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Blessings to the faithful of the Indian Orthodox Church in Luxembourg, in the name of the Holy Trinity:

Dearly beloved in Christ,

With heartfelt joy and by the grace of God, I officially announce, in reference to your letter dated 1 October 2024, the formation of a new congregation to be known as St. Joseph's Indian Orthodox Congregation, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg.

This is a significant milestone in our mission to gather the faithful, who have been scattered across various regions, into a unified body of worship. It is essential that we continue these efforts to unite all our faithful, and I am deeply encouraged by the dedication and commitment you have already demonstrated.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Fr. Aashu Alexander Mattackal for his dedicated pastoral care and leadership. His tireless efforts have united our faithful in this region, providing spiritual guidance and support. To further strengthen this new community, I hereby appoint Fr. Aashu Alexander Mattackal as the Priest-in-Charge of St. Joseph's Indian Orthodox Congregation, until further notice. Under his leadership, I instruct the congregation to operate in strict adherence to the 1934 Constitution of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church and the laws of the land.

The decision to name this parish after St. Joseph holds great spiritual significance within the Orthodox tradition. St. Joseph, the Betrothed, is a model of faith, humility, and obedience to God's will. His unwavering trust in God's plan, even amidst uncertainty, and his role as the protector of the Holy Family exemplify a life rooted in sacrificial love and steadfast devotion. Naming this congregation after St. Joseph serves as a constant reminder for the faithful to emulate his virtues in their own lives trust in divine providence, care for one another, and commitment to living as true witnesses of Christ.

May God continue to bless and guide you as you undertake this sacred mission, gathering His people into one fold.

With prayers and blessings,

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos