



# Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church

## Apostolic See of St. Thomas

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### Blessings to the members of Diocese of North America & Europe.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

With a very heavy heart, the Episcopal Synod on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 received a report that Rev. Roy A. Thomas is negotiating with the Episcopal Church by submitting an application to the Newark Diocese of Episcopal Church to join as a clergy over there. This is an act of indiscipline which needs serious action to be taken. The synod also asked me to write to the Bishop of Newark that Rev. Roy A Thomas's action was not with the approval of the Mar Thoma Church and also a copy be marked to the Presiding Bishop. I have intimated that resolution to Rev. Roy A. Thomas.

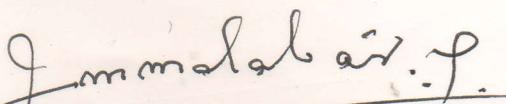
To this resolution of Episcopal Synod, Rev. Roy A. Thomas's response was like this, "Please proceed as needed. I do not have any intention to express any regret." This confirms his indiscipline. Therefore, the kalpana that has been given to him authorizing him to administer sacraments and other ecclesiastical duties in the church has been withdrawn w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

His primary membership is also terminated. If his family desires to continue in the church, they must put an application for it before 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016; otherwise their membership also will be terminated.

On 29<sup>th</sup> June, he wrote to me again confirming his decision and making arrangements to vacate the parsonage and requested one week's time for his family to stay in the parsonage and that is permitted.

This action of achen is against the affidavit he has submitted at the time of ordination as deacon and kassesa. So this will be treated as a breach of trust. Therefore he is not eligible to be considered as a kassesa of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church. His membership in the Sabha Council and Sabha Mandalam is also terminated w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

Yours Sincerely,

  
DR. JOSEPH MAR THOMA METROPOLITAN

