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MARTYR DEVASAHAYAM PILLAI
(CANONIZATION 15 MAY 2022)



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Fr. Bonis Karottukizhakkal CMI
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Agragami, Wardha
25-12-2021



Jubilee Celebrations
Carmelodaya, Wardha
05-02-2022



Jubilee Celebrations
Kripa Dham, Wardha
13-02-2022



Good Friday Pilgrimage
Lakkadaket
15-04-2022



Blessing of New Chapel
Santwadi, Mul
22-04-2022



Vestition
Carmelodaya, Wardha
23-04-2022

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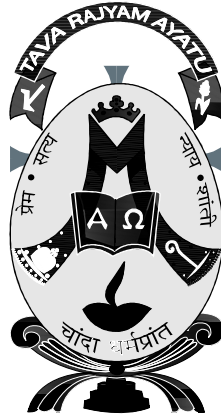
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Serve Nature...



Save Future...



Oh Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us.



In this year of Sacred Heart of Jesus everyone is requested to celebrate the feast (24 June or 26 June, Sunday) most solemnly in every parish and institution in the diocese. Consecration to Sacred Heart of Jesus, Holy hour, Eucharistic procession, Holy Qurbana etc... could befittingly mark the occasion. Please do whatever is feasible for each parish and institution.

Bp. Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

I. SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and My dear beloved people,

Thy Kingdom Come!

We are in the Diamond Jubilee Year (1962-2022). The Chanda Mission completes **SIXTY** years on 15 August 2022. Happy Jubilee Greetings to all. Once again we shall remember with gratitude all our missionaries who have tirelessly rendered their services for the mission in Chanda. We have planned different programs but all with a focus on spiritual renewal and social upliftment of the poor and the needy of the diocese. Deliberately we have avoided any extravaganza in celebrations and launched the following: Saturday Adoration in different stations for the whole year, *Jeevotsav*, a parish based retreat, Sixty houses for the most needy in the diocese etc. We also have planned a missionary gathering and thanksgiving Holy Qurbana on 05 October 2022 (Chanda Family Day). Eparchial Assembly also will have to be planned gradually. As the year is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus we shall celebrate the feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus (24 June or following Sunday 26 June) in parish/institution level in a most solemn way with Adoration, thanksgiving Qurbana, Eucharistic procession etc. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless us and guide us.

With good wishes to everyone
Your shepherd in the Lord



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Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

II. PASTORAL LETTER I

PL 7/ October 2023

DEVASAHAYAM PILLAI

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear faithful,

Thy Kingdom Come!

The canonization of Blessed Lazarus, popularly known as Devasahayam Pillai who was a Catholic for just seven years will be held at the Vatican on 15 May 2022. Pillai who had lived in the 18th century was a lay person who is believed to have attained Martyrdom upholding his faith. Pillai was an official in the court of the king of the erstwhile Travancore, the present Kerala State. He was born in a Hindu family and was introduced to Christianity by Dutch naval officer Captain De Lannoy during latter's stint as commander of the Travancore army under the king Marthanda Varma Pillai is believed to have been killed by the king for upholding the new faith. It is believed that he underwent brutal torture in the custody before getting executed.

Pillai was born on 23 April 1712 as Neelakanda Pillai, at Nattalam of Vilavancode taluk in the present district of kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu. His parents were Vasudevan Nambuthiri and Devaki Ammal. Pillai started his career with Travancore State as a soldier and later as an official of Neelakadaswamy temple at Padmanabhapuram. It was during his third job as a palace official he befriended De Lannoy and later became a Christian. Devasahayam was declared Blessed on 2 December 2012, at Kottar. His mortal remains are entombed near the altar inside St. Xavier's Church, Kottar, Nagarcoil.

Devasahayam Pillai will be the first lay Catholic in India to be publically recognized as a saint. He will be the sixth Indian born to

be declared saint in the Catholic Church. He is also the first Indian lay martyr to be canonized. On the day of his baptism Devasahayam dedicated himself solemnly to Christ: "No one forced me to come; I came by my own free will. I know my heart; He is my God. I have decided to follow him and will do so my whole life". His life was no longer the same; Devasahayam dedicated himself to the proclamation of the Gospel for four years. For accepting Christian faith, he was threatened, beaten, mistreated, imprisoned and tortured uninterruptedly for three years. He bore all the sufferings joyfully and for the love of his Lord Jesus. Despite his sufferings Devasahayam remained firm in his faith. His wife, Bhargavi Ammal too became Catholic and she took the name Gnanapoo Ammal (Theresa).

Devasahayam became very popular among people for his compassion for the people and truthfulness in character. As a result lots of people started to visit him wherever he was put in prison and the authorities decided to eliminate him secretly. So he was taken to a hill called Kattadimalai and shot dead and the body was thrown as food for wild animals. The people heard about his killing and discovered his mortal remains, collected them and buried them in front of the main altar of St. Francis Xavier Church, the present Cathedral of the diocese of Kottar. Ever since his death, the people have regarded him as a saint, frequenting the places connected to the martyr. Following the martyrdom of Devasahayam, wherever the martyr had been taken in chains, a large number of people accepted the gospel of Christ and became Christians. The life, ministry and the death of martyr Devasahayam played a pivotal role in accepting the lordship of Christ by many people of the interior villages.

As we consider the spirituality of Devasahayam Pillai, one is able to learn his zeal for evangelization. In a short span of seven years of being Christian (1745-1752) he showed a great zeal to live his faith and spread the gospel values. He had a passion for

evangelization. His exemplary spiritual devotion and the genuine spirit of catechism brought his wife and many others to Christian faith. He found ways and means to spread the Christian faith. The conviction of his Christian identity as a missionary – to be with him and to be sent out (Mk.3:15) – was deeply inter-woven his mission as a Christian. He spent hours in prayer to make his mission successful. He was fully immersed in the mission of spreading good news. He preached in season and out of season (2 Tim.4:2). He felt a quest to preach the gospel from the spirit of St. Paul; “Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel”(1 Cor.9:16).

In our times, the spirit filled enthusiasm of Devasahayam Pillai is a great model for our ministry of evangelization. As it was at his time, so too today evangelization is a challenge. He was ready to undergo trails, temptation, and torture for the sake of the gospel (2Cor.4:8-10, 2Tim.2:9, Acts.22:22). In one sense he personified the missionary zeal of St. Paul (Philip.1:21). Devasahayam Pillai considered the torture and persecution as moments of witness to Christ. He sided with the poor and the people of low status in the society. He was convinced of the equality of all people. He broke the caste laws and mingled freely with the people of the low castes and became one among them. He is a great model for us even today. We shall resolve to follow his footsteps in our prayer life, evangelization and the love for the poor and the marginalized, and above all to accept 'suffering' for the sake of Christ.

Blessed Devasahayam Pillai, Pray for us.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus



† Ephrem Nariculam

Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

St. Devasahaym Pillai

- Original Name : Neelakanda Pillai
- Baptismal Name : Lazarus (God has helped)
- Born : 23 April 1712
- Baptism : 1745
- Native Place : Nattalam, Kanyakumari Dt. T.N
- Died : 14 January 1752
- Age : 39
- Servant of God : 1993
- Beatification : 2 December 2012 (Nagarcoil)
- Canonization : 15 May 2022 (Vatican, Rome)
- Feast : 14 January



PATRON'S DAY

Our Dear Bishopji celebrates his Patron's day on June 09. Let us specially pray for God's choicest blessings on our Bishopji on the special day. Chanda Family wishes a HAPPY FEAST.

Poet, Teacher, Orator, and defender of the faith, St. Ephrem is the only Syrian recognized as a doctor of the Church. He took upon himself the special task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant at his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Church. St. Ephrem, patron of spiritual directors and spiritual leaders, pray for us...



**BP. EPHREM NARICULAM
(DIOCESE OF CHANDA)**

PASTORAL LETTER II

PRAYER LIFE OF PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours” (MK. 11:24).

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

Thy Kingdom Come!

“Be persistent in prayer and keeping alert as you pray, giving thanks to God” (Col. 4:2).

A priest or a religious as an ambassador of Christ is “called and sent” (Mk.3:14) to be a person of God/prayer. For him or her prayer is not 'a part of the day but the heart of the day.' Our life becomes 'worth living' when it is rooted in prayer (Col.2:7) and bearing fruits of the gifts of the Holy Spirit(Gal.5:22-23). The evangelists articulate beautifully in the pages of the gospels 'how Jesus prayed' (Mt.4:1, 2, 12, 8:6, 18, 17, 1Jn.18: 1) etc. Christ spent hours during the day and night in prayer. The apostles and the saints followed the suit. We, the priests and religious, as his missionaries are called to a life of prayer. Prayer first, the rest later, makes our life the best!

Generally prayer is understood as our communication with God - listening and talking. St. Augustine reminds us: “whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst and ours”. However, prayer is more meaningful when it is understood as life in the presence of God or the divine - a God consciousness. Thus, prayer has a wider spectrum of meaning. It is restricted neither to space nor to time. It goes beyond from a text, postures or styles to a great opportunity of communion with God and with one another. Indeed such communion is the core experience of prayer. Here the awareness of the presence of God inspire and introduce one to self-

absorption to the divine to serve the neighbour in love, truth, justice and peace. There is serenity within oneself and sensitivity with others. It is prayer in words, prayer in action and prayer in the Spirit. It is, indeed, a comprehensive approach to praying that instills in a person to open his/her potentiality to live ones' life fully, active and alive. It is an experience of the soul to the core where one's life becomes simple, humble and exemplary. For a genuine experience of prayer – space, time, posture, manner, text, location, situation/context are immaterial. However, they add taste to prayer depending on our aptitude, attitude and ones' own personal disposition. As priests and religious, engaged in missionary activities and social apostolates, living in parishes or religious communities, there are four dimensions of prayer that make better our commitment to Christ and the Church to witness our life itself as a means of evangelization. They are (i) our personal prayer (ii) our community prayer (iii) our prayer with the people and (iv) our prayer for the people:

- i. Personal prayer: “Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself”- St. Mother Theresa. Jesus had the practice of praying alone in vigils, on mountains and in lonely places (Mt.4:1, 26:36etc.). Personal prayer is an interaction with the divine in mutuality where God awareness in and around is deepened and self esteem in the presence of God is evaluated to become better and set out to serve God and others in a deeper sense of satisfaction. It is making oneself available to God freely to form and transform oneself according to the divine plan. It keeps one feel good and available for any service irrespective of personal likes and dislikes. It helps one to develop the practice of virtues for a better spiritual growth and social human relations.
- ii. Community prayer: “By prayer, community is created as well as expressed”- Henri Nouwen. Those living in community – small

or big - must come together a few times a day for common prayers - Church prayers/yamaprarthanakal, special prayers or prayer service of spontaneous nature (Mt.18:20, Acts.1:12-14). Such common prayers are important to foster community spirit and team work. It inculcates family atmosphere in the communities - parishes, institutions or religious communities. Strengthening one another, empowering the weak, creating opportunities for mutual sharing etc. are the fruits of such practices. How great is that those live under the same roof come together in praise of God in the union of hearts. It cements mutual collaboration and coordination of community activities.

- iii. Prayer with the people: It is a different experience when we pray with the people/boarders/inmates in our institutions; they are our target group of our mission and ministry. For them we live and their well-being is our joy. To be with them not only make our life happy but also theirs as well. They feel honored. Their self-esteem graph is raised. They become effective and efficient in building up the society/community/parish. Indeed, it can become a step in nation building, besides harmony in the family. They become more productive, loveable, and serviceable to the society and world at large. They help to prevail peace and harmony in the society.
- iv. Prayer for the people: “Your prayer for someone may or may not change them, but it always changes you”- Craig Groeschel. To pray for our people or those entrusted to our care is our duty. They value it greatly. In chapter 17 of St. John we read how Jesus prayed for his disciples “I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you

gave me, so that they may be one as we are one” (Jn.17: 9-11). “My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth” (Jn. 17: 15-17). Know that we pray for our people have a tremendous effect of conversion and transformation in them. We shall resolve to do it faithfully.

So dear, Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, we shall take our prayer life sincerely and seriously. The personal prayer, liturgy of the Hours in community/group, the special prayers etc, not only make our life better but also increases and fortify our harmony among ourselves. It is a great self witness of our commitment to Christ, who has called us and sent us to the mission that we are involved in now. All our activities become effective and witnessing by our prayer life. I convey you all my good wishes.

I pray because I believe in the power of prayer.

I pray because I have no doubt that God has answered my prayers.

I pray because God allowed me to wake up to see another day.

No matter what others think or say... I WILL PRAY.

God bless you

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus



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Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

PASTORAL LETTER III

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear faithful,

Thy Kingdom Come!

He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach, and to have authority to drive out demons” (Mk.3:14-15).

Jesus called his disciples “to be with him and to be sent out”. With a goal of “self denial” that the disciples were called and trained (Mt.19:29). Everyone who follow Jesus closely in ministerial priesthood and religious life is invited to take a narrow path and hardships in life (Mt.7:14) and to be at the service of the Church for a any job, anytime, and anywhere. A total availability at service of God irrespective of one's likes and dislikes, aptitude and attitudes, positions and aspirations is the characteristic trait of Christian vocation to priesthood and religious life(1Pet.4:10-11, Mt.6:33-34, Phil.2:1-4, Heb.3:1, 12:1-2). Are we aware of this radical call and commitment of our vocation?

Every year the second Sunday of May is set aside as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This year it falls on Sunday 8 May 2022. The purpose of the world day of prayer for vocations is to publically recognize vocations in all its forms. Many parishes and religious institutions commemorate this day with prayer for vocations and vocation promotion events. I request everyone to celebrate the day befittingly so as to create an awareness of vocation. It is our duty to present before people our vocation as a free gift of God and how much that we value it. Our fidelity, sincerity, and seriousness that we care for our vocation matter great for us and for the people. Encourage people to pray for priests and religious, as well as for

more vocations in the Church.

