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(Prot. No. SEP-NAPSEC-PUTTUR/DP/01/2020)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY AND NORMS AND PROCEDURES OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE IN THE EPARCHY OF PUTTUR

"You therefore, be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt. 5:48).

And also, by His Divine Power, He has lavished on us all the things we need for life and for true devotion, through the knowledge of Him who has called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these, the greatest and priceless promises have been lavished on us, that through them you should share the Divine Nature and escape the corruption rife in the world through disordered passion. With this in view, do your utmost to support your faith with goodness, goodness with understanding, understanding with self-control, self-control with perseverance, perseverance with devotion, devotion with kindness to the brothers, and kindness to the brothers with love. The possession and growth of these qualities will prevent your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ from being ineffectual or unproductive 2 Pt 1/3:8.

The faith life of the Christians is lived out in this world both in the spiritual and social realm. As St Paul exhorts us each one is called to live a life worthy to one's vocation (Eph 4/1). In addition, the Holy Mother Church is bound to maintain fraternity, equality, respect and dignity of every individual. With humble obedience and due respect to the Most Holy Father Pope Francis, who has instructed the Holy Mother Church through *Motu Proprio* 'Vos estis lux mundi' (I am the light of the world) dated 07 May 2019, I, the Bishop of Puttur, solemnly promulgate the norms and procedures of the Safe Environment Policy and constitute a "Safe Environment Committee" for the Eparchy of Puttur, on 15th of July 2020. The norms will come in force in the Eparchy from 15th July 2020 onwards.

His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, the Major Archbishop - Catholicos of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church promulgated the Guidelines for Safe Environment Programme (Prot. No. NAPSEC-M/DP/01/2020) for Church Personnel Connected with Institutions where Minors and Vulnerable Adults are given Special Care, on 29th of June 2020 the feast of the Ss. Peter and Paul, for the entire Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. As per these guidelines, the Local Hierarchs of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church are required to publish the norms and procedures, taking into consideration the exigencies of their respective Eparchies and should effectively enforce it judiciously before 15th July 2020.


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The Safe Environment Committee is constituted in accordance with the norms of the Church, guidelines of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) and the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC) the Karnataka Regional Catholic Bishop's Council (KRCBC) and as per the decisions of the XXIII Holy Episcopal Synod of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church held from 2 to 5 March 2020, at the Catholicate Centre, Trivandrum, and as per the guidelines for the Safe Environment Policy of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church (Prot. No. NAPSEC-M/DP/01/2020) and the guidelines for the Safe Environment Policy of the Eparchy of Puttur (Prot. No. SEP-NAPSEC-PUTTUR/DC/01/2020).

The Safe Environment Committee shall be functioned in a stable manner having an Office at the Eparchial Curia in the Bishop's House, Panjala, Puttur. The Committee shall be headed by a Director (woman) and shall be constituted by a seven members committee including the Director. All the faithful have access to this Office on all working days. Reports concerning the Church personnel may be submitted to this Office either personally or through post.

Given from the Eparchial Curia of Puttur on 15th July 2020, the 3rd year of my Episcopate.



Counter signed:
Rev. Fr. John Kunnatheth (Biju K.G.)
Chancellor



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