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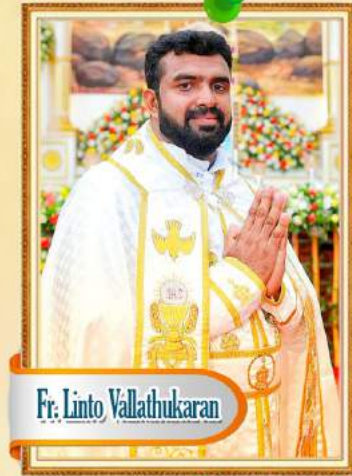
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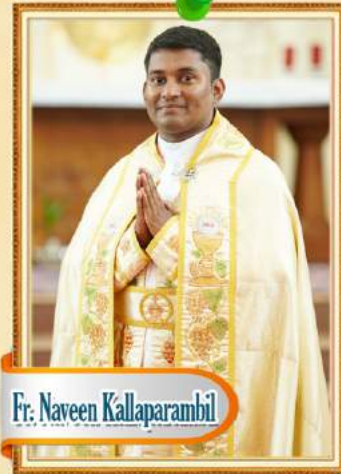
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Fr. Linto Vallathukaran

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Fr. Naveen Kallaparambil

17-05-2023



Fr. Alwin Vattamkattil

18-05-2023



Blessing of Asha Bhavan SD Convent,
Kalmama - 11/05/2023



Diaconate and Minor Orders, Cathedral, BPO
13/05/2023



Vianney Day Celebration, SVG
04/08/2023



Marathi Course, BPO, Month of July



Renovated Convent, Lakkadakot
05/08/2023



Retreat for the Faithful, Bamni
06/08/2023 - 09/08/2023



Rally conducted in BPO in
solidarity with the people of Manipur.
11/08/2023



Inaguration of the Statue of
Late Fr. George Canicius CMI, Warur.
10/08/2023

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*The Sacraments are the salvation of those
who use them rightly, and the damnation of
those who misuse them.*

– St. Augustine

I. SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and My beloved People,

Thy Kingdom Come!

A caption that I happened to read through in a book quite recently was – 'Provide Help and Create Hope'. It is quite worth to reflect – a great idea and very persuasive. Indeed a sensible and reasonable persuasion for our social apostolate.

'Jesus went about doing good, curing the sick, restoring the sight to the blind, making the lame walk, raising the dead back to life, feeding the hungry, and driving away demons from the possessed people as he also preached and enacted the coming of the Kingdom of God' (Mt 9: 35-38 & Acts 10 : 38). The apostles confirmed it by the ministry of preaching, serving and healing. We, as missionaries are called to do the same. Mind you that...'We are SPIRITUAL MINISTERS involved in social apostolates and not social activists doing some spiritual ministries'.

May the Spirit of the Lord inspire us and guide us.



With good wishes
Your Shepherd in the Lord

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda



II. PASTORAL LETTER - I

ON MISSION

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Jesus sent his disciples two by two (Lk 10:01) and Jesus went around in villages and towns healing the sick and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sicknesses (Mt 9: 35-38). “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor” (Lk 4:18-19). “No bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food” (Mt 10:10). These are few passages from the gospels that describe the methodology of Jesus' mission. He had great vision of his mission and committed whole heartedly to it. Jesus was fully concerned of his mission on earth. He availed all his skills and talents and every opportunity to accomplish the mission entrusted to him by the heavenly Father.

The great command of Jesus to his disciples was, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Mt 28: 19-20). Nothing less was welcome to Jesus in his disciples “if you wish to follow me: leave everything behind and follow me” (Mt 16:24). Radicality was the nature of his call. “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God” (Lk 9:62). Without radical following of Christ it is impossible to please God. “The joy of following” consists in the radicality of its nature. It gives greater joy when the call to follow Jesus is accomplished in its radical nature.

Recently I happened to come across an anonymous quote that explains the difference between “interested” and “committed”. There is a difference between INEREST and COMMITMENT. When you are interested in something you do because it is convenient. When you are committed to do something, you accept no excuses, only RESULTS. How do we evaluate our call to follow Christ. What may cause do we intent a result or what that pleases us. Jesus was not ready to compromise. He was committed to the call for which he offered himself. Nothing less he would compromise.

In this context we shall examine our commitment to the mission. Are we really fall in line with Jesus. How do we respond to our need of personal comforts and conveniences. Am I ready to manage with minimum, in other words what is genuinely and basically required for my regular and daily sustenance. How far my life is in tune with the standard of living of the people whom I serve. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Mt 5:3). We are called to be with the poor and to be poor as well. Identification with the poor is not only a concept for our reflection and meditation but also an ideal to practice in our mission, in our daily life.

As I say often that we are not called to be the social workers doing some spiritual ministries but spiritual ministers involve in some social apostolate. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world (Jn 17:18). Keeping our identity as spiritual ministers we are called to be different yet to be one with others and one like others. We shall offer generously to the service of the people to whom we are sent. May God bless everyone.



Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,

† Ephrem Nariculam,
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

III. CIRCULAR - I

Prot. No. 137/2023

12/05/2023

To,
All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,
Diocese of Chanda

Sub: Prayer Request for Various Needs.

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

**Thy Kingdom Come!
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

These days we have too many issues around us that need our attention and I request everyone to pray for these various needs.

In social media, print media and mass media the news flashes continuously is about the unrest in north eastern State Manipur. Divergent versions are circulated so much so we are not really able to discern what is true and false. Many are suffering and feeling insecurity in their own land. But it is almost sure that there are many Churches burned and many people are to be evacuated from their residences. The Christians seem to be victimized is the general impression.. We shall pray for peace in the State.

The war between Ukraine and Russia still continues. It is more than a year. The tension is aggravated day by day. Some political strategists observe that the situation could lead to a World War III. We shall pray for the conversion of hearts of the national and political leaders of both countries so as to prevail peaceful co-existence between them and the people may live in harmony and mutual respect.

It has been reported that St. Francis' orphanage in the diocese of Sagar was raided by NCPDR and CWC without any prior notice and unrest is created in the institution. The renewal of registration of the orphanage is pending for the last 3 years and it is said that different government departments are harassing them unnecessarily and sue cases against them illegally. It is reported that the action of NCPDR and CWC on the orphanage is illegal and contempt of court procedure. Please keep this untoward incident also in our prayers.

Needless to say that our Church - Syro-Malabar Church - is under turmoil for the last four years connected with some liturgical matters and other issues. It has become scandalous and the faithful are in great anxiety. Last week our permanent synod members had a meeting in Rome with the Secretary of State and Prefect of the Dicastry for Eastern Churches to find an amicable solution. We shall continue our prayers for this intention also.

Assembly elections are going on in some States and preparations have already started for 2024 general election. We shall pray for fair election proceedings and rights and welfare of all citizens are protected irrespective of caste, creed, ethnicity and political allegiance. Please pray also for all national leaders so that they may work unitedly for national unity and patriotic allegiance to the constitution of our country.

In different parts of our country communal harmony is violated for various reasons. Religious animosity, political rivalry, ethnic fights, language pride etc. have become causes for such communal tensions. Political parties and religious fanatics in one way or other perpetuate such tensions in the society to serve their hidden agendas. We shall pray intensely for communal harmony and peace in the society.

These are few intentions that we need to pray for these days. I earnestly request everyone in the diocese to keep Sunday 14 May 2023 as a prayer day in the diocese. Please announce it in the Sunday Qurbana and pray for these intentions. Kindly do a Holy hour on Sunday 14 or any other day in the following week for these intentions.

We shall continue to pray for our new priests and for the deacons to be ordained in the forthcoming days.



Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,

† Ephrem Nariculam,
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

NB: Please translate or explain to the people the points in the circular during Sunday Holy Qurbana on 14 May 2023.

CIRCULAR - II

Prot. No. 189/2023

17/06/2023

To,
All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,
Diocese of Chanda

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

**Thy Kingdom Come!
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

We are all aware about the sad situation of Manipur State in North East India. It is reported that 110 people were killed and more than 50,000 are in temporary shelters. The situation is that, internet is not functioning for the past one and half months, there is scarcity of food, water, medicine, and the people are in utter despair. It started as tribal conflict and now it is reported that it turned into attack on Christian places of worship and religious discrimination. It is also reported the responsible persons are tacitly supporting it or silent about it. The recently concluded synod of bishops of Syro-Malabar Church and CBCI have requested to offer our prayers for an amicable and peaceful settlement. I request everyone in the diocese to observe Sunday 18 June 2023 as a prayer day for Manipur. Please announce it in the Churches and offer special prayers. Thanking you for your kind co-operation.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,

† Ephrem Nariculam,
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda



Fr. Shibu Monipallil
Chancellor

IV. BISHOP'S DIARY**MAY 2023**

- 1-2 Attended also the seminar on homiletics with major seminarians, SVG, Bamini
- 3-10 Animated the Major Seminarians Diocesan Formation Program at SVG, Bamini
- 11 Blessed the Asha Bhavan of SD Sisters at Kalmana
- 13 Conferred minor orders and diaconate to the diocesan seminarians, BPQ.
- 16 Conferred Priestly Ordination on Dn. Linto Vallathukaran at St. George Church, Mothirakkanny.
- 17 Conferred Priestly Ordination on Dn Naveen at Our Lady of Fatima Church Kottanellur.
- 18 Conferred Priestly Ordination on Dn. Alwin Vattamkattil, St. Francis Xavier's Forane Church, Pattikad.
- 19 Met with Sr. Elseena SH, Provincial Superior at Thamaraserry Provincial House.
- 20 Presided over Felicitation meeting of sacerdotal silver Jubilee of Fr. Benny Mulakkal at St. Catherine's Forane Church Payyampally.
- 21 Served solemn Holy Communion to 30 Children at St. Catherine's Forane Church, Payyampally in Manathavadi Diocese.
- 22 Had a house blessing at Muhamma in Changanacherry Archdiocese.
- 23 Offered Office of the Dead at St. Georg's Church cemetery, Puthenpally in Earnakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese. Later he blessed a house at Kurumaserry.
- 24 Visited ailing mother of Bro. Antony SG (Montfort) at her home in Thuravoor. In the evening blessed a marriage at

Aranattukara Church. Bishop met with Fr. Paul Puthuva VC, Provincial Superior of Vincentian at Angamaly as well as met with Fr. Paul Kannampuzha CSsR, Provincial Superior of Redemptorists at Mattoor provincial house.

- 25 Visited UK and Ireland.

JULY 2023

- 08 Returned from UK and Ireland.
- 11-12 Attended Western Region Bishops Council at Sindudurg diocese.
- 16 Attended Mount Carmel feast celebration at CMI Provincial House, Bamni
- 20-23 Conducted pastoral visit to Balapur parish.
- 22 The Superior General Sr. Kusumam SJ Congregation visited the bishop at Balapur.
- 27 SD General councilors Sr. Pauline Therese SD and Sr. Fransia SD visited the bishop at Bishop's Home. Presided over Holy Qurbana for Provincial Chapter of CMI Marthoma Province, Bamini.
- 28-30 Conducted Pastoral visit to Hinganghat parish.

AUGUST 2023

- 03 Installed the school cabinet and felicitated the first batch of matriculation students of Vianney Jubilee School, BPQ. Attended Monthly Recollection for the Diocesan Priests.
- 04 Participated Vianney Day Celebration at SVG.
- 05 Blessed the newly renovated convent Lakkadakot.
- 09 Presided over Holy Qurbana & Bible Convention at Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini. Fr. Pius Alex CMI, Provincial Superior of Mary Matha Province, Hyderabad visited Bishop in Bishop's Home.

- 10 Blessed the newly installed statue of Fr. George Canisius CMI in the Warur Church Campus.
- 12 Chaired CSA meeting at Chimmur delivered message for the participants.
- 14 Offered requiem Holy Qurbana for the Reposed soul of Fr. Joseph Kozikothical at Cathedral, BPQ.
- 15 Hoisted National Flag at Gughus School and felicitated rank holders.
- 19 offered office of the dead at the tomb of Mr. Jose Koothur beloved father of Fr. Aneesh Koothur. Attended Syro-Malabar Missionary Bishops' Meeting at Rajkot Bhavan, Aluva.
- 20 Officiated an engagement at St. Mary's Forane Church, Moozhikulam.
- 21-27 Attended Synod of Bishops, Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad
- 30 Participated silver jubilee celebration of Fr. James Karakombelat Cathedral, Kothamangalam.
- 31 Blessed a Marriage at St. Antony's Church, Kochal in koonammavu.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Fifth Death Anniversary of Fr. Jomy Chakklatharayil falls on Saturday 16 December 2023. Let us remember him in our prayers.



V. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 01 Jubilee, Muttom Church, Cherthala
- 03 Wedding, Kadavanra
- 04 Kunnoth Seminary
- 05 Palakad
- 08 Feast of Nativity of BVM
- 10 Feast Holy Qurbana, Cathedral, BPQ
- 16 Missionary Conference BPQ
- 22-25 Pastoral Visit, Kaotha
- 23 Jubilee, DM Provincial House, Wardha

OCTOBER 2023

- 04 Vestition of SABS, Cathedral BPQ
- 05-08 Pastoral Visit, Marakbody
- 19-22 Pastoral Visit, Chincholi
- 24 Chanda Family Day

NOVEMBER 2023

- 02 All Souls' Day
- 03-05 Pastoral Visit, Repanpalli
- 12 Solemn Holy Communion, Gughus
- 13-17 Priests' Annual Retreat, Bpq
- 18-22 Deacons' Pastoral Orientation Program, BPQ
- 23-26 Pastoral Visit, Awarpur

DECEMBER 2023

- 08-10 WRBC, Bombay
- 11 Presbyteral Council & Consulters Body Meeting
- 16 Monthly Recollection & Christmas Gathering for Priests' and Men & Women Religious & 4th Death Anniversary of Fr. Jomy Chakklatharayil, BPQ
- 25 Christmas
- 27 Ordination, Uralikunnam, Palai Diocese
- 28 First Holy Communion, Kottamam
- 30 AM Ordination, Baslica, Ernakulum
- PM Ordination CFIC, Kothamangalam



The Holy See

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY
FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

23 July 2023

“His mercy is from age to age” (Lk 1:50)

Dear brothers and sisters!

“His mercy is from age to age” (Lk 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (cf. Lk 1:39-56). Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth addressed the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (v. 42). The Holy Spirit, who had earlier descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed that the Lord’s mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time.

This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the “haste” (cf. v. 39) with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and

realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment. Mary’s visit to Elizabeth and their shared awareness that the Lord’s mercy is from generation to generation remind us that, alone, we cannot move forward, much less save ourselves, and that God’s presence and activity are always part of something greater, the history of a people. Mary herself said this in the Magnificat, as she rejoiced in God, who, in fidelity to the promise he had made to Abraham, had worked new and unexpected wonders (cf. vv. 51-55).

To better appreciate God’s way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on “having it all now”, are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to keep pressing forward. For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God’s grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!

In the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, between young and old, God points us towards the future that he is opening up before us. Indeed, Mary’s visit and Elizabeth’s greeting open our eyes to the dawn of salvation: in their embrace, God’s mercy quietly breaks into human history amid abundant joy. I encourage everyone to reflect on that meeting, to picture, like a snapshot, that embrace between the young Mother of God and the elderly mother of Saint John the Baptist, and to frame it in their minds and hearts as a radiant icon.

Next, I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their

presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God’s holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church. I renew my invitation to everyone – dioceses, parishes, associations and communities – to celebrate this Day and to make it the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old. To you, the young who are preparing to meet in Lisbon or to celebrate World Youth Day in your own countries, I would ask: before you set out on your journey, visit your grandparents or an elderly person who lives alone! Their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter. I ask you, the elderly among us, to accompany by your prayers the young people about to celebrate World Youth Day. Those young people are God’s answer to your prayers, the fruits of all that you have sown, the sign that God does not abandon his people, but always rejuvenates them with the creativity of the Holy Spirit.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly brothers and sisters, may the blessing of the embrace between Mary and Elizabeth come upon you and fill your hearts with peace. With great affection, I give you my blessing. And I ask you, please, to pray for me.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2023,
Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Francis

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2023

Hearts on fire, feet on the move (cf. Lk 24:13-35)

Dear brothers and sisters!

For this year’s World Mission Sunday, I have chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): “Hearts on fire, feet on the move”. Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards

Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: their hearts burned within them as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, their eyes were opened as they recognized him and, ultimately, their feet set out on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today’s world.

1. Our hearts burned within us “when he explained the Scriptures to us”. In missionary activity, the word of God illumines and transforms hearts.

On the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the hearts of the two disciples were downcast, as shown by their dejected faces, because of the death of Jesus, in whom they had believed (cf. v. 17). Faced with the failure of the crucified Master, their hopes that he was the Messiah collapsed (cf. v.21).

Then, “as they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them” (v. 15). As when he first called the disciples, so now, amid their bewilderment, the Lord takes the initiative; he approaches them and walks alongside them. So too, in his great mercy, he never tires of being with us, despite all our failings, doubts, weaknesses, and the dismay and pessimism that make us become “foolish and slow of heart” (v. 25), men and women of little faith.

Today, as then, the Risen Lord remains close to his missionary disciples and walks beside them, particularly when they feel disoriented, discouraged, fearful of the mystery of iniquity that surrounds them and seeks to overwhelm them. So, “let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of hope!” (Evangelii Gaudium, 86). The Lord is greater than all our problems, above all if we encounter them in our mission of proclaiming the Gospel to the world. For in the end, this mission is his and we are nothing more than his humble co-workers, “useless servants” (cf. Lk 17:10).

I desire to express my closeness in Christ to all the men and women missionaries in the world, especially to those enduring any kind of hardship. Dear friends, the Risen Lord is always with you. He sees your generosity and the sacrifices you are making for the mission of evangelization in distant lands. Not every day of our lives is serene and unclouded, but let us never forget the words of the Lord Jesus to his friends before his Passion: “In the world you will have tribulations, but be courageous: I have conquered the world!” (Jn 16:33).

After listening to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, the risen Jesus, “beginning with Moses and all the prophets, explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself” (Lk 24:27). The hearts of the disciples thrilled, as they later confided to each other: “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” (v. 32). Jesus is himself the living Word, who alone can make our hearts burn within us, as he enlightens and transforms them.

In this way, we can better understand Saint Jerome’s dictum that “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” (Commentary on Isaiah, Prologue). “Without the Lord to introduce us, it is impossible to understand sacred Scripture in depth; yet the opposite is equally true: without sacred Scripture, the events of Jesus’ mission and of his Church in the world remain indecipherable” (Aperuit Illis, 1). It follows that knowledge of Scripture is important for the Christian life, and even more so for the preaching of Christ and his Gospel. Otherwise, what are you passing on to others if not your own ideas and projects? A cold heart can never make other hearts burn!

So let us always be willing to let ourselves be accompanied by the Risen Lord as he explains to us the meaning of the Scriptures. May he make our hearts burn within us; may he enlighten and transform us, so that we can proclaim his mystery of salvation to the world with the power and wisdom that come from his Spirit.

2. Our eyes were “opened and recognized him” in the breaking of the bread. Jesus in the Eucharist is the source and summit of the mission.

The fact that their hearts burned for the word of God prompted the disciples of Emmaus to ask the mysterious Wayfarer to stay with them as evening drew near. When they gathered around the table, their eyes were opened and they recognized him when he broke the bread. The decisive element that opened the eyes of the disciples was the sequence of actions performed by Jesus: he took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them. Those were the usual gestures of the head of a Jewish household, but, performed by Jesus Christ with the grace of the Holy Spirit, they renewed for his two table companions the sign of the multiplication of the loaves and above all that of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the sacrifice of the cross. Yet at the very moment when they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, “he vanished from their sight” (Lk 24:31). Here we can recognize an essential reality of our faith: Christ, who breaks the bread, now becomes the bread broken, shared with the disciples and consumed by them. He is seen no longer, for now he has entered the hearts of the disciples, to make them burn all the more, and this prompts them to set out immediately to share with everyone their unique experience of meeting the Risen Lord. The risen Christ, then, is both the one who breaks the bread and, at the same time, the bread itself, broken for us. It follows that every missionary disciple is called to become, like Jesus and in him, through the working of the Holy Spirit, one who breaks the bread and one who is broken bread for the world.

Here it should be remembered that breaking our material bread with the hungry in the name of Christ is already a work of Christian mission. How much more so is the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, which is Christ himself, a work of mission par excellence, since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and mission of the Church.

As Pope Benedict XVI pointed out: “We cannot keep to ourselves the love we celebrate in the Sacrament [of the Eucharist]. By its very nature, it asks to be communicated to everyone. What the world needs is the love of God, to encounter Christ and believe in him. For this reason the Eucharist is not only the source and summit of the life of the Church; it is also the source and summit of her mission: ‘An authentically Eucharistic Church is a missionary Church’” (Sacramentum Caritatis, 84).

In order to bear fruit we must remain united to Jesus (cf. Jn 15:4-9). This union is achieved through daily prayer, particularly in Eucharistic adoration, as we remain in silence in the presence of the Lord, who remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament. By lovingly cultivating this communion with Christ, the missionary disciple can become a mystic in action. May our hearts always yearn for the company of Jesus, echoing the ardent plea of the two disciples of Emmaus, especially in the evening hours: “Stay with us, Lord!” (cf. Lk 24:29).

3. Our feet set out on the way, with the joy of telling others about the Risen Christ. The eternal youth of a Church that is always going forth.

After their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus “in the breaking of the bread”, the disciples “set out without delay and returned to Jerusalem” (cf. Lk 24:33). This setting out in haste, to share with others the joy of meeting the Lord, demonstrates that “the joy of the Gospel fills the heart and the whole life of those who meet Jesus. Those who allow themselves to be saved by him are freed from sin, from sadness, from inner emptiness, from isolation. With Jesus Christ, joy is always born and reborn” (Evangelii Gaudium, 1). One cannot truly encounter the risen Jesus without being set on fire with enthusiasm to tell everyone about him. Therefore, the primary and principal resource of the mission are those persons who have come to know the risen Christ in the Scriptures and in the Eucharist, who carry his fire in their heart and his light in their gaze. They can bear witness to the life that never dies, even in the most difficult of situations and in the darkest of moments.

The image of “feet setting out” reminds us once more of the perennial validity of the *missio ad gentes*, the mission entrusted to the Church by the risen Lord to evangelize all individuals and peoples, even

to the ends of the earth. Today more than ever, our human family, wounded by so many situations of injustice, so many divisions and wars, is in need of the Good News of peace and salvation in Christ. I take this opportunity to reiterate that “everyone has the right to receive the Gospel. Christians have the duty to announce it without excluding anyone, not as one who imposes a new obligation, but as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet” (Evangelii Gaudium, 14). Missionary conversion remains the principal goal that we must set for ourselves as individuals and as a community, because “missionary outreach is paradigmatic for all the Church’s activity” (ibid., 15).

As the Apostle Paul confirms, the love of Christ captivates and impels us (cf. 2 Cor 5:14). This love is two-fold: the love of Christ for us, which calls forth, inspires and arouses our love for him. A love that makes the Church, in constantly setting out anew, ever young. For all her members are entrusted with the mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, in the conviction that “he died for all, so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised again” (v. 15). All of us can contribute to this missionary movement: with our prayers and activities, with material offerings and the offering of our sufferings, and with our personal witness. The Pontifical Mission Societies are the privileged means of fostering this missionary cooperation on both the spiritual and material levels. For this reason, the collection taken on World Mission Sunday is devoted to the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The urgency of the Church’s missionary activity naturally calls for an ever closer missionary cooperation on the part of all her members and at every level. This is an essential goal of the synodal journey that the Church has undertaken, guided by the key words: communion, participation, mission. This journey is certainly not a turning of the Church in upon herself; nor is it a referendum about what we ought to believe and practice, nor a matter of human preferences. Rather, it is a process of setting out on the way and, like the disciples of Emmaus, listening to the risen Lord. For he always comes among us to explain the meaning of the Scriptures and to break bread for us, so that we can, by the power of the Holy Spirit, carry out his mission in the world.

Just as the two disciples of Emmaus told the others what had taken

place along the way (cf. Lk 24:35), so too our proclamation will be a joyful telling of Christ the Lord, his life, his passion, his death and resurrection, and the wonders that his love has accomplished in our lives.

So let us set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity.

Our Lady of the Way, Mother of Christ’s missionary disciples and Queen of Missions, pray for us!

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 6 January 2023, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Pope Francis

Hearty Welcome

Hearty Welcome to the Disciples of Christ Sisters.
They have started their community at Lakkadakot
from 1 August 2023 and do the mission in the diocese.

- 1) Sr. Jyothi Bhengra DC
- 2) Sr. Divya Bara DC
- 3) Sr. Abha Tigga DC
- 4) Sr. Aurelia DC



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE XXXVII WORLD YOUTH DAY 2022-2023

“Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39)

Dear Young People!