In the 2021 message for world day of prayer for vocations, Pope Francis invites us to be faithful in our closeness to God and to the neighbor as a foundation for joy to feel our vocation to the core. How good it would be if the same atmosphere, simple and radiant, sober and hopeful, were to pervade in our seminaries, religious houses and presbyteries. Holy Spirit stir within us the passion to promote vocations to priesthood and religious life and it is the mission of the Church. They are the pillars around which evolve Church's mission, for, they take the role of animation to raise lay leadership indeed vocation promotion itself is a great mission of the Church.

Promotion of vocation to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood and permanent diaconate are of paramount importance in continuance of the mission of Christ in the world today. Par with it is also very important the vocation to consecrated single life. One should be at knees to respond to one's call with boundless compassion abundant generosity, and radical availability. Everyone should remember each one's baptismal call to rouse our inner core to invite the next generation to hear and respond to God's call. The parents, families and ecclesial ministers to begin dialogue with the youngsters to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service. Provide opportunities and motivate discerners to learn more about monastic life, apostolic life, missionaries, cloistered contemplative life and evangelical life.

“Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us” (Pope Francis, message for the 50th world day of prayer for vocations). Embracing this promise naturally demands the cause to risk making a decision. The first disciples called by Jesus to be part of something greater, “immediately left their net and followed him” (Mk.1: 18).

Responding to the Lord's call involves putting ourselves on the line and facing a great challenge. It means being ready to leave behind whatever would keep us tied to our little boat and prevent us from making a definitive choice. We are called to be bold and decisive in seeking God's plan for our lives. Gazing out at the vast "ocean" of vocation, we can't remain content to repair our nets on the boat that gives us security, but must trust instead in the Lord's promise. The Christian life thus finds expression in those directions to our personal journey; also contribute to the growth of God's kingdom in our world.

The life of consecrated person is a great means in the process of vocation promotion. Only missionary commitment, priestly or religious joy in the mission, the virtues like hard work, availability, holiness, obedience, prayer, humility, generosity etc. add beauty in vocation promotion in local level. They are not only witness of our missionary charisma but also expression of our filial affection and response to Christ who has called us to this mission.

So dear Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters, we shall live our vocation fruitfully and faithfully so as our life be a beacon of light inviting many to follow Christ closely accepting vocation to priesthood and/or religious life. May I request everyone to do whatever is feasible to keep the World Prayer Day for Vocations i.e. 8th May 2022, to be worth encouraging and motivating to the youth and children in the parishes to listen to God's call from within. Thanking everyone for your presence and service in the mission.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus



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Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

III. CIRCULAR

CIRCULAR – 01/2022

04 February 2022

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

Sub: Holy Childhood Day 2022

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

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

Since 2018 Holy Childhood Association is functioning in our diocese. It is already established in most parishes and few more have to take initiative to start it in their parishes. I earnestly request those parishes to start its functioning as early as possible. As we know it is a pious association for children of twelve and below on age. However we have decided to include all children up to grade X in the association. The motto of the Association is:

CHILDREN EVANGELIZING CHILDREN,
CHILDREN PRAYING FOR CHILDREN, AND
CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN WORLDWIDE.

It aims at helping children to grow in missionary zeal from the early years of their Christian formation. They get a Christian discipline and a sense of discipleship of Christ by their weekly prayers and other organizational activities. As diocesan director Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil is doing different activities to create the awareness in our children to use their talents and revive their faith. Twenty-five days of practice of virtues and devotional activities during the season of Annunciation in the past years were well

received and appreciated by many. During Covid season some online programmes for children were also conducted with children's participation. I am sure that all these activities will assist our children to keep their devotion to Babe Jesus active and alive. In turn, certainly it will refresh their faith and make it witnessing. Please do continue it and thanks to Fr. Vivek for all his initiatives.

Sunday 13 February 2022 is Holy Childhood Day this year. Please announce it in the Church and conduct any celebration that is feasible under Covid protocol. A prayer service prepared by Pontifical Mission Organization is attached herewith. Please use it adapting to our Sunday liturgy on Holy Childhood Day. I thank everyone for your co-operation and sincere efforts.

With warm regards

Yours devotedly in Our Lord



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Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda



INFORMATION
CHANGE OF NAME

The regent brother in SVG, Bamni until now known Bro. Lijo Kurangattu henceforth will be known Bro. Louis Kurangattu in ecclesial circles. Please kindly note in your correspondences and contacts.

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CIRCULAR – 02/2022

17 February 2022

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

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

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

I wish to bring home to your attention the following for your prayer and reflection:

The menace of Covid is gradually subsiding and I hope we will be free of it in the near future. Somehow we have to learn to live with, it is the reading of many experts. We shall hope for the good.

The socio-religious and political situation in our country is changing drastically. Our mission and ministries are going to face more challenges in the near future. We shall be prepared for it. Kindly be patient enough to deal with different situations with prudence and tolerance. We shall be united in mind, heart, and goal in marching ahead in accomplishing the mission of Christ.

The laws connected to societies, public trusts, FCRA registration, 12A registration etc. have become strict these days and we may have to face it's repercussions in our missionary activities. Please be double careful and extra cautious to deal with them and keep the transparency of accounts meticulously correct and right. Simultaneously we are called to pay extra care with regard to change reports, receipts and payments, TDS, audit of accounts, change of signatory in bank accounts etc.

Ever since the outbreak of Covid we are facing a great financial crunch in the diocese. Somehow we could manage until now, but there is a shadow over our social apostolates in the future. The availability of CNEWA subsidy for boardings seems to be very doubtful in the years ahead. We may have to manage our boardings with local resource mobilization. We will have to think collectively

and find some way out. By all means we will have to cut short the size in number of boarders, and the rest do whatever is feasible to continue our mission of boarding in the diocese as it is an important and useful mission that we are involved in. It is high time that we avail every means to make each station self-supporting by finding individual benefactors for the station, improving agricultural income, reducing unnecessary expenses including fuel expense for vehicle etc. From the part of the diocese viable measures will be sought to support the stations for daily maintenance. We have to introduce more mutual support schemes among our own stations and institutions like the salary challenge schemes. We shall reflect and work together to find solutions.

Renovation drive of our buildings need to be continued and formation of corpus fund for different needs in the diocese has to be focused with urgency. We have to continue to start new missions and *ad gentes* ministries as well. Please think creatively to give suggestions and proposals.

In this Jubilee year we have a plan to launch a housing project (60 houses) for our people. It is still in the initial stage. What is meant is to find some resources and also each institution/parish in the diocese do take the initiative to do the best to help our people.

Ever since the inception of the diocese our focus was on evangelization. We have done it faithfully for the past sixty years, thanks to the pioneering CMI missionaries for their invaluable share. In the diamond jubilee year we shall revamp our commitment to the mission. We shall be united in our mission and help one another to march ahead with vigour and enthusiasm for the great the mission of evangelization in the harmony of hearts and unity of goal. I exhort everyone to co-operate with one another to achieve our goal and accomplish our missions.



With warm regards
Yours devotedly in Our Lord

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Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

CIRCULAR – 03/2022

25 March 2022

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

Sub: On Russia – Ukraine Crisis

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

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

The Russia-Ukraine war elapsed one month since it started. The distress of the people, the loss of life and colossal damage to basic infrastructures and essential services are still continuing unabated. The number of refugees to the neighboring countries have crossed three millions. A great number of students and civilians from other countries including India were evacuated. Pope Francis and many other world leaders have repeatedly made efforts for peace and amicable solutions. Nothing bore any fruit. A further aggravation of crisis is averted only because of the restraining of world powers. We are very well aware of the hardships and sufferings of the people of these two countries, especially of Ukraine. I am sure we are intensely praying for a peaceful settlement for this crisis ever since it's beginning. Now the Holy Father Pope Francis is inviting us to pray more intensely for this cause to prevail peace in the world. He is inviting us to join him in an Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Feast of the Annunciation, Friday, March 25, 2022 at 9.30 PM IST (today). Wherever possible, please gather in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

and do this Act of Consecration. On Sunday next, 27 March 2022 after Sunday Holy Qurbana please conduct also a holy hour. If it is inconvenient, please do it any time of the day on Sunday. In this holy season of Lent let us make a consolidated effort with prayer for peace in Ukraine as our concerted campaign: Praying, making acts of penance, and showing care to the needy. May God bless everyone of you.

Wish you all A HAPPY FEAST of Annunciation.

With warm regards
Yours devotedly in Our Lord



† Ephrem Nariculam,
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda



Congratulations...



Hearty Congratulations to Fr. Ajish Kumbukkal for securing MBA with First Class. He holds the second rank in the University of Manchester, UK.

Chanda Family

IV. BISHOP'S DIARY

JANUARY 2022

1. AM. Concelebrated Church consecration of St. Mary's Church, Moozhikulam in Ernakulam-Angamaly archdiocese.
PM. Offered Requim High Holy Qurbana at St. Joseph's Church, Sanjopuram
2. AM. Offered Feast Holy Qurbana at St. Mary's Church Elavoor.
PM. Blessed a marriage at St. Augustian Church, Kuzhuppilly.
4. Participated meeting of bishops of the diocese started by CMI missionaries in northern India with CMI General team and Provincials, at Chavara hills, Kakkanad.
- 7-15 Attended Synod of bishops' at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad.
22. Blessed a marriage at Perambra parish in Irinjalakuda diocese.
23. Offered Holy Qurbana at St. Joseph's Forane Church at Vaikom for the feast.
27. Attended in zoom Western Region Social Service Forum meeting.
28. Met with the Provincial Superior of Congregation of Missions (CM).
29. Ordained to holy priesthood Dn. Satyam Buddhiwan Bawane CM at Aksapur parish.

FEBRUARY 2022

- 16-18 Presided over PPT meeting at Bp's Home.
17. Offered Holy Qurbana at Dilasagaram for the Silver Jubilee of Sr. Daya SHSp.
19. Offered Holy Qurbana at Kalmana convent for the Silver Jubilee of Sr. Moly FHGS.

21. Met with Archbishop Victor Henry Thakur, at archbishop's House, Raipur.
22. Attended Episcopal ordination of Bp. Antonio Bara, the new bishop of Ambikapur at Cathedral Ambikapur.
24. Offered Qurbana at cenacle, Ashram, Bilaspur.
25. Blessed grotto at Alphonsa Niketan Novitaite, Wardha
26. AM Offered Holy Qurbana at Euphrasia Bhavan, Palloti, Wardha.
- PM Presided over X class students farewell meeting at St. Antony's National School, Wardha.
27. Offered holy Qurbana for Apanolsav of Wardha Parish.
28. Presided over Holy Qurbana for Ash day service at Cathedral parish and attended 40 hours Adoration.

MARCH 2022

1. Along with other missionaries attended "Diamond Jubilee missionary orientation Talk" by Bp. Prince Panengaden of Adilabad diocese at Cathedral, BPQ 40 Hours adoration continued for the second day.
Sr. Teena SSS, the Superior General and Sr. Prabha FCC, the Provincial Superior met with Bishop in the Bishop's Home.
2. Presided over Eucharistic procession at the conclusion of 40 Hours adoration at Cathedral, BPQ
3. Sr. Philomina CSC, the Provincial Superior met with Bishop at Bishop's Home.
Sr. Reeta DM, the Provincial Superior met with the bishop at Bishop's Home.
Fr. Aickaraparambil CMI, the Vicar Provincial of Kottayam Province met with the Bishop at Bishop's Home.

6. Offered Holy Qurbana at Ghugus in connection with the sent off meeting of Sr. Jessy FHGS (Provincial elected) and Sr. Clara FHGS (Procurator & 4th Councilor elected) of FHGS Congregation.
- 7-9 Animated Deacon pastoral orientation programme at Bishop's Home.
11. Officiated funeral service of Fr. PrasannaBhai at CMI Moovattupuzha, Vazhakulam.
12. Presided over Silver Jubilee celebration of Cement Nagar School, Ghugus.
13. Sr. Genebibha DW Daughters of Wisdom (Montfort Sisters) Provincial met with bishop at Bishop's Home.
24. Blessed grotto at Kshijit campus, Jame.
28. Participated sacerdotal golden Jubilee celebration of BP. Joseph Kunnath CMI at Ephatha Retreat center, Rebenna. Bishop offered offering of the Dead for the repose of soul of Bp. Januarius CMI at his tomb in cathedral, BPQ.
29. Sr. Elsinia the provincial Superior of SH Province, Thamarassery met with bishop at Bp's Home.
31. Attended monthly recollection for diocesan priests at Bishop's Home.

APRIL 2022

10. Animated Palm Sunday service at Sindasur and Gajamandi.
12. Presided over Holy Muron Qurbana at Cathedral, BPQ
14. Presided over Maundy Thursday service for Syro Malabar Parish community, Nagpur
15. Presided over Good Friday service at Sumthana parish. In the evening he gave final blessing for Calvarigiri good Friday pilgrimage at Lakkadakot.

- 17. Presided over Easter vigil and Easter Holy Qurbana at Cathedral BPQ.
- 21. Offered Requiem Holy Qurbana for the repose of the souls of Fr. Prasanna Bhai CMI, Fr. Canisius Kachiramattam CMI. At CMI Marthoma Provincial House Chapel, Bamini.
- 23. Presided over vestition nad profession Holy Qurbana at Carmalodaya (CMC) Provincial House, Wardha.



PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for our Deacons.....



