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Subject: Confession, an integral part of Catholic Faith

Office of Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM Global), express profound pain and sorrow engulfing the catholic faithful of India regarding the statement by National Commission of Women (NCW). The statement states the abolition of the practice of "confession" in churches.

Putting forth the rights entrusted by the Constitution of India, under Article 25: Right to Freedom of Religion; a citizen of India is entitled to freedom of practise and propagation of religion. The sacrament of confession has been integral part of Christian faith from the time of Jesus Christ. The Bible gives an account of it in Gospel of Mathew 3:6, where it says "the baptism was accompanied by a public confession of sins". The tradition was passed on to the present generation through the apostles of Jesus Christ.

Our beloved motherland, India, is secular in religion. Our country is known for welcoming and accepting ways since time immemorial. The profound phrase "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" resounds the brethren feeling of our nation which is proud of its rich and diverse heritage. We appeal to concerned authorities to look into the matter with great attention and understanding, thereby not hurting the sentiments of Christians in the country who are its proud sons and daughters.

Jai Hind!

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