The theme of the Panama World Youth Day was, “I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). After that event, we resumed our journey towards a new destination – Lisbon 2023 – with hearts afire with God’s urgent summons to arise. In 2020, we meditated on Jesus’s words: “Young man, I say to you, arise!” (Lk 7:14). Last year too, we were inspired by the figure of the Apostle Paul, to whom the Risen Lord said: “Arise! I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen” (cf. Acts 26:16). Along the route we still need to travel before arriving in Lisbon, we will have at our side the Virgin of Nazareth who, immediately after the Annunciation, “arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39). Common to these three themes is the word: “arise!” It is a word that also – let us remember – speaks to us of getting up from our slumber, waking up to the life all around us.

In these troubling times, when our human family, already tested by the trauma of the pandemic, is racked by the tragedy of war, Mary shows to all of us, and especially to you, young people like herself, the path of proximity and encounter. I hope and I firmly believe that the experience many of you will have in Lisbon next August will represent a new beginning for you, the young, and – with you – for humanity as a whole.

Mary arose

After the Annunciation, Mary could have focused on herself and her own worries and fears about her new condition. Instead, she entrusted herself completely to God. Her thoughts turned to Elizabeth. She got up and went forth, into the world of life and movement. Even though the astonishing message of the angel had caused a seismic shift in her plans, the young Mary did not remain paralyzed, for within her was Jesus, the power of resurrection and new life. Within herself, Mary already bore the Lamb that was slain and yet lives. She arises and sets out, for she is certain that God’s plan is the best plan for her life. Mary becomes a temple of God, an image of the pilgrim Church, a Church that goes forth for service, a Church that brings the good news to all!

To experience the presence of the risen Christ in our own lives, to encounter him “alive”, is the greatest spiritual joy, an explosion of light that can leave no one untouched. Mary sets out immediately, anxious to bring the news to others, to bear witness to the joy of this encounter. This too is what caused the haste of the first disciples following the resurrection: “[the women] left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples” (Mt 28:8).

In the accounts of the resurrection, we often encounter two words: “awake” and “arise”. With them, the Lord pushes us to go out towards the light, to let him lead us across the threshold of all of our closed doors. “This image has great meaning for the Church. We too, as disciples of the Lord and the Christian community, are called to get up quickly, to enter into the mystery of the resurrection, and to let the Lord guide us along the paths that he wishes to point out to us” (Homily for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, 29 June 2022).

The Mother of the Lord is a model for young people on the move, who refuse to stand in front of a mirror to contemplate themselves or to get caught up in the “net”. Mary’s focus is always directed outwards. She is the woman of Easter, in a permanent state of exodus, going forth from herself towards that great Other who is God and towards others, her brothers and sisters, especially those in greatest need, like her cousin Elizabeth.

... and went with haste

Saint Ambrose of Milan, in his commentary on the Gospel of Luke, writes that Mary set out in haste towards the hills, “because she rejoiced in the promise and sought to serve others with the enthusiasm born of her joy. Full of God, where else could she have gone if not towards the heights? The grace of the Holy Spirit permits no delay”. Mary’s haste is thus a sign of her desire to serve, to proclaim her joy, to respond without hesitation to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Mary was motivated by the needs of her elderly cousin. She did not hold back, or remain indifferent. She thought more of others than of herself. And this gave enthusiasm and direction to her life. Each of you can ask: “How do I react to the needs that I see all around me? Do I think immediately of some reason not to get involved? Or do I show interest and willingness to help?” To be sure, you cannot resolve all the

problems of the world. Yet you can begin with the problems of those closest to you, with the needs of your own community. Someone once told Mother Teresa: “What you are doing is a mere drop in the ocean”. And she replied: “But if I didn’t do it, that ocean would have one drop less”.

When faced with concrete and urgent needs, we need to act quickly. How many people in our world look forward to a visit from someone who is concerned about them! How many of the elderly, the sick, the imprisoned and refugees have need of a look of sympathy, a visit from a brother or sister who scales the walls of indifference!

What kinds of “haste” do you have, dear young people? What leads you to feel a need to get up and go, lest you end up standing still? Many people – in the wake of realities like the pandemic, war, forced migration, poverty, violence and climate disasters – are asking themselves: Why is this happening to me? Why me? And why now? But the real question in life is instead: for whom am I living? (cf. *Christus Vivit*, 286).

The haste of the young woman of Nazareth is the haste of those who have received extraordinary gifts from the Lord and feel compelled to share them, to let the immense grace that they have experienced be poured out upon others. It is the haste of those capable of putting other people’s needs above their own. Mary is an example of a young person who wastes no time on seeking attention or the approval of others – as often happens when we depend on our “likes” on social media. She sets out to find the most genuine of all “connections”: the one that comes from encounter, sharing, love and service.

Starting with the Annunciation, when she first set out to visit her cousin, Mary has never stopped bridging time and space to visit those of her sons and daughters who need her loving help. Our own journey, if “inhabited” by God, can lead us straight into the heart of every one of our brothers and sisters. How many testimonies have we heard from people who were “visited” by Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother! In how many far-off places of the earth, in every age – through apparitions and special graces – has Mary visited her people! There is practically no place on earth that she has not visited. The Mother of God moves in the midst of her people by tender and loving care; she makes

her own their anxieties and troubles. And wherever there is a shrine, a church or a chapel dedicated to Our Lady, there her children flock in great numbers. Think of all those expressions of popular piety! Pilgrimages, festivities, prayers, the enthronement of images in houses and so many other acts of devotion are concrete examples of a vital relationship between the Mother of the Lord and her people, who visit one another in turn!

Healthy haste drives us always upwards and towards others

A healthy haste drives us always upwards and towards others. Yet there is also an unhealthy haste, which can drive us to live superficially and to take everything lightly. Without commitment or concern, without investing ourselves in what we do. It is the haste of those who live, study, work and socialize without any real personal investment. This can happen in interpersonal relationships. In families, when we never stop to listen and spend time with others. In friendships, when we expect our friends to keep us entertained and fulfil our needs, but immediately look the other way if we see that they are troubled and need our time and help. Even among couples in love, few have the patience to really get to know and understand each other. We can have the same attitude in school, at work and in other areas of our daily lives. When things are done in haste, they tend not to be fruitful. They risk remaining barren and lifeless. As we read in the book of Proverbs: “the plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want” (21:5).

When Mary arrives at the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth, a marvellous encounter takes place! Elizabeth herself had experienced miraculous intervention from God, who gave her a child in her old age. She would have had every reason to begin by talking about herself, yet she was not “full of herself”, but anxious to welcome her young cousin and the fruit of her womb. As soon as she heard Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Such surprises and outpourings of the Spirit come about when we show true hospitality, when we put others, not ourselves, at the centre. We see this too in the story of Zacchaeus. In the Gospel of Luke we read that “when Jesus came to the place [where Zacchaeus was], he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today’. So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him” (19:5-6).

Many of us have had the unexpected experience of meeting Jesus and for the first time having a sense of closeness and respect, a lack of prejudice and disapproval, a loving gaze that we never encountered in any other. Not only that. We have also realized that, for Jesus, it was not enough to glimpse us from afar; he wanted to be with us and to share his life with us. The joy of this experience made us hasten to welcome him, to feel the need to be with him and to get to know him better. Elizabeth and Zechariah welcomed Mary and Jesus into their home. Let us learn from these two elderly persons the meaning of hospitality! Ask your parents and grandparents, and the oldest members of your communities, what it meant for them to have welcomed God and others into their lives. You will benefit from hearing the experiences of those who have gone before you.

Dear young people, now is the time to set out in haste towards concrete encounters, towards genuine acceptance of those different from ourselves. This was the case with the young Mary and the elderly Elizabeth. Only thus will we bridge distances – between generations, social classes, ethnic and other groups – and even put an end to wars. Young people always represent the hope for new unity within our fragmented and divided human family. But only if they can preserve memory, only if they can hear the dramas and dreams of the elderly. “It is no coincidence that war is returning to Europe at a time when the generation that experienced it in the last century is dying out” (Message for the 2022 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly). We need the covenant between young and old, lest we forget the lessons of history; we need to overcome all the forms of polarization and extremism present in today’s world.

Saint Paul, writing to the Ephesians, announced that, “now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us” (2:13-14). Jesus is God’s response to the challenges facing humanity in every age. Mary carries that response within her when she goes to visit Elizabeth. The greatest gift that Mary brings to her elderly kinswoman is that of Jesus himself. Certainly, the concrete assistance she offered was most valuable. Yet nothing could have filled the house of Zechariah with such great joy and satisfaction as

the presence of Jesus in the womb of the Virgin, now a tabernacle of the living God. In that mountain village, Jesus, by his mere presence and without uttering a word, preached his first “Sermon on the Mount”. He silently proclaimed the beatitude of the poor and the meek who trust in God’s mercy.

My message for you, dear young people, the great message entrusted to the Church, is Jesus! Yes, Jesus himself, in his infinite love for each of us, his salvation and the new life he has bestowed upon us. Mary is our model; she shows us how to welcome this immense gift into our lives, to share it with others, and thus to bring Christ, his compassionate love and his generous service to our deeply wounded humanity.

All together to Lisbon!

Mary was a young woman, like many of you. She was one of us. An Italian Bishop, Don Tonino Bello, addressed this prayer to her: “Holy Mary..., we know very well that you were destined to sail the ocean deep. If we beg you to hug the coast, it is not because we want to hold you back, but because, seeing your closeness to the shores of our discouragement, we come to see that we too are called to venture out, as you did, upon the high seas of freedom” (Maria, donna dei nostri giorni, Cinisello Balsamo, 2012, 12-13).

It was from Portugal, as I mentioned in the first Message of this trilogy, that in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries great numbers of young people – including many missionaries – set out for worlds unknown, not least to share their experience of Jesus with other peoples and nations (cf. Message for the 2020 World Youth Day). To that land, at the dawn of the twentieth century, Mary chose to make a special visit. From Fatima, she addressed to people of all ages the powerful and magnificent message of God’s love, which summons us to conversion and to true freedom. Once more, I invite each of you to take part in the great intercontinental pilgrimage of young people that will culminate in the celebration of World Youth Day in Lisbon next August. I also want to remind you that next 20 November, the Solemnity of Christ the King, we will celebrate World Youth Day in local Churches throughout the world. In this regard, the recent document of the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life – Pastoral Guidelines for the Celebration of World

Youth Day in the Particular Churches – can be of great help to all those engaged in the pastoral care of young people.

Dear young people, it is my dream that at World Youth Day you will be able to experience anew the joy of encountering God and our brothers and sisters. After a long period of social distancing and isolation, we will all rediscover in Lisbon – with God’s help – the joy of a fraternal embrace between peoples and generations, an embrace of reconciliation and peace, an embrace of new missionary fraternity! May the Holy Spirit kindle in your hearts a desire to “arise” and the joy of journeying together, in synodal fashion, leaving behind all false frontiers. Now is the time to arise! Like Mary, let us “arise and go in haste”. Let us carry Jesus within our hearts, and bring him to all those whom we meet! In this beautiful season of your lives, press ahead and do not postpone all the good that the Holy Spirit can accomplish in you! With affection, I bless your dreams and every step of your journey.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 15 August 2022,
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Francis

KINDLY NOTE

The Monthly Recollection and Christmas Gathering Scheduled on Saturday 9 December is postponed to **Saturday 16 December 2023**. The program will be as follows:

- 09.00 AM : Adoration and Confession
- 10.00 AM : Recollection Talk
- 11.15 AM : Holy Qurbana & Office of the Dead for Fr. Jomy Chakkalatharayil
- 12.30 PM : Christmas Gathering and Lunch
- 02.00 PM : Bye...Bye...

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POST-SYNODAL CIRCULAR - JUNE 2023

CARDINAL GEORGE 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.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A Special Session of the Syro-Malabar Synod was held from June 12-16, 2023 at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad. The Bishops in the Synod were making an attempt to make a prayerful study on the contemporary issues affecting the Church and the society and to seek the will of God in all these matters. I thank you all cordially for your sincere prayers for the success of the Synod.

Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly

The prime intention for convening this Synod was to find a lasting solution to the prevailing issues related to uniform mode of celebration of the Holy Qurbana in the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. The members of the Permanent Synod of our Church met Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Secretary of the State, and Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, the Prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches at Vatican and held extensive discussion on the current issues. The discussions in the Synod in these days were guided by the suggestions recommended by the interdicasterial meeting held at Vatican, aiming at a solution to the prevailing problem. The Synod reiterates firmly that the uniform mode of the celebration of the Holy Qurbana decided by the Syro-Malabar Synod, approved by the Apostolic See and exhorted by the Holy Father Pope Francis will continue without any change in our Church. The difficulty faced by any Eparchy in implementing this in no way destabilizes or nullify the decision of the Synod. This decision has led all other eparchies towards greater unity and to alter it would lead to anarchy in the Church. Realizing this truth, the Synod repeatedly urges those who have difference of opinion to embrace the path of

communion. We shall not dishonour the adorable legacy of our Church which enabled us to stay united with the Catholic Church amidst adversities.