Dn. Pramod Godselwar

(Diocese of Miao)

Date of Ordination : 07th May 2022
 Venue : Tera Prem Church,
 Warur
 Time : 04.00 PM

Dn. Gregory (Priju) Puthenpurackal

Date of Ordination: 18th May 2022
 Venue: St. Mary's Church, Kelamangalam
 Time : 09.00 AM



Dn. Abraham (Joby) Illimoottil

Date of Ordination: 19th May 2022
 Venue: St. Benedict's Church, Slevamala
 Time : 09.00 AM



V. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

MAY

- 1 Solemn Holy Communion, Qurbana, St. Antony Church, Wardha
- 1-13 Major Seminarians' Gathering, SVG, New Daheli
- 7 Priestly ordination, Warur
- 11 Final Profession SAB, Sumthana
- 14 Minor orders & vestition and First death anniversary of Fr. Lawrence Burle - Cathedral, BPQ
- 18 Priestly ordination, Kelamangalam, Changanassery.
- 19 Priestly ordination, Slevamala, Idukki diocese.
- 21 First Holy Communion, Vennala
- 25 Golden Jubilee of Jagadalpur diocese,
- 31 Vestition, SJB Provincial House, Wardha

JUNE

- 7 Monthly recollection for priests and men religious – online
- 12 Jubilee & Blessing, Ashti.
- 13-17 Deacons' Orientation Programme, BPQ
- 20 July 31 Canada

AUGUST

- 3 Monthly recollection, diocesan priests
- 4 Vianney day, SVG, Daheli
- 9 Diamond Jubilee mission seminar, Tukum
- 11 MSMI Diamond Jubilee, Provincial House, Wardha
- 13 CSA meeting
- 14 First Death anniversary of Fr. Joseph Kozhikothickal
- 16-27 Synod of Bishop, Mount St. Thomas Kakanad
- 31 Missionary Conference, BPQ

OCTOBER

- 5 Chanda Family day. Chanda – Adilabad missionary gathering in connection with the Diamond Jubilee of Chanda mission, BPQ

VI. VATICAN CORRESPONDENCES

HOLY CHRISM MASS

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

Holy Thursday, 14 April 2022

In the reading from the Prophet Isaiah that we have heard, the Lord makes a promise full of hope, one that concerns us at first hand: “You shall be called priests of the Lord; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God... I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them” (61:6.8). Being priests, dear brothers, is a grace, a very great grace, yet it is not primarily a grace for us, but for our people. [1] The fact that the Lord chooses, from among his flock, some who devote themselves exclusively to the care of his flock as fathers and shepherds is a great gift for our people. The Lord himself pays the priest's salary: “I will faithfully give them their recompense” (Is 61:8). And, as we all know, he is a good paymaster, even if he has his own particular way of doing things, like paying the last ones before first ones: this is his way. The reading from the Book of Revelation tells us what the Lord's recompense is. It is his love and the unconditional forgiveness of our sins at the price of his blood shed on the Cross: “He loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father” (1:5-6). There is no recompense greater than friendship with Jesus, do not forget this. There is no peace greater than his forgiveness, and we all know that. There is no greater price than his precious Blood, and we must not allow it to be devalued by unworthy conduct.

If we think about it, dear brother priests, the Lord is inviting us to be faithful to him, to be faithful to his covenant, and to let ourselves be loved and forgiven by him. They are invitations addressed to us, so that in this way we can serve, with a clear conscience, the holy and faithful people of God. Our people

deserve this and they need it. The Gospel of Luke tells us that, after Jesus read the passage from the prophet Isaiah in the presence of his townspeople and sat down, “the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him” (4:20). The Book of Revelation also speaks to us today of eyes fixed on Jesus. It speaks of the irresistible attraction of the crucified and risen Lord that leads us to acknowledge and worship him: “Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, everyone who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so.

Amen!” (1:7). The ultimate grace, at the return of the risen Lord, will be that of immediate recognition. We will see him and his wounds. We will recognize who he is, and who we are, as poor sinners.

“Fixing our eyes on Jesus” is a grace that we, as priests, need to cultivate. At the end of the day, we do well to gaze upon the Lord, and to let him gaze upon our hearts and the hearts of all those whom we have encountered. Not as an accounting of our sins, but as a loving act of contemplation, in which we review our day with the eyes of Jesus, seeing its graces and gifts, and giving thanks for all that he has done for us. But also to set before him our temptations, so as to acknowledge them and reject them. As we can see, this requires knowing what is pleasing to the Lord and what it is that he is asking of us here and now, at this point in our lives.

And perhaps, if we meet his gracious gaze, he will also help us to show him our idols. The idols that, like Rachel, we have hidden under the folds of our cloak (cf. Gen 31: 34-35). Allowing the Lord to see those hidden idols - we all have them; all of us! - and to strengthen us against them and takes away their power.

The Lord's gaze makes us see that, through them we are

really glorifying ourselves [2], for there, in those spaces we mark out as exclusively ours, the devil insinuates himself with his poison. He not only makes us self-complacent, giving free rein to one passion or nurturing another, but he also leads us to *replace* with those idols *the presence of the divine Persons, the Father, the Son and the Spirit* who dwell within us. This happens. Even though we might tell ourselves that we know perfectly well the difference between God and an idol, in practice we take space away from the Trinity in order to give it to the devil, in a kind of oblique worship. The worship of one who quietly yet constantly listens to his talk and consumes his products, so that in the end not even a little corner remains for God. He is like that, he works quietly and slowly. In another context I spoke about “educated” demons, those that Jesus said are worse than the one who was cast out. They are “polite”, they ring the bell, they enter and gradually take over the house. We must be careful, these are our idols.

There is something about idols that is personal. When we fail to unmask them, when we do not let Jesus show us that in them we are wrongly and unnecessarily seeking ourselves, we make room for the Evil One. We need to remember that the devil demands that we do his will and that we serve him, but he does not always ask us to serve him and worship him constantly; but beware, he is a great diplomat. Receiving our worship from time to time is enough for him to prove that he is our real master and that he can feel like a god in our life and in our heart.

Having said that, in this Chrism Mass, I want to share with you three spaces of hidden idolatry in which the Evil One uses our idols to weaken us in our vocation as shepherds and, little by little, *separate us from the benevolent and loving presence of Jesus, the Spirit and the Father.*

One space of hidden idolatry opens up wherever there is *spiritual worldliness*, which is “a proposal of life, a culture, a culture of the ephemeral, of appearances, of the cosmetic”. [3] Its criterion is triumphalism, a triumphalism without the cross. Jesus prayed that the Father would defend us against this culture of worldliness. This temptation of glory without the cross runs contrary to the very person of the Lord, it runs contrary to Jesus, who humbled himself in the incarnation and, as a sign of contradiction, is our sole remedy against every idol. Being poor with Christ who was poor and “chose to be poor”: this is the mindset of Love; nothing else. In today's Gospel, we see how the Lord chose a simple synagogue in the small village where he spent most of his life, to proclaim the same message he will proclaim at the end of time, when he will come in his glory, surrounded by angels. Our eyes must be fixed on Christ, on the concrete reality of his history with me, now, even as they will be then. The worldly attitude of seeking our own glory robs us of the presence of Jesus, humble and humiliated, the Lord who draws near to everyone, the Christ who suffers with all who suffer, who is worshiped by our people, who know who his true friends are. A worldly priest is nothing more than a clericalized pagan.

A second space of hidden idolatry opens up with the kind of pragmatism where *numbers become the most important thing*. Those who cherish this hidden idol can be recognized by their love for *statistics*, numbers that can depersonalize every discussion and appeal to the majority as the definitive criterion for discernment; this is not good. This cannot be the sole method or criterion for the Church of Christ. Persons cannot be “numbered”, and God does not “measure out” his gift of the Spirit (cf. *Jn 3:34*). In this fascination with and love of numbers, we are really seeking ourselves, pleased with the control offered us by this way of

thinking, unconcerned with individual faces and far from love. One feature of the great saints is that they know how to step back in order to leave room completely for God. This stepping back, this forgetting of ourselves and wanting to be forgotten by everyone else, is the mark of the Spirit, who is in some sense “faceless”, - the Spirit is “faceless” - simply because he is completely Love, illuminating the image of the Son and, in him, that of the Father. The idolatry of numbers tries to replace the person of the Holy Spirit, who loves to keep hidden - because he is “faceless” - it tries to make everything “apparent”, albeit in a way abstract and reduced to numbers, without a real incarnation.

A third space of hidden idolatry, related to the second, comes from *functionalism*. This can be alluring; many people “are more enthusiastic about the roadmap than about the road”. The functionalist mindset has short shrift for mystery; it aims at efficiency. Little by little, this idol replaces the Father's presence within us. The first idol replaces the Son's presence, the second one the Spirit's, and the third one the Father's. Our Father is the creator, but not simply a creator who makes things “function”. He “creates” us, as our Father, with tender love, caring for his creatures and working to make men and women ever more free. “Functionaries” take no delight in the graces that the Spirit pours out on his people, from which they too can “be nourished” like the worker who earns his wage. The priest with a functionalist mindset has his own nourishment, which is his ego. In functionalism, we set aside the worship of the Father in the small and great matters of our life and take pleasure in the efficiency of our own programmes. As David did when, tempted by Satan, he insisted on carrying out the census (cf. *1 Chron* 21:1). These are the lovers of the route plan and the itinerary, and not of the journey itself.

In these last two spaces of hidden idolatry (the pragmatism of numbers and functionalism), we replace hope, which is the space of encounter with God, with empirical results. This shows an attitude of vainglory on the part of the shepherd, an attitude that weakens the union of his people with God and forges a new idol based on numbers and programmes: the idol of “my power, our power”, [4] our programmes, of our numbers and pastoral plans. Concealing these idols (as Rachel did), and not knowing how to unmask them in our daily lives, detracts from our fidelity to our priestly covenant and makes our personal relationship with the Lord become lukewarm. But what does this Bishop want? Instead of talking about Jesus he is talking about today's idols.

Someone can think like that...

Dear brothers, Jesus is the only “way” to avoid being mistaken in knowing what we feel and where our heart is leading us. He is the only way that leads to proper discernment, as we measure ourselves against him each day. It is as if, even now, he is seated in our parish church and tells us that today all we have heard is now fulfilled. Jesus Christ, as a sign of contradiction – which is not always something harsh and painful, for mercy and, even more, tender love, are themselves signs of contradiction – Jesus Christ, I repeat, forces these idols to show themselves, so that we can see their presence, their roots and the ways they operate, and allow the Lord to destroy them. This is the proposal: allow the Lord to destroy those hidden idols. We should keep these things in mind and be attentive, lest the weeds of these idols that we were able to hide in the folds of our hearts may spring up anew.

I want to end by asking Saint Joseph, as the chaste father, free of hidden idols, to liberate us from every form of possessiveness, for possessiveness is the fertile soil in which these idols grow.

May he also obtain for us the grace to persevere in the arduous task of discerning those idols that we all too often conceal or that conceal themselves. Let us ask too, whenever we wonder if we might do things better, that he intercede for us, so that the Spirit may enlighten our judgement, even as he did when Joseph was tempted to set Mary aside “quietly” (*lathra*). In this way, with nobility of heart, we may be able to subordinate to charity what we have learned by law. [5]

1. For the ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood. The Lord has chosen certain men “in order that they might exercise the priestly office publically *on behalf of men and women* in the name of Christ” (SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Decree on the Life and Ministry of Priests [Presbyterorum Ordinis](#), 2; cf. Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium](#), 10). “Ministers, invested with a sacred power, are at the service of their brothers and sisters” ([Lumen Gentium](#), 18).
2. Cf. [General Audience, 1 August 2018](#).
3. [Homily, Mass at the Domus Sanctae Marthae, 16 May 2020](#).
4. J. M. BERGOGLIO, *Meditaciones para religiosos*, Bilbao, Mensajero, 2014, 145.
5. Cf. Apostolic Letter [Patris Corde](#), 4, note 18.



Quotes

“ We the Christians are the true Israel which springs from Christ, for we are carved out of his Heart as from a rock. ”

– St. Justin Martyr

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY (Communication from the Congregation for the clergy, Rome)

Vatican City, 19 March 2022

Prot. n. 220083

Dear Priests,

Here we are, two priests and brothers of yours! May we ask for a moment of your time? We would like to talk to you about a topic that touches us all.

"The Church of God is convoked in Synod." The preparatory document for Synod 2021/2023 begins with these words. For two years the entire People of God is invited to reflect on the theme "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission". This is a novelty that can arouse enthusiasm as well as perplexity.

Yet "in the first millennium, 'walking together, that is, practicing synodality, was the Church's habitual way of proceeding." The Second Vatican Council highlighted this dimension of ecclesial life, so important that St. John Chrysostom affirmed: "Church and Synod are synonymous" (Explicatio in Psalmum 149).

It is well known that today's world is in urgent need of fraternity. Without realizing it, the world yearns to meet Jesus, But how do we make this encounter happen? We need to listen to the Spirit together with the whole People of God, so as to renew our faith and find new ways and languages to share the Gospel with our brothers and sisters. The synodal process that Pope Francis proposes to us has precisely this objective: to set out, together, in mutual listening in sharing ideas and projects, to show the true face of the Church: a hospitable "house", with open doors, inhabited by the Lord and animated by fraternal relationships.

So that we do not fall into the risks highlighted by Pope Francis—that is, formalism, which reduces the Synod to an empty

slogan: intellectualism, which makes the Synod a theoretical reflection on problems, and immobilism, nailing us to the security of our habits so that nothing changes - it is important to open our hearts and listen to what the Spirit suggests to the Churches (cf. Rev. 2:7).

Obviously, in the face of this journey, some fears may assail us.

First of all, we are well aware that priests in many parts of the world are already carrying a great pastoral burden. And now - it may seem-one more thing to do is added. Rather than inviting you to multiply your activities, we would like to encourage you to look at your communities with that contemplative gaze of which Pope Francis speaks to us in *Erregelat gaudium* (no. 71) so as to discover the many examples of participation and sharing that are already taking root in your communities. In fact, the current diocesan phase of the synodal process aims to "gather the wealth of experiences of lived synodality" (Preparatory Document, 31). We are certain that there are many more of these experiences than what might appear at first glance, perhaps even informal and spontaneous experiences. Wherever we listen deeply to each other, learn from each other, value the gifts of others, help each other and make decisions together, there is already synodality in action. All this should be emphasized and appreciated, so as to increasingly develop that synodal style which is "the specific *modus vivendi et operandi* of the Church, the People of God" (Preparatory Document, 10).

But there may also be another fear: if so much emphasis is placed on the common priesthood of the baptized and on the *sensus fidei* of the People of God, what will become of our role as leaders and of our specific identity as ordained ministers? Without a doubt, it is a matter of progressively discovering the fundamental equality of all the baptized and of stimulating all the faithful to participate actively in the journey and mission of the Church. In this way we will have the joy of finding brothers and

sisters who share with us the responsibility for evangelization. But in this experience of the People of God, the special charism of ordained ministers to serve, sanctify and animate the People of God can and should also come to the fore in a new way.

