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This video represents a new development in the history of the Syriac language in India. The leaders of the Carmel Hill Philosophical College in Trivandrum that belongs to the Kerala Province of the **Order of the Discalced Carmelites (OCD)** decided to introduce Syriac language and music in the curriculum. Accordingly, they invited me to spend a day teaching Syriac songs to the students. Surprisingly, i found the students very enthusiastic. We focused on three chants that they easily mastered. It was indeed a new experience to listen to these chants in the male choral voice of the young and enthusiasitc seminarians. The idea of introducing the students to the Syriac heritage of the **Syro Malabar Church** originated in the mind of Fr. Dr. Varghese Kurisuthara, **OCD**, the Rector of the **Damasceno College in Rome**. Dr. Kurisuthara invited me to conduct a one-day seminar on the topic at the College, in March, 2017. Impressed by the day's events, Dr. Kurisuthara contacted Fr. Antony Attuthundiyl and Fr. Patrick **OCD** at Carmel Hill Monastery. They whole heartedly accepted the suggestion. I am grateful to both priests for their warm welcome. Let us hope this will be the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the Aramaic language in India.

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