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### **Prior General's Circular** **CMI Response to Corona Virus (COVID 19) Pandemic**

Dear and Reverend Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings from the Prior General's House, Kakkanad!

This brief communication is sent in the context of a pandemic resulting from Corona virus – COVID 19, which spreads very intensively in many of States in our country as well as in many parts of the world and thereby creating a panic situation in the minds of the people. Being aware of this serious situation, the first session of our 38<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Synaxis, which was concluded on 15<sup>th</sup> of this month, resolved the following:

Given the highly volatile situation prevailing across the globe due the spread of COVID 19, the instability of life that many people encounter and the unpredictability of the health conditions of humanity at large, we resolve to abide by the directives given by the WHO as well as the central, state, and local civil authorities. We shall extend all possible support to the affected people and their families as well as those who face imminent danger associated with the virus infections. If needed, we shall channelize resources of our own institutions and collaborate with like-minded agencies for the mitigation of the disaster situation. We shall ensure that all our members, especially those moving from one part of the globe to another shall take all precautions and abide by all restrictions laid down by the central and state governments to prevent the spread of the pandemic.

Along with this we also need to intensify our prayer for the whole of humanity so that we do not lose faith and hope in the loving protection that Jesus offers us, which is extended to every human being (Mt 10:30). But at the same time, we shall take utmost care to prevent the spread of the virus though not much is known about the disease dynamics. As no vaccine is yet invented, preventive measures become crucial. Therefore, I wish and pray that we take sufficient precautions and help others too for this in order to prevent the spread of this deadly virus. Therefore,

1. Let us follow strictly the government policies and instructions, especially issued by the Health Ministry in this regard which is a sign of our commitment to our fellow human beings.
2. Let us be aware of the preventive interventions such as frequent hand wash, respiratory etiquettes (use of handkerchief over mouth while coughing, sneezing, etc.).
3. Let us avoid all kinds of public gatherings, celebrations, conventions, meetings, etc., in our monasteries, houses, centres, and institutions.
4. Let us avoid unnecessary travel, visits to families and friends.
5. Let us keep all the places and surrounding of our houses and institutions clean and provide sanitising materials in the common places of our houses and institutions.
6. Let us remember in our daily Holy Mass the Corona affected people.

While recommending the entire humanity to the loving care of God in the firm belief that “what is impossible for man is possible with God” (Lk 18:17) may I request your valuable co-operation to create greater awareness among the people regarding the prevention of the Corona virus.

Interceding for the wellbeing of humanity to the Immaculate Mother of Carmel, Saint Joseph our patron, and Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara our founder,

Yours devotedly in our Lord,

Fr. Thomas Chathamparampil CMI  
Prior General