In this sense, we would like to ask you to make a threefold contribution to the current synodal process:

- Do everything so that the journey rests on listening to and living the Word of God. Pope Francis thus recently exhorted us, "let us be passionate about Sacred Scripture, let us allow ourselves to be dug into by the Word, which reveals the newness of God and leads to loving others without tiring" (Francis, Homily for Word of God Sunday, January 23, 2022).

Without this grounding in the life of the Word, we risk walking in the dark and our reflections risk becoming an ideology. Instead, by basing ourselves on the Word put into practice, we will build the house on rock (cf. Mt 7:24-27) and we will be able to experience, like the disciples of Emmaus, the surprising light and guidance of the Risen Lord.

- Let us strive to ensure that our journey is marked by mutual listening and mutual acceptance. Even before any concrete results, deep dialogue and true encounters are already a value. In fact, there are many initiatives and potentials in our communities, but too often individuals and groups run the risk of individualism and self-referentiality. With his new commandment, Jesus reminds us that "this is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35). As pastors, we can do much so that love might heal relationships and heal the wounds that often affect the fabric of the Church, so that the joy of feeling that we are one family, one people on a journey, children of the same Father and therefore brothers and sisters to one another may return, beginning with the fraternity of priests.

- Take care that the journey does not lead us to introspection but stimulates us to go out to meet everyone. In *Evangelii*

gaudium, Pope Francis has given us the dream of a Church that is not afraid to get its hands dirty by involving itself in the wounds of humanity, a Church that walks in listening to and serving the poor and the peripheries. This "outgoing" dynamism towards our brothers and sisters, with the compass of the Word and the fire of charity, fulfills the Father's great original plan: "that all may be one" (Jn 17:21). In his latest Encyclical Fratelli tutti, Pope Francis asks us to commit ourselves to this unity, together with our brothers and sisters of other Churches, the faithful of other religions and all people of good will: universal brotherhood and love without exclusions, which all and everything must embrace. As servants of the People of God, we are in a privileged position to ensure that this does not remain a vague and generic guideline, but is made concrete where we live.

Dear brother priests, we are certain that starting from these priorities you will find ways to give life to specific initiatives, according to local needs and possibilities because synodality is truly God's call for the Church of the third millennium. Setting out in this direction will not be free of questions, fatigue and setbacks, but we can be confident that it will return to us a hundredfold in fraternity and in fruits of evangelical life. We need only think of the first Synod of Jerusalem (Acts 15). Who knows how much effort there was behind the scenes! But we know how decisive that moment was for the nascent Church.

We conclude this letter with two passages from the Preparatory Document that can inspire and accompany us almost like a Vademecum.

"The ability to imagine a different future for the Church and her institutions, in keeping with the mission she has received, depends largely on the decision to initiate processes of listening, dialogue, and community discernment, in which each and every person can participate and contribute." (n. 9).

"We recall that the purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this

consultation, is not to produce documents, but "to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands"" (n. 32).

Thanking you for your attention, we assure you of our prayers and wish you and your communities a joyful and fruitful synodal journey. May we be close to you and journey with you! And welcome, through us, the gratitude also of Pope Francis who feels very close to you.

Entrusting each of you to the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Good Way, we cordially greet you in the Lord Jesus.

Maria Card. GRENCI
*Secretary General
of the Synod of Bishops*

Lazzaro YOU HEUNG SIK
*Archbishop-Bishop em. of Daejeon
Prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy*



MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

- Venue : Cathedral, BPQ
- Date : Wednesday 31 August 2022
- Time : 10:00 AM
- Resource Person : Fr. Benny Mukalel CMI
- Topic : Synodality

All Chanda Missionaries are welcome. Please inform bishop's office about your participation on or before 25 August 2022.

Fr. Shibu Monipallil
Chancellor


VII. CURIA MATTERS

TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS Eparchy of Chanda (February & April 2022)

No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
1.	Fr. Benson Cherian	Asst. Priest-in-Charge Chandrapur	Priest in Substitute, Gatta	09/01/2022
2.	Fr. Jojo Plappallil CMI	Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Durgapur		15/02/2022
3.	Fr. Bonis Karottukizhakkal		Asst. Priest-in-Charge Durgapur	15/02/2022
4.	Fr. Binoy Checkonthayil CMI		Parish Priest, Durgapur	20/02/2022
5.	Fr. Sebastian Vayalil CMI	Parish Priest, Durgapur		20/02/2022
6.	Fr. Robert Nicholas	Syncellus for Education, Priest-in-Charge Kalmana & Director Board of Education	Pastoral Ministry, Canada	01/03/2022
7.	Fr. Praveen Poovathinkal	Associate Pastor, Tera Prem Church	Priest-in-Charge, Kalmana	01/03/2022
8.	Fr. Dinesh Mate		Director Board of Education (Additional)	01/03/2022
9.	Fr. Sebastine Kandathil CSSR		Asst. Director Kalabhavan, Teaching Faculty SVG	01/03/2022

No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
10.	Fr. Bernard Kujur		Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Warur	01/03/2022
11.	Fr. Kurian Panayalil	Director, AVD		15/03/2022
12.	Fr. Jobin Ovelil		Director, AVD (Additional)	15/03/2022
13.	Fr. Roby Antony	Priest-in-Charge, Mul Administrator, Santwadi	Parish Priest, Shengao	30/04/2022
14.	Fr. Somy Varghese	Parish Priest, Shengao	Priest in-Charge, Lakkadkot Manager, Vianney Vidya Mandir School, Ghugus (Additional)	30/04/2022
15.	Fr. Albin Jose	Priest in-Charge, Lakkadkot	Vianney Jubilee School, Ballarpur Bishop's Home Administrator	30/04/2022
16.	Fr. Dinesh Mate	Vianney Jubilee School, Ballarpur Bishop's Home Administrator Priest in-Charge, Visapur	Parish Priest, Tera Prem Church, Warur (Additional)	30/04/2022
17.	Fr. Shyju Madapallikunnel	Parish Priest, Tera Prem Church, Warur	Priest in-Charge, Ghugus	30/04/2022
18.	Fr. Anoop Aerimattam	Priest in-Charge, Ghugus Manager, Vianney Vidya Mandir School, Ghugus	Principal Vianney Vidya Mandir School, Ghugus	02/04/2022
			Priest in-Charge, Chincholi	30/04/2022

No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
19.	Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil	Vice- Rector, SVG	Director CLC, Family Apostolate & Youth (Additional)	30/04/2022
20.	Fr. Kurian Panayalil	Director CLC, Family Apostolate & Youth	Parish Priest, Brahmapuri Administrator, Christanand Hospital Priest in-Charge, Kurkheda Priest in-Charge, Nagbhir	30/04/2022
21.	Fr. Joseph Kalathil	Parish Priest, Brahmapuri Administrator, Christanand Hospital Priest in-Charge, Kurkheda Priest in-Charge, Nagbhir	Parish Priest – Chandrapur Administrator Christ Hospital	30/04/2022
22.	Fr. Joshy Chettiyanchira	Parish Priest – Chandrapur Administrator, Christ Hospital	Priest in-Charge, Mul Administrator, Santwadi Director, Jeevotsav Parish Retreat Program	30/04/2022
23.	Fr. Thomson V. Pullasherry	Priest in-Charge, Chincholi	Director, LSSS and Kalabhavan & Project Co-ordinator	30/04/2022
24.	Fr. Manu CMF	Director, LSSS and Kalabhavan & Project Co-ordinator	LSSS – Village outreach programme organizer	30/04/2022
25.	Fr. Jobin Ovelil		Priest in-Charge, Visapur (Additional)	30/04/2022

No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
26.	Fr. Bosco OP	Spiritual Director, SVG		30/04/2022
27.	Fr. Praveen Poovathinkal		Teaching, SVG (Additional)	30/04/2022
28.	Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil CMI Fr. Robinson Chekathadathil Fr. Pius Mathew		LSSS Advisory Committee	30/04/2022
29.	Fr. Sebastine Kandathil CSSR		Spiritual Animator & Teaching SVG Asst. LSSS (Additional)	30/04/2022
30.	Fr. Tomy Chovelikudy		Board of Education Member (Additional)	30/04/2022
31.	Fr. Mathew Nirappel	Construction Committee Member & Co-ordinator		30/04/2022
32.	Fr. Robinson Chekathadathil		Construction Committee Member & Co-ordinator	30/04/2022
32.	Fr. Shibu Monipallil		Co-ordinator, Diamond Jubilee Housing Scheme	30/04/2022
				
† Bp. Ephrem Nariculam Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda Fr. Shibu Monipalli Chancellor				

DIAMOND JUBILEE 13 HOURS ADORATION

(Diocese of Chanda)

All the Saturdays in the Jubilee Year 2022

(06 AM to 07 PM)

As part of our spiritual renewal we are planning 13 hours adoration on all Saturdays during the Diamond Jubilee Year 2022. All parishes, institutions including convents, please take the turn. Those convents and institutions which are in the same campus of the parish Church, please join in the parish for adoration. Attached here is the list. The respective priest in charge, convent superior or institution head will arrange the adoration schedule. Kindly ensure that the faithful also to partake in the adoration and explain to them the occasion and its importance. If any inconvenience comes up on the fixed day, please do it on another convenient day in the week and timings may be adapted as required. When different convents/ institutions/ parishes are assigned for adoration, you may please do it together or also in different places by dividing the time on mutual consultation. Thanking you for your co-operation.

Yours devotedly in Christ,



Ballarpur
18. 12. 2021

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

DIAMOND JUBILEE 13 HOURS ADORATION SCHEDULE

(Diocese of Chanda)

VENUE		PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION
MAY		
07	Pattaguda	Parish & Shanti Bhavan convent (DM)
14	Shengaon	Parish & Mary Matha convent (DM)
21	Wani	Parish & DM convent
28	Jiwathy	Parish & Holy Family convent
JUNE		
04	Gadchandur, Holy Family Convent	Awarpur Parish & CHF Sisters
11	Korpana	Stella Mary's convent (DM)
18	Kurukeda	Parish (Kadoli, Dalenwadi etc.)
25	Chandrapur	Parish, CMI House (Datale), Mount Carmel convent, Carmel Bhavan convent, Karuna Bhavan (SD convent) SSS convent & Hospital Community.
JULY		
02	Balapur	Parish, SH convent & Thalodhi SH convent
09	Durgapur	Parish, CMI Tukum & DM convent
16	CMC convent, Jam	Kshitij & CMC (Samudrapur)
23	Arvi	Mount Carmel convent, (Arvi)
30	CMC Prov. House, Wardha	Darsana, Sannidhana (CSC convent).
AUGUST		
06	SD Prov. House, Wardha	SD Krupadham Province, (Wardha) Alphonsa Niketan & Alphonsa convent
13	DM Prov. House, Wardha	Amala Provincial House (DM)
20	Euphrasia Juniorate Palotti CMC, Wardha	Jyothi Bhavan (MSMI), Palotti
27	SJB Provincial House, Mhasala	Aragami convent, Aragam (Pipri), JVS, Seva Sadan, Sanjeevani Convent, (VRO)

SEPTEMBER

03	St. Thomas Cathedral, Ballarpur	CMI Provincial House, (Bamni) Monfort ITI, DW Sisters, FDSHJ Sisters, Bishop' Home & Visapur parish
10	SVG, New Daheli	
17	Kalmana	Parish & St. Alphonsa convent (FHGS)
24	Wirur	Parish, Ashadham convent (SD) & Hospital community

OCTOBER

01	Warur	Parish, Tera Prem convent & Lakadakot parish
08	Wardha, Pavanathma Provincial House, MSMI	
15	Rajura	Parish, Stella Maris convent & Charity Sisters, (Sasti)
22	Gadchiroli (CMI Ashram)	Parish, Gadchiroli Complex School, St. Anne's convent & SH convent
24	Dhanora	Parish (Gajamandi, Sindasoor & Murumgaon)

NOVEMBER

05	Chimur	Claretian House & St. Juliana Convent (CSM)
12	Kalabhavan	LSSS & SABS Convent
19	Sanjo convent, Bamini	San Paolo Regional House, SABS Sisters & Monfort school Community
26	Naghbir	Adoration sisters (SABS)

DECEMBER

03	Gojoli	AMI Sisters
10	Dilasagram convent	
17	Aksapur	Parish & Gondpipri CSC convent
24	Chincholi	Parish & Ashirvan convent (SD)



DECENIAL PRIESTS' MEET

To
Decennial Priests
Ordination 2012- 2021
Diocese of Chanda

Dear Beloved Fathers,

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

The schedule of **Decennial Priests' Meet** of the diocese is as follows:

SCHEDULE

Monday 9th May 2022


- 10.00 AM - Introductory talk – Bp. Ephrem Nariculam
- 10.30 AM - Empowering Evangelization and Priestly Ministry (Fr. Justin Panachickal MSFS)
- 12.30 PM - Lunch & Rest
- 02.30 PM - Dealing with Minors - Observations and Challenges in the light of POCSO Act 2012 (Fr. Sebastine Kandathil CSsR)
- 04.00 PM - Tea
- 05.00 PM - Marriage Cases and Canonical Processes: Practical Guidelines
- 07.30 PM - *Ramsa, Rosary & Leliya* (Cathedral)
- 08.30 PM - Supper
- 09.00 PM - Personal Prayer (Good Shepherded Chapel)

Tuesday 10th May 2022

- 06.30 AM - *Sapra*, Holy Qurbana, (Pastoral Centre Chapel)
- 07.45 AM - Breakfast
- 09.00 AM - Evangelization and Ministry among Youth – Talk I
(Fr. Justin Panachickal MSFS)
- 10.30 AM - Tea, Break
- 11.00 AM - Evangelization and Ministry among Youth – Talk II
(Fr. Justin Panachickal MSFS)
- 12.30 PM - Lunch & Rest
- 02.45 PM - Rosary & General Discussion
- 04.00 PM - Tea, Mission Tour
- 09.00 PM - Bye....Bye....

