



Pray to stop Knanaya Racism in Catholic Church propagated by Knanaya fundamentalist in the name of tradition.

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It is obvious through the very poorly attended KCCA convention, the speeches of Mar Moolakat and the total disarray among the executive members that the ISIS-type fundamentalists have gained nothing new from Rome despite a March-end letter from Rome in which they claim Rome has provided assurances about “personal parishes” and Knanaya lineage. If anything in that letter was favorable to them, they would have trumpeted it from rooftops. Obviously, because this letter does not provide any assurances, they have not released its content. That much was also acknowledged at the convention. The so-called “global petition” is said to have gone astray on the grounds that it should not have the word “endogamy” because Rome would automatically reject it. So they know that using that word to divide a Catholic family and deny membership to part of a family in a Catholic parish is wrong.



Global Bishop to propagate Global Knanaya Racism???

Mar Moolakat has now asked lay people to petition Rome for him to be appointed as a “global bishop”. It is said that an eight-page petition is now circulating towards that end. Someone has claimed that he was the Dean of the Oriental Institute in Rome (false) and was a classmate of the Secretary to the Prefect of the Oriental Congregation. If he has such connections, he could have got all these things done long ago. Don’t the fundamentalists know that these efforts are to ask Rome to simply reverse the tenets of Catholicism? Don’t they also know that Rome was not aware of the letter Mar Angadiath wrote in 2014 saying that the spouses and children of non-endogamous unions cannot get membership in Knanaya parishes? We know that money and influence was behind the pressure that Mar Moolakat and Mar Alancherry to force Mar Angadiath to sign that letter.

It is also sad that the Knanaya clergy, led by Father Mulavanal, took the leadership to take an oath in the Knanaya churches to disobey the contents of December 18, 2017 letter from Rome, reiterating that Knanaya parishes are not endogamous. Is he aware that when Church teachings and practices are flouted, even Cardinals are asked to resign? Clergy leading a revolt against Rome is deplorable.

The racist, fundamentalism of some of the fanatics is deplorable. When the pastor of the Sacred Heart Knanaya Parish in Chicago asked a non-Knanaya priest to say Mass during his frequent trips, some members of the “Koodora Yogam” asked the priest to send WhatsApp messages to them indicating who is saying Mass. This would allow them to avoid Mass if a non-Knanaya priest was saying Mass.



Sacred Heart Knanaya Parish,
Chicago

This is not fiction. This is what happened. Imagine how Catholic they are when they react in such a way and how division is likely to arise between the Syro-Malabar and the Knanayites; both under the same diocese. This kind of development was also seen in a recent Malayalee Association of Chicago election, which took place solely on the basis of “us” versus “them”. This indicates that this religious division is fostering divisions within broader social and cultural associations, leading to the disintegration of the Syro-Malabar community.

Here is another example of how this racism is affecting community relations. There is a group for “oldies” in the community (55+) that organizes social get togethers. Key members of this community, who have lived in the area for 30 to 40 years, and who have known each other very well for decades are excluded from these activities due to the recent rise of this racism in the Knanaya community. Was this also the reason why an effort to get together on a broader basis, as suggested by Vachaparambil, was shelved?

It is incumbent on all of us to work and pray so that this community is not destroyed. This kind of racism is a corrosive force that will undo decades of community building that was in existence among the Knanaya community.



Above all pray to stop this type of racism within the Catholic Church