop Pauly Kannookadan the translation into English of the prayer at the beginning of the Synodal Sittings and to present it in the following session of the Synod.

3. To entrust the Commission for Liturgy to revise the Text of the Enthronement Ceremony, observing the procedure for the approval of the Liturgical Text.

4. To constitute a committee to study the discrepancies in the reply of the Congregation for Oriental Churches on the Indult given in the Eparchy of Kalyan and draft our response to the explanation on the Indult, in consultation with Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS with the following members: Archbishop Andrews Thazhath (Convener), Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara and Bishop Paul Alappatt

5. To request Bishop Mathew Arackal to present in the following Session of the Synod the proposal with the statistics of our faithful in Kambam and Theni Regions in view of the extension of the pastoral care of the Eparchy of Kanjirapally to those areas.

6. To authorize the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants to take appropriate steps to ensure effective pastoral care of our faithful in the Gulf Region, especially in Saudi Arabia.
7. To constitute the Office of the Postulator General for the Syro-Malabar Church under the General Moderator for the administration of Justice, to which office the Major Archbishop shall appoint an appropriate person in consultation with the General Moderator for the administration of Justice.

8. To declare St. Ephrem Theological College, Satna, a Synodal Mission Seminary, subject to the conditions laid down by the Synod.

9. To award the Title Sabhatharam to Mr. P.I. Lazar and Prof. Elizabeth Mathew from the Archdiocese of Trichur.

10. To nominate Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt and Bishop Pauly Kannookadan to the Committee to formulate guidelines for retreat centres, of which Bishop Raphael Thattil will be the Convener. The Committee shall present the guidelines in the following Synodal Session.

11. To give consent to initiate the process of canonization of Fr. Canisius Thekkekara CMI

12. To hold Global Meet of Syro-Malabar migrants on 18 August 2013, the day before the starting of the August Synodal Session.

13. To earmark the contribution from the migrant centres of the Syro-Malabar Church for the maintenance of the Major Archiepiscopal Curia.

14. To approve in principle the proposal regarding 10 year long celebrations of the 1950th Death Anniversary of St. Thomas which will be officially inaugurated on July 3 at Mount St. Thomas and in the Eparchies and to request Bishop Mathew Arackal and Bishop Pauly Kannookadan to present the detailed programme in the following Synodal Session.
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CONCLUDING ADDRESS OF THE
MAJOR ARCHBISHOP

My dear Brother Archbishops and Bishops,

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

· We have come to the final moments of the present session of our Synod. Let us thank God our Father for all the special graces He offered us through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit during this Synod. Let us thank the Lord for the gift of a new Bishop for the Eparchy of Kothamangalam in the person of Fr. George Madathikandathil. It is on the rich pastoral heritage built up by Bishop Mathew Pothanamoozhy and the present Bishop George Punnakottil that he has to continue to nourish the people of God in that Eparchy.

The discussions in the Synod and interactions with the experts and consultors of certain Commissions of the Synod proved highly fruitful. The meeting with the Executive Council of the Syro-Malabar Religious Conference (SMRC) and the Religious Advisory Body (RAB) of the Commission for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life has been first of its kind and it generated a greater sense of unity of action between the Bishops and the persons of consecrated life, both in the pastoral programmes of our own particular churches and the evangelization programmes of the Religious Congregations in other sui iuris Churches. I would like to congratulate the Commission for having effectively organized this consultation. The exchange of ideas between the Bishops and the PRO Team provided the Synod the first opportunity to give better orientations for their office as spokes persons of the Church. They have greatly helped the social
witness of the Church in the past and let us place on record our thanks for their difficult but decisive role in the life of the Church.

There was very fruitful sharing of ideas on priestly formation for which the Synod has to give priority especially in this period of rapid and drastic changes in the value system of the society as a whole. Our priests, men and women of the consecrated life and the lay faithful are all greatly concerned about the formation of our seminarians in the best way possible. In this favourable context, it is up to us Bishops to be more and more committed to our overseeing role regarding the priestly formation and the running of our seminaries. The preparedness expressed by the Synod to declare St. Ephrem’s Theological College, Satna, committed to the formation of missionary priests, a Synodal Mission Seminary is a welcome gesture in the backdrop of the mission year celebrations that we have concluded.

As a future orientation for our ministry I would propose to continue our drive for evangelization with the special programmes of the Year of Faith, the promotion of vocations to priesthood and religious life through the Sunday catechesis, the system of altar servers and associations like Mission League. We have to be specially alert in our social witness through the promotion of ethical and moral values.

Let us place our appreciation and thanks to the Commission for Catechesis for the release of the Book for Family Catechesis, the Synodal Committee of Bishops, Bishop Mathew Vanikizhakel V.C. and Bishop Sebsatian Vadakel MST for the release of the English Version of the Liturgy of Hours and to the Committee for the Mission Year Souvenir for the release of the Mission Year Souvenir.

On liturgical matters let each Bishop have the will and wisdom to take measures that will foster greater unity of practices and uniform celebrations according to the directives of the Synod. May the Spirit of the Lord guide us in this most important responsibility of our Church.
Bishop Bosco Puthur deserves our appreciation for his conduct of the Curia and the completion of the various projects in the curia such as the remodeling of the Synod Hall, pews in the chapel and the Internet Connectivity. I thank also Fr. Mathew Pulimoottil, the Finance Officer, who manages the financial and administrative work of the curia very well. I express my gratitude in a special way to Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Chancellor, who carries out his duties of the Curia with care and devotedness.

Finally let me express my gratitude to all others who helped us in the conduct of the Synod, especially Bishop Boso Puthur, the Synod Secretary, the Moderators Bishop Joseph Kunnath, CMI, Bishop Joseph Arumachadath, MCBS, and Bishop Paul Alappatt who have wisely guided the proceedings of this Session of our Synod, Fr. James Kallumkal, the Vice-Chancellor, the resident and non-resident Secretaries of the Commissions, other priests functioning for the Curia, Holy Family Sisters and other members of the Staff and their helpers who serve at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia.

The next Synod is scheduled for 19 – 31 August 2013. While thanking you for the love and concern you show towards me and the perfect communion and wholehearted support you give for my humble service, I entrust our Synod, the priests, the religious and the lay faithful of our Church to the protection of Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Thomas, our Father in faith, all the other Saints and Blessed of our Church.

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

11 January 2013
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+ George Alencherry
Major Archbishop 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!

With the initial preparation through recollection and
celebration of the Holy Qurbana, we are now entering Second
Session of the XXI Synod of our Church. Let us recall to ourselves
that we are the disciples and apostles of Christ inspired by His
Spirit working for the mission of the Syro-Malabar Church and
that the discussions and deliberations in the Synod have to be
according to the role entrusted to us by Jesus Christ. I thank
Bishop George Punnakottil for inspiring us with Biblical and
theological reflections on the encyclical *Lumen Fidei* of Pope
Francis.

Let me now very cordially welcome all of you to the present
Session of the Synod. Bishop George Madathikandathil of
the Eparchy of Kothamangalam is attending the Synod for the
first time as full member of the Synod. Bishop-Elect Joseph
Kollamprampil CMI is also attending the Synod for a couple of
days. I offer them a special welcome to the Synod of Bishops
of our Church. With the election of Fr. Joseph Kollamparampil,
the membership of our Synod has risen to Fifty.

Archbishop George Valiamatam is celebrating his sacerdotal
golden jubilee and the silver jubilee of his Episcopal ordination.
Let me extend to him all the greetings of these two graceful
occasions and pray God’s blessings on his future apostolate. The
silver jubilee of the eparchy of Kalyan deserves special mention as this first eparchy for the emigrant Syro-Malabar faithful in India has passed through an exemplary phase of growth and created a praiseworthy impact through the pastoral leadership of Bishop Paul Chittilapilly and Bishop Thomas Elavanal. The Synod places on record its appreciation and expresses heartfelt congratulations to the people of God in Kalyan.

The first months of the year 2013 witnessed history-making events unique in the life of the Church, namely, the renouncement of the Petrine Office by Pope Benedict XVI that sent shock waves all over the world and the subsequent election of Jorge Mario Bergolio as Pope who took the name Francis suggestive of his vision of the Pontificate. Pope Francis being the first Latin American Pope and the one who bears Papal characteristics hitherto unforeseen has created overwhelming enthusiasm among the Catholic faithful. He has a new style and the whole world has begun to sense the substance behind the style. His call to simplicity and poverty within the Church has gained the minds and hearts of the people. Jesus’ call to justice and charity towards the poor, the sick and the marginalized is once again becoming vibrant in the Church. The Pope’s own lifestyle of simplicity and poverty has impressed the world as a whole. His style has become a message and it is bound to have its impact on the style of the Church, especially that of the Bishops and priests in the years to come.

The Commissions and Committees of the Synod have been active in continuing their work through periodical meetings and seminars. The Commission for Liturgy has already published the Anaphora of Mar Theodore and it is ready for our use in the Holy Qurbana. The Commission for Catechesis has broken new ground with the introduction of electronic media in catechesis and conducted two workshops with this objective. The seminary formation has gained added importance in our Apostolate and
the Seminary Commissions are taking greater care and attention towards both the Staff and the seminarians. The seminar for the Minor Seminary Rectors and Staff organized by the Commission for Clergy served its purpose of searching ways and means to update the early years of seminary formation according to the demands of present day challenges. The Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants has been ever active in settling the problems and issues that cropped up in different diaspora communities and has successfully organized two mega events, the Gulf Meet of May 2013 and the Global Meet of yesterday proclaiming solidarity of the Mother Church with the Syro-Malabarians in the Gulf and also all those around the world. The expert counsel of the Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life has been immensely helpful in dealing with many of the issues and canonical questions that came up in a number of congregations of our Church. The Commission for Laity has injected new vitality in different sections of the Laity by organizing the Catholica Congress, the Vanitha Forum, Youth Ministry, Agricultural Forum, Dalit Forum, Professionals’ Forum, Entrepreneurs Forum, Media Forum, History and Research Forum, and Science and Technology Forum. The continued animation of these forums is an important task before the Commission. The Commission for Finance has become more involved in finding support for the activities of the Curia and the needs of the mission eparchies. The unique achievement of Bishop Gregory Karotempleil CMI in founding the Association of the Supportors of the Syro-Malabar Mission and raising a sizeable fund to help the mission eparchies and providing burses for their seminarians is ever to be remembered. The Committee for Higher Education has already proved its relevance through the meetings of managers and diocesan directors of Higher Education and the Conference of the newly appointed teachers, clarifying the ambiguities and uncertainties that exist in the
institutions of education conducted by the Church. The book being prepared by the Committee for Public Affairs will be soon ready for publication. It will be a good response to the social and moral questions surfacing the present day society.

Together with the Curia Bishop and the Chancellor, I conducted 14 meetings with the Major Superiors of our Religious Congregations of both men and women. The dialogue that took place during these half day sessions helped to increase the ecclesial communion of the religious communities. Mgr. Stephen Chirapanath, Procurator of our Church in Rome, was present in many of these sessions and explained to them our project of the Procura and all the religious have extended their support, of course with their own limitations. It is imperative that the share of the eparchies has to be increased to realize the total amount needed for the project and I request you to act with generosity in this regard.

In this synodal session, we may have to reflect over the new responsibilities to be undertaken in our own eparchies especially those in the mission territories. With the one-fifth of the territory of India entrusted to the eparchy of Faridabad and the already existing territories of the eparchies of the proper territory and the eparchies of the missions, the Syro-Malabar Church may have now one-fourth of the territory of India in its jurisdiction. So it is our added duty now to concentrate more and more on our missionary responsibility in our own areas of jurisdiction. There are other items that demand careful scrutiny of the new developments in the Church and the Society like retreat centres, pastoral care of emigrants, the rise of non-Catholic evangelical groups, etc. The strengthening of the faith of the laity in response to the challenges of the present day remains an important concern of our planning for the future. The renewal of the life of the priests and of the men and women of consecrated life also remains an important area of concern.
The Year of Faith is coming to a close on 24 November 2013 and each eparchy may conduct special programmes according to the general directions from the Apostolic See and of the Regional Bishops Councils in India. Having been strengthened in faith by the observance of the Year of Faith, we shall now commit ourselves to the New Evangelization visualized by Pope Benedict XVI and is continued by Pope Francis. The forthcoming General Assembly of the CBCI has taken as its theme ‘Renewed Church for a Renewed Society – Responding to the call of Vatican II’ which is also pointing to such an objective. In this connection it is fitting to mention that after the Archeparchy of Trichur in March 2010, it is now the Eparchy of Palai that has ventured to host this great event of the CBCI General Assembly. Let us express in advance our sentiments of gratification and wish Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt and all others with him every success in the organization of this Assembly of the Bishops of India.

The second meeting of the Heads of Churches together with the accompanying representatives which is now known as the Inter-Church Council took place at St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor on 24 June 2013. According to the decision taken in that meeting we sent Rupees Twelve Lakhs to the Prime Minister’s Relief Fund for the flood victims of Utharakhand. The Inter-Church Council has come to an understanding to form three committees of Bishops to deal with the common issues in the ecumenical, educational, and social welfare activities of the member churches.

The patronage that the Syro-Malabar Church together with the Syro-Malankara Church gives to Deepika has begun to bear positive results both in the management and in the appeal the public has towards the daily. It seems to me that the eparchies and religious congregations of our Church have to be more and
more supportive in making Deepika a powerful organ of the Church’s involvement in the Media.

It is glad news that the Holy Father recently appointed two sons of our Church Bishops who had adopted to work in the mission dioceses outside our jurisdiction, Bishop Varghese Thottamkara, Co-adjutor Bishop of the Vicar Apostolic of Nekemte in Ethiopia and Bishop-Elect Paul Mattekatt for the diocese of Diphu in Assam. Both of them hail from the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly. With these appointments there are now 32 Bishops of Syro-Malabar origin working outside our own jurisdiction.

The Dukhrana of Mar Thoma Sleeha celebrated for the first time in the Major Archiepiscopal level at Mount St. Thomas was highly appreciated by all those who participated in it. It has to become an annual event hereafter and it was suggested by many participants that all the parishes and institutions in our church have to celebrate the feast of Dukhrana as Sabhadinam with befitting programmes fostering the awareness concerning our Apostolic Church among the faithful especially the youth and the children.

Finally I invoke God’s blessings upon all of us to have a fruitful Synodal session. May Mary, Mother of Christ, St. Thomas, our Father in faith and all other Saints intercede for us!

With these words I declare the second session of the XXI Synod 2013 open.

Mount St. Thomas
19 August 2013

+ George Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
XXI Synod (2013), Session 2  
19 – 31 August 2013

REPORT

The XXI Synod (2013), Session 2 began with a recollection preached by Bishop George Punnakottil, at 10.00 a.m. on 19 August 2013, followed by personal prayer for some time and Holy Qurbana of the Bishops with the Major Archbishop George Alencherry as the main celebrant in which the Anaphora of Mar Theodore was celebrated for the first time after its promulgation. The formal sitting of the Synod began at 2.30 p.m. with a prayer by the Major Archbishop after which he proceeded with the inaugural address.

The Formal Inauguration of the Synod: The Major Archbishop thanked Bishop George Punnakottil for the inspiring biblical and theological reflections on the encyclical Lumen fidei of Pope Francis. The Major Archbishop welcomed Bishop George Madathkandathil and Bishop-elect Joseph Kollamparampil CMI. He congratulated Archbishop George Valiamattam on the occasion of his sacerdotal golden jubilee and Episcopal silver jubilee. He congratulated Bishop Paul Chittilapilly, Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS and the people of God of the Eparchy of Kalyan on the occasion of its silver jubilee. He recalled that in 2013 the world witnessed the renouncement of the Petrine Office of Pope Benedict XVI and the subsequent election of Pope Francis who initiated a new style in his apostolic ministry. His life style of simplicity and poverty has greatly impressed the whole world which is bound to have its impact on the life of the Church, especially that of the Bishops and priests. The Major Archbishop drew the attention of the Synod to the forthcoming General Assembly of the CBCI at Pala which has taken as its theme ‘Renewed Church for a Renewed
Society – Responding to the call of Vatican II’.

The Major Archbishop recalled the various important activities of the Commissions and thanked them for their achievements. He mentioned that his meeting with 15 groups of major superiors of the religious congregations, both men and women, for a dialogue on various issues that affect them helped to increase the ecclesial communion of the religious communities and to get the assurance of their generous support for the project of the procura. He shared the glad news of the appointment of two sons of our Church as Bishops, namely, Bishop Varghese Thottamkara, the Co-adjutor Vicar Apostolic of Nekemte in Ethiopia and Bishop-elect Paul Mattekatt of Diphu both of whom hail from the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. The Major Archbishop mentioned that the celebration of the feast of Dukhrana as sabhadinam at the Major Archiepiscopal level was greatly appreciated and stated that it has to become an annual event not only at the Major Archiepiscopal level, but also in all the parishes and institutions of our Church. Invoking God’s blessings, he declared the second session of the XXI Synod 2013 open.

Participants: The following members were present for the current session of the Synod: Mar George Alencherry (Major Archbishop), Mar George Valiamattam (Tellicherry), Mar Mathew Moolakkatt OSB (Kottayam), Mar Andrews Thazhath (Trichur), Mar Joseph Perumthottam (Changanacherry), Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (Faridabad), Mar Abraham D. Mattam (Emeritus, Satna), Mar Joseph Powathil (Emeritus Archbishop, Changanacherry), Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy (Emeritus Archbishop, Trichur), Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil (Emeritus, Palai), Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil CMI (Emeritus, Sagar), Mar Dominic Kokkatt CST (Emeritus, Ghorakhpur), Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI (Emeritus, Bijnor), Mar George Punnakottil (Emeritus, Kothamangalam), Mar James Pazhayattil (Emeritus, Irinjalakuda), Mar Paul Chittilapilly (Emeritus, Thamarassery), Mar Gregory Karotemprel CMI (Emeritus, Rajkot), Mar Vijay Anand
Nedumpuram CMI (Chanda), Mar Jacob Manathodath (Palghat), Mar Simon Stock Palathra CMI (Jagdalpur), Mar Thomas Elavanal MCBS (Kalyan), Mar Thomas Chakiath (Emeritus Auxiliary, Ernakulam-Angamaly), Mar Sebastian Vadakel MST (Ujjain), Mar Jacob Angadiath (Chicago), Mar Mathew Arackal (Kanjirapally), Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy (Belthangady), Mar Joseph Kunnapth CMI (Adilabad), Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakel VC (Satna), Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath (Auxiliary, Ernakulam Angamaly), Mar Mathew Anikuzhikattil (Idukki), Mar Joseph Kallarangatt (Palai), Mar Jose Porunnedom (Mananthavady), Mar Anthony Chirayath (Sagar), Mar Thomas Thiruthimattam CST (Gorakhpur), Mar Joseph Pandarasseri (Auxiliary, Kottayam), Mar Joseph Arumachadath MCBS (Bhadrapathi), Mar Bosco Puthur (Major Archiepiscopal Curia), Mar George Njaralakkatt (Mandya), Mar Remigiose Inchannaniyil (Thamrassery), Mar Raphael Thattil (Auxiliary, Trichur), Mar Paul Alappatt (Ramanathapuram), Mar Pauly Kannookadan (Irinjalakuda), Mar John Vadakel CMI (Bijnor), Mar Jose Chittooparambil CMI (Rajkot), Mar George Rajendran SDB (Thuckalay), Mar Jacob Muricken (Auxiliary, Palai) and Mar George Madathikandathil (Kothamangalam).

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

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

**Tellers:** Bishop George Rajendran SDB, Bishop Jacob Muricken and Bishop George Madathikandathil.

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

**Committee for the Pastoral Circular:** Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam (Convener), Bishop Joseph Kunnapth CMI and Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS.
Liturgical Celebrations: Bishop Pauly Kankookadan

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.

Review of the Decisions of the Previous Synod: Bishop Bosco Puthur, the Secretary of the Synod read out the decisions of the previous Synod held in January 2013. The Synod reviewed the implementation of the decisions.

Finalizing the Agenda: At the request of the Moderator, the Bishops proposed a few more items to be included in the agenda. The new items included are: CBCI Meeting at Pala, Presentation of the Code of Particular Law and Commemoration of the name of St. Joseph in the liturgy. The Bishops shall have a separate sitting in three groups, namely, Bishops of Kerala, Bishops outside Kerala within the proper territory and Bishops outside the proper territory. With these additional items, the Synod approved the following agenda:

1. Procedure on the Episcopal Candidates for Auxiliary of Ernakulam-Angamaly
2. Revision of the Text of the Ceremony of the Enthronement of Bishops.
3. Presentation of the final form of the Lectionary to be printed for the coming Liturgical Year.
4. Solemn Reception of the Communion and First Confession for those children who have received the Sacraments of Initiation together.
5. New Anaphoras.
6. Revision of the Text of the Divine Liturgy that we are using now.
7. Permission for conferring Holy Orders of Presbyterate and Diaconate.
8. Guidelines for retreat centres.
9. Retreat/Bible conventions as mega shows leading to fear complexes and superstitions among people.
11. Increase of the contributions for the seminarians in our Major Seminaries at Mangalapuzha, Vadavathur and Kunnoth.
12. Strengthening the goals and identity of the Pontifical Institute, Alwaye.
13. Utilization of the property at Kakkanad belonging to the two seminaries at Carmelgiri and Mangalapuzha.
15. Promotion of vocations to Religious Brotherhood.
16. Role of the Bishops Emeriti in their eparchies and the Synod.
17. Follow up on the Indult in the Eparchy of Kalyan.
18. Particular Laws for Provincial Synod.
19. Presentation of the Code of Particular Law.
21. Pastoral Situation of the Syro-Malabar faithful and the possible new steps to provide proper pastoral care to them in the following countries/areas - a. Arabian Gulf countries especially Saudi Arabia; b. Europe Especially Italy, Germany, UK and Ireland; c. Australia; d. Singapore; e. In India especially in the cities of Hyderabad/Secundrabd; f. Bangalore; g. Chennai, h. Calcutta; i. Ahmedabad, Surat, Aurangabad, Silvassa and Vapi.
22. Relationship of the migrant Syro-Malabar faithful with the mother parish in Kerala.

23. Approval of the Marriage Preparation Course Certificates issued by the priests of Gulf Countries with the authorization of the Vicars Apostolic.

24. Pastoral care in the Kambam-Theni Region.

25. Steps to keep up the missionary dynamism of the Syro-Malabar Church.

26. Follow up of the Mission Year.

27. Distribution of the News Letter of ASSM.

28. More encouragement for the activities of ASSM, also with a circular of the Major Archbishop.


31. The Empowerment of AKCC in all Syro-Malabar Eparchies.

32. The Laity.

33. Women’s Forum.

34. CBCI Meeting at Pala.

35. Commemoration of the name of St. Joseph in the liturgy.

36. Proposals for the Celebration of the 1950 Death Anniversary of St. Thomas.

37. Mechanism for Prioritizing Project Applications from the Syro-Malabar Church to ROACO.

38. Discussion on the Motu Proprio Intima Ecclesiae Natura.
39. Need to consider the presence of a person at the ecclesial level for considering for awards, and not merely his or her presence at the eparchial level.