No.	Names of Decennial Priests
1	Fr. Anoop Aerimattathil
2	Fr. Kurian Panayalil
3	Fr. Subin Kallampallil
4	Fr. Albin Vadakkemulanjanal
5	Fr. Roby Thaliparampil
6	Fr. Thomson Pullashery
7	Fr. Bibin Vincent
8	Fr. Vigil Parassery
9	Fr. Satish Jamnik
10	Fr. Sumesh Siby <small>Quinquennial Group ↓</small>
11	Fr. Clement Madamana
12	Fr. Tony Tom
13	Fr. Somy Varghese
14	Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil

15	Fr. Nikhil Varghese
16	Fr. Jose Zade
17	Fr. Francis Minj
18	Fr. Benson Puthenpurackal
19	Fr. Shine Manjaly
20	Fr. Bernard Kujur


 Bp. Ephrem Nariculam
 Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

DIAMOND JUBILEE HOUSING PROJECT

(Diocese of Chanda – 1962-2022)

As part of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Chanda Mission we have decided to launch a project of constructing sixty houses for the poor and needy in the diocese. The project intended to construct at least sixty houses in the next two to three years. Those institutions (Schools, hospitals and parishes) who can spare rupees five lacs are requested to construct at least one house each to the beneficiaries of their choice in consultation with priests in charge of respective parishes or kindly contact the bishop's office to name the beneficiary. Certainly some institutions can join the project by constructing more than one house. I request everyone to cooperate with this humanitarian scheme with generous hearts. Parish priest/ priest-in-Charge are invited to submit a list of two or three beneficiaries indicating priority. Please choose most deserving cases. In the first phase we shall focus on those connected with parish activities or our other institutions. A preference for our Guruji's and employee in our institutions are highly recommended. I pray that this scheme be a beginning in our diocese and by platinum jubilee (2037), if not all, most of our families have a solid roof above their heads to live and sleep. We shall aim high and dream higher and hope it will be accomplished gradually.

The specifications of our house construction is as follows:

- Plinth area - Between 600 to 750 Sq. Ft.
- Structure - Two rooms, Kitchen, Toilet and a sit out in the front
- Height - 8 to 10 Ft
- Roofing - Tin sheet or concrete
- Subsidy required - 4 to 5 lacs (from the institution)

The total expense should not exceed more than Seven lacs. Whatever is extra shall be borne by the beneficiary.

I have written to all provincials of those Congregations who have some institutions in our diocese where from money can be generated to realize this project. We shall look for other resources as well. May I request all the heads of the institutions to contact the respective provincials and do the needful.

Relying on God's providence and everyone's generous good will.

Yours devotedly in Jesus Christ



Ephrem Nariculam

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

Ballarpur
30/04/2022

NB: Fr. Shibu Monippalil (Cell: 8830381080) will be coordinating this project. The construction committee as required will monitor the project.



PRIESTS' ANNUAL RETREAT 2022

It will be held at Mancherial (Adilabad Diocese) starting in the evening on Sunday 13th November and ending at noon on Friday 18th November.

Preacher: FR. DOMINIC VALANMANAL

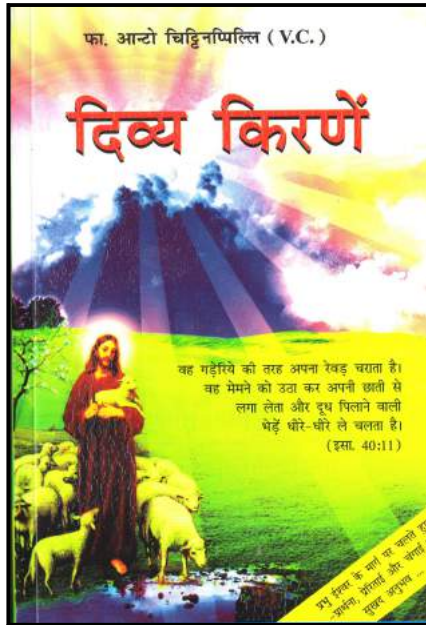
Bp. Ephrem Nariculam

MISSION IN THE 21st CENTURY

ONE DAY SEMINAR

On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Chanda Mission, CMI Mar Thoma Province is organising a seminar on MISSION IN THE 21st CENTURY on Tuesday August 09, 2022 at BJM Carmel Academy, Tukum, Chandrapur. The inaugural address is delivered by His Excellency Mar Ephrem Nariculam, bishop, diocese of Chanda and the keynote address is delivered by Rev. Fr. Saju Chackalackal CMI, Provincial, Preshita Province, Coimbatore. Other speakers include His Excellency Mar Prince Panengaden, bishop, diocese of Adilabad, Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI, Rector, Samanvaya Theologate, Bhopal, Rev. Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil CMI, Vicar, General, diocese of Chanda and Rev. Fr. Tomy Chirapuram, professor, Darsana Institute of Philosophy, Wardha. The afternoon session is exclusively on Chanda Mission and Late Rev. Fr. George Canisius Kachiramattam CMI, the St. Paul of Chanda Mission. The seminar ends with a panel discussion moderated by Rev. Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil. The panelists are: Rev. Fr. Mathew Nirappel, vicar Christ the King Parish, Wirur, Rev. Sr. Rita DM, Provincial, Amala Province, Wardha, Rev. Sr. Alphonsa SHSp and Mr. Datta Guruji. All are welcome. Please save the date: August 09, 2022.

Fr. Benny Joseph Mukalel CMI
Provincial
Mar Thoma Province, Chanda



BOOK RELEASE

DIVYA KIRANE is the Hindi version of the book of *Divine Rays* by Fr. Anto Chittanappilly VC (Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamni). It is interpretation of the Word of God based on his experience with people in different missions where he rendered service. The articles are on different topics like forgiveness, God's love, word of God, Holy Spirit,

spiritual war, giving tithe etc. Different people opined that it is helpful to priests, seminarians, preachers and people as well. The book is available in Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamni.



VII. NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, ALLAPALLI

A Lenten retreat was held here in preparation for the Holy Week. Fr. Peter Kisan and Fr. Robert Nicholas were the resource persons for the retreat. The people responded in good numbers. The Holy Week ceremonies were held with great devotion. The people very much cooperate with different activities of the parish. Thanks to ASMI sisters for their presence and support to different activities of the parish.

Fr. Thomsa PUNCHAYIL

ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL, BALLARPUR

- We had 40 Hours Adoration in preparation for the great lent from 28 February to March 02. On Tuesday March 01 a talk was given by Bp. Prince Antony Panengaden (Bishop of Adilabad). It concluded with solemn Eucharistic procession and Holy Qurbana led by Fr. Robinson.
- We conducted annual Catechism exam on Sunday 06 March.
- Requiem Holy Qurbana was on 28 March 2022 on the occasion of 27th death Anniversary of Bp. Januarius CMI. and Holy Qurbana led by Fr. Robinson. There were few Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and lay faithful from the diocese to attend the Holy Qurbana and Office of the Dead by Bp. Ephrem Nariculam.
- Three days preparatory retreat and home mission was arranged in our parish from 7 April to 10 April 2022. Fr. Joshy Vazhappily CMI, Fr. Tomy Chirapurath and Fr. Peter Kisan preached the retreat. Home mission was led by the CMC Sisters, Carmelodaya Province, Wardha.

- Fr. Robinson, Parish Priest, officiated the Palm Sunday liturgy and Fr. Peter Kisan preached the homily.
- Muron Holy Qurbana was on 12 April. The day was started with Holy Hour from 09.00 AM. There was facility for confession. 10.00 AM we had a Talk by Fr. Sijo CMF. Holy Qurbana was at 11.15 AM. Bishop was the main celebrant and homilist. Many Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and Faithful participated in the Holy Qurbana.
- Fr. Robinson led the Maundy Thursday Service & Holy Qurbana.
- Fr. Shine was main celebrant for Good Friday service. The stations of the cross also was conducted in the campus.
- Bp. Ephrem Nariculam was the main celebrant for Easter Holy Qurbana. Fr. Jobin and Fr. Shine concelebrated.
- Ward Holy Qurbana was celebrated at Mr. Patrick Gomes's house on Sunday 24 April.

- Fr. Robinson Chekathadathil.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, BHAMRAGARH

Holy Week was celebrated with traditional gaiety and devotion. The people enthusiastically participated in all Holy Week services. We are constructing a new Church in the campus with the help of Mr. Sebastian Thomas from Thalassery archdiocese who is settled in Bangalore. He is financially supporting the project with the help of his friends. The Church construction has reached up to window level. We hope to finish it by June. Bishop is also arranging some money different parishes from Ernakulam-Angamally archdiocese in Kerala.

Fr. Jeevan K.D

CHRIST BHAWAN – BRAHMAPURI

Canteen Inauguration & Blessing

The inauguration and blessing of the new Canteen named “Trupti Upahar Grah & Daily Needs” in the hospital premises was held on the Feast day of St. Chavara, 03rd January 2022. Doctors, Hospital Staff and the patients are really happy about the same.

Bhoomi Poojan of Paediatric Ward Extension

Bhoomi Poojan of the Paediatric Ward extension (first floor) was held on 26th January 2022, on the 72nd Republic Day of India. Doctors, staff and the other employees of the hospital was present for the function. Thanks to Jose Maison and team for masonry works and timely completion.

Death Anniversary of Bp. Januarius

The 27th Death Anniversary of Bp. Januarius Palathuruthy CMI, the Architect of Chanda Mission was commemorated in a befitting manner on Monday, 28th March 2022. Different communities of the parish came together and offered Requiem Qurbana Holy Mass at 06.00 am followed by Office for the Dead. Special remembrance and prayers were offered for the dead as well.

13 Hours Adoration

Diamond Jubilee 13 Hours Adoration (Diocese of Chanda) was held at Brahmappuri on 02nd April 2022. Different groups in the parish like FCC Sisters, Boarding Children, Catechism Children, Parish Youth, Brothers, Pitru Sangh, Matru Sangh, Hospital Sisters, Hostel Nurses etc. conducted adoration at assigned times. The Common Holy Hour was held from 06.00 pm to 07.00 pm. 13 Hours Adoration came to end with the Holy Eucharistic Celebration at 07.00 pm and the Agape thereafter. Thanks to Wadsa, Armori and Nagbhir communities for their presence and participation.

Blessing of St. Joseph Wing

The renovated St. Joseph Medical Ward and the newly constructed mortuary and Staff Parking area was blessed by His Excellency Bishop Ephrem Nariculam on 22nd April 2022 in Christanand Hospital. Thanks to Rev. Fr. Kurian Panayalil to be part of the function. Rev. Fr. Shine Manjaly, the Secretary to Bishop also were present for the same. These additions will serve the hospital in a better way.

ST. CHAVARA KURIAKOSE ELIAS CHURCH, CHAMORSHI

A one day retreat for the people was held in the parish on 10 April 2022. Fr. Panthenus Pookkatt CMI preached the retreat. The people from all villages under the parish attended the retreat. The sisters from Ghot helped to coordinate the retreat and other arrangements for it.

Fr. Augustine Alencherry CMI

ARCHANGELS CHURCH, DHANORA

In preparation of Holy Week three days retreat was held in Sindesur. Fr. Kurian Panayali, Srs. Yanja CMC and Rose CMC were the resource persons. Two days retreat also was held in Gajamandi. Fr. Jose Zade was the resource person. Bishop offered Holy Qurbana at Sindesur (10.00 AM) and Gajamandi (04.00 PM) on Palm Sunday. People flocked for bishop's Qurbana with enthusiasm. They were very happy with bishop's visit on such an important day of the liturgical year. Fr. Suresh CMF was the main celebrant for Easter service both at Sindesur and Gajamandi.

Fr. Manu CMF & Fr. Danish CMF

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DURGAPUR

1. Welcome and Adieu Programme

The entire Parish community bid farewell to the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Sebastian Vayalil CMI and Asst. Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Jojo Plappallil CMI and welcomed the new Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Binoy Checkonthayil CMI and Rev. Fr. Bonis Karottukizhakkayil CMI. The new Parish Priest appreciated and thanked Rev. Frs. Sebastian and Jojo for their selfless services in the parish.

2. St. Joseph's Day and Pithrusangh Din

The Church celebrated the feast of St. Joseph with a lot of devotion and piety. It was also celebrated as *Pithrusangh Din* – a day to remember all the hard work and pain of all the heads of the families – the fathers. Rev. Fr. Dr. Benny Mukalel CMI, the CMI Provincial was the chief guest of the day. Rev. Fr. Benny officiated the Solemn mass concelebrated by Fr. Prince Munjanattu and gave an inspiring Sermon. All the members of the Pithrusangh participated in the offertory procession and symbolically offering their families to Jesus through the powerful intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Church. The Secretary of the Pithrusangh Mr. Norman Daniel led the group in all the activities including the intercessory prayers and Mass choir. There was *Agape* for all.

3. One Day Lenten Retreat

The Church organized one day Lenten retreat preached by Rev. Sr. Divya SJB from Sanjivani Ashram, Wardha. She prepared the people with life experiences and sharing of the word of God to spend rest of the Lenten season in recollection, prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving to reach up to God. Most parishioners participated in the entire programme. The programme was from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm and it was concluded with Adoration followed by Solemn Mass.

4. Fund collection for Renovation of the Church

As the church needs very badly the renovation work, the Durgapur community started collecting funds from the families. The parishioners are readily contributing to the cause. Thanks to everyone for generous gestures.

5. Election of the Parish Council Members

The church conducted the election to the Parish council members and constituted the new Parish Council with 16 members. All cooperated with the electoral procedures. The Parish priest offered special prayers for the newly elected parish council and installed it and greeted them. The new secretary is Mr. Stanly Chalurkar and the treasurer is Mr. James Francis. On this occasion the parish family thanked the former parish council members. The parish also remembered all the parish priests who contributed to the growth of the church in manifold ways. The parish priest thanked all the parish council members for their selfless service to the parish.

6. Election to the different bodies of the Parish

Pithru Sangh : We had the meeting of all the pithrusangh members under the leadership of both parish priests. All the members used their rights and elected Mr. Norman Daniel as the Secretary and Mr. James as Treasurer.

Mathru Sangh : The church conducted the meeting of all the members of Matrusangh and the parish priest gave them an orientation about the duties and responsibilities of the office bearers. Later, election was conducted and Mrs. Deepali Chalurkar was unanimously elected as the secretary. The other office bearers also were elected.

