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00193 Roma November 26, 2021
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Prot. N. 463/2002

Your Grace,

I write, following your Audience with the Holy Father and meeting at the offices of the Dicastery, to confirm that this Congregation had never withdrawn the faculty of Eparchial Bishops to dispense as specified in canon 1538 of the *Codex Canonum Ecclesiarum Orientalium*.

Our Letter Prot. N. 248/2004 dated 9 November 2020 addressed to the Major Archbishop only sought to offer precision with regard to the proper use of dispensations, without in any way imposing additional restrictions on this faculty.

In virtue of your office as Vicar of the Major Archbishop for the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly, Your Grace can apply the faculty of dispensation for those cases, which, in your prudential judgment, would result in grave consequences with the entry into force on 28 November 2021 of the Synodal Decisions concerning the Holy *Qurbana*.

Your Grace will have the kindness to expose to the Major Archbishop and the Bishops of the Synod during the Session of January 2022 the ecclesial difficulties that you face in the Archeparchy.

Expressing the readiness of this Dicastery to be of any assistance and thanking Your Grace for the courteous attention, I renew my prayerful best wishes in Christ.

Sincerely,

✠ Leonardo Card. Sandri

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