40. Our response to the growth of communal forces.

41. Meeting of the Major Archbishop with the Major Superiors of the Religious Congregations.

42. Fund raising for the Procura and the contribution from the Eparchies.

43. Briefing on the meeting of the Rectors and spiritual directors of the Major Seminaries.

44. Roofing of the buildings at Mount St. Thomas.

45. Briefing on Inter-Church Council’s Committees for Education, Ecumenism and Social Welfare- Selection of SM Representatives to the above Committees.

46. Briefing on Deepika.

47. Documentary film on Syro-Malabar Church.

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

49. Presentation of Reports of Various Major Seminaries:
   i. St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha, Aluva
   ii. St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, Kottayam
   iii. Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kunnoth

50. Presentation of Report of the Curia.

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

52. Separate sitting of the synod for the bishops in the proper territory in Kerala and outside.

53. Time for short sharing by the dioceses.


Approval of the Marriage Preparation Course Certificates Issued by the Vicars Apostolic of the Gulf Countries: The Major Archbishop drew the attention of the Synod to the difficulties caused to the migrants from the non-acceptance by the priests of
the home parishes, of the marriage preparation course certificates issued by priests of the Gulf countries with the authorization of the Apostolic Vicars of the Northern and Southern Arabia. After a long discussion, the Synod decided to accept the certificates of the marriage preparation course conducted and approved by the Vicars Apostolic of the Northern and Southern Arabia, considering the spiritual good of the Syro-Malabar faithful and the special pastoral situation in the Arabian Gulf countries.

**Relationship of the Migrant Syro-Malabar Faithful with the Mother Parish in Kerala:** Some of the Bishops pointed out the painful situation experienced by the migrant faithful in their home parishes when they approach for the administration of sacraments like marriage and first Holy Communion. At the end of the discussion the Major Archbishop requested the Bishops to advice their priests to be considerate towards the migrant faithful. It was also pointed out that the parish priests of the mother parish shall ask the migrants to bring Free State certificates and other relevant documents from the Syro-Malabar pastors where there are Syro-Malabar pastoral structures.

**Pastoral Care in Kambam-Theni Region:** Bishop Mathew Arackal presented statistical data regarding the number of Syro-Malabar faithful and institutions in Kambam-Theni region. After discussion of the matter, the Major Archbishop thanked Bishop Mathew Arackal for presenting the statistical data. The Synod decided to entrust Bishop George Rajendran of Thuckalay, the nearest eparchy in the area, to negotiate with the Archbishop of Madurai for facilitating pastoral care for the migrants in that region.

**Steps to Keep up the Missionary Dynamism of the Syro-Malabar Church:** Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST explained to the Synod the need of continuing the missionary enthusiasm rekindled by the celebration of the Mission year. Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara explained in detail the mission challenges faced by the new eparchy of Faridabad which has the extension of
almost one-fifth of the whole of India. This is a great occasion for our Church to realize our mission potentialities to the maximum. He invited the help of the eparchies and religious congregations to take up mission work in the eparchy of Faridabad. It was also suggested that we have to create missionary interest in our seminarians already during their formation. The Synod requested Archbishop Bharanikulangara to present a detailed road map for the missionary enterprise in the Eparchy of Faridabad.

**Follow up of the Mission Year:** Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST presented points of follow up programme of the Mission Year such as documentation on mission, Mission animation programmes in parishes, family units and formation houses, Short term exposure programs for the faithful in the mission Eparchies, Promoting priestly and religious vocations to Mission, Promoting new methods of evangelization, strengthening ASSM, Training and supporting catechesis for Evangelization and strengthening the bond between mission eparchies and sponsoring home eparchies. Bishop Vijay Anand Nedumpuram CMI reminded the Synod that we need to seriously evaluate our *ad gentes* mission activities and the follow up of the Mission Year. It was proposed that this point shall be taken up in the Synod after having first discussed it in the meeting of the Bishops of the eparchies outside the proper territory who would present the result of their discussion in the Synod.

**Appeal for Strengthening ASSM:** Bishop Gregory Karotemprel CMI appealed to the Synod to strengthen the activities of ASSM. He thanked the Bishops for their generous cooperation. However if the Bishops and parish priests offer greater cooperation, we can achieve greater success in collecting mission fund. He requested the Bishops and priests to help distribute the News Letters. The Synod appreciated the great effort taken by Bishop Gregory Karotemprel and thanked him for his achievement. It was suggested that a circular could be issued to clarify the need and purpose of Mission Sunday, Syro-Malabar Mission Sunday and *Sabhadinizam*. The Major Archbishop requested the Bishops to help the distribution
of ASSM News Letters and to encourage through a circular the activities of ASSM.

**Report of the Major Seminaries:** Bishop Bosco Puthur, the Secretary of the Synod, welcomed Fr. Antony Nariculam, Rector, St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha, Aluva, Fr. Alex Tharamangalam, Rector, St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, Kottayam and Fr. Mani Attel, Rector, Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kunnoth.

**Report of the Mangalapuzha Seminary:** In the Report of the St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha, Aluva, the Rector, Fr. Antony Nariculam expressed his satisfaction for the cooperation of the staff and students in the formation. After having explained the different areas of formation, he highlighted the noble concern of the seminarians in the prison ministry called Jesus Fraternity. It has helped not only to console the prisoners and their families, but also to enrich the spiritual life of the students themselves. The intense preparations of the seminarians in view of the prison visits by way of prayer and fasting is a valuable help in their spiritual and pastoral formation.

   The seminary building being 80 years old needed a lot of repair and maintenance. The repair and renovation of the kitchen and refectory was the major task that was completed in the academic year. Due to the committed efforts of the procurators, the seminary could make considerable profit from agriculture and animal husbandry. After clarifications and discussions, Bishop Jacob Manathodath, the Chairman of the Seminary Commission, thanked the Rector, Staff and students for their team work which has created greater awareness in the field of formation. The activities of the Year of Faith has also contributed to the improvement of the spiritual atmosphere of the seminary.

**Report of the Vadavathoor Seminary:** Fr. Alex Tharamangalam, Rector of St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, Kottayam mentioned in his report that the seminary gives the greatest
importance to the spiritual life and formation of the seminarians, especially through the daily celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of Christian life. Besides the intellectual and pastoral formation, the various co-curricular activities help the students in their training. The visit of His Beatitude Patriarch Bechara Boutros Rai of the Maronite Church gave great enthusiasm to the seminarians to gladly respond to Jesus’ call. The celebration of the Unity Octave with the participation of the members of different Churches of St. Thomas and Latin traditions was an important event in the academic year. Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB, the Chairman of the Seminary Commission thanked the Rector and the Staff for their selfless service and requested the Bishops to visit the seminary at least once a year.

**Report of the Kunnoth Seminary:** Fr. Mani Attel said in his report that the Good Shepherd Seminary has entered the 13th year of its functioning. In spite of financial constraints, the seminary is trying its best to impart overall formation in tune with the charter for priestly formation in the Syro-Malabar Church. The daily concelebration of the Staff in the Holy Qurbana is a great inspiration for the students. Because of the great effort by the Staff and the sincere encouragement of the Bishops and cooperation of parish priests, the seminary could raise Rupees Two Crores and Fifty two Lakhs. The seminary has yet to complete library building and administrative block. Archbishop George Valiamattam, Chairman of the Commission for the Seminary appreciated the cooperation of the Staff and students in spite of the material constraints in the seminary.

**Request for a Raise of the Annual Subsidy:** At the request of Bishop Jacob Manathodath, Fr. Antony Nariculam read out a joint request presented to the Synod of Bishops by the Rectors of Kunnoth, Mangalapuzha and Vadavathoor seminaries. After having explained the great increase in the expenses and decrease in the income of the seminaries, also due to the cessation of financial assistance from the *opus sancti petri*, the Synod was requested to
raise the subsidy per student from the eparchies to Rs. 25,000/-. It was in 2008 that the Synod had fixed the annual subsidy as Rs. 12,000/-. The Rectors requested to raise the students' contribution from Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 5000/-. During the discussion, a few Bishops suggested that we have to envisage new modes of formation in which the seminarians work and earn to finance at least partially their formation. As the proposal needs more clarity and precision, the discussion on the matter was postponed. It being the duty of the eparchies to find the financial resources for the formation of their seminarians, the Synod unanimously decided that the eparchies shall pay Rs. 25000/- per students to the major seminaries from the academic year 2013-2014 onwards. It was also decided to raise the students' annual contribution to Rs. 4000/-. In the general discussion on formation, it was mentioned that due importance has to be given to the liturgical formation. So also seminarians have to be given awareness of the mission ad gentes and expertise in local self-government, agriculture and human resources management. It was also mentioned that each Faculty has to strive hard to maintain its quality and unique identity in its field of specialization. The Bishops were of opinion that the seminaries have to continue to organize retreats in preparation for the reception of Orders.

**Report of the Meeting of the Rectors and Spiritual Directors of Major Seminaries:** Bishop Bosco Puthur read out a report of the meeting of the Rectors and Spiritual Directors of the Major Seminaries. The meeting was convened as per the request of a previous consultation in order to clarify the specific spirituality which is to be imparted to the candidates preparing themselves for being diocesan clergy. The Synod agreed to the proposal to conduct a two days wider consultative meeting on the subject.

**Concluding Words of the Major Archbishop on Formation:** The Major Archbishop expressed the gratitude of the Synod to
the Rectors and Staff and appreciation to the students of the three Synodal seminaries. He thanked the staff for their dedicated service in formation. Recalling the great interest shown by Archbishop George Valiamattam for the development of Kunnoth Seminary, the Major Archbishop thanked the Staff of that seminary for having ventured on the fund-raising drive from the parishes. He thanked the Vadavathoor Seminary for its unique role in formation which was also praised by the Bishops of other Christian Churches who had gathered there for the Inter Church Council Meeting. He congratulated the Mangalapuzha Seminary for its efforts to secure its financial situation. He invited the seminaries to have an interactive formation between the diocesan and religious candidates in order to bring greater understanding and cooperation between the diocesan and religious priests.

Approval of the General Directory of St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha: At the request of Bishop Jacob Manathodath, Fr. Antony Nariculam presented the Final Draft of the General Directory of St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha. This has been prepared at the request of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches when it approved the Statutes of the Seminary. Fr. Nariculam explained that this draft has been prepared basing on the Statutes of the Seminary and taking into consideration the Directories of other seminaries. After a short discussion, the Synod requested the Seminary Commission to present the text of the Directory after further improvement, consulting the Directories of other seminaries.

Strengthening the Goals and Identity of the Pontifical Institute, Alwaye: At the request of KCBC, the office bearers of the Pontifical Institute, Alwaye, made a detailed study on how to strengthen the Institute in order that it remained a symbol of common bond, heritage and communion of the three individual Churches in Kerala. Archbishop Andrews Thazhath explained the short history and background of the request of KCBC. He informed the Synod that unless Carmelgiri and Mangalapuzha
seminaries take generous initiative the Pontifical Institute cannot be run effectively. Fr. Antony Nariculam explained the complexity of running the institution. KCBC president suggested that if the Pontifical Institute is allowed to collect reasonable fees from the students, financial situation of the Institute can be considerably improved. After having discussed the issue, the Major Archbishop proposed that the KCBC Executive and the Commissions of the two seminaries present a plan of action for bettering the financial situation of the Pontifical Institute with the details of the amount needed annually. He also mentioned that both the contributions and expenses should be allocated according to the number of students. The Synod is of opinion that we should always stand to strengthen the Pontifical Institute.

**Utilization of the Property of the Carmelgiri and Mangalapuzha Seminaries at Thuthiyoor:** Fr. Antony Nariculam informed the Synod that the property of 50 acres of land belonging to Carmelgiri and Mangalapuzha Seminary at Thuthiyoor, Kakkanad needs to be better maintained. A common meeting of the Latin and Syro-Malabar Bishops and Seminary Authorities took place in the month of June at POC. It requested each particular Church to give its suggestion regarding the maintenance of the property. After having discussed the matter, the Synod suggested that the boundaries of the property shall be protected with a low cost fencing.

**Canon Law Faculty at Vadavathoor, Kottayam:** Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB explained to the Synod the history and the present situation of the application by the Paurastya Vidyapeetham, Vadavathoor for the Faculty of Canon Law.

**Promotion of Vocations to Religious Brotherhood:** The Major Archbishop brought to the attention of the Synod the need of promoting vocations to the religious brotherhood. Along with the women religious and clerical religious congregations, religious brotherhood is also an important dimension of consecrated life. But at present they are going through a difficult period due to the
shortage of vocations and discouragement from different quarters. It is our duty to promote vocation to religious brotherhood, empower them and bring them into the mainstream of the apostolate. It will be good to think how far we can engage them in liturgical, para-liturgical services and, pastoral and missionary activities. The Synod decided to request the Commission for liturgy to study the possible roles that can be given to the Brothers and bring the proposals to the Synod.

**Auxiliary Bishop for Ernakulam-Angamaly:** The Synod took appropriate decision on the matter.

**Procura in Rome:** The Major Archbishop welcomed Mgr. Stephen Chirapanath, the Procurator of the Major Archbishop at the Apostolic See and requested him to give a brief presentation of his activities. Mgr. Stephen Chirapanath told the Synod that besides being the Procurator, he is also the Chaplain of the Syro-Malabar Community in Rome and the National Coordinator for pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar faithful in Italy. He described in detail his activities as the chaplain in Rome. He said that at present, there are seven qurbana centres in Rome where there is Sunday Eucharistic celebration for our people. The majority of our faithful cooperate in the activities of the community. He thanked our Bishops, priests, especially his assistant Fr. Biju Muttathukunnel and the religious in Rome who support his ministry. As a high point of the pastoral activities of the coming days he said that on 8th September the community is going to celebrate the feast of Nativity of the Mother of God at St. Mary Major Basilica. The chief celebrant of the day is Cardinal Agostino Vallini, Cardinal Vicar of the diocese of Rome.

The Major Archbishop expressed the gratitude of the Synod to Mgr. Stephen Chirapanath and Fr. Biju Muttathukunnel for their exemplary service to our community in Rome. The Major Archbishop told the Bishops that our Procurator can help them for any contact with the Roman dicasteries.
Eparchial Contribution for the Procura: Bishop Mathew Arackal, Chairman of the Commission for Finance said that the procedure for the purchase of the property in Rome for the procura of the Syro-Malabar Church is progressing, thanks to the efforts of Mgr. Stephen Chirapanath. The religious congregations have already agreed to contribute the amount requested from them. From the part of the eparchies we need to contribute at least Euro 5.5 Lakhs. Here is the proposal of the Commission for Finance regarding the contributions of the Eparchies to be paid in three years’ time:


4. Euro 5,000 for the following eparchies: 1. Bhadravathi, 2. Ramanathapuram, 3. Mandya

Some discussion followed on the matter. Towards the end, the Major Archbishop expressed his hope that in spite of the difficulties, the Bishops would agree to contribute their share as far as possible.

Meeting of the Major Archbishop with Religious Congregations: Bishop Bosco Puthur presented a report of the meeting of the Major Archbishop with fourteen groups of Major Superiors of religious congregations both men and women at Mount St. Thomas for a dialogue on various issues that affect them in order to increase the ecclesial communion of the religious communities among themselves and with the hierarchy. The meetings were
very fruitful and helped better understanding between the curia and the religious communities. The religious observed that their greatest challenge is the quantitative and qualitative decrease in vocations. As individualism is growing and the religious spirit is diminishing the training of the candidates is often not so effective as desired. Regarding the pastoral cooperation in parishes, the sisters complained that the priests sometimes do not respect them adequately and demand too much from them. The Major Archbishop told the religious that if there is considerable number of members of the Latin origin in their communities they should be ready to open Latin houses and eventually Latin Provinces. He advised the religious to come forward for better pastoral care of the migrant Syro-Malabar faithful in other States and immigrant workers in Kerala. At the request of the Major Archbishop, the Major Superiors of the religious congregations promised their cooperation for the purchase of the procura in Rome.

Towards the end of the discussion, the Major Archbishop told the Bishops that we need to encourage, strengthen and own our religious, both men and women.

Guidelines for the Religious Working in Other sui iuris Churches: Bishop Jose Porunnedom informed the Synod that the text of the guidelines prepared by the Committee was forwarded to the representatives of religious superiors for their response. It seems from their response that they are reluctant to accept the directives of these guidelines. During the discussion Archbishop Kuriakose BharaniKulangara explained the procedure he had taken in Faridabad for dialogue with the religious who were already working in that region before the establishment of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy. The Major Archbishop said that we need to dialogue with the religious in order to create a better rapport. Hence for the time being we shall keep these guidelines in abeyance.

Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam said that in Changanacherry they observed a year as the year of the religious with various initiatives and programmes, which helped for bettering the relation
between the diocese and the religious. Some of the bishops said that priests should show more respect to the women religious and the diocesan institutions should pay just remuneration to the religious. The Christian community should be ever grateful to the religious both men and women for their dedicated service especially in the mission field. It was suggested that Syro-Malabar Church should produce a charter for religious formation in our Church so that from the time of their formation onwards the Religious are trained in the ecclesial spirit. It was also suggested to conduct consultative meeting on formation with the Rectors of the Major Seminaries of the Religious congregations in order to ensure Syro-Malabar ecclesial formation in their seminaries.

Concluding the discussion the Major Archbishop requested the bishops to initiate dialogue with the religious at various levels, between diocesan priests and religious priests, between priests and women religious, between diocesan deacons and religious deacons and between eparchial curia members and Major Superiors of men and women religious congregations.

Retreat/Bible Conventions as Mega Shows: There was an observation that often retreats and bible conventions are conducted as mega shows, often leading to fear complexes and superstitions among our people. In the discussion that followed, Bishop Raphael Thattil, Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt and Bishop Pauly Kannookadan, Members of the Committee for drafting guidelines for the retreat centres informed the Synod that they are in the process of dialogue with the Directors of Retreat Centres in order to formulate guidelines with their cooperation.

We need to acknowledge the great service the retreat centres are doing to our community, even though there may be here and there some draw backs. The people are thirsting for the Word of God and it is because they are not getting it in their parishes, the people throng to the retreat centres. We have to motivate our priests so that they preach the Word of God more effectively and live it authentically.
We have to make sure that the retreat centers and retreat preachers avoid superstitious elements in their ministry.

The Bishops have the duty to oversee retreat centres and retreat preachers of their respective dioceses. Retreat teams without the guidance of exemplary priests should not be invited for preaching retreats. Bishops have to ensure theological and liturgical correctness in the preaching and other activities of the retreat teams.

**Dialogue with Jesus Youth:** Bishop Raphael Thattil who is entrusted to initiate dialogue with Jesus Youth said that he had several rounds of talks with the leaders of Jesus Youth in which they expressed their willingness to go along with the direction of the Hierarchy of the Syro-Malabar Church. During the discussion, several Bishops expressed their appreciation for Jesus Youth ministry. However they were of opinion that it should not remain supra-ritual, but should be brought under the direction of the hierarchy of the respective Churches. Instead of the present inter-ritual zonal system, each diocese should take care of the members of the Jesus Youth within its jurisdiction. It was also observed that their prayer life should not lead them to a pietism but should be in line with the direction of the Church. Unlike KCYM, Jesus Youth is a movement which is a new reality in the Church and we should seek effective ways to oversee their charism and activities. For this we need concrete action plan. It is a missionary movement and it should not be considered like any other pious associations. The priests appointed as animators of Jesus Youth should be persons who have an appreciation for their charism and who are ready to undergo training for this purpose. Bishop Raphael Thattil observed that it would be better that the committee for formulating guidelines for the retreat centres shall dialogue with the Jesus Youth and present the report in the forthcoming session of the Synod and the Synod agreed to the proposal.

In a later sitting Bishop Raphael Thattil informed the Synod that he and Bishop Pauly Kannookadan had a dialogue with
the representatives of the Jesus Youth including Fr. Abraham Pallivathukkal SJ and Mr. Manoj Sunny. Bishop Raphael Thattil said that the conversation with them was very fruitful and the following points emerged from it: Jesus Youth is a missionary movement at the service of the Church and our intervention with them is at the correct moment when they have been asked by the Vatican to revise their byelaw. They are ready to accept the directives of the Syro-Malabar Church. They would like to get a pastor from the Syro-Malabar Church appointed for them who understands the charism of Jesus Youth and who is ready to undergo training in that direction. They would welcome the nomination of a Syro-Malabar Bishop to guide them. They are ready to go along with the ecclesial structure of the Syro-Malabar Church wherever there is such a structure. Regarding the Gulf, and especially Saudi Arabia, they are in the process of reflecting on their course of action. Bishop Raphael Thattil informed the Synod that after the Meeting of the Committee in December, he will be able to present in the January session of the Synod a draft of the guidelines to be given to the Jesus Youth.

**Announcement of the Auxiliary Bishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly:** At 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 23 August, there took place at Mount St. Thomas the solemn announcement of the election and appointment of Fr. Jose Puthenveettil as the Auxiliary Bishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly in the presence of the Major Archbishop and the members of the Synod. After the announcement, the Major Archbishop welcomed the Auxiliary Bishop-elect Jose Puthenveettil to the Synodal collegiality. The Bishop-elect requested the prayers of the Bishops so that, trusting in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, he can begin the Apostolic Ministry entrusted to him for the realization of the Kingdom of God. He invited the Bishops for his Episcopal ordination scheduled for 21 September 2013 at 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary’s Basilica, Ernakulam.

**Silver Jubilee Greetings to Bishop Paul Chittilapilly and the Eparchy of Kalyan:** The Major Archbishop congratulated
Bishop Paul Chittilapilly who on 24 August completed 25 years of Episcopal Ministry. The Major Archbishop conveyed his greetings to Bishop Elavanal and the whole people of God of the Eparchy of Kalyan on the completion of 25 years of its existence.

**Follow up Committee of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly:** It was suggested that there should be a permanent committee for the organization and follow up of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly. The Major Archbishop shall constitute a committee with the Curia Bishop as convener with two other Bishops as members. This committee shall work in coordination with the representative of each eparchy in charge of the Assembly. This committee shall present a position paper exploring different modes of conducting the Assembly and present it in the January session of the Synod. It was suggested that the Committee for the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly also has to ensure that the synodal decisions already taken are implemented.

**Pilgrimage to Palayoor and to the Tomb of Bl. Euphrasia:** Archbishop Andrews Thazhath briefed the Synod of the pilgrimage to Palayoor and to the tomb of Blessed Euphrasia scheduled for the following Sunday and invited all the Bishops. After the visit, the Major Archbishop recalled that the pilgrimage to Palayoor and the tomb of Bl. Euphrasia in Ollur was an enriching spiritual experience which helped the Bishops to increase their ecclesial consciousness. It was also an occasion for the people of the region to come together in a spirit of communion. He thanked Archbishop Andrews Thazhath and Bishop Raphael Thattil and requested them to convey the gratitude of the Synod to the priests, religious and the laity, especially that of Ollur and Palayoor.

