

**ANSWER IN ONE WORD**

- 1) Which type of plastic is safe?
- 2) Who is the Father of Ecology?
- 3) What was the recycled material use to make the 2010 Olympic Medals?
- 4) Which country has no garbage collection?
- 5) Where is the most plastic used?
- 6) Which organism is most important in biodegradation?
- 7) Who invented plastic?
- 8) What is the role of fungi in biodegradation?
- 9) What returns most organic waste into an ecosystem?
- 10) Is human hair biodegradable?
- 11) Which part of the human body decomposes first after death?
- 12) How long does it take to plastic foam to decompose?
- 13) Which plastic is used as a substitute for glass?
- 14) Name the most active agents used in petroleum degradation.
- 15) Which city recycles the most?

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Dear All,

The Diocese of Chanda & The Department of Evangelization & Pastoral ministry of CMI Mar Thoma Province Chanda jointly organise a Green Genius Quiz Contest in the Chanda Samachar as this year is declared as Harith Varsh or Go Green Diocese Campaign. We request everyone to take part in the Green Genius Quiz Contest and win attractive prizes as it is open to all.

**Details about the Contest**

1. There will be all together 75 Questions.
2. The questions will be published in 3 issues of Chanda Samachar (2021 January, May & September) and in each edition, there will be 25 questions: 10 Multiple Choice Questions & 15 One word answer questions.
3. The participants will have to answer all the 75 questions published in the 3 issues of Chanda Samachar in order to be qualified for the competition.
4. The answers should be sent to the email id cmichandapastoral@gmail.com
5. Participants must write their full name, phone number and address along with the answers.
6. The answers for the first set of Questions (1-25) must be sent before 30th April 2021, the answers for the 2nd set (26-50) before 31st August 2021 & 3rd set (51-75) before 31st December 2021.
7. The result will be declared on 26th January 2022.
8. The 1st Prize winner will get ₹7000, the 2nd Prize winner will get ₹5000 & the 3rd Prize winner will get ₹3000 cash Prize along with certificates and medals.
9. All the participants will get attractive E Certificates on their respective email ids.
10. If the number of winners is more, then the 3 winners will be decided by lot taken by the Bishop of Chanda.
11. The prizes will be awarded on Chanda Family Day 2022.
12. No age bar or locus (place) restrictions. Anyone is welcome to participate.

**SET - I (Q. 1-25)****MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**

- 1) First International Conference on 'Environment' was held on**  
a) March 1968                              b) March 1970  
c) June 1970                                 d) June 1972
- 2) Which of the following is a non- biodegradable substance?**  
a) Virgin plastic                            b) Plastic  
c) Plants                                      d) Plant producers
- 3) The process of accumulation of harmful chemical substances, like pesticides, in the body of living organisms at each trophic level of a food chain is known as:**  
a) Biological magnification  
b) Biological accumulation  
c) Chemical magnification  
d) Chemical accumulation
- 4) Which among the following is a correct full form of DDT?**  
a) Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethanb  
b) Dichlorodiphenyltetrachloroethane  
c) Dichlorodecaphenyltrichloroethane  
d) Dichlorodiethyltrichloroethane
- 5) In which year the term 'Sustainable Development' came into existence?**  
a) 1987                                        b) 1980  
c) 1978                                        d) 1992

- 6) The United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) was established by the UN General Assembly in the year:**  
a) 1992                                        b) 1994  
c) 1995                                        d) 1993
- 7) Which option is correct, when we only accomplish two out of three pillars of Sustainable Development?**  
a) Economic + Environmental sustainability = Viable  
b) Social + Environmental sustainability = Bearable  
c) Social + Environmental sustainability = Equitable  
d) All of the above
- 8) Which of the following process unit is used for air pollution control in a chemical plant?**  
a) Thermal Oxidizer                      b) VPCU  
c) Fluidized Bed Combustion        d) None of these
- 9) "There is enough for everybody's need and not for anybody's greed." Who said these words?**  
a) Jawaharlal Nehru                      b) Motilal Nehru  
c) Subhash Chandra Bose              d) Mahatma Gandhi
- 10) The coating on modern non-stick cookware and electric iron is of**  
a) Terrycot                                    b) Polyester  
c) Rayon                                        d) Teflon

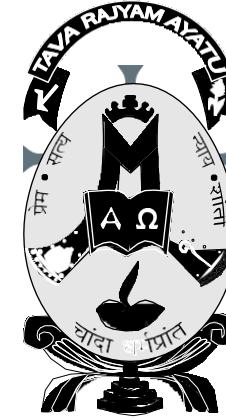
**XI. ONGOING FORMATION**

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<b>Fr. M. Kulandai Raj SJ</b> Programme Director mkrajsjap@gmail.com Ph.: 09133255690 Satyodayam, 12-5-33 Vijaypuri Colony Secuderabad 500017	Diploma in Counseling Psychology	30 <sup>th</sup> June to 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
	Counseling skills for Counselors one	03 <sup>rd</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
	Discernment of Spirit	13 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
	Developmental Psychology	06 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
	Psychosexual Integration	12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
	Enneagram	09 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
	Counselling Skills for Counsellors Two	24 <sup>th</sup> August to 04 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
	Midlife Spirituality	13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
	Psycho-spiritual Integration	20 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
<b>The Director</b> NBCLC, Post Bag 8426 Hutchins Road, 2nd Cross, Banglore - 560 084 INDIA	Catechetical Course "Mission to Proclaim"	12 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
	Seminar "Religious Leadership"	10 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
	Counselling Skills "Theory & Practicle"	19 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
	Seminar "Religious Leadership"	28 <sup>th</sup> July to 04 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
	Retreat-cum-seminar on "Eco-Spirituality"	11 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2021

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**Thy Kingdom Come (Mt. 6:10)**

**Bishop's Home (Balharshah), Ballarpur-442701  
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## MAY

1. Fr. Mathew Kaniyampampil CMI	05-05-2011	Pala
2. Sr. Darsana SJB	07-05-2012	Kuriachera
3. Sr. Lia CMC	08-05-2001	Thommana
4. Sr. Rose Margaret CMC	08-05-2012	Thommana
5. Fr. George Chakkalackal CMI	10-05-2012	Trichur
6. Sr. Shaify FCC	25-05-2002	Kadukutty
7. Bro. Jomon Mattapillil CMI	30-05-1997	Bellampalli

## OBITUARY

- 14/11/2020 : Mrs. Annakutty (78), Beloved mother of Sr. Tersit FDSHJ
- 25/11/2020 : Mrs. Rosamma Vathyakaryil, beloved mother of Fr. Philip Vathyakaryil CMI.
- 02/12/2020 : Mr. Baby Mulackal (52), beloved brother of Fr. Benny Mulackal.
- 09/12/2020 : Mrs. Philomina Kujur (70), Beloved mother of Mr. Ashok Kujur
- 13/12/2020 : Mr. Appachan Narikkat (62), Beloved Brother of Fr. Johny Narikkat
- 18/12/2020 : Fr. Joseph Vathallore CMI (78), Beloved brother of Fr. Mathew Vathallore CMI
- 20/12/2020 : Mr. Chummar Chittinapilly (85), Beloved father of Fr. Tomy Chittinapilly
- 13/01/2021 : Mr. Vincent Thekkekara (64), Beloved father of Fr. Bibin Vincent Thekkekara

## Quotes

“Every day I supply oxygen for up to 4 people.

Don't you think I'm worth saving?” ”

— A tree

**X. HEAVENLY BRETHREN****JANUARY**

1. Sr. (Dr.) Prasanthi ASMI	03-01-2013	Nuzvid
2. Fr. Zacheus Edakkalathoor CMI	03-01-2001	Shornur
3. Sr. Lawrence FCC	04-01-1999	Hoshangabad
4. Fr. Liguori Mundackal CMI	05-01-1995	Vazhakulam
5. Fr. Abraham Thuruthumaly CMI	11-01-2007	Jagdapur
6. Sr. Lilly Joseph DM	13-01-2016	Wardha
7. Fr. Alipius Kuttickatt CMI	16-01-1995	Pavaratty
8. Sr. (Dr.) Fidelis SD	17-01-2008	Gaziabad
9. Fr. Polycarp CMI	20-01-2007	Kalamassery
10. Fr. George Pullankav CMI	21-01-2011	Karikkattur
11. Sr. Jaina Therese DM	25-01-2009	Wardha

**FEBRUARY**

1. Fr. Thomas Plathottathil	05-02-1984	Ayarkunnam
2. Sr. Elsa CSC	07-02-1995	Naduvarambu
3. Sr. Arnalda CMC	10-02-2020	Wardha
4. Sr. Pavithra DM	11-02-2006	Wardha
5. Sr. Josephine DM	11-02-2009	Kerala
6. Sr. Goretti Francis ASMI	21-02-2007	Nagpur
7. Fr. John Damacene CMI	25-02-1984	Chethipuzha
8. Fr. Augustine Aikaramattam CMF	28-02-2002	Kuravilangad

**MARCH**

1. Sr. Alice FCC	18-03-2000	Kadukutty
2. Fr. Mathew Vettoonickal CMI	14-03-2012	Mutholy
3. Bp. Januarius Palathuruthy CMI	28-03-1995	Ballarpur

**APRIL**

1. Fr. George Nedumpalakunnel CMF	04-04-2007	Kuravilangad
2. Sr. Anil Maria FCC	08-04-2007	Hoshangabad
3. Fr. Silas Vadakkayil CMI	24-04-2003	Kalamassery

SV. 1/2021

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear people,

***Thy Kingdom Come!***

In the first place I wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021. For the past one year - 2020 - the whole world was facing the challenge of an uncertainty due to the Pandemic Covid - 19. We are slowly getting rid of it and with Job let us exclaim: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). Nothing in the world happens without God's knowledge: "Who can command and have it done, if the Lord has not ordained it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? Why should any who draw breath complain about the punishment of their sins?" (Lamentations 3: 37-39). "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good" (Rom. 8:28). Let us pray that God's plan be realized in our life! In the year 2021 as a community of believers following Christ in Chanda let us focus our attention on respecting and sustaining God's creation by meaningfully observing/celebrating **HARITH VARSH** - Go Green Diocese Campaign. God bless you all.

Your Shepherd in the Lord



† Ephrem Nariculam  
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

**PASTORAL LETTER I**

PL 1/January 2021

**ON 'THE PASTORAL CONVERSION OF THE  
PARISH COMMUNITY'**

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

**Thy Kingdom Come!**

One of the recent instructions of the Congregations for the Clergy from Rome is titled: “*The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of the Evangelizing mission of the Church.*” The document in about 30 pages is a guiding principle re-iterating the importance of our primary mission as evangelization – “mission precedes maintenance” is the key focus of the document. It is nothing new to our mission vocabulary but require continued emphasis so as to realize God's plan on earth accomplished in Jesus Christ. God incarnated in Christ and today we are called to be the incarnation of the same word in our missions. The document lucidly articulate the incomparable importance and status of evangelization in the mission of the Church. We, the missionaries are, primarily evangelizers in words and deeds. It is our mission and it is our life.

The instructions invite every missionary to explore creative and innovative ways in evangelization. “Parish Communities will find herein a call to go out of themselves, offering instruments of reform, even structural, in a spirit of communion and collaboration, of encounter and closeness of mercy and solitude for proclamation of the Gospel” (#2). Pastoral conversion is one of the central themes in the “new phases of evangelization” that the Church is called to foster today, whereby Christian communities be even more centres conducive to an encounter with Christ. Recalling the clarion call of the second Vatican Council document *Gaudium et Spes* no. 58, the instruction urges every faithful to enter consciously to Church's universal mission entering into communion with the various civilizations, to their enrichment and the enrichment of the Church herself. The fruitful and creative encounter between the Gospel and the culture leads to true progress: on the one hand, the Word of God is incarnate in the history of men and women,

participated in the competition. Results were announced on Christmas day by his Excellency Mar Ephrem Nariculam. We thank you for the great support of the priests-in-charge. Thanks to the participants.



- I St. Thomas Cathedral, Ballarpur
- II Mary Matha Church, Rajura
- III Christ the King Church, Brahmmapuri

**Holy Childhood Association**

In order to prepare our children for Christmas, we prepared a prayer schedule for twenty five days. We sent audio message for 25 days via whatsapp. Thanks to Bro. Vishal Janagam who gave message for 25 days and assisted technically. Thanks to all priests-in-charge for circulating the message to all children.

**Youth Department**

In preparation for Christmas, we conducted a diocesan level virtual competition "A Cradle to Infant Jesus" which consists of Prayer, Skit, Dance, Christmas message and Carol song. There were 8 entries for the competition.



- I St. Antony's Church, Wardha
- II St. Thomas Cathedral, Ballarpur
- III St. Mary's Church, Durgapur

**IX. NEWS FROM THE FORMATION HOUSES**

1. Fr. Shibu Monipally took charge as the new rector of the seminary on 17/11/2020
2. Forth year brothrs had ten days of village exposure program in Gatta parish during Christmas
3. Bro. Jils Jose who has been attending online class in SVG left for Dharmaram collage to continue his philosophical studies
4. Fathers and brothers of SVG had one day outing on 2 January. We visited the following mission stations and parishes Aksapur, Ashti, Chamorshi, Wasa, Brahmmapuri, Balapur and Chandrapur. Fr. Anoop, Fr. Nikhil and Fr. Vincent joined us.
5. We celebrated Christmas and New year very solemnly

children, in improving health condition, social awareness of civil rights and duties. Our Project Animators as well as its beneficiaries are grateful to the German sponsors of the two Parishes where the Project Director had rendered pastoral service from 1983 to 1989. Merry Christmas!!

*Fr. James cmi Kurissery*

### **S.J.B. PROVINCIAL HOUSE, WARDHA**

Online Annual Charism retreat was arranged for all the members of the Province in the month of November.

The Feast of Christ the King on 22<sup>nd</sup> November brought all the joys back as we had the province gathering and celebration. Around 70 sisters along with our domestic staff gathered, had a meaningful thanksgiving liturgical celebration followed by a felicitation program and lunch. Sr. Sally, who won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in National level competition on “MY DREAM ABOUT CHANDA MISSION” and the participants were felicitated and awarded by Fr. Binoy CMI. Sr. Vidya was specially felicitated under whose guidance 27 were the participants for the creative writing competition on My Dream of Chanda.

## **VIII. DEPARTMENTAL NEWS**

### **CLC Department:**

In collaboration with Women's commission, diocese of Chanda, the ministry of Family Apostolate organized a National level online competition 'Christmas Fiesta 2020' for the families during the season of Christmas. 90 families from all over India participated in the competition.



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| <b>I</b>   | <b>Dominic Savio &amp; Family, Delhi</b>         |
| <b>II</b>  | <b>Carol S Stephens &amp; Family, Chandrapur</b> |
| <b>III</b> | <b>Balvinder Singh &amp; Family, Awarpur</b>     |
| <b>III</b> | <b>Dusi Sudarshan &amp; Family, Ballarpur</b>    |

### **Devdan Sanchara Kendra**

We organized diocesan level virtual Carol singing competition for the parishes and mission stations of Chanda diocese. 12 teams

they renew it; on the other hand, the Church, can and ought to be enriched by the development of human social life, enhancing thereby, in our present age, the mission entrusted to her by Christ (#4).

The creative evangelization invites a structural change in the parish system. As a living community of believers; a parish is a community gathered around the Table of the Word and the Eucharist, embrace a digital culture in the context of 'a global and pluralistic village'; going beyond just a territorial configuration. Parish as visible structure of the Church radiates the light of the faith giving meaning and hope to the lives of individuals and families. Every faithful as missionaries show forth the face of an evangelizing community, capable of an adequate reading of the signs of the times and of giving witness to coherent evangelical living. As a result, the Christian community, should not be afraid to begin and accompany processes within territories that are host to diverse cultures, in the sure and certain hope that, for the disciples of Christ, “nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts” (#15).

The new kerygmatic perception of parish is that one realizes the transformation effect of the Word of God, that brings about conversion of hearts (#21). In the mysterious interplay between the action of God and that of man, the proclamation of the gospel comes through men and women who give credibility to what they say through the witness of their lives together with their interpersonal relationships that inspire trust and hope (#24). It is a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit to announce the Word of God and bring new children of God to birth in the baptismal font. In the process of renewal and re-structuring, the Parish has to avoid the risk of falling into an excessive and bureaucratic organization of events and an offering of services that do not express the dynamic of evangelization, but rather the criterion of self-preservation (#34). The mission required of the parish, as a central driving force of evangelization, concerns the People of God in its entirety: priests, deacons, religious men and women, and the lay faithful, each according to their respective charisms and the responsibility that corresponds to them.

After having dealt with administrative division of the diocese in the smaller units aiming at more pastoral participation (#46-65) the instruction focus attention on the duties of parish priest. In numbers 66-93 the instruction enumerate the different responsibilities of the parish priest/priest-in-charge: care of souls stands the first duty followed by care of ecclesiastical goods/properties, stability of office, ministry of (permanent) deacons, the contribution of consecrated men and women in the parish, the role of the laity etc. Most of these are nothing new to our context, but more relevant to ecclesial context of Europe, America etc. In the ensuing numbers the instruction speaks about ecclesiastical bodies like finance council, pastoral council, presbyteral council etc. in the parish and diocese level and their co-responsibility in running the administration of respective institutions. They should share the responsibility in pastoral care in the service of the community of the faithful. The last part dealt in the instruction is about offering for the celebration of the sacraments. By its nature, it must be a free act on the part of the one offering, left to one's conscience and sense of ecclesial responsibility, not a "price to pay" or a "fee to exact" as if dealing with a sort of "tax on the Sacraments" (#118). Infact, for the offering for Holy Mass, "the Christian faithful contribute to the good of the Church and share its concern to support its ministers and works."

In conclusion the instruction invites every Christian faithful to rediscover parish as a place of fraternity and charity, from which Christian witness can shine before the world. It must remain a place of creativity of relationship and of motherhood to call it a parish all the more – creatively and lively involved in the mission of evangelization. May Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Evangelization intercede for us so that we can acquire the holy audacity needed to discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to every man and woman.

May God bless you all

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus



*Ephrem Narikulam*

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Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

personalities like the then St. Vianney Gurukul Rector and the present Bishop of Chanda Rt. Rev. Dr. Ephrem Narikulam on December 23, 1998

With its opening on Dr. Ambedkar Jayanthi Day on April 14, 2000 Kalaniketan organized courses and classes in Spoken English, Marathi and Hindi, Dance and Music, Computer Science and Fashion Design Course. Later on January 3, 2002 on Chavara Jayanthi Day Kalaniketan opened 25 Beds full pledged Hospital with well qualified residential and visiting Doctors with facilities of AC Operation Theatre, X-ray unit, Laboratory, Pharmacy etc. The M.P. Fund supplied Ambulance was often on move on Community Health Program in 15 villages like Kothari, Manora etc. Bamni children had free access in the campus to attend the programs which were organized for them.

Once the hospital stopped functioning, the CMI Service Society opened the B.Ed College in August 2007 and an year later the new Provincial Team opened its Office in Kalaniketan Campus in the existing buildings. The children's programs went on smoothly along with the new activities. The campus with its flora and fauna was an attraction for many in Balharshah and its neighbourhood. Later the facilities for children had to be organized somewhere conveniently. This has been done on the good will of Montfort Brothers.

**Present Activities:** 30 infants under the age of three are taken care of in their health through Nutrition Program Over 80 children from Class 5 to Class 12, mainly Girl children, are supported in their schooling, health and social upbringing, providing them all necessary things in their growth. Study and Tuition Classes are arranged with refreshment. Regular Weekly Saturday gatherings are attended by more than hundred children and youth. Here they spend time in community building through sports and games, learning Dance and Music, preparing for cultural programs for events like Deewali and Christmas.

Housing has been an important service since 2008. So far we have constructed 160 concrete houses of 430 Sft area dismantling existing hutments, with its benefits mainly in Bamni and then in Kalmana, Naya Daheli, Korti Thukum etc. There has been contribution from these families for housing program on the principle "From each one according to her/his capacity and to each one according to her/his need".

Our reach-out program has helped a lot in the education of girl



1500 was secured by Sr. Teresa Sankaramala SD. On 30th October 2020, at the conclusion of the 16th Synaxis, during lunch time, Rev. Bishop Vijay Anand felicitated Sr. Saphalya, the first prize winner of the competition by giving the cash prize of 5000, a medal of St. Chavara and a special certificate. This competition gave a good platform to the Sisters to exhibit their creativity and writing skills and express their dreams and views about Chanda mission.

## 2. Christmas Message Competition

The Department is organising a Christmas message writing competition. The competition is open for everyone. The theme of the competition is "MY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE DURING CORONA". The first prize winner gets a cash prize of Rs. 5000, the second prize winner gets a cash prize of Rs. 3000 and the third prize winner gets a cash prize of Rs 2000 along with certificates and medals.

## CARMELODAYA PROVINCE, WARDHA

### 1. Symponia 2020

On 16/12/2020 Symponia 2020- a special programme was conducted for the HIV affected and infected children of Wardha District. There were 100 participants including parents, children and animators. Rev. Fr. Thomas Pulikan CMI inspired every one with his enriching message. Mother Lilly Grace presided over the programme. District programme officer- Sheikh Sir gave a motivational talk. Nutritional food grains, TA, educational aids were distributed to the students. It was really a unique programme. Tea and snacks were served at the end.

### 2. Christmas Celebration With Transgenders

On 21/12/2020 We celebrated Christmas with Transgender at Chandrapur. There were 25 participants for the programme. Sr. Yajna gave a Christmas message and they sang a beautiful song. We distributed provision kit, gifts, TA and snacks.

## BLOOMING BAMNI

Amit Nagar (Bamni Village) with its multifarious sections of people welcomed the foundation stone laying of Sant Chavara Kalaniketan - a Project totally financed by German children for Indian children - by the then Eparch Rt. Rev. Vijayanand in the presence of several eminent

## PASTORAL LETTER II

PL 2/February 2021

### ON GREAT LENT 2021

*Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear people,*

#### **Thy Kingdom Come!**

Once again we are at the threshold of the great Lent in preparation for the commemoration of the paschal event of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Repent and believe in the Gospel (Mk. 1:15) is the consistent reminder at every Lent. It is often devoutly observed with fasting and some abstinences. It serves for greater good and highly encouraging, provided our fasting and abstinences lead us to help the less privileged in the society from our savings of such observances. However I feel that fasting and abstinences from obsessions and oppressions matter a greater sacrifice and probably very hard to practice. Such positive approach towards lenten fasting and observances is greatly helpful for oneself and for others.

In such direction, three areas that we need to focus our attention are; (i) Make better our human relations, (ii) Share with others the savings from Lenten fasting and abstinences, and (iii) A greater commitment of one's faith by life-witness.

(i) Make better our human relations: We all know that it is relationship that makes us genuinely human. We are 'social animals' who *relate*, with reason. There is rationality in all our human relations. So we are also called rational animals. When we look at ourselves 'rationality-less' (behave without reason), we are not different from animals. In such a state, our acts are senseless, without compassion and sometimes even cruel. Needless to say in such instances our lenten observances and even spiritual exercises become meaningless and futile! In short, Lent should improve or make better our human relations – a sense of community

feeling seeking the welfare of others. “So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift” (Mt. 5: 23-24).

- (ii) Sharing with others: In chapter 58, the prophet Isaiah articulates what is meant by genuine fasting: “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?” (Vs. 6). Genuine fasting invites one to live together in peace and in perfect harmony. The pioneering Christian community lived together sharing everything they had (Acts. 4:32). They had compassion for others and loved one another genuinely and shared with others generously. So much so there was no one in the group who was in need (Acts 4:34). “Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you” (Mt. 5:42).
- (iii) Life-witnesses: The spiritual effects of genuine Lenten practice is growth in faith. It invites us to be genuine by social beings. It is nothing but growing in vertical and horizontal directions - towards God and others. A greater enthusiasm will be shown to live as human and Christian. It helps one to overcome the temptations/chances of pseudo spirituality. It will be a life fully human and fully alive in mundane and in divine realms. Glory of God is man fully alive. “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn. 13:35).

May I quote Pope Francis' words to observe Lent in a different way - the 10 ways to observe Lent meaningfully in the modern context. It is worth reading, reflecting and practicing:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

## VII. NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS

### INFANT JESUS CHURCH, KALMANA

We inaugurated Harith Varsh in our parish on 03 January by planting a tree sapling in the church campus. People were advised to observe the 10 Commandments of Harith Varsh to serve nature to save future. The Harith Varsh calendar was distributed to all the families. Seeds for kitchen garden provided by Christ hospital was also distributed for the parishioners. Thanks to Fr. Joshy for the great initiative.

### MARY MATHA CHURCH, RAJURA

We inaugurated Harith Varsh solemnly on 01 January after the Holy Qurbana. One each tree saplings were given to each families in the parish. People are advised to protect the nature by planting trees and avoiding use of plastics.

### CMI MAR THOMA PROVINCE CHANDA

#### Department of Evangelization & Pastoral Ministry

#### 1. Creative Writing Competition

A Creative Writing competition was organised by the Dept. of Evangelization & Pastoral Ministry for all the religious Sisters on the theme "My dreams about Chanda Mission". A good response of total 57 entries was received from Sisters of the different congregations and SJB & CMC sisters topped the list with maximum entries. The department appreciated the Provincial/Regional Superiors of the participants who motivated their members to dream about Chanda Diocese. The entries were in English, Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi and Telugu and the Sisters very comprehensively and eloquently expressed their views about their dreams and views on Chanda Mission.

The winners were given cash prize, medals of St. Chavara and special certificates. All the participants also received special appreciation certificates. Major Superiors of the winners and the Major Superiors of the province that sent more than 10 entries were also felicitated. The copies of the winners' creative writing were handed over to The Bishop Mar Ephrem Nariculam.

The first prize of 5000 was secured by Sr. Saphalya CMC, the second prize of 3000 was secured by Sr. Sally John SJB & the third prize of

## SUSAMACHAR GHOSHANA VARSH

## DAILY BIBLE READING FOR THE YEAR 2021

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
<b>1 Chronicles</b>	1.2 Chr 31	1. Neham 13	1. Judit16	1. 1Macca 14
1.1 Chr 29	2.2 Chr 32	<b>TOBIT</b>	<b>ESTHER</b>	2. 1Macca 15
<b>2 Chronicles</b>	3.2 Chr 33	2. Tobit 1	2. Esth 1	3. 1Macca. 16
2. 2 Chr 1	4.2 Chr 34	3. Tobit 2	3. Esth 2	<b>2 Maccabees</b>
3. 2 Chr 2	5.2 Chr 35	4. Tobit 3	4. Esth 3	4. 2 Macca. 1
4. 2 Chr 3	6.2 Chr 36	5. Tobit4	5. Esth 4	5. 2 Macca. 2
5. 2 Chr 4	<b>EZRA</b>	6. Tobit5	6. Esth 5	6. 2 Macca. 3
6. 2 Chr 5	7. Ezra 1	7. Tobit6	7. Esth 6	7. 2 Macca. 4
7. 2 Chr 6	8. Ezra 2	8. Tobit7	8. Esth 7	8. 2 Macca. 5
8. 2 Chr 7	9. Ezra 3	9. Tobit8	9. Esth 8	9. 2 Macca. 6
9. 2 Chr 8	10. Ezra 4	10. Tobit9	10. Esth 9	10.2 Macca. 7
10.2 Chr 9	11. Ezra 5	11. Tobit10	11. Esth 10	11.2 Macca. 8
11.2 Chr 10	12. Ezra 6	12. Tobit11	12. Esth11	12.2 Macca. 9
12.2 Chr 11	13. Ezra 7	13. Tobit12	13. Esth 12	13.2 Macca. 10
13.2 Chr 12	14. Ezra 8	14. Tobit13	14. Esth 13	14.2 Macca. 11
14.2 Chr 13	15. Ezra 9	15. Tobit14	15. Esth 14	15.2 Macca. 12
15.2 Chr 14	16. Ezra10	<b>JUDITH</b>	16. Esth 15	16.2 Macca. 13
16.2 Chr 15		16. Judit 1	17. Esth 16	17.2 Macca. 14
17.2 Chr 16	<b>Nehemiah</b>	17. Judit 2	<b>1 Maccabees</b>	18.2 Macca. 15
18.2 Chr 17	17. Neham 1	18. Judit3	18.1Macca.1	<b>JOB</b>
19.2 Chr 18	18. Neham 2	19. Judit4	19.1Macca.2	19. Job 1
20.2 Chr 19	19. Neham 3	20. Judit5	20.1Macca.3	20. Job 2
21.2 Chr 20	20. Neham 4	21. Judit6	21.1Macca.4	21. Job 3
22.2 Chr 21	21. Neham 5	22. Judit 7	22.1Macca.5	22. Job 4
23.2 Chr 22	22. Neham 6	23. Judit8	23.1Macca.6	23. Job 5
24.2 Chr 23	23. Neham 7	24. Judit9	24.1Macca.7	24. Job 6
25.2 Chr 24	24. Neham8	25. Judit10	25.1Macca.8	25. Job 7
26.2 Chr 25	25. Neham9	26. Judit11	26.1Macca.9	26. Job 8
27.2 Chr 26	26. Neham10	27. Judit12	27.1Macca.10	27. Job 9
28.2 Chr 27	27. Neham11	28. Judit13	28.1Macca.11	28. Job 10
29.2 Chr 28	28. Neham12	29. Judit14	29.1Macca.12	29. Job 11
30.2 Chr 29		30. Judit15	30.1Macca.13	30. Job 12
31.2 Chr 30				31. Job 13

- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

So, dear missionaries and my dear people, let us resolve to observe the great Lent of 2021 in a fruitful way.



May God bless you all.  
Yours devotedly in Jesus Christ,

*† Ephrem Nariculam*

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Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

## A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of pretty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and few self-centered needs, stronger compassion and weakened judgement of others.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray.

Amen.

**PASTORAL LETTER III**

PL 3/ March 2021

**ON ST. JOSEPH**

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

**Thy Kingdom Come!**

The devotion to St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus Christ, is very common among the faithful in India. The two important feasts celebrated in honour of St. Joseph are “the death of St. Joseph” on 19 March and “the patron of the labourers” on 1 May. There are not much said about St. Joseph in the Gospels: (I) Joseph's lineage to king David (Mt. 1:1-17), (ii) At birth of Jesus (Mt. 1:18-25), (iii) Flight to Egypt (Mt. 2:13-15), (iv) Dream of Joseph (1:20-21, 2:13, 2:19-20) are the few references in the canonical gospels. None of these references in anyway portrays his character except one that in the gospel of Mathew (1:18-25) : The evangelists narrates it as follows: “Joseph..., was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly...” (Vs. 19). In other words, he was just and he did not have a mind to disgrace others.

Here the evangelist Mathew (1:19) presents to us two very important qualities of Joseph as imitable. First of all he was a righteous person. We live in a world where justice is waived in many ways and in different levels. The saying runs ; “Justice delayed, justice denied.” One way of honouring Joseph, I would say and it is very important is, to do justice to our fellow beings – co-workers and subjects. We have to do justice to them on time and in freedom. We need a fair deal with them with regard to their remuneration, time schedule, human dealings etc. Here justice is not act of our generosity but an act, duty-bound. It cannot be considered as charity for it is their right. Let us reflect how far we are just in this regard!

Joseph most obedient,  
Joseph most faithful,  
Mirror of patience,  
Lover of poverty,  
Model of artisans,  
Glory of home life,  
Guardian of virgins,  
Pillar of families,  
Solace of the wretched,  
Hope of the sick,  
Patron of the dying,  
Terror of demons,  
Protector of Holy Church,

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PRAY FOR US  
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Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world  
**spare us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
**graciously hear us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy on us, O Lord.**

**Leader:** He made him the lord of his household

**All:** And prince over all his possessions.

**Let us pray:**

O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH 08 DEC 2020 - 08 DEC 2021**

We shall recite the litany of St. Joseph as part of the celebration of the Year of St. Joseph. Everyone is requested to add it to the family prayer/Evening prayer/Holy Rosary or any convenient time everyday starting from 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 until the celebration of the Year of St. Joseph ends (08 Dec 2021). May St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus our Lord intercede for us.

Bp. Ephrem Nariculam

===== **Litany of St. Joseph** =====

Lord, have mercy on us	<b>Lord, have mercy on us</b>
Christ, have mercy on us.	<b>Christ, have mercy on us.</b>
Lord, have mercy on us.	<b>Lord, have mercy on us.</b>
Christ, hear us,	<b>Christ, graciously hear us.</b>

God the Father of heaven,	<b>have mercy on us.</b>
God the Son, Redeemer of the World,	
God the Holy Spirit,	
Holy Trinity, one God,	

Holy Mary,  
 St. Joseph,  
 Renowned offspring of David,  
 Light of Patriarchs,  
 Spouse of the Mother of God,  
 Chaste guardian of the Virgin,  
 Foster father of the Son of God,  
 Diligent protector of Christ,  
 Head of the Holy Family,  
 Joseph most just,  
 Joseph most chaste,  
 Joseph most prudent,  
 Joseph most strong,

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 PRAY FOR US  
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The other aspect highlighted in the gospel about Joseph is his dealings with Mary. "He did not want to disgrace her, though the Jewish law permitted her to be stoned to death." (Vs. 19 & Jn. 8:1-30). The verse in the gospel of Mathew unfurls the compassion of a human heart and Joseph's respect for life. From the few references in the gospels and the writings of the Fathers of the Church, we are inclined to presume that Joseph had compassionately human heart in dealing with others, his customers in the carpentry and with his kith and kin at large. He did not accuse others, but encompass everyone to his compassionate heart so as to open a way for conversion – to be good. Be merciful as your heavenly father is merciful (Lk. 6:36). In the parable of unforgiving tenant the master asks: "should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant just I had on you?" (Mt. 18:33). The great plea in the Lord's prayer is, "forgive us our sins as we have forgiven, those who offended us" (Mt. 6:12). 'To err is human, to forgive is divine!' By forgiving and showing compassion to others, we arouse the divine within us and make ourselves 'sacraments' amidst others. As Church is the sacrament of salvation, so is each one of us – 'personified sacraments', where by we make visible the invisible grace of God amidst our people. Can we do something in this regards as we honour St. Joseph?

Another quality that we can draw of from Joseph's character is his 'roaring silence'. No where in the gospels we see Joseph uttering any word. He acts as directed (Mt. 1:24). He is presented as silent listener. He is purified in his silence. It should echo in us, and become 'vociferous in our preaching.' It is our daily experience that many wounds of human relations can be healed by our silence. It joins the estranged relations, deepen friendship and establishes peace. It assists us to practise patience, responsibility and fidelity. Joseph achieved all these by his silence. By his silence, not only that he won over the divine favour, but also 'the sweet heart of Mary.' It fostered the Nazareth family more 'holy.' Even when his heart was burning in doubts with undecided thoughts he kept his great silence. It was his 'faith'

that made him stand firm in this storm of doubts. Some spiritual thinkers call it – salvific silence. St. Joseph reverberates in our hearts to practise this 'salvific silence.'

The feast of Joseph, the worker invites us to reflect upon the dignity of labour and our fidelity to it. As a carpenter, he was sincere and faithful. He did his duty well with utmost care and attention. There seems to be no hanker for undue profit for his job is a presumption that we can draw from his character. The following qualities as presumable attributes that we draw from narratives about Joseph in different writings either in the gospels or Church Fathers. He was punctilious with regard to his work, he earned just wage only, he did not spent lavishly from his earnings, he took care of his family, he kept marital fidelity, he brought up his fostered son Jesus as per religious customs etc. As worker he kept his schedule justly and as a foster father of Jesus he was a responsible parent.

So, dear Fathers, Bothers, Sisters and my dear people, as we remember St. Joseph at different occasions, let us follow his example and become like him to be genuine, just, faithful and human. God bless you all.

May God bless you all.

Yours devotedly in Jesus Christ,



*[Handwritten Signature]*

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Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

*To observe the Year of St. Joseph the litany of St. Joseph is published in Marathi, Hindi and English (cf. p. 60). Kindly start using the litany along with daily family prayer from 19th March - feast of St. Joseph - to the end of the year (see copies enclosed herewith; please take adequate xerox copies and distribute among our people and kindly instruct them to pray it as per direction.)*

help them to become active in the church activities, because the future of our church depends on them.

23. We should seek the will of God in the mission and bring the people together without any differences of caste, culture and languages.
24. Priests should be always available to the people, they should be visiting the families very often. We should be an example for other diocese and work as a family in all the fields.
25. People will have strong unity with the church, also they may have the living presence of Jesus through the priests, and they may become strong believers of Christ.
26. In the village, people believe in old traditions. They have their own strong faith, which they may not give up very easily. We must pay attention on their traditions, superstitions, beliefs and involvement with other groups which may lead them to the wrong path and guide them to the correct path.
27. We should conduct health camp for the people in the villages and make them to be aware of their health and train some people to manage by themselves in coming days of their lives.
28. Boarding for catholic children in our English medium schools, competent training centres for entrance of civil services, language labs for our children to focus on different fields and get jobs in the civil and judicial level. Some challenging activities like Home for the Transgender, Sarathy, AIDS centres etc. will give shade to the deprived.
29. Special attention will be taken on ecological preservation, water resource management, afforestation, natural farming, and campaign against use of plastic. A complete green diocese.
30. Have Bible classes for the lay people to study about Bible in order to have knowledge and we should train them to preach the word of God.

13. Having a boarding/hostel attached to parishes, primarily for quality spiritual care at a pliable age, has yielded great faith and growth in Chanda mission. Besides this, missionaries shall aid families to cultivate a faith environment in homes and communities.
14. Women religious constitute a significant force in the mission. Their representation, spiritual care and maintenance should be serious concerns of the missionary leadership.
15. Our missionary engagement shall enable every baptized man and woman to become mission themselves.
16. Fine arts and literature of contextual nature shall be earnestly encouraged to enrich our liturgy and faith as a unifying force for the faithful.
17. As the source and summit of Christian life, liturgy shall be the motivating and empowering feature of people's missionary nature.
18. In a world inundated by social media, the fresh voice of the Church should be brief but effective, enticing and hopeful.
19. In the diocese, if the priests, religious and laity work in one mind and spirit like the early Christians it is a witnessing spirit.
20. We should find opportunities to work with the sarpanch in the villages and focus on the needs of the villages and work with the help of the projects from government. (Water, agriculture, houses, food etc...)
21. We should try to give education to the children in the government schools, open hostels and colleges for the poor students to continue their higher studies and open counselling centres for people to hear their problems and give hope for their better living.
22. Youth should wake up from bad habits (drugs, drinks, spending money for the unnecessary things..) and we should

### CIRCULAR 13

20 Nov. 2020

**Sub : OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES FOR WORSHIP/  
LITURGY**

**Ref : Department of Revenue and Forest, Disaster  
Management, Relief and Rehabilitation,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032 No: DMU/2020/CR.  
92/DisM-1, Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 ORDER**

*Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,*

**Thy Kingdom Come!**

**Greetings in the name of our lord Jesus Christ!**

Our greatly cherished desire since closing down of churches in March 2020 is finally accomplished. The Government of Maharashtra has announced its decision to open the places of worship in the State w.e.f. 16 November 2020. I thank God that Covid-19 situation in our diocese is not as serious as in other areas of our country. However, we shall continue taking adequate care until this pandemic is fully brought under control and follow the procedures to improve our immunity (cf. Circular 03/15 March). Having now assessed the situation in hand and taking into consideration the need to offer adequate spiritual and pastoral care to our faithful as well as the directives of the civil authorities and the suggestions of our close collaborators, I wish to present the below mentioned road map for the reopening our places of worship:

1. Please strictly follow the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of Government of Maharashtra.
2. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with serious ailments, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home.

3. Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in the churches as far as feasible. Choir, Mass assisters etc. also keep the safe distance. (Number of participants depend on the size of the church and keeping the Covid-19 protocol is to be decided by the priest-in-charge. It is highly recommended not to exceed fifty.)
4. Use of face covers/masks to be mandatory in the churches.
5. Practice frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be made wherever feasible.
6. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.
7. Avoid spitting in public places/church courtyard.
8. Only asymptomatic persons shall be allowed in the premises.
9. Shoes/footwear to be preferably taken off inside own vehicle. If needed they should be kept in separate slots for each individual/family by the persons themselves.
10. Touching of statues/images/holy books etc. not to be allowed.
11. Large gatherings/congregation continue to remain prohibited. Feast and other celebrations will be kept in pending until further communication.
12. Avoid physical contact while greeting each other.
13. Do not begin use of Holy Water until further communication.
14. It is highly recommended not to distribute communion within the Holy Qurbana (may be permitted outside the celebration, single species and not on tongue, but the celebrant should sanitize before and after it).

5. Every missionary in Chanda must have the knowledge of the media and use the media as a means to spread the fragrance of love to make Jesus' presence felt by the people.
6. The vibrant faith formation programmes for the youth, children and mothers will strengthen the faith of coming generations. Charismatic programmes will keep the people close to God even in the pandemic.
7. Our schools and hostels must be the places of quality and value based education with more infrastructure. Chanda must have a hi-tech campus with many institutions such as schools, colleges of various professional courses with other streams equipping people for various purposes.
8. Kala Bhavan should develop such a way producing Dramas and Films, creating a divine presence even in the bollywood.
9. Social work should collaborate with pastoral ministry by uplifting the villages. Missionaries are not onlookers but the supporters in the struggles of the people with active work such as helping them to improve agricultural products, enable them to start small industries near the villages so that they may become self sufficient. The development is such that financial support for the Diocese must come from its villages.
10. A hospital with medical collage with all the infrastructures and advanced health care must grow in Chanda. The monetary help of well wishers must be drawn to it.
11. Lay ministries and cooperation must be encouraged and empowered at all levels as they will be pillars of Christian apostolates in the future.
12. Catechism of catholic children shall be given due importance in all mission centres. Catechists should be revitalized to take up an ongoing faith formation among Christian communities in interior missions and enhance vocation to priesthood and religious life.



### MY DREAM ABOUT CHANDA MISSION

Department of Evangelization and Pastoral ministry, CMI Marthoma Province Chanda, organized a creative writing competition on the theme "My Dream about Chanda Mission". A total number of 57 participated in the contest. The following were awarded I, II & III prizes - Sr. Saphalya CMC, Sr. Sally John SJB and Sr. Tresa Sankaramala SD - respectively. Hearty congratulations to the winners. The following are the important points from all entries in the contest. Thanks to Fr. Binoy Chekonthayil CMI for the initiative.

#### MY DREAMS ABOUT CHANDA MISSION

1. The heart of every missionary should be filled with passionate love for God and Compassionate love for man. Retreats, refreshments and fruitful dialogues will give rise to this love in their hearts.
2. Missionaries must become good shepherds in their stations striving hard in leading everyone towards Divine light.
3. The missionaries in Chanda Diocese should be in prayer like the root in the crust of the soil and have the strong value system to stay focused. They should take their prayer experience out of the Chapel and express it, in the works of mercy such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, visiting the prisoners, counselling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinners, comforting the afflicted, helping the poor and praying for the living and dead.
4. The priests and religious who are involved in the teaching ministry of Jesus should not only teach, but connect with the children by empathizing, listening to their worries, encouraging, showing right path when they are lost, and loving them to transform them to become better citizens.

15. Frequent cleaning and disinfection to be maintained in the churches. Warn the people at regular intervals about the dangers of careless interactions, contacts, touches etc.
16. The floors should particularly be cleaned multiple times in the premises.
17. Proper disposal of face covers/masks/gloves left over by visitors and/or employees should be ensured.
18. It is exhorted the church personnel need to have a Covid-19 safety protocol and pre-joining and weekly Covid test in highly exposed groups.
19. Number, space and distance protocol to be maintained with an undertaking to the Police and Collector for adherence.
20. Confession in a ventilated room with mask and safe distance may be permitted.
21. The sacraments like baptism, anointing the sick with adequate precaution with safe distance may be done. Please do sanitization before and after.
22. Wedding, funeral etc. may be done following the Covid-19 protocol laid down by the Government.
23. Restrict travel in public conveyances to the best possible. Avoid unnecessary travel plans. Keep mask while travelling.
24. Any Covid-19 symptoms noticed, please do go for check up immediately.
25. Take sufficient care and precaution in our own communities to the best way possible.
26. Sunday Qurbana obligation may be done by Saturday evening Qurbana also (In the present context of Covid-19 one can fulfil Sunday obligation even by participation of Holy Qurbana on any day in the week).
27. It is highly recommended not to prolong liturgy with singing, announcements and long homilies.
28. Procession of gifts offertory should be avoided.

29. The ciborium should be kept closed and the chalice covered (with a pall) except when strictly necessary. The celebrant should take care not to lean over and breathe on the host/chalice, especially at consecration time.
30. Collections are not to be made in the traditional way; offerings may be dropped in secured donation boxes.
31. The sacred vessels and other objects like microphones etc should be sanitized after each Qurbana.
32. When requested, priests should bless individuals without physically touching them and maintaining a distance of 6 feet. Conversely, the faithful should not kiss the hands of a priest.
33. It is highly recommended to increase the number of celebrations of Holy Qurbana wherever possible and needed.
34. Please make our people aware of these directives and help them in the best way so as to keep their faith alive and our community active.
35. What needs to be in place (check list)  
The priest-in-charge is to make sure that:
  - a). The place of worship is not, at the time, within a "containment/buffer zone" declared by the civil authority.
  - b). Thorough cleanliness and disinfection of the sacred place and of the surrounding premises have been carried out and can be assured to be undertaken regularly.
  - c). The place of worship is well ventilated.
  - d). Volunteers/ushers are adequately instructed and prepared to assist the faithful.
  - e). The seating arrangement with physical distancing of 6 feet is marked out.
  - f). There is a display of signage, clearly indicating:

3. Amidst growing animosity, suspicion, religion-related extremism, terrorism, communalism and fundamentalism, how do we prepare the members of our community as well as the fellow citizens- youth and children- to defeat such forces through creative seeking of fraternity building measures?
4. How can we create a specific education paradigm for forming minds and hearts of children and youth to learn the lessons of dialogue, mutual respect and social interventions with compassion and kindness as well as to stand against growing violence against women and the downtrodden?
5. How do we put the cause of the poor in our policies and decisions as true steps of human fraternity?
6. Is it not necessary to create think tanks, work groups of citizens at the diocesan as well as societal level to be votaries of social friendship, human concerns to defeat the evils of regression and pessimism?

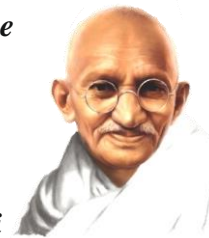
**Conclusion:** Two imageries flashed through my mind while perusing the pages of the encyclical: the imagery of John the Baptist identifying himself as the “voice in the wilderness” and the imagery of a much-awaited summer rain. Both these imageries are impregnated with hope and scope for renewal.

**Fr. Santhosh Sebastian Cheruvally**  
Diocese of Gorakhpur

## Quotes

“ *What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another...* ”

—Mahatma Gandhi



**Chapter 8: Religions at the Service of Fraternity in Our**

**World:** Pope Francis like St Francis of Assisi who always adhered to his identity takes a specific Christian stand while talking about religions, peace, fraternity and violence. “For us the wellspring of human dignity and fraternity is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ “(no. 277). Pope mentions the concrete step of dialogue and peace which he undertook in Abu Dhabi with his encounter with the Grand Imam. The universal multiple religions’ experience of the human person is to be that “every person as a creature is a child of God”, challenging every religion to think in terms of fraternity and friendship rather than animosity and violence.

**Two Prayers: Universal and Ecumenical**

At the end, Pope Francis offers two prayers, the first of which addressed to the Creator in the spirit of St Francis of Assisi could be considered as a universal prayer of humanity and the second one a common prayer for Christians of all hues. He also specifies persons and thoughts which have influenced Fratelli Tutti- a wide spectrum of variety and nationalities which also reflect the practical side of this Encyclical.

**Part II:**

Fratelli Tutti and Points for Indian Context could be as follows: Political, Economic, Social, Educational and Spiritual:

1. What is the political consciousness of the Church and Christians in India as law abiding citizens of this country towards the afflicting political issues of our nation and how can we constructively participate in and promote healthy democracy through paths of solidarity and communion with our fellow citizens of good will?
2. How shall we mobilize and conscientize different strata of society to work for reducing/ eliminating economic marginalization of the poor and contribute towards employment opportunities and advocacy for governmental policies?

- The obligation of wearing face masks.
  - The position of distinct entry and exit points.
  - The necessity of maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet with others, at all times.
- g). A contactless thermometer is in place to check the body temperature of those who enter.
36. In case of a suspect or confirmed case in the premises:
- a). Place the ill person in a room or area where they are isolated from others.
  - b). Provide a mask/face cover till such time he/she is examined by a doctor.
  - c). Immediately inform the nearest medical facility (hospital/clinic) or call the state or district helpline,
  - d). A risk assessment will be undertaken by the designated public health authority (district RRT/treating physician) and accordingly further action be initiated regarding management of case, his/her contacts and need for disinfection,
  - e). Disinfection of the premises to be taken up if the person is found positive.

All of us (Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful) need to realize the seriousness of the present situation and proceed with prudence and discernment, exercising responsibility for our own safety and that of others, for we are members of the same Body (cf. 1 Cor. 12: 12-27). It is in this spirit that the present proposal for the gradual reopening of our places of worship is made, in keeping with the guidelines of the Government and of the health authorities. Ultimately, however, it will be the personal responsibility of each individual Faithful to decide if and when he/she should attend the religious services in the current Situation. Once again may I remind everyone of you that as Corona Virus danger is not yet over, everyone is exhorted to

continue to take adequate precautions not to be infected by the disease!

With strong Faith in God and sincere Christian Love for one another, we believe that we shall overcome the perils of this pandemic. Let this be our unwavering Hope and fervent prayer as we march on, under the protection of Our Blessed Mother, Comforter of the afflicted, and with the powerful intercession of the Saints dear to us.

With Good Wishes

Yours devotedly in Jesus Christ



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Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

### GREEN GENIUS QUIZ CONTEST

As part of Harith Varsh 2021, here presents a golden opportunity to know and love nature by a quiz contest. The participation in the Green Genius Quiz Contest as part of our Go Green Campaign 2021, Diocese of Chanda, will boost awareness of ecological concerns. I invite all to participate in it and take it seriously to keep our nature fresh and preserve it green for our future generations. The event is a joint venture of the diocese of Chanda and the department of Evangelization and pastoral ministry of CMI Mar Thoma Province, Chanda. I wish the venture every best. Thanks to Fr. Binoy Chekonthayil CMI for the initiative.

Bp. Ephrem Nariculam  
Diocese of Chanda

**Chapter 4: “A Heart Open to the World”:** This chapter is indeed socio-political in nature, especially brings into focus the much-debated scenario and the reality of migration, migrants and its consequent impact as well as the cause of cultural exchanges and cultural integration benefitting the humanity.

**Chapter 5: “A Better Kind of Politics”:** Without mincing words, this chapter explicitly opens up to everyone in any part of the world a stark distinction between popular politics, popular leadership and populist politics and populist leadership. It brings in terms oft- unused to our ears with rich nuance and food for reflection such as political love/ charity which means the “spiritual heart of politics.” Church's social doctrines are taken recourse to here to prove how the charity behind the social interventions can motivate and inspire and even construct political charity.

**Chapter 6: “Dialogue and Friendship in Society”:** Pope Francis once again reminds the world of the truth and utility of dialogue. Dialogue and friendship are what first cease amidst mutual suspicion and fear. “Authentic social dialogue involves the ability to respect the other's point of view...” (no.203). It leads to a new culture of affirming the other filled with kindness (no. 222). It is a variegated unity as reflected in a polyhedron (no. 215).

**Chapter 7: “Paths of Renewed Encounter”:** The dialogue leads to healing of memory and historical wounds and conflicts. In other words, it paves the path for peace. Forgiveness needs to become social forgiveness. This will certainly challenge the nations to revisit the history of nations we teach our children. Shoah and Hiroshima atomic attacks are just two instances for us to check one's own nation's balance sheets: either international conflicts or internal ethnic conflicts. The issue of death penalty is interlinked here to point out a reflection on fear and resentment.

**Chapter 1 “Dark Clouds over a Closed World”:** Pope Francis makes an cursory survey of the failed aspirations of nations and societies and point out the crisis of the Macro-Universal aspirations for a better and unified humanity: To point out some for instance, “resentful and aggressive nationalism” (no. 11); “political life becomes increasingly fragile in the face of transnational economic powers” (12), “a growing loss of the sense of history” (no. 12); “cultural colonization” (14), migration and migrants with absence of human rights and dignity, communication manipulation generating social aggression and mistrust, pandemics, wars and conflicts with economic interests, discarding of aging population etc. The chapter ends with hope amidst the dark clouds.

**Chapter 2: “The Stranger on the Road”:** It provides for the stirring of the global, social and personal conscience as depicted in the first chapter. Pope Francis widens the horizon of this encyclical to entire humanity addressed as people of good will and asks them to arrive at the truthful conviction of discovering the truth of “neighbours without borders” (no. 80) through the spectrum of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Pope appeals to the conscience of humanity and nations afflicted with self-preservation to open up to think about the neighbour as the person in need of dignity and care.

**Chapter 3: “Envisaging and Engendering an Open World”:** The roadmap is universal love and rights. This chapter can be said as the application of the second chapter. It asks us to think about the innate power of human love which makes us to rise beyond and go towards the other, leading towards universal communion (no. 95) and the foundation of “social friendship” (no. 99). This asks one to have a reflective look at the need of integration of the wounded-marginalised on the road side of or life and society (nos. 97, 101) rights (nos. 111, 121), property and its social dimension (no. 119), and value of solidarity (no. 114).

## CIRCULAR 14

01 Dec 2020

*Dear Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters,*

### **Thy Kingdom Come!**

It is almost eight months elapsed since the outbreak of the Pandemic Covid-19 and its ensuing effects in our society and all over the world. From the media we learn that, probably the things may be on normal schedule in a few months. Until now so much restrictions connected to Pandemic Corona virus Covid-19 are relaxed and yet to grant relaxation in certain more areas as well. However, these days news from round the world are not that encouraging as Pandemic is spreading again in some parts of the world. Once again I exhort everyone to take adequate precaution against the Pandemic. In this context, I wish to pen down a few things for our serious consideration in the present socio-religious and political scenario.

Of course a caution against Corona Virus Covid-19 requires our primary focus. It looks, that we have taken sufficient care up to now so much so we are not affected much and we could do something worth for the infected/affected people. I appreciate and thank everyone for the sincere co-operation and assistance. Please do continue helping our people. CAA, National Education Policy (NEP), the FCRA Amendment 2020 etc. have become a great concern for us. Undoubtedly they will have their repercussions in our missionary activities. I warn everyone to be prudent, cautious and sincere!

CAA may not affect us directly, however it arises some concern. We have to be watchful about FCRA Amendment 2020 and NEP as they will have a great impact on our missionary, social and charitable activities. Let us take it as a challenge and go ahead with vigilance and prudence. Here, I wish to remind everyone of you the following tips for a better understanding and co-ordination:

- i) More transparency and accuracy in accounts is of primary importance.
- ii) Strictly abide by all Government laws, and the stipulations of donor agencies.
- iii) A greater fidelity in project implementation with regard to allotment of money as per the budget and plan approved.
- iv) Reporting, evaluation and documentation of our activities especially projects from foreign and Indian donor agencies is to be adhered strictly.
- v) The school campus and all the activities connected to students, teachers and parents need, transparency and adequate prudence.
- vi) As the government of Maharashtra has permitted to open churches for worship with SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) we need to take care an extra mile to bring our faithful to church-based liturgy especially Sunday Holy Qurbana and other celebrations.
- vii) Ward prayer, family visit, etc. need to be revived with more enthusiasm and vigour keeping required restraints in the pandemic context.
- viii) Meet our youth and children keeping them along with church activities winning their confidence and focus on their faith formation.
- ix) Continuously remind people of their Sunday obligation, family harmony, the need to stand for justice, political awareness etc. in the best way possible.
- x) Homily need to be lively, to be frequented, and make it substantially contentful to overcome the impasse of the last eight months.
- xi) The financial constrains of the people need to be met with sympathy and also do what is needful to overcome the financial crunch of the parish/mission/institution.
- xii) CNEWA subsidy to Hostels/Boardings may be delayed due

**What is *Fratelli Tutti* (All are brethren) - the 3<sup>rd</sup> Encyclical by Pope Francis given at the tomb of Assisi on October 3, 2020 - in nutshell.**

INTRODUCTION

Pope Francis offers to the international community and to the Church/churches the need of rediscovering the precious pearl of universal fraternity via just/kind politics, dignified integration of the poor through socially responsible economic orders, migrants and reconciled healing of historical conflicts through dialogue and respect for cultures and religions. He tells the world community that we can defeat the enemies of humanity and human dignity which come under the guise of different ideologies and agendas (both political and religious), violence and exploitation through the genuine path of hope, solidarity, friendship, love-based action and dialogue.

The Structure of the encyclical: *Fratelli tutti* is woven around through universal hermeneutics of Saint Francis of Assisi and the Christ given parable of the Good Samaritan both of which are conscientiously employed by Pope Francis to show that the content and concerns are achievable not merely wishful or utopian. The encyclical, while being a current survey of the world, builds upon richly on the past teachings of the Church and learning from the world (287-foot note references). Awareness of Mahatma Gandhi, Desmond Tutu and Charles Eugene de Foucauld add weight to the global convictions and concerns of the Pope.

The encyclical, besides a brief self-introductory note on the purpose (nos. 1-8), is divided into 8 chapters with a variety of themes and titles and ends with a universal prayer which can be recited by humanity and an ecumenical prayer which can be chanted by Christians of all differences yet organically linking to the core theme of the universal fraternity.

13. Add all receipts of sale of old things from campus (scrap selling).
14. Check all medical bills are paid and entered into account.
15. Normally the budget is presented with actual of 9 months and budget of 12 months.
16. Make sure all payments of electricity, taxes & rates, water connection, news paper, telephone etc. is done before budget preparation starts.
17. Any pending bills (uniform, *kirana* etc.) either should be paid or transfer to the next year and ask for new dated bill for the forthcoming year.
18. Check that previous year's budget is followed as per the direction from the Diocesan Finance Office/Curia.
19. As soon as PPT Meeting date is announced start preparation of the budget in consultation with the Finance department.
20. Budget preparation should be started by 1 December every year as PPT meeting falls in January.
21. Make sure that PF, TDS (Tax Deduction at Source) are paid for the year before budget is prepared.
22. Vehicle insurance, land, building tax are paid on time and entered into journal. (Personnel vehicle, if any, cannot be paid for such items from the common fund and vice versa)
23. Make sure that tri-monthly account is submitted regularly and up to December is done by all means before budget is prepared each year.
24. 10% of Sunday collection to be given to Bishop's Charity Fund from all stations that are declared parishes. Naturally it should be accounted separately in the daily journal.

Bp. Ephrem Nariculam

- to the amendments in FCRA regulations. There is no certainty when the fund can be released from the CNEWA office, Ernakulam. So, if we start accepting children to the boardings; even if schools starts functioning, it shall be at one's own risk as the diocese may not be able to support financially at this juncture due to the pandemic situation.
- xiii) Parishes/mission stations and diocesan institutions are requested to submit the accounts as early as possible and get ready for PPT budget meeting as per the schedule.
  - xiv) As we are in the liturgical season of Annunciation we are preparing for the festivity, the Christmas. The past experiences show that the festivities cause spread of the pandemic very fast. May I request everyone to take adequate precaution in preparation and celebration of Christmas gatherings.
  - xv) It is highly recommended to increase Christmas Holy Qurbanas so as to provide opportunity for most number of the faithful to participate in Christmas liturgy but keeping Covid-19 protocol as per government stipulations.
- I hope and pray that we will overcome these challenges too.  
May God bless you.

