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To

Most Rev. Victor Balke Bishop of Crookston Office of the Bishop P.O. Box 610 Crookston Minnesota 56716 U.S.A

Your Excellency,

Prayerful greetings to you.

Received the copy of the letter of October 19, 2005 addressed to the Metropolitan Archbishop. Thank you very much for the same. Hereby I am obliged to put forth few facts with regard to Fr. Jeyapaul through this email and by letter mail.

Though he left United States on 1st of September he arrived Bishop's House only on the second week of September after visiting his convulsing mother at home near Trichy. Before he could leave Bishop's House, I advised him to respect the contract made with the Diocese of Crookston and he decided to go back. On the same occasion I informed him about your E.Mail dated 6th September and expressed my shock about his misappropriation of the parish funds, Diocesan Car and loan from different people. I briefed him to contact you and compensate the misappropriation of money. I presumed that he was in touch with you and got your consent to stay back for the reason of his mother's illness in reference to my email to Msgr. Grundhaus. After a week he arrived here from his native place informing me that he cancelled his ticket and trip to your Diocese for which he said that somebody else was appointed in his place and his service is not needed there.

Today I took note of the content of your letter addressed to the Metropolitan Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore and I am totally unaware about any communication to me from you or from Fr. Jeyapaul before or after September 6, 2005, which contains only his financial misappropriation. After your letter dated October 16, 2005 I understand the reasons for his cancellation and he did not reveal any transaction between you and Fr. Jeyapaul so far.

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Today I enquired him about his settlement of the finance and about the Diocesan car. He told me that he had sent an explanation email on 15^{th} October 2005 to Your Excellency and also said that he has instructed his friend M-5 on 23^{rd} October to surrender the vehicle to the Diocese. His friend replied on the 25^{th} instant that he has surrendered the Car to the Diocese with necessary documents.

I am saddened by the recent allegations against Fr. Jeyapaul. As his Local Ordinary I will be grateful and dutiful to assist Your Lordship facilitating necessary conversations if you could advise me how to deal with this issue.

I am extremely indebted to you for your good gesture and support to us and more specially for Fr. Jeyapaul.



Sincerely Yours in Christ

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