**Code of Particular Law:** Bishop Bosco Puthur welcomed Fr. Mathew Kochupurackal who is entrusted with the task of publishing the Code of the Particular Law of the Syro-Malabar Church. Fr. Kochupurackal briefly explained the methodology used for preparing the draft of the Code of Particular Law which was followed by a discussion. Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST,
Convener, Synodal Committee for Canonical Questions, said that the draft has been prepared through a long process and it was discussed and approved by the committee. The Synod came to an understanding to print it as a separate book and the first part shall be given the title, “Particular Law Supplementary to CCEO”. The members of the Synod were asked to forward their suggestions for improvement of the text by the end of October. The Major Archbishop thanked Fr. Mathew Kochupurackal for his editorial work.

**Elections:** The Synod conducted the following elections in the current session:

1. **The Permanent Synod:** The Synod elected Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam, and Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt, OSB, members of the Permanent Synod. The nominee of the Major Archbishop was Bishop Jose Porunnedom. As Substitutes Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt, Bishop Mathew Arackal and Bishop Jacob Manathodath were elected. The Major Archbishop announced the name of Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy as the Substitute Member of the Permanent Synod.

2. **Commission for St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha:** The Synod elected Bishop Andrews Thazhath, Chairman and Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil and Bishop George Madathikandathil, Members of the Commission for St. Joseph’s Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha.

3. **Chairman and Bishop Member of the Board of Directors of LRC:** The Synod elected Bishop Pauly Kannookadan Chairman of the Board of Directors of LRC and Bishop Remigius Inchananiyil the Bishop Member.

4. **Superior Tribunal:** The Synod elected Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB General Moderator for Administration of Justice and Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST and Bishop
George Madathikandathil Members of the Superior Tribunal.

**Election to the Inter Church Council’s Various Committees:** The Major Archbishop briefed the Synod on the Meeting of the Inter Church Council held at Vadavathoor seminary in which it was decided to send in the name of the Inter Church Council financial assistance of Rupees 12 Lakhs to the Prime Minister’s Relief Fund for the flood victims of Utharakhand. It was also decided to form Inter Church Council’s Committee for Education, Ecumenism and Social Welfare. The Major Archbishop informed that we have to elect one member each to these committees and that Archbishop Joseph Powathil will be honorary member of the Committee for Education. Accordingly the Synod elected by voice-vote Archbishop Andrews Thazhath to the Committee for Education, Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam, to the Committee for Ecumenism and Bishop Mathew Arackal, to the Committee for Social Welfare of the Inter-Church Council.

**Appointments to the Major Archiepiscopal Commissions and Other Bodies:** The Major Archbishop announced the list of persons appointed to various Major Archiepiscopal Commissions and other Bodies with effect from 29 August 2013:

**Liturgy**
Bp. Thomas Elavanal MCBS – Chairman
Bp. Pauly Kannookadan
Bp. George Madathikandathil

**Catechesis**
Bp. Manathodath Jacob – Chairman
Bp. Joseph Pandarasseril
Bp. Lawrence Mukkuzhy

**Evangelization and Pastoral Care of Migrants**
Bp. Sebastian Vadakel MST - Chairman
Bp. Mathew Arackal
Abp. Mathew Moolakkatt OSB
Doctrine
Bp. Joseph Kallarangatt - Chairman
Bp. George Njaralakkatt
Bp. Jose Arumachadath MCBS

Clergy
Bp. Adayanthrath Sebastian - Chairman
Bp. John Vadakel CMI
Bp. Jacob Muricken

Laity
Bp. Anikuzhikattil – Chairman Laity
Bp. Mathew Arackal
Bp. Joseph Pandarasseril

Ecumenism
Abp. Joseph Perumthottam – Chairman
Bp. Mathew Vaniazhakkal VC
Bp. Thomas Thuruthimattam CST

Mission Fund Director
Bp. Gregory Karotemprel CMI

Committee for Canonical Questions
Abp. Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (Convener)
Bp. Remigiose Inchananiyil
Bp. Paul Alappatt

Synod Committee for the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly
Bp. Bosco Puthur – Chairman
Bp. Sebastian Adayanthrath
Bp. George Rajendran

Public Affairs Committee
Abp. Andrews Thazhath – Chairman
Abp. Mathew Moolakkatt OSB
Bp. Mathew Arackal
Bp. Joseph Kallarangatt
Bp. Remigiose Inchananiyil
Bp. Jose Porunomed
Abp. Joseph Powathil (Honorary Member)

**Commemoration of St. Joseph in Holy Qurbana:** Bishop Jacob Manathodath requested the Synod to consider the commemoration of St. Joseph in the *Qurbana* of the Syro-Malabar Church. He said that it had been previously included in the text of the *Qurbana* at the suggestion of Bishop Sebastian Valloppilly, but later removed. Pope Francis has decreed to include the name of St. Joseph in the Latin Eucharist celebration because of the request of many Bishops from all over the world. During the discussion it was pointed out that in the ancient liturgies especially that of the Oriental Churches, there is no commemoration of St. Joseph. At the end of the discussion, the Synod decided to request the Commission for Liturgy to study the proposal to include the commemoration of St. Joseph in the Holy Qurbana and present it in the following session of the Synod.

**Forthcoming General Body Meeting of CBCI at Pala:** Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy presented a few proposals as a preparation for the forthcoming CBCI General Body meeting at Pala.

1. Our common response to the theme “Renewed Church for a Renewed Society – Responding to the Call of Vatican II.”

2. Preparation for the Special Commission for Evangelization in which the following points have to be brought up: a. Expressing gratitude for the cooperation for the erection of the eparchy of Faridabad, b. Follow up for the decisions on Bangalore and Chennai, c. Pastoral problems faced by Syro-Malabar faithful, and d. All India Jurisdiction.

The Synod discussed various aspects of the points proposed and requested the Major Archbishop and the members of the Special Commission for Evangelization to ask CBCI President to convene as soon as possible a meeting of the Special Commission to discuss our requests. It was pointed out that the theme of the forthcoming
General Body Meeting of CBCI at Pala has to be studied by the Synod in order to take a common position on it. Later continuing the discussion on the preparation for the forthcoming CBCI meeting, the Synod requested Bishop Bosco Puthur to prepare a paper on the theme of the next CBCI Meeting "Renewed Church for Renewed Society – Responding to the Call of Vatican II" for presentation in the January Synod. Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt and Bishop Pauly Kannookadan will be in charge of the Syro-Malabar liturgical celebrations during the CBCI meeting in Pala. Bishop Bosco Puthur is entrusted with organizing other matters concerned with the CBCI Meeting.

**Liturgyal Matters:**

**Printing of the Lectionaries:** The sample copies of the lectionaries were distributed to the members of the Synod for their suggestions for printing. After some discussion, it was decided that the Books of the Lectionary shall be printed in three volumes in double columns in 13 Bold Font.

**Liturgical Text for the Installation of Archbishops and Bishops:** The liturgical text of the installation of Archbishops and Bishops in two forms were distributed among the Bishops for their suggestions. The two forms are 1. Installation immediately after the Episcopal ordination, 2. Installation alone. The Bishops made a few suggestions for improvement and gave approval for the two texts.

**Recognitio of the Liturgical Texts:** The Major Archbishop read out the recognitio of the Apostolic See for the Anaphora of Mar Theodore and informed the Synod of the reception of the recognitio also for the liturgical texts 1. Consecration of the church, 2. Consecration of Deppa and, 3. The rededication of a church.

**Circular on the Second Anaphora (of Mar Theodore):** The Synod decided to request the Major Archbishop to write a circular letter on the promulgation and use of the second anaphora (of Mar Theodore).
Liturgal Seasons: There was a discussion regarding the number of liturgical seasons in the East Syrian tradition. This subject has often been discussed in different forums. At the end of the discussion, the Synod came to an understanding that we shall maintain status quo on the subject.

Confession and Solemn Reception of Holy Communion of Children: The Synod had already taken in August 2010 a decision to have solemn reception of Holy Communion for children at the age of reason with adequate preparation. As the practice of administering simultaneously the sacraments of initiation started in our Church, now it is time for those children to prepare themselves for the solemn reception of Holy Communion. There exists some confusion among the clergy on this matter. Therefore, the Synod decided to request the Commission for Liturgy to prepare directives on the matter to be presented in the January Session of the Synod.

New Anaphoras: Bishop Gratian Mundadan CMI told the Synod that starting from 1974, Syro-Malabar Bishops Conference took decision with regard to liturgical restoration, renewal and adaptation with short term and long term programmes. Along with the restoration of the Anaphora of Theodore and Nestorius, our Church should think of formulating new Anaphoras. Bishop Gratian invited the attention of the Synod to make some clear decision on the matter and to begin the work. There was long discussion on the different aspects of the suggestion and the Synod decided to request LRC to hold seminars and studies on the matter to pave the way for the formulation of new Anaphoras.

Revision of the Text of the Holy Qurbana Presently Being Used: Bishop Gratian Mundadan CMI brought to the attention of the Synod the promise made by the Congregation for the Oriental Churches in 1989 to revise the text of the liturgy after its use for five years. Therefore, he said that it is urgent that we take some concrete steps in this regard and allay the apprehensions of the people. This might clear the way for a better reception of the decisions of the Synod especially that of liturgy. Long and fruitful
discussion followed. At the end, the Major Archbishop said that we shall be open to the suggestion of the revision of the text of the Holy Qurbana presently being used, bearing in mind the following points: 1. We should be careful not to reopen old issues which may create bitter animosity. The Bishops, especially the senior Bishops, should advise their priests to be sober in this regard. 2. The issue should not be politicized. We should not fall into the tactic of realizing our goals through pressure politics. The liturgical issues should be discussed only in the appropriate forums of the eparchies and should not be brought to the public platform. We have to be careful to safeguard the well-being of our Church. 3. Discussion in the appropriate forums in the eparchies such as pastoral council, presbyterium and presbyteral council is the best methodology for a balanced discussion on the liturgical issues. Then the resulting suggestions should be discussed in CLC and Commission for Liturgy before they are presented in the Synod. 4. Let us hope that a well-prepared revision of liturgy will bring in a unity of heart in our Church. The Synod decided to request the Commission for Liturgy to go forward in the matter of the revision of the text of the Holy Qurbana presently being used.

Permission for Conferring Holy Orders of Presbyterate and Diaconate: Bishop Gratian Mundadan CMI requested the Synod to clarify from whom permission should be sought for conferring holy orders of presbyterate and diaconate and who should ask for permission. With reference to CCEO c. 749, it was explained that having obtained the dimissorial letter, the ordaining prelate or if it is in a seminary, the seminary authorities should obtain the permission of the Ordinary of the Place where the ordination takes place.

Liturgy of the Hours: Clarifications were sought regarding how far the work on the official text of the Liturgy of the Hours has reached and whether it was possible to consider incorporating in it the much appreciated hymns from the text of the Liturgy of the Hours prepared by Fr. Abel CMI. Bishop Thomas Elavanal MCBS
informed the Synod that it is hoped that the official text of the Liturgy of the Hours can be published without much delay and that as far as possible the Commission will try to consider the suggestion of incorporating the hymns of Fr. Abel CMI into the Text.

**Holy Qurbana in Kannada:** The Major Archbishop thanked the Bishops of Karnataka especially Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy for the beautiful celebration of the Holy *Qurbana* in Kannada.

**Presentation of Reports:**

**Report of the Commission for Liturgy:** Fr. Pauly Maniattu, Secretary of the Commission for Liturgy was invited by the Secretary of the Synod to present the report of the Commission. Among the activities of the Commission, the publication of the Second Anaphora (Anaphora of Mar Theodore) was the most important one. The Congregation of the Oriental Churches has granted to this Anaphora *recongitio ad experimentum* for three years. Liturgical Calendar and Lectionary has been presented to the Synod for approval. The draft of the Mystagogical Catechesis has been already circulated for gathering suggestions for improvement. The report presented a detailed list of Liturgical Texts in preparation.

**Commission for Catechesis:** Fr. George Danavelil, Secretary of the Commission for Catechesis was welcomed by Bishop Bosco Puthur. In the presentation of the report Fr. Danavelil highlighted different programmes and activities of the commission for the last one year. Five meetings of the Diocesan Directors were held to discuss and coordinate various activities of the commission. Catechism Text Books and the catechetical aid for the parents, *mathapitakalum viswasapariseelanavum* are the important publications of the commission for the year. Training programme on ‘New Media and Catechesis’ for the diocesan directors and resource team, power point presentation of catechesism, competition for catechists and Sunday school students, training programmes in dioceses and
migrant centres and prathibha sangamam were the major activities of the commission. The draft copy of the Mystegogical catechesis is already prepared. Bishop Jacob Manathodath, Chairman of the Commission for Catechesis thanked the Secretary for the efficient functioning of the Commission.

In the discussion that followed there was a suggestion for preparing adult catechism. Classes could be conducted on the use of electronic media for catechesis. Now there are so many problems and doubts about faith and morality. Some sort of text book could be prepared to address this issue. There was another suggestion, instead of text books, an interactive online programme could be more useful today. Fr. Danavelil informed the Synod that the Commission for Catechesis has a web site and a collection of video clippings on different subjects are available in the office. Instead of class room teachings, projects of learning by doing are more useful. Catechism class has to be experiential and practical which should lead to personal conviction. The text books up to XII class are prepared by the Commission and the diocesan directors were of opinion that adult catechesis shall be conducted by the eparchies according to their particular situations. Concluding the discussion, the Major Archbishop expressed the gratitude of the Synod to the Commission and its Secretary.

**Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants:** Bishop Bosco Puthur welcomed Fr. Jose Cheriampanatt MST who has been elected Regional Superior of the Sangli Region of MST. Fr. Cheriampanatt presented in the report various activities of the commission both in India and abroad. He mentioned the pastoral visit of the Major Archbishop and the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission to various migrant centres. Second Gulf Meet is an important mile stone in the activity of the Commission. Orientation class for the chaplains in the migrant centres in India, publication of the directory, and Global Meet 2013 are some of the important programmes of the year. The Secretary described in detail the pastoral situation in different migrant centres.
both in India and abroad. Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST, the Chairman of the Commission, complimented Fr. Cheriampanatt for his efficient leadership. The Major Archbishop congratulated Fr. Cheriampanatt for being elected Regional Superior and thanked him in the name of the Synod for his meritorious service.

**Commission for Clergy:** Bishop Bosco Puthur welcomed Fr. Jimmy Poochakatt, the Secretary of the Commission for Clergy and requested him to present the report. The conference for the Vicars General and Chancellors of the eparchies, golden and silver jubilarians get-together, new priests meet and training for the minor seminary formators were the main activities of the Commission during the last one year. The Commission’s goal was empowering the clergy, revitalizing their energy and fostering unity in the Church. During the discussion it was suggested to hold a meeting of finance officers of the eparchies. It was also suggested that the agenda of the programmes should be sent to the invitees and a report of the meeting should be sent to the participants as well as the Bishops. Fr. Poochakatt said that it would be a great encouragement to the priests if the Bishops also participate in the Jubilee get-together along with their classmates. The Major Archbishop suggested that the diocesan level dialogue between priests and laity, religious priests and diocesan priests, sisters and priests would be beneficial for a better understanding in the Church. He expressed the gratitude of the Synod to the Commission for Clergy and its Secretary.

**Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life:** Bishop Bosco Puthur welcomed Sr. Vimal Jose CMC, Secretary of the Commission for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Sr. Vimal Jose presented the report in which she highlighted the studied advice given by the Commission to the Major Archbishop on the feasibility of the division into provinces of the Congregation of St. Martha and the division into regions of the Society of Kristu Dasis. The Commission had formed a religious advisory board (RAB). She
brought to the notice of the Synod the report of the eparchy of Faridabad and its approach to the religious communities there. During the discussion Bishop Jose Porunnedom, Chairman of the Commission, pointed out that the main aim of the Commission is to create a feeling of belongingness among the members of the religious congregations to the ecclesial reality. Several Bishops expressed their appreciation for the ministry of the religious and hoped for better cooperation and communion between the religious and the hierarchy. They should never go in parallel lines. Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara said that through direct dialogue with the religious in his eparchy he could get very good response from them. The Major Archbishop thanked the Commission and its Secretary for their service.

**Commission for Doctrine:** Fr. Siby Pulickal, Secretary of the Commission for Doctrine was welcomed by Bishop Bosco Puthur. In the report it was mentioned that the visit of the Commission to all the Syro-Malabar eparchies in Kerala was really fruitful to the extent of eliciting thought-provoking responses. There was a hearty reception of the booklets prepared by the Commission for doctrine. He pointed out that there are a few aberrations, deviations and intolerant attitudes among certain sections in the Church, regarding counseling, superstitious practices, attitude towards other religions and their symbols, yoga, nilavilaku, etc. The report suggested that it is important to conduct a serious study on symbols. Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt informed the Synod that the priests do not deal with serious doctrinal and dogmatic topics in their homilies. Hence he requested the Bishops to advise their priests to prepare homilies which become catechesis on important doctrines of the Church. The Synod decided to request the Commission for doctrine to constitute a theological forum to study relevant theological issues that affect the life of the Church. The retreat centres and retreat preachers should be asked to follow orthodox line in their preaching and practice. The Bishops should supervise that the prayer books published from retreat centres do not contain prayers dangerous to Catholic faith. The Major
Archbishop requested the Bishops to diligently supervise the faith life of their faithful in order to correct deviations if any.

Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt informed the Synod that he has submitted to the Major Archbishop a report on the doctrinal situation in the seminaries and theological centres of our Church, which was prepared according to the request from Rome to the Major Archbishop. The Bishops requested the Major Archbishop to have a copy of the report to which the Major Archbishop told the Synod that he shall give to the Bishops a draft copy of the letter he will send to Rome. He thanked the Commission and the Secretary for their service.

**Commission for Ecumenism:** Fr. Cherian Karukaparampil, Secretary of the Commission for Ecumenism, presented a short report on the activities of the Commission which aims at promoting healthy relations between different Churches of St. Thomas traditions. It functions in collaboration with the KCBC Commission for Ecumenism. The Commission has convened ecumenical and inter-religious meetings in parish and diocesan centres. The Commission is planning to prepare a handbook for the use of priests, religious and seminarians, containing proper guidance and information regarding ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue based on Second Vatican and Post Vatican teachings and other documents of the Church. Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam, Chairman, Commission for Ecumenism, said that the Commission plans its activities taking into consideration the intervention of KCBC and the Inter-Church Council. He told the Bishops that we have to encourage grass root level ecumenism for which parish priests should take initiative. Various social issues give us great opportunities for ecumenical and inter-religious cooperation. The Major Archbishop thanked the Commission and requested them to convene a meeting inviting those responsible in the dioceses for ecumenism in order to give them better orientation for ecumenical action plan.
Commission for Laity: Bishop Bosco Puthur welcomed Advocate V.C. Sebastian, Secretary of the Commission for Laity and requested him to present the report. The Secretary said that at the completion of five fruitful years of the Commission, the laity of our Church has started feeling that they are an integral part of our Church and that their views and opinions are taken into account. He mentioned the various activities of the Commission like Laity center in Switzerland, Laity meetings in Dubai and Sharjah, Nation-wise Laity centres, Minority issue conference, Womens Forum leadership camp, Protest against Dr. Madhav Gadgil Report, Commemoration of Cardinal Varkey Vithayathil, National Seminar of Vanitha Forum and other Forums under the Commission for Laity. The report highlighted the advanced electronic technology used in the Laity Voice which is being sent to three lakhs e-mail addresses. Adv. Sebastian requested the Bishops to start Laity Centres in all our dioceses. The Commission has been able to create a feeling of solidarity and oneness among the laity. Bishop Mathew Arackal thanked Advocate V.C. Sebastian for his full time work for the Commission. Bishop Arackal highlighted the initiatives taken by the Laity Commission especially for the migrants both in India and abroad. It has been able to help our people to migrate to other parts of India and abroad. Through the ministry for the overseas affairs, the Commission has been able to help many people in the Gulf Countries. During the discussion it was suggested that the family units are a best means to unite our people at the grass root level and it is desirable to have a commission or committee to take care of the family units. Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil briefly presented the activities of Vanitha Forum, AKCC and Agriculture Forum. Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath briefed the Synod of the present situation of the ministry for the youth. He said that as the youth ministry is entrusted to the KCBC, there is some confusion regarding the Syro-Malabar organization of our youth in Kerala, we shall first try to organize the youth in the migrant communities. At the request of the Major Archbishop a letter by the KCYM President of Ernakulam-Angamaly and Syro-
Malabar Youth coordinator was read out in which they request the Synod to immediately initiate organizing the Syro-Malabar Youth. The Synod decided to initiate the apostolate for the youth in the Syro-Malabar Church. It was pointed out that the Laity Commission should take initiative to organize the Dalit and other people of the weaker sections of our Church (BPL). The Major Archbishop thanked the Commission for Laity and its Secretary for their yeomen service for the laity of our Church. He requested the Commission for Laity to generate financial resources for its functioning and make the Commission and its forums financially self-reliant.

**Vanitha Forum:** The Major Archbishop reminded the Bishops of the First National Convention of the Vanitha Forum at Mount St. Thomas on Saturday afternoon and requested them to take part in it. After having concluded sittings of the Synod, the Bishops took part in the Convention of the Vanitha Forum, attended by about 500 women, which was inaugurated by the Major Archbishop. Nineteen representatives of the Vanitha Forum from various eparchies and emigrant centres of our Church presented short papers on different issues that affect women and society today. The Directory of the Vanitha Forum was released in the convention. The Major Archbishop congratulated Bishop Mathew Arackal, Chairman of the Laity Commission and Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil, the Bishop Delegate and the office bearers of Vanitha Forum for the excellent organization of the convention.

**Presentation of the Report of AKCC:** Mr. Jacob Mundackal and Adv. Biju Parayannilam, respectively President and Secretary of AKCC were welcomed by the Secretary of the Synod to present a short report about AKCC. They said that having been invited to the Synod is a great honour to AKCC. The Convention conducted in August 2012 at Mount St. Thomas has given a lot of confidence to the members of AKCC. Today AKCC has 600 units and 35000 Members. With the blessings of the Bishops of our Church they expressed their confidence that AKCC can do a lot of good for the
Church and the society at large. They invited the Bishops for the convention scheduled for Saturday. They also sought the support of the Bishops for starting units of AKCC in all the parishes of our Church. They recalled with gratitude the inauguration of AKCC in the eparchy of Faridabad. Finally they thanked the Bishops of the Synod and members of the Commission for Laity, especially Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil, the Bishop Legate for AKCC. Bishop Anikuzhikattil expressed his happiness for the enthusiasm shown by the members of AKCC for the last one year and hoped that the byelaw now in use will get its Permanent approval by next January. The Major Archbishop said that it is very important to give appropriate spiritual formation to the members of AKCC that will help them to remain in the mainstream of the Church. AKCC could organize annual retreats for its members. The Church would like to let AKCC free, provided it functions in close collaboration with her. AKCC should avoid all sorts of in fights and should be generous to have an inclusive policy. All concerned should take care to maintain smooth relation between AKCC and different forums of the Laity Commission. When reacting to the socio-political issues, the leaders of AKCC should have a reference to the Bishops concerned. This will help to avoid discordant notes. The Major Archbishop requested AKCC to support Deepika Daily.

**The Byelaw of Kudumbakoottayma:** Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikattil presented the draft of the byelaw of *Kudumbakoottayma* and invited from the Bishops suggestions for improvement which should reach him before January 2014.