Wishing you all a fruitful Advent!



Yours devotedly in Christ

*Ephrem Nariculam*

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Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

## Quotes

**“In Joseph ... heads of the household are blessed with the unsurpassed model of fatherly watchfulness and care. ”**

**-Pope Leo XIII**

**IV. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS****JANUARY**

- 1 - Holy Qurbana, Christu Nivas, Thrikkakara
- 2 - Ordination of Dn. Jaison, Sanjopuram, Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese
- 5 - Jubilee Qurbana, Wirur
- 10 - AM Holy Qurbana, Samudrapur  
- PM Meeting with students of Darsana and Claretian Ashram; Holy Qurbana, Arvi
- 11 - Holy Qurbana, Arvi
- 11-16 - Virtual Synod of Syro-Malabar Bishops, Ballarpur
- 17-20 - Deacons' Formation Programme, Ballarpur
- 24 - Holy Qurbana, Mul
- 28 - Consulters' meeting & Monthly Recollection
- 29 - Grotto Blessing, Lahan Wani
- 30 - CMC Jubilee, Wardha
- 31 - Holy Qurbana, Sumthana & Warora

**FEBRUARY**

- 2 - Feast Holy Qurbana, Pattaguda
- 11 - Grotto Pilgrimage, Warur
- 13 - CSA General Body meeting, School Blessing, Thalodhi
- 15 - Ash Day
- 15-17 - 40 Hours Adoration, Ballarpur
- 16 - Monthly recollection
- 17 - General Presbyterium

**MARCH**

- 1-2 - PPT Meeting
- 15-16 - Quinquennial meet
- 17-27 - PPT Meeting
- 17 - Finance Council
- 28 - Palm Sunday, Gomini
- 30 - Muron Qurbana, St. Thomas Cathedral, Ballarpur

**APRIL**

- 01 - Maundy Thursday, Balapur

**DIOCESE OF CHANDA****WHEN. Preparing a Budget  
(General Guidelines)**

1. Read through previous years' presented budget carefully
2. Collect all accounts of income and expenditure as per respective heads in the budget format.
3. Make sure all bills, vouchers, receipts are ready/available with date, serial number etc. (there should be pakka bills for all items).
4. Update bank pass book and check cash balance (make cash balance around Rs.1000/- or less).
5. Ascertain that when all payments (salary, shopping, maintenances, nursery, school, dispensary, loan repayments, donations etc.) are done and receipts are received.
6. Renew FD receipts as required.
7. Enter all diocesan/church collections to the journal.
8. Make sure no cheque payment is in pending (ref. - cheque issued and not yet credited). See that all cheques are cleared/debited from our account in the bank (issue cheques accordingly at least 2 weeks in advance).
9. Implementation of projects and it should be made up to date as per the budget stipulations.
10. Discuss in the core-team with regard to the needs of the station to propose new projects for the budget year and also long term needs. If possible state reasons for the new projects.
11. Check whether all worship expenses are properly entered into the journal.
12. Calculate farm products of the station (vegetables, dairy income, field yieldings, livestock etc.) and enter into the accounts. Enter them in the income and expenditure columns.



### Congratulations! to new Regional Team

(SAB St. Joseph Region,  
Sumthana)



1. Sr. Blessy SAB (Regional Superior)
2. Sr. Sabeena SAB (Councillor 1)
3. Sr. Mercy SAB (Councillor 2)

### DISPENSATION FROM RELIGIOUS VOWS

Rev. Fr. Benny Joseph Mukalel CMI (Provincial, CMI Chanda Province) has informed the bishop that Rev. Fr. Ajin (Thoma) Paulose Nellikanathil CMI (from St. Jacob's Church, Bethel-Eparchy of Idukki), belonging to the Congregation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, has been given dispensation from the Religious Vows with effect from 02 September 2020.

Based on this information, Rev. Fr. Ajin (Thoma) Paulose Nellikanathil CMI shall not be admitted for discharging of any priestly ministry in any parish or institution in the eparchy of Chanda, until further orders to the contrary.

Chancellor  
Eparchy of Chanda

### THE MAJOR SEMINARIANS' DIOCESAN FORMATION PROGRAMME (GATHERING)

#### Schedule :

- |                   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|
| April 10          | - | Arrival by evening                      |
| April 12 - May 08 | - | Marathi intensive course I Batch (SVG)  |
| May 10-12         | - | Gathering (SVG)                         |
| 13-14             | - | Retreat for the theologians (SVG)       |
| 13-14             | - | Philosophers (Bishop's Home)            |
| May 15            | - | Vestition and Minor Orders (Cathedral)  |
| May 17 - June 12  | - | Marathi intensive course II Batch (BPQ) |

Fr. Shibhu Monipally  
Formation Co-ordinator

- 02 - Good Friday, Brahmपुरi  
04 - Easter Sunday, Cathedral, Ballarpur

### MAY

- 10-14 - Major Seminarians' Gathering, Ballarpur  
15 - Minor Orders, Cathedral, Ballarpur  
19 - AM Ordination, Thumbarassery  
PM Kottekavu  
20 - AM Ordination, Muttom  
PM Paloothra  
21 - Kadakkarapally  
23-24 - Trivandrum  
24 - Wedding, Kottar  
26 - Adoor  
28-29 - Manathavady

### THE HOLY FATHERS PRAYERS INTENTIONS

(Apostleship of Prayer)

Please pray for the intentions of Holy Father Pope Francis

- **FEBRUARY**  
**Violence Against Women**  
We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.
- **MARCH**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.
- **APRIL**  
**Fundamental Rights**  
We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.
- **MAY**  
**The World of Finance**  
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**V. BISHOP'S DIARY****NOVEMBER 2020**

- 1 - Offered Holy Qurbana at SVG in connection with the seminarians' annual retreat.
- 2 - Presided Holy Qurbana at Cathedral for All Souls' Day and offered Office of the Dead at cemetery.
- 8 - Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Jivathi and blessed St. Mariam Thresia's grotto.
- 15 - Consecrated the altar of SABS Convent, Wadsa.
- 19 - Participated Board of Education Meeting, BPQ.
- 21 - Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Ghugus.
- 22 - Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Sindhola.
- 29 - Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Kagaznagar.

**DECEMBER 2020**

- 5 - Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Allipur.
- 6 - Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Hinganghat.
  - Attended virtual meeting of Syro-Malabar Youth executive committee.
- 7 - Consecrated altar at CMI House, Armori.
- 8 - Blessed Kurkheda Church and the Marian grotto.
- 11 - Participated virtual meet of WRBC and WRSFF.
- 16 - Offered Requiem Holy Qurbana for Fr. Jomy Chakkalatharayil and offered office of the dead at Memorial slab in Cathedral Cemetery.
- 21 - Participated Monthly Recollection of priests and men religious online.
- 24 - Presided over Christmas Midnight Qurbana at Chincholi Parish.
- 26 - Ordained Dn. Anil Murmade to priesthood at CMI Provincial House.
- 28 - Ordination of Dn. Antony Pandikasalavalappil CMI at North Kuthiathodu in Ernakulam-Angamali Archdiocese.
- 31 - Ordination of Dn. Sebastian Keezhathan SDB and Dn. Linu Edassery SVD at Kanjoor in Ernakulam-Angamali Archdiocese.
  - Offered New Year midnight Holy Qurbana, Christu Niwas, Thrikkakara

**PESAHA BREAD AND MILK BLESSING PRAYER  
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**QUINQUENNIAL PRIESTS MEET 2021**

(Ordination 2016-2020),  
Diocese of Chanda

The schedule for the Quinquennial meeting **15-16 March 2021** is as follows:

**March 15 Monday**

- 10.00 am - Introductory Talk - Bp. Ephrem  
 10.30 am - *SELF-FORMATION AND PRIESTLY MINISTRY*-  
Fr. Shibu Monippallil  
 12.30 pm - Lunch, Rest  
 03.00 pm - *THE OBSERVATIONS BY THE CHARITY COMMISSIONER IN THE RECENT INSPECTION OF THE DIOCESE OF CHANDA SOCIETY ACCOUNTS* - Mr. Jose Thannipara  
 04.00 pm - Tea, Free time  
 06.00 pm - *PRIESTLY CHARISM & CLERICAL DISCIPLINE* - Bp. Ephrem  
 07.00 pm - Adoration, Rosary, Ramsa (Cathedral), Dinner  
 09.00 pm - Leliya, Sharing session

**March 16 Tuesday**

- 06.30 am - Sapra, Holy Qurbana (Pastoral Centre chapel)  
 07.45 am - Breakfast  
 09.00 am - *WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM PRIESTS IN THE MODERN TIMES* - Sr. Shiny SHSp  
 10.30 am - Tea Break  
 10.45 am - *SCHOOL PERMISSIONS: LEGAL PROCEDURES* - Fr. Dinesh Mate  
 12.30 pm - Lunch rest  
 02.45 pm - Rosary, General evaluation  
 04.00 pm - Tea, Mission tour

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Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE  
54th WORLD DAY OF PEACE  
1 JANUARY 2021**

**A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE**

1. At the dawn of a new year, I extend cordial greetings to Heads of State and Government, leaders of International Organizations, spiritual leaders and followers of the different religions, and to men and women of good will. To all I offer my best wishes that the coming year will enable humanity to advance on the path of fraternity, justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations.

The year 2020 was marked by the massive Covid-19 health crisis, which became a global phenomenon cutting across boundaries, aggravating deeply interrelated crises like those of the climate, food, the economy and migration, and causing great suffering and hardship. I think especially of all those who lost family members or loved ones, and all who lost their jobs. I think too of physicians and nurses, pharmacists, researchers, volunteers, chaplains and the personnel of hospitals and healthcare centres. They have made, and are continuing to make, great sacrifices to be present to the sick, to alleviate their sufferings and to save their lives; indeed, many of them have died in the process. In paying tribute to them, I renew my appeal to political leaders and the private sector to spare no effort to ensure access to Covid-19 vaccines and to the essential technologies needed to care for the sick, the poor and those who are most vulnerable.

Sad to say, alongside all these testimonies of love and solidarity, we have also seen a surge in various forms of nationalism, racism and xenophobia, and wars and conflicts that bring only death and destruction in their wake.

These and other events that marked humanity's path this past year have taught us how important it is to care for one another and

for creation in our efforts to build a more fraternal society. That is why I have chosen as the title of this year's Message, A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace. A culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time.

## 2. God the Creator, the source of our human vocation to care

Many religious traditions have accounts of the origin of human beings and their relationship with the Creator, with nature and with their fellow men and women. In the Bible, the Book of Genesis shows from its very first pages the importance of care or protection in God's plan for humanity. It highlights the relationship between man ('adam) and the earth ('adamah), and among ourselves as brothers and sisters. In the biblical account of creation, God entrusts the garden "planted in Eden" (cf. Gen 2:8) to Adam's care, to "till it and keep it" (Gen 2:15). This entails making the earth productive, while at the same time protecting it and preserving its capacity to support life. The verbs "till" and "keep" describe Adam's relationship to his garden home, but also the trust God placed in him by making him master and guardian of all creation.

The birth of Cain and Abel begins a history of brothers and sisters, whose relationship is understood – even by Cain, however mistakenly – in terms of protection or "keeping". After killing his brother Abel, Cain answers God's question by saying: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9). Cain, like all of us, was called to be "his brother's keeper". "These ancient stories, full of symbolism, bear witness to a conviction which we today share, that everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationship with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others".

## 3. God the Creator, a model of care

Sacred Scripture presents God not only as Creator, but also as one who cares for his creatures, especially Adam, Eve and their offspring. Albeit cursed for the crime he committed, Cain was given

the Gamela/Ganj before prayers of blessing is recited over it. Immediately after the blessing that fire is taken into Thurible for incensing.

9. A procession with Risen Lord's statue will add solemnity to the Easter celebration.
10. Lenten recollections/retreats are highly encouraged.
11. Simple/some decoration for Holy Thursday adoration and Easter Sunday Resurrection Liturgy will give a better spiritual experience of the liturgy.
12. All celebrations (feasts, B'days) with extravagant solemnity is to be avoided during Great Lent.

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### Extracts from Eparchial Statutes Regarding Holy Muron

451. In the Old Testament, persons, places and things were sanctified and set apart with the consecration by the Holy Muron. This tradition is followed in the Church for Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick, Consecration of the Church etc.
452. Holy Muron, which is made from the oil of olives or other vegetable oils and from aromatics, is conected only by a bishop (c. 693).
453. The priests are permitted to bless the oil used for Anointing of the Sick and for Baptism using the Holy Muron blessed by the Bishop. (cf. Pastoral guidelines Appendix I)
454. §1. The Bishop consecrates the Holy Muron on Tuesday during Holy Week together with the priests, religious and the lay persons.
  - §2. They have to burn the old Holy Muron and cottons before the new Muron is refilled.
  - §3. An appropriate place is to be allotted in the sanctuary or in the sacristy for preserving the Holy Oil.

- front is highly recommended. This procession is to be led by the celebrant. Use the wooden cross to knock at the church door during liturgy.
2. Cover decently the Crucifix in the Church before Palm Sunday liturgy. It is left covered until Good Friday service.
  3. It is highly recommended that all priests, and to the best possible the sisters working in the diocese, participate in the Muron Qurbana (Chrism Mass) which is customarily done on Tuesday of Passion/Holy week.
  4. The faithful should be properly instructed about their obligation of annual confession and Holy Communion during Passion/Holy week. Every priest in charge should make adequate preparation for the same in every parish.
  5. The congregation should be properly instructed that the highlight of Holy Thursday is the institution of Priesthood and Holy Eucharist. It is good that people are chosen in advance and prepare them for feet washing ceremony. For instance: a short recollection, a special prayer service with them on 6 Sundays or any other days in a week during Lent, special fasting, abstinence during Lent etc.
  6. The Holy Thursday Qurbana ends with the final two prayers before the final blessing. As Eucharistic procession takes place and adoration commences immediately after Holy Communion, our tradition is that no final blessing of the Qurbana is given on Maundy Thursday. The Eucharistic procession after which should be done with solemnity, but within the Church. The Eucharist is kept in both species for adoration. Pesaha bread and milk may be shared, if such customs are prevalent in the parish.
  7. It may be good to conduct all Good Friday liturgies in the morning so that everyone can go for Calvary mount pilgrimage at Lakkadakot.
  8. Baptismal renewal, blessing of water, fire etc. may be done on Saturday morning along with Qurbana or in the evening as Easter vigil. If it is done on Easter vigil, a simple Qurbana in Saturday morning is greatly desired. Kindly note that there should be fire in

a mark of protection by the Creator, so that his life could be spared (cf. Gen 4:15). While confirming the inviolable dignity of the person created in God's image and likeness, this was also a sign of God's plan to preserve the harmony of his creation, since "peace and violence cannot dwell together".

Care for creation was at the heart of the institution of the Sabbath, which, in addition to ordering divine worship, aimed at the restoration of the social order and concern for the poor (cf. Gen 1:1-3; Lev 25:4). The celebration of the Jubilee every seventh sabbatical year provided a respite for the land, for slaves and for those in debt. In that year of grace, those in greatest need were cared for and given a new chance in life, so that there would be no poor among the people (cf. Deut 15:4).

In the prophetic tradition, the biblical understanding of justice found its highest expression in the way a community treats its weakest members. Amos (cf. 2:6-8; 8) and Isaiah (cf. 58), in particular, insistently demand justice for the poor, who, in their vulnerability and powerlessness, cry out and are heard by God, who watches over them (cf. Ps 34:7; 113:7-8).

#### 4. Care in the ministry of Jesus

Jesus' life and ministry represent the supreme revelation of the Father's love for humanity (cf. Jn 3:16). In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus showed himself to be the one consecrated by the Lord and "sent to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (Lk 4:18). These messianic actions, associated with the Jubilee year, bear eloquent witness to the mission he received from the Father. In his compassion, Christ drew near to the sick in body and spirit, and brought them healing; he pardoned sinners and gave them new life. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep (cf. Jn 10:11-18; Ezek 34:1-31). He is the Good Samaritan who stoops to help the injured man, binds his wounds and cares for him (cf. Lk 10:30-37).

At the culmination of his mission, Jesus gave the ultimate proof of his care for us by offering himself on the cross to set us free from the slavery of sin and death. By the sacrificial gift of his life, he opened for us the path of love. To each of us he says, "Follow me; go and do likewise" (cf. Lk 10:37).

### 5. A culture of care in the life of Jesus' followers

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy were at the heart of charity as practised by the early Church. The first generation of Christians shared what they had, so that no one among them would be in need (cf. Acts 4:34-35). They strove to make their community a welcoming home, concerned for every human need and ready to care for those most in need. It became customary to make voluntary offerings in order to feed the poor, bury the dead and care for orphans, the elderly and victims of disasters like shipwrecks. In later times, when the generosity of Christians had lost its initial fervour, some Fathers of the Church insisted that property was meant by God for the common good. For Saint Ambrose, "nature poured out all things for the common use of all... and thus produced a common right for all, but greed has made it a right for only a few". After the persecutions of the first centuries, the Church used her newfound freedom to inspire society and its culture. "The needs of the times called forth new efforts in the service of Christian charity. History records innumerable examples of practical works of mercy... The Church's work among the poor was to a great extent highly organized. There arose many institutions for the relief of every human need: hospitals, poor houses, orphanages, foundling homes, shelters for travelers ..."

### 6. The principles of the Church's social doctrine as the basis for a culture of care

The diakonia of the Church's origins, enriched by the reflection of the Fathers and enlivened over the centuries by the active charity of many luminous witnesses to the faith, became the beating heart of the Church's social doctrine. This doctrine is

## EXTRACTS FROM EPARCHIAL STATUTES REGARDING PASSION WEEK CELEBRATION

427. §1. On *Pesaha* (Maundy Thursday), as we commemorate the institution of the Holy Qurbana, it is highly recommended to have Eucharistic adoration, keeping the spirit of Lent. On that day according to the liturgical tradition, Eucharist is not to be exposed in the monstrance but to be adored in the tabernacle, preferably in both species.
- §2. On *Pesaha* (Maundy Thursday), there shall be only one Holy Qurbana in a parish and if there are more priests, they are to concelebrate. There shall not be Holy Qurbana in the religious houses on that day and all are to participate in the Holy Qurbana in the Parish Church.
- §3. *Pascha Bhojan/Pascha* meal and such other traditional observances of our families are to be continued. *Pascha Bhojan* in the parish churches or family units is not a substitute to the *Pascha Bhojan* traditionally observed in the family.
428. §1. The salvific passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ is commemorated on Passion Friday and hence all Christian faithful are obliged to attend the liturgical celebrations with devotion and love. There is no Holy Qurbana on that day. The liturgy is to be celebrated as per the liturgical norms.
- §2. On Passion Friday, the way of the cross is to be conducted in the most solemn way in all the parishes of our Eparchy together with the liturgical services of the day or separately.
- §3. Pilgrimage to Lakkadakot Calvarigiri is highly recommended.
429. There shall be a Holy Qurbana on Holy Saturday. If there are more than one priest, they are to concelebrate on that day.
430. Care should be taken not to have dramatic presentations of the paschal mysteries during the Holy Week in the Sanctuary violating its sanctity. (Pastoral Guidance Appendix I)

## 8. PASSION/HOLY WEEK /EASTER CELEBRATION

1. A solemn Palm leaves procession with a wooden cross/any metal cross, but not necessarily crucifix (whenever possible) in the

## Christmas celebration - News Report

### Diocese of Chanda

Bishop Ephrem Nariculam, bishop of Chanda, extends Christmas and New Year wishes to everyone and exhorts all the faithful to celebrate Christmas with Covid-19 protocol stipulated by the Government of Maharashtra such as use of masks, social distancing, sanitizing etc. Everyone is strongly recommended to take adequate precautions not to be infected by the Corona virus. In a circular bishop has also suggested to increase the number of Christmas church service so as to facilitate as many people to participate in the celebrations. The age stipulations should be followed to the best possible. It is suggested also to avoid visiting families, exchange of gifts etc. so as not to expose oneself to be infected by the virus. Carol singing, if at all planning may be done with limited people and with adequate precaution. In a video message circulated in the social media addressed to his priests, Brothers, Sisters and the people of his diocese, he invited also every person of good will to accept Christ's message of peace and joy and practice them with humility for the welfare of each and every member of the society irrespective of caste, creed and language. He expressed also a great concern in solidarity with striking farmers and hoped for an amicable settlement to the issue respecting their invaluable service in sustaining societal rhythm and human existence. Bishop also invited every faithful in the diocese to enter into the New Year - *Harith Varsh 2021* - with vigour and enthusiasm and do everyone's best to work sincerely and with zeal to work for Green and Clean diocese.

