

CONGREGATION FOR THE EVANGELIZATION OF PEOPLES

DECREE

Considering the good of souls and the inequality of the territories and Christ's faithful in the Apostolic Vicariates of Arabia and Kuwait, that have thus far been concerned with the special missionary activity *ad Gentes* amongst the Nations of the Arabian Peninsula, this Dicastery has once again decided to allocate their areas of competence.

Therefore the Apostolic Vicariate of Arabia, which has up till now embraced the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Bahrain, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, will concede the territories of Bahrain, Qatar and Saudi Arabia to the Apostolic Vicariate of Kuwait.

Moreover, in both of the Apostolic Vicariates the *Ius Commissionis* - *Right of Commission* is totally entrusted to the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (OFM Cap.) and their titles will be modified as follows:

The Apostolic Vicariate of Arabia shall be called "The Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia" and will embrace the territories of the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Yemen;

while the Apostolic Vicariate of Kuwait shall be called "The Apostolic Vicariate of Northern Arabia" and will embrace the territories of Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia.

The Apostolic Nuncio is hereby requested to carry out the new dispositions as prescribed in this Decree.

Given at Rome, from the Offices of the same Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, the 31st day of the month of May, in the year of the Lord 2011.

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