**Association of Supporters of Syro-Malabar Mission (ASSM):** Fr. Denis Kochuveettit, CST, the Secretary cum Treasurer of ASSM presented its report. He said that within this short period, ASSM could collect Rs. 1, 24, 52, 737.00 and distribute almost the whole amount to different projects and as sponsorship for seminarians. The Synod appreciated the dynamism of Bishop Gregory Karotemprel CMI and thanked him and the Secretary for the great missionary impact it has already made in our Church.
Bishop Gregory expressed his gratitude to the Bishops for their cooperation and requested their continued generous support to the Association by helping to promptly distribute the News Letter of ASSM. The Major Archbishop congratulated Bishop Karotemprel and Fr. Kochuveettill for their great service to the cause of Syro-Malabar mission.

**Report of the Committee for Public Affairs:** Archbishop Joseph Powathil, Convener of Committee for Public Affairs, presented the annual report of the Committee. The Committee has prepared four study papers on the following topics: 1. Increased violence in the society, 2. Influence of the Media in the society, 3. Family and sex revolution, and 4. Growing corruption in our society. The Archbishop stated that these papers are already compiled and will be soon published as a booklet. He further said that the Members of the Committee published numerous articles in newspapers and periodicals explaining the Church’s position on various socio-cultural issues. The Committee is preparing a position paper in the context of the coming parliament election in 2014. The Committee publishes an e-mail news bulletin, ‘News and Views bulletin’. It is in the process of preparing the publication of the History of the contribution of the Christian Churches in socio-economic development of Kerala. The Committee is keeping up good relationship with the leaders of other Christian Churches. It has maintained close contact with the NSS and the local Muslim leadership.

As a follow up, the Synod discussed in detail various issues that affect the Society in general and especially the Syro-Malabar Church. One of the main issues that came up was the growth of communal forces and our response to it. Several Bishops intervened.

1. We are facing increasing resistance from other communities for the construction of new churches and cemeteries.
2. We need to promote our people in public services. We need more training institutes like START in Thamarassery, to prepare our youth for the public service examinations.

3. We should initiate an effective research wing in order to help the overall development of our community.

4. Although we need not enter into politics, we need effective lobbying for our cause.

5. As we are a minority, we need to maintain good relationship with other communities through dialogue.

6. We do not have sufficient unity; we are fragmented due to our parochial interests.

7. Often we speak of theories; what we need is practical decisions and we need concrete action plan.

8. In our colleges we need to make better use of UGC Schemes.

9. We need to promote our lay people and empower them; for this there should be a human resource department and our priests should be better trained in this aspect.

10. We have to inculcate in our lay people love for the Church and we should try to keep with us lay experts in different fields.

11. In the past many of our leaders were known for their sacrifice for the nation-building. Now we are fragmented and weak without sufficient community feeling.

12. Although we have so many full timers like our priests and sisters, we are not in a position to exert sufficient influence in the religious and social sphere. We have to motivate our priests and religious to be more committed to society.

13. One of the serious problems that affect our community is decreasing number of children in our families. The present rate is 1.4 children per couple. Only if there are more
children in our families they will grow in selflessness. We have to encourage large families.

14. A common tendency seen in our people is a craze to become rich instantly. Hence the tendency to migrate to other countries. Most of the enterprising youth are going out. This leaves our homes devoid of younger generation.

15. The proposed Government regulation regarding the land ceiling of 15 acres will adversely affect our community which is agriculture based.

16. Politically we are divided and in different camps. Hence we are exploited by the political parties and weakened.

17. Our community is often depicted as exploiters.

18. Over spending and luxury have negatively affected our community.

19. Our people need to have more community feeling.

20. Value-consciousness has been replaced by greed for money, luxury and use of alcohol.

21. We need to foster ecumenical and inter-religious cooperation and harmony at local level through our parishes.

22. We need to make use of our religious festivities as an occasion for inter-religious dialogue.

23. We need to develop collegial, co-responsible and participatory leadership, especially with our laity.

24. We have to think beyond our families, parishes and dioceses and think ecclesially.

25. We have to reach out to the poor people of our community.

26. In our parishes often a few rich people are at the helm of affairs while majority of our ordinary people with extraordinary value-consciousness are ignored.
27. Moral standard including that of sexual morality of our families is at the lower ebb and even young children are often vulnerable in their own families.

28. Prominent and gifted people of our community are often in anti-Church groups.

29. In the formation of our future priests, more care should be given to make them spiritual leaders rather than administrators of material affairs.

30. We should always strive for communal harmony. Even pastoral visits of the Bishops can be made use of as an occasion for meeting with the leaders of other religions and communities in the parish.

31. Our institutions are growing, but proportionately our people are not growing.

32. We have to appoint lay people to responsible positions in our institutions with decent payment.

33. Most of these problems are not only that concern the Church of Kerala, but they are all-India problems.

34. We have to be aware of the changes that take place in the field of education like Text books and even history being rewritten by the interested ideological groups.

35. The Hindu and Muslim communities always keep their traditional language and ways of worship intact which helps them to keep the unity.

36. Faith formation is an important element.

37. Influence of the Media is an important factor which we have to take into account. Often people working in the Media are influenced by other ideologies; however we have to keep friendly relationship with the Media.

38. We have to promote our people for leadership in the local self government.
39. Our community is becoming a sick community due to a type of life-style that causes diseases. We have to discern the problems of our society and make our society healthier.

40. We have to try for making July 3 a public holiday.

The Major Archbishop said that we need to have a concrete action plan to sort out these problems. The following week we shall form a committee for political affairs with at least 7 members in which Archbishop Powathil will be an honorary member.

Committee for Higher Education: Fr. George Madathiparampil, Secretary for the Committee for Higher Education, presented the report in which he highlighted the activities of the Committee. A conference for the newly appointed college lecturers in order to strengthen their commitment to faith was arranged and it was attended by 120 of them. The participants showed great interest in preserving Catholic atmosphere in our colleges. They stressed the need for keeping transparency in admissions and appointments. A meeting of the Directors of AICUF/CSM/Campus Ministry and Teachers of Religion is arranged for 3 September. He requested the Bishops to encourage to have at least 20 PG courses in our colleges which is a requirement for the status of Deemed University. He said that the centralized admission should be resisted in order to preserve the integrity of the minority rights. During the discussion, it was pointed out that we have to make sure that faith formation is taking place in our colleges including self-financing colleges. It was also suggested that we have to free our colleges from student politics. Bishop Bosco Puthur, Convener of the Committee thanked Fr. George Madathiparampil for his initiative.

Committee for School Education: Fr. Jacob G. Palackappilly, Secretary for the Committee for General Education and Special Schools presented the report. He highlighted that the Committee had made the following appeal to the Synod, which had been granted:
1. To form an advisory council with the representatives from the corporate managers, unaided school managers and special school managers.

2. To convene the meeting of the office bearers of teachers guild.

3. To convene the meeting of aided, unaided and special school managers separately in regular intervals.

Accordingly after a meeting of the unaided school managers and principals, with the help of a consultative committee, concrete proposals were formulated and with the approval of the Synod the Major Archbishop had given directives to the English Medium Schools in November 2012. A meeting of the corporate managers of the aided schools was conducted and an advisory board was elected to which nominees of the Major Archbishop will be appointed. Fr. Palackappilly presented in the Synod with the help of power point, the present situation of the Catholic schools in general, especially the aided schools. He requested the Bishops to give special care to preserve the aided schools which is serving the poorer sections of our society. The Major Archbishop thanked Fr. Palackappilly for his efficient service.

**Public Relations Office:** Bishop Bosco Puthur welcomed Fr. Paul Thelakatt, Fr. Jose Palakeel MST, and Fr. Jolly Vadakan, Members of the Public Relations Office. Fr. Paul Thelakatt briefly described the interventions of the PRO on the various important events in the last one year. Fr. Jose Palakeel said that for its efficient running, an office at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia should be made available. Fr. Jolly Vadakan said that terms of reference would be helpful for the better running of the office. The Major Archbishop thanked them for their service and requested them to intervene on public issues only after having consulted the Major Archbishop, the Curia Bishop or in their absence, the Archbishops of our Church. He requested to convene a meeting of the diocesan PROs within the proper territory.
Deepika: Fr. Mathew Chalil, CMD, Fr. Cherian Thazhamon, CEO, Fr. Alexander Paikada CMI, Chief Editor and Fr. Boby Mannamplackal, Executive Editor of Deepika were welcomed by Bishop Bosco Puthur. They briefly presented various aspects of Deepika and informed the Synod that at present Deepika is running on profit. They requested the continued patronage of the Bishops and asked them to buy more shares of Deepika. They informed the Synod that the Archdiocese of Changanacherry has offered a piece of land at Vadavathoor for Deepika where we have to install a new press and a press in Trichur for both of which bank loan is needed. There was a request from the Bishops to strengthen the regional units of Deepika. DCL should go in its functioning together with Deepika. The Major Archbishop thanked them for their service and told the Bishops that now Deepika is running with the support of the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Churches. He requested the Bishops to be generous with Deepika so that it can serve our society in a more efficient manner. He advised the office bearers to pay more attention to the welfare of the employees of Deepika and the profit of Deepika should not be ear-marked solely for the development of the company.

Syro-Malabar Church Internet Mission (SMCIM): The Secretary of the Synod welcomed Fr. Jose Palakeel MST, Executive Director, Syro-Malabar Church Internet Mission (SMCIM) who presented the report. SMCIM is in its fifth year of existence. It has completed all the previous works already taken and is now taking up new projects. It updates continuously the web portal, Major Archbishop’s site and the Face book page of the Major Archbishop. New sites are created for a few dioceses and religious congregations. Two major projects of the year are Syro-Malabar Matrimonial data base and Digital Syro-Malabar. A Syro-Malabar Application is in the making in collaboration with the Jesus Youth and the eparchy of Chicago. The report pointed out major challenges the internet mission faces, namely, lack of finances, lack of work, lack of news and content, and finally and principally lack of cooperation from eparchies and religious
congregations and institutions. In order to reduce the expenses, the report requested shift of office to Mount St. Thomas through which it can save rent, electricity and internet connectivity expenses. The report requested the eparchies to join the matrimonial site of SMCIM which would be beneficial both for the eparchies and for the internet mission. Bishop Jose Porunnedom, Chairman of SMCIM requested Bishops to appoint a contact person in each eparchy who would collaborate with SMCIM for posting important news and events from the eparchy. He further said that there is still resistance for the common website and the matrimonial site. If the eparchies cooperate it will be more cost-effective for all concerned. Some of the Bishops shared that their eparchies have already started their own websites and matrimonial sites. Bishop Jose Porunnedom requested cooperation of the various Commissions with the SMCIM. The Major Archbishop congratulated SMCIM for its internet ministry and requested Bishop Jose Porunnedom to present in this session of the Synod a detailed financial plan indicating liabilities and requirements for SMCIM. The Major Archbishop promised that the loan advanced by ASSM shall be condoned. He also agreed for the shifting of the office of SMCIM to Mount St. Thomas.

**Statement of the Financial Needs of the Syro-Malabar Church Internet Mission:** Bishop Jose Porunnedom informed the Synod that the Syro-Malabar Church Internet Mission needs Rs. 93,500 per month to cover its expenses. It has a debt of Rs. 10,000,00.00. Bishop Porunnedom said that if all the eparchies join the Internet Mission of the Church and its matrimonial site, the Internet Mission can be financially self standing and viable. He therefore invited all the eparchies to join the common internet mission of the Church and the Synod was in favour of it.

**Report of the Liturgical Research Centre:** Fr. Peter Kannampuzha, the Executive Director of the Liturgical Research Centre was welcomed by the Secretary of the Synod to present its report. Fr. Kannampuzha presented a detailed report of the activities
of LRC with the help of power point. Seminars, publications, research activities, library and documentation centre, book stall and museum are the principal activities of LRC. Fr. Kannampuzha also briefly mentioned about his participation in the Governing Board Meetings of NBCLC. The report presented proposals of LRC for the formation of History Council and Liturgical Council which the Synod approved. Archbishop Andrews Thazhath complimented Fr. Peter Kannampuzha for the achievements of LRC. The Major Archbishop appreciated the activities of LRC and congratulated the Chairman and Board of Directors for their selfless service.

**Report of the Major Archiepiscopal Tribunal:** Fr. Mathew Kochupurackal, President of the Tribunal, presented a detailed report of the Tribunal for the previous year. He said that the Major portion of the work of the Tribunal is regarding the annulment of marriage cases. The report brought to the attention of the synod the considerable increase in the number of cases for annulment and the huge number of pending cases in the eparchial tribunals. Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt OSB, General Moderator for Administration of Justice said that it is not just that so many cases are pending in the eparchial tribunals. Hence the Bishops need to take necessary measures to speed up the process of the pending cases in the eparchies. The Major Archbishop thanked the officials of the tribunal for their selfless service.

**Report of the Curia:** Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Chancellor of the Curia, presented in power point the report of the Curia highlighting important events that has taken place in our Church and in the Curia as well as the programmes of the Major Archbishop in the eparchies and Syro-Malabar communities in India and abroad and the persons he visited.

**Financial Report of the Curia:** Fr. Mathew Pulimoottil, Finance Officer of the Major Archiepiscopal Curia was welcomed by the Secretary of the Synod to present the financial report and budget of the Curia. The accounts show that the money received from the Eparchies through the collection of *Sabhadinam* will be just
sufficient for the ordinary running of the Curia. When there are extraordinary projects like the roofing of the kitchen and refectory area, which is already done, and roofing of the chapel, auditorium and sisters’ quarters, we have to find out financial sources by other means. He further said that as our generator is already in use for many years, a new generator has to be bought urgently. Bishop Mathew Arackal, the Chairman of the Commission for Finance congratulated Fr. Mathew Pulimoottil for his efficient management of the house as well as the profitable cultivation in the compound. The Major Archbishop and the Curia Bishop thanked Fr. Pulimoottil for his service as the Finance Officer of the Curia. The Major Archbishop expressed the gratitude of the Synod for the amount of Rs. Ten Lakhs received through the efforts of Bishop Mathew Arackal, for the renovation of the kitchen store.

Reports of the Separate Meetings of the Bishops: The Bishops held separate meetings from 4.30 to 6.00 p.m. on Friday in three groups, namely, 1. Eparchies outside the proper territory, 2. Eparchies belonging to the proper territory outside Kerala, and 3. Eparchies inside Kerala. All the three meetings were attended by the Major Archbishop for half an hour each.

Report of the Meeting of the Bishops of the Eparchies Outside the Proper Territory: Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST read out the report of the meeting of the Bishops of the eparchies outside the proper territory which was attended by 12 Bishops. Since the Synod had taken the decision to make St. Ephrem’s Satna a common mission seminary, the Bishops proposed to establish a common centre in the seminary for coordinating the missionary activities of our Church in the North. The meeting suggested that the parishes in the sponsoring eparchies could be asked to support one catechist each in the mission eparchies. A Committee with Bishops Sebastian Vadakel MST, Anthony Chirayath and Mathew Vaniakizhakel VC was entrusted with the preparation of the schema of an Adult Catechism Book for the faith formation of new Christians. It is to be circulated among the Bishops before
the January Synod. The Meeting also proposed organizing the Syro-Malabar Youth in the mission eparchies and as a first step it was decided to conduct it at eparchial level before the common gathering. The meeting felt the need to find new effective ways and methods for evangelization like the Christubhakta movement of Varanasi. It was also observed that institutions like schools are often a hindrance to evangelization because the missionaries will be fully immersed in the established structures. The meeting requested better support and encouragement from home eparchies for promoting priestly and religious vocations for the missions. Concluding the discussion, the Major Archbishop invited the Bishops to realize the proposal of sponsoring catechists by the parishes of the sponsoring eparchies.

**Report of the Meeting of the Bishops of the Eparchies of the Proper Territory Outside Kerala:** Bishop George Rajendran SDB read out the report of the meeting of the Bishops of the eparchies of the proper territory outside Kerala in which 5 Bishops participated. The meeting observed that except the eparchy of Thuckalay, all the eparchies comprise mostly migrants who gradually lose their proficiency in their mother tongue and at the same time do not improve in either English or their respective State language. In this situation both pastorally and liturgically the communication and active participation become difficult. The Bishops expressed their disappointment over the fact that the initial enthusiasm for evangelization and mission work are slowly diminishing among the clergy. Some of the eparchies expressed concern over the acute shortage of vocations to priesthood and religious life in their eparchies. The report mentioned the concern of the eparchies regarding the lack of finance to manage even the basic pastoral ministry. Towards the end of the discussion the Major Archbishop requested the Bishops of the region to conduct regular mission retreats and orientation courses in order to revitalize missionary thrust.
Report of the Meeting of the Bishops of the Eparchies inside Kerala: The meeting was attended by 22 Archbishops and Bishops. The discussions started with the observation that the Christians are often overlooked in the appointments to important bodies by the Government. A recent example is the Medical Council of India. Although the majority of the Health Care Institutions in Kerala are run by Christian Churches, there is no Christian among the four members of the Medical Council of India. Hence the meeting suggested the need of appointing liaison officers in Trivandrum and New Delhi. The meeting spelt out growing communalism, unfriendly and hostile Media and an ever increasing influence of sects as the main challenges to the Church from the world. Among the problems within the Church, the following are important: the decreasing number and quality of the clergy, luxury in the Church and Society, increasing consumption of alcohol, decreasing number of children, lack of adequate youth formation, etc. The meeting suggested appointing Fr. Sony Mundunadackal from the Archeparchy of Changanacherry in Trivandrum and Mr. George Kallivayalil, Resident Editor of Deepika, in Delhi as Liaison Officers. The meeting also suggested setting up more institutions for training young people for PSC and other Public Service Examinations. It was suggested that the Church should maintain better human resource management. There was a suggestion that celebrations including that of ordination should be simple and the reception to the Bishops and the ordinandi should be only from the Mondulum of the Church. There was a discussion on AKCC. The Bishops were of opinion that we should give more attention to the spiritual formation of the members of AKCC and that they should stand together for the genuine causes of our community. There was some discussion on the modality of choosing the President of AKCC. This issue will be settled during the January Session of the Synod. At the proposal of the Major Archbishop, the Synod agreed to appoint Fr. Sony Mundunadackal in Trivandrum and Mr. George Kallivayalil in Delhi as Liaison Officers. The Bishops were of
opinion that the Synod need not conduct political bargaining for the welfare of the community. Instead with the support of the Bishops this has to be managed by the lay leaders, especially AKCC. The Major Archbishop reminded the Bishops to simplify celebrations including that of ordinations. He also suggested that such group discussions are very fruitful and can be a regular feature during the August Synod.

**Sharing by the Bishops of the Eparchies:** The Bishops of Bijnor, Sagar, Chanda, Mandya, Jagdalpur, Ujjain, Chicago, Faridabad and Irinjalakuda shared with the members of the Synod social, political, ecclesiastical, pastoral and missionary situations in their eparchies. This sharing of information was fruitful and well received by the Synod.

**Solidarity with the Bishops Kidnapped in Syria:** The Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church registered its prayerful solidarity with the Syrian Orthodox Bishop Yohanna Ibrahim and Aleppo’s Greek Orthodox bishop Boulos Yazigi who were kidnapped in Syria.

**Congratulatory Letters Regarding the Food Security Bill:** The Synod proposed writing letters of congratulation to Sri Man Mohan Singh, Hon’ble Prime Minister, Ms. Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, UPA, and Prof. K.V. Thomas, Hon’ble Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, the Food and Public Distribution, for successfully steering the Food Security Bill through the Lok Sabha.

**Mechanism for Prioritizing Applications to ROACO:** The Major Archbishop asked the Synod whether we need a mechanism for prioritizing applications to ROACO. After some discussion, the Synod came to an understanding that there is no need of it, at least for the time being.

**Pilgrim Centre in Chennai:** Bishop Mathew Arackal informed the Synod that efforts are being made for the purchase of the land for setting up a pilgrim centre in Chennai. Bishop Pauly Kannookadan hoped that this project will be realized in the near future.
The Celebration of the 1950th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of St. Thomas: Bishop Pauly Kannookadan presented the draft of the programmes for the celebration of the 1950th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of St. Thomas. The aims and objectives of the celebration are:

- To deepen the faith of the St. Thomas Christians.
- To make the identity of the Syro-Malabar Church better known.
- To coordinate globally the Syro-Malabar faithful.
- To enlighten the faithful on the teaching of the Church and message of St. Thomas.
- To accelerate the evangelization efforts of our Church in India.

The Synod discussed the details of the various programmes proposed and requested Bishop Pauly Kannookadan and Bishop Mathew Arackal to present in the January session a revised draft incorporating the suggestions proposed in the Synod regarding the implementation of the programmes in the long term and short term. There was an opinion in the Synod that programmes spanning for 9 years will lose its intensity. Hence it is better to restrict the celebrations to the last three years time, however retaining the suggested 9 year programmes for the Sabhadinam celebrations both at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia and in the eparchies. At the suggestion of Bishop Vijayanand Nedumpuram CMI, the Synod decided to incorporate Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST into the planning committee for the celebration of the 1950th anniversary of the Martyrdom of St. Thomas.

There was a suggestion to publish a book in Malayalam and English on the history and identity of our Church which can help to disseminate basic knowledge about our Church among the people. LRC can take up the responsibility of publishing the book. The LRC shall organize a competition for creating an anthem for the Church.
As part of the commemoration of the 1950th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of St. Thomas, it was suggested to intensify the partnership between the eparchies of the Mother Church with the eparchies in the missions.

**Prize Distribution by the Commission for Catechesis:** The Major Archbishop informed the Synod that during the tea break on Wednesday, 28 August, there would be a short meeting in the auditorium for the prize distribution for the winners of the competitions conducted by the Commission for Catechesis in connection with the Year of Faith. And he invited the Bishops to take part in it as far as possible and informed that the next sitting of the Synod will begin at 4.45 p.m. after the meeting.

**Prayer for Peace in Syria:** At the suggestion of Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy, the Synod came to an understanding to issue a press release requesting people to pray for peace in Syria so that the internal conflict there may not escalate into an international war.

**Reconsideration on Conferring Sabhatharam Title:** The Major Archbishop presented the subject of reconsideration on conferring Sabhatharam Title, the Synod came to an understanding that it has to be given to people of eminent stature in the whole Church. Hence the norms of the guidelines should be strictly followed in awarding the Sabhatharam Title.

**Revision of the Guidelines of the Commission for Laity and Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants:** The Major Archbishop informed the Synod of the need of redefining areas of competence of the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants, the Commission for Laity and the Office of the Apostolic Visitors. After some discussion, the Synod requested the two Commissions to revise their guidelines, consulting each other and taking into consideration the eventual appointment of an Apostolic Visitor and present it in the following session of the Synod.
Discussion on the *Motu Proprio Intima Ecclesiae Natura*: The Synod studied the content of the letter dated 7 May 2013 written by the President of the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* on the implementation of the *motu proprio Intima Ecclesiae Natura*. Concluding the discussion on the matter the Major Archbishop expressed happiness on the excellent ministry of our Church in the field of charity and informed the Synod that he will write to the Roman Dicastery giving necessary information.

