



FRANCIS, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, to our Venerable Brother **Joseph Kalluvilil**, until now titular Bishop of Tabalta and Apostolic Exarch of Canada, first Eparchial Bishop of Mississauga, greetings and Apostolic Blessing.

Trusting in the goodness of the Lord, who puts to death and gives life, and who raises the needy from the dust and from the ash heap lifts up the poor, to seat them with princes and make a glorious throne their heritage – cf. 1 Sam 2:6-8 – We willingly show our concern and paternal care for Christ’s faithful, as We strive to govern in a way that ensures their happiness, flourishing and progress in the way of the Lord.

For this reason, considering the needs of the flock of the Eparchy of Mississauga, which this very day, by the Apostolic Constitution *Munere misericordiae*, has been raised to this dignity from the status of an Exarchate, We hasten to provide a Pastor who will promote their well-being, and We could think of no better person for this Office than you who have worked faithfully for the spiritual well-being of the faithful of the Syro-Malabar Rite in Canada.

Accordingly, having heard the advice of our Venerable Brother, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, releasing you from the Office of Apostolic Exarch and the aforementioned Titular See, we appoint you Bishop of the newly erected Eparchy of **MISSISSAUGA**, with all the rights and obligations attached thereto, in accord with the norms of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches.

We ask you to make Our Decree known to the clergy and faithful of this community, and we exhort them to accept you as their father and teacher and, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother of God, and under your guidance, may they show forth Divine Mercy through the holiness of their lives, their love of souls, their charity towards the poor and their good works for the building up of the Kingdom.

Given in Rome, at St. Peter’s, this twenty-second day of December, in the Year of Our Lord 2018, the sixth of Our Pontificate.

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FRANCIS, **B**ISHOP, **S**ERVANT OF THE **S**ERVANTS OF **G**OD, for a perpetual memory. It is fitting for everyone wholeheartedly to spend their lives contemplating God's greatness and offering thanksgiving for His sublime mercy because through Jesus, who is our salvation, our spirit rejoices in the eternal divinity (see Venerable Bee, *Expositio in Lucam* 1, 46-47).

Keeping these benefits in mind, Our Apostolic solicitude extends to all the Christian faithful whose spiritual development is opportunely promoted, especially through piety and works of charity.

We therefore, at this time, turn Our attention to the beloved Catholic faithful of the Syro-Malabar Rite residing in Canada and, wishing to promote their spiritual well-being and to provide for their growth, having received the advice and favorable opinion of our Venerable Brother Cardinal George Alencherry, Major Archbishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly, and the Syro-Malabar Synod of Bishops, as well as the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and having heard from our Venerable Brother Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for Oriental Churches, by the fullness of Our Apostolic Authority we hereby raise the Apostolic Exarchate in Canada to the rank of an Eparchy with all the rights and privileges related thereto, in accordance with the norms of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches. It will be known as the Eparchy of **MISSISSAUGA**, changing nothing relating to the place of the Cathedral Church or to the seat of the Bishop and the Diocesan Curia. We establish this Eparchy to be immediately subject to the Apostolic See, entrusting it to the heavenly patronage of St. Thomas the Apostle. Its Bishop is a member of the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church. All priests presently exercising their ministry within the territory of the Eparchy are ipso facto, incardinated into the newly erected Eparchy, and seminarians from parishes within the same territory are inscribed into the new circumscription. Other matters are to be arranged in accordance with the norms of the said Code.

May the Lord bestow his mercy upon the pastors and faithful of this eparchy and preserve them from all harm, so that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, they may merit within the Church of Christ our Savior, through worthy deeds, to obtain the reward of eternal happiness. Finally, we desire that this our Constitution be effective, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State

Card. Leonardo Sandri
Prefetto della Congregazione
per le Chiese Orientali

Leonardo Sapienza, Prot. Apost.
Secretary