St. Mary's Youth Group : The church organized the election of St. Mary's Youth Group after a small orientation programme. Mr.

Sachin Chalurkar was elected as the president of the Youth Group and later other office bearers also were elected.

7. Holy Week Celebration

On Palm Sunday the Main celebrant Fr. Anil Murmade and the sermon was preached by Fr. Bonis CMI. The Holy Thursday ceremony was presided over by the Parish Priest Fr. Binoy Checkonthayil CMI and he washed the feet of twelve parishioners to commemorate the historical event. People shared the Paschal meal. Good Friday ceremonies were presided over by Fr. Sebastian Vayalil CMI and the veteran missionary Fr. Sebastian Thattil CMI and sermon was preached by Fr. Prince Munjanattu. There was the solemn way of the cross as well. The Easter liturgy was presided over by Rev. Fr. Benny Mukalel, the provincial Superior and he gave fitting Easter message that to be happy in life even in the midst of struggles and tribulations. Rev. Fr. Binoy Checkonthayil the Parish Priest, and Rev. Fr. Bonis Karottukizhakkal the Assistant Parish Priest thanked the DM Community Durgapur, the Parish Council and the entire parishioners for their hard work for the meaningful celebration of the Holy Week in the Parish.

ST. JUDE CHURCH, GOJOLI

A retreat in preparation for Holy Week was held in the parish on 27 March 2022. Fr. Robert Nicholas preached the retreat. People from all villages attended the retreat. 26 March 2022 one day retreat was held at Chikpippiri. Large number of people attended in the retreat. The foundation stone for the new Church in Gojoli was blessed on Sunday 24 April 2022. It is a happy news that St. George's Forane Church, Angamaly in Ernakulam-Angamaly archdiocese has offered a project of constructing Church, School building and few houses (Diamond Jubilee House Construction)

in the parish. Hope it will be realized in a year. Two representatives from Angamaly parish recently visited the parish and evaluated the parish situation and they offered help for the above mentioned project. On 8th April the Angamaly parish convened a zoom meeting for the realization of the project and discussed the matters with our bishop and Fr. Jobin Ovelil. We pray for the completion of the project as early as possible. Thanks to everyone who facilitated this project and to the AMI sisters for their generous support. We gratefully remember St. Jude's parish, winnipeg in Canada for their timely financial assistance – Fr. Tomy Chittinappilly is coordinating their help to our parish.

Fr. Peter Kisan

ST. ALPHONSA CHURCH, JARAWANDI

Retreat was held during Lenten season. Almost 300 people participated in the retreat. Fr. Thomas Venapattupadi OFM Cap and team were the resource persons for the retreat. It was well appreciated by all. One day seminar for Holy Childhood Association was held on 4th April. Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil, Fr. Francis Minj and Bros. Anto and Jerald animated the seminar. 75 children attended the seminar.

Fr. Rajat Valiyamangalam

ST. ALPHONSA CHURCH, KALMANA

In preparation for the Holy Week Home Mission was held in the parish. MSMI sisters generously helped for home mission. A retreat followed the home mission which was animated by a team from Thabore retreat Centre, Mumbai. Sr. Moly FHGS and Sr. Shaiby FHGS who served in Kalmana for the last three years were transferred and the Kalmana parish community is ever grateful to them for their presence and service. Fr. Robert Nicholas who had proceeded to Canada for pastoral mission is gratefully remembered for his service in the parish for the past one year.

Fr. Praveen Poovathinkal

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, LAKKADAKKOT

The *Calvarigiri* pilgrimage was devotionally held on Good Friday. With the gap of two years, it was specifically noted by the participation of devotees. As usual the Stations of the Cross started from the Shrine at Lakkadakot junction at 2.00 PM and Good Friday message was delivered by Fr. Peter Kisan at 3.30 PM. He spoke in three languages – Marathi, Hindi and Telugu. Bp. Ephrem Nariculam imparted final blessing at the end of the Stations of the Cross on the top of the mountain. Thanks to everyone for support, prayers and help.

Fr. Albin Vadakkemulanjanal

SACRED HEART CHURCH, MUL

The new Chapel in Santwadi was blessed on 22nd April by Bp. Ephrem Nariculm. It is in the patronship of All Saints and there is a special dedication of the chapel to St. Isidore who is the patron of farmers. The Holy Week service was held in the parish with usual gaiety and devotion.

PAHAD PARISHES' LENTEN RETREAT

In the *Pahad* parishes (Jiwathy, Lanbouri, Lahan Wani, Shengaon Pattaguda and Korpana) lenten retreat was conducted between 3rd to 10th April in preparation for the Holy Week. In some parishes it was conducted also separately for children and adults. It was bilingual – Marathi and Hindi. Dn. Joby Illimoottil, Bro. James Ekka and Joseph Jumde animated the program on all days. It was a great success by number of participants. Frs. Johny, Tomy, Somy and Anish coordinated the retreat schedule. Thanks to the DM, CHF sisters and *Gurujis* for their whole hearted support, encouragement and presence. – Reporter CS

MUKTIDATHACHURCH, PATTAGUDA

Holy week was observed devotedly. Two days retreat for adults and children was held in preparation for Holy Week. Our Major seminarians were the resource persons. Two days seminar was held for children under the auspices of Holy Childhood Association. Fr. Vivek was resource person. Kumbassery Chapel in the parish territory is being renovated. It is financially assisted by the Hezed group under the patronage of St. Mary's Forane Church, Muttom in the archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly. Thanks to everyone for the contribution to this project and special thanks to Fr. Anto Cheranthuruthy the Vicar of Muttom Forane Church and Mr. Shaju Myloth who is coordinating this project.

Fr. Johny Narikat

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RAJURA

Home Mission was held in the parish from 27 March to 30 March 2022. Thanks to CMC Sisters of Carmelodaya Province, Wardha for their whole hearted support, encouragement and presence. The Holy Week was celebrated with great devotion. The following Brothers and Fr. Vivek delivered the messages on Holy Week. Bro Naveen Varghese (Palm Sunday), Bro. Ajay Varkey (Holy Thursday and Good Friday) and Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil (Easter). One day seminar also was held for children on the auspices of Holy Childhood Association. Thanks to all brothers and Sisters for their generous cooperation and prayerful support.

Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil

SVG, NEW DAHELI

- Our first year brothers had one month English course at Rajura
- We had our monthly recollection on January 19, Fr. Praveen was the preacher

- Third years and fourth years brothers attended the Psychological counseling classes at Samvaad, Wardha.
- A one day seminar was held for Kalmana Children at SVG on 17th March
- We all attended the Holy Week services at Kalmana and Easter Holy Qurbana at Mul.
- There was send off programe to our Vice Rector, Fr. Vivek Regent Bro. Louis Kurungattu and fourth year brothers on 19th April.

Bro. Louis Kurangattu, Regent

AGRAGAMI PROVINCE SJB, WARDHA

Golden Jubilee celebrations

The conclusion of Golden Jubilee year of the province was held on 25th December 2021 at Agragami Convent School. His Excellency Rt. Rev. Bp. Ephrem Nariculam, Sr. Arpita Mathew, Sr. Vidya Joseph, pioneer sisters, church and civil personalities were the main guests of the day. We paid tribute to the great visionary and missionary of Indian province late Rev Sr Lutgardis. The programme was comprised cultural events, messages and felicitation of all those who were and are part of Johnite family from its inception to till day.

Retreat

The Annual retreat for the second group of sisters were held from 27th - 31st December 2021. 47 sisters attended the retreat. Rev. Fr. Thomas CM was the retreat preacher.

Home Mission

Home Mission Team of the province Srs. Jyoti, Soumya, Valsa, Alka, Meera and Anila spent 8 full days in Chotibettiah Parish in Jagdalpur Diocese, visiting families and supporting the home mission of the diocese.

Medical camp at Kopreli

The health team of the province headed by Sr. Sally John organized medical camp at Kopreli on 13th February. People from 10 villages around kopreli benefitted from it.

ST. ANTONY'S CHURCH, WARDHA

Home mission was held in the parish by the Holy Family Sisters from Delhi. The people cooperated with the home mission gracefully and enthusiastically. The parishioners are ever grateful to the sisters for their generous assistance. A retreat was held in preparation for Holy Week. Bro. Thomas Pujari animated the retreat. The Holy Week was observed with devotion and unction. On Good Friday the Passion play was re-enacted by the youth of the parish. It was from Darsana to the parish campus. Even the people of other faiths appreciated the re-enactment of the passion of Christ. It was a great means of evangelization. The following delivered messages on important days of Holy Week. Fr. George Kulangara CMI (Palm Sunday), Dn. Priju Puthenperackal (Holy Thursday), Fr. Jino CMI (Good Friday) and Fr. Vincent Pangola (Easter). The sisters are preparing 17 children for first Holy Communion and Confirmation, which will be held on 1 May 2022.

Fr. Vincent Pangola



CARMELODAYA PROVINCE, WARDHA

- One day refreshment programme was arranged for the boarding girls of our different institutions. It was a platform for them to know and mingle each other and to pageant their talents and capabilities. Spiritual animated talks, sharing of vocation by the sisters and various competitions were part of this programme. The winners were awarded.

- Founder's week was celebrated in Mount Carmel Convent High School, Chandrapur from January 3rd to 10th. The week was started with the Mega Exhibition of Founder's history, art, science and social science. Each day of the week students prepared the reflections on the life of founder and the good traits he had in his life. Essay competition and quiz was conducted during this week.
- Hearty Congratulations to Srs. Irine, Helen and Namitha who bagged the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively for the Mission Quest 2022 in Chanda Diocese. Sr. Aleena secured the 2nd prize for the Mission Quest in Irinjalakuda Diocese. Congratulations to all the winners!...
- 05th February 2022 was a remarkable day in the annals of Carmelodaya as we celebrated the 27th Province day and the Golden Jubilee of our sisters – Sr. Jyothy, Sr. Sajeeva, Sr. Subha and Sr. Kanthi and the Silver Jubilee of our sisters – Sr. Jasmine, Sr. Yajna, Sr. Celine, Sr. Merine, Sr. Navya, Sr. Soona, Sr. Nithya and Sr. Serene. Hearty Congratulations to all the Jubilarians. Golden Jubilarians celebrated their jubilee also with their family members at home as well.
- A new venture of the new Provincial team launched at Chandrapally - Adilabad Diocese. We have opened a centre for Direct Evangelization there with a sincere attempt to reach out to the people and evangelize them, that many more may come to know Jesus and His name be glorified.
- Golden bells are resounding in the air with charming noise! Mount Carmel Convent Senior Secondary School and Convent, Cement Nagar celebrated its Golden Jubilee in a befitting manner breaking all the barriers in this Pandemic situation. We raise our grateful hearts to God for His marvelous deeds and manifold blessings upon us.
- Focusing on the Transgenders of Chandrapur locality, we have planned a monthly spiritual and mental refreshment

programme for them. We extend our helping hands to them through food kits and other necessary helps. At number of occasions they were invited in our institution as group and it is a great consolation and support for them.

- Sarathi' – A programme for the autorickshaw drivers were conducted in many of our institutions. Awareness classes on Moral values were given to them on this occasion.
- On International TB day, Sr. Yajna was honoured and felicitated by the Additional Collector of Chandrapur for her contribution towards eradicating TB from the District of Chandrapur. Hearty Congratulations to Sr. Yajna!
- Our sisters are engaged in Home Mission in different parishes of the Diocese. Let their sacrificial efforts to reach out to the people of God aim at renewal of families by deepening their faith and hope in Jesus.
- Hearty Congratulations to Sr. Alisha who made her first Profession on 23rd April 2022. May she grow like an evergreen tree and bloom like a fragrant flower in the fertile soil of Carmel. We wish that her life be a channel of God's love and grace to everyone.



CMI SERVICE IN BAMNI

Contextualised utilization of the annually received Carol Singing's collection of children for children from Cologne based two Parishes since my adieu from Germany in 1989 after 75 months

of pastoral service there, helped to give a new look to Aksapur Sant Chavara Nagar and a thrill fused life for the Boarding inmates there.

The similar enthusiasm for the marginalised was continued setting an eye on children and youth of Ballarpur- Bamni from June 1998. After a decade of campus based service with the yearly flowing fund, an extra attention was given to replace the mud and tin hutments of the children and their families. The housing program initiated in 2008 in Korti Thukum and Bamni spread to New Daheli, Kalmana and even to Tarsa. Over 160 concrete and bricks houses have been built so far and another 30 families were given partial help in their house construction. After a gap of 2 years of Corona Pandemic, the housing program is given momentum now. The work is going on for the construction of five more houses, of course 15 - 20 percent voluntary local contribution is encouraged. Hope this work would be completed before the Monsoon sets in.

Many more are the thatched hutment dwellers. Generous contributions are welcome. Praise the Lord!!!

Fr. James Kurissery CMI
Balharshah



Congratulations...



*Sr. Josmy
Konukudy SABS
and
Sr. Anu Maria
Kandamparambil
SABS
had their final
Professions on
18 April 2022*



SR. ANU MARIA
KANDAMPARAMBIL SABS

IX. DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

CLC DEPARTMENT



- ❑ CLC Department conducted Home Mission programme in Aksapur parish from March 26th to 29th March 2022. Thanks to CMC Sisters of Carmalodaya Province, Wardha.
- ❑ CLC Department conducted Home Mission at Gajamandi & Sindhasur in the month of March 2022. Thanks to CMC Sisters of Carmalodaya Province, Wardha.
- ❑ CLC Department conducted Home Mission at Mary Matha Church, Rajura from March 27th to 30th April 2022. Thanks to CMC Sisters of Carmalodaya Province, Wardha.



- ❑ We are happy to inform you that we have conducted marriage preparation course (MPC) from 31st March to 3rd April 2022.

42 participants attended the course. Thanks to all fathers for your cooperation and willingness to make this program a successful one.

