

SYRO-MALABAR APOSTOLIC EXARCHATE
DECREE OF ERECTION



FRANCISCUS BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD

For perpetual Memory

Desiring to protect and promote the spiritual riches of the Oriental Churches, We now wish more particularly to take solicitous care of the faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church residing in Canada.

Consequently, having accepted the opinion of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, and having received the advice of Our venerable brother Cardinal George Alencherry, Major Archbishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly, and that of the Synod of the Syro-Malabar Bishops, and that of the President of the Conference of Bishops of Canada, We have judged it opportune to establish a new Ecclesiastical circumscription in Canada.

For this reason, in virtue of Our Apostolic Authority, We hereby erect the Syro-Malabar Apostolic Exarchate for the faithful of same Church residing in Canada, with all its own rights and obligations. We establish the see of this new ecclesial community in the city of Mississauga.

In relation to the establishment of this Exarchate, the appropriate customs and norms prescribed by the Code of Canons of the Oriental Churches are to be observed. Moreover, once the procedures have been completed, the customary documents are to be forwarded to the above-mentioned Congregation. Finally, We desire that this Our Apostolic Constitution be valid now and in the future, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, this sixth day of August, the Transfiguration of the Lord, in the Year of Our Lord 2015, the third of Our Pontificate.

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