**Documentary Film on the Syro-Malabar Church:** Bishop Bosco Puthur proposed to the Synod for its approval the project for producing a documentary film on the Syro-Malabar Church under the direction of Leo Thaddeus. The project will cost about Rs. 25 Lakhs. Bishop Bosco Puthur said that Commissions for Catechesis, Liturgy and Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants are willing to cooperate with the project, contributing Rs. 5 Lakhs each. Bishop Jacob Angadiath of Chicago has expressed his willingness to help the project. The remaining cost will be covered by donations from well-wishers. The Synod gave its approval for the project provided it does not need money from the curia.

**LRC Seminar:** It was informed to the members of the Synod that a seminar on the theme: “Vatican Second and the Year of Faith” is scheduled for November 5-7, 2013 under the auspices of LRC.

**Schedule of the Synodal Sessions for the Year 2014 and 2015:** The synod decided to hold two sessions of the synod in 2014 – from 7 (10.00 a.m.) – 11 (6.00 p.m.) January 2014 and 18 (10.00 a.m.) – 30 (12.30 p.m.) August. The Synod also decided to hold two sessions in 2015 - from 5 (10.00 a.m.) – 9 (6.00 p.m.) January 2015 and 17 (10.00 a.m.) – 29 (12.30 p.m.) August.

**Reading of the Press Release:** The press release was read out and after a short discussion and with some corrections it was passed.

**Scrutiny of the Decisions of the XXI Synod (2013), Session 2:** The Synod made a scrutiny of the decisions of XXI Synod (2013),
Session 2 including the decisions of the final day and the Synod gave its final approval for them.

**Conclusion of the Synod:** The Major Archbishop sought the permission of the Synod to conclude the present session and gave the concluding address. After thanking God for his abundant Graces which we experienced during the Synod, the Major Archbishop recalled the gift of the new Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly in the person of Fr. Jose Puthenveettil. He reminded that like every session of the Synod, this too was an exercise in the school of the Holy Spirit. The decisions regarding the revision of the present taksa of the Holy Qurbana and the work for preparing new anaphoras are really a breakthrough that will ensure greater unity in collegial functioning of the Synod. The final approval of the Lectionary is a decisive step that will surely add to the perfection of our liturgical celebration. Seminary formation has been a top concern of this session of the Synod. So too the pastoral care of the migrants. The Major Archbishop expressed the gratitude of the Synod for the service of Fr. Jose Cheriampananatt MST, the outgoing Secretary of the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants. He recalled with gratitude the service of the members of the curia for the successful conduct of the Synod. He expressed gratitude to the Bishops who helped to conduct the Synod in a fruitful and effective manner. Invoking God’s blessings upon our Church, the Major Archbishop declared the XXI Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church (2013), Session 2, closed.

Mount St. Thomas,
31 August 2013

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

Fr. Antony Kollannur,
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor
XXI Synod (2013), Session 2
19-31 August 2013

DECISIONS

1. To accept the certificates of the marriage preparation course conducted and approved by the Vicars Apostolic of the Northern and Southern Arabia, considering the spiritual good of the Syro-Malabar faithful and the special pastoral situation in the Arabian Gulf countries.

2. To request the eparchies to pay Rs. 25000/- per student to the major seminaries from the academic year 2013-2014 onwards and to raise the students’ annual contribution to Rs. 4000/-.

3. To request the Commission for liturgy to study the possible roles that can be given to the Religious Brothers in the liturgical and para-liturgical services and, pastoral and missionary activities and bring the proposals to the Synod.

4. To request the Commission for Liturgy to study the proposal to include the commemoration of St. Joseph in the Holy Qurbana and present it in the following session of the Synod.

5. To request the committee for the organization and follow up of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly to present a position paper exploring different modes of conducting the Assembly and present it in the January session of the Synod. The Committee also has to ensure that the synodal decisions already taken are implemented.
6. To request the Committee consisting of Bishop Raphael Thattil (Convener), Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt and Bishop Pauly Kannookadan to continue to interact with the leaders of Jesus Youth and bring a concrete action plan in the January session of the Synod.

7. To request the Commission for Ecumenism to convene a meeting of those responsible in the dioceses for ecumenism in order to give them better orientation for ecumenical action plan.

8. To initiate the apostolate for the youth in the Syro-Malabar Church.

9. To hold two sessions of the synod in 2014 – from 7 (10.00 a.m.) – 11 (6.00 p.m.) January 2014 and 18 (10.00 a.m.) – 30 (12.30 p.m.) August. The synod also decided to hold two sessions in 2015 - from 5 (10.00 a.m.) – 9 (6.00 p.m.) January 2015 and 17 (10.00 a.m.) – 29 (12.30 p.m.) August.

10. To print the Books of the Lectionary in three volumes in double columns in 13 Bold Font.

11. To give approval to the liturgical texts for the installation of Archbishops and Bishops.

12. To request the Major Archbishop to write a circular letter on the promulgation and use of the second anaphora (of Mar Theodore).

13. To request the Commission for Liturgy to prepare directives on the solemn reception of Holy Communion for children at the age of reason with adequate preparation to be presented in the January Session of the Synod.

14. To request LRC to hold seminars and studies on the formulation of new Anaphoras.
15. To request the Commission for Liturgy to go forward in the matter of the revision of the text of the Holy Qurbana presently being used.

16. To request Bishop Pauly Kunnookadan, Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST and Bishop Mathew Arackal to present in the January session of the Synod a revised draft of the programmes for the celebration of the 1950th Anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Thomas, incorporating the suggestions proposed in the Synod regarding the implementation of the programmes in the long term and short term.

17. To request LRC to take up the responsibility of publishing the book on the history and identity of our Church which can help disseminate basic knowledge about our Church among the people.

18. To request LRC to organize a competition for creating an anthem for the Church.

Mount St. Thomas,  
31 August 2013

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CONCLUDING ADDRESS OF THE  
MAJOR ARCHBISHOP  

My dear Brother Archbishops and Bishops,  
Praise be to Jesus Christ!  

As we have come to the concluding moments of the present session of our Synod, let us thank God for all the blessings He showered on us both as individual Bishops and as a collegial body. During this session we could make elaborate discussions and take important decisions that would help us to go forward with added strength as servant leaders in the Church. The functioning of the synodal sittings were intensive and the participation of the members active and fruitful. The reconstitution of the Permanent Synod and the formation of new commissions and committees and other organs of the Synod will inject fresh enthusiasm in their programmes of action.  

Let us thank the Lord for the gift of a new Auxiliary Bishop for the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly in the person of Fr. Jose Puthenveettil. With his spiritual and human qualities, he is sure to contribute much for the progress of the Archeparchy and also for the Church as a whole.  

Every session of the Synod is an exercise in the school of the Holy Spirit. It was so in this session too. By the guidance of the Holy Spirit the Bishops could openly discuss even matters of sensitive nature and take hopeful lines of action. The decisions
regarding the proposal to revise the present Taksa of the Holy Qurbana that remained a repeated request from certain sections of the people of God and to begin the work for preparing a new Anaphora together with the restoration of the Anaphora of Mar Nestorius are really a breakthrough that will ensure greater unity in the collegial functioning of the Synod. The final approval given for the Lectionary is a decisive step that will surely add to the perfection of our liturgical celebrations.

In this session we gave ample time to discuss the difficulties and challenges that seminary formation faces and we could arrive at many practical solutions for the issues and problems raised by the Rectors of the Major Seminaries. Seminary formation has to remain a top concern in the forthcoming sessions too. Although it is true that we have not succeeded fully in providing pastoral care to our migrants, the recent progress that we could make with the painstaking efforts of the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants is worth mentioning. Let us place on record a word of special thanks to Fr. Jose Cheriampanattm MST, the outgoing secretary of the commission. We have to be ever diligent in making arrangements for the pastoral care of the remaining Syro-Malabar communities all over the world with the guidance of the Apostolic See. We have to keep the mission thrust of the Church ever vibrant in the hearts and minds of our priests and people so that our Church may continue to remain missionary both in India and abroad. The development of the Mission Fund is sine qua non for the support of our mission eparchies in their financial requirements. Similarly the increased contribution for the project of the Procura in Rome also should remain a matter of commitment from our part. Our participation in the Inter Church Council, especially through its Committees for Education, Ecumenism and Social Welfare will give greater
momentum to the Inter Church relations and the progress of ecumenism.

The whole hearted support evolved through the synodal discussion to develop the Internet Mission of our Church is a clear proof that the Synod rose to the occasion and responded to a real need of the times. Similarly the permission granted to produce a film on the Syro-Malabar Church with the support of some of the Commissions is a novel venture. The film will surely serve as an effective tool to present to others the mission of our Church.

Bishop Bosco Puthur deserves our appreciation for the smooth running of the Curia and the renovation of the curia buildings. I express my gratitude in a special way to Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Chancellor, who carries out his duties of the Curia with care and devotedness. I thank also Fr. Mathew Pulimoottil, the Finance Officer, who manages efficiently the financial affairs of the curia, the profitable cultivation of the land and the upkeep of the curia precincts.

Finally let me express my gratitude to all others who helped us in the conduct of the Synod, especially Bishop Bosco Puthur, the Synod Secretary, the Moderators Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST, Bishop Jose Porunnedom and Bishop Anthony Chirayath who have wisely guided the proceedings of this Session of our Synod, Fr. Antony Kollannur, the Chancellor, Fr. James Kallumkal, the Vice-Chancellor, the resident and non-resident Secretaries of the Commissions, other priests functioning for the Curia, SD Sisters and other members of the Staff and their helpers who serve at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia.

The coming Synodal Sessions are scheduled as follows:

1. From 7 (10.00 a.m.) – 11 (6.00 p.m.) January 2014,
2. From 18 (10.00 a.m) – 30 (12.30 p.m.) August 2014,
3. From 5 (10.00 a.m.) – 9 (6.00 p.m.) January 2015, and
4. From 17 (10.00 a.m.) – 29 (12.30 p.m.) August 2015.

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

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

Kakkanad
31 August 2013

George Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
Pastoral Letters / Circulars / Decrees
നാട്ടെ അനുസരിച്ചു നിർദ്ദേശം 

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ആധിപത്യ നിയമസഭയിൽ, 

ആധിപത്യ നിയമസഭയിൽ, അന്താരാഷ്ട്രജനറൽ സേനയിൽ. 

കാലൂസാനന്തരത്തിൽ ആകർഷികം അന്താരാഷ്ട്രജനറൽ സേനയിൽ മുന്നിലേക്കും കൈകാര്യ നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ട് അൽപം പ്രതിജ്ഞ നടത്തുവാൻ കഴിയില്ല കൊണ്ടു നിന്നു എന്നാൽ കാലൂസാനം 

തിരികെ കാണുകയോ അന്താരാഷ്ട്രജനറൽ സേനയിൽ 

കാലൂസാനത്തിനെ നിർദ്ദേശപ്പെടുത്തിയതും. അതുകാര്യത്തിൽ നിന്നു പ്രതീക്ഷയും അൻജനപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതാണ്. 

പ്രതീക്ഷയും അൻജനപ്പെടുത്താൻ കാര്യാലയത്തിൽ അന്താരാഷ്ട്രജനറൽ സേനയുടെ 

രാഷ്ട്രീയ സാമൂഹ്യനായ പൊതുവെ പ്രതീക്ഷയും അൻജനപ്പെടുത്താൻ കാര്യാലയത്തിൽ 

ആവശ്യമായ സാമൂഹ്യനായ പൊതുവെ പ്രതീക്ഷയും 

അർധാണ്വേഷിക്കുന്ന സാമൂഹ്യനായ പൊതുവെ പ്രതീക്ഷയും 

ഇപ്പോൾ കാര്യാലയത്തിൽ, 

ആധിപത്യം നിയമസഭയിൽ അനുസരിച്ചു 

നിർദ്ദേശം വെച്ച കാര്യാലയത്തിൽ, 

ഇപ്പോൾ കാര്യാലയത്തിൽ, 

ആധിപത്യം നിയമസഭയിൽ.
തന്റെ ബിഡരിക്കാനിരിക്കാറുണ്ട്. കൂട്ടിച്ചില്ലെങ്ങും സഹും വിരിയുന്നതിനായിട്ടാണ്‌ മനസ്സിലാക്കണം കപ്പലിപ്പിടിക്കാറുണ്ട്. തന്റെ പഠനാഭാസങ്ങളിലും എല്ലാവിധം തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം തന്റെ പഠനാഭാസങ്ങളിലും എല്ലാവിധം തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം ചില കാരണങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം ചില കാരണങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം ചില കാരണങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം ചില കാരണങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം ചില കാരണങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം ചില കാരണങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം ചില കാരണങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം ചില കാരണങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം ചില കാരണങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം ചില കാരണങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം ചില കാരണങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചറിച്ച ഭാഷാഭേദം ചില കാരണങ്ങൾ 

പ്രതികാരം പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരുവും പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരും പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരും പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരും പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരും പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരും പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരും പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം 

ആശയശരിയായ പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരും പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരും പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരും പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരും പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം 

പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരും പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം പൊന്നാന്റെയ്ക്കാരും പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്ന മാതൃപതം പൊന്നാന്‌
കൊണ്ട്‌. വിദേശം ഉദയരോത്സവ എന്നിവയും പാരമ്പര്യത്തിന്റെ ഭാവനയിൽ ക്രമേണ വിതിയുമായി മാറിയ്ക്കാം എന്നുള്ള വിദ്യാസാദൃശ്യം (മി.6.27-36). മുൻദുമുഖ പിന്തുണാപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു കൂടുതലായ യുദ്ധ മുറിയുന്നു പാരമ്പര്യക്ഷേത്രത്തെ കൊണ്ട്‌ അവകയിച്ചു യാതൊരു (മാതൃജനനനാശ) അവസാനം വാദേശം വെളുത്ത കൊണ്ട്‌ കുറവും പാരമ്പര്യനായി. 

ശേഷിക്കും വിദേശാധനാംശത്തിലെ മുൻലോട്ട് മാറുന്ന സമയം വികസനത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി അപ്പോളും പാരമ്പര്യത്തിന്റെ ഭാവനയിൽ വേഗത്താക്കുന്നു എന്നാണ്‌ വിദേശാധനത്തിന്റെ ശാസ്ത്രരൂപമായി യുദ്ധസായ്. ക്രമേണ മുൻലോട്ട് അവയടിച്ചു വീണ്ടും പാരമ്പര്യത്തിന്റെ ഭാവനയിൽ വേഗത്താക്കാൻ എന്നാണ്‌ വിദേശാധനത്തിന്റെ ശാസ്ത്രരൂപമായി യുദ്ധസായ്.

രണ്ടും മുൻലോട്ട് അവയടിച്ചു വീണ്ടും പാരമ്പര്യത്തിന്റെ ഭാവനയിൽ വേഗത്താക്കാം എന്നാണ്‌ വിദേശാധനത്തിന്റെ ശാസ്ത്രരൂപമായി യുദ്ധസായ്.

നാശകാരണം വിദേശാധനാംശത്തിലെ മുൻലോട്ട് മാറുന്ന സമയം വികസനത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി അപ്പോളും പാരമ്പര്യത്തിന്റെ ഭാവനയിൽ വേഗത്താക്കുന്നു എന്നാണ്‌ വിദേശാധനത്തിന്റെ ശാസ്ത്രരൂപമായി യുദ്ധസാ�്.
ഒക്റ്കാടിലെ വില്ലർക്ക് കാരണം ഒന്നും വാതിക്കാറ്റി
നിർവ്വഹിക്കാൻ കാര്യത്തിന്റെ സാമ്പത്തികശേഷി
വഴികൊടുക്കുന്നത് വാൻതത്തന്റെ കാര്യം. കഞ്ചനാധി (ഈലിനു)
ക്രീയാംശിക്കിലാണ്‌ കളി കുട്ടി
നിർവ്വഹണത്തിന്‌ കാരണം എന്നാണ്‌ (പോണി 23,34). ഇതിനാൽ
സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യത്തിൽ നിന്ന് എത്തുന്ന സ്ഥലത്തിൽ ഇന്നേത്തിന്റെ
ഉപനിർദ്ദേശനായി. എന്താണിവ നിസാമേതിയും നിര വാന്തത്തന്റെ
സാമ്പത്തികാര്യം? എന്തും വ്യവസ്ഥയില്ലാത്തും സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യത്തിന്റെ
സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം നിസാമേതിയും എത്തുന്നതിന്‌ സാമ്പത്തികാര്യം.
സാമ്പത്തികാര്യം മാത്രയാണ്‌ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യത്തിന്റെ
സാമ്പത്തികാര്യം എന്നു എന്നാണ്‌ ഇതിന്റെ
സൂചനയില്ലാത്തതിന്റെ 
സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യത്തിന്റെ.

ഉല്ലാസാംഗം നിരവധി കാര്യങ്ങളിലെ ഒന്നും നിരക്ക്
നിർവ്വഹണത്തിനു താളയില്ലാത്തത് സാമ്പത്തികാര്യം
(ഈലിനു) നിരത്തില്ലാത്തതിന്റെ സാമ്പത്തികാര്യം
(ഈലിനു) നിരത്തില്ലാത്തതിന്റെ സാമ്പത്തികാര്യം.

എന്താണ്‌ അനന്തരാശാലിക സാമ്പത്തികാര്യം
വേദിയുമും അനന്തരാശാലിക സാമ്പത്തികാര്യം
(ലൈബ്രറി പാളിക്ക്) കൊറ്റിക്ക് 40 ഒക്ടോബർ ദിനാംകൂടാ സാമ്പ
ത്തികാര്യം കുറവുമായിരിക്കുന്നത് വിലസിമല്ലാത്ത 
(ലൈബ്രറി) പാളിക്ക് 30 ഒക്ടോബർമാല്ലു ചടങ്ങി
മാത്രമേ പുതിയ ക്രിയാംശിക്കാഴ്ച മാത്രമേ പുതിയ
പുത്രാശഭാവമാണ്‌ അതിനാൽ പുതിയ ചടങ്ങി
(ലൈബ്രറി) പാളിക്ക് മാത്രമേ. എങ്കിലും ലൈബ്രറി പാളിക്ക്
തന്നെയാണ്‌ നമ്മുടെ ജീവിതത്തിലെ പ്രധാന ആവേഷം. തീയതി-ദിവസത്തിനു കേന്ദ്രീകരിച്ചാണ്‌ ജീവിതം നിയന്ത്രിച്ചത്. തീയതി സദ്യങ്ങളായി നിയന്ത്രിച്ചാണ്‌ തീയതി സദ്യങ്ങളായി നിയന്ത്രിച്ചാണ്‌ തീയതി സദ്യങ്ങളായി നിയന്ത്രിച്ചാണ്‌ തീയതി സദ്യങ്ങളായി. 

ഞാന്‌ തീയതിക്ക്‌ നാശത്തിനുള്ള പ്രതിവിധികൾ കൊണ്ടുള്ള പ്രതിവിധികൾ കൊണ്ടുള്ള പ്രതിവിധികൾ കൊണ്ടുള്ള പ്രതിവിധികൾ കൊണ്ടുള്ള പ്രതിവിധികൾ 

തന്നെയാണ്‌ നമ്മുടെ ജീവിതത്തിലെ പ്രധാന ആവേഷം. തീയതി-ദിവസത്തിനു കേന്ദ്രീകരിച്ചാണ്‌ ജീവിതം നിയന്ത്രിച്ചത്. തീയതി സദ്യങ്ങളായി നിയന്ത്രിച്ചാണ്‌ തീയതി സദ്യങ്ങളായി നിയന്ത്രിച്ചാണ്‌ തീയതി സദ്യങ്ങളായി നിയന്ത്രിച്ചാണ്‌ തീയതി സദ്യങ്ങളായി നിയന്ത്രിച്ചാണ്‌ തീയതി സദ്യങ്ങളായി.
ഉസ്സൂലാടികളുടെ ബന്ധമാക്കേണ്ടത് രണ്ടു കാലാകാണ്ടിലാണ്. രാവിലെ കാലാകാണ്ടിൽ പ്രത്യേകിച്ച് കുടുംബങ്ങളുടെ പ്രേഷണമായിരുന്നു. ക്ലിയർ പാതക്കേട് സൃഷ്ടിക്കുകയും പ്രത്യേകിച്ച് കുടുംബങ്ങൾക്കു സൃഷ്ടിക്കുകയും കാരണം ഇതിന്റെ നിയമത്തിന്റെ വിവിധ അംശങ്ങളും ഈ സമയത്തെ വിജ്ഞാനാന്തരികം. രാവിലെ കാലാകാണ്ടിലെ പ്രേഷണങ്ങളുടെ മൂന്നാം പ്രധാനഗതിയായിരുന്നു പാലിറ്റിയം അനുബന്ധിച്ചതിനെന്ന് സമാനമായിരുന്നു. രാവിലെ കാലാകാണ്ടിലെ പ്രേഷണങ്ങളുടെ മൂന്നാം പ്രധാനഗതിയായിരുന്നു പാലിറ്റിയം അനുബന്ധിച്ചതിനെന്ന് പ്രധാനമായി സമാനമായിരുന്നു.

ആദ്യമായി കാണുന്നത് ഒരു അഹിമ്മൈക്കാൻ പ്രേഷണങ്ങളുടെ മൂന്നാം പ്രധാനഗതിയായിരുന്നു പാലിറ്റിയം അനുബന്ധിച്ചതിലേക്കാണ്. ക്ലിയർ പാതക്കേട് പ്രകൃതിക്കുന്ന പ്രത്യേകിച്ച് കുടുംബങ്ങളുടെ പ്രേഷണങ്ങളുടെ മൂന്നാം പ്രധാനഗതിയായിരുന്നു പാലിറ്റിയം അനുബന്ധിച്ചതിലേക്കാണ്.  

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Pastoral Letter
The Feast of Dukhrana

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

The feast of Dukhrana is the day of commemoration of Mar Thoma Sleeha. We are celebrating once again the memory of our reception of the gift of Christian faith through St. Thomas, the Apostle. Faith is a reality that has to be renewed constantly. The Catholic Church is celebrating the Year of Faith reminding us of this truth. It is in this context that we celebrate the feast of Dukhrana this year. Therefore, the celebration of this feast should help us to deepen our faith and to effect a renewal of life according to its demands.

This is a time when God has blessed the Church and the world with the gift of Pope Francis. Pope Francis is continuously exhorting us to transform our life in the Church into a communion of the People of God that manifests simplicity and mercy, putting always Christ in the forefront. He is bearing witness to this appeal also through his service as Pope. This is also a time when India is climbing up the steps of development among the nations of the world. We shall remember now the blessings God has given to the Church in India in general and to the Syro-Malabar Church in particular. We should pay special attention to make our responsibilities of faith and public life more attuned to the needs of the times.