Differences of opinion are to be remedied through dialogue and discussions. The representatives of the Synod have made discussions at various levels with the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. We have appealed to the Holy Father to arrange necessary avenues to continue these discussions more effectively. The Synod has recommended a Papal Delegate for the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly in order to facilitate further dialogue and to rectify the anti-ecclesial dispositions, while convincing them the importance of 'walking together' (Synodality). Holy Father has agreed to consider this recommendation of the Synod with benevolent attention. We hope that all the issues related to the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly shall find an amicable solution with the help of the new system in place in due course.

By the Grace of God, our Church is growing globally and this situation has increased the responsibility of the Major Archbishop. In this scenario, the Synod of the Church is of the opinion that to continue to hold the administrative responsibility of a very vast Archeparchy like Ernakulam-Angamaly by the Major Archbishop would be burdensome. At the same time the Synod has no intention either to bifurcate or to alter the geographical borders of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. Be careful not to be lead astray by the rumours regarding this. The Synod Fathers wish to assign an Archbishop with independent charge to the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly and the same request is placed before the Apostolic See for due consideration.

The Synod of the Church has no plan to reach a temporary solution in the complex issues faced by the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly, instead looks ahead for a plan of action which will lead to permanent solutions assuring the greater good of this Archeparchy. As the permission of the Apostolic See is required to implement the above said changes in the existing order, the Synod cannot declare specific decisions now. The Synod of the Church is hopeful in finding a lasting remedy for all the present difficulties in the near future. For this, the

Synod Fathers lovingly requests the Church to be united in prayer.

Ernakulam Basilica

St Mary's Basilica Ernakulam, the Cathedral of the Major Archbishop, being closed down since a few months is a matter of great sorrow to the whole Church. The tension between the supporters and dissenters of the uniform mode of celebration of the Holy Qurbana grew into law and order issue and thus initially the district administration and later the police department closed the Basilica. The incidents those happened around this, tarnished the image of the Church among the public and it has become an unforgettable blemish to the Church. There is a consensus to open the Basilica and to begin administering sacraments and sacramentals, except the celebration of the Holy Qurbana. This Basilica being the Cathedral Church, as the Apostolic See has directed, there shall only be the uniform mode of celebration of the Holy Qurbana. The assurance of the

Vicar and the Trustees of Basilica that they would abide by the uniform mode of celebration of the Holy Qurbana and will not offer the Holy Qurbana facing the people has led to the decision of opening the Basilica. The Synod has decided to take canonical action against those who violate this. All shall consciously try to foster mutual trust and love to heal the wounds and ignore those who spread wrong ideas regarding this.

Manipur Riot

The persecution of the Christians in India is on the increase and it is a matter of deep concern and anxiety to all of us. The Manipur riot began as a tribal rivalry, but it has turned to be communal since weeks, but there is no attempt from the concerned to mitigate the casualties. Even if hundreds of people are massacred in this communal insurgency, the government could neither control the attacks nor contain the wicked activities. It is deplorable that even after destroying almost 300 churches and thousands became homeless, the people in power are not yet ready to condemn the activities and disown the rioters.

The legislation of laws which limits the freedom of religion promised by the Constitution and thereby silencing the minority is not

desirable to democracy. This is the responsibility of the government to protect the minority and to make sure that the constitutional values are not flouted with the support of the majority. Even in Kerala, targeting Christian educational institutions with a communal aim is dreadful.

Agrarian Issues

The State and Central governments are to be pro-active in the problems faced by the farmers in Kerala. The State government shall be sensitive that even after the verdict of Supreme Court of India, the anxieties of the farmers related to Buffer Zone are not addressed adequately. The wild animals infiltrating into the farm lands of the farmers are a threat to the life and wealth of the farmers, but the government makes no move to protect the farmers. The casualties due to wild animal attack are on the increase and it leaves the farmers in utter gloom.

The government should acknowledge that the falling price of the agricultural products lead the farmers' families to debt and privation. The promise given in the election manifesto regarding the support price for the agricultural products often end up with the manifesto should be an eye opener to the ruling government. There shall be quick action to help the paddy farmers of Kuttanadu from the part of the government. The realization that the survival is almost impossible in this land compels the mass migration of the youth and this is certainly an infamy to the government.

Let us thank God for his caring providence. The intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our mother, and of St Thomas, our father in faith be a refuge to us. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Given this from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at

Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad on June 16, 2023
Cardinal George Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church



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CBCI APPEAL ON MANIPUR

To

All Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, Catechists
and Lay Faithful of the Catholic Church in India

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

We are extremely saddened by the current situation in the State of Manipur. Unprecedented violence and instability have held sway over the region since May 3, 2023. According to the information received from the Archbishop of Imphal, violence and arson have continued unabated since the conflict began, notably in the outlying areas of the region's valley; houses and villages have been torched or completely destroyed, valuables have been stolen and plundered, places of worship have been desecrated and set on fire. More than 50,000 people have been displaced, rendered homeless and are suffering in various relief camps and private residences. Many people have left the city. Lots of people have fled Imphal and the State for safer localities, including the adjacent State of Mizoram, other north-eastern States and major cities. The violence claimed the lives of almost 100 people.

With this in mind, the CBCI Office Bearers decided to inform all on Sunday, June 25, 2023, that the following Sunday, July 2nd 2023 will be observed as a Sunday for Peace and Prayer for the suffering people in Manipur. This initiative could perhaps be followed all over the country, with our parishes, institutions and religious communities observing this Day meaningfully. A few suggestions follow on how to make this Day more significant:

- (1) Add special intentions for peace and harmony to the Prayers of the Faithful of the Sunday Liturgy and, if possible, arrange in each parish an Hour of Adoration before the Eucharistic Lord, to

intercede for the suffering people of Manipur.

- (2) Promote a gesture of solidarity, like a candlelight procession or a peace rally, which would bring our people to commune in spirit with our suffering brethren of Manipur and to deepen their awareness about the serious situation in that State.
- (3) Join hands with like-minded individuals and organizations that share our vision of peace so that our common efforts for building an environment of harmony and understanding can have a greater impact
- (4) Encourage associations, movements and NGOs to convey their serious concern to the officials of the Central Government, particularly about the alarming disregard in that region for the principles enshrined in the Constitution.
- (5) Organize a recitation of a Pledge for Peace in all our educational institutions, recommitting ourselves to promote peace in our country and in our states.
- (6) Express our heartfelt concern and good will towards the migrant people coming especially from Manipur and, if possible, generously accommodate the students and the people in our hostels and educational institutions.

Immediately after the conflict began in Manipur, Caritas India – The Humanitarian Response and Social Development wing of the Catholic Church in India have been proactively responding to Manipur humanitarian crises. As on 20th June 2023, Caritas India has been able to reach out and support over 14,000 displaced people now living in various relief camps in Manipur and the adjoining States of Mizoram and Assam. Caritas India has come up with long-term plans for Manipur such as rehabilitation of the victims of violence and promotion of inter-community peace, harmony, and confidence building.

The Chairman and the Executive Director of Caritas India visited Manipur and expressed the solidarity with the people. It will be an expression of our solidarity, if the Dioceses, Religious Institutions and our Church Communities could come forward to support the initiatives of Caritas India. In this regard, please find the bank details of Caritas India for remitting your generous donations.

Account name: Caritas India; Account Number:

0153053000007238; Name and address of the Bank: The South Indian Bank, 22, Regal Building Connaught Place, New Delhi – 110 001; Bank’s IFSC Code: SIBL0000153

Brothers and Sisters, let us come together with one heart and mind and offer prayers and sacrifices for the restoration of peace and reconciliation among the communities in conflict. Let us pray that God may give us the necessary courage and strength.

Invoking the blessings of Our Lord Jesus Christ through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for peace and harmony in India, especially in the troubled State of Manipur,

Yours sincerely,



Archbishop Andrews Thazhath,

President, Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI)

Hearty Welcome

The diocese of Chanda Welcomes three brothers from Redemptorist (CSsR) Congregation for regency.

- 1) Bro. Alan (Jiwati)
- 2) Bro. Jaimon (Marakbody)
- 3) Bro. Jose (Bhamragarh)



VII. CURIA MATTERS

TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS Eparhcy of Chanda (January - April 2023)

| No. | Name | From/Relieved | To/Appointed | W.E.F |
|-----|-----------------------------------|--|---|-------------|
| 1 | Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil CMI | Proto-Syncellus, Diocesan Consultor, Finance Council Member, Ex-officio member of Presbyteral Council and Diocesan Pastoral Council, Convener of Grievance Cell and member of Project Coordination committee and LSSS Advisory Committee, Administrator, Santwadi Project, Mul (SCENT) | | 13 May 2023 |
| | Fr. Benny Mukalel CMI | Diocesan Consultor, Member of Grievance cell and Ex-officio membership in Presbyteral Council and Diocesan Pastoral Council | | 13 May 2023 |
| | Fr. Joseph Thachaparambath CMI | | Diocesan Consultor, Member of Grievance cell and Ex-officio membership in Presbyteral Council and Diocesan Pastoral Council | 13 May 2023 |

| No. | Name | From/Relieved | To/Appointed | W.E.F |
|-----|---|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| | Fr. Johny Narikkatt Fr. Antony Munjanattu | Language Lab | | 13 May 2023 |
| | Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil (Director) Fr. Peter Kissan Fr. Jose Zade Fr. Vishal Janagam | | Language Lab | 13 May 2023 |
| | Fr. Benny Mulaekal | | Proto-Syncellus Priest-in-Charge, Marakbody, Diocesan Consultant, Finance Council Member, Ex-officio member of Presbyteral Council, and Diocesan Pastoral Council, Convener of Grievance Cell and member of Project Coordination committee and LSSS Advisory Committee, Director, Santwadi Project (SCENT) and Lakkadkot Project (AN-Eco Farming) | 18 July 2023 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Jacob Eraly | Priest-in-Charge, Jarawandi | | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Francis Minj | Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Nandgaon | Priest in-Charge, Babupeth | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Roby Antony | Priest-in-Charge, Nandgaon | | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Anish Kuthoor | Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Jiwathy | Priest-in-Charge, Nandgaon | 10 June 2023 |

| No. | Name | From/Relieved | To/Appointed | W.E.F |
|-----|------------------------------|---|---|--------------|
| | Fr. Somy Varghese | | Residence, Jiwathy | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Rajat Valiyamangalam | | Co-ordinator, AN-Eco Farming project, Lakkadkot & Priest-in- -substitute, Lakkadkot | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Jobin Ovelil | Priest in-Charge, Mul, Administrator, Santwadi Project | | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Binu Thomas | Priest in-Charge, Babupeth | Priest in-Charge, Mul, Administrator, Santwadi Project | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Joseph Kalathil | Parish Priest & Administrator, Christ Hospital, Chandrapur | Priest in-Charge, Jarawandi | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Bibin Thekkekara | | Parish Priest & Administrator, Christ Hospital, Chandrapur | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Josekutty Thathampally | Asst. Priest in-Charge, Mul | Asst. Parish Priest, Chandrapur Youth Co-ordinator for BPQ & Wirur Zones | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Sharon Sebastian OFM Cap | Priest in-Charge, Sumthana & Warora | Priest in-Charge, Shanti Nilayam, Karancha | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Peter Kissan | Administrator, Gojoli | Priest-in-Charge, Sumthana/Warora | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Robinson Chekathadathil | | Priest-in-Charge, Gojoli (Additional) | 10 June 2023 |

| No. | Name | From/Relieved | To/Appointed | W.E.F |
|-----|---------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| | Fr. Bernard Kujur | Asst. Parish Priest, Warur Priest-in-Substitute, Shengao | Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Gojoli Youth Co-ordinator for the diocese, Asst. Director, Holy Childhood and Youth Zonal Co-ordinator for Allapally Zone | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Shine Manjaly | Asst. Parish Priest, Cathedral | | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Priju Puthenpuraackal | Asst. Parish Priest, Warur and Pastoral Assistance in Shengao | Asst. Parish Priest, Cathedral and Assistance in Bishop's Office & AVD | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil | Priest in-Charge, Rajura | | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Joshy Vazhappily CMI | | Priest in-Charge, Rajura | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Deepak Tirkey | | Asst. Parish Priest, Brahmapuri | 10 June-15 July 2023 |
| | Fr. Vishal Janagam | | Youth Co-Ordinator for Brahmapuri Zone | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. James Kurissery CMI | Administrator, Awarpur | Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Jarawandi | 15 July 2023 |
| | Fr. Sumesh Siby | Priest-in-Charge, Marakbody | Vice Rector & Administrator, SVG | 10 June 2023 |
| | | | Priest-in-Charge, Awarpur & Korpana Residence, Warur | 10 June 2023 |

| No. | Name | From/Relieved | To/Appointed | W.E.F |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | Fr. Binoy Checkonthayil CMI | Parish Priest, Durgapur | | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Jaison Kallukaran CMI | | Parish Priest, Durgapur | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Philip Vathyakaryil CMI | Parish Priest, Ashti | | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. George Uthimattathil CMI | | Parish Priest, Ashti | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Tigi Karakkunnel | | Youth Co-ordinator, Wardha Zone | 10 June 2023 |
| | Bro. Fredin Jose | | Regency, SVG | 10 June 2023 |
| | Bro. Jose Prakash Kunnumpurath CSSR | | Regency, Bhamrahgarh | 01 August 2023 |
| | Bro. Jaimon Xavier Pallicka CSSR | | Regency, Marakbody | 01 August 2023 |
| | Bro. Alan Poly Padayatty CSsR | | Regency, Jiwathy | 01 August 2023 |



