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Dear Fr. Vernon and Fr. Sunder,

I am aware that there have been disputes regarding the stalls operated on the road leading to the Basilica during the Mount Mary Feast days.

I had appointed Bishop Dominic Savio Fernandes to study the situation and give his recommendations, which he has done.

Several people have appealed to me to review the matter. Taking into consideration that the pricing for the stalls last year was Rs. 500/square foot (+ GST); I have directed on compassionate grounds that this year the stalls be given out at Rs. 550/square foot (+GST). The process for allotment of stalls by lots as followed last year is to be observed.

Any loss that the Basilica might incur because of this reduction of price will be borne by the Archdiocese of Bombay.

Once all the accounts of this year are completed, I will appoint a committee of experts who will study this matter in detail and make recommendations for next year.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Yours fraternally in Christ,

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