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From: Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov>
Date: Fri, Apr 17, 2026 at 9:58 AM
Subject: RE: List of books and CDs
To: Joseph Palackal <jpalackal@gmail.com>

Apologies for that oversight, I believe I just had double copied the title of that book. I'll pass the additional copy of the book to our African & Middle Eastern Division and the extra copy of the Kristu to Recorded Sound. Yes, confirming the Ma O Maria arrived and will go to our Recorded Sound section next week.

With great thanks,
Jon

From: Joseph Palackal <jpalackal@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 7:48 PM
To: Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov>
Subject: Re: List of books and CDs

Dear Jonathan,

In your list the Order of the Mysteries appear twice. One as book and the other as DVD. Maybe you misunderstood it as separate items. It is the same book. Do with the additional copy as you wish.

The two copies of Kristu Sahasra Namam was a mistake. Did I send it instead of Ma O Maria? I wonder. Did you get CD of Ma O Maria?

You may do with the extra copy of the CD as you wish.

Thank you

Joseph



On Wed, Apr 15, 2026 at 4:53 PM Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov> wrote:

Dear Joseph,

I'm happily confirming that I've received your package of books for donation to the Library – thank you for sending! I have a couple of questions before I dole them out to the respective divisions. (And thank you for the cards. They're lovely pictorial examples of Indian Christianity).

1. I have two blue-cover books for the Order of the Mysteries. These are identical copies, yes? Not sure if it's volume 1 and volume 2.
2. And I have two copies of the Kristu Sahasra Namam. Two of the same, is that right?

I'll pass these on to the respective divisions later this week.

With thanks,

Jonathan

From: Joseph Palackal <jpalackal@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2026 1:40 PM

To: Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov>

Subject: Re: List of books and CDs

Thank you, Jonathan.

I shall follow your guidelines and send the materials soon

Joseph

On Mar 12, 2026, at 11:54 AM, Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov> wrote:

Dear Joseph,

With apologies for the time required to gather input from all divisions, I have the list of items that our LOC specialists would like to review in hand:



1. 1 BOOK for Music Division (Performing Arts Reading Room): Solemn Celebration of Qurbana of the Syro Malabar Church: Music Notation
2. 1 BOOK for African and Middle Eastern Division): Order of the Mysteries with the First Hallowing, that is the Hallowing of the Blessed Apostles Mar Addai and Mar Mari Preceptors of the Orient.
3. 1 DVD for Moving Image Research Center: Order of the Mysteries with the First Hallowing, that is the Hallowing of the Blessed Apostles Mar Addai and Mar Mari Preceptors of the Orient.
4. 3 CD's for Recorded Sound Research Center:
 1. Christian Bhajans
 2. Kristu Sahasra Nāmam (Thousand Names of Christ)
 3. Ma O Maria, A Hymn to Annai Velankanni

In terms of boilerplate guidance on donations, we want to welcome all donation offers but cannot accepting everything offered. Donations undergo review by reference specialists to determine if we are able to accept them for our collections. During review, some considerations taken into account are format, staff resources, and collection policies (e.g., LC generally does not accept self-published works). Please be aware that gift materials accepted by the Library become the property of the Library of Congress. Once the Library takes possession of such items, the Library retains the right to make all decisions with regard to its storage, location, processing, access, use, retention, uses including reformatting/digitization (when possible) or removal. (This comes from our [online donations form](#) when we get offers that way).

If the list above looks okay, then you can mail them to me at this address:

Jonathan Loar

Library of Congress Asian Division

Thomas Jefferson Building Room 150

101 Independence Ave SE

Washington DC 20540-4810

I'll confirm when the package arrives (it sometimes takes a bit longer than normal shipping as incoming mail goes through screening first). Happy to answer any questions as well.

All best,



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From: Joseph Palackal <jpalackal@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 4:43 PM

To: Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov>

Subject: Re: List of books and CDs

Great thank you, Jonathan

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On Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 4:41 PM Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov> wrote:

That one, Qambel Maran, is there in the catalog. Its record is <https://lccn.loc.gov/2011620173>. Out of the five, three were not found in the online catalog. Sometimes that is due to selection decisions in line with budgets and changing collecting policies. Our Recorded Sound Section should be getting back to me on their decision. As of now, the Music Division and the African & Middle Eastern Division have indicated they would like to review the books I flagged for them (1 per division). When I hear about the CDs and DVDs, I will send the final count of materials that can come to me here in Washington for my colleagues to review/select.

All best,

Jonathan



From: Joseph Palackal <jpalackal@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 4:35 PM
To: Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov>
Subject: Re: List of books and CDs

Ok Jonathan, now wd are cooking with gas!

By the way, I checked the LO C catalog before

Making the list. For example, my CD Qambel Maran, is not on the catalog! Is there a reason?

Thank you for your attention

Joseph

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 13, 2026, at 12:57 PM, Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov> wrote:

Dear Joseph – Yes, it is a very similar Word file, but please enlarge to see the comments in the margins. I'm attaching a screenshot of what I have on my end at the bottom of this message; the comments are identifiable by the small quote bubbles in the Word document itself. I am also abbreviating my notes below in an annotated list. In short – waiting here on selection decisions from several divisions and will update accordingly. All best, Jon

1. Author: A. Mathias. Mundadan, CMI.

Title: Blessed Kuriakose Elias Chavara.

