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Dear Msgr. Swamy,

Thank you for your email of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2005. I appreciate your explanations and your willingness to assist in this matter. Please note that I received an email from Fr. Jeyapaul on the same day, a copy of which I have enclosed.

I am sorry to have to inform you that the civil authorities are investigating Fr. Jeyapaul's actions, specifically those relating to the sixteen-year-old girl that I spoke of in my last letter. Thus it appears that the allegations made, if they are established to be true, possibly involve a civil crime as well as a canonical one. As such, I have the following requests which I would appreciate your help in carrying out.

- First, I must be certain that Fr. Jeyapaul has no further contact or communication with the girl. My sources indicate that the last communication he had with her was an email dated 22 October, which leads me to believe that you have already taken steps to this end. Nonetheless, I want to be clear that I expect you, as his ordinary, to ensure that he makes no further attempts to contact the girl.
- As I have already mentioned, the civil authorities of Rosseau County are exploring the possibility of charging Fr. Jeyapaul with a crime in the civil courts. In the interest of justice I ask you to urge Fr. Jeyapaul to present himself to the authorities if they request it and to cooperate fully in whatever process ensues. If his actions have been criminal, he must be prepared to face the consequences, and to do whatever possible to make amends to the victim and her family.
- In his email of 28 October Fr. Jeyapaul offers an explanation for his misappropriation of parish funds. However, I would point out that he was not entitled to his September salary of \$1800 as he did not serve the diocese during that period. As for the money for retreat (\$500)

and on-going education (\$700), that is the maximum amount allowed to priests of the Diocese over the course of a year, and some of it is intended for specific events which Fr. Jeyapaul did not attend. Thus I request that you have him return the funds (\$3000) to the Chancery by 1 December 2005. If it is easier, I can provide you with the information necessary to return the money via registered wire transfer. As for other money Fr. Jeyapaul might have borrowed, as he states in his email the car has been returned to the diocese. However, I am concerned about what sort of compensation has been offered to Fr. Jeyapaul's friend. I would ask that you see to it that any outstanding debts Fr. Jeyapaul might have are satisfied in full.

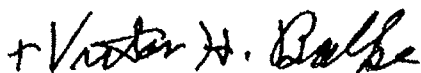
- Finally, given all that has been outlined here, I would like to point out that there are grave reasons to doubt Fr. Jeyapaul's fitness for ministry. As such, I request you, again as his ordinary, to take whatever steps are necessary to prevent him from harming others.

My canonical investigation into Fr. Jeyapaul's activities is on-going. The investigator has prepared a list of questions for Fr. Jeyapaul to respond to if he chooses, and I am enclosing that list with this letter. I suggest you discuss with Fr. Jeyapaul the advisability of his responding to these questions, and if it is determined that he ought to respond I ask that you see that he does so formally, in writing, and in the presence of an ecclesiastical notary. I would then ask that his formal response be sent to me by regular post, and that it is received by my office no later than 1 December 2005.

When the investigation is complete I will see that a copy of the report is sent to you, along with a summary of the disciplinary steps that I have taken. At that point it will be up to you to determine if further action is necessary.

Again, I thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to assist in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions as to how to proceed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+Victor H. Balke  
Bishop of Crookston

ENCLOSURES

cc: Most Rev. Malayappan Chinnappa

# Rev. Msgr. A. Antony Samy

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November 21, 2005

To

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Your Excellency,

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 8, 2005. Thank you very much for the same. I am now aware of the difficulties you face in reference to Fr. Jeyapaul.

I owe my gratitude for the letter of information and the latest developments on the recent allegations on Fr. Jeyapaul. As per your guidance I immediately conducted a detailed enquiry with Fr. Jeyapaul and instructed him to be sincere and truthful in order to help him to solve the issues. In my enquiry I tried to learn more about the success of his ministry in the Diocese of Crookston and probed him on morals and faith including very personal questions on his role in the sexual misconduct.

- At first, as his Local Ordinary I assure you that he will not keep any contact through email, telephone and even in person and he wishes not to have it in future too.
- I have urged Fr. Jeyapaul to cooperate fully to the civil and canonical authorities if required.
- Addressing to his undue advance of money from the parish he is willing to repay \$1048 which is already in his account for which he is enclosing an authorization letter. On his behalf may I request Your Lordship to give him some time till the end of March 2006 to repay the balance as he is expressing some financial constrains. He also assures that his friend [REDACTED] will not claim any compensation from the Diocese of Crookston.

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- Fr. Jeypaul is sternly warned of any further mischief or such allegations in future too.

Hereby I enclose his response to the Questionnaire given in the presence of the Diocesan Ecclesiastical Notary and dully signed by both.

Once again I thank you for your kind attention and help.

With my prayerful wishes,



Yours in Christ,

ADMINISTRATOR  
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cc. Most Rev. M. Chinnappan, Metropolitan Archbishop, Madras-Mylapore, Chennai

ENCLOSURES

1. Response to the Questionnaire
2. Authorization letter