

Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments

Prot. N. 155/26

Madras and Mylapore

At the request of His Grace Msgr. George Antonysamy, Archbishop of Madras and Mylapore, expressed in his letter dated 31 March 2026, conveying the prayers and wishes of the clergy and the faithful of his Archdiocese, the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, by virtue of the faculties granted to it by the Supreme Pontiff Leo XIV, gladly adorns the Parish Church and Archdiocesan Sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called Annai Vailankanni, in the city known in the vernacular as Chennai, with the title and dignity of a Minor Basilica, with all the rights and liturgical concessions duly pertaining thereto, while preserving what must be observed according to the Decree “De Titulo Basilicae Minoris” published on 9 November 1989.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein.

**From the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments,
on 25 April 2026, Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist.**

(signed by)

**His Eminence Arthur Cardinal Roche
Prefect**

**His Grace Msgr. Vittorio Francesco Viola, O.F.M.
Archbishop Secretary**