

## Subject: Gratitude

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Good evening Father,

I hope this email finds you well.

The reason I am writing this email is to thank you for all the hard work you've done with the Aramaic Project, and striving to preserve and promote rich traditions of the Faith, particularly with the Syro-Malabar Qurbana.

Some context. My name is Lucas Mathew and I live in Tampa, Florida. My parents are from Kottayam and settled in Tampa 25 years ago. We have a Knanaya church here (Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church) where my parents go, while my fiance and I attend another Parish that celebrates the Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Tridentine Mass).

In the last 1.5 years, I took a great interest in learning liturgical traditions and the rich history of the Catholic Church (both East and West). This all began as I began reading and trying to understand the Mass. I was asking my parents questions on what the Qurbana was like when they were little kids. Some things I learned were that the Qurbana was not in Malayalam, the priest was facing ad orientem primarily, Priests would hear confessions leading up to Mass, communion at the communion rail, etc. What a discovery!

As I was reading and researching more and more about the Latin (Roman) rite and the Syro-Malabar church, I eventually stumbled upon Christian Musicological Society of India. I read and watched several discussions and videos that your project created, and I was amazed to learn the rich history of Christianity within Kerala.

The more I read about Church history, and as some would say "the deposit of faith", I felt the need to thank you for taking such great effort to preserve the rich history of the past while promoting rich traditions. I think your work is truly valuable, especially in the current day.

I hope that all people may discover the profound beauty of the Catholic Church.

God bless,

Lucas Mathew



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