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Prot. N. 463/2002

Your Grace,

As indicated several times, also to the Major Archbishop, the Congregation has every confidence that the imminent Session of the Synod of Bishops can be dedicated to listening to the various positions and critical issues that have emerged in recent months and identifying an adequate path – with the consequent timeline – of catechesis for those communities that need it to achieve a visible unity within the beloved Syro-Malabar Church, especially in the delicate context of India.

In response to your letters of 11 and 13 December 2021, the Dicastery intends to specify the following:

- The letter of 26 November 2021 clearly referred to our letter Prot. N. 248/2004 of 9 November 2020, seeking to explain that the possible application of dispensation had never been precluded;
- The same letter of 26 November 2021, however, left unchanged the conditions and modalities for applying dispensation, but Your Grace, by your Circular Letter, dated 27 November 2021, addressed to the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly didn't apply correctly the law, extending indiscriminately to the entire circumscription, for an indefinite time, and also prohibiting the implementation of the normative synodal legislation.

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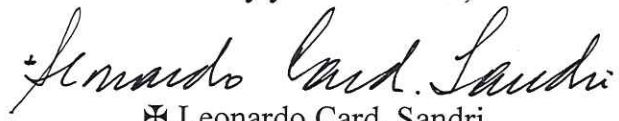
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- It should also be noted that upon this news, similar requests have arrived at our Offices from some communities of the diaspora, for example Canada and Australia, probably with priests originating from Ernakulam-Angamaly, confirming the impression that it is not possible to think of any Eparchy as isolated, and making all the more necessary that Your Grace correct your abovementioned actions.

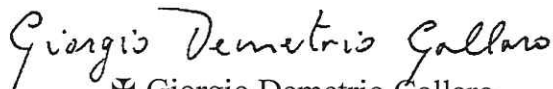
Copy of this Letter is also sent to the Major Archbishop and the Apostolic Nunciature in Delhi.

Thanking Your Grace for the courteous attention, with prayerful good wishes

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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