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Letter of Certification

1. This Letter of Certification is given over the hand of the Most Reverend Mark Haverland, Ph.D., Metropolitan of the Original Province and Acting Primate of the Anglican Catholic Church, and appears on my letterhead and is sealed with the seal of my Diocese of the South of said Province.

2. The Church of India (CIPBC), whose Metropolitan is the Most Reverend John Augustine, is the Second Province of the aforementioned Anglican Catholic Church. The Church of India (CIPBC) was received as the Second Province of the Anglican Catholic Church in 1984 when bishops of the Original Province conferred Apostolic Succession and Episcopal consecration upon four persons, namely John Asa Prakash, Samuel Peter Prakash, P.P. Rao, and E. J. Gideon.

3. John Asa Prakash was consecrated on 31 July 1984 at the Anglican Catholic Church of the Holy Comforter, Poughkeepsie, New York, United States of America, by bishops of the Original Province, including the then Metropolitan of the Original Province, the Most Reverend Louis W. Falk, Bishop James O. Mote, and Bishop William O. Lewis. This consecration is described in detail in the September 1984 number of THE TRINITARIAN (Publication of the Anglican Catholic Church). Bishop John Asa Prakash subsequently participated in meetings of the College of Bishops of the Anglican Catholic Church in New York (*ibid.*).

4. On 5 October 1984 the aforementioned Bishops Falk, Mote, and John Asa Prakash were received by his Excellency, Giani Zall Singh, President of India, at the presidential residence in New Delhi along with three bishops-elect for the Church of India (CIPBC) (see 5 below). This reception is described in detail in the November 1984 number of THE TRINITARIAN (Publication of the Anglican Catholic Church).

5. On 6 October 1984 the same bishops Falk, Mote, and John Asa Prakash consecrated Samuel Peter Prakash, P. Prasad Rao, and Ellis J. Gideon as bishops of the Church of India (CIPBC), the Second Province of the Anglican Catholic Church. These consecrations are described in detail in the November 1984 number of THE TRINITARIAN (Publication of the Anglican Catholic Church).

6. The Church of India (CIPBC) was formed by the Westminster Church Act of 1927 and 'continued to function well until 1970' (Bishop J.A. Prakash to President Singh, 5 October 1984), at which date bishops of the Church of India (CIPBC) defected to another body called the Church of North India without reference to the terms of the Church Act of 1927 and without enabling action by the Parliament of India. The consecration of bishops in 1984 for and on behalf of the Church of India (CIPBC) by the Anglican Catholic Church established the Church of India (CIPBC) as a constitutive Province of the Anglican Catholic Church. Just as the Church of India (CIPBC) existed (as a Province of the Church of England in India) prior to 1927, so the

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Church of India (CIPBC) continued to existe after 1970 also after 1984 as a Province of that Church which conferred consecration upon its bishops in 1984.

7. On 3 October 1991 at a religious service in Deerfield Beach, Florida, in the United States of America, several retired and active bishops of the Anglican Catholic Church and another body called the American Episcopal Church, including the Louis W. Falk (a bishop of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church) and Bishop Samuel Peter Prakash (a bishop of Church of India) were consecrated as bishops by and for a Church or Churches other than the Anglican Catholic Church. These consecrations occurred within the geographical territory of the diocese of a bishop of the Anglican Catholic Church (the Most Reverend William O. Lewis) without his knowledge or permission and contrary to the canons of the Anglican Catholic Church. The Church to which the consecrating bishops and the consecrands (including Samuel Peter Prakash) joined themselves was called the Traditional Anglican Communion, whose branch in the United States adopted the name the Anglican Church in America, and which is not in communion with the Anglican Catholic Church.

8. Certification of the facts stated in the previous point was made in the official Gazette and Publication of the Anglican Catholic Church, THE TRINITARIAN, in the number dated October 1991, and the 'de facto or de jure admission into [a] religious body not in formal or canonical Communion with this Church' (Anglican Catholic Church Canon 10.7.01) was and is deemed by the Metropolitan of the Original Province 'to be equivalent to a renunciation of the Ministry of the Church' by the bishops in question. The bishops in question, including Samuel Peter Prakash, therefore from 3 October 1991, were incapable of serving as bishops of the Anglican Catholic Church, whether of the Original Province or in the second Province, the Church of India (CIPBC), and are thus deemed to be deposed and excommunicated from the Anglican Catholic Church and Church of India both *ipso facto* and *de jure*.

9. Since 1991 the aforementioned Bishop Samuel Peter Prakash, deposed and excommunicated former bishop of the Anglican Catholic Church and Church of India (CIPBC), has publicly held himself forth to be a bishop of the Traditional Anglican Communion, an ecclesial body not in communion with the Anglican Catholic Church or the Church of India (CIPBC). That is to say, Samuel Peter Prakash has publicly held himself forth as a bishop in a different Church other than the Church of India (CIPBC) whose bishops consecrated him in 1984.

To the best of my knowledge all of the facts certified above are true and accurate, so help me God. Signed and sealed on this Tenth day of April, anno Domini Two Thousand Eight.

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