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His Excellency
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Dear Bishop Kunnacherry:

On behalf of His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, and as his Delegate for Eastern Catholic Churches under his jurisdiction in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I am writing to you concerning the formation of one Knanaya Catholic Association in Chicago.

As you know, the Knanaya Catholic community in Chicago has suffered some serious divisions which are harmful to the unity of Christ's Church. Now, after lengthy discussions, it appears that it may be possible to reach an agreeable accommodation among the parties involved.

The two current organizations, KANA and KCS, would cease to exist under the terms of agreement for the formation of one Knanaya Catholic Association in Chicago. The name of the new organization would be the "Knanaya Catholic Congress of Chicago." A copy of the agreement is enclosed.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is eager to approve this new organization if it will bring unity and an end to the sad divisions in the Knanaya Catholic community in Chicago. However, in order for this new organization to be fully supported by all members of the community, it would be most helpful to receive your endorsement. Accordingly, I would be most pleased to receive from you a letter endorsing the formation of the Knanaya Catholic Congress of Chicago and expressing your wishes for Knanaya Catholics in Chicago to come together in unity and peace.

With gratitude for your consideration of this matter, and with cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Paprocki".

Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Chancellor

cc: His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Rev. Simon Edathiparampil, Director, Knanaya Catholic Mission of the
Archdiocese of Chicago
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