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H. E. Metropolitan Mor Severius Moses Gorgun
Syrian Orthodox Church of Europe
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Blessings to Your Eminence in the name of the Triune God.

Amidst all the spiritual bliss of the season, some of the recent actions of Your Eminence, cause us great distress and pain. We are referring to the event of the consecration that Your Eminence has done and the responses that Your Eminence has sent to our successor His Beatitude Paulose Mar Milithios Metropolitan on his query about the event.

Initially we were rather reluctant to accept the 'website' news that you have consecrated a Metropolitan for the Diocese of Ankamali and South Kerala, as a factual one but now that you have confirmed it, we try to come in to terms, with this unpleasant news. To add on, your irreverence and immaturity, you have again puzzled and agonized me by sending such an irresponsible answer as if it is your right.

If you would gratefully recollect yourself about your own consecration as a Metropolitan, with out the due consent of our Holy Episcopal Synod; but then later on, considering the integrity of our Church and in compassionate ground, though reluctantly we approved it; with all those sensitivity that had caused, you wouldn't have attempted that would cause pain.

It was quiet evident in our letter No. 237/2009 dated May 12th 2009, that you have no right to interfere in the affairs of the Malankara Orthodox Church and your ecclesiastical jurisdiction is confined only to the Syrian Community in Europe. You have not only wilfully violated that by consecrating a metropolitan to the Malankara Church but also viciously tried to condone it by sending this response to our successor His Beatitude Metropolitan Paulose Mar Milithios.

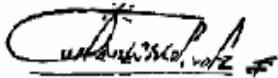
Let us again reiterate the fact that with this we have lost all confidence in you. It is our responsibility that we should safe guard the holiness, discipline and integrity of

the Holy Church and this left me with no further choice other than withdrawing our approval and acceptance for you.

We would like to let you know that we withdraw the recognition and privileges that we have conferred on you as the primate of the Syrian Orthodox Church in Europe, vide No. 142A/2009 dated March 16, 2009. It goes without saying that all the consecrations that you have done are against the faith and practises of the Orthodox Church hence would be deprived of its validity.

We do hope and pray that you would refrain yourself from harming the Church, by spitefully engaged yourself in vicious actions in the future.

May God bless your Eminence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Baselios Marthoma Didymus I', with a flourish at the end.

Baselios Marthoma Didymus I

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1. Heads of all Oriental Orthodox Churches
2. H. E. Cardinal Walter Kasper
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