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Holy Year - 2025





**Bishop Ephrem Nariculam meets with Pope Francis at General audience in Vatican Square on 22.05.2024.**

*Congratulations  
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**Bishop consecrated the newly constructed altar of Pompurna mission chapel and blessed the statue of the patron of the mission St. Ephrem (08.05.24)**



**Newly Renovated Ashrivan SD Convent, Chincholi (07/08/2024)**



**Newly Renovated S.J.B Convent, Koperali (09/05/2024)**



**Bishop offered Holy Qurbana at Orthono Cathedral in Italy where the relics of St. Thomas the Apostle is venerated (29.05.24)**



**Blessing of newly Renovated Church, Ghatta (09/05/2024)**



**Bishop offered Holy Mass at Herz Marien Parish in Regensburg, Germany. We have partnership with this parish for more than 45 years.**

**Minor Orders, BPQ  
(11/05/2024)**

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*At his best, man is the noblest of all  
animals; separated from law and  
justice he is the worst.*

— Aristotle



## I. SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my beloved people,

**Thy Kingdom Come**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pope has declared the year 2025 as the Jubilee year. It will be inaugurated on 24 December 2024 and will be concluded on 6 January 2026. Jubilee reminds us that God expects the Church to challenge worldly imperfection through their relationship, with each other and the pursuit of justice - through social and legal provision and through personal action and interaction, including generosity and sacrifice. The gift of the Holy Spirit empowers and enables us to reset all areas of life, bring release and restoration. The 2025 jubilee will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". Pope himself beautifully describes the theme of jubilee in the following words: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision". Every jubilee is occasion of revision, revival and rededication of our life and commitment to Christ. In this Jubilee Year we shall pray for hope that enlightens us to go ahead to witness Christ and to confirm His reign on earth. St. Paul is pleased to wish everyone: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 15:13). I invite everyone to avail the occasion of Jubilee 2025 to be refreshed with great hope in life, mission and ministry as missionaries consecrated in Christ and dedicated to serve the humanity to establish a world of love, truth, justice and peace. God bless everyone. With good wishes.



Yours devotedly in Christ

† Ephrem Nariculam  
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

## PASTORAL LETTER - I

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025**

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

**Thy Kingdom Come!**

**Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ!**

Pope Francis has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every twenty five years. The theme is "pilgrims of hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world that suffers the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of Covid 19 Pandemic, and climate crisis. The jubilee year is a time to establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all creation. With a Quote from prophet Isaiah (Is. 61:1-2) the gospel of Luke describes Jesus's mission as follows: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Lk. 4: 18-19). Jesus lived out these words in daily life, in his encounters with others and in his relationships, all of which bring about liberation and conversion.

As we go back to the history of observance of Jubilee Year in the Church we learn that it was in the year 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a "Holy Year", since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. The frequency of Holy Year has changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years, later 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilee to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. There have been "extraordinary" Holy Years: for example, in 1933 Pope Pius XI chose to commemorate the 1900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the redemption and in 2015 Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Mercy as an extraordinary Jubilee. The way in which years are marked has also changed through the

cultures: originally the Holy Year was consisted of a pilgrimage to the Roman Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul, later other signs were added, such as the Holy Door, by participating in the Holy Year one is granted a plenary indulgence etc.

The biblical reference to jubilee is connected to Leviticus 25:8-13, wherein we see that a jubilee year was marked every 50 years, since this would be an “extra” year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e. 49 years. Indeed it was considered as an occasion for repentance, and to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another and with all creation. It is counted as a time of new and fresh beginning for betterment of a new horizon of relationship and endeavors ahead.

Pope Francis announced that the 2025 Jubilee Year begins on December 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve) and concludes on feast of Epiphany, January 6, 2026. Bringing God's salvation to everyone was for Jesus the greatest joy, his mission, the meaning of his existence. And in every word and deed with which we join with him in the beautiful adventure of giving love, light, and joy multiply not only around us but also within us. Jubilee Year is a time and again another golden opportunity to reinvigorate our mission to the world (Mt. 28:19-20).

The Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial and social significance in the life of the Church. In this Jubilee Year we must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The spiritual dimension of the jubilee, which calls for conversion, should also embrace these fundamental aspects of our life in society as part of a coherent whole. In the realization that all of us are pilgrims of this earth, which the Lord has charged us to till and keep (Cf. Gen. 2:15). May we never fail in the course of our sojourn, to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our 'common home'.

