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Date: Fri, Apr 26, 2013 at 10:48 AM
Subject: Re: Cardinal's photo in Syro-Malabar Liturgical Vestments
To: "Fr. Antony Kollannur" <frklmr@gmail.com>, Puthupparampil Scaria <scarias2@msn.com>, KP Verghese <verghese6@hotmail.com>

Antony acha,

First of all, we are glad to know that you will be accompanying the Cardinal to Washington DC. Look forward to seeing you. These are the questions that we wanted to ask the Cardinal.

1. Since Cardinal Donald Wuerl has agreed to concelebrate, will it be ok if we asked Cardinal Wuerl to preach the homily? This way, he will have a little more prominent role in the celebration.
2. You know that we will be using the English version of our Mass that I co-composed. I will be at the side of our Cardinal to take care of the singing part; the Cardinal can do the oration part which also could be in a chanting tone. When I am in Kerala in July, we shall spend some time to prepare the Cardinal for that.

Now, I have a great desire to incorporate a little bit of Syriac into this special liturgy. This will underscore the Syriac in the "Syro" part of the name of our Church. Here are two ideas. We could start the Mass with *Puqdaankon*. The Cardinal can chant it in his own style (how musical is the Cardinal?). In other words, the Cardinal will sing it solo. The choir can respond with *Puqdaane d'misiha* in the scale that is akin to the following "Glory to God in the highest" which all the celebrants will sing with my leading.

Later, we can sing the Trisagion, *Qandisa aalaaha, qandisa hailsaana....* in Syriac, three times. I can prepare the choir to do this. We can print the transliterated text on the handout so that everybody can follow.

Will the Cardinal be ok with this? Personally, I think we are not crossing the boundaries. This is a very special occasion, a very special context with people from different parts of the world who are not familiar with our tradition. It is also an opportunity to initiate a conversation about the unique history of our Church.

By the way, my next project is connected to the Syriac language (please see the attachments). I will definitely need the help (including financial help) of the Cardinal and our hierarchy. I am sending this now so that both of you have plenty of time during air travel to discuss these things. Kindly give a printout of these documents to the Cardinal. During our meeting last August, the Cardinal was asking me what was happening with my life, and wondered why I was not contributing enough to the Church. My biodata will partially answer that question.

Thank you so much, and look forward to meeting you.
Fr. Joseph

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On Fri, Apr 26, 2013 at 9:17 AM, Fr. Antony Kollannur <frklnr@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Fr. Palackal,

Now I am in Bangalore on our way to Bangladesh. We will return on 4 May. I shall send you the photo afterwards. Is that ok?

You can send your doubts on this mail or on the other one majorarchbishop@gmail.com. Anyway I will be handling the mail in both the cases.

Looking forward to meeting you for this great event,

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From: Fr. Antony Kollannur
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Dear Fr. Palackal,

The Major Archbishop has approved all your proposals regarding the celebration of the Holy Qurbana in Washington DC. He is very happy to give the homily to Cardinal Woerl and also to include the Syriac elements in the celebration.

Regarding your project "Jesus and India - the Aramaic Language Project", you may discuss it with the Liturgical Research Centre when you come over to Kerala. After getting their suggestions too, either the Synod of Bishops of the Major Archbishop alone give the response.

Hoping to meet you,

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