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"Committed to Religious Harmony and to Fight Social Evils", says The Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC)

Kochi: The Catholic Church in Kerala has been giving great contributions for peaceful co-existence and harmony of religions and for the cultural development of the society in Kerala, through its varied services in the education and health-care sectors, social and charitable actions and works promoting equality and equity in the social level. The KCBC rejects in unison all forms of interpretations which undermine religious harmony and weaken healthy co-existence in the society by mischievously twisting the warnings of the pastors of this church, which they do adhering to the words of Christ, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10,10). We request that when we point out social evils deeper study and serious enquiry be conducted in that regard and actions be undertaken thereto, without giving a different hue to the matters, diverting them to unintended directions. The KCBC disapproves of any covert attempts to show that there exists disunity among the Churches.

The fundamental values of truth, love and justice, which the Catholic Church upholds, constitute the basis of all inter-religious dialogue and harmony among religions. In this regard, the stance of the Catholic Church in Kerala is exactly that of the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis. The KCBC wishes that there be here always secularism and religious harmony and we vow to work for the same. We wish to declare our earnest desire to work with other communities to oust social evils from our society.

We request sincerely that all be ready to respect everyone in accordance with the mind of Christ.





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