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Prot. N. 24/91

Dear Mr. Lukose,

Herewith I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated February 26, 2003 with which you forwarded to this Dicastery information on the Knanaya community in North America and copies of publications by the KCCNA.

Thank you for this and previous communications, which you have kindly sent to this Office, and thank you for keeping this Congregation informed on important developments in the Knanaya community in the US.

Despite reports to the contrary, this Dicastery firmly holds to the pastoral instructions and directives of the Archbishops of Chicago, most recently re-confirmed by this Office with letter Prot. N. 24/91 of October 26, 2002 to His Excellency Mar Jacob Angadiath, Bishop of St. Thomas the Apostle Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Chicago, and therefore does not foresee any change in the assessment of the Holy See in this regard.

Please rest assured that this Dicastery is following the developments in the Knanaya community very carefully and most fervently hopes that all Syro-Malabar faithful, without distinction, may remain firmly united in the one faith of the Syro-Malabar Church and recognize how richly blessed they are being part of this most venerable Catholic tradition.

With kindest regards and prayerful best wishes

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