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DIOCESE OF MANDYA

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Karnataka State, India

Dear Father James Kunnampadavil,

Greetings and regards from Bishop's House, Mandya!

In accordance with the canons 245 & 247 §1 of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, I hereby appoint you the Protosyncellus of the Eparchy of Mandya with effect from May 17, 2023, without prejudice to your existing Office of the Protopresbyter of Jalahalli Forane. You shall continue to reside at the Jalahalli Parish.

Father Mathew Koikara CMI, the outgoing Protosyncellus, who has been in this Office for many years with dedication and commitment, will hand over the files and other documents to you when he visits Bangalore from Kochi, where he has taken charge as the Vicar Provincial of CMI Kochi Province.

We have received due permission from your Provincial Superior for availing your services for this office. Since the demands of this are often very high, please feel free to approach the Provincial for any additional support in terms of undertaking the ministry at the parish.

I would like to bring to your attention what is specified in canon 245 of CCEO, which reads: "In each Eparchy a Protosyncellus is to be appointed who, endowed with the ordinary vicarious power according to the norm of common law, assists the eparchial



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bishop in governing the whole eparchy". Based on this canon, I would like to specify your duties in the Eparchy as Protosyncellus:

1. Working with the Curia

The day-to-day administration of the Eparchy is taken care of by the eparchial curia of which you are a key part. We meet once a week on zoom digital platform to discuss issues, which need resolution, and permissions, which are put forward to the curia.

2. College of Eparchial Consultors

Being the Protosyncellus, you have a special role in the College of Eparchial Consultors. You shall analyze and present the important matters that affect Eparchy in its meeting.

3. Other Canonical Forums in the Eparchy

By the very nature of your Office, you are an *ex officio* member of all the Canonical bodies in the Eparchy like Finance Council, Pastoral Council etc.in which you shall take special role as your Office demands.

4. Major Responsibilities

In addition to the duties and obligations specified in the Common Law, together with your rights and privileges, the following responsibilities are entrusted to you, being the Protosyncellus of the Eparchy of Mandya:

1. To guide the pastoral undertakings of the Eparchy in close collaboration with the Bishop.
2. To visit the priests at their places and hold meetings with them to hear them about the challenges and possibilities in the ministry.
3. To visit all the parishes and spend time with the pastoral team of the parish. (We will have to develop a format for the same).
4. To collaborate with the Finance Officer and making sure that all the government obligations are met.
5. To coordinate the activities of the various Commissions in the Eparchy to conduct meetings of the Commissions at least twice a year.



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6. To represent the Eparchy at the KRCBC Commissions meeting.
7. To represent the Eparchial Bishop at all important inter-eparchial meetings when the Bishop is unable to attend them.
8. To conduct training programmes for *Kaikkars* and key leaders of the parish communities.
9. To build and maintain a good rapport with the Institutions in the Eparchy.

5. Vehicle and other expenses

There is a vehicle available for the Protosyncellus, which is in good condition. You can discuss this matter with the Finance Officer. Regarding other expenditures, you may kindly discuss it with the finance officer.

I thank you very much for taking up this important ministry in the Eparchy of Mandya, in close collaboration with me. I place on record my gratitude to the Claretian Congregation, in making your service available in the Eparchy.

Father Jomon Kolenchery CMI, our Chancellor is the main contact person for all the communications. Please feel free to share any concerns that you may have and they will be rightly addressed. For all the financial matters, kindly talk to Father Saji Pariyappanal our finance officer and all the matters concerning the Missions and religious, kindly talk to Msgr. Thomas Thennattil, our Syncellus for the diocese.

6. In Conclusion:

Mandya diocese is quite young and we have been blessed with wonderful leadership in all the past thirteen years. We remember with gratitude Archbishop Njaralakkatt, Bishop Antony Kariyil and all the priests, religious and the faithful who have done tremendous ministry to bring the diocese to this level. As you take up your ministry as ProtoSyncellus, may you come to know our priests better, journey along with the wonderful ministry offered by the religious and get to know the faithful in Mandya diocese. You have the special responsibility as a bridge builder, a reconciler and



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above all a listener to the voices of the people of God. Let us work as a team and make our diocese more and more a "caring" diocese.

While looking forward to collaborating with you in the administration of the Eparchy, I invoke the richest blessings of the Lord in your new assignment.

Given from the Office of the Bishop of the Eparchy of Mandya on May 17, 2023.

Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath
Bishop of Mandya

Fr. Jomon Kolenchery CMI
Chancellor



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