Fr. Dinesh Mate  
PRO, Diocese of Chanda

offered to all people of good will as a precious patrimony of principles, criteria and proposals that can serve as a “grammar” of care: commitment to promoting the dignity of each human person, solidarity with the poor and vulnerable, the pursuit of the common good and concern for protection of creation.

### Care as promotion of the dignity and rights of each person

“The very concept of the person, which originated and developed in Christianity, fosters the pursuit of a fully human development. Person always signifies relationship, not individualism; it affirms inclusion, not exclusion, unique and inviolable dignity, not exploitation”. Each human person is an end in himself or herself, and never simply a means to be valued only for his or her usefulness. Persons are created to live together in families, communities and societies, where all are equal in dignity. Human rights derive from this dignity, as do human duties, like the responsibility to welcome and assist the poor, the sick, the excluded, every one of our “neighbours, near or far in space and time”.

### Care for the common good

Every aspect of social, political and economic life achieves its fullest end when placed at the service of the common good, in other words, “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfilment more fully and more easily”.<sup>[10]</sup> Consequently, our plans and projects should always take into account their effects on the entire human family, and consider their consequences for the present and for coming generations. The Covid-19 pandemic has shown us the truth and timeliness of this fact. In the face of the pandemic, “we have realized that we are in the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together”, since “no one reaches salvation by themselves” and no state can ensure the common good of its population if it remains isolated.

### Care through solidarity

Solidarity concretely expresses our love for others, not as a vague sentiment but as a “firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all”. Solidarity helps us to regard others – whether as individuals or, more broadly, as peoples or nations – as more than mere statistics, or as a means to be used and then discarded once no longer useful, but as our neighbours, companions on our journey, called like ourselves to partake of the banquet of life to which all are equally invited by God.

### Care and protection of creation

The Encyclical Laudato Si' is fully aware that all creation is interconnected. It also highlights our need to listen to the cry of the poor and, at the same time, to the cry of creation. Constant and attentive listening leads in turn to effective care for the earth, our common home, and for our brothers and sisters in need. Here I would once again point out that “a sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be authentic if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings”. “Peace, justice and care for creation are three inherently connected questions, which cannot be separated in such a way as to be treated individually, lest we fall back into reductionism”.

### 7. A compass pointing to a common path

At a time dominated by a culture of waste, faced with growing inequalities both within and between nations, I urge government leaders and those of international organizations, business leaders, scientists, communicators and educators, to take up these principles as a “compass” capable of pointing out a common direction and ensuring “a more humane future” in the process of globalization. This will enable us to esteem the value and dignity of every person, to act together in solidarity for the common good, and to bring relief to those suffering from poverty, disease,

## PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for our Deacons.....



**Dn. Shine Manjaly**

Date of Ordination : 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
 Venue : St. Mary's Church,  
 Thumbarassery  
 (Irinjalakuda Diocese)  
 Time : 9.30 AM

**Dn. Benson Puthenpurakal**

Date of Ordination : 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Venue : St. Mary's Forane church, Muttom  
 (Ernakulam-Angamali Archdiocese)

Time : 9.30 AM



**Dn. Nirmal Tirkey OMI**

Date of Ordination : 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021

He is from Wasa Parish, Diocese of Chanda  
 for the OMI Congregation, St. Eugene's  
 Province Chennai.



## Congratulations!

Bro. John (Jeslin) a third year minor seminary student (Sant Vianney Gurukul) composed, tuned and sung a Holy Communion song in Hindi. Chanda Family extends to him hearty congratulations. To listen to it, Please go to the link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1OioB0dvFE>.



Reporter  
 Chanda Samachar



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CENTRE/S

The Sisters of Adoration of Blessed Sacrament (SABS) started perpetual adoration in their Regional House (Sanjo Bhavan, New Daheli). It is held on all days from 08.00 am to 04.00 pm except on Sundays. They welcome all to the Blessed Sacrament for adoration. The other perpetual adoration centres in the diocese are:

- I) St. Thomas Cathedral, - 07.00 am to 12.00 noon  
Ballarpur Monday to Friday  
- 08.00 am to 10.00 am Saturday
- ii) Christanand Hospital, - 07.00 am to 12.00 noon  
Brahmapuri Monday to Friday
- iii) Sanjeevani Ashram - 11.00 am to 1.00 pm &  
3.00 pm to 4.00 pm everyday
- iv) Anjali Sadan, CMC - 09.00 am to 04.00 pm,  
Provincial House, Wardha Monday to Saturday

Reporter  
Chanda Samachar



### FACILITY FOR CONFESSION

In collaboration with the Department of Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry, CMI Marthoma Province, Chanda, the diocese is arranging facility for confession in the Cathedral Church, Ballarpur on all second Saturdays 03.00 pm - 05.00 pm. Anyone of the following priests will be available for confession.

- i) Fr. Jose Vadakkemury CMI
- ii) Fr. Sebastian Thattil CMI
- iii) Fr. George Canisius CMI
- iv) Fr. Prasannabai CMI

**The schedule for the year 2021 :** Feb 13, March 8, April 10, May 10, June 12, July 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 8, Dec 11

For enquires and clarifications: **Bishop's office - 09545641645, Fr. Binoy CMI - 8275265754**

slavery, armed conflicts, and discrimination. I ask everyone to take this compass in hand and to become a prophetic witness of the culture of care, working to overcome the many existing social inequalities. This can only come about through a widespread and meaningful involvement on the part of women, in the family and in every social, political and institutional sphere.

The compass of these social principles, so essential for the growth of a culture of care, also points to the need for relationships between nations to be inspired by fraternity, mutual respect, solidarity and the observance of international law. In this regard, we must recognize the need to defend and promote fundamental human rights, which are inalienable, universal and indivisible.

Likewise urgent is the need to respect humanitarian law, especially at this time when conflicts and wars continue uninterrupted. Tragically, many regions and communities can no longer remember a time when they dwelt in security and peace. Numerous cities have become epicentres of insecurity: citizens struggle to maintain their normal routine in the face of indiscriminate attacks by explosives, artillery and small arms. Children are unable to study. Men and women cannot work to support their families. Famine is spreading in places where it was previously unknown. People are being forced to take flight, leaving behind not only their homes but also their family history and their cultural roots.

While such conflicts have many causes, the result is always the same: destruction and humanitarian crises. We need to stop and ask ourselves what has led our world to see conflict as something normal, and how our hearts can be converted and our ways of thinking changed, in order to work for true peace in solidarity and fraternity.

How many resources are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the

provision of health care. Global problems like the present Covid-19 pandemic and climate change have only made these challenges all the more evident. What a courageous decision it would be to “establish a 'Global Fund' with the money spent on weapons and other military expenditures, in order to permanently eliminate hunger and contribute to the development of the poorest countries”!

### 8. Educating for a culture of care

Promoting a culture of care calls for a process of education. The “compass” of social principles can prove useful and reliable in a variety of interrelated contexts. Let me offer a few examples:

- Educating people to care begins in the family, the natural and fundamental nucleus of society, in which we learn how to live and relate to others in a spirit of mutual respect. Yet families need to be empowered to carry out this vital and indispensable task.

- Together with the family, schools and universities – and, in some respects, the communications media – are also responsible for education. They are called to pass on a system of values based on the recognition of the dignity of each person, each linguistic, ethnic and religious community and each people, as well as the fundamental rights arising from that recognition. Education is one of the pillars of a more just and fraternal society.

- Religions in general, and religious leaders in particular, can play an indispensable role in handing on to their followers, and to society at large, the values of solidarity, respect for differences, and concern for our brothers and sisters in need. Here I think of the words spoken in 1969 by Pope Paul VI to the Ugandan Parliament: “Have no fear of the Church; she honours you, she educates honest and loyal citizens for you, she does not foment rivalries and divisions, she seeks to promote healthy liberty, social justice, and peace. If she has any preference at all, it is for the poor, for the education of little ones and of the people, for the care of the suffering and abandoned”.

- Once more I encourage all those engaged in public service

2	Kosari	4 km	1	0
3	Mangda	5 km	2	2
4	Pisewaddha	5 km	3	1
5	Mohazari	6 km		1
6	Bhakrondi	12 km	1	5
7	Kulkuli	11 km		2
8	Mohalli	15 km	1	1
	<b>Korchi</b>			
9	Kochinara	2 km		3
10	Rampur	4 km		2
11	Bedgaon	4 km		3
12	Bori 12 km			1
	<b>Kodgul</b>		3	1
13	Dholdongari	3km		2
14	Sonapur	3 km		3
15	Pitesur	5 km	5	2
16	Turmuda	6 km	4	2
	<b>Bhandara District</b>			
17	Pawni			4
18	Lakhandur			3
	<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>

Chancellor

### Quotes

*“Only after the last tree has been cut down. Only after the last river has been poisoned. Only after the last fish has been caught, only then will you find that money cannot be eaten.”*

*“Humans are the only creature in this world, who cut the trees, make paper from it and then write, “Save Trees” on it.”*

### BIFURCATION OF KURKHEDA MISSION

As per Bishop's order Prot. No. 313/2020 dated 01/12/2020 Kurkheda mission is bifurcated as per following list of villages attached to the missions Kurkheda and Korchi:

#### KURKHEDA MISSION STATION

Geographical area: **Kurkheda Tehsil**

Villages in contact at present

Sr. No.	Villages	Distance from Centre	Catholic Families	Catechumens
1	Kurkheda	1 km	3	2
2	Talegaon	1km	3	3
3	Dipritola	2 km	1	2
4	Mohogaon	3 km		1
5	Kumbitola	3 km	1	
6	Maldugi	4 km	1	
7	Chichtola	5 km		1
8	Dongargaon	11 km	2	1
9	Sonsary	12 km	2	1
10	Dhuski	13 km	2	
11	Bandhgon	15 km		1
12	Washi	15 km	2	
13	Shirpur	16 km		2
14	Kadholi	17 km	6	11
15	Malewada	25 km		2
	<b>Total</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>

#### KORCHI MISSION STATION

Geographical area: **Korchi Tehsil and some parts in Armori Tehsil and Bandara district**

Villages in contact at present

Sr. No.	Villages	Distance from Centre	Catholic Families	Catechumens
	<b>Delanwadi</b>			
1	Manapur	2 km		2

and in international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, and all those others who in various ways are involved in the areas of education and research, to work towards the goal of a “more open and inclusive education, involving patient listening, constructive dialogue and better mutual understanding”. It is my hope that this appeal, made in the context of the Global Compact on Education, will be broadly acknowledged and accepted.

#### 9. There can be no peace without a culture of care

The culture of care thus calls for a common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance. As such, it represents a privileged path to peace. “In many parts of the world, there is a need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter”.

At a time like this, when the barque of humanity, tossed by the storm of the current crisis, struggles to advance towards a calmer and more serene horizon, the “rudder” of human dignity and the “compass” of fundamental social principles can enable us together to steer a sure course. As Christians, we should always look to Our Lady, Star of the Sea and Mother of Hope. May we work together to advance towards a new horizon of love and peace, of fraternity and solidarity, of mutual support and acceptance. May we never yield to the temptation to disregard others, especially those in greatest need, and to look the other way; instead, may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, “to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another”.

*Franciscus*



### PATRON'S DAY

Our Major Archbishop celebrates his Patron's day on April 24. Let us specially pray for God's choicest blessings on him on this special day. Chanda Family wishes a HAPPY FEAST.

Prot. No. 1480/2020

### CIRCULAR

#### Mission Week Celebration of the Syro-Malabar Church - 2021

**GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY,**

the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church  
to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Consecrated Men  
and Women and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church.

May the Grace of the Lord be with you all!

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,*

As we are aware, the Syro Malabar Church celebrates the Mission Week every year from the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, the feast of Denaha to the 12<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of celebrating the Mission Week is to strengthen the missionary activities of our Church by making the motto 'Know the mission and Be a missionary' applied to the practical level of life and work with an enhanced missionary zeal. The Church appreciates the ministry of all the missionaries including bishops, priests, the religious and the laity who courageously engage in mission work at various parts of the world, and the benefactors who support their missionary activities and pray for them.

As we celebrate the Mission Week, I would like to share with you some thoughts in the context of the contemporary world and the Church. In his message for the Mission Sunday 2020, Pope Francis

### 40 HOURS ADORATION

This year 40 hour adoration will be held at St. Thomas Cathedral, Ballarpur on 15-17 February. Whoever can, please do come and adore the Lord. It may be good to keep the following zonal arrangements:

Monday 15 Feb - Wardha & Wirur  
Tuesday 16 Feb - Allapalli & Brahmmapuri  
Wednesday 17 Feb - Ballarpur

#### DAY 1 - MONDAY, 15 FEB 2021

06.15 AM - Exposition, Sapra (Morning Prayer)  
(Facility for confession 3.00 PM to 6.00 PM)  
05.30 PM - Rosary, Reposition  
06.00 PM - Ash Day Service & Holy Qurbana  
(Wardha & Wirur Zones)

#### DAY 2 - TUESDAY, 16 FEB 2021

06.00 AM - Sapra, Holy Qurbana, Exposition  
07.00 PM - Rosary, Ramsa (evening prayer),  
Reposition  
(Allapalli & Brahmmapuri Zones)

#### DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, 17 FEB 2021

06.15 AM - Exposition, Sapra  
(Facility for confession 3.00 PM to 6.00 PM)  
06.00 PM - Holy Qurbana & Besmearing Ashes  
(Ballarpur Zone)

**BP. JANUARIUS****Death Anniversary**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Death anniversary of Bp. Januarius could not be commemorated befittingly due to the pandemic Covid-19 although we had arranged great plans in the last year. So I request to commemorate it on Sunday 28 March this year (2021) in a suitable way. Kindly offer Sradhanjali to the repose of the soul and bring it to the notice of the people during Sunday celebration of Holy Qurbana.

Chancellor

**MURON HOLY QURBANA**

Let us be united in the Holy Priesthood of Christ. Let the celebration of Holy Muron Qurbana fortify our priestly Koinonia. Let us deepen our commitment to Christ, Church, Diocese, Congregation and to the people.

Date : Tuesday, 30 March 2021  
 Venue : St. Thomas Cathedral, Ballarpur  
 Schedule : 10.00 AM Talk  
                   11.15 AM Holy Qurbana  
                   01.00 PM Lunch, Departure

**BUDGET 2020-21**

All parishes and the diocesan institutions are requested to submit their budgets on or before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Everyone is expected to submit it at least 3 days before PPT meeting. The PPT meetings for the year 2021 has to be rescheduled to 17<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March due to Pandemic COVID-19 and its after effects in our economy. The detailed schedule will be given later.

Fr. Mathew Nirappel  
 DFO

expresses his concerns on "Who will go for me" (Isaiah 6:8) to be a messenger of God's love and peace in the confused world of today. In his new encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis exhorts us to strive for the building up of a new Christian humanity in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Pope reminds us that the true proclamation of the Gospel must be an opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed or gender, to share and experience God's love and mercy.

We clearly understand the difference between needs, necessities and non-necessities especially in the context of the pandemic. The value of any ministry or organization in the Church depends on how much it contributes to evangelization. Pope Francis mentions that any Church system that hinders mission work is against the Gospel of Christ and must renew itself evangelically (The Joy of the Gospel, 26). In his encyclical Fratelli Tutti, the Pope interprets the parable of the Good Samaritan in the present-day context and reminds us once again to restructure the systems in the Church as models of God's unconditional love (No. 62). It is because he who does not love is not with God (1 John 4: 8-16). Therefore, only if the Church systems and ministries are reconstructed based on the doctrine of love, will they become missionary activities that attract people to the Christian faith.

Pope Benedict XVI teaches that the zeal to share the Gospel among non-Christians is a sign of maturity of the local churches (Verbum Domini, 95). The life stories of tens of thousands Syro Malabar faithful who have ventured to do the mission among the non-Christians are a testimony of maturity in our Christian faith. The families and parishes that prepared them for it tell the story of their faith and pastoral life. Progress in mission work made by some lay organizations shall be valued and appreciated along with that of many religious-missionary communities already working in the mission.

It is very hopeful that due to the effective encouragement of our parish priests, the religious sisters, catechism teachers and the zealous messages of the charismatic reformation movements, there is a growing zeal among the youth to choose the missionary life as consecrated persons or as lay missionaries.

The media outlets that work for the Church and the new media

communities that enthusiastically share evangelical values, both individually and collectively, are examples of our missionary spirit. At times we also need to examine their media values to see if they are disfiguring our media culture in an unchristian manner by disseminating immature content and behaviours and take the necessary initiatives to correct them. This is because the efficient use of new media not only helps to make our mission work tenfold effective and effortless, but the future of our missionary work depends on the shape we give to a new media culture within the Church.

Ever since our Church has got the opportunity to carry out missionary work anywhere in India from 2017, many Epararchies, Congregations, Societies and lay missionaries came forward to take up new mission areas and got engaged in missionary apostolates. I commend and thank the bishops, religious congregations, Societies and lay leadership for the initiative they have taken. I request you to help our missionary activities by praying for the missions, encouraging missionary vocations and making financial contributions in every way possible.

Christ gives his disciples a piece of unforgettable advice at the Last Supper, "If you love one another, the world will know that you are my disciples" (John 13:35). Preserving and announcing the name of the Teacher demonstrate the brilliance of the life of the disciples. Through a virtuous life and preaching, we can bring our Lord and the eternal life He gives to many. Let us help those who strive for it through prayers and cooperation.

So, if we strive to touch the hearts of the people with the light of love, mercy and hope of the Gospel, we can carry out effective missionary work with limited words. May each of the missionaries be sanctified with the blessings of the great missionary Jesus Christ and have the intercession of the Holy Mother, the Queen of missions, and St Thomas the Apostle of missions.

