

How to become a Knanaya “Janmam Kondum Karmmam Kondum”

("ജന്മം കഠാണ്ടും കർമ്മം കഠാണ്ടും")

(Based on Cardinal Sandri’s directives from Congregation of Oriental Churches.)

As per Cardinal Leardano Sandri’s speculated new letter (which is not revealed to Public yet), personal Parishes for Knanaya community is meant and limited for Knanaya members having Knanaya lineage. This means that any one who has any sort of Knanaya lineage either through the mother or the father can be included as members of all personal parishes all over the world as per the new directives. This dose not mean that all members of Knanaya personal parishes have to practice endogamy to be members of these personal parishes allowed by Oriental Congregation. Even though membership is meant for those having this Knanaya lineage, sacraments and worship is to be given to all Catholics including those who do not have any Knanaya lineages. No Catholic can be barred from participating in worships in Knanaya personal parishes anywhere in the world.



Moolakatte Formula revised by Cardinal L. Sandri Directives

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With these new directives how does one define a Knanaya member? This can be defined as follows.

Let us give a new interpretation to the formula for becoming a kna viz. "janmam kondum karmmam kondum" ("ജന്മം കഠാണ്ടും കർമ്മം

കൊണ്ടും"). "Karmmam (കർമ്മം = action) from now on will mean "marriage with a knanaya person".

So the ways of becoming a kna are "janmam kondum karmmam kondum", which means "by being born as a child of a kna or by marrying a kna person."

The word "karmmam" cannot mean any other performing word. A person who is a kna already cannot BECOME kna again by marrying another kna or non-kna nor by refraining from marrying a non-kna . So the only instance one can think of of a person acquiring kna status through performing an action is when a non-kna person marries a kna person.

Please give this as much publicity as you can to all Knanaya Group so that they can adapt to this new definition of Knanaya member in a Knanaya personal Parish.

Take the example of Ruth who became a Jew by her action (Karmmam കർമ്മം)



Ruth became part of her Community by her Karmaam (കർമ്മം)

Ruth is the Moabite daughter-in-law of an Israelite woman named Naomi. When Naomi, Ruth, and her sister-in-law Orpah are all widowed within a brief period, Naomi urges the daughters-in-law to leave her and go find new husbands. Orpah does so, but Ruth pledges herself to Naomi with these words: "wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God shall be my God." (Ruth 1:16)

So Ruth became a member of Jewish community by her action (Karmmam / കർമ്മം). She did not become part of her community by her birthright. This is what Cardinal Leordanao Sandri is directing Bishop Mar Mathew Moolakatte to be a christian. Let us all adopt this new renewal directives for the Knanaya community from OC as our renewed Karmmam/ കർമ്മം).

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