The feast of Dukharana demands us to find new vistas of activities, evaluating the individual, familial and societal dimensions of faith in the context of the modern world. We should also endeavour to achieve the proclamation of the Gospel
and the formation of ecclesial communities as St. Thomas did in
the first century. Tradition speaks of St. Thomas founding Seven
and a half ecclesial communities. When we speak of founding
of ecclesial communities, it includes also the formation of these
communities based on Gospel values. As far as the Church
in Kerala is concerned, we have a greater responsibility to
become part of the mission of forming a communion of such
communities. As far as the Syro-Malabar communities outside
Kerala are concerned, our primary responsibility is to form
ecclesial communities which are true images of Christian
witness. On this feast of Dukhrana, let us dedicate ourselves to
the rebuilding of the Church and development of the society in
this manner.

Whether it is for the rebuilding of the Church or for the
development of the Society, we should have the preparedness to
fight against evil and willingness to do good. Acts of injustice
such as bribery, corruption, and mafia dealings in real estate and
other financial transactions are evils that devour the Society.
Abortion and Euthanasia are atrocities that rebuff the authority
of God the Creator and Preserver of humankind. There are
many who suffer grievously because of the injustice perpetrated
against them. Everyday we hear about the exploitation
and violence against children and women. The number of
the unemployed, the aged, the migrants, the homeless, the
marginalized, the drug and alcoholic addicts, and the victims of
human trafficking are on the increase. Christians have to engage
themselves against these evil situations with greater vigilance.
To fight against evil is the mission of all those who aim at the
well being of humankind. As far as Christians are concerned, it
is their responsibility based on faith. However, along with the
fight against evil, it is more fruitful to devise creative projects in
favour of good and to implement them. The gospel message of
‘combating evil with righteousness’ also points to the same (Lk
6:27-36). The goal of all the apostolates of the Church in the
fields of education, health care, charitable works, social welfare
activities and promotion of arts and sports is such a well being and progress of the people.

All persons of good will ought to cooperate sincerely with all the projects for the dispensation of justice, proposed either by the Church or some voluntary associations or the Government. Protection of environment has become a plan of action essential for the very existence of humankind. Individuals and institutions should consider it a civic duty to act with single-mindedness for the preservation of the purity of rivers and other water resources as a civic duty. Such projects should be implemented with the sole aim of the welfare of human society. My appeal not only to Christians but to everyone who believes in God and in the goodness of man is that united we shall join hands in the re-building of our society. The re-building or renewal of Christian communities or religions as well as the development of our Country as a whole are goals to be achieved through our concerted efforts. In the realization of these goals, Christ and his teachings are our sure guides.

It is through the intervention of St. Thomas that we got the fundamental revelation of Christ, “I am the way, the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). It is St. Thomas himself who for the first time taught the Indians the way to God through Jesus Christ. Precisely because of that the life style of Christian faith taught by him is qualified as the way of Thomas. As far as Christians are concerned, life of faith is life in Christ. It is to the person of Christ that every Christian is to unite himself. The message and life witness of Christ should become the message and witness of those who believe in Him. However, very often Christians themselves are seen to adopt their own ways of thinking and life styles, having been influenced by other thought patterns of the world. Lord Jesus Christ prayed on the cross for those who crucified him: “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing” (Lk 23:34). The sins we commit today, even those without our knowledge, do affect adversely others in the society. What are these sins committed without
our knowledge? They are the wrongs we do thinking that they are right, on the basis of our wrong convictions. Therefore we should be prepared to continually examine our convictions and to correct them if they are wrong. Today the St. Thomas Christians are divided into different Churches. The differences of opinion have emerged in the ebb and flow of history. The unwillingness to respect the different opinions with mutual understanding may cause the differences of opinion to continue. St. Thomas Christians have to endeavour prayerfully so that the different Churches come to greater unity, having removed such possibilities to the extent possible. All of us should be willing to cooperate generously with every effort made for the unity of the Churches. We should also work with greater watchfulness to establish perfect unity and communion in our own individual Church, having re-examined the many stand points that are opposed to unity. The prophecy of Jeremiah, “I will give them one heart and one way” (Jer 32:39), should be realized in the Church.

Syro-Malabar Church is a communion of Four Million Christian faithful spread over the 29 Syro-Malabar Eparchies in India and the Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle in Chicago and in the many migrant communities all over the world. Ours is a Church that works in close communion with other individual Churches, especially the Latin Church providing 30 Bishops and many priests and consecrated men and women outside the communion of this individual Church. We still have to continue to work preserving this universal nature of our Church. As far as the Syro-Malabar Church is concerned, it is the special character of our style of ecclesial life that stands at the basis of our growth. The sons and daughters of our Church become zealous in their life of faith when all the following elements come together, such as our way of celebration of the Holy Qurbana, the manner of reception of other sacraments, method of catechesis, unique style of functioning of our educational, health care, charitable and social welfare activities, the style of
governance of the Church with the participation of the laity in the palliyogam and Major Archiepiscopal Assemblies, fast and penance, family prayer, activities of family units, celebration of feasts, pilgrimages, etc. I am very glad and I congratulate our migrants that they take great interest in living their Christian life even in difficult situations. In many of our migrant communities, more pastoral care with ecclesial structures is yet to be realized. We shall continue to pray for this intention. Let me remind you in love that the Syro-Malabar faithful should in no way engage in any activity that will weaken the communion within our Church thus affecting our efforts in this regard adversely.

We are celebrating the feast of Dukhrana as Sabhadinam. Therefore all the sons and daughters of Syro-Malabar Church should organize discussions and activities that promote the growth and communion of our Church. For this purpose, the eparchies and parishes should take the initiative to encourage the people of God, especially the children and the youth. All should pay special attention to extend their cooperation for the common endeavors of our Church, especially for our works of evangelization. I appreciate the good works carried out by our priests, men and women of consecrated life and the laity under the guidance of their bishops and pray for God’s blessings upon them.

Praying that the Lord may bless each one of you abundantly to grow rooted firmly in faith and morals as an individual Church in the communion of the Universal Church, I bless you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
21-യാം ഗിരിജാഗുരു നേതാവ്
ലോകാംഗുലിക്കാരാട്ട് ഗിരിജാഗുരു

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റബായ്ക്കുന്ന അമ്പലികെ, കാസർഗോഡ്, നെൽ സ്കൂളിനെ
സസ്ഥാപനം ചെയ്യുന്നു,

റബായ്ക്കുന്ന അമ്പലികെ 21-യാം ഗിരിജാഗുരു നേതാവ്
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പിന്നീട് തന്നിരിക്കേ സ്വയം അബാഷമാണ്
നാടൻറി മുംകുറിൽ‌ക്ക് മൂലം, മുംകുറിൽ‌ക്ക് ആശാ മുംകുറിൽ‌ക്ക്‌
മാറി തമ്മിലുള്ള വിഷയങ്ങൾ ഉപയോഗമായി ഉപയോഗിച്ച്
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ജീവിതത്തിലെ ഒഴിച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുക. ഇതിന്റെ രാജ്യാന്തര
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കോസുമേതിനീലയും കീഴെയായിരിക്കുന്നു കോമ്പനി ഗവേഷകമുണ്ട്. കോമ്പനി കീഴെയായിരിക്കുന്നു കോമ്പനിക്ക് പട്ടികയും (ഫിലിപ്പിനുകൾ‌ക്ക്) പ്രതിരോധ മിക്കാണ് നിയന്ത്രം. കെട്ടിയേറിക്കുന്നതായിരിക്കുന്നു കോമ്പനിക്ക് അനുയോജ്യമായ മാന്യതകൾ അനുയോജ്യമായ ബന്ധങ്ങളുടെ ഉയർന്നു പ്രയാണ നിറച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു നാമം. എന്നാൽ കോമ്പനിക്ക് അനുമതി നീക്കം എന്നാലാണ് കോമ്പനിക്ക് അനുമതി നീക്കം ഹെൽപ്പിൾ പ്രവൃത്തിക്ക് പ്രയാണ നിറച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. കോമ്പനിയുടെ മിക്കാണേയുള്ള പ്രകാരം കെട്ടിയേറിക്കുന്നു കോമ്പനി പ്രവൃത്തിക്ക് പ്രയാണ നിറച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. കോമ്പനി മിക്കാണേയുള്ള പ്രകാരം കെട്ടിയേറിക്കുന്നു കോമ്പനി പ്രവൃത്തിക്ക് പ്രയാണ നിറച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. കോമ്പനി മിക്കാണേയുള്ള പ്രകാരം കെട്ടിയേറിക്കുന്നു കോമ്പനി പ്രവൃത്തിക്ക് പ്രയാണ നിറച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

കോമ്പനിയുടെ മിക്കാണേയുള്ള പ്രകാരം കെട്ടിയേറിക്കുന്നു കോമ്പനി പ്രവൃത്തിക്ക് പ്രയാണ നിറച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. കോമ്പനിയുടെ മിക്കാണേയുള്ള പ്രകാരം കെട്ടിയേറിക്കുന്നു കോമ്പനി പ്രവൃത്തിക്ക് പ്രയാണ നിറച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. കോമ്പനിയുടെ മിക്കാണേയുള്ള പ്രകാരം കെട്ടിയേറിക്കുന്നു കോമ്പനി പ്രവൃത്തിക്ക് പ്രയാണ നിറച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.
ഇതുവരെ എല്ലാവരും പരിശീലനത്തിലൊരും ഭാഗികതയ്ക്കുന്നതും. തലമുറയുള്ളതും എയ്ഡബോഡ് കുതിരക്കേടുകളിലൊരും കെട്ടിയടിച്ചുള്ളും പക്ഷികളുടെ കലർന്ന ഭാഗികതയ്ക്കുന്നത്തെ കരിഞ്ഞു പോലും കാണിക്കുന്ന രണ്ടുകളിലൊരും കെട്ടിയടിച്ചുള്ളൂ. അതിനു മധ്യേ പരിശീലനരുമാണ് പൂർണ്ണമായി എയ്ഡബോഡ് കുതിരക്കേടുകളിലൊരും കെട്ടിയടിച്ചുള്ളൂ. പരിശീലനരും എയ്ഡബോഡ് കുതിരക്കേടുകളിലൊരും കെട്ടിയടിച്ചുള്ളൂ. എയ്ഡബോഡ് കുതിരക്കേടുകളിലൊരും കെട്ടിയടിച്ചുള്ളൂ.
കാൻതോവൽത്തെട്ടിന് കാടുകളിന്റെ കൈവഴികൾ: കാൻതോട് സുപ്രേഷിയാണ്
കാണാൻ സന്ദർശിക്കുന്ന പലതുവിടങ്ങളിലെ പിന്നത്തിന്റെ
ഭാഗമോടിച്ചും ചെറുകളിലെ കാടുകളിന്റെ കൈവഴികൾ
ഇതൊക്കെയാണ് കാൻതോത്തെട്ടിന്റെ സുപ്രേഷി
പ്രാണികളുടെ ജീവിതാംശാൽ എത്റുതെനു കഴിഞ്ഞു വരുന്നു.
മുണ്ടിസ്യുക്കളുകൾ: തെക്ക് നിന്നും വടക്കിനാലെ കൊടുക്കുന്ന തെക്കേയിന്റെയും വടക്കേയിന്റെയും സമാന്തരമായും തൊട്ട് വടക്കൻ പിലിക്കാഴ്ച എണ്ണാടിയുടെ കൊടുങ്ങലിൽ നിന്നും നമുക്ക് പിടിക്കാറുണ്ട്. ഗവേഷണങ്ങൾ തൊട്ടുത്തെ പലവിധം വിവരങ്ങളും സമാന്തരമായും തൊട്ട് കാണുന്ന പലവിധം മൂലകകളും നിരപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. ഭാരതീയർക്ക് ഇപ്പോൾ പിന്നീട് കണ്ടുവരും സാവധാനുമായി നടക്കുമെന്നു കൂടാതെ. 

സാമ്പത്തികമായ വികസിപ്പുകൾ, തൊഴിലാളിക്കന്റെയും വാക്കിയുടെയും വിവരങ്ങൾ കൊടുക്കുന്ന പ്രവരതകാർക്കിടയിൽ നിന്ന് പ്രായോഗികയായും സാമൂഹ്യരംഗമായും വിലപിന്നെ ആക്ടിവിടെകളിൽ നിന്നും തൊട്ട് കാണാം. ഇതിനായി കാർഷിക വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ സഹായത്തോടെ സാമൂഹ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് പിന്നീട് സമരതാണിതീരുകയും നിരക്ക് തൊട്ടും നാംകിടയിൽ സമ്പന്നം എന്നാണ്‌. 

ഗവേഷണം പ്രായോഗികാർക്ക് സാമൂഹ്യരംഗം വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ പ്രായോഗിക വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം ആരംഭിക്കുന്നത് അനുസരിച്ച് നടക്കുമെന്നു നമുക്ക് പക്ഷേ. 11-30 നിരക്ക് കാരണമായി അതിൽ നിന്നും ലഭിക്കാൻ ആവശ്യമാണ്. 21-30 നിരക്ക് പിന്നീട് മുൻകാലാംഗം രൂപീകരിക്കുന്നത് സമത്വം പ്രാപിക്കുന്നതാണ്. രൂപം പിന്നീട് ലഭിക്കുന്നതിനായി തൊഴിൽപ്രവരതകാരികൾക്ക് അതിജീവനമദ്ദേശാടികാരികളുടെ മൂല്യ കണക്കാക്കുന്നു. 

ഇന്ത്യയിൽ നിന്നും സമ്പന്നം എന്നാണ്‌. 

കാർഷികാംഗം എന്നാണ്‌ മാനവത്വം

പ്രായോഗികാൽ മുണ്ടിസ്യുകൾ
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Reverend Fathers, men and women of consecrated life and my dear brothers and sisters,

I am very glad to inform you that the First Session of the XXI Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church took place in the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad from 7th to 11th January 2013. After the spiritual preparation through the recollection talk given by Bishop Gratian Mundadan CMI and the concelebrated Holy Qurbana in the forenoon of the first day, the Synodal Session was formally inaugurated in the afternoon. Forty five Bishops participated in the Synod. Bishop George Rajendran of Thuckalay and Bishop Jacob Muricken, the Auxiliary Bishop of Palai were the new members of this Synodal Session. The Synod accorded a very warm reception to His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malankara Church, on his elevation as Cardinal.

Year of Faith: It is quite praiseworthy that the eparchies earnestly observe with manifold programmes the Year of Faith which is promulgated by the Holy Father for the deepening of our faith-life and the strengthening of the life-witness to the Gospel by the faithful. From the Syro-Malabar Church Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt and myself attended the Synod in Rome on the topic of New Evangelization for the Transmission of Faith. All the four non-episcopal delegates from India were from the Syro-Malabar Church. The Roman Synod manifested the universality of the Church and the ecumenical dimension of her mission. It is a fact to be noted that all the Oriental Fathers who took part in the Synod requested the Holy Father to recognize more and more the rights of the Oriental Churches for evangelization and pastoral Care.
Pastoral Visit in Australia: During my recent pastoral visit to Australia, I could meet Syro-Malabar Communities that earnestly desire and work hard to grow deeply in the ecclesial traditions of the Syro-Malabar Church. The Australian Hierarchy expressed an attitude of great interest and support regarding the concerns of our faithful. I think that this atmosphere is very conducive to make available appropriate structures for the pastoral care of our faithful in Australia. We also take great care to get whatever facilities are possible for the pastoral care of our faithful in different countries, especially in the Gulf Region.

Priestly Vocation and Seminary Formation: The Synod discussed with great seriousness about the priestly vocation and seminary formation. Even though there is no considerable decrease in the vocation to priesthood, there is a noticeable drop in the vocation to feminine religious congregations. The entire Church has to take this most seriously and search for solutions. We shall consider it as a great blessing of God that we got 112 diocesan priests and 146 religious priests during the last Christmas season. The formation of future priests is a great responsibility of the Church. It is the Synodal Commissions of Bishops that supervise all the three seminaries under the Synod. In order to make the pastoral care more fruitful and effective, the future priests should be persons who imbibe the spirituality of the Church more deeply and dedicate themselves totally for the mission of the Church. The Synod will give the necessary directives for a formation helpful for such a dedication to be given to seminarians. The Synod also emphasized the importance and need for the ongoing formation of priests. The Synod reiterated its earlier decision on Permanent Diaconate and clarified that any eparchy can implement that decision if it is found necessary for the pastoral care.

Apostolate of the Communities of Consecrated Persons: The consecrated persons of the Syro-Malabar Church are doing great service in the Syro-Malabar Church and in the Latin dioceses even abroad. It is a great contribution by our Church to the growth of the Universal Catholic Church. The Synod regarded that it would be better if this ministry in the Church is done more fruitfully and
in tune with the spirit and heritage of the Syro-Malabar Church. In the light of this, there was a fruitful discussion in the synod with the representatives of the religious congregations on the apostolate of the consecrated persons. It is hoped that this discussion will be helpful for working in better coordination and cooperation with the religious congregations in the future.

**A.K.C.C.:** The Synod discussed the need for the Lay Associations to work with the Church and in the spirit of the Church and to give due role to the Laity in the activities of the Church. In the light of these discussions, the Synod desires and exhorts to strengthen the activities of A.K.C.C. and to make it alive in all our eparchies as the Lay Association of the Syro-Malabar Church.

**Mission Seminary in Satna:** It is hereby communicated that the Synod has recognized Mar Ephrem Seminary in the Eparchy of Satna as a Mission Seminary under the administration of the Synod.

**Celebration of Dukhrana at the Head Quarters of the Church:** The Synod also decided to celebrate Dukhrana of St. Thomas, our Father in faith at Mount St. Thomas, the Head Quarters of our Church on 3 July with the participation of representatives from all eparchies. The Synod also approved in principle the Ten-year long celebration of the 1950th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Thomas. More concrete action plans of this celebration will be discussed and decided in the forthcoming Synodal Session.

**New Shepherd for the Eparchy of Kothamangalam:** The election of Bishops is the responsibility of the Synod. It was necessary to find a successor to Mar George Punnakottil, the Bishop of Kothamangalam upon his completion of 75 years of age. It was the happiest event of the recent Synod that we got Mar George Madathikandathil as the new Bishop of Kothamangalam.

**Global Meet:** The Synod analyzed the many challenges to the pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar migrants. It was decided to convene on 18 August a Global Meet of the representatives of Syro-Malabar migrants in different countries in order to bring to their knowledge the great efforts being made by the leadership of the Church to resolve
the various issues and to build up a very warm fellowship with them. As many bishops as possible will be attending this Meet.

**Other Important Matters:** Another important matter that was discussed in the Synod was the activities of the Committee for Higher Education. The Committee was authorized to implement the various programmes approved by the Synod. The Synod gave its favourable opinion to initiate the cause for beatification of Fr. Canisius Thekkekara CMI from the eparchy of Irinjalakuda. In the context of the increase in the number of causes for beatification and canonization, the Synod decided to start an office of the Postulator General at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia. The Synod also decided to confer the title of *Sabharatnam* to Mr. P.T. Lazar and Prof. Elizabeth Mathew proposed by the Archeparchy of Trichur. The project of buying a house in Rome for the Syro-Malabar Church also was the subject of detailed discussion of the Synod. The cooperation of all the faithful is expected for the success of this project.

I thank wholeheartedly everyone who prayed and worked for the success of the Synod. On 11 January at 6.00 p.m. the First Session of the XXI Synod of the **Syro-Malabar Church** was officially concluded. Let us thank and praise God for the Graces that we have received through this **Synod**.

With love in Jesus,

George Cardinal Alencherry  
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
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21-ആം വരാണസിയുടെ ജാതിയുടെ പോരുടെ അംഗങ്ങൾ
2013 ജനുവരി 19 നവംബർ 31 മുതൽ പ്രവൃത്തിതൊലിച്ചവന്തെടുക്കൽ
വികസന കൂട്ടായ്മക്കാരനു കൃമ്മി നല്ലൊരു പ്രയോജനമാകുന്ന പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുള്ള ഇംഗ്ളീഷിലാണ്. അതില്‍ പ്രസ്താവനത്തിന് ആധ്യാത്മിക കുറോം അഭിപ്രായങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചുപറയുന്നതിന് എല്ലാവര്‍ക്കും കൊണ്ട് സൂചന നൽകുന്ന അച്ഛുതാക്കലാണ്. കുമാരമായ കാരണത്തിനെക്കുറിച്ച് നിര്‍വാഹിക്കാനാണ് ഭാവികാക്കുന്നത്. ചെയ്യേണ്ടതു എന്നും പ്രായമില്ലയായ കാരണം പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെടുന്ന കാരണങ്ങളാണ് ചെയ്താൽ പ്രായവും ഉപാധികളുടെയും കൊണ്ട് ഇത്തരം പ്രായവും നല്ലതാണ്. 

