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Mr. Cyriac Parathara  
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Ref: Knanaya Mission

Dear Mr. Cyriac,

Your letters dated Nov. 11, 2003 and Dec. 16, 2003 have reached me in due time. Sorry for the delay to respond to your request.

Knanaya Catholic Missions are recognized as missions of this St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Diocese of Chicago based on the "instructions" I have received from the Congregation for Oriental Churches in Rome. Knanaya Missions are for all Knanaya Catholics. But no Knanaya Mission in this diocese is strictly endogamous. Knanaya Catholics who get married to non-Knanaya spouses will continue in their Knanaya Missions along with their spouses and children.

May I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

Mar Jacob Angadiath  
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