- ❑ CLC Department conducted Home Mission at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church, Repanpalli from April 03rd to 07th April 2022. Thanks to CMC Sisters of Carmalodaya Province, Wardha.
- ❑ CLC Department conducted Home Mission & Annual Retreat at St. Thomas Cathedral, Ballarpur from April 07th to 10th April 2022. Thanks to CMC Sisters of Carmalodaya Province, Wardha.



MAR THOMA PROVINCE, CHANDA
Department of Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry

Green Genius Conclusion

The green genius quiz competition in the context of Green Diocese Campaign declared by the diocese of Chanda was concluded with the prize distribution. The competition was jointly organized by the diocese of Chanda and Department of Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry, Mar Thoma Province of Chanda. The prizes were given by Bishop Ephrem Nariculam at Dilasagram Convent. Rev.Sr. Soumya of Dilasagram Convent bagged third Prize and she was felicitated by the Bishop, Department. We thank the entire Dilasagram convent for their selfless and timely support.

Family Carol Singing Competition

The department got very good response for the family Carol singing competition which was organized with the vision of fostering family unity. We had the participants from the various parts of the country. The first prize was bagged by Abeer Lakde

and family from Maharashtra and second prize was bagged by Teena Tara and family from Kerala. The department distributed all the cash awards and certificates.

Word of God Challenge

The department has launched yet another competition to create interest among the people to read and understand the Holy Bible. The participants can send the recorded unedited video clipping in the given google form. It is conducted in Hindi, Marathi, English and Malayalam. The winners will be given E-certificates and cash awards.

Music Ministry

The department is continuing with its evangelizing mission through media. It has produced a few more devotional songs for Adoration, word of God and Hosana. The songs are sung by the professional singers like Biju Narayanan, Kester and Mithila. All the songs of the department are available in the YouTube Channel C Vision.

Holy Week Confession

The department arranged confession facilities at various centres for Priests, Religious and Laity during Holy week. We thank all the fathers of different centres who generously helped to administer the Eucharist.

First Death Anniversaries & 41st Commemoration Day

Requiem Holy Mass with Office for the dead for the First death anniversaries of Rev. Frs. George Canisius Kachiramattom (18/04/2022), Paul Kattamkottil (29/04/2022) and the 41st commemoration day of Rev. Fr. Prasanna Bhai (Jacob Martin) Kapiarmala (15/04/2022) was celebrated on Thursday, 21st April 2022 at Provincial House, Bamni, Balharshah.



HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION



Childrens' Animation programme at Maria Rani Church, Gatta on 5th April. 41 children participated.



Childrens' programme at Christ the King Church, Wirur on 2 April. 67 Children from Wirur and Chincholi parishes participated.



Childrens' programme at St . Alphonsa Church, Jarawandi on 4 April. 75 children participated



Holychildhood Association of Chanda Diocese arranged one day faith animation programme for children at S.V.G on 17 March for Kalmana Children. 28 children participated



One day childrens' programme at Mary Matha Church Rajura. 28 children participated



One day program at. Nandgaon. 26 children participated



SAMVAAD - MHASALA, WARDHA

1. Foundation Day Celebrations at Samvaad!

On 10th February, on the auspices of CHAVARA JAYANTI, Samvaad celebrated it's foundation day. Fr. Benny Joseph, the Provincial of CMI Chanda Province was the chief celebrant of the thanksgiving mass. Priests from Jam, Hingaghat, Nagpur, Kaotha and the Wardha Parish church, Sisters from the neighbouring

convents and the Christian community of Mhasala participated in the evening celebration which ended with Agape. The highlight of the day was the launching of yet another service by Samvaad for the betterment of the society, with FAMILY as its main focus. Immediately after the 'Thanksgiving Mass, 'SAMVAAD FAMILY MINISTRIES'- Online services for the enrichment and wellbeing of the families- was electronically launched by Dr. Benny Mukulel, the Provincial and the President of CMI Service Society. SFM plans an integrated approach to various services to families, couples and those about to enter the institution of marriage, with a series of programs. What it envisages to put into practice immediately are two specific programs, namely, 1. 'Samvaad Pre-Cana Program' (Marriage Preparation Course for Catholic youth); 2. 'Marriage Enrichment Program- A psychotherapeutic accompaniment of the young couples'.

2. GRADUATION CEREMONY

42 graduates of the 3rd batch of 'Diploma Program in Counseling Skills', a Six-months training program conducted by Samvaad were awarded Diploma Certificates during the Graduation Ceremony held on 12th March 2022 at Samvaad, Mhasala. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest, Prof. Anil Kumar Dubey, Asst. Professor, department of linguistics, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Vishwavidyalay, Wardha lauded the efforts of Samvaad in the field of mental health services and training. The guest of honor, Dr. Harshal Sathe, Asst. Professor, department of psychiatry, MGMIS, Sewagram congratulated the graduates and emphasised the need for patient listening today's world where human being is surrounded with a lot of stress and strain.

The program was presided over by Dr. Jose Ammaikunnel C M F, Rector, Claritian Ashram, Sawangi Meghe, Wardha. Apart from the graduates and their near and dear ones, friends and well wishers of Samvaad from the surroundings attended the program.

3. Online Marriage Preparation Course - SAMVAAD PRE CANA PROGRAM.

Samvaad conducted first ever Online Marriage Preparation Course for the Catholic Youth of Marriageable age under the banner of 'Ministry of Family Apostolate (MFA) of Eparchy of Chanda and Samvaad Family Ministries (SFM) of Samvaad, Mhasala. It began on 21st of March 2022 and ended on 25th March, on the Feast of Annunciation and World Pro-Life Day with a concluding remark and final blessing to the participants by our Bishop, Bp. Ephrem Nariculum.

4. Next batch (4th) of Six months' deploma program in counseling skills begins in September. Those interested may contact 9422191324 for more details.

5. Next Online Marriage Preparation Course 'Samvaad Pre-Cana Program' will be conducted in the season of advent, in the month of December.

6. One-day Psycho-spiritual renewal program for young couples will be conducted by Samvaad at parish/Zonal levels on request.



OBITUARY



Mr. Tharachand, Catechist of Wirur died on 17 April 2022 after some ailments. The Chanda Family conveys hearty condolences to the family and pray for the repose of his soul.



X. CHANDA HEAVENLY BRETHREN

MAY

1. Fr. Mathew Kaniyampampil CMI	05-05-2011	Pala
2. Sr. Darsana SJB	07.05. 2012	Kuriachera
3. Sr. Lia CMC	08-05-2001	Thommana
4. Sr. Rose Margaret CMC	08-05-2012	Thommana
5. Fr. George Chakkalackal CMI	10.05.2012	Trichur
6. Fr. Lawrence Burle	14.05.2021	Ballarpur
7. Sr. Shaify FCC	25-05-2002	Kadukutty
8. Bro. Jomon Mattapillil CMI	30-05-1997	Bellampalli

JUNE

1. Sr. Jesslima SD	02-06-1995	Chethipuzha
2. Sr. Clementia SHSp	04-06-2018	Germany
3. Fr. Davis Kannampuzha CMI	07-06-2006	Bellampall
4. Fr. Alex Ukken CMI	11-06-2006	Irinjalakuda
5. Sr. Justina SD	16-06-2002	Wardha
6. Fr. Antony Cyriac Chirayil CMI	28-06-2002	Bellampalli
7. Sr. Lutgardis SJB	24-06-2018	Germany

JULY

1. Fr. Diego Kodankandath CMI	01-07-2004	Pavarty
2. Fr. Mathew Manikompel CMI	09-07-2009	Mutholy
3. Fr. Christian Plakatt CMI	12-07-2005	Mutholy
4. Fr. Callistus Chavarananickal CMI	14-07-2011	Ballarpur
5. Sr. Infant Mary FCC	16-07-1998	Bhopal
6. Fr. Mathew Kalarickal CMI	17-07-2003	Bellampalli
7. Bro. Michael Nellikunnel CMI (Aspirant)	23-07-1988	Ballarpur

8. Sr. (Dr.) Jose Maria FCC	25-07-2004	Aluva
9. Fr. Remiji Nadackal CMI	30-07-1991	Yellareddy
10. Sr. Auxillia ASMI	10-07-2015	Allapally

AUGUST

1. Sr. Vijaya FCC	11-08-1991	Muvattupuzha
2. Sr. Amala SD	11-08-2000	Chethipuzha
3. Sr. Priya SJB	13-08-1998	Hinganghat
4. Fr. Joseph Koikara CMI	14-08-2017	Kochi
5. Fr. Joseph Kozhikothickal	14-08.2021	Vilakumadam
6. Fr. Thomas Pandipally CMI	16-08-2008	Bellampally
7. (Candidate) Tessy SD	21-08-1997	Athirampuzha
8. Fr. James Thottapally CMI	25-08-1986	Neeleswaram
9. Fr. Dharmanand Muttathottil CMI	25-08-1990	Ballarpur



01st DEATH ANNIVERSARIES



First Death Anniversary of Fr. Lawrence Burle falls on Saturday 14 May 2022. Please remember him in our prayers. There will be Holy Qurbana and office of the dead at Cathedral, Ballarpur at 07.00 AM.



First Death Anniversary of Fr. Joseph Kozhikothickal falls on Sunday 14 August 2022. Please pray for the repose of his soul and offer prayers on the day.



XI. ONGOING FORMATION

CENTER/CONTACT	PROGRAMME	DATE
ATMA DARSHAN Centre for Spirituality & Counseling Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri (East) Mumbai 400 093, India Mob: 9769694422 E-mail: atmasvd@gmail.com Web: www.atmadarshan-svd.org	Word of God Retreat (For Priests, Religious & Laity)	July 23-24
	Skills in Counselling and Spiritual Direction (For Formators, School Counsellors and Superiors)	Aug 19 - Sept.4
	Human Formation and Discipleship (For Priests & Religious)	Oct.22 - Nov.6
	Psycho-Spiritual Inner Healing -2 (For Laity, Priests & Religious)	Nov. 12-13
	Preached Retreat (For Priests & Religious)	Dec. 26- Jan 1, 2023
ISHVANI KENDRA, PUNE Institute of Missiology and Communications, P.B: 3003, Sanikwadi, Vadgaonsheri Road, Pune- 411014 Mob: 8080450891 E-mail: ishvaniprogrammes@gmail.com Website: www.ishvanikendra.com	Biblical Discipleship and Evangelization	Nov. 2-16, 2022
	Formators Course: Challenges and Skills in Formation	Nov 20-17 Dec 2022
	A Psychospiritual Wholeness Journey (11 weeks)	<u>Progra. 1</u> June 12- August <u>Progra. 2</u> Sept. 11- Nov. 26
SUMEDHA SADHANA Donbosco School Campus, Ambala-Chandigarh Express Way Jharmari, The Derabassi, Mohali Dist. Punjab-140501 Mob: 9410941799 (Director) Mob: 8650051625 (Admin.) E-mail: sumedhacentre@gmail.com Blog: http://sumedhabani.blogspot.com		

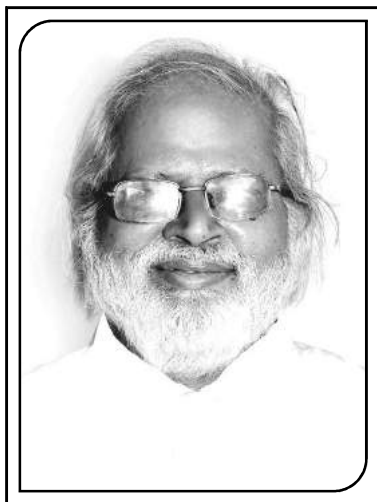
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NBCLC The Director, BCC Secretariat, Post Bag# 8426, Hutchins Road, 2 nd Cross, Bangalore- 560084 India. Phone: 080-25472369 Mob: 9482402369 Email: bcc@nbclcindia.org Website: www.nbclcindia.org	Bible Correspondence Course (BCC)	For further information Please contact NBCLC
The Director Indian Institute of Spirituality (IIS) International Research Centre P.B. No. 5639, Dr. Rajkumar Road Rajajinagar 1 st Block Bangalore 560 010 Mob: 89515 79 255 (Director) Email: frjoec@gmail.com Website: www.iispirituality.org	Diploma in Spiritual Theology (Professed Religious at least 3 years lived experience in Religious Life.)	<u>Duration:</u> 9 Months (From 2 nd June to 10 th March)
	Master's Degree in Spiritual Theology	<u>Duration:</u> 2 Years (30 th June-31 st March)
	Doctorate In Spiritual Theology	<u>Duration:</u> 2-5 years (30 th June-31 st March)
	Masters In Spiritual Theology (Admission to Licentiate in Spiritual Theology is open to those who already possess a degree in B.Th with at least second class. The eligibility of the candidate will be adjudged by the competent authorities of the Institute.)	<u>Duration:</u> 2 years (30 th June-31 st March)
	Doctorate In Spiritual Theology (Admission to the Doctoral Studies in Spiritual Theology demands a canonically valid Master's Degree in Spiritual Theology.)	<u>Duration:</u> Minimum 2 Years, Maximum 3-4 Years

A TRIBUTE TO FR. PRASANNA BHAI (1940-2022)

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Good News” (Romans 10: 15)

Birth: 27.02.1940
Death: 05.03.2022

First Profession: 16.05.1960
Ordination: 17.05.1968



Rev. Fr. Prasannabhai (Jacob Martin Kapiarmala) was called to eternal rest on 05 March 2022 after receiving the Anointing of the Sick at Samaritan Hospital, Pazhanganad, where he had been admitted five days earlier complaining uneasiness and over all weakness. For many years now, he was highly diabetic, and was on continuous treatment at Chandrapur. His funeral took place at the Carmel Monastery, Vazhakkulam, Muvattupuzha

Province on 11 March 2022.

Prasanna Bhai was born of Mrs. Mariam and Mr. Joseph Kapiarmala at Bethlehem in the diocese of Kothamangalam on 27 February 1940. After schooling he joined the then Kalamassery Province of the CMI Congregation in 1956. He made his first profession on 16 May 1960. After his philosophical and theological studies at Dharmaram College, Bengaluru, he was ordained priest on 17 May 1968.

He had opted for Chanda Mission as a major seminarian in 1965 when the CMI Region of Chanda was formed. After his ordination, he reached his *karma bhumi*. Inculturation and

adaptation was his method as he passionately pursued the goal of reaching Christ to the people. To begin with, he started mastering languages. After becoming proficient in Hindi with his studies at Ambikapur and Ranchi, he turned to Sanskrit and Marathi. It was in the company of some mendicant Hindu sages who moved from ashram to ashram that he became well versed in the languages and also gathered new insights into being an Indian Christian missionary. Those disciples of Gandhi and Vinoba inspired Fr Jacob Martin Kapiarmala to re-invent himself as Prasanna Bhai, so that he would belong to the people, and the people would easily own him. The metamorphosis was radical and instantaneous: with due permissions from the authorities, he opted for a new dress code: dhoti and kurta. He took to strict vegetarian food habits. Change was visible even in his signature (signing only in the Devanagari script).

After years of sojourns (which also included a *padayatra* to Bangla Desh in the aftermath of the 1971 War), Prasanna Bhai appeared in Chanda as a full-time missionary. He worked at Wardha and Babupeth as assistant parish priest. During 1981-82, he went for a specialized study in Catechesis at Manila, the Philippines. Then, he was priest in charge at Balharshah, Wasa and Tarsa. While at Balharshah for a full decade, he founded the Christian community and Mission Station at Kalmana. Later, he also served as the superior of Prabhu Sadan CMI Ashram, Tarsa (Ashti).

When the CMI Congregation thought of a Mission Theologate, Prasanna Bhai was handpicked to be on the staff. With his formal M Th studies at DVK, Bengaluru, this hitherto theologian of the lay faithful got ready to be a professor of the Theology students. He served as staff and later on as the Rector of Samanvaya Theological College, Bhopal with its sub-centers at Kolchur (Jagdulpur) and Rishikesh. After a decade's service there, he returned to his beloved Chanda Mission as the priest in

charge at Warur. There he started with a 'Bible College' for the ordinary faithful, which was a novel idea, especially as the Mission was already stepping into the fifth decade of its existence.

People all over Chanda and Adilabad considered Prasanna Bhai as their own. Such was his identification with them. It was especially when he was the director of the Catechetical and Liturgical Centre (CLC) of the undivided Chanda Mission that he wrote and published quite a few books which were all in response to the immediate and direct need of the new Christian communities. His works included translation of prayers from Malayalam to Hindi and Marathi: Sacraments, Funeral Service and other prayers for the Dead, Holy Week Services, Christmas and New Year prayers, Blessings for the various occasions, etc. (He had also attempted translation of some of these texts into Telugu). He has penned and composed several devotional songs and bhajans in the two languages. Additionally, the many prayers he independently composed testify to the fact that the genius in him deeply appreciated homological sensitivity and adaptability in matters related to faith and religion. In recognition of the services to the North Indian Church, he was sometimes referred to as the 'Abel Achan' of the Syro Malabar Missions.

Along with the literary works, he went around all Mission Stations and village communities thereunder, conducting catechetical camps, and teaching Christian hymns and bhajans. For some two decades, Prasanna Bhai was an unavoidable presence in the training camps of the catechists of the Mission. His movement from village to village in the evenings to conduct prayer sessions with the help of local catechists, and his sharing of the Good News in the typical Indian style endeared him to the people, for they found in him their own *Kathakaar*, *Kirtankaar* and *Prabodhankaar*. For many years, he carried with him a small harmonium with the help of which he ignited the minds of the

people.

The stroke he suffered on a preaching mission at Wasa in 2006 impaired Prasanna Bhai immensely. It took a few years for him to regain his memory (though not full) and speech. Though he was only a shadow of the original Prasanna Bhai of the 1970-2005 period, yet he spent his time with creative writings and spiritual pursuits. Those days, he offered his services at the Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamni too. Even in his last days when he was resting at the Provincial House, Bamni he composed several songs and bhajans which he used to sing at the Holy Hours and Holy Mass. He was also very popular as a confessor as many preferred to make their confession with him.

The call of the Lord came to him on March 05, 2022 while undergoing treatment at Samaritan Hospital, Pazhanganad. The mortal remains were brought to Chanda Bhavan, Aluva on 11 March 2022. The first part of the funeral ceremonies began there at 10.00 a.m., led by Rev. Fr. Benny Joseph Mukalel CMI, Provincial, Mar Thoma Province, Chanda. Then the body was brought to Carmel Monastery, Vazhakulam which is his own native place. The second part of funeral services was led by Rev. Fr. Josey Thamarasserry CMI, the Vicar General (and General Councilor for Missions) of the CMI congregation. The main celebrant of the Funeral Mass was His Excellency Mar Ephrem Nariculam, bishop of Chanda. The last part of the funeral ceremony was presided over by His Excellency Mar George Madathikandathil, bishop of Kothamangalam. Rev. Fr. Joy Puthussery CMI, rector of Carmel Vidya Bhavan, Pune preached the homily on the occasion, shedding light on the unique personality of Prasanna Bhai. Many priests, religious and lay representatives of the Chanda Mission were present to give the senior missionary a fitting farewell. We express our sincere gratitude to all those who came and prayed for Prasanna Bhai. In a

special way our gratitude goes to Rev. Fr. Biju Kootaplackal, Provincial Carmel Province Muvattupuzha, Rev. Fr. Jose Thottam, Prior, and all the members of Carmel monastery for the arrangements and helps given for the funeral.

The ever-smiling Prasanna Bhai, as his name suggests, was an icon of the compassion of Lord Jesus. He had in him an undying enthusiasm in everything he undertook. Never was he seen losing his temper. It was a delight to the eyes to see him walk in his dhoti and kurta, with an innocent smile that suited his long silver beard and hair. He had left a mark by his charm and simplicity. His life was his message. He stands as an example of contentment in religious life. His life was a constant praise of God. His unfailing devotion to Mother Mary was an inspiration to everyone who happened to meet him. One of the famous bhajans, titled *Koti Pranaam*, which he himself penned and composed, offered crores of praises to the Lord. Dear Fr. Prasannabhai, we do offer the same *koti pranaam* at your feet.

Let us thank the Almighty for the blessings the CMI Congregation, Mar Thoma Province and Chanda Mission received through this tranquil, inspiring, compassionate and motivating personality. Let us pray that the Risen Lord keep his obedient servant with Him and grant him everlasting peace and joy.

Fr. Joy Parappilly CMI



Quotes

“ *In the morning let your first act be, to greet My Heart and to offer me your own. Whoever, breathes a sigh toward Me, draws Me to himself.* ”

– Jesus to St. Matilda of Hackeborn

A TRIBUTE TO SR. PURISSIMA SD

(10 FEB.1938 - 02 APRIL 2022)

For they will be made holy who observe holy things in holiness, and those who have been taught them will find a defense (Wisdom 6:10)



Born on 10th Feb.1938, at Chambakulam, Changanacherry Archdiocese, Kerala, Sr. Purissima Mappilassery surrendered her earthly life and received the citizenship of heavenly Jerusalem on 2nd April 2022. She was the 4th of 11 children of her parents, Mr. Jacob and Mrs. Mary Mappilassery. In June 1959 she began a new stage in her journey following the footsteps of the Lord the

Compassionate inspired by her aunt, Sr. Teresa Mappilassery SD, by joining SD at Chunangamvely. She made her First commitment on 7th January 1961 and Final Commitment on 6th January 1966, in St Louis USA on 7th January 1961 and Final Commitment on 6th January 1966, in St. Louis USA.

She did her graduation in Mt. St. Agnes College Baltimore, USA and formation course at Pune, and proved herself a resourceful and an inspiring formator for long years (1968 - 1982). She lived her gifted life to the fullest with utmost dedication. She was a good architect too and engaged in the construction of Krupadham Provincial house in 1992 and

Anugraha, the Novitiate house of Generalate in Bangalore in 1997. Her gentle look, her compassionate heart, her caring and genuine approach and her passion for Christ and passion for the commitment in religious life made her unique. She had been local superior in a number of communities like Adilabad, Jivodaya-Delhi, Anugraha-Banglore. She served as mission superior of Krupadham mission.

She was diagnosed with Cancer in the year 2010 and was under treatment in Kerala and in 2013 she returned to the Mission. Gradually she became weak and expressed her desire to be at the Mission House Chootuvely and left for Kerala on March 25, 2021 from SD Kankipadu, Vijayawada. In the month of March 2022 her health condition totally deteriorated and was admitted in SH Medical Centre Kottayam and later in Samaritan Hospital Pazhanganadu. She was well prepared to be with her spouse forever. She was given the Anointing of the Sick. On 2nd April God gently closed her weary eyelids and whispered, "Come with me and inherit the Kingdom prepared for you...." And her soul flew away to her creator.

Dear Sr. Purissima, deep in our hearts your love is kept, to love and cherish, not to forget. The fact that you no longer here will always cause pain but you are in our hearts until we meet again. May you enjoy the eternal bliss!

Sr. Silvy Maria SD



Quotes

“ There is in the Sacred Heart the symbol and express image of the infinite Love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love in return. ”

– Pope Leo XIII

प्रभु येशु के पवित्र हृदय की प्रार्थना (भक्ति)

अगुआ: हे मसीह की आत्मा	सब: मुझे पवित्र कर!
अगुआ: हे मसीह का शरीर,	सब: मुझे मुक्ति प्रदान कर!
अगुआ: हे मसीह का रक्त,	सब: मुझे अनुप्राणित कर!
अगुआ: हे मसीह के बगल से निकला हुआ जल	सब: मुझे धो डाल!
अगुआ: हे मसीह की पीडायें,	सब: मुझे शक्ति प्रदान कर!
अगुआ: हे भले येशु,	सब: मेरी सुन!
अगुआ: आपके घावों में,	सब: मुझे छिपा;
अगुआ: मुझे तुझ से कभी,	सब: अलग न होने दे;
अगुआ: मेरे दुष्ट शत्रू से,	सब: मेरी रक्षा कर;
अगुआ: मृत्यु के समय,	सब: मुझे बुला दे और अपने पास आने दे,
अगुआ: आपके संतों और दूतों के साथ,	सब: हमेशा आपकी स्तुति कर सकूँ, आमेन।

(निम्नलिखित प्रार्थना पाँच दशकों में करनी चाहिए) बड़े मोतियों पर:

अगुआ: हे येशु का सबसे प्यारा हृदय,
सब: मैं आपको और अधिक प्यार कर सकूँ।

(छोटे मोतियों पर)

अगुआ: येशु का पवित्रतम हृदय, सब: तेरा राज्य आवे! (10 बार)

(उपर्योक्त प्रार्थना को पूरा करने के बाद)

अगुआ: माँ मरीयम का पवित्रतम हृदय सब: मेरा उद्धार हो।

(पाँच दशक पूरा करने के बाद)

अगुआ: येशु के सबसे पवित्र हृदय, हमें आशीर्वाद दे।

सब: हमें प्रेरित करे और मार्गदर्शन करे ताकि हम अपने वचन के प्रति हमेशा ईमानदार रहे।

हम प्रार्थना करें :

येशु का पवित्र हृदय, कृतज्ञता भरे हृदय से, प्रत्येक क्षण में, संसार के सभी संदूकों में, समय के अंत तक सबसे धन्य संस्कारों में, आप धन्य, सम्मानित और प्रशंसनीय हैं। आमेन।

येशूच्या पवित्र हृदयाची प्रार्थना

नेता: खिस्ताच्या आत्म्या, सर्व: मला पवित्र कर!
 नेता: खिस्ताच्या शरीरा, सर्व: माझे तारण कर!
 नेता: खिस्ताच्या रक्ता, सर्व: मला प्रामाणिक कर!
 नेता: खिस्ताच्या कुशीतील पाण्या, सर्व: मला धुऊन टाक!
 नेता: खिस्ताचे पिडासहन, सर्व: मला बळकट कर!
 नेता: हे उत्तम येशू, सर्व: माझे ऐकून घे!
 नेता: तुझ्या जखमांमध्ये, सर्व: मला लपवून घे!
 नेता: मला तुझ्यापासून, सर्व: दूर ठेऊ नकोस;
 नेता: दृष्ट शत्रूपासून, सर्व: माझे रक्षण कर;
 नेता: मृत्यूच्या वेळी, सर्व: मला बोलावून घे,
 नेता: तुझ्या संतांबरोबर मला सर्व: सदैव गाऊदे आमेन
 तुझी स्तुती

(खाली दिलेली प्रार्थना पाच दशकात म्हणावी) मोठ्या मण्यांवर म्हणा:

नेता: हे येशूच्या सर्वात गोड हृदया,
 सर्व: मी विनंती करतो की, मी तुझ्यावर अधिकाधिक प्रेम करू सकेन.

(लहान मणी वर म्हणा)

नेता: येशूचे पवित्र हृदय, सर्व: तू माझे प्रेम हो. (10 वेळा)

(वरील प्रार्थना पूर्ण केल्यावर)

नेता: मरीया आईचे गोड हृदया, सर्व: तू माझे तारण हो.

(पाच दशके पूर्ण केल्यावर)

नेता: येशूच्या सर्वात गोड हृदया, आम्हाला आशीर्वाद दे
 सर्व: आम्हाला प्रेरणा दे आणि आपल्या वचनावर सदैव विश्वासू राहण्यासाठी मार्गदर्शन कर.

आपण प्रार्थना करू या

हे येशूचे हृदया, कृतज्ञ मनाने, प्रत्येक क्षणी, जगाच्या सर्व पवित्र साक्रमेंताच्या पेटीत, अगदी काळाच्या शेवट पर्यंत सर्वात धन्य संस्कारात, आशीर्वादित, आदरणीय आणि स्तुती योग्य आहेस आमेन.



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Eparchy of Chanda

M'Samsanusa



Bro. Alwin



Bro. Deepak



Bro. Linto



Bro. Naveen

Heupadiaknusa



Bro. Ajay



Bro. James



Bro. Jibin



Bro. Joseph

Karoyusa

Vestition



Bro. Algin
Rome
13.05.2022



Bro. Christo



Bro. Romario



Bro. Louis

14.05.2022

St. Thomas Cathedral
Ballarpur

07.00 AM

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Chanda Family