



## Major Archeparchy of Ernakulam - Angamaly

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Dear Reverend Fathers of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly,

Sub: Response to the "Recourse against the measures imposed by the Circular".

His Beatitude Mar Raphael Thattil, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church and Metropolitan Archbishop of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly, and I, the undersigned, Bishop Bosco Puthur, Apostolic Administrator of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly, acknowledge receipt of the letters sent by individual priests, indicating them to be "recourse against the measures imposed by the Circular" (4/2024 dated 09 June 2024). The Major Archbishop has authorized me to respond on his behalf also.

In my previous letter "Response to Your Communication: "Appeal According to CCEO c. 999", dated 29 June 2024, sent via registered post with acknowledgment, Email, and WhatsApp, I informed that "the circular was issued not as a penal precept" directed at individual priests; and the "act of filing a remonstrance against it does not stand." I reiterate this statement in the present letter. Although the earlier "Response" suffices, I am sending this communication for further clarity.

In the letter, the claim of "the evident illegitimacy of both the Circular Letter as a penal precept and its provisions" are mentioned. As it is evident, both signatories of the Joint Circular Letter are competent to issue such a Circular, its content and provisions remain valid and lawful. In the letter, there is also a claim based on CCEO c. 1487. This is not legally tenable as no penalty was imposed by any extra-judicial decree (CCEO c. 1486) nor a penal precept was served through that Circular. Therefore, your letter does not bring forth any suspensive effect.

Once again, I paternally exhort the priests to be faithful to the directions regarding the implementation of the unified mode of celebrating the Holy Qurbana given through Circular 4/2024 dated 09 June 2024; Post-Synodal Notification (Prot. No. 5/2024 dated 19 June 2024) and the Explanatory Note (Prot. No. 6/2024 dated 1 July 2024) and exercise the priestly ministry in obedience to serve the people of God in the Archeparchy.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Bosco Puthur

Apostolic Administrator of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly



Fr. Thomas Melvettath  
Vice Chancellor

NB: This common communication is sent to the priests of Ernakulam-Angamaly through email and WhatsApp.