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TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS Eparchy of Chanda (June - July 2023)

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|---|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| | Fr. Alwin Varghese Vattamkattil | | Asst. Parish Priest, Warur | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Linto Varghese Vallathukaran | | Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Marakbody | 10 June 2023 |
| | Fr. Naveen Varghese Kallaparampil | | Asst. Parish Priest, Brahmappuri | 15 July 2023 |
| Youth Department (Diocese of Chanda) | | | | |
| | Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil | Director | | |
| | Fr. Francis Minj | Asst. Director | | |
| | Fr. Bernard Kujur | General Co-ordinator for the diocese & Allapally Zonal Co-ordinator | | |
| | Fr. Tiji Karakkunel | Co-ordinator, Wardha | | |
| | Fr. Deepak Tirkey | Zone Co-ordinator, Brahmappuri Zone | | |
| | Fr. Josekutty Thathampally | Co-ordinator, BPQ & Wirur Zones | | |
| | Sr. Daly SAB | Youth Animator | | |



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|-----|--------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| | Fr. Sebastian Orapuzhickal CMI | | Priest-in-Charge, Gomini (Additional) | 21/06/2023 |
| | Fr. Joby Illimoottil | Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Jarawandi | Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Gomini | 21/06/2023 |
| | | Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Gomini | Residence Vianney Bhavan, Kodakara Director, Vianney Bhavan Kodakara & Vocation Promoter | 10/08/2023 10/09/2023 |
| | Fr. Raju Avookaran | Priest-in-Charge, Gomini | Studies, Residence in Vianney Bhavan Kodakara | 21/06/2023 |
| | | Member of Board of Education | | 01/08/2023 |
| | Fr. Somy Varghese | | Member of Board of Education (Additional) | 01/08/2023 |
| | Fr. Martin Kalamparambil VC | Diocesan Consulter & Member of Presbyteral Council | | 01/08/2023 |
| | Fr. Raphael Karalathukaran VC | | Diocesan Consulter & Member of Presbyteral Council | 01/08/2023 |
| | Fr. Bonis Karottukizhakkal CMI | Asst. Parish Priest, Durgapur | | 01/08/2023 |
| | Bro. Antony SG | Member of Finance Council | | 01/08/2023 |

| No. | Name | From/Relieved | To/Appointed | W.E.F |
|-----|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| | Bro. Prem SG | | Member of Finance Council | 01/08/2023 |
| | Bro. Alan Padayatty CSSR | | Regency, Jiwati | 01/08/2023 |
| | Bro. Jaimon Pallicka CSSR | | Regency, Marakbody | 01/08/2023 |
| | Bro. Jose Kunnumpurath CSSR | | Regency, Bhamragarh | 01/08/2023 |
| | Fr. Thomas Oswald CMI | Priest-in-Residence, Wardha | | 09/08/2023 |
| | Fr. Deepak Tirkey | Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Jarawandi | Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Gomini | 10/08/2023 |
| | Fr. Benny Mulackal | Internal Auditors, Diocese of Chanda | | |
| | Fr. Robinson C. | | | 17/08/2023 |



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VIII. NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BALAPUR

Bishop had done pastoral visit to the parish from 28-30 July 2023. He visited all the families in the parish and met with different groups of the parish. He offered Holy Qurbana in both convents at Thalodi and Balapur and met with the sisters separately. On 30th morning for Holy Qurbana he greeted Grant Parents and the elderly of the parish and honoured them with shawl and bouquet.

Fr. Joshy Madathiparampil

ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL, BALLARPUR

- Feast of St. Antony celebrated on 13th June 2023.
- Zonal wise monthly recollection was held on 29th June. Recollection talk was preached by Fr. Raphael VC. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters from the zone had participated.
- We had celebrated the *Dukhrana*, the commemoration of the martyrdom of St. Thomas the Apostle, along with that the catechism inauguration also was held. Fr. Robinson the Cathedral Parish priest was the main celebrant for Holy Qurbana and Fr. Jobin Ovelil, Director of Kiranoday Enterprises Delivered homily
- We celebrated the day for the old Aged on July 23rd, after the Holy Qurbana we honored them all.
- On July 28th we had celebrated St. Alphonsa's feast, Holy Qurbana was held on Morning. On the same day evening the Relics of St. John Paul II was brought from S.V.G and we had prayer service from 5.30 to 8.00 PM.

VIANNEY JUBILEE SCHOOL, BALLARPUR

The Vianney day was celebrated in the school on 3rd August. Bishop Ephrem was the Chief Guest. He installed the new school cabinet and greeted the first batch students for their marvelous performance in the exam.

Independence Day was celebrated in the school. AM Khan (*Subedar*) was the chief guest and hoisted the national flag. Students came forward with skills and talents. Thanks to all staff and students.

Fr. Albin Jose

DIVINE VACHAN ASHRAM, BAMNI

Regular Saturday programme is resumed and every Saturday 50-60 people attend the prayer and preaching. On second Saturdays we get more people. A retreat for the people was held from 6-9 August. Fr. Thomas Thekkekara, Fr. Rajat Valiyamangalam assisted in preaching. Bp. Ephrem offered holy Qurbana on 9th Monday and delivered Homily. He exhorted the retreatants to the need of missionaries in our own neighborhood. There were about 85 participants for the retreat. Thanks to all for the cooperation. We have scheduled a retreat for priests and religious on 4-7 September 2023. Bro Thomas Paul will be animating the retreat and Bp. Raphael Thattil will also give a talk to the retreatants.

Fr. Raphael VC

CHRIST BHAVAN, BRAHMAPURI

➤ **Feast of St. Alphonsa, Feast of FCC Sisters**

On 28 July 2023, the community celebrated the Feast of Saint Alphonsa. Solemn Holy Qurbana was offered by Rev. Fr. Kurian Panayalil. The cake cutting ceremony after the Holy Qurbana added more color to the celebration. FCC Sisters were greeted by the community

➤ **New priests' Day celebrations of Frs. Vishal Janagam and Deepak Tirkey**

New priest Frs. Vishal Janagam and Deepak Tirkey was given felicitation on 12 June 2023. The new priests offered Holy Qurbana. A small felicitation programme was conducted after the Holy Qurbana.

➤ **Grandparents' day celebration**

On 30 July 2023 Grandparents' day and elders day was celebrated at the Christ bhavan church Brahmapuri. All the elderly people were specially remembered in the Holy Qurbana. A small felicitation programme and some games were arranged after the Holy Qurbana. Almost 30 elderly people participated in the programme. All the arrangements were done by the catechism teachers and children.

➤ **Feast of St. Alphonsa, Matron's Day**

Sr. Jereena SJ, matron of Christanad Hospital Brahmpuri, celebrated her feast on 28 July. The hospital community wished her festal greetings with cake cutting and greeting songs.

➤ **Welcome and sendoff to Fr. Deepak Tirkey**

Fr. Deepak Tirkey took charge as the assistant Parish priest of Christ Bhavan Church Brahmapuri on 12th June 2023. The Christ Bhavan family accorded a warm welcome. After 2 months of dedicated service to the Brahmapuri Parish, Fr. Deepak Tirkey was given a send off on 6 August 2023. The Christ Bhavan family gratefully remember all your services and wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

➤ **Dukhrana celebrations**

St. Thomas day was solemnized on 3 July 2023. The highlight of the celebration was the solemn Holy Qurbana. Rev. Fr. Kurian Panayalil was the main celebrant.

➤ **Welcome to Fr. Naveen Kallaparambil**

Fr. Naveen Kallaparambil took charge as the assistant parish on 15 July 2023. Best wishes for your ministry in the Parish.

➤ **Catechism Inauguration**

Sunday Catechism classes for the year 2023-24 was officially inaugurated on 9 July 2023. The classes started on the same day.

➤ **Grandparents' day celebration**

➤ **Zonal monthly recollection**

Zonal monthly recollection for priests and religious was arranged at Christ Bhavan Church, Brahmapuri. Fr. Benny Mulackal was the resource person of the recollection. Almost 120 participated in the recollection. After the talk all new comers were welcomed with a flower bouquet by Zonal vicar Fr. kurian Panayalil. Few also shared their mission experiences. All departed to their respective mission station after a delicious meal.

Fr. Kurian Panayalil

ST. THOMAS CHURCH, CHANDRAPUR

Feast of Sts. Peter And Paul.

The actual feast of Sts. Peter and Paul was held on 29th June, but we celebrated it on 2nd July 2023. It was a great experience for the parish members. One of the ward groups is named St. Paul, so all activities were led by this ward group. Most of the ward members offered the offertory during Holy Mass. Soon after the Holy Mass, there was a dinner for all parish members arranged by the St. Paul ward group.

St. Thomas Day Celebration And Inauguration Of Catechism Classes

We, the Chandrapur parish family, celebrated the feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle of Jesus, very solemnly. We had three days of Novena to St. Thomas with Holy Mass. Every day, immediately after mass, sweets were distributed by parish members. On the day of the Feast, the main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Thomson Pullasherry, the Director of LSSS. On the last day of the Feast of St. Thomas, food was distributed by all those who have been baptized with the name Thomas. Parishioners experienced the blessings of St. Thomas, the Apostle of Jesus.

On July 3rd, 2023, St. Thomas Catholic Church in Chandrapur celebrated a momentous occasion with the inauguration of its new Catechism Classes. The main celebrant for the inauguration was Rev. Fr. Thomson Pullasherry, the Director of LSSS. Rev. Frs. Bibin (The Vicar) and Josekutty (Asst. Vicar), sisters, and parishioners were present for the inauguration. Catechism students were welcomed with lighted candles, and there was a procession as well. The event was marked by enthusiasm, joy, and a sense of purpose as the church community gathered to embark on a journey of spiritual education and growth. The primary purpose of the

Catechism Classes is to provide a structured and comprehensive program for the members of the church, especially the youth, to deepen their understanding of Christian faith, doctrine, and traditions. The classes aim to nurture a strong foundation of religious knowledge, foster spiritual development, and encourage participants to live out their faith in their daily lives.

Celebration of grandparents day

On 23rd of June 2023, St. Thomas Catholic Church Chandrapur, joyously celebrated Grandparents and elderly Day, a special occasion dedicated to honouring and appreciating the valuable contributions of grandparents within the church community. The event aimed to create a warm and memorable experience for both the grandparents and their families. It brought together multiple generations to share in the spirit of love and gratitude. The Grandparents Day celebration commenced with a heart-warming prayer dedicated to grandparents, acknowledging their unconditional love, wisdom, and guidance in the lives of their grandchildren. Soon after the Holy Mass, all the elderly people and grandparents, gathered for the cake-cutting ceremony, during which they exchanged greetings. The vicar, Fr. Bibin, greeted them for all their works and good minds for the church.

A day for confession

We have dedicated a day for parishioners for their spiritual renewal. We have decided to hold this special day, which includes confession, a talk, and Holy Mass. The event will take place on the last Sunday of every month. A priest will be available to conduct the confession, deliver the talk, and preside over the Holy Mass.

Fr. Bibin Thekkekara

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DURGAPUR

1. St. Mary's Church Hosts Successful Altar Servers' Training Program

St. Mary's Church in Durgapur hosted an intensive one-month Altar Servents training program, led by Fr. Jaison Kallaurkaran CMI, the

parish priest. The training aimed to equip students with the essential skills for assisting during Holy Mass and delve into the profound significance of prayers and symbols used in the worship. Participants gained a deeper understanding of their roles as servants and the spiritual meaning behind their actions. Fr. Jaison's guidance provided valuable insights and spiritual guidance throughout the program, ensuring a well-rounded spiritual training experience. Expressing their gratitude, the students acknowledged Fr. Jaison's role in creating an enriching environment for their spiritual development and serving the Church with reverence and dedication. The program's success would not have been possible without the constant support and help of Sr. Arpana DM, the Mother Superior.