Yours in the Lord

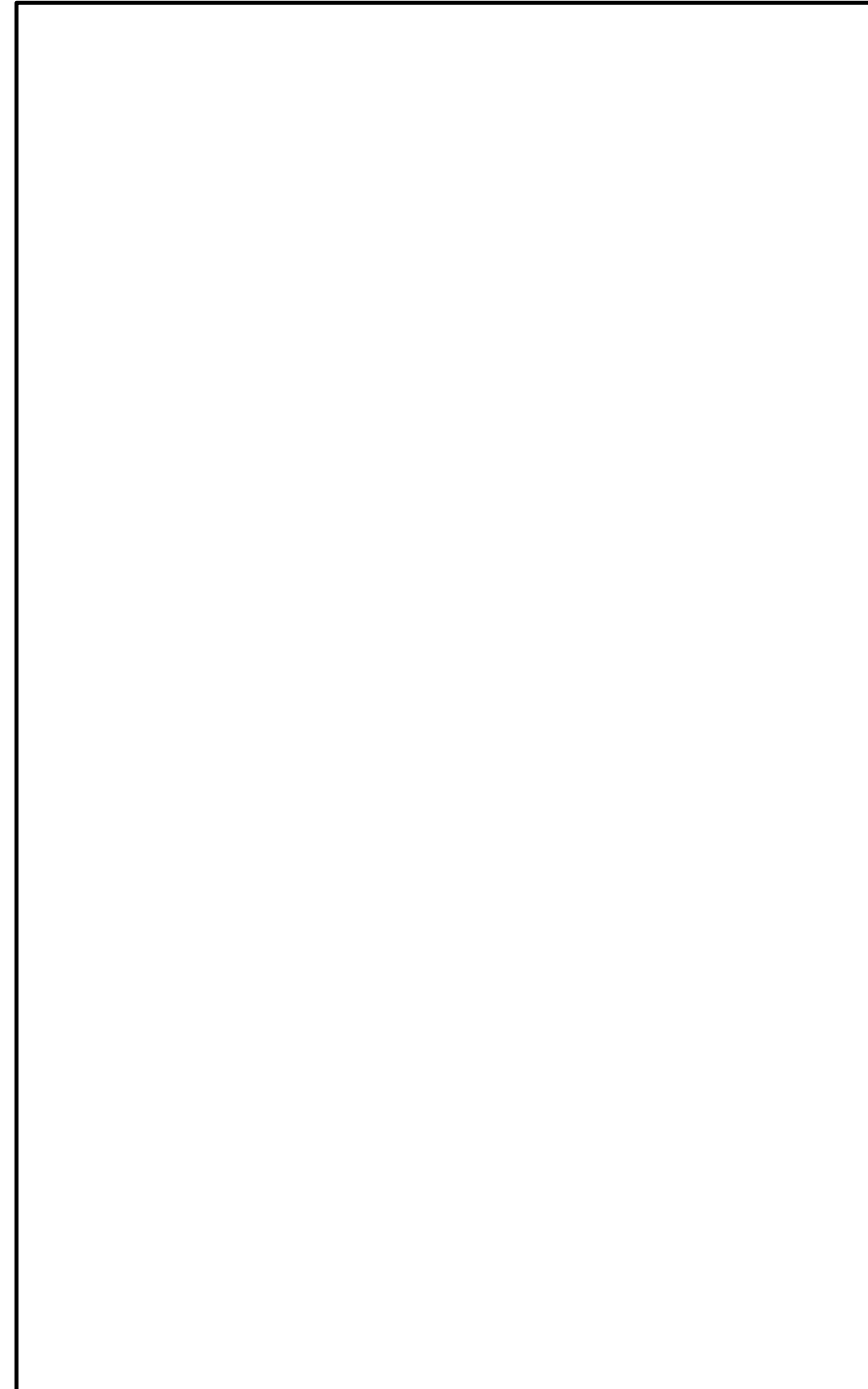
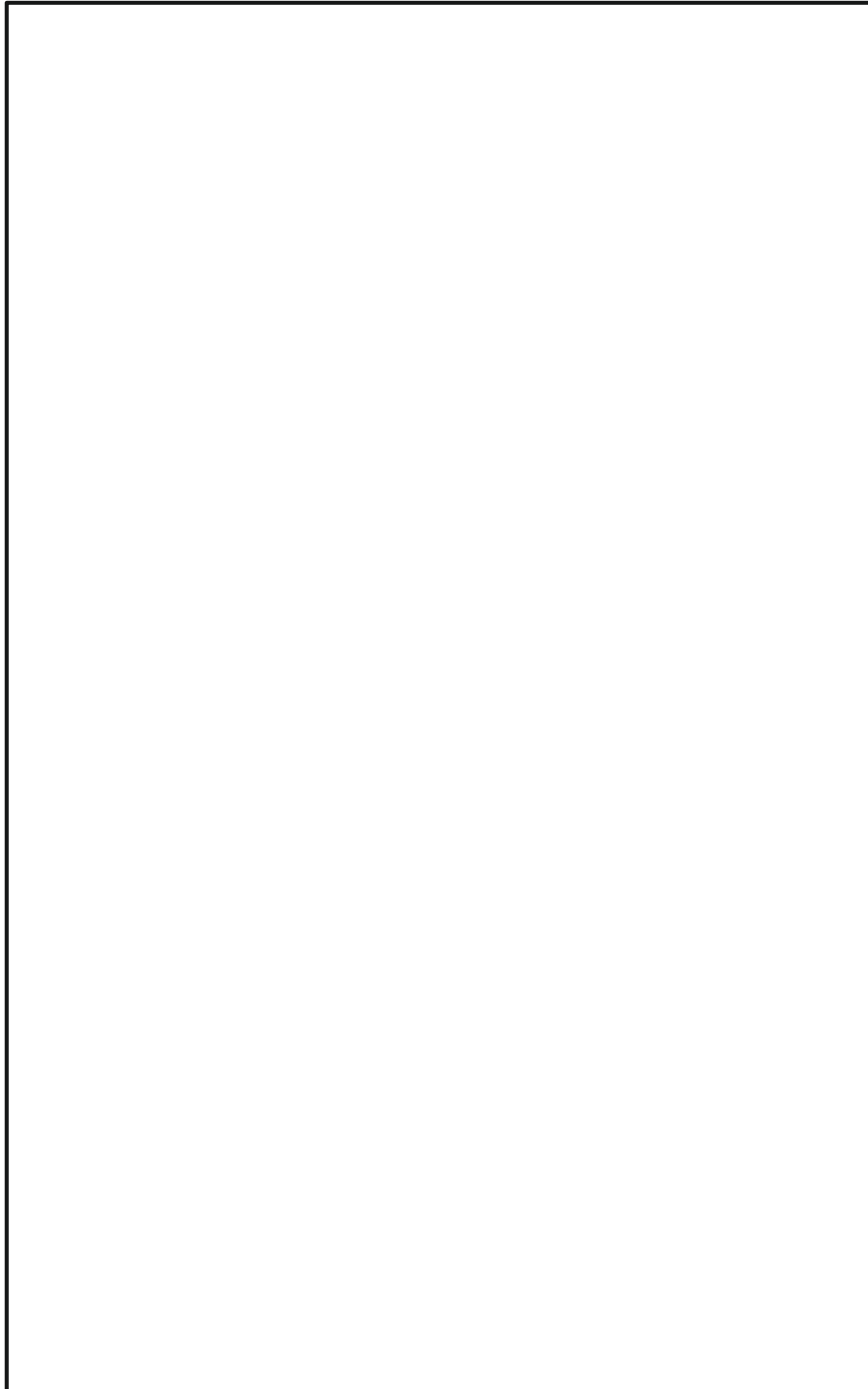
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Major Archbishop of the Syro Malabar Church

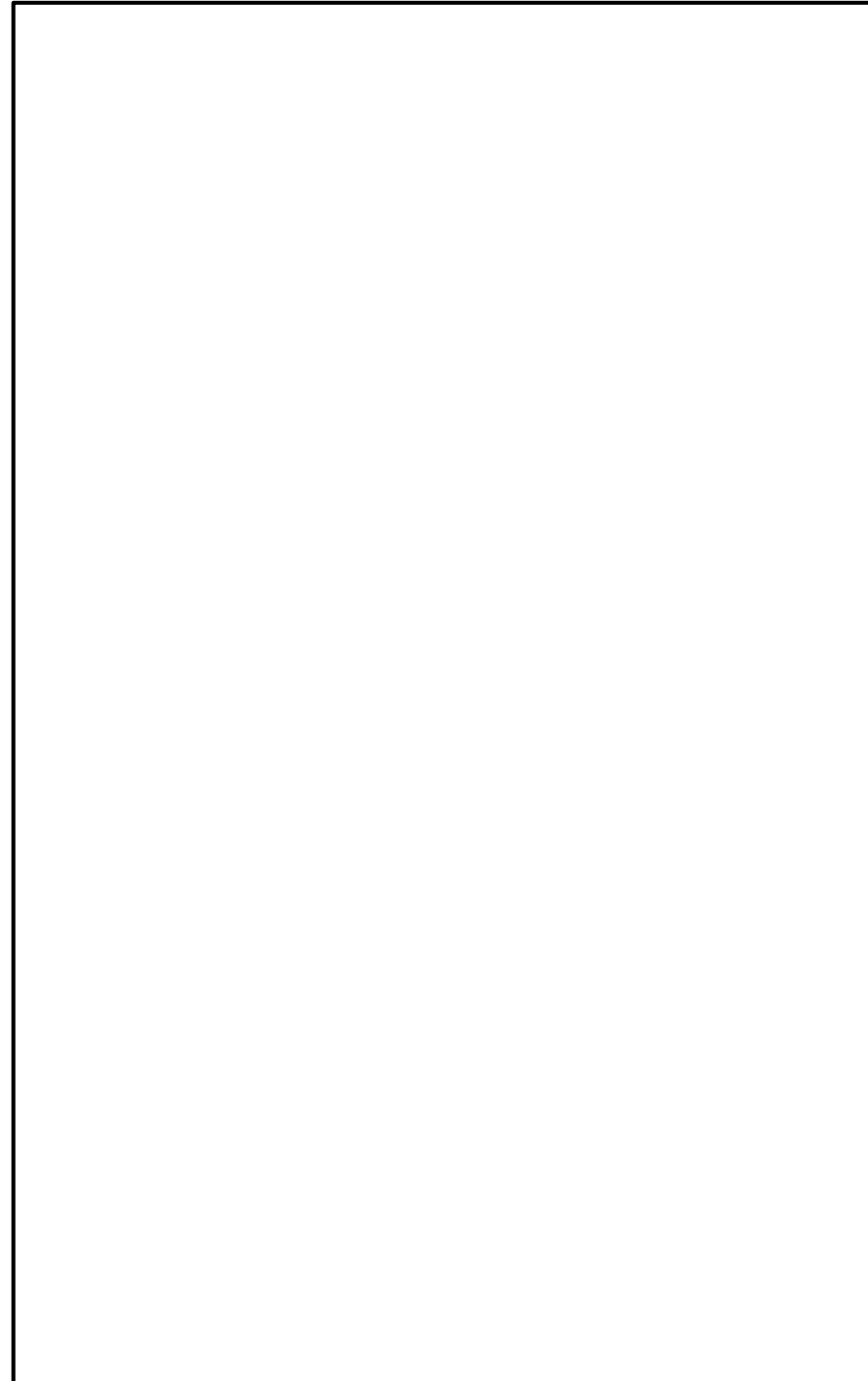
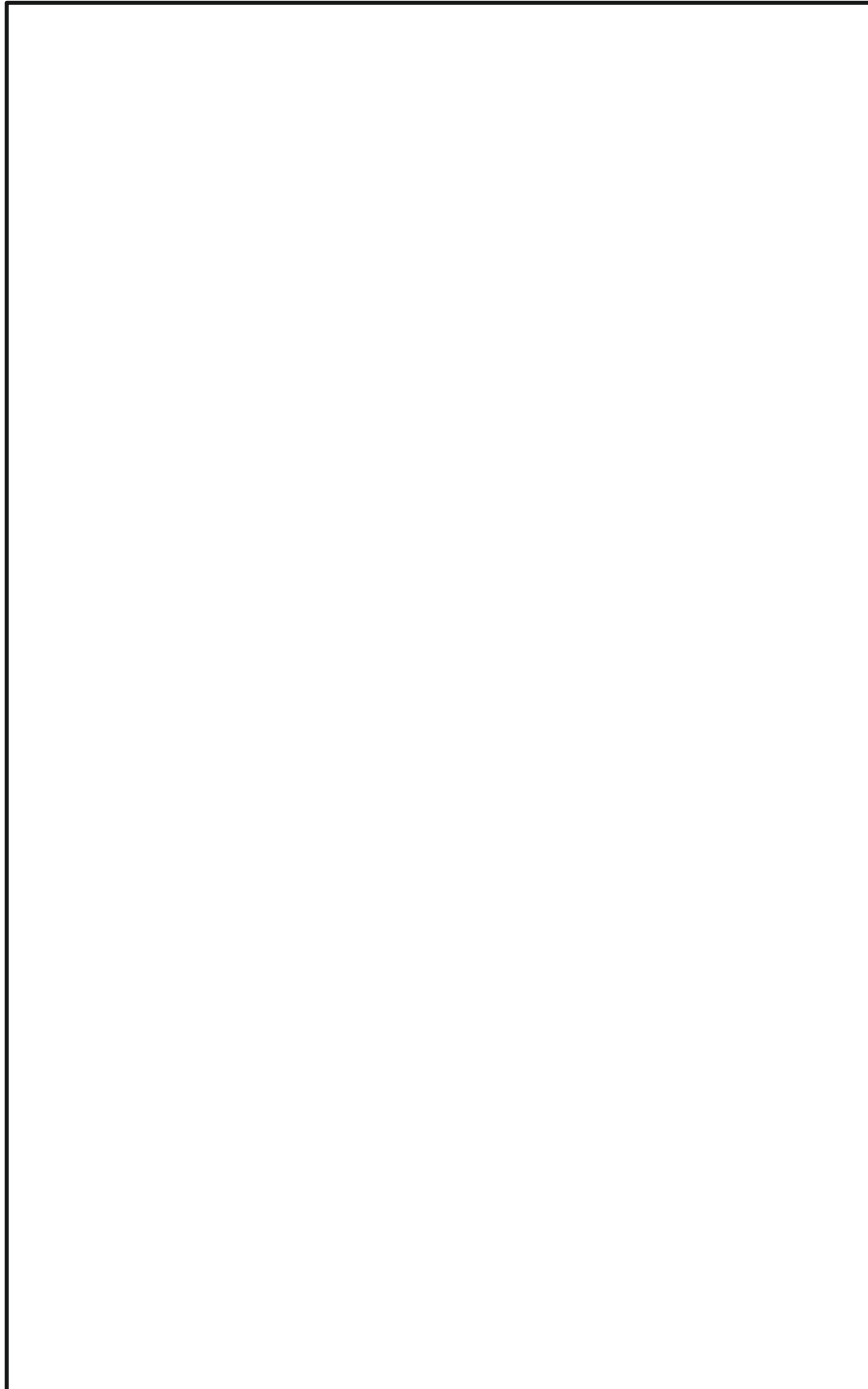
**VI. CURIA MATTERS**  
**TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS**  
**Eparchy of Chanda (December 2020)**

Sl. No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
1	Fr. KD Chacko	Chancellor		01 January 2021
2	Fr. Shibhu Monipally		Chancellor (additional)	01 January 2021
3	Fr. Sijo Kattookaran	Priest-in-charge, Chincholi		13 January 2021
4	Fr. Thomson Pullashery		Priest-in-charge, Chincholi (Additional)	13 January 2021
5	Fr. Jeevan KD		Priest-in-Substitute, Chincholi (Temporary)	13 January 2021
6	Fr. Praveen Poovathingal	Priest-in-Charge, Gatta	Leave of absence	16 January 2021
7	Fr. Jacob Eraly		Priest-in-Charge, Gatta (Additional)	16 January 2021
8	Fr. Nikhil Chakkiath	Asst. Parish priest, Cathedral Asst. Administrator, Bishop's Home	Asst. Priest-in-charge, Gatta	16 January 2021
9	Dn. Benson Puthenpurackal	Diaconate Ministry, Wardha	Diaconate Ministry, Cathedral Asst. To House Administrator, Bishop's Home	19 January 2021

