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To

All Archbishops and Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church

Dear Archbishops and Bishops,

This morning I received a communication from the Congregation for the Eastern Churches through the Apostolic Nunciature regarding the question of dispensation in the case of Liturgical Laws enacted by the Synod.

The Congregation has sent two letters: one addressed to the Major Archbishop and the other addressed to Archbishop Antony Kariyil, the Vicar of the Major Archbishop for the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. I am sending herewith the copy of the letter addressed to the Major Archbishop. Archbishop Kariyil himself may send you the copy of the letter he received as he is directed by the Congregation to make it public.

I am sure that those Bishops who have given dispensation will correct the given dispensation as per the new directive from the Congregation. The correct interpretation of c.1538 §1 was already given through the letter of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches (Prot. N. 248/2004, dated 9 November 2020), the copy of which is also attached herewith for your easy reference.

Yours cordially in Christ,

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



Enclosures:

1. Letter from the Congregation for the Eastern Churches (Prot. N. 463/2002) dated 09 December 2021.
2. Letter from the Congregation for the Eastern Churches (Prot. N. 248/2004) dated 09 November 2020.