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Prior General

Prior General's Circular **Celebration of the Second Session of the Provincial Synaxis**

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Reference: General Council Decision: GCA 04/48/2020, dated 12 June 2020

Dear and Reverend Fathers and Brothers,

Prayerful greetings from our Prior General's House, Chavara Hills, Kakkanad!

In view of the effective and fruitful celebration of the Second Session of the Provincial Synaxis, I, with the consent of the General Council (GCA 4/48/2020), hereby issue the following guidelines:

Considering all the difficulties and restrictions imposed due to the Pandemic of COVID-19, the Congregation for the Oriental Churches (COC) issued an instruction on 18 May 2020 (Prot. No.101/2007). In this instruction, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect, COC said, "I would like to inform you that the Congregation for the Oriental Churches authorizes to postpone the celebrations of the General Synaxis or Provincial Synaxis, be it elective or revisionary, to a future date to be decided upon. Consequently, the mandates of the Major/Provincial Superiors and their respective councils are extended until the subsequent celebration of the elective General and Provincial Synaxes."

Hence, in the light of this letter, I, with the consent of the General Council held on 12 June 2020, decided to hold the Provincial Synaxes within the timeframe of Friday, 21 August 2020 to Sunday, 30 August 2020. Considering the social situations, every province can choose convenient days, within the above-mentioned timeframe, for the Synaxis and the evaluation and planning of the apostolates and various aspects of the Province. Taking into account the need of the province and the time available at hand, each province is at liberty to have the Synaxis session from three to five days. However, the elections of the Provincial, Councillors, and Auditor must be done on the last but one day of the Provincial Synaxes. Once the date of Provincial Synaxis is fixed, please communicate to the office of Fr. Prior General on or before 15 July 2020.

Thanking you all most sincerely for the generous and committed services you are rendering to our beloved Congregation in different capacities, especially during this difficult time of COVID-19 and invoking God's special blessing upon each one of you,

Fraternally yours in our Lord,

Fr. Thomas Chathamparampil CMI
Prior General



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