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From: Knanaya Catholic Congress of North America (KCCNA)

To : His Eminence George Cardinal Alenccherry, Major Arch Bishop, Syro-Malabar Church

Your Eminence,

On behalf of the North American Knanaya Community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank your Eminence for the support that is being extended to our community at this turbulent period, when the very basis of our identity is questioned. As the President of the Federation of all Knanaya Catholics in North America, I am so impressed and thankful for the combined effort with the Special Committee appointed by KCCNA. I was informed that Your Eminence will be visiting the Oriental Congregation and would follow up our recent Appeal filed on behalf of Knanaya Catholic Community in North America. It is a fact that approximately twenty thousand Knanaya Catholic faithful are patiently and prayerfully waiting for a favorable response from the congregation for the Oriental Churches. I am afraid that their tolerance for the continuous neglect towards their need is becoming limited as I personally experience and deal with their feelings on this matter on a day to day basis. Therefore, I kindly request your Eminence to do everything possible to have a favorable response so that the issue of Ecclesiastical identity of Knanaya faithful may be resolved permanently.

It is very disappointing to see the recent developments in Chicago by few people who made a certain resolution that was circulated through electronic and print media. Knanaya Community always maintained a brotherly relationship and affection with Syro Malabar Church for Decades, until the issues started in North America. It is very sad to see that the Syro Malabar Cathedral facilities were used by these people to pass a resolution to stop Your Eminence from extending the pastoral service to Syro Malabar Catholics in North America. We are still at lost why Cathedral Church Vicar, Rev. Fr. Joy Alappattu inaugurated this one day seminar, though the agenda items were informed well in advance.

KCCNA strongly condemn such efforts and hope that this incident gave your Eminence an opportunity to see the real intentions of these people. Knanaya Community wish your Eminence all the best for the trip to Rome and is looking forward for a favorable outcome, which only your Eminence can realize for us.

Sincerely with Prayers,



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