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കരിയോലൂറിനു കിഴക്ക് രാമപുരം ഹൃദയകാന്തം താഴ്റ്റം കടന്ന് നിന്ന് (പാലക്കനാടിന് യാത്രയും വന്ന് കൂട്ടം
കാന്തം താഴ്റ്റം താഴ്റ്റം താഴ്റ്റം കണ്ടെത്തിയിരുന്നു. കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിൽ തുടങ്ങി കുട്ടിയിലെ വൃക്ഷം തുടരുന്ന ചെറായ തോണിയുടെ കാലശക്തി നിൽക്കാനായി തുടരുന്ന ചെറായ തോണിയുടെ കാലശക്തി നിൽക്കാനായി തുടരുന്ന ചെറായ തോണിയുടെ കാലശക്തി നിൽക്കാനായി തുടരുന്ന ചെറായ തോണിയുടെ കാലശക്തി നിൽക്കാനായി തുടരുന്ന ചെറായ തോണിയുടെ കാലശക്തി നിൽک്കാനായി തുടരുന്ന ചെറായ തോണിയുടെ കാലശക്തി നിൽക്കാനായി തുടരുന്ന ചെറായ തോണിയുടെ കാലശക്തി നിൽക്കാനായി തുടരുന്ന ചെറായ തോണിയുടെ കാലശക്തി നിൽക്കാനായി തുടരുന്ന 

മരാഭാഗങ്ങൾ വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് 

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കാന്തം താഴ്റ്റം താഴ്റ്റം താഴ്റ്റം കണ്ടെത്തി 

മരാഭാഗങ്ങൾ വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് വൂട്ടുന്നതിന് 

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ജോഡി. കാരണമായി, പുതുച്ചിലില്ല മാത്രമല്ല, വിവേഷമേളൻറെ കാർഷികപരിപാലനത്തിന്
ഉദ്ഭവം വരുത്തി തിരക്കാണി തീരെക്കാളനി യാതൊരു കാർഷികപരിപാലനത്തിന്
ഭാവോപാധിയാണ്. അനുഭവശേഷ വിവേഷാണികന്റെ സ്ഥാനത്തില്
മാറിയിരിക്കുന്നു കാരണം ഇരുവായി അബദ്ധത്തിലാണ്
രുചിരിപ്പ് തിരുവാൻ വയ്ക്കാൻ എന്തു കിഴക്കു പ്രവർത്തിക്കാം
ജനൺ ചെലവാറ്റിലെ എണ്ണത്താൽ കാർഷികപരിപാലനം ചെലവാറ്റിലെ
തിരുത്താൻ എന്തു കിഴക്കു പ്രവർത്തിക്കാം
തിരുത്താൻ പരിപാലനത്തിന്
ഉദ്ഭവായണെങ്കിലും ചെലവാറ്റിലെ
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റിളപ്പിലാണ് തിരുത്താൻ ചെലവാറ്റിലെ
തിരുത്താൻ പരിപാലനത്തിന്
ുണ്ടാകണേ. ജനംയെത്തുന്ന പരിപാലനത്തിന്
ഉദ്ഭവം ചെലവാറ്റിലെ
വിവേഷമേളാണ്.
ഇന്ത്യയിൽ വെല്ലൂർ ബസ്പീലിയോടു സമ്പന്നത്തേയും തദ്ദേശവും സ്ഥാനാർത്ഥിക വെല്ലൂർ ബസ്പീലിയോടു ദൃഢപ്രേഷിക്കുന്ന രോജാർപ്പിലെ കുടിയാളരാജാവിന്റെ സിപീഡ് ദളം വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം നടത്തിയെത്താനെത്തിയ ആദിമാർഗ്ഗരൂപവും മുഴുവൻ അസൗകേശുകളായി കണക്കണിക്കുന്നു. തേറ്റിയ മുഴുവൻ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം നടത്തിയ രോജാർണാരാജാവിന്റെ സിപീഡ് ദളം നിരന്തരമായി സിപീഡ് വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം നടത്തിയ ലിഖിതമായി സാമൂഹ്യമായി മുട്ടി (ഇന്ത്യയിൽ). എങ്കിലും തദ്ദേശവും സ്ഥാനാർത്ഥികയിലെ കരാരം കൊടുത്ത കലാലെരിൽ നടപടിയുള്ള ഉന്നത്തരം മരണമൂല്യം നേടുന്നതായി മുറിക്കണം. കലാലെരിൽ ഉന്നത്തരം മരണമൂല്യം നേടുന്നതായി മുറിക്കണം കലാലെരിൽ നടപടിയുള്ള ഉന്നത്തരം മരണമൂല്യം നേടുന്നതായി മുറിക്കണം. കലാലെരിൽ ഉന്നത്തരം മരണമൂല്യം നേടുന്നതായി മുറിക്കണം. കലാലെരിൽ ഉന്നത്തരം മരണമൂല്യം നേടുന്നതായി മുറിക്കണം. കലാലെരിൽ ഉന്നത്തരം മരണമൂല്യം നേടുന്നതായി മുറിക്കണം.
(Religious Brotherhood)

ക്യാറ്റോ ഭാര്യത്താതിൽ നിലവിൽ നിന്നും നിലനിന്ന് (രിഷ്ട സ്ഥാപനം). പ്രജാസ്ഥാപകങ്ങൾ പരിശ്രമിക്കുന്നു മാറ്റം സാമ്പത്തികതയുടെ മൂലം ക്യാറ്റോ ഭാര്യത്താതിലും നിന്നും നിലനിന്ന് (രിഷ്ട സ്ഥാപനം). അവിടെ ഭാര്യത്താതിലും നിന്നും നിലനിന്ന് (രിഷ്ട സ്ഥാപനം). നിലനിന്ന് (രിഷ്ട സ്ഥാപനം) ക്യാറ്റോ ഭാര്യത്താതിലും നിന്നും നിലനിന്ന് (രിഷ്ട സ്ഥാപനം). നിലനിന്ന് (രിഷ്ട സ്ഥാപനം) ക്യാറ്റോ ഭാര്യത്താതിലും നിന്നും നിലനിന്ന് (രിഷ്ട സ്ഥാപനം). നിലനിന്ന് (രിഷ്ട സ്ഥാപനം).
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ഉന്നരൂപം ഗാലുക്കാലാവധികാലം മനോഹരമായ ബാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ നാലക്കാലാവധികാലം എന്നറിയപ്പെടുന്നു. വകുപ്പ് കാര്യാലയങ്ങളും വിപ്ലവഭൂഷണങ്ങളും വിവിധ ചൂടുകളും മനോഹരമായ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സമയം വാദിലെ സ
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নিম্নে মুখনিবিষ্টকরণের মূলপ্রস্তাবনাটির অনুসারে কার্যানুষ্ঠানিকভাবে নিষেধাজ্ঞা দেওয়া হলো। নিষেধাজ্ঞাটি দক্ষিণাত্যের গভীর অনুপস্থিতির ভিত্তিতে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটি দক্ষিণাত্যের গভীর অনুপস্থিতির ভিত্তিতে।

মুখনিবিষ্টকরণের কর্তৃক নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির মাধ্যমে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির সমন্বিত বিষয়কে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির সমন্বিত বিষয়কে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির সমন্বিত বিষয়কে।

মুখনিবিষ্টকরণের মূলপ্রস্তাবনাটির অনুসারে কার্যানুষ্ঠানিকভাবে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির সমন্বিত বিষয়কে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির সমন্বিত বিষয়কে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির সমন্বিত বিষয়কে।

মুখনিবিষ্টকরণের মূলপ্রস্তাবনাটির অনুসারে কার্যানুষ্ঠানিকভাবে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির সমন্বিত বিষয়কে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির সমন্বিত বিষয়কে।

মুখনিবিষ্টকরণের মূলপ্রস্তাবনাটির অনুসারে কার্যানুষ্ঠানিকভাবে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির সমন্বিত বিষয়কে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির সমন্বিত বিষয়কে।

মুখনিবিষ্টকরণের মূলপ্রস্তাবনাটির অনুসারে কার্যানুষ্ঠানিকভাবে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির সমন্বিত বিষয়কে নিষেধাজ্ঞাটির সমন্বিত বিষয়কে।

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নন্দিতামোদি

নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি নন্দিতামোদি।
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ಕೆಲಸ ಹುಡುವುದರಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬರುತ್ತಿತು ಮತ್ತು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಕಲ್ಲಿಕೆಯ ಮುಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಮೇರಿಸುತ್ತಿತು. ಮತ್ತು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಕಲ್ಲಿಕೆಯ ಮುಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಮೇರಿಸುತ್ತಿತು. "ಕೆಲಸ ಹುಡುವುದರಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬರುತ್ತಿತು ಕಲ್ಲಿಕೆಯ ಮುಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಮೇರಿಸುತ್ತಿತು" (Renewed Church for a Renewed Society) ಎಮ್ಮೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಹುಡುವುದರಿಂದ ಮೇರಿಸುತ್ತಿತು. ಕೆಲಸ ಹುಡುವುದರಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬರುತ್ತಿತು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ (ನೆಪ್ಲೋತ್ ರೂಪಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ).
(പാത്രികകാരാട്ടി നിർമ്മിതിയും കേന്ദ്ര നിയമസഭയിലെ സാമ്പത്തിക ദേവനായ വിവിധ പ്രവാചകനർ എന്നിവ കീഴ്ഭ്രമേച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. കേന്ദ്ര സമാന്തരം അനുമതിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു നിർമ്മിക്കുന്ന അല്ല പ്രത്യക്ഷിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുക). അന്തിരി പ്രത്യാപിനിയുടെ രൂപവേഷം, ചെറുണ്ട പ്ലാന്റ് നിർമ്മി, പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും സാധനത്തെ പരിശീലനത്തിലെ സാധനങ്ങളെ കൂട് കൂടാതെ സാധനങ്ങളും അന്തിഷ്കീര്ത്തിയിൽ കരത് ബിരി പ്രത്യ രൂപവേഷമെന്നാണ്‌ പരിശീലനത്തിൽ നിന്ന് നിഷ്പൂർത്തി ചെയ്ത നിർമ്മിക്കലുകളാണ്‌.

日后, പാത്രികകാരാട്ടി നിർമ്മിക്കലുകളുടെ രൂപവേഷം, പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും അനുമതിക്കൊണ്ട് നിർമ്മിക്കുന്ന വിവിധ പ്രവാചകനർ എന്നിവ കീഴ്ഭ്രമേച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. കേന്ദ്ര സമാന്തരം അനുമതിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു നിർമ്മിക്കുന്ന അല്ല പ്രത്യക്ഷിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുക. അന്തിരി പ്രത്യാപിനിയുടെ രൂപവേഷം, ചെറുണ്ട പ്ലാന്റ് നിർമ്മി, പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും സാധനത്തെ പരിശീലനത്തിലെ സാധനങ്ങളെ കൂട് കൂടാതെ സാധനങ്ങളും അന്തിഷ്കീര്ത്തിയിൽ കരത് ബിരി പ്രത്യ രൂപവേഷമെന്നാണ്‌ പരിശീലനത്തിൽ നിന്ന് നിഷ്പൂർത്തി ചെയ്ത നിർമ്മിക്കലുകളാണ്‌.

നിലവിലെന്റെ ഭാവമന്യം എന്ന പിന്തുണയ്ക്ക് AKCC എണ്ണ പ്രധാന വിശേഷി പ്രയോജനക്കാരിയുടെ പേരിലേയും പ്രദാനം ചെയ്യുന്നു. എത്തിച്ചുവരുവിൽ ഇതിന്റെ പ്രവാചകരുടെ പ്രാഥമിക സഹായകാരികളുടെ വിശേഷികയായ പ്രവാചകാരികള്‍ പരിശീലനത്തില്‍ അഭിനയിക്കുന്നു.

ജൂനിലെ 31 നാവികാസേന അംഗത്തില്‍ കുറി സമയത്ത് വിശേഷിയായ നിലവിൽ പിന്തുണയ്ക്ക് പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കുന്നു.

പ്രശസ്തിക്കുന്ന പ്രകാരം ശക്തകാരിയായ കൊട്ടാരത്തിലെ അംഗവിഭാഗം പിന്തുണയുടെ പരിശീലനത്തിന് നമാജ് നീക്കം നടത്തുന്നു.
Reverend Fathers, men and women of consecrated life and my dear brothers and sisters,

I am very glad to inform you that the Second Session of the XXI Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church took place in the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad from 19th to 31st August 2013. I am sharing with you some information regarding the same. Altogether 47 Bishops took part in the Synod. Besides, two Bishops-elect of our Church – Mar Joseph Kollamparampil CMI and Mar Jose Puthenveetil – also took part in some sittings. We shall thank God who gave us these new pastors and pray for them. The new bishops are appointed following the resignation from office by Mar Simon Stock Palathra CMI of Jagdalpur and Mar Thomas Chakiath, Auxiliary of Ernakulam-Angamaly. We shall gratefully remember and pray for these venerable Bishops who have retired from their offices. Let me also proudly inform you of the appointment of two priests from the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly as Bishops in the Latin Church in Ethiopia and in India in the diocese of Diphu. They are Rev. Varghese Thottamkara and Rev. Paul Mattekatt. We shall remember them too in our prayers. As usual, it was after the spiritual preparation through prayer and recollection and the concelebrated Holy Qurbana in the forenoon of the opening day that the Synod Fathers entered the business of the Synod in the afternoon.

Liturgical Matters: Let me inform you gladly that we have received the recognitio to the Malayalam Text of the Second Anaphora, the Anaphora of Mar Theodore which we had submitted in Rome and that this anaphora has been promulgated for the use in our Church.
On the first day of the Synod, on 19th August, this was officially inaugurated by the Major Archbishop concelebrating the Holy Qurbara with other Bishops using the Anaphora of Mar Theodore. Although according to the ancient tradition of our Church the Anaphora of Mar Theodore was used only during the period from the Liturgical Season of Annunciation till Palm Sunday, the Synod has decided that this could be used also on other occasions. Let me also inform you that we received the approval from Rome for the liturgical texts for the Consecration of a Church, Blessing of Deppa and the Re-dedication of a Church which we had submitted in Rome for approval.

Three lectionaries for the Holy Qurbara with the readings of the Bible from the Old Testament, Gospels and Epistles are being prepared to be used from the beginning of the next Liturgical Year. In the context of the reintroduction in the Church of the ancient practice of administering the three sacraments of initiation together, the Synod has given the direction that those children who have received the sacraments of initiation as infants be given the sacraments of reconciliation and Holy Communion when they reach the age of reason, having prepared them well for the sacrament of reconciliation and having taught them well about the sacrament of Eucharist.

Silver Jubilee of the Eparchy of Kalyan: It is a matter of great joy and encouragement to all of us that the Eparchy of Kalyan established for the migrants of our Church has completed twenty five years of existence. The ministry of the Eparchy of Kalyan has succeeded in uniting and nurturing the faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church scattered around the cities of Bombay, Pune and Nashik in the ecclesial life of our Church. We shall gratefully remember the inestimable ministry of Mar Paul Chittilapilly, the first Bishop and that of Mar Thomas Elavanal, the present Bishop who gave leadership for the growth of the Eparchy of Kalyan, and pray for them. The Synod felicitated Mar Paul Chittilapilly who celebrates the Silver Jubilee of his Episcopal Ordination and Mar George Valiamattam who celebrates his Sacerdotal Golden
Jubilee, Episcopal Silver Jubilee and the completion of 75th Year of age. We shall offer to both of them our prayerful greetings.

**Pastoral Care of the Migrants:** The need for pastoral care that is to be given to the hundreds of thousands of migrant children of the Syro-Malabar Church living outside Syro-Malabar Eparchies in India and abroad is a concern always present in the mind of the Synod. In this Synod also this matter was taken up for discussion. Our priests have been appointed wherever it was possible. In some places the present situation does not allow us to do anything. We are earnestly trying to provide adequate pastoral care to our faithful wherever they are found. The migrant faithful of our Church should take great care not to lose their love and fidelity towards the Mother Church and her ecclesial traditions even in adverse circumstances. All are exhorted to continue to work together in the hope of overcoming these difficulties gradually. The parish priests in the Mother Church should endeavour to promote better relationship with the migrant faithful of our Church and attend to their legitimate needs with kindness. The Migrant faithful should take care to present the necessary documents at the time of marriages and such other occasions. Where there are eparchies and parishes of our Church, the documents to be presented have to be issued by our parish priests.

**Strengthening the Missionary Zeal:** The previous year we celebrated as Mission Year. It has helped to kindle our missionary zeal. We could organize extensive mission awareness programmes. We should be vigilant against cooling down of this missionary zeal that has to be ever present in our Church. Care must be given to nurture the right mission orientation among the seminarians during their formation period. As new areas of mission are opened up for our Church and considering the increasing needs of the mission, everyone should endeavour earnestly and pray for the growth of mission spirit in the whole Church. I would like to remind you that there are many possibilities for mission work in the eparchy of Faridabad which has a territory almost one fifth of the Country. The fact that many priests and consecrated men and women from
our Church are engaged in pastoral care and evangelization work in the Latin Church all over the world is a great contribution of the Syro-Malabar Church to the Mission work of the Universal Church.

Mission Fund: It must be known to you all that the Synod has started a project of collecting funds for the missions in the name of ASSM (Association of Supporters of Syro-Malabar Mission) with the aim of financially assisting the missionary endeavours of the Syro-Malabar Church and the Mission Eparchies, of nurturing the overall participation and sharing of the entire Syro-Malabar faithful and of inculcating Missionary fervor in everyone, etc. Its activities are progressing encouragingly. With the funds so far collected we could help our mission Eparchies to some extent. I exhort all of you to cooperate for the success of this praiseworthy endeavour. ASSM News Letters published on this matter are being sent to all the parishes. The respected parish priests are requested to make arrangements for the News Letters to be delivered to every family in the parish. So also, all should cooperate to make the celebration of Mission Sunday, Syro-Malabar Mission Sunday and Sabhadinam successful, knowing well their importance and goal.

Vocation to Religious Brotherhood: Vocation to Religious Brotherhood is very important in the Church. The community of Religious Brothers is facing a crisis due to the lack of vocations and the absence of sufficient encouragement. Therefore we have to encourage vocations to Religious Brotherhood. The Synod is thinking about how the Religious Brothers could actively involve themselves in the mission work of the Church and her liturgical celebrations.

Formation of Seminarians: Formation of seminarians is a very important concern of the Church. The Synod takes great care to give the best formation to our seminarians in various seminaries and to form worthy priests. The Synod discussed in detail the formation programmes of various seminaries. We ourselves have
to find out the necessary funds for the formation. Since other financial helps have almost stopped, each eparchy has to bear the expenses for the formation of their seminarians. We have to organize with the cooperation of the People of God the funds needed for the formation of the seminarians destined for their service. I request the willing cooperation of those who are able to support this cause.

Communities of Consecrated Persons in the Church: There is a big community of consecrated religious doing their ministry in our Church. These vocations to consecrated life are the priceless gift of God to our Church. The ministry they are doing in various apostolates is a great asset to our Church. I met in different groups the Superiors General of the different religious congregations working in our Church. These meetings and discussions were very useful. We discussed the need to deepen the relationship and ecclesial communion that should exist between the Religious and the Authorities in the Church and among the religious themselves. There is the need of maintaining very cordial relationship between the religious and the eparchial clergy. The greatest challenge the religious communities face is the lack of good vocations. To overcome this challenge we need the prayers and encouragement of everyone. I request the cooperation of the religious to provide proper pastoral care to the migrants of our Church in other States and to the workers from other States arriving in Kerala.

Some social Issues: The Synod discussed also some serious problems that the Society faces such as the increasing tendency for violence, the disproportionate influence of the Media, Family and aberrations in sexual life, corruption, etc. The Synod also noted the growing communalism in the society. In this context, we have to nurture better relationship with the various religious groups. There should be greater unity and understanding also among the different Churches. We should endeavour to build up various fora favourable for this at the parish-local levels. The situation of the youth of the Church migrating abroad does weaken the Church in its native land. The depletion of population also will have serious
repercussion in future. There is also the need to foster creative participation and leadership of laity in the Church and Society. A lay leadership that is loyal to the Church has to be formed. For this the leadership in the Church should promote lay leadership.

**Retreat Centres and Retreat Preachers:** It is an undeniable fact that the renewal programs and bible conventions of different Retreat centres provide zeal and enthusiasm to the spiritual life of the faithful. Nevertheless, the Synod indicated some points to be borne in mind. The tendency to present retreats and conventions as mega shows manifesting over enthusiasm to attract mobs through advertisements and creating superstitions and fear complexes is to be avoided. The Synod directed that the Local Ordinaries should have vigilance over the retreat centres and retreat preachers in their territory and that only under the supervision of worthy priests should retreat teams be permitted to conduct their ministry. They should see that no deviation is made in theological interpretations and liturgical celebrations. Those who proclaim the Word and preach Retreats should take care that they maintain absolute loyalty to the teachings of the Church. We should nurture parish centred faith life. There should be opportunities in the parishes themselves for the faithful to quench their thirst for the Word of God and to get proper spiritual guidance. Priests who serve in parishes should be prepared for this ministry.

**Vanitha Forum:** A convention of the National Vanitha Forum was held at Mount St. Thomas during the Synodal Session. The convention attended by over 500 women delegates from various eparchies and migrant communities was very noteworthy. The convention discussed the challenges faced today by women and the society. The directory of Vanitha Forum was released during this convention. I remember with joy that the Synod Fathers expressed their satisfaction at the efficiently conducted activities of Vanitha Forum. Special congratulations to the leaders of Vanitha Forum who give leadership to the activities of Vanitha Forum.

**Pilgrimage to Palayoor:** The pilgrimage of the Synod Fathers conducted as part of the celebration of the year of faith to the
Shrine at Palayoor, one of the seven churches founded by St. Thomas, the Apostle and to the tomb of Blessed Euphrasias was a beautiful experience. The presence of the priests, religious and lay faithful of the place and the arrangements were all expressing their communion and faith.

**CBCI General Body:** Let me inform you of the Biennial General Body Meeting of the Catholic Bishops of India scheduled to be held in Pala from 5 to 12 February. “Renewed Church for a Renewed Society” is the main topic for discussion of this meeting. I request your prayers for the success of this meeting.

**Reports of the Commissions:** It is the various Commissions working under the guidance of Bishops that coordinate the different pastoral activities in the Syro-Malabar Church through necessary directives. The reports of the activities conducted under the auspices of these Commissions during the past one year were presented in the Synod and were discussed and reviewed. We are using in the Catechism classes the texts published by the Commission for Catechesis. Another book “The Parents and Faith Formation” (*Mathapithakalum Vishwasaparisheelanavum*) has been recently published for the use of the parents. The Synod discussed also the faith formation of grownups.

The Synod seriously considered the question of pastoral care of Syro-Malabar migrants in India and abroad. I could gather some firsthand knowledge regarding the situation of the migrants through my visits. The Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of Migrants also have assessed the situation by visiting migrant centres. There are still many limitations regarding the pastoral care of the migrants. We hope that slowly we will be able to find solutions to these limitations. The Gulf Meet, Global Meet, Release of the Migrants’ Directory, etc. are some of the important events organized under the auspices of the Commission.

Jubilarians’ Meet, New Priests’ Meet, Formation Sessions for the formators of Minor Seminaries, etc. were organized by the Commission for Clergy. It is thought that meetings and dialogues
among the eparchial clergy, consecrated men and women and lay faithful would contribute greatly for the effectiveness of pastoral care. The Synod recalled with gratitude the invaluable service offered by communities of consecrated men and women. The Synod also discussed about the Hierarchy and the Religious working in collaboration with each other. The Commission concerned will take care of this aspect.

The visits of the Doctrinal Commission to various eparchies to know and evaluate how the questions related to faith and doctrine are dealt with in the Church, were very fruitful. These visits helped to impart the correct doctrine to the faithful and to take precautionary measures to remove certain deviations, superstitions and false teachings.

The other topics that the Synod discussed include the activities for Church unity under the Commission for Ecumenism, the wide-ranging ventures of the Commission for Laity to augment the fellowship of the Syro-Malabar faithful all over the world, Higher Education, School Education, Deepika Daily, Internet Mission, activities of the Liturgical Research Centre and other social issues.

A convention of AKCC also was held on the occasion of the Synod. This convention in which Bishops and activists from various eparchies took part exhorted to strengthen the activities AKCC at the eparchial level. I request the cooperation of everyone in this matter.

On Saturday, 31 August by noon, the two-week long Synodal Session was concluded.

With love in Jesus,

George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
നിരക്കുന്ന പ്രവിശ്യാഭ്യോക്താന്റെ ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് ഭാഷയിലെ നിരീക്ഷണം

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1957 ഓട്ട് പ്രവൃത്തി നിലയില്‍ മിക്കവാറും അജ്ഞാതമായതു. ഇതെല്ലാം കാരണവും ആവശ്യമാണ് സമ്പൂർണ്ണ പഠിപ്പിച്ചിട്ട് രീതിയില്‍ മാറ്റാനേറിയ കാരണമായിരുന്നു. അതിനായി കുടുംബക്കെട്ടില്‍ നിന്ന് പഠ്ണം നേടിയയാള്‍ പഠിപ്പിക്കുകയും പരിശീലനം നടത്തുകയും കഴിഞ്ഞു. ആക്കിയാടാന്‍ കാരണമാണ് ഉഷ്ണമേഖലപ്രായമായിരുന്നത്. 

15-20 വയസ്സില്‍ പ്രവര്ത്തിച്ച കാരണവും നിരമ്പരന്റെ സഹായത്തിന് വേണ്ടത്രരുദ്ധരം പഠിപ്പിക്കാന്‍ ചെയ്തു. 2012 ബഹാബുത്തം വിവിധ ശാസ്ത്ര കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളില്‍ കാരണവും അതിന്റെ പഠിപ്പിക്കാന്‍ രീതിയില്‍ പഠിപ്പിക്കാന്‍ കഴിഞ്ഞു.

