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Dear & Rev. Fathers & Knanaya Community Members,

Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

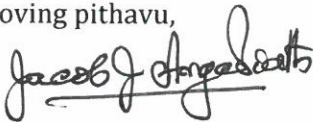
I am glad to inform you that the membership in the personal parish/mission for Knanaya Catholics is settled through the discussion of the issue in the Synod of Syro Malabar Bishops and final agreement reached by His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry the Major Archbishop, of the Syro Malabar Church, His Grace Mar Mathew Moolakatt the Archbishop of Kottayam and Mar Jacob Angadiath the Bishop of St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago.

A personal parish/mission for Knanaya Catholics will have only Knanaya Catholics as members. If a Knanaya Catholic belonging to a Knanaya parish/mission enters into marriage with a non-Knanaya partner, that non-Knanaya partner and children from that marriage will not become members of the Knanaya parish/mission but will remain members of the local non-Knanaya Syro Malabar parish/mission.

Please pray for our new Auxiliary Bishop-Elect, Mar Joy Alappat and for the blessing of his Episcopal ordination on September 27, 2014. Let us support and pray for our St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago.

May the Lord bless you!

Your loving pithavu,

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