



CONGREGATIO
PRO ECCLESIIS ORIENTALIBUS

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Your Beatitude,

This Congregation has attentively reviewed the modifications and revisions of the text of the Holy *Qurbana*, unanimously approved by the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, in accordance with canon 657 §1 *CCEO*.

The Dicastery gladly grants the *recognitio* to the Malayalam *Raza Qurbana Taksa*, hoping that the venerable Syro-Malabar Church may be for all others an exemplary witness of ecclesial unity, supremely expressed in the worthy and faithful celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

In particular, the Apostolic See enthusiastically anticipates great spiritual fruit from the fact that the new *editio typica* will coincide with implementation of the uniform mode of celebration for the Divine Liturgy in your Rite, whether in its simple, solemn or most solemn (*Raza*) form: as unanimously decided by Synod of Bishops in November 1999 and recently reconfirmed in January 2020, the celebrant shall face the faithful at the *Bema* during the Liturgy of the Word, turn towards the Altar – in the same direction that the faithful are facing – for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and once again face the faithful during the concluding rites after Holy Communion.

This Congregation trusts that the people of God will abide by the decision of the Synod, and expects a cohesive commitment from every Bishop and priest of your Church *sui iuris*, both collegially and individually.

Expressing my closeness to the whole Syro-Malabar Church, I remain, with fraternal regards,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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