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Dear Fathers and Sisters

Prayerful greetings from the Bishop's house. I am writing this short letter to communicate you the intention of the Holy Father.

POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR PRAYER FOR THE UPCOMING SYNOD OF BISHOPS

Holy Father, Pope Francis has called upon all the members of the Catholic Church to pray in a very special way for the success of the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which is scheduled to take place in Rome from 5 to 19 October, 2014, dealing with the topic: 'The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization'. Pope has indicated Sunday, 28th September, as the day of special prayers for the Synod. Pope himself has composed a special prayer to the Holy Family, and the Secretariat of Synod of Bishops has prepared a set of 'Prayer of the Faithful' and sent to all the Bishops worldwide to be used for the Sunday Mass of September 28.

Keeping this special intention in mind we have translated the prayers in to Tamil and Malayalam. The liturgy of 28th Nov. can be in the following manner:

- Give a short introduction about the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the topic "The Pastoral Challenges of the family in the context of Evangelization" after the entrance hymn.
- Then let the Celebrant read out the prayer of the Holy Family (introductory prayer) and the congregation will repeat it.
- The Holy Qurbana begins...
- For Korosusa kindly use the special text prepared for the occasion.

May I ask all the fathers and sisters to pray for this intention during "*the Liturgy of the Hours*"

Thank you very much

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