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HEALTH AND APOSTOLIC BLESSINGS TO MSGR. ANTONY NARICULAM

ORDER

Whereas you were given clear directives about the opening and celebration of Holy *Qurbana* in the St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Ernakulam, as per the Synodal decision and the directives of the Apostolic See through different letters and decrees specially mentioned through the decree letter dated 22 June 2023 (Prot. no. AA36/2023);

Whereas you were clearly directed to open the Cathedral Basilica and celebrate Holy *Qurbana* in the uniform mode as per the decision of the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church;

Whereas you were clearly warned that "In case you are not implementing the Synodal decision and the directives of the Ap. Administrator, you will be relieved of your Office of the Vicar and transferred to another place without further notice";

Whereas in your email letter dated 01 July 2023, you wrote to me about your difficulties and expressed your inability to implement the directives of ecclesiastical authorities especially on the uniform mode of celebration of Holy *Qurbana* because of some protests and resistance;

Therefore, after having made due discussions and consultations with concerned persons, especially with the members of the Permanent Synod of the Syro-Malabar Church on 03 July 2023, you are hereby relieved from your Office of Vicar of St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Ernakulam & other attached Offices and appointed Vicar of St. Mary's Forane Church Moozhikkulam with effect from today, 4th July 2023.

You shall hand over the charges of the Cathedral Basilica to Rev. Fr. Antony Poothavelil immediately, whom I have appointed today to the Office of the Vicar of Cathedral Parish. You shall take charge of the new Office at the earliest, at least before next Sunday, 9th July 2023.

While thanking you for your ministry in the Cathedral Basilica of Ernakulam, I wish you every best in your new assignment and God's blessings through the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of God.

Given this from Archeparchial Curia on 4th July 2023.



Andrews Thazhath

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Ap. Administrator of Ernakulam-Angamaly

Copy to: (1) Fr. Antony Poothavelil. (2) Major Archbishop of the Syro Malabar Church
(3) Prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches.