

DECREE OF ERECTING THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

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In several meetings since the Priests' Sanctification Day on June 28, 1984, the priests of this Eparchy have prayerfully considered the signs of our times with regard to the pastoral and missionary needs of this Eparchy, of its emigrants and of the Church Universal. The general opinion of these meetings was in favour of instituting a Missionary Society of Priests with the object of spreading God's Kingdom through pastoral and missionary ministries in India and abroad, ever continuing the zeal of the Knanaya pioneers of the missionary expedition from Syria to Malankara in A.D. 345, and fanning its flames to cope with the missionary exigencies of our times. Those interested in the project, therefore, have drafted, discussed and passed the statutes of the proposed Missionary Society of St. Pius X and of a supporting organisation by name of the Missionary Association of St. Pius X.

By a letter dated October 1, 1984, I have submitted the above statutes to the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church expressing my intention to canonically erect the Missionary Society and the Missionary Association.

On December 27, 1984, twenty one priests desiring to become members of the proposed Missionary Society of St. Pius X and

twenty six others desiring to join the Missionary Association of St. Pius X have jointly submitted to me a petition requesting me to canonically erect the society and the Association.

In response to the above petition and in order to cater to the pastoral and missionary needs of our times following the directives of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council (Ad gentes, 27 and 38), I do hereby erect the Missionary Society of Saint Pius X, as a society of eparchial right without public vows according to the norms of cc.224-231 of the Apostolic letter, Postquam Apostolicis Litteris, and the Missionary Association of Saint Pius X as an organization for supporting the Missionary Society. I do also hereby approve and promulgate the Statutes of the Missionary Society as well as the Missionary Association ad experimentum for three years.

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Bishop of Kottayam