

# THE INDIAN (MALANKARA) ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Blessings to the Vicars/Priests-in-Charge, Parish Office Bearers and all the faithful members of our Parishes and Congregations in Ireland:**

**Dear beloved in Lord!**

At the outset, Thanking Lord Almighty for the copious blessings received and gratefully acknowledge your sincere faith and valuable contributions for the growth of our Church's mission in Ireland.

We are writing this on the basis of certain speculations rose by our members and priests in Ireland and would like to clarify the matters with regard to the administrative structure of our diocese.

In the past We have experimented forming regions in geographical zones of our diocese merely for the purpose of organising spiritual events in nearby congregations as practical as possible. On this context We issued the Kalpana No.GEN/IRE/16/123 dtd 14 October 2016 appointing spiritual organisation office bearers including a regional secretary for the Ireland Region. You may note that it was not intended for parallel functioning or jeopardising the administrative structure of our Holy Church. There were concerns and ambiguities raised on this model and a new diocesan council was appointed vide Kalpana No. GEN/18/039 dtd. 04 May 2018 duly elected by adhering to the Constitution of Malankara Orthodox Church.

We would like to clarify that election and appointment of Fr George Thankachan as the Diocesan Regional Secretary as per Kalpana No. GEN/IRE/16/123 dtd. 14 October 2016 had become null and void since the election and appointment of Fr Happy Jacob as the Diocesan Secretary.

We urge all of you to care each other, live in harmony and spread the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God Bless you all!

Your Spiritual Father and Shepherd

  
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