

DICASTERY FOR THE EASTERN CHURCHES

Prot. N. 168/2023

DECREE

In view of the appeal of the Rev. Antony Nariculam to the precautionary measure extended on July 8, 2023, and signed on July 15, 2023, against the transfer from the office of the parish priest of the Church of the Basilica Cathedral of Saint Mary dedicated to the decree of July 4, 2023 Prot N AA40/2023 ordered by His Excellency Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, Apostolic Administrator of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly;

Considering that there is no clear violation of CCEO c. 1400 and CCEO c. 1396 § 3 brought by the Reverend Appellant, since the Reverend Antony Poothavelly is only the administrator of the parish and the new parish priest and the Appellant has not shown that his rights have been reduced together with equity;

I consider that, according to the decision of the aggrieved Reverend Appellant himself, through an electronic course dated July 1, 2023, clearly declares that he is not fit to lead the parish of the Basilica Cathedral Church;

I, therefore, consider that Rev. Appellant's complaint, namely, "all the norms of c. 1397-1400 which must be observed in the transfer from the office of parish priest have been transgressed", is not at all confirmed by evidence;

Department for the Eastern Churches, after all duly and well-considered,

HAS DECIDED

the appeal of the Rev. Antony Nariculam to the precautionary measure extended on the 8th of July 2023 and signed on the 15th of July 2023 against the transfer from the office of the parish priest in the Church Basilica Cathedral of Saint Mary dedicated to the 4th of July 2023 Prot N AA40/2023 ordered by His Excellency Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, Administrator to the Apostolic Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly, is to be rejected and is indeed rejected.

He who thinks that he is aggrieved by the present decree may resort, in accordance with the law, to the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signature. Those concerned shall be notified of all the effects of the law.

Given at Rome, from the offices of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, on the 6th day of September A.D. 2023

+ **Claudio Gugerotti, Prefect**

Fr. Michel Jalakh, OAM, Secretary