2. Heartfelt Farewell to Beloved Parish Priest, Fr. Binoy Chockonthyil CMI

Emotions ran high as St. Mary's Church in Durgapur bid a tearful farewell to their beloved Parish Priest, Fr. Binoy Chockonthyil CMI. The entire congregation, filled with gratitude, gathered to express their deep appreciation for the dedicated services Fr. Binoy rendered to the Church. Throughout his tenure, he had been a guiding light, a source of inspiration, and a pillar of strength for the parishioners.

As the church community gathered to bid him adieu, words couldn't fully express the profound impact Fr. Binoy had on their lives. His kindness, compassion, and unwavering devotion touched the hearts of everyone he served.

As he embarks on new responsibilities, the prayers and best wishes of the entire congregation accompany him. They are confident that he will continue to shine brightly wherever he goes, as he did at St. Mary's Church.

Amidst the farewells, the parish also expressed gratitude to Fr. Bonis Karottukizahkel CMI, the Assistant Parish Priest, who transferred from our midst. His presence and support were invaluable, and he leaves behind cherished memories.

Additionally, the church community thanked Sr. Ashish DM for her

dedicated service at the church before her transfer to Pune. Her commitment and tireless efforts contributed significantly to the spiritual growth of the congregation.

3. "Feast of St. Alphonsa Celebrated at Church with Devotion and Reverence"

Amidst an atmosphere of profound devotion and heartfelt reverence, the feast of St. Alphonsa was joyfully celebrated at the church. The congregation gathered to honor the revered saint, seeking her intercession and inspiration in their spiritual journey. Leading the solemn occasion, Fr. Benny Mukalel CMI presided over the Holy Mass as the Main Celebrant.

The Mass was a beautiful tribute to St. Alphonsa's life and legacy, with prayers of gratitude and supplication offered in her name. Fr. Benny Mukalel's eloquent words and spiritual guidance touched the hearts of those present, creating a sense of unity and shared faith among the faithful.

The feast day celebrations were adorned with beautiful hymns, heartfelt testimonies, and a sense of camaraderie as the community rejoiced in their shared devotion to St. Alphonsa. The event served as a reminder of the saint's profound impact on the lives of many, inspiring them to continue walking the path of faith with unwavering dedication and love.

4. St. Mary's Church, Durgapur, Extends a Warm Welcome to Sr. Jeo DM

In a joyous celebration of faith and community, St. Mary's Church, Durgapur, welcomes Sr. Jeo DM to their congregation. The arrival of Sr. Jeo brings a renewed sense of hope and anticipation as the church looks forward to her spiritual guidance and compassionate leadership. The congregation eagerly awaits the opportunity to get to know Sr. Jeo and embrace her as a valued member of their faith family. With hearts full of gratitude and excitement, they join together in prayer, seeking blessings for a fruitful journey together in the service of God. May Sr. Jeo's presence inspire and uplift the souls of all at St. Mary's Church, strengthening their bond with each other and their shared devotion to

the teachings of Christ.

5. St. Mary's Church in Durgapur Embarks on a Journey of Spiritual Learning with Sunday Bible Quiz and 'Bible Diary' Initiative

With a strong commitment to fostering a deeper understanding of the Word of God, St. Mary's Church in Durgapur has introduced two innovative initiatives for its catechism students from classes 4 to 10. The church is now organizing a captivating Sunday Bible Quiz competition, aiming to encourage active engagement with the scriptures and promote biblical knowledge among the young participants.

Additionally, the church is maintaining a special 'Bible Diary' for the students, providing them with a structured platform to record their reflections and insights from daily scripture readings. This initiative aims to cultivate a habit of personal biblical study and prayer, nurturing a strong spiritual foundation for the young minds.

These initiatives have already garnered immense enthusiasm and participation from the students, parents, and the entire congregation. The church community is hopeful that these endeavors will inspire a lifelong love for the Word of God and deepen the students' faith journey.

6. Catechism Classes Begin

Amidst an air of enthusiasm and renewed hope, the eagerly awaited catechism classes commenced their journey on the first week of July. Under the capable leadership of Sr. Joel DM, the atmosphere is filled with positivity and a sense of purpose. The dedicated catechism teachers, led by the exceptional Mrs. Mary Daniel, are wholeheartedly devoted to their noble mission of imparting the profound faith of the Catholic Church to the eager young minds. With Sr. Joel's guidance and the unwavering commitment of the teachers, these classes are poised to create a nurturing environment, allowing the students to delve deeper into their spiritual journey and gain a profound understanding of their Catholic heritage.

Fr. Jaison CMI

MARIA RANI CHURCH, GATTA

We welcomed the new team of Sisters in Maria Rani Convent, Gatta on May 30th.

Sr. Neetha SMS (Superior) and Srs. Jessin and Kusum are the other members. Thanks to the previous team.

We have also a short term member, Bro. Nirmal Tirkey, an aspirant for Diocesan Priesthood who has come for mission experience and studies.

We welcomed him here on 12th July.

Fr. Nikhil

VIANNEY VIDHYA MANDHIR, GHUGUS

Bishop graced the occasion of Independence Day in the School. He installed the new school cabinet for the academic year 2022-2023. He also felicitated the rank holders. After hosting the national flag bishop in his Independence Day message reminded everyone the need of preserving the integrity of our country. He invited all students to partake in nation's building and look ahead for a country of welfare, unity and peace.

Fr. Shyju Madapallikunnel

JEEVAN JYOTHI CHURCH, HINGANGHAT

The pastoral visit was done in the parish on 21, 22 and 23 July 2023. He visited Samudrapur CMC Convent, Kshitij Chavara Ashram and Santwadi CMC Convent, Jam, SJB Convents in Allipur and Hinganghat. Every where he met with the sisters and interacted with the inmates of Kshijith Chavara Ashram. At Hinganghat he visited and gave instruction to the boarders and candidates. He visited every family in the parish. People were happy about his visit. After bishops holy Qurbana we had a felicitation meeting with some cultural programs by boarders, candidates and parishioners. His visit came to an end with pot-luck lunch after Sunday Qurbana on 23rd July. Thanks to bishopji for his visit.

Fr. Joseph Mathew OFM Cap

ST. ALPHONSA CHURCH, JARAWANDI

01. Fr. Joby, the Asst. Parish Priest of Jarawandi Parish, on his transfer to Gomini Parish, was given a send-off on 18th June 2023.
02. Regional Superior of SMS Congregation from Jagdalpur together with Councillors and sisters made a visit to Jarawandi Parish on 21st June 2023.
03. A special meeting was arranged for all the parents of our hostellers. It was held after the Holy Mass 02nd July 2023 from 12.15 pm to 02.00 pm. All the rules and regulations of the hostel and the aim we run the hostel was explained to them. Shramdaan in the form of general cleaning by the parishioners was done after the Holy Mass.
04. Hostel opened after the summer vacation on 09th *July* 2023. Around 64 hostellers joined to St. Alphonsa Children's Home that day. We celebrated Catechism Sunday today. Lighting of the lamp was done. Special prayers were held for children. Parish Priest blessed each of them by placing hands over their head. A rosary each was given to all the Catechism children. Mr. William Mathias Soreng, Pappa of Sr. Kusum Soreng SMS (at present at Gatta) of Irpenpaili village died at Christanand Hospital, Brahmपुरi on 10th July 2023 and the funeral was held on 11th July. Some of our fathers and good number of Sisters of SMS congregation from Jagdalpur joined for the same.
05. Heavy rain of 19th & 20th July 2023 affected our paddy cultivation very badly. On both the days our children could not go to the school because of heavy rain.
06. Solemn Holy Mass on the Feast of St. Alphonsa was held on 28th July 2023 at 06.30 pm.
07. Mr. Pilatus Kullu, Pappa of Bro. Manish Kullu (at present at SVG, New Daheli), of Jamburghatta village of Jarawandi Parish died at Raigarh on 03rd August 2023. We had a special Mass for the Departed Soul.

Fr. Joseph Kalathil

ARANYA NIWAS CHURCH, LAKKADAKOT

A new group of sisters have arrived in Lakkadakot. There are four sisters from Disciples of Christ Congregation. The renovated convent was blessed and offered Holy Qurbana by Bp. Ephrem on 5 August 2023. The sisters will be mostly involved in the pastoral ministries of the parish and home mission in the Diocese.

Fr. Somy Varghese

INFANT JESUS CHURCH, WADSA

2023 August 13 was a great day for the mission centre as Bp. Ephrem Nariculam, bishop of Chanda, visited the mission and offered Holy Qurbana for the faithful. He arrived Wadsa on 12th evening and presided over Holy Qurbana on Sunday 13th morning. The people were exceptional, happy to have bishop in the mission on an ordinary Sunday. Fr. Paul Valiaparambil CMI welcomed the bishop. After the Holy Qurbana the bishop was felicitated by the people. Bishop interacted with the people.

Fr. Paul Valiaparambil CMI

ST. ANTONY FORANE CHURCH, WARDHA

JUNE

1. Rev. Fr. Robinson Chekkathadathil hoisted the festal flag of St. Antony's feast on 4th June in preparation to St. Antony's Feast and Novena.
2. St. Antony's Feast was solemnly celebrated on 15th June and the Newly ordained Priests presided over the Holy Mass.

JULY

1. A Zonal monthly recollection and Freshers meet was held for the priests and religious of the Wardha Forane on 1st July 2023 and Rev. Fr. George Kollamparampil CMF gave the retreat.
2. Catechism Class was inaugurated on 2nd July. Rev. Fr. Vivek Puthenpurakal, the director of CLC Department inaugurated the classes for the academic years 2023 and 2024. The Children

were awarded for their stunning performances in the annual exam.

3. Feast of St. Thomas the apostle was solemnly celebrated in the parish on 3rd July. Fr. Thomas Oswald CMI, Fr. Thomas Pulikkan CMI. Fr. Tomy Chirappurath, Fr. Tiji Karakkunnel and DST Sisters were greeted on this day.
4. A seminar on the sacrament of Holy Eucharist was arranged for the Faithful on 16th July. The resource person of the seminar was Rev. Sr. Sevanthi MSMI.
5. Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated on July 23 in the parish with the collaboration of the CMC sisters of Carmalodaya Province.
6. A Special Holy Mass was offered for the Catechism children and Youth on July 23rd.
7. An hour Adoration and Holy Mass were organized by the Youth On 29th July in solidarity with the people of Manipur.
8. Feast of St. Alphonsa was celebrated on 30th July.

AUGUST

Fr. Thomas Oswald CMI was given Farwell on 8 august 2023. He served in the parish for 7 years. The parishioners, Priests and religious in Wardha gratefully remember his service and presence in the parish. We wish him very best in his new assignment.

Fr. Vincent Pangola

TERA PREM CHURCH, WARUR

Bishop unveiled the statue of Fr. George Canicius CMI on 10 August 2023. It was the part of united efforts by his students during his tenure at Warur from 1972-1982. They recalled the sweet memories of their boarding days with gratitude. Fr. Joseph Thachaparamth CMI the provincial of CMI Marthoma Province was also present on the Occasion. There was agape for all gathered on the occasion.

Fr. Dinesh Mate

CARMELODAYA PROVINCE, WARDHA

The Silver Jubilee of our Sisters – Sr. Maria, Sr. Sarupya, Sr. Savitha, Sr. Sayujya, Sr. Amulya and Sr. Namitha was celebrated on 4 May 2023 at St. Xavier’s Church, Pullur - Kerala together with their family members. Congratulations to our dear Sisters who reached a remarkable milestone of their religious life and prayerful wishes for the days ahead too....

„Within you there is a stillness and sanctuary.“ Annual Retreat was arranged for our sisters in two batches from 18 May to 31 May 2023 on the theme –“Go and Do Likewise.” (Lk. 10:37) to inculcate Good Samaritan Culture in our Religious Communities; to imbibe a spirit of Compassion and to walk an Extra Mile to reach out to the needy.

“One day through the Rosary and the Scapular, I will save the world.” (Our Lady to St. Dominic). The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated solemnly on 23 July 2023 at St. Antony’s Church, Wardha together with all the faithful. The Eucharistic Celebration was officiated by the Parish Priest –Rev. Fr. Vincent Pangola. The Holy Scapular was distributed and delicious breakfast was provided to all.

“ He has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor.” (Lk. 4: 18)

It is indeed a new venture for Carmelodaya to switch on the „Global Mission“ in the new pastures of Latin America – Brazil, with a vision to reach out to the people with the love of Jesus and to make known His name among the people. Sr. Philo, the Provincial Superior will be visiting Brazil from 20 August to 05 September 2023, in prior to sending the Sisters over there, to know the Culture, Language and life style of the people and the provision for the proclamation of the Good News. We aim at establishing a community to reach out to the people with the Gospel Values and to teach and train the locals, especially the Women and Children as our Charism demands and to help the poor and needy.