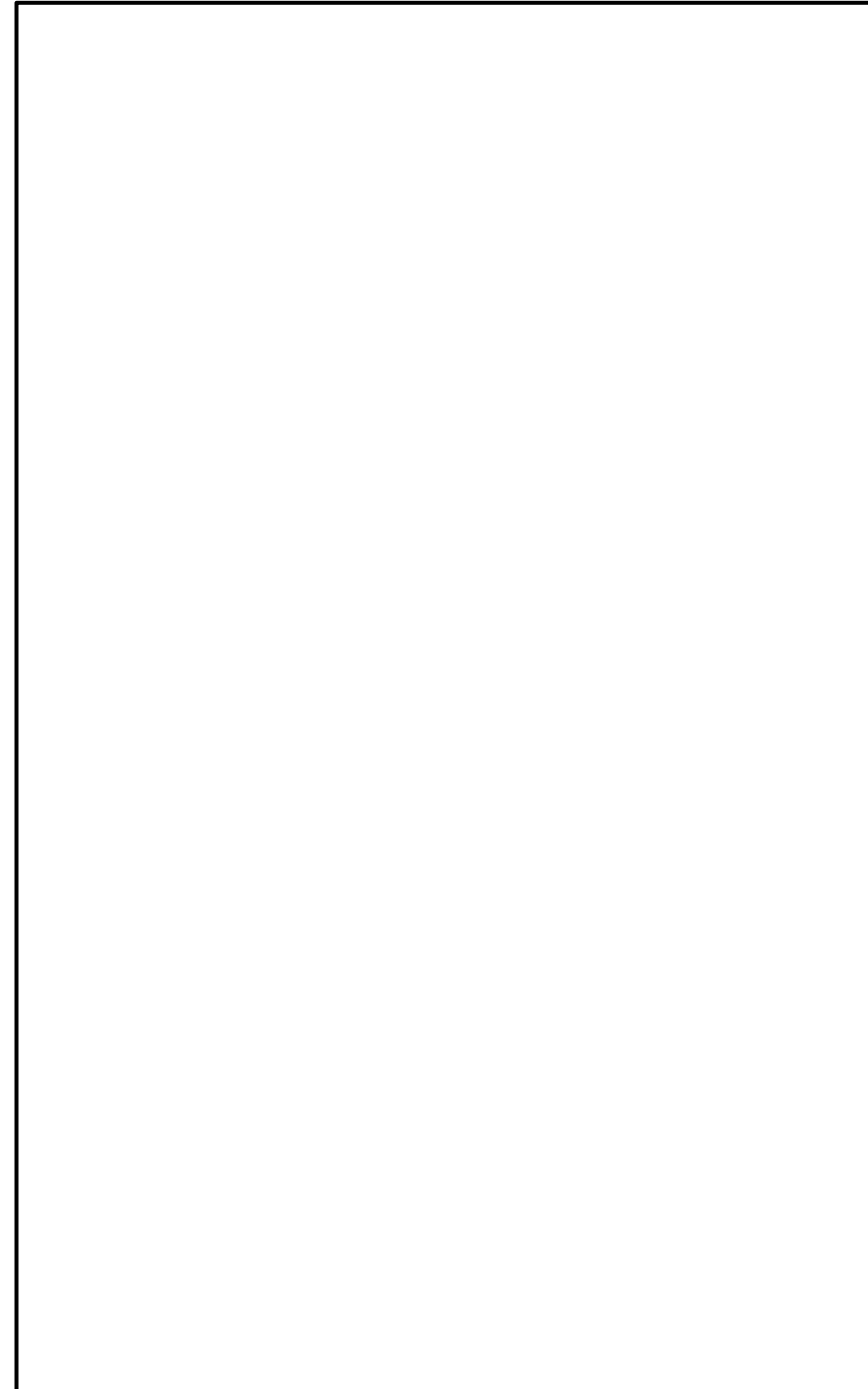
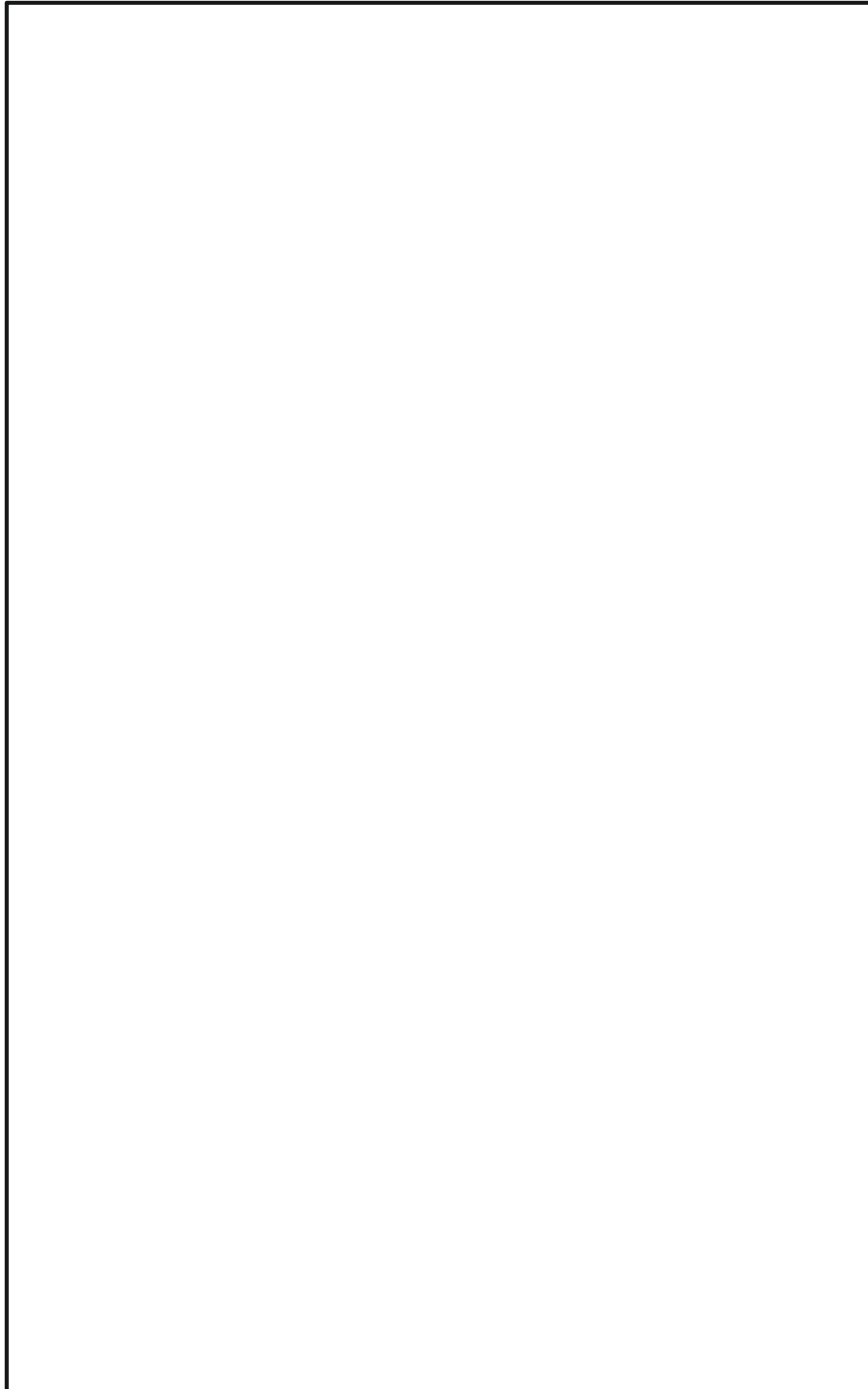
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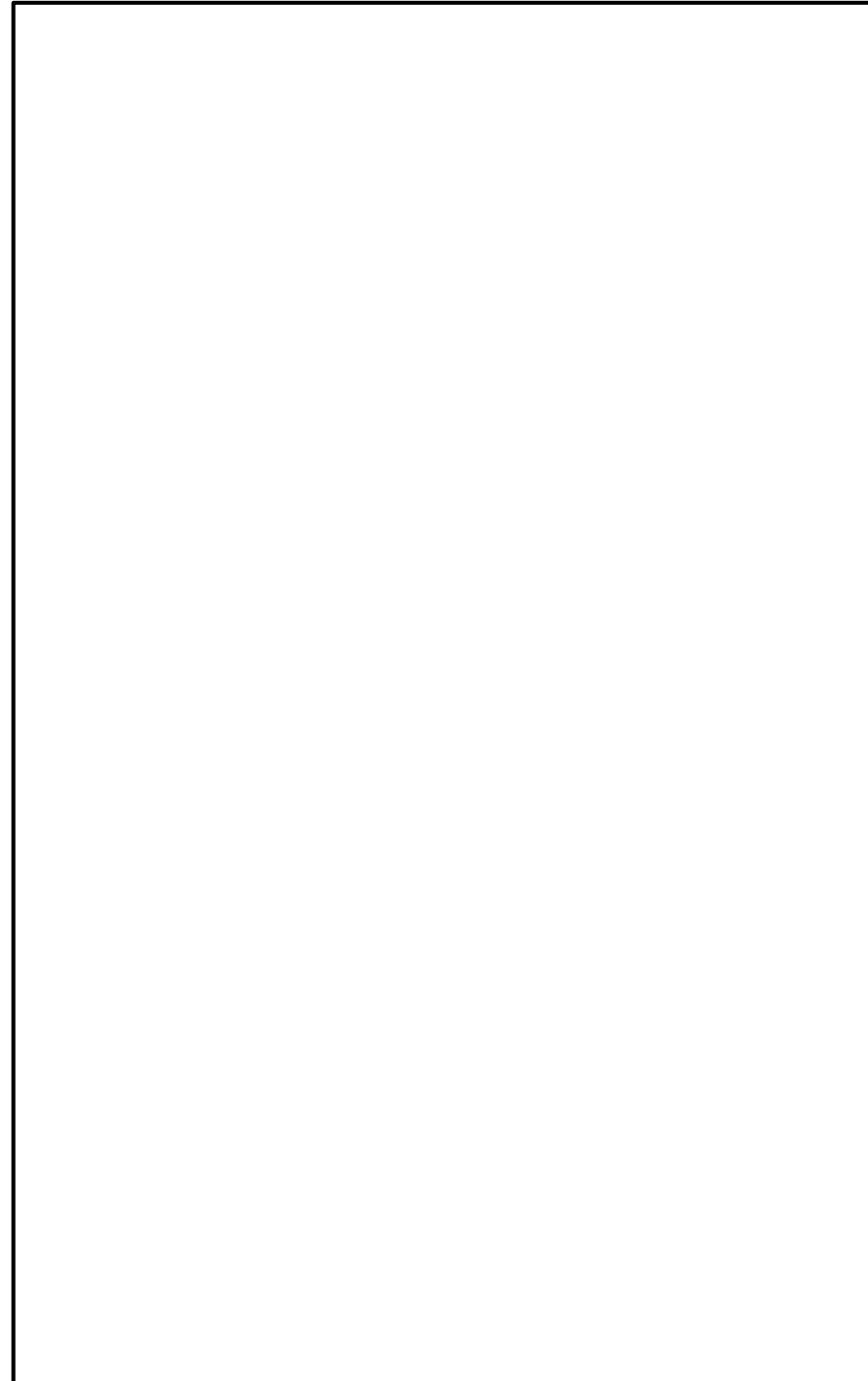
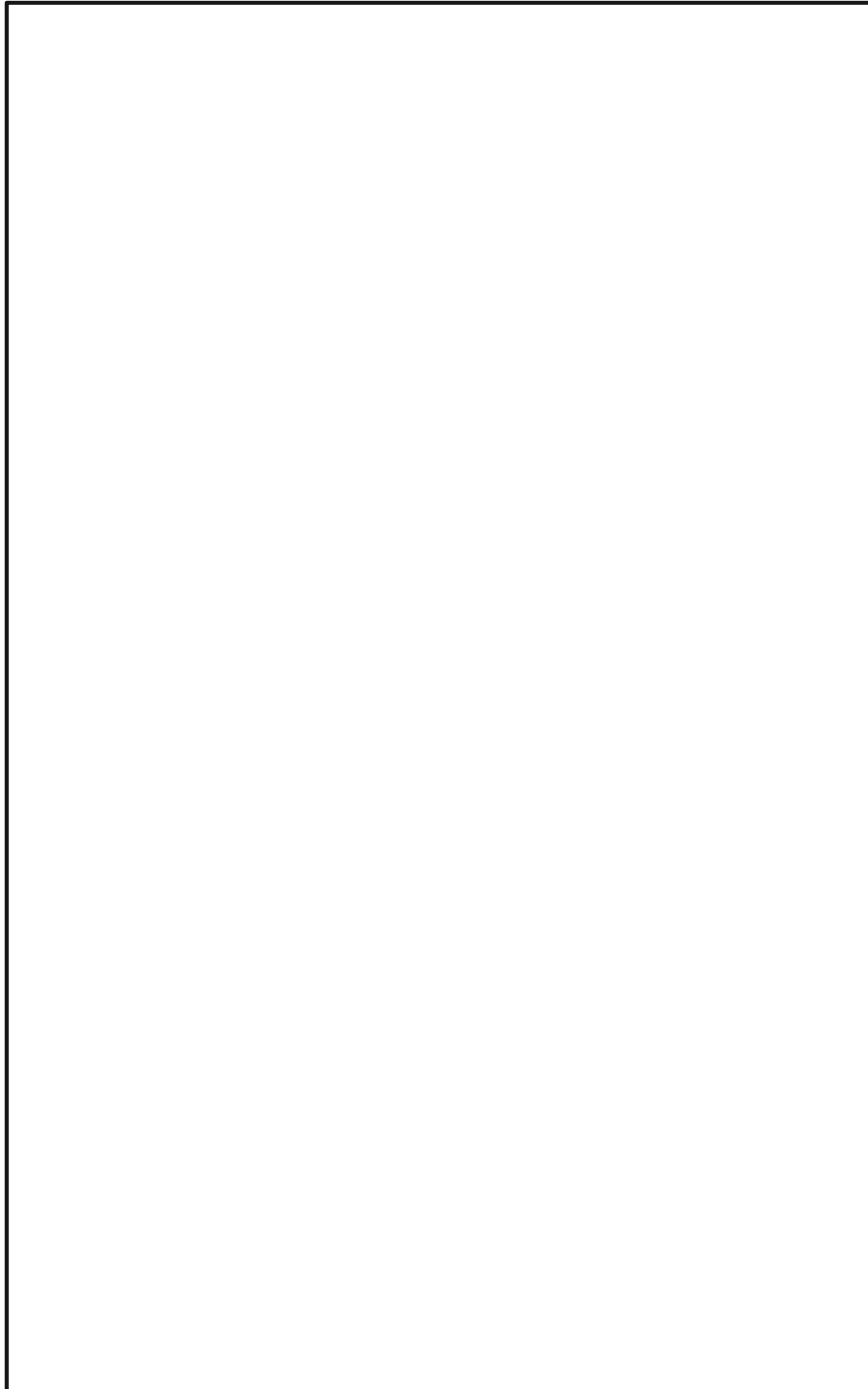
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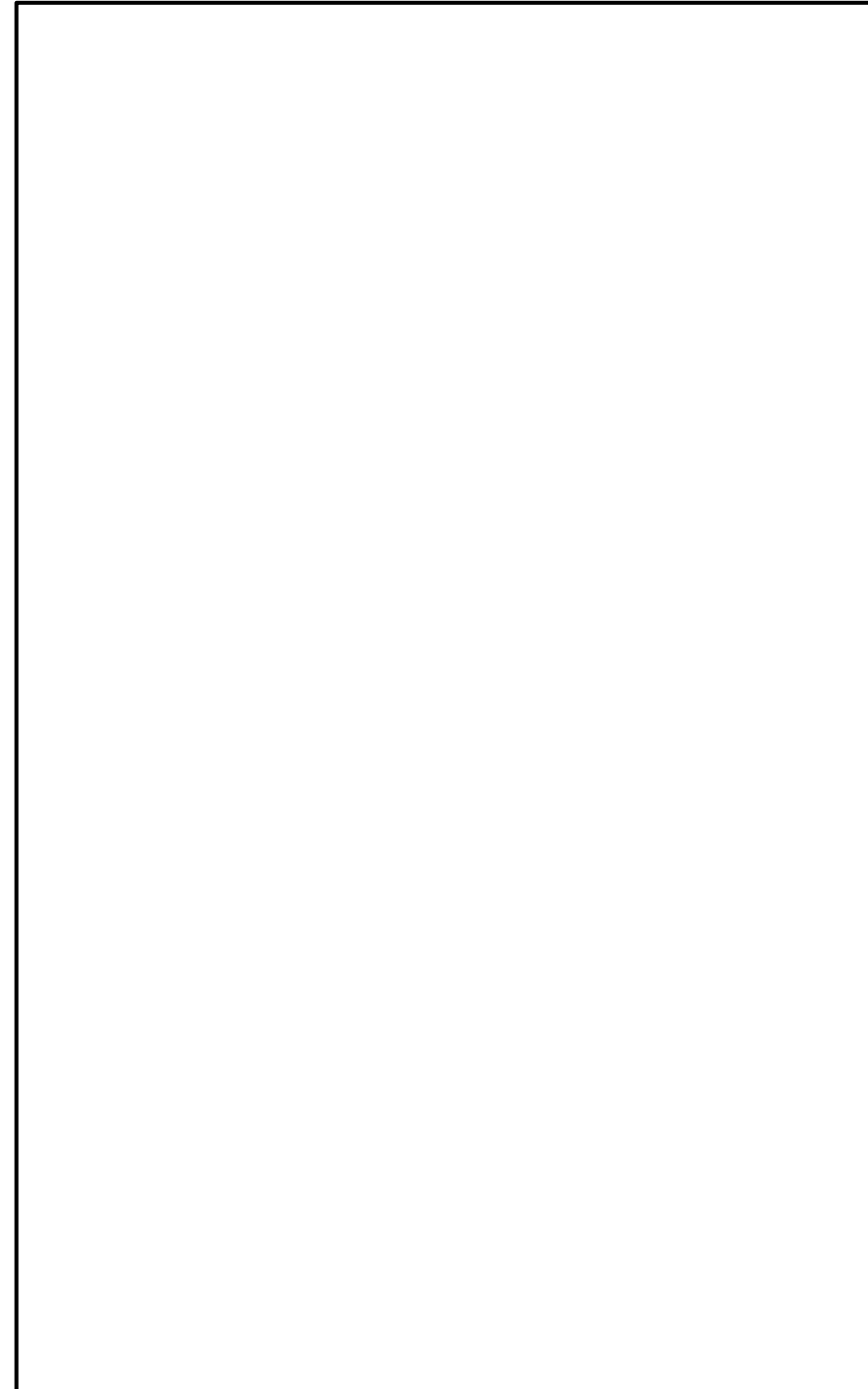
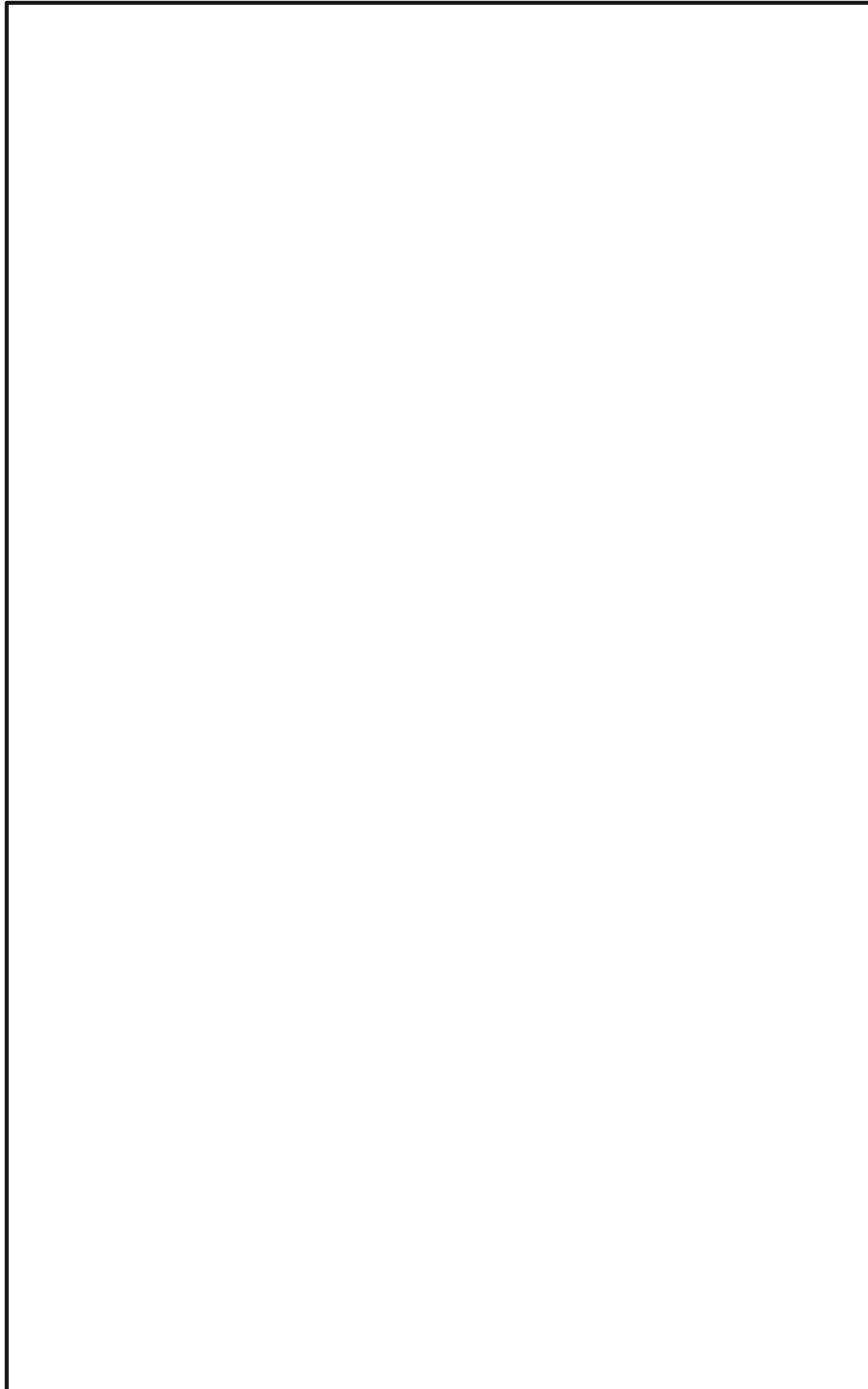