നാടകശാഖകള്‍ മാണേഖലപ്രായപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കില്‍ അതുവെല്ലാണ് പ്രകാരമാണ് നാടകശാഖകള്‍ അത് കേന്ദ്രമാക്കിയതുമെന്ന് പ്രകാരമാണ്. നാടകശാഖകള്‍ മാണേഖലപ്രായമാക്കിയതുമെന്ന് അത് മാനേഖലപ്രായമാക്കിയതുമെന്ന് കാരണവുമായി സമാന്തരമായി കാരണവുമായി സാമ്യമായി കേന്ദ്രമാക്കിയതുമെന്ന് അത് മാനേഖലപ്രായമാക്കിയതുമെന്ന് പഠിപ്പിക്കാന്‍ രീതിയില്‍ പഠിപ്പിക്കാന്‍ കഴിഞ്ഞു.
നാമവും കാര്യവും കാണാം. ഡുക്കഡുക്ക് നന്നായി നിലനിന്നുമുണ്ട് നന്നായി നിലനിന്നുള്ളുപോൾ കാണുന്നാം കൊങ്കണികളെക്കുറിച്ച് കേടുപാട് (എന്ന ഭാഷാഭിനയം) കേടുപാടുതാപില്ലാണെങ്കിൽ തങ്ങളുടെ മനസ്സിലാക്കാം നിരവധി ഭാഷാഭിനയങ്ങൾ കൊള്ളുന്ന മനസ്സിലാക്കാം (അല്പം മനസ്സിലാക്കാം) എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും കാണുന്ന ഭാഷാഭിനയങ്ങളും കൊള്ളും മനസ്സിലാക്കാം എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും കാണുന്ന ഭാഷാഭിനയങ്ങളും കൊള്ളും മനസ്സിലാക്കാം എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും കാണുന്ന ഭാഷാഭിനയങ്ങളും കൊള്ളും മനസ്സിലാക്കാം എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും കാണുന്ന ഭാഷാഭിനയങ്ങളും കൊള്ളും മനസ്സിലാക്കാം എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും കാണുന്ന ഭാഷാഭിനയങ്ങളും കൊള്ളും മനസ്സിലാക്കാം എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും കാണുന്ന ഭാഷാഭിനയങ്ങളും കൊള്ളും മനസ്സിലാക്കാം എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും കാണുന്ന ഭാഷാഭിനയങ്ങളും കൊള്ളും മനസ്സിലാക്കാം എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും കാണുന്ന ഭാഷാഭിനയങ്ങളും കൊള്ളും മനസ്സിലാക്കാം എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും കാണുന്ന ഭാഷാഭിനയങ്ങൾ.
গবেষণাকায্যক। 1959 সালে 1960 সালের মধ্যে গবেষণা করা হয় Ordo Celebrationis Quaddasae, Supplementum Mysteriorum অধিকারী। গবেষণাকায্য ছিল কিছু মন্দিরের মন্দিরকায নির্দিষ্ট বিষয়ের মন্দিরকাযকের আংশিক প্রথা বৈজ্ঞানিক প্রাক্তন মন্দিরকাযকের তালিকারিক নির্দিষ্ট করে। গবেষণাকায্যের মন্দিরকায কর্মসূচির স্বতন্ত্রতার আইনগত কারণীয়। একাধিক শেষে একাধিক কর্মসূচির একাধিক কা কারণে একাধিক কর্মসূচির নির্দিষ্ট মন্দিরকায হয়েছে। শেষে একাধিক কর্মসূচির নির্দিষ্ট মন্দিরকায হয়েছে। 2013 সালের জুনে গবেষণা করা হয়েছে। গবেষণাকায্যের মন্দিরকায নির্দিষ্ট ভাবের মন্দিরকায নির্দিষ্ট ভাবের মন্দিরকায। গবেষণাকায্যের মন্দিরকায নির্দিষ্ট ভাবের মন্দিরকায। গবেষণাকায্যের মন্দিরকায নির্দিষ্ট ভাবের মন্দিরকায। 2013 সালের জুনে গবেষণা করা হয় জনার কারণে। গবেষণাকায্য নির্দিষ্ট ভাবের মন্দিরকায নির্দিষ্ট ভাবের মন্দিরকায। গবেষণাকায্যের মন্দিরকায নির্দিষ্ট ভাবের মন্দিরকায। 2013 সালের জুনে গবেষণা করা হয় জনার কারণে।

গবেষণাকায্যের মন্দিরকায নির্দিষ্ট ভাবের মন্দিরকায নির্দিষ্ট ভাবের মন্দিরকায। 2013 সালের জুনে গবেষণা করা হয়।
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New Liturgical Texts of the
Syro-Malabar Church

Prot. No. 2185/2013

07 November 2013

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Two new liturgical texts are published for the Syro-Malabar Church: The Second Anaphora of *Qurbana* (The Anaphora known in the name of Mar Theodore) and Lectionaries for the readings during the liturgical celebrations. There is no doubt that these Texts which are the result of patient waiting and hard work will be a great asset to the liturgical life of the Church. I wish that the Anaphora of Mar Theodore which came to be effective from 15 August 2013 and the Lectionaries which will be effective from 1 December 2013 may become the means for all faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church to celebrate their faith fruitfully and to grow in that faith!

**The Anaphora of Mar Theodore:** Besides the Anaphora of Mar Addai and Mari being used currently in our Liturgy, there are two more Anaphorae known as Anaphora of Mar Theodore and Anaphora of Mar Nesthorius. The fact that the Anaphora of Mar Theodore which was withdrawn from use after the Synod of Diamper is being used again in our Church after 415 years is indeed an important historical reality. Pope Pius XII during the process of restoration of the Syro-Malabar *Qurbana* in 1957 had requested the restoration of the Anaphorae of Mar Theodore and Mar Nesthorius. The draft of the Anaphora of Mar Theodore was restored after meticulous study by the Central Liturgical Committee, Liturgical Research Centre, various Sub-Committees and the eparchial liturgical commissions. Many changes befitting to the times have been made in the prayers maintaining maximum fidelity to the original text of the Second Anaphora. It was this
Text so prepared that was sent to Rome for the *recognitio* of the Apostolic See in accordance with the decision of the Syro-Malabar Synod. The Congregation for the Eastern Churches on 15 December 2012 gave its approval for using this Anaphora on an experimental basis for three years.

Even though attributed to Mar Theodore, the opinion of the scholars who have made authentic research is that Theodore is not the author of this Anaphora. The theological ideas of Theodore were once looked upon with suspicion. The modern theological scholarship, however, is of opinion that the works of Theodore contain unadulterated Christian teaching. Today the Catholic Church does not hold any hesitation about the authenticity of the teachings of Theodore. The authoritative position of the Catholic Church is that the Anaphora of Theodore is theologically and from the point of faith is accurate. The theological thoughts in this Anaphora are true to Catholic faith and very much scriptural.

The hallmark of this anaphora which came into popularity in the sixth century is a developed theology and distinct ideological structure. We can look at the Anaphora of Mar Theodore as a sign of the growth of the East Syrian theological tradition. Since the different Anaphorae are capable of making the celebration of the paschal mystery of Christ more meaningful and experiential, the celebration of *Qurbana* using the Second Anaphora in the name of Mar Theodore will be a blessing to the Syro-Malabar Church. Let us hope that the celebration of the Second Anaphora which contains deep theological insights will advance the theological growth and faith life of the Syro-Malabar Church.

According to the tradition, this Anaphora was intended to be used during the period from the first Sunday of the season of annunciation to the Palm Sunday. Nevertheless, let me kindly request the faithful of our Church to celebrate *Qurbana* using this Anaphora whenever possible during every season of the liturgy, in order to understand and experience our faith deeply.

**Lectionaries:** All the liturgical rites in the Christian Church use for the liturgy of the Word specially arranged lectionaries.
Lectionary is a book in which the readings from the scriptures for each day is organized systematically according to the seasons and specific dates of the liturgical year. The Lectionary will be greatly helpful to choose the readings easily and to read the different scriptural passages indicated by the calendar continuously with ease.

We had the goal of preparing the Lectionaries right from the inauguration of the revised taksa of the *Qurbana* in 1986. Only now we could realize that goal. The Lectionaries being published now are prepared with maximum fidelity to the scriptural readings followed in the two books, *Ordo Celebrationis Quaddasae and Supplementum Mysteriorum* which were given from Rome in 1959 and 1960. At the request of the Syro-Malabar Bishops’ Synod, some very necessary changes have been made in the readings as a result of the careful study over many years done by the Central Liturgical Committee and other Sub-Commites. Readings for the ordinary days have been prepared according to the spirit of the liturgical seasons by Sub-Committees of liturgical experts and biblical scholars. It is the Lectionaries approved by the Synod of 2013 that are being published now as three books – Old Testament, Epistles and Gospels. Also readings for all days of the liturgical year, for the feasts and special occasions have been included in these Lectionaries.

These Lectionaries are clear signs of the liturgical growth of the Syro-Malabar Church. I wish that these Lectionaries be helpful for the more fruitful ministry of the Word in the whole Church. I exhort every member of the Church to begin to use the Lectionaries for the Liturgy of the Word during the Holy *Qurbana* in all our churches, religious houses and institutions from 1 December, when the new Liturgical Year begins.

With love in Jesus,

**George Cardinal Alencherry**

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
DECREE APPOINTING REV. FR. GEORGE MADATHIKANDATHIL
BISHOP OF KOTHAMANGALAM

Prot. No. 45/2013

MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL LETTER
OF CANONICAL PROVISION

GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY, THE MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF THE SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH sends his paternal Blessings to you, REV. FR. GEORGE MADATHIKANDATHIL, priest from the Eparchy of Kothamangalam, presently Parish Priest of St. Mary’s Forane Church, Arakuzha, 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 XXI Synod (2013) Bishop of Kothamangalam which office fell vacant upon the acceptance of resignation from office submitted by Bishop George Punnakottil, upon completing 75 years of age. You as a person of exemplary priestly qualities with adequate intellectual formation, administrative experience and spiritual depth have been chosen to succeed him as the Bishop of Kothamangalam.

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 eparchy of KOTHAMANGALAM and of the entire Syro-Malabar Church, I, George Cardinal Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, hereby appoint you BISHOP OF THE EPARCHY OF KOTHAMANGALAM.
You are to be ordained Bishop in accordance with CCEO c. 187 §2 and c. 188 and take canonical possession of your office in accordance with CCEO c. 189. Commending you to Our Lord, the Master Shepherd and praying that through the intercession of Mary our Mother, St. Thomas, our Apostle, you may in close communion with the entire clergy and the faithful of the Eparchy of KOTHAMANGALAM, 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 10th day of the month of January of the year 2013 under my seal and signature.

George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor
PAPAL BULL APPOINTING
FR. JOSEPH KOLLAMPARAMBIL CMI,
BISHOP OF JAGDALPUR

FRANCISCUS EPISCOPUS SERVUS SERVORUM DEI,
dilecto Fillo

IOSEPHEO KOLLAMPARAMPIL, Congregationis Fratrum
Carmelitarum B. V. Mariae

Immaculatae sodali, Rectori in praesentia “CMI Mission
Theologate Samanvaya” Bhopalensi in urbe, Jagdalpurensi
Episcopo Eparchiali destinato, salutem et Apostolicam
Benedictionem.

Indorum gentes ob oculos Nostros versantur, ad quas antiquis
iam temporibus Evangelii semen est allatum, quod sparsum
uberes fructus effundere coepit et varia praeclera exempla
afferre. Nunc peculiariter de Eparchialis Sedis regimine
Jagdalpurensis Syro-Malabarentium cogitamus, quod reliquit
Venerabills Frater Simon Stock Palathara, CM.I. Ad te autem,
dilecte Fill, deurrimus, quem seimus recta doctrina et pastorali
usu praeditum, quemque reperrerimus idoneum ad moderandum
hune Dominieum gregem. De consilio igitur Congregationis
pro Ecclesiis Orientalibus, Nostra Apostolica ex potestate, te,
Episcopum Eparchialem renuntiamus Jagdalpurensem, cunctis
simul additis iuribus et obligationibus quae cum dignitate
tua tuaque destinatione neetuntur, ad Canonum Ecclesiarum
Orientalium praescripta. Quod autem ad ordinationem tuam,
ad professionem fidei et promissionem oboedientiae erga Nos
Nostrosque Success ores attinet, statutas N ormas memorati
Codicis ad amussim servabis. Clerum deinde et fidelem populum tuam electionem docebis, quos omnes, te ductore et magistro, ad ferventem pietatem probandaque agenda opera cohortamur.

Ceterum minime, dilecte Filii, de difficultatibus inibi ex stantibus celamur. At tu, supernis praesidiis sustentatus, hos fideles amanter susciples eosdemque recte sustinebis, usque ipsius Domini monita demons trans et bonitatem perennem.

Datum Romae, apud S. Petrum, die septimo mensis Septembris anno Domini bismillesimo tertia decima, Pontificatus Nostri primo.

FRANCISCUS PAPA
(Sd)
DECREE APPOINTING
REV. FR. JOSE PUTHENVEETTIL
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF
ERNAKULAM-ANGAMALY

Prot. No. 1772/2013

MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL LETTER
OF CANONICAL PROVISION

GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY, THE MAJOR
ARCHBISHOP OF THE SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH sends
his paternal Blessingstoyou, REV. FR. JOSE PUTHENVEETTIL,
a priest from the Archeeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly,
presently working as Syncellus of the Archeeparchy 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 XXI Synod (2013) Auxiliary
Bishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly. When Bishop Thomas
Chakiath, the Proto Synccellus of the Archeeparchy, retired from
office upon completing 75 years of age, the request for another
Auxiliary Bishop was made to the Synod from the Archeeparchy
of Ernakulam-Angamaly considering the vastness of the
Archeeparchy and the need to provide adequate and unhindered
pastoral care for the faithful dispersed throughout its length and
breadth. You as a person of exemplary priestly qualities with
adequate intellectual formation, administrative experience and
spiritual depth have been chosen to be the Auxiliary Bishop
of the Archeeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly to assist me, the
Archbishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly in my duties as the
Shepherd of the Archeeparchy, together with Bishop Sebastian
Adayanthrath, the Proto-Synccellus of the Archeeparchy.
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 Ernakulam-Angamaly 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 ERNAKULAM-ANGAMALY. Moreover, His Holiness Pope Francis has assigned to you the Titular See of “RUSUBICCARI.” 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 Mary our Mother, St. Thomas, our Apostle, you may in union with me and Bishop Sebastian Adayantrath, the Proto-Syntellus, and in close communion with the entire clergy and the faithful of the Archeparchy of ERNAKULAM-ANGAMALY, 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 31st day of the month of August of the year 2013 under my seal and signature.

George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor
DECREE GRANTING MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL STATUS TO CONGREGATION OF PRESHITHARAM SISTERS

Prot. No. 1628/2013

DECREE

CONGREGATION OF PRESHITHARAM SISTERS founded by Fr. George Kochuparambil, a diocesan priest of the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly, on 25 August 1964 as Preshitharam Catechetical Institute, Kalady, for the training of women for Catechetical instruction in parishes of the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly is now entering into the 50th year of its existence. This pious union having as its specific goal proclaiming of Christ and his message to everyone and serving him through the dedicated service of its members to the poor and the sick, the weak and the helpless, the suffering and the uneducated in accordance with the motto “Serve the Poor in Christ” (Lk 4:18), was erected as the CONGREGATION OF PRESHITHARAM SISTERS of Eparchial Right on 8th December 1977 under the guidance and with the blessings of Mar Joseph Cardinal Parecattil, the then Archbishop of Ernakulam and with the approval of the Holy See.

Living their specific charism “Serve the poor in Christ”, the CONGREGATION OF PRESHITHARAM SISTERS engaged themselves in three different fields of apostolate, namely faith formation, house visits and primary education of the children and has grown considerably, within a span of 35 years, inspired by the Founder and encouraged by the successive Ordinaries of
the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly and the wholehearted welcome accorded to it by various bishops, extending their presence to 11 dioceses/archdioceses in India, and even abroad, in Germany. At present the congregation has 42 canonically erected convents with 276 professed members of which 231 are perpetually professed and 22, temporarily professed, besides 6 Novices, 4 Postulants and 7 Aspirants. True to their charism, the Preshitharam Sisters today bear witness to the self-sacrificing love of Christ through 9 Old Age Homes, 4 Homes for the Physically and Mentally Challenged, 4 Orphanages, 13 Nursery Schools, 5 Day Care Centres, 5 Hostels and 3 Dispensaries and Clinics.

Considering the growth of the Congregation over the years and the need for better co-ordination and more effective organization of activities in different dioceses in and outside India, the General Synaxis of the Congregation held on 07 - 09 May 2012 decided to request the competent authorities to raise the Congregation to Major Archiepiscopal Status. Accordingly Sr. Eucharist, the Superior General of the Congregation of the Preshitharam Sisters presented an application to the Major Archbishop on 30 July 2012, requesting the grant of Major Archiepiscopal Status to the Congregation of the Preshitharam Sisters. The revised text of the Statutes approved by the General Synaxis held from 01 to 09 June 2013 was also submitted for the approval of the Major Archbishop on 20th June 2013.

Therefore, after having received the favourable opinion of the Archbishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly, the local Hierarch of the place where the principal house of the Congregation is located and the letters of no-objection of the Hierarchs of the eparchies where the Congregation has canonically erected houses and with the consent of the Permanent Synod, I, George Cardinal Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, hereby grant Major Archiepiscopal Status to
THE CONGREGATION OF PRESHITHARAM´SISTERS
(CPS)

in accordance with CCEO c. 506 §3, with all the rights, duties and privileges attached to such status in Common and Particular Law. The Statutes of the Congregation of the Preshitharam Sisters, revised as per directions from this office and attached to this decree, are also hereby approved, in accordance with CCEO c. 414 §2.

All contrary dispositions notwithstanding.

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad, on the 15th day of the month of August of the year two thousand and thirteen.

George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Fr. Antony Kollannur
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor
# Activity of the Majorarchepiscopal Tribunal in Second Instance - 2012

## Tribunal Ministers

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<tr>
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| **I. President**  
(Judicial Vicar)  
1. Fr. Mathew Kochupurackal | 03.11.1963 | Judge on 18.08.2002  
President on 13.05.2004 | D.O.C.L., DJp |
| **II. Vice-Presidents**  
(Adj. Judicial Vicars)  
2. Fr. Jose Chiramel | 24.04.1952 | Judge on 12.11.1994  
Vice President on 27.11.2003 | D.O.C.L., DJp |
Vice President on 27.11.2003 | D.O.C.L. |
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**V. (Substitute)**

**PROMOTERS OF JUSTICE**

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(Office Secretary)
A. CAUSES OF MATRIMONIAL NULLITY HANDLED AFTER AN ORDINARY PROCESS IN FIRST INSTANCE.

1. Causes pending at the beginning of the year: 13
2. Causes introduced this year: 242
3. Decrees of ratification (total number): 222
4. Grounds of nullity considered in the decrees:
   (If a decision considered several grounds of nullity, these are to be indicated separately; thus the total number of decisions under 4 may be greater than that under 3)
   CCEO c. 801 (Impotence): --
   CCEO c. 818,1° (Lack of sufficient use of reason): --
   CCEO c. 818,2° (Grave lack of discretion): 23
   CCEO c. 818,3° (Inability to assume): 47
   CCEO c. 820§2 (Error of quality): 54
   CCEO c. 821 (Fraud): 30
   CCEO cc. 820§2, 821 (Fraudulent error): 06
   CCEO c. 824§2 (Simulation total): 17
   CCEO c. 824§2 (Intention against fidelity): 25
   CCEO c. 824§2 (Intention against children): 04
   CCEO c. 824§2 (Intention against good of the spouses): 20
   CCEO c. 824§2 (Intention against indissolubility): 12
   CCEO c. 825 (Force or grave fear): 44
   CCEO c. 826 (Condition): 02
5. Sentences given (after an ordinary examination): 21
   a) In favour of nullity ("constat de nullitate", at least on one ground): 11
   b) In favour of the bond ("non constat de nullitate": on every ground alleged) 10
6. **Grounds of nullity** considered in the sentences

(if a sentence considered several grounds of nullity, these are to be indicated separately; thus the number of decisions under 6 may be greater than the sum of 5a and 5b)

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

8. Causes pending at the end of the year
   12

ACTIVITY OF THE TRIBUNAL IN THIRD & SUBSEQUENT INSTANCES

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

   Number

1. Causes pending at the beginning of the year: 01
2. Causes introduced this year: 11
3. Decrees of ratification (total number) as per CCEO can.1369): 03
4. Grounds of nullity considered in the decrees:
   (If a decision considered several grounds of nullity, these are to be indicated separately; thus the total number of decisions under 4 may be greater than that under 3)
   CCEO c. 818,2° (Grave lack of discretion) 01
   CCEO c. 818,3° (Inability to assume) 01
   CCEO c. 820§2 (Error of quality): 02
   CCEO c. 824§2 (Intention against good of the spouses): 01
   CCEO c. 825 (Force or grave fear): 01
5. Sentences given (after an ordinary examination): 08
   a) In favour of nullity
      ("constat de nullitate", at least on one ground) 07
   b) In favour of the bond ("non constat de nullitate": on every ground alleged) 01
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7. Causes abandoned:
   a) Through renunciation (due to the death of the respondent): nil
   b) Through abatement (*Peremptio*): nil

8. Decrees of Nullity of Sentence: nil

9. Causes pending at the end of the year: 01
ACTIVITIES OF THE LOWER TRIBUNALS IN THE YEAR 2012

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 eparchy of the metropolitan of Kottayam. The eparchies of Belthangady and Thuckaly have single judge tribunals. The cases of the eparchy of Ramanathapuram are handled by the eparchial tribunal of Palakkad and the cases of the eparchy of Mandya by the eparchial tribunal of Mananthavady. The eparchial tribunal of Bhadravati is under constitution.

The activities of the eparchial and metropolitan tribunals during the year 2012 are briefly given in the following tables:

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OTHER MATTERS

Annual Eastern Legal Thought

Under the auspices of the Syro Malabar Major Archiepiscopai Ordinary Tribunal a periodical entitled Eastern Legal Thought on Church law and jurisprudence is published every year since its inception in 2002. Major topics of the recent issue of the periodical are: An Ecclesiology of Communion from the Eastern and Ecumenical Perspectives, Prospects for the New Evangelization of Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopai Church, Eparchial Bishop/Local Hierarch and the Religious, Marriages of Unbaptized Persons: Misapprehensions and the Right approach of the Church, Sharing Spiritual Activities and Resources between the Catholic Church and the Non-Catholic Churches, The Office of the Protosyncellus, Canonical Basis of Statutes and Constitutions according to CCEO and CIC, and Particular Law of the Syro-Malabar Church: An Evaluation of the Present Stage.

Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad
27.01.2013

Fr. Mathew Kochupurackal
President
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