Sr. Soonam CMC

SISTERS OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND MARY THE QUEEN

❖ 28 Junior sisters attended the juniorate programme in St John's

Convent, Vettukkad in the month of May. It was comprised of sessions on discipleship, reflexology, encyclicals and retreat. On 28 May 13 junior sisters renewed their vows and Sr Linmy & Sr Lincy Made their final commitment to the Lord.

- ❖ All our schools got 100% of results in SSC & CBSE examinations for the academic year 2022-23.
- ❖ Feast of our Patron St John the Baptist was celebrated on 24 June. Fr Vincent Pangola the Forane Vicar was the Main Celebrant for the Eucharistic Celebration. Sr Deepa, Sr Jyotsna (Wardha) Sr Shruti (Pune) and Sr Prasanna (Germany) lighted the jubilee candle as they entered into the silver jubilee of their first commitment to the Lord
- ❖ We received 3 projects for Wardha, Kopreli and Bhendala from MANOS for the women empowerment & livelihood.
- ❖ Sr Suma along with the Camillus fathers team went to Manipur for the medical relief activities.
- ❖ Pastoral Visit of Rt Rev Bp Ephrem Nariculm to Jeevan Jyoti Church, Hinganghat was held on 28-30 July. He visited our convents in Hinganghat & Allipur.
- ❖ Srs Nikita & Sushanti attended one month Marathi course conducted by the diocese.

Sr. Atulya SJB



Many Happy returns of the day
(December 10)

Dear Bishopji...

Assurance of Our Sincere Prayers...

May the Good Lord shower His
choicest blessings upon you...

We love you and Thanks for your
love and care...



IX. DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

CLC

One day seminar for catechism teachers were conducted on 24th June, at Bishop's home campus, Ballarpur. 90 catechism teachers from different parishes took part in it. Fr. Shibu Monipallil inaugurated the seminar. Fr. Joshy Vazhappilly CMI and Dr. Mejo were the resource persons. Fr. Robinson delivered the concluding message.

Fr. Vivek

LSSS & KALABHAVAN

LSSS Highlights:- Social work activities are going on extremely well at LSSS, under the generous support of different agencies. In the month of June and July, we could distribute some food kits amongst 21 boardings and so-called socially abandoned people of God with the generous support of Love and Care projects initiated by Toronto Diocese. We also achieved to distribute more than 2300 Papaya plants amongst the selected persons in Gadchiroli District in collaboration with Manos and Missio, Austria.

Kala Bhavan News:- Our new academic year, 2023 - 2024 was formally inaugurated with the seminar for one day for all categories of children. It was being conducted by the Diocesan CLC Director Fr. Vivek and Fr. Shine, the secretary to the Bishop, the Diocese of Chanda. According to the response of children it was spirit filled and productive. Moreover, we were able to celebrate the feast of our beloved Director, Fr. Thomson on previous day. Again it was doubled the joy of Children that informal visit of our Bishop Mar Ephrem Nariculam on 25 July on the feast of St. James. He spent some times along with our children and distributed some gifts for them. We have altogether 42 students this year in Kala Bhavan.

Fr. Thomson

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

We celebrated youth day on 5th May 2023. 210 youth from different mission stations and parishes took part in it. Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil CMI inaugurated the meeting. Classes on Cyber-Crime and additions among the youth were given by Mr. Shailendra Thakare and Mr. Bhaskar Thakur. We also elected youth leaders (SMYM- CHANDA UNIT) for the year 2023-2024. The presence of Bp. Ephrem Nariculam's and his message added more colour to the youth day celebration in the diocese.

Fr. Vivek

X. FORMATION NEWS

CLARETIAN ASHRAM, WARDHA

1. New Formation Team of Claretian Ashram from the Academic Year 2023-24

A new formation team has been appointed at Claretian Ashram, Wardha.



From left: Fr. Joseph Mundackal CMF (Spiritual Director & Staff), Fr. George Kollampampil, CMF (Staff, Prefect of Year Students), Fr. Sijo Cherukarayil CMF (Rector, Dean of Studies & Prefect of Third Year Students), Fr. Joseph Koonath, CMF (Vicar & Prefect of Second Year Students), Fr. Joseph Vadakkemurickanamkuzhiyil, CMF (Administrator and Econome)

2. Benjamins' Day Celebrations

Claretian Ashram, with great joy welcomed the new students of the academic year 2023-24 on 18th June, 2023. 8 students from three organisms of Indian Claretians became part of Ashram's life journey. After offering themselves to the altar of the Lord, during the Holy Qurbana, in the morning, the students received a warm welcome during the creative gathering held along with solemn agape in the evening.

3. The inauguration of CALA [Claretian Ashram Literary Association] and CASA [Claretian Ashram Social Apostles] of the year 2023-24.

The inauguration of CALA and CASA of the academic year 2023-24 was held on 15th July 2023 at Claretian Ashram auditorium at 6; 30 pm.

The function was chaired by Dr. Ashish B. Sasankar, the principal of Indraprastha New Arts, Commerce and Science College, Wardha. The students showcased various cultural programs to make the day memorable and vibrant.

4. Zonal Koinonia Fiesta

To mark the jubilee of 175th foundational years of Claretian congregation, the Wardha Zone Claretian Fraternity came together on 22nd July, 2023 for a Zonal Koinonia Fiesta. The Zonal Inauguration program began with a preparatory recollection talk followed by a fellowship gathering of claretian communities from Chimur, Dhanora and other representatives from Telegana and Mumbai regions.

5. Felicitation and interaction with newly priests from Claretian Mission Centres.

The staff and the students of Claretian Ashram felicitated and had mission interactive session with newly ordained priests of St. Thomas Province. The program which was held on 23rd July, began with Solemn Holy Qurbana, followed by Felicitation and Mission sharing.

Fr. Sijo CMF, Rector



NEWS FROM DARSANA, WARDHA

New Captain for Darsana

On may 6TH the Darsana family received the new captain to lead it. Rev. Fr. Francis Aykarapampil CMI, the newly appointed Rector of Darsana Mission Philosophate was warmly received by the members. Darsana extended a due welcome to him as he assumed his new office.

Arrival of the New Buds

16 brothers of the new academic batch have arrived by 9'o clock to Darsana on 9th June. All the fathers and senior brothers duly welcomed them. They had a welcoming session in the morning in the Darsana chapel. This ceremony instilled in them the spirit and heartbeat of



Darsana. They had week-long orientation program prepared by the seniors.

'DEBUT -2K23'

All the Darsanites utter that Darsana provides ample opportunity for each member magnanimously. On 15th June, we had 'DEBUT' an event where the new comers have expressed their distinguished talents and milked out the first opportunity in its uttermost sense. Fr. Francis Aykarapampil CMI, the Rector of Darsana, presided over the function. The brothers have discovered the very approach as flair to bloom into vibrant colours.

Opening of the New Academic Year

Darsana offers a podium for every individual TO DREAM, TO DESIRE, TO DETERMINE and TO DECIDE their destiny. On 19th June, in connection with the inauguration of the new academic year 2023-24, the solemn Divine Liturgy was presided over by Rev, Dr. Josey Thamarassery CMI, the Vicar General of the CMI congregation and Rev Dr. Sijo Cherukarayil CMF was the homilist. In the inaugural session, Rev Fr Rector welcomed the gathering and Rev Fr Vicar General inaugurated the new academic year. Rev Fr Vincent Pangola, the Forane Vicar, was the president of the function and Rev Dr. Mathew Attumkal CMI, the Dean, Faculty of Philosophy, DVK, delivered the

orientation talk. The members from different neighbouring communities were also present to bless the occasion. Various programs by our students made the joy boundless.

ADIEU to Our Fathers

In the evening of the day 25th of June, Darsana bid farewell to our dearest fathers, Fr. George Kulangara CMI, the former Rector, Fr.Jino Valiyaparambil CMI the former Administrator and Fr. Blessen Pettickal CMI, the former Animator. The Darsana family is very indebted to all these personalities for their hard work and commitment towards us. Rev.Fr. Augustine Keemattam CMI was given farewell on 6th June with gratitude for his dedicated service and commitment to the Darsana family.

NEWS BITES FROM SANT CHAVARA SCHOOL

PRAVESHOTSAV-2K23

The new academic year 2023-24 was inaugurated on 15th of June 2023 by giving a formal welcome to the nursery students and the new comers.

Fr. Francis CMI, Rector

SANT VIANNEY GURUKUL, BAMNI

The Academic year 2023-24 was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Jobin the director, Kiranoday enterprises on 3 July 2023. Fr. Rector welcomed the first year brothers and the new staff (Fr.Vishal and Bro. Fredin, Regent). Senior brothers alone with the first years performed verities of programs.

On July 15 Bishop Ephrem Nariculam visited and interacted with the staff and brothers at SVG.

This year there are 12 first year brothers (One from kerla and one from Kautala, Telengana). There are 6 senior brothers (11&12 th) at SVG.

Sant Vianney day was celebrated with great Joy and happiness on 4 August 2023. All the diocesan priests were present
Fr. Shibu, Rector

RALLY, BALLARPUR

With the help and co-operation of the other Church Denominations in BPQ a rally was held on 11 August in BPQ showing our solidarity with the people of Manipur. The rally was started at 11.15 pm from Cathedral



campus and ended at Tehasildar's office and around 300 people participated in the rally including Bishop, Fathers, Sisters and Seminarians.

RALLY, CHANDRAPUR

A significant rally was organized by the Christian community in Chandrapur in solidarity with the people of Manipur. The primary goal of the rally was to shed light on the unique hardships experienced by Christians in Manipur. These challenges encompassed a range of socio-economic, cultural, and religious aspects that required attention and resolution. The rally witnessed a considerable turnout, with Christians from different denominations and backgrounds coming together in solidarity to voice their concerns. All the people from different Christian communities gathered on 7th August 2023 at 10:00 am at Gandhi Chowk, Chandrapur. There were almost 1000 people gathered to express their support for Christians in Manipur. We moved forward with a mood of prayer and unity, passing through CNI Church, Jatpura Gate, Priyadarshini Chowk, Bustand, and the Collector's Office. At the



end we submitted a memorandum to the collector about the issues taking place in Manipur.

CSA EXECUTIVE / GENERAL BODY MEETING

The CSA Executive / General Body meeting was held at St. Claret Vidyaniketan, Chimur on 12th August 2023. Fr. Suresh Madapattu CMF was the resource person for the day. He gave enriching reflection on the theme “**Catholic Schools : Called to Become Synodal Schools**”. Bp. Ephrem Nariculam was the Chief Guest of the function. In the inaugural address bishop focussed his reflections on the need of building up relationship as a pre-requisite for evangelization. Special welcome was accorded to Rev. Fr. Joseph Thachaparambath CMI, the CMI Provincial and Rev. Fr. Paul Varghese CMI, the Councillor of Education. Fr. Robin Paul CMF, Principal of St. Claret Vidyaniketan, Chimur was welcomed in a special way as the Vice-President of CSA. The meeting decided to have the next CSA Executive / General Body Meeting at Vianney Jubilee School, Ballarpur on 10th February 2024. Twenty eight schools were represented by principals and/or managers taking the total number of participants to forty. The meeting came to an end by 02.30 PM. Fr. Robin Paul CMF welcomed the gathering and Fr. Wilson CMI proposed vote of thanks.

Fr. Joseph Kalathil
President, CSA
Diocese of Chanda





LISBON WORLD YOUTH DAY

The World Youth Day 2023 took place in Lisbon, Portugal, from August 1st to August 6th. This globally significant event brought together over 1.5 million young individuals from diverse corners of the world. Among these participants there were 16 delegates representing different Syro-Malabar dioceses in India besides

others from abroad who arrived in Lisbon on July 26th.

The youth day celebrations were divided into two distinct segments. The first phase, held from July 26th to July 31st, unfolded in the Beja Diocese with various programs. This cultural exchange initiative saw representatives from 23 countries, engaging in a variety of events and activities. Noteworthy events included a grand welcoming ceremony, visits to prominent churches and sites within the Beja Diocese, a captivating candlelight Rosary procession, cultural entertainments, outings to beaches, volunteering engagements, insightful experience sharing sessions, a vibrant National party highlighting diverse cultural performances, and engaging games.

Transitioning from the program at Beja Diocese, the Syro-Malabar India delegation embarked on a visit to Fátima, where they were honored to offer a Holy Qurbana and partake in the awe-inspiring Rosary and candle procession, which drew the participation of thousands.