Publisher/Year: Dharmaram Publications, Bengaluru, 2008 (English)

Pages: 524

ISBN: 978-81-89958-16-9

1. **JL Note: Already at LC**

1. Author: Pius Malekandathil, ed.

Title: JORNADA of Dom Alexis De Menezes: A Portuguese Account of the Sixteenth Century Malabar

Publisher/Year: LRC Publications, Ernakulam, India. 2003 (English)



Pages: 603

ISBN: 81-88979-00-7

1. JL Note: Already at LC

1. Author: Joseph J. Palackal and George Thaila

Title: Solemn Celebration of Qurbana of the Syro Malabar Church: Music Notation. Six-page introduction by Joseph J. Palackal. Staff notation of 17 melodies

Publisher/Year: Diocesan Youth Apostolate, St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago. 2015 (see item no. 2 under Audio CD)

Language: English.

Pages: 42

1. JL Note: Checking with LC Music Division on this one due to subject.

1. Author: Johnson Vadakumchery, CMI, ed.

Title: Icons of the Unknown: Asian Theology through the Eyes of Artist Joy Elamkunnappuzha, CMI. Articles and images of Indian Christian art.

Publisher/Year: Carmel International Publishing House, India (2002)

Pages:210

Language: English

ISBN: 81-87655-24-0

1. JL Note: Already at LC

1. Author: Auctoritate Congregationis pro Ecclesiis Orientalibus

Title: Order of the Mysteries with the First Hallowing, that is the Hallowing of the Blessed Apostles Mar Addai and Mar Mari Preceptors of the Orient.

According to the use of the East Syrians of Malabar.

Publisher: Editio Typica, Rome (2003).

Language: Syriac



1. **JL Note: Checking with African & Middle Eastern Division on this one due to language.**

DVD

Author: Joseph J. Palackal

Title: Kerala, the Cradle of Christianity in South Asia: The Cultural Interface of Religion and Music.

Publisher: Christian Musicological Society of India. Aluva, India. Documentary (34 minutes).

Language: English

Year: 2008

1. **JL Note: Checking with Moving Image Research Center on this one due to format.**

Audio CD

1. Author: Joseph J. Palackal

Title: Qambel Maran: Syriac Chants from South India.

Second (Indian) edition.

Publisher: Liturgical Research Centre, Ernakulam, India. LRC-no 22

Year: 2013.

42-page booklet with Introduction and liner notes on 29 tracks by Joseph J. Palackal, and English transliteration and translation of 29 chants. The CD with the same title was first published by Pan Records, Netherlands, PAN2085, in 2002.

Language: Syriac

1. **JL Note: Already at LC**

1. Author: Joseph J. Palackal and George Thaila

Title: Solemn High Mass of the Syro Malabar Church, CD with 16-page booklet in English. Songs from the English version of the Syro Malabar Qurbana in the Chaldean rite of the Syro Malabar Church.



Publisher, Year: St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago.

Year: 2007

(See Item no. 3 above under Books.)

1. **JL Note: Already at LC**

1. Author: Joseph J. Palackal

Title: Christian Bhajans. CD version of the first LP record of Christian Bhajans in Malayalam, produced by Deccan Records, Bengaluru (1979)

Publisher: Christian Musicological Society of India

Year: 2014.

Language: Malayalam

1. **JL Note: Checking with Recorded Sound Research Center on this one due to format.**

1. Author: Joseph J. Palackal

Title: Kristu Sahasra Nāmam (Thousand Names of Christ). Slokas in Sanskrit written by Chevalier I. C. Chacko (1876-1966). CD version of pre-recorded cassette with the same title, published by Deccan Records, Bengaluru (1985)

Publisher: Christian Musicological Society of India (2014)

Language: Sanskrit

1. **JL Note: Checking with Recorded Sound Research Center on this one due to format.**

1. Author: Joseph J. Palackal

Title: Ma O Maria, A Hymn to Annai Velankanni

Composed and recorded for the Oratory of Our Lady of Velankanni at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C.

Publisher: Christian Musicological Society of India

Year: 2013

Language: English



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From: Joseph Palackal <jpalackal@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 12:30 PM
To: Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov>
Subject: Re: List of books and CDs

My apologies, Jonathan. Both attachments are the same document that I sent you. Can you please send your comments separately, maybe in the body of the email? So, about this
Joseph

On Feb 13, 2026, at 10:54 AM, Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov> wrote:

Dear Joseph – Resending the word document with notes. Please let me know if this works. All best, Jonathan

From: Joseph Palackal <jpalackal@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2026 6:41 PM
To: Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov>
Subject: Re: List of books and CDs

I couldn't open your notes with comments
Can you please resend them



On Feb 9, 2026, at 10:34 AM, Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov> wrote:

Dear Joseph,

Many thanks for this list – this is exactly the information we need to proceed. I am attaching the list with my notes and comments in the margin. Several items are already part of the LC collections. Among the others, they would be routed to different LC divisions: Music, African & Middle Eastern, Recorded Sound, and Moving Image (none, however, for the Asian Division, although we are the point of contact for these kinds of donation offers and reference questions).

I have written to colleagues in the other four divisions and will let you know if they select any items. I can receive the materials all together here in the Asian Division and then pass them to colleagues around our campus in Washington DC. One logistical note is that we cannot pay for shipping items to the Library. I'll be sure to inform after I hear from my colleagues, and we can go from there.

All best,

Jonathan

From: Joseph Palackal <jpalackal@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2026 9:50 AM
To: Loar, Jonathan <jloa@loc.gov>
Subject: List of books and CDs

Dear Jonathan

Here is the list.

Thank you for your attention

Joseph

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