

Correspondence with Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt regarding a celebration of Syriac solemn Qurbana in Rome in connection with the music conference on Eastern musical traditions, organized by Notre Dame University.

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From: **Joseph Palackal** <jpalackal@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Nov 13, 2014 at 11:53 PM

Subject: Waiting for confirmation of the Rome Program

To: Bishop's House Palai <aramanapala@gmail.com>

Priya Pithawe,

Notre Dame University is waiting for us to confirm the program. We may have to do this as early as possible so that we do not miss this great opportunity. It was with much effort that I was able to persuade them to do this. They are waiting to publish the Conference schedule on the website.

It would be great if we could speak on the phone for five minutes **as early as possible**. Phone nos:

My personal land line: [1-718-416-0773](tel:1-718-416-0773); Cell 1-646-256-2031 Rectory 1-718-326-2185

Or kindly give me a number that I can call.

These are the points for consideration:

1. The University is granting air ticket from Kochi and hotel accommodation for the Conference days for 4 persons (my ticket is extra; I will be flying from NY). I was thinking, if your Excellency can take care of your accommodation and ticket, we can add one more musician, especially a violin player. Violin will be an excellent addition.
2. Notre Dame is going to book the tickets. We will have to give the official names (as in the passport) of all the participants as early as possible. The musicians have to take passport and then apply for visa with an invitation letter from the University.
3. I think we should think big. We should take this opportunity to schedule the Qurbana at a highly visible and important location: St. Peter's? Mary Major? St. John the Lateran? Once we decide on it, we can suggest it to Notre Dame. I am sure they will cooperate and make contacts accordingly.
4. Depending on the location, and if extra funds are available from any source, we can even increase the number of musicians and make it really a grand and a memorable and historic event.
5. If Fr. Stephen Chirappanath and the Syro Malabar Community in Rome cooperate to provide free room and board (with Malayalee families, for example) to the musicians, we can extend the stay of the musicians for three or four days so that

they can see Rome, etc. In that case, we have to inform the exact day of the return trip to Notre Dame University.

Awaiting a quick response,
Fr. Joseph Palackal

On Tue, Nov 11, 2014 at 3:16 AM, Bishop's House
Palai <aramanapala@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Rev Fr. Palackal,
Thank you for the mail.

I informed bishop about the programme that you are planning. He responded very positively. But, he needs some more time to confirm the programme and the persons concerned.

Thank you
Fr. Gervasis

On 7 November 2014 21:06, Joseph Palackal <jpalackal@gmail.com> wrote:
Priya Pithawe,

Greetings from New York. Hope you are keeping fine. Thank you again for the wonderful interview. The editing is almost complete. We will post it on YouTube very soon.

We had talked about a conference on Eastern Christian (Syriac) music in Rome in May 24-26. The conference is organized by Notre Dame University, Indiana, USA in collaboration with music institutions in Rome. I suggested to the organizers to schedule a Solemn Syriac Qurbana for the participants and for the public. The organizers approved my suggestion and are ready to give flight and hotel accommodation for you and three singers (who can also play musical instruments). Hope you are free on those days to make the trip. This will be a golden opportunity for us to showcase our unique tradition. We will make history.

I would like Jarly Mathew to be part of the singing team. He can sing and play triangle or drum. We need a harmonium player/singer and a violin player/singer.

We shall discuss the details over the phone. Shall give a call tonight or tomorrow.

With loving regards and with gratitude for your kind words of appreciation for Qambel Maran
Joseph Palackal, CMI