On August 1st, the delegates returned to Lisbon, finding accommodation at the Santa Maria Church in Loures. Following registration, they joined the inaugural Qurbana attended by millions of international attendees. Subsequently, from August 2nd to 4th, the Indian delegate of Syro-Malabar Church attended catechism classes at Sant Bartolomeu Church of Beato, connecting with fellow Syro-Malabar attendees from around the world. The 4th of August marked a significant milestone as the delegates collectively took part in the station of the Cross, led by Pope Francis. It was a moment of great privilege and excitement.

The 5th of August witnessed a pivotal gathering known as "Denaha 2k23," the first-ever international gathering of Syro Malabarians worldwide. This gathering was graced with a Holy Qurbana in Malayalam. The following Syro-Malabar bishops: Bishop Bosco Putur, Bishop Joseph Srampical, Bishop Jose Kalluvellil, Bishop Paul Alappatt and Bishop Thomas Tharayil concelebrated Holy Qurbana and extended their felicitations.

The diocese of Chanda was represented by three priests - Fr. Tomy Chittinapilly (Mississauga diocese, Canada), Fr. Ajish Kumpukkal (Lancaster diocese, UK) and Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil, Chanda, India. We had a good lunch together and shared our beautiful memories of Chanda. After the lunch we walked approximately 5 kilometers to the beachside for the night Vigil with Pope Francis. Over 15 million youths united in this uplifting experience. Following the Vigil, participants rested under the stars with their sleeping bags.

The culminating event transpired on the final day, marked by the concluding Mass with Pope Francis. As the World Youth Day 2023 drew to a close, attendees eagerly anticipated the announcement of the location for the next World Youth Day. The forthcoming World Youth Day in 2027 will take place in South Korea, setting the stage for another chapter of global youth unity and spiritual connection.

Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil
 Director
 Youth Department
 Diocese of Chanda



Hearty Welcome

Hearty Welcome to
Sr. Nivetha MSMM.
 At present she is working
 at Christianand Hospital, Brahmapuri

REMINDER

PLEASE BLOCK THESE DAYS.

1. Missionary Conference
 Date : Saturday 16 September 2023
 Venue : Cathedral, BPQ
 Time : 09.00 AM
 (Invitees: All missionaries of Chanda)

2. Chanda *Parivar Divas*
 Date : Tuesday 24 October 2023
 Venue : Cathedral, BPQ
 Time : 09.00 AM
 (Invitees: All missionaries of Chanda and the representatives of the laity)

3. Priests Annual Retreat
 Date : Sunday 12 November Evening to Friday 17 November by Lunch
 Venue : Cathedral, BPQ
 Preacher: Fr. Jacob Naluparayil MCBS

Fr. Shibu Monipallil
 Chancellor
 Diocese of Chanda

Quotes

“ *The Sacraments are like hoses. They are the channels of the living water of God's grace. Our faith is like opening the faucet. We can open it a lot, a little, or not at all.* ”

– Peter Kreeft

OBITUARY

Mr. Santhosh Godselwar (Driver, Warur) is called for eternal bliss on 19 June 2023. Let us pray for the repose of his soul.



Mr. Ramesh Uddhav Duryodhan (46), Visapur Parish (Staff at Kiranoday Enterprises and Former Sacristan at Cathedral) slept in the Lord on 09 July 2023. Let us pray for the repose of his soul.

Sr. Rosebell CSC (Worked at Aksapur Parish) slept in the Lord today on 11 July 2023. Let us pray for the repose of her soul.



Sr. Georgina SD who served in Chanda diocese (Wirur - pioneer 1966 - Chincholi and Lakkadakot - pioneer in 1980) in the beginning years died in Delhi on 28 July 2023. May her soul Rest In Peace.

Mr. Varghese from Kanjirappilly who used to come to Chanda diocese quite often in the past for the distribution of rosary and other pious articles died on 01 August 2023. He has helped many missions in Chanda in different ways. Please pray for the repose of the soul.



Sr. Jiss Paul FCC (Former principal and teacher of Christanand School, Brahmapuri & Wasa) slept in the Lord on 15/08/2023. Let us pray for the repose of her soul.

SMYM (Syro-Malabar Youth Movement)



Chanda diocese office bearers with Bishop, Youth director and asst. director and coordinator.

- President** - Joy Antony (Rajura)
- Vice- President** - Blessy Mandawkar (Allapalli)
- Secretary** - Pratiksha Khandekar (Visapur)
- Treasurer** - Pramod Toppo (Ballarpur)

Executive members

1. Sanika Pudke (Aksapur)
2. Mangesh (Nandgaon)

PASTORAL VISIT 2023

| Sl.No. | Parish/Station | Date |
|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| 3. | Kaotha | September 23-24 |
| 4. | Marakbody | October 05-08 |
| 5. | Chincholi | October 19-22 |
| 6. | Repanpalli | November |
| 7. | Awarpur | November 23-26 |

†Ephrem Nariculam Fr. Shibu Monipallil
 Bishop, Diocese of Chanda Chancellor, Diocese of Chanda

NB: Please contact chancery two months before the dates of pastoral visit.

X. CHANDA HEAVENLY BRETHREN

SEPTEMBER

1. Sr. Hilaria Kochuparambil SD 01-09-2014
2. Sr. Deepthi SJB 09-09-2009 Vettukad
3. Bro. Jose Vetticattil SG 18-09-2005 Hyderabad
4. Fr. Dan Thottakara CMI 20-09-1997 Kalamassery
5. Fr. Eugene Thopmas CMI 22-09-2002 Bellampally
6. Sr. Mercy SSS 23-09-2006 Mallussery
7. Sr. Justina Francis ASMI 26-09-2000 Cherthala
8. Sr. Stephy Maria DM 30-09-1994 Ballarpur
9. Fr. Suresh V.C. 30-09-2012 Janampet

OCTOBER

1. Fr. Thomas Manickam CMI 24-10-2010 Kurianad
2. Sr. Catherine Francis ASMI 11-10-1988 Cherthala

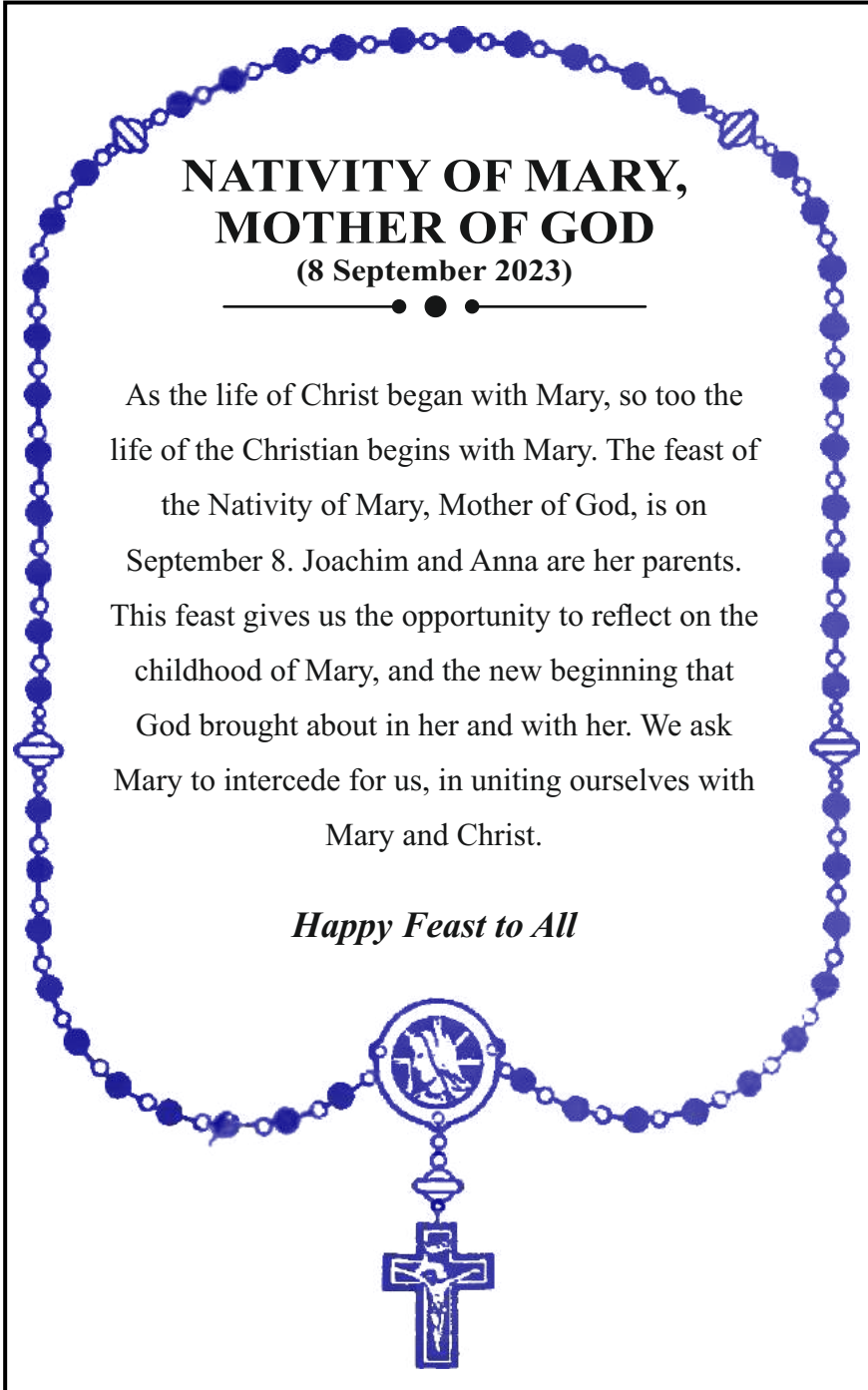
NOVEMBER

1. Fr. Felician Vadakumcherry CMI 09-11-1998 Bellampally
2. Sr. Borgia ASMI 11-11-1989 Allapally
3. Sr. Serine CHF 11-11-2014 Palakkad
4. Sr. Emil Mary Valummel SD 12-11-2018 Wardha
5. Sr. Rosy Puthuparampil FDSHJ 19-11-2021 Punnavelly
6. Fr. Jose Parayaruthottam CMI 20-11-1988 Ballarpur
7. Fr. Mathew Poovakulam CMI 23-11-1978 Ballarpur
8. Sr. (Dr.) Gabriel ASMI 26-11-2013 Rampur
9. Br. Chacko Urumbil CMI 28-11-2013 Koodathai

DECEMBER

1. Fr. George Joseph Vettukallupuram CMI 01-12-2008 Bellampally
2. Sr. Bonitus CMC 02-12-2000 Wardha
3. Sr. Neena Varghese CHF 04-12-2005 Palakkad
4. Fr. Chrisostom Thomas 06-12-2015 Pala
5. Sr. Pulcheria Eluvathingal CMC 06-12-2021 Choondal
6. Sr. Rose Mary ASMI 10-12-1989 Cherthala
7. Fr. Jomy Chakkalatharayil 16-12-2018 Chembalam
8. Sr. Lysa Rose FCC 17-12-2003 Kadukutty
9. Bro. Thomas Chakkunumpuram CMI 25-12-1973 Ballarpur
10. Bro. Chacko Pinakkatt CMI 29-12-1977 Ballarpur





**NATIVITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**
(8 September 2023)

As the life of Christ began with Mary, so too the life of the Christian begins with Mary. The feast of the Nativity of Mary, Mother of God, is on September 8. Joachim and Anna are her parents. This feast gives us the opportunity to reflect on the childhood of Mary, and the new beginning that God brought about in her and with her. We ask Mary to intercede for us, in uniting ourselves with Mary and Christ.

Happy Feast to All

XI. ON GOING FORMATION

| ADDRESS | COURSE | DATE |
|---|---|-------------------------------|
| NBCLC, Post Bag 8426, Hutchins Road, 2 nd Cross, Bangalore – 560084, India seminar@nbclcindia.in | New Evangelization Special Retreat (Priest & Religious) | October 02-07 (Mon-Sat) 2023 |
| 080-25472369NBCLC, Post Bag 8426, Hutchins Road, 2 nd Cross, Bangalore – 560084, India seminar@nbclcindia.in | Laity Seminar for Catechetical Formation | October 23-28 (Mon-Sat) 2023 |
| 080-25472369NBCLC, Post Bag 8426, Hutchins Road, 2 nd Cross, Bangalore – 560084, India seminar@nbclcindia.in 080-25472369 | (Laity in central India in Hindi) Laity Seminar “Lay Leaders to the fore” | November 14-22 (Tue-Wed) 2023 |

Quotes

“ *In the Sacred Heart, every treasure of wisdom and knowledge is hidden. In that divine heart beats God’s infinite love for everyone, for each one of us individually.* ”

– St. John Paul II

“ *The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father’s tenderness and love towards each of us.* ”

– Pope Francis