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To

James Pochury
North East Catholic Research Forum
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Sub: Permission to use the term ‘Catholic to your nomenclature.

Dear James Pochury,

The Bishops’ Council of North East India have noted that well educated and professional Catholics from North East India want to establish a Forum named North East Catholic Research Forum (NECARF) and has sought permission to use the term ‘Catholic’ to that name. After due discussion the bishops’ Council has granted you the permission for the use of the term, initially for three years. Together with the permission we are also appointing Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Linus Neli of the archdiocese of Imphal as the ecclesiastical adviser to the Forum.

We appreciate the desire of the Forum to conduct research on issues of public interest, express Catholic views, defend the rights of the Catholics and include qualified clergy or religious in its membership. At the same we like to inform you that this Forum will not represent Catholic Church in any Forum or enter into any agreement with any Govt in the name of the Catholic Church. The Ecclesiastical adviser will liaison between you and the bishops on any important matters.

We implore God’s blessings on all of you and your endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

+John Moolachira
Archbishop of Guwahati & Chairman of NEIRBC