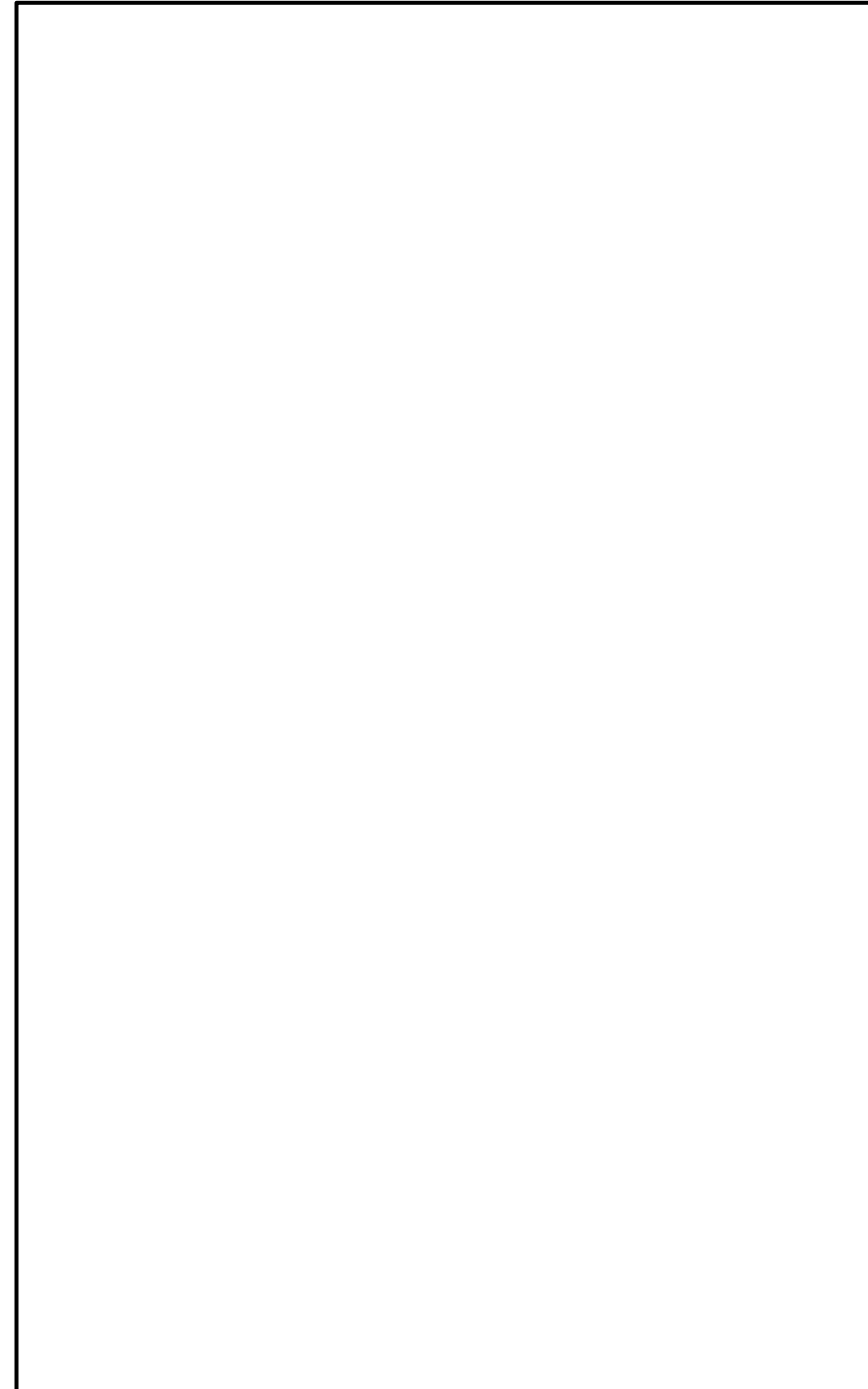
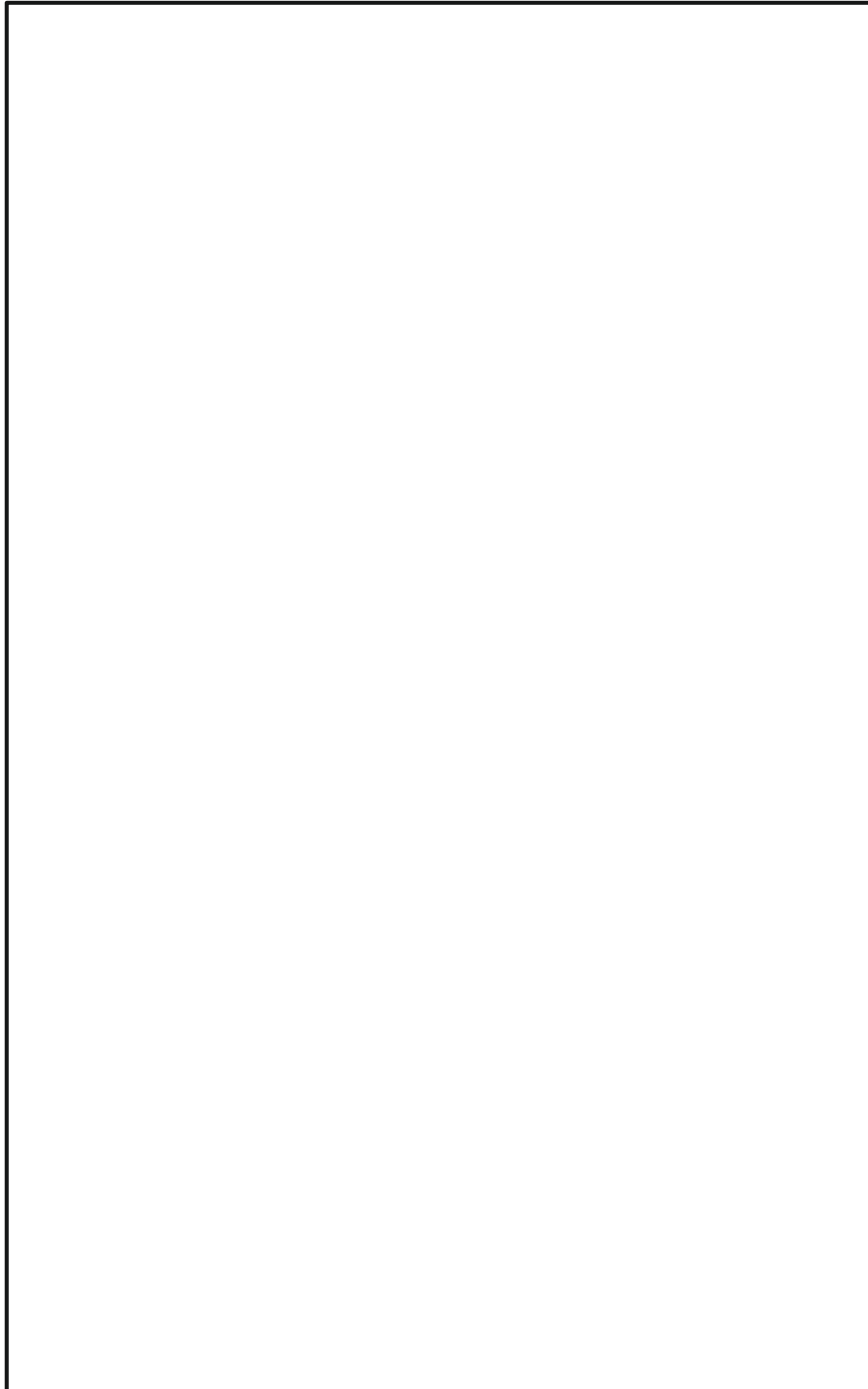


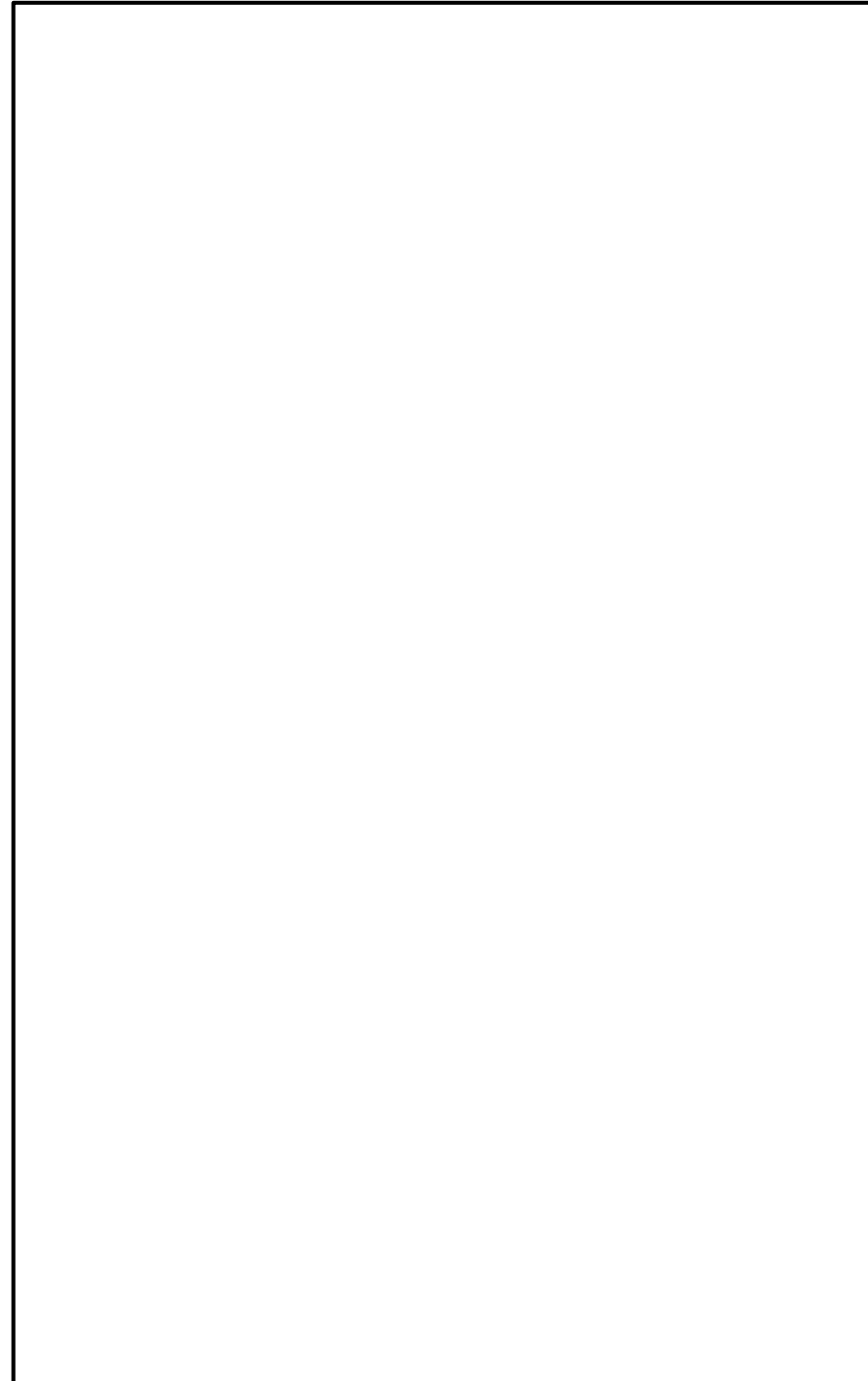
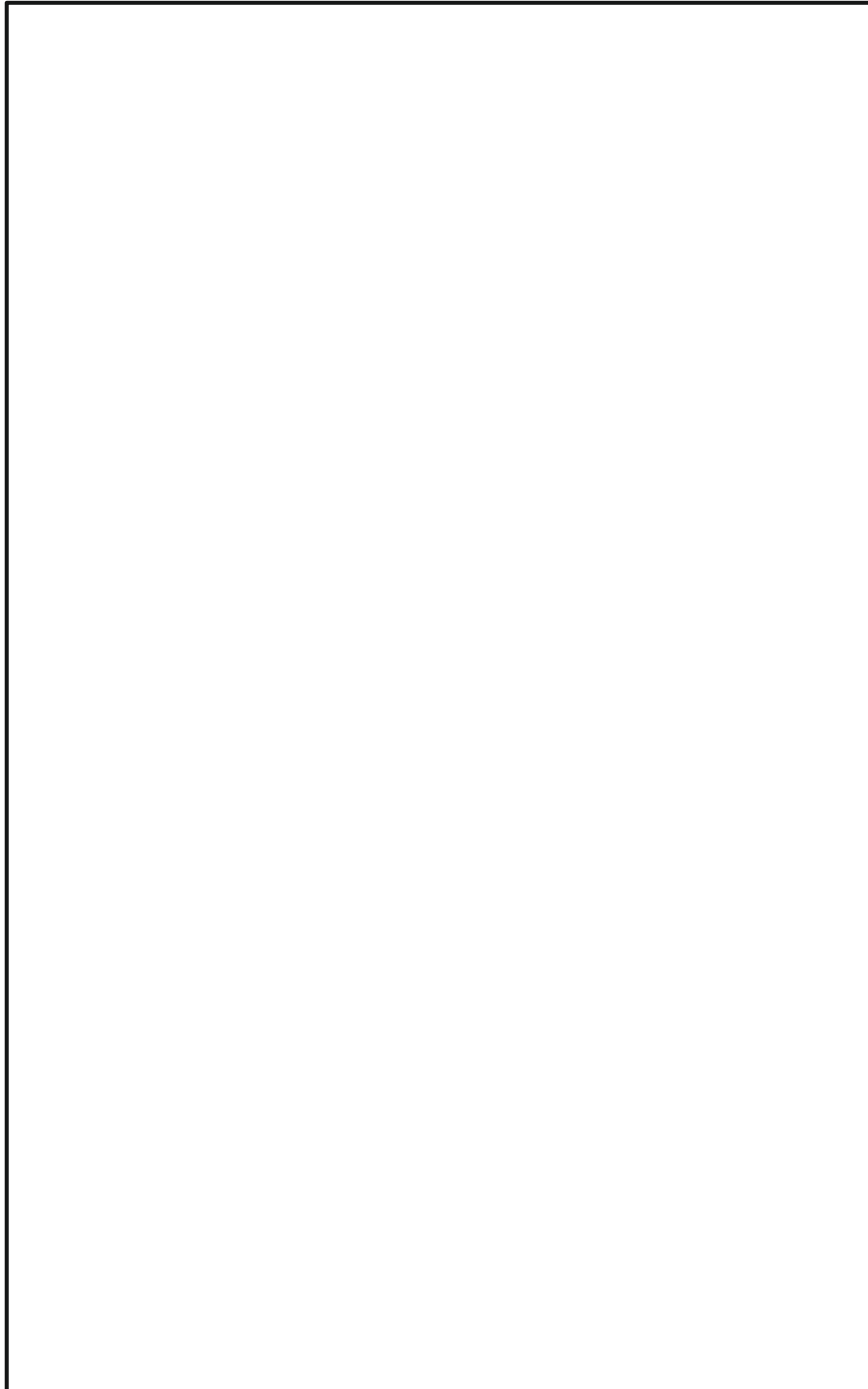


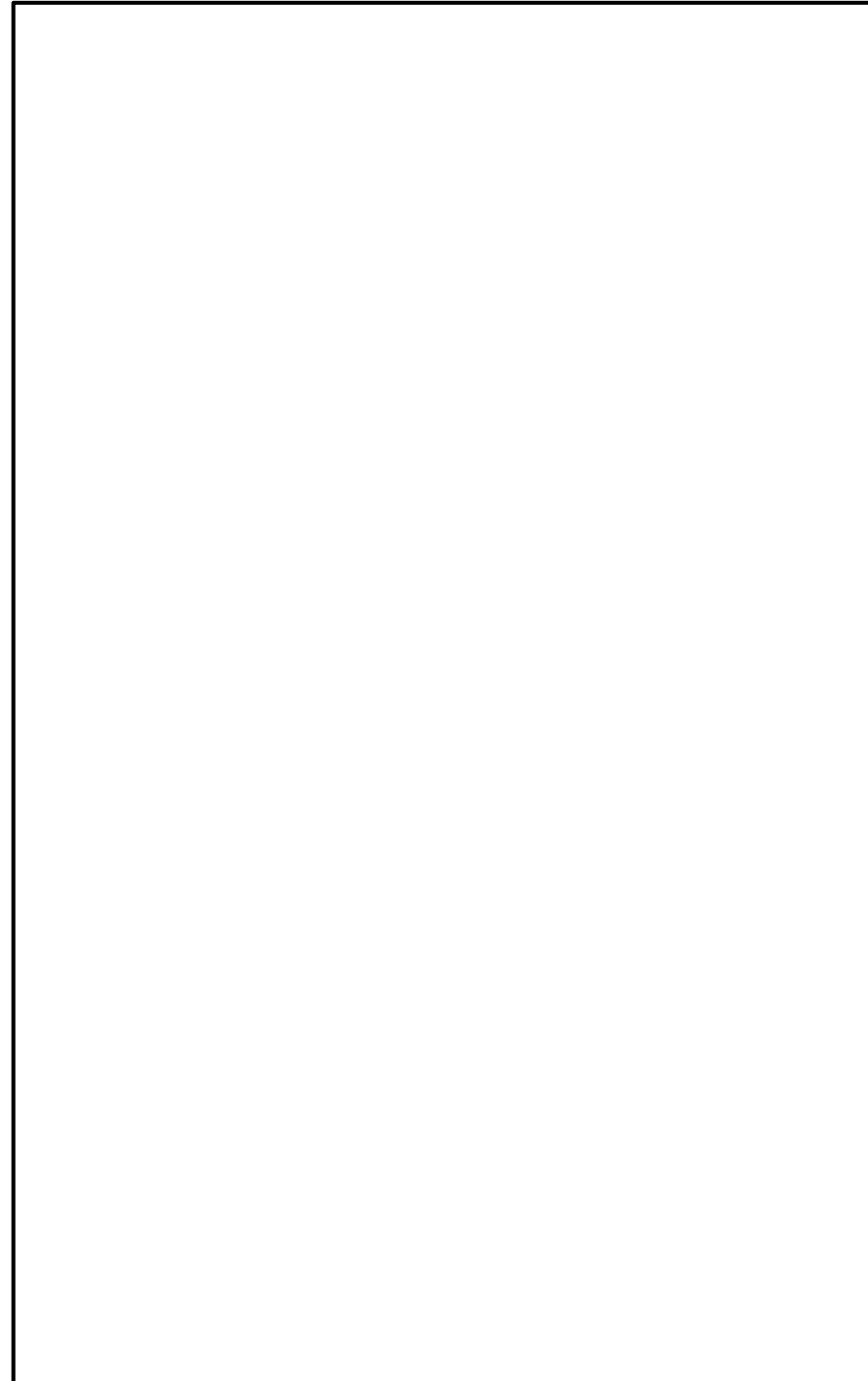
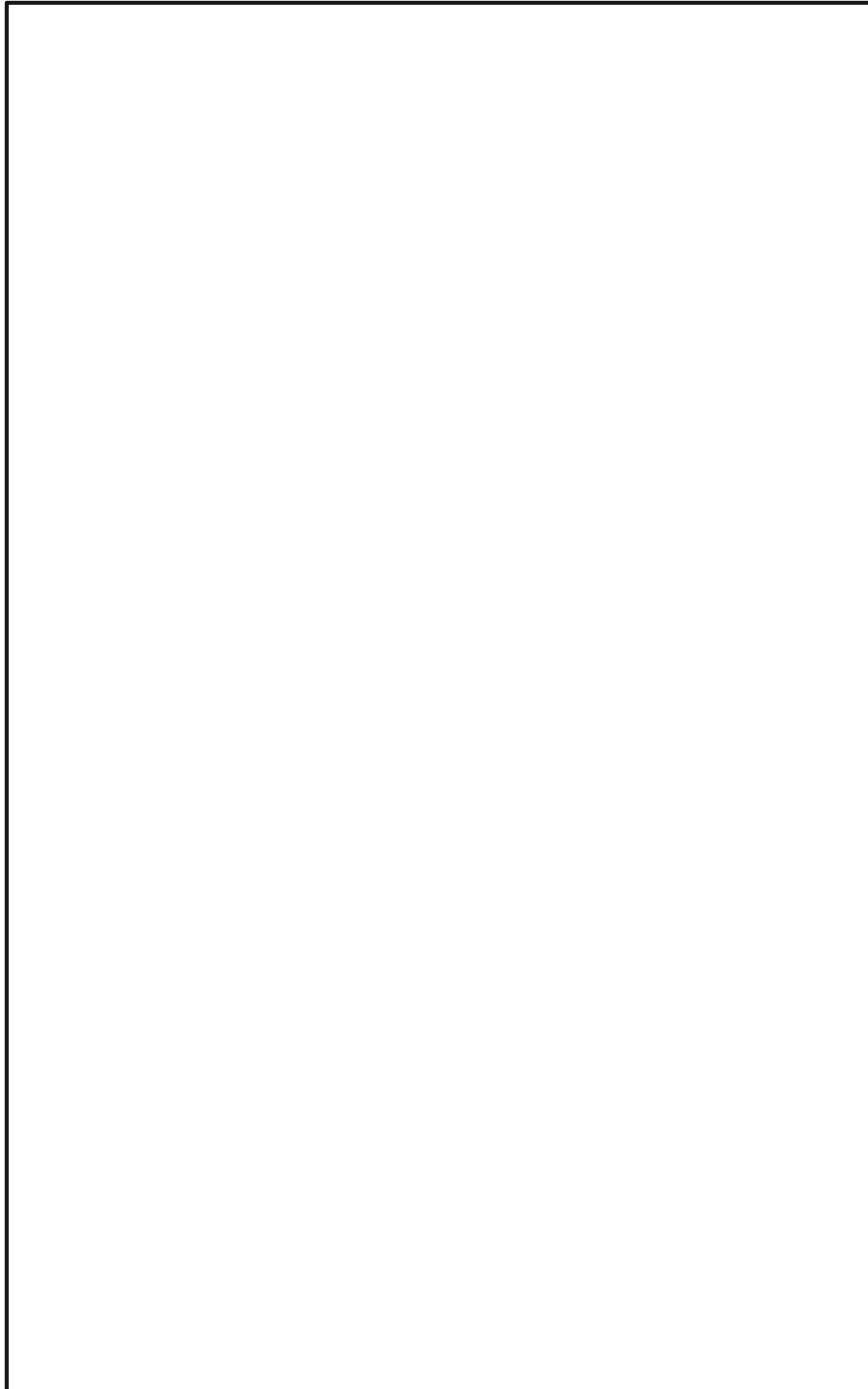












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Joseph most obedient,  
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Mirror of patience,  
Lover of poverty,  
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Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world  
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**All:** And prince over all his possessions.

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O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.

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God the Holy Spirit,

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Holy Mary,

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Light of Patriarchs,

Spouse of the Mother of God,

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Foster father of the Son of God,

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