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Mr. Kalayil,

I am pleased to respond to your letter of 20 March 2019, which was forwarded to this Congregation by the Apostolic Nuncio in the United States of America. Please see the attached copy of our letter dated 2 March 2018 to H.E. Bishop Jacob Angadiath, which will provide you with the requested information about the slight modification to the letter dated 18 December 2017.

The two letters, however, should be read together: while this Dicastery stands by the statement that no parish or mission is to be considered endogamous, it is also our longstanding position not to pronounce on the criteria of belonging to the Knanaya community, this being a matter to be resolved within the community itself. The Congregation has therefore repeatedly clarified with the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Chicago that any faithful belonging to a Knanaya parish who marries outside the community remains a member of the parish in good standing and is to come under no compulsion to leave. Any pressure in this sense would be illegitimate. Moreover, participation in parish activities is open to non-Knanaya spouses, as well as any children born of the marriage.

With cordial best regards and prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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