Jubilee is the time of thanksgiving and prayer, above all else, it is the time to pray, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to love him. Prayer, moreover to thank God for many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take correct and responsible steps to protect it. Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart.

As Pope invites us to observe the Jubilee as a year of thanksgiving and prayer, may I request everyone to make it also a celebration of life as we have set aside the year 2025 as the Year of Respect for Life as per our Pastoral Plan. Pilgrimage, exhibition, quiz, competitions, seminars etc. can add charm to the celebrations. Please give to bishop's office still better ideas to make the celebration memorable and fruitful. We shall not forget that every Jubilee is an occasion to renew and refresh our commitment to Christ, Church and the diocese. It is the time to grow little more in holiness, love and human relationships. We shall plan out more activities as we progress in the celebration of the Jubilee Year. God bless everyone of you.



Yours devotedly in Christ

† Ephrem Nariculam  
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

**NB: Please explain to the faithful the content of this pastoral letter and prepare our people for the Jubilee Year. May I request everyone to give new ideas and proposals to celebrate the Jubilee Year in a meaningful way latest by 30 November 2024.**

## PASTORAL LETTER - II

### OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW

*(Pastoral Letter III for the Year of the Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church)*

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

**Thy Kingdom Come!**

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

'Law is for man and not man for law' (Mk. 2:27). As we observe the Year of the Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church, it is worth reflecting over this verse from the gospel. When God created the universe (Gen. 1&2), there was the divine will to have an order in the world. Indeed everything was meticulously arranged and ordered. The solar system, the animal kingdom, the vegetative life, natural laws etc. are willed once and for all. The human intellect was endowed with a creative mind for invention and discovery. And so, we have the world today much advanced than in the past. It is progressing miraculously for still a better and greater world because of creative human intellect. The AI (Artificial Intelligence) may be the latest addition to it. It refers to the simulation or approximation of human intelligence in machines. The goals of artificial intelligence include computer-enhanced learning, reasoning and perception. AI is being used today across different industries from finance to health care. The crown of creation, the human intellect reign all beings on earth and add beauty to the world by inventions and discoveries: prophet Daniel explains: "I have heard that the Spirit of the holy gods is in you and that you are skillful and have knowledge and wisdom" (5:14).

When we look at the world what is there for us to take pride. Every invention and discovery is the fruit of creative human intellect by which unfurls to the world what was covered and kept

hidden or improved upon what was already in human use in the past. God created the world and placed it in an order. God expects every animate and inanimate beings and things in the world to respect that order and follow it as primarily willed. It is a basic requisite for the smooth running of the world order. St. Thomas Aquinas speaks of this world order in his theory of creation. This must be the context wherein we need to meditate on laws irrespective of its origin – divine or human.

Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks about the laws in general as follows; "The Natural Law is written and engraved in the soul of each and every man, because it is human reason ordaining him to do sin .... But this command of human reason would not have the force of law if it was not the voice and interpreter of a higher reason to which our spirit and our freedom must be submitted" (CCC, 1954). "The Natural Law is nothing other than the light of understanding placed in us by God; through it, we know what we must do and what we must avoid. God has given this light or law at the creation" (CCC, 1955). "The natural law, present in the heart of each man and established by reason, is universal in its precepts and its authority extends to all men. It expresses the dignity of the person and determines the basis for his fundamental rights and duties" (CCC1956).

The Decalogue or the Ten Commandments must be understood in the context of Exodus event God liberating the people of Israel from Old Covenant (CCC 2057). The commandments take on their full meaning within the Covenant (CCC 2061). They belong to God's creation. At the same time they teach us the true humanity of man. They bring to light the essential duties, and therefore, indirectly, the fundamental rights inherent in the nature of the human person. The Decalogue brings man's religious and social life into unity (CCC 2069-70).

On the other hand the Precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life.

The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, is the growth in love of God and neighbor” (CCC, 2041). “The Precepts of the Church concern the moral and Christian life united with the liturgy and nourished by it” (CCC, 2048).

The law is not always just, but it is always necessary. No society or community can run without stipulated rules. It is said that the laws are reflection of the society's values and it should be clear, concise and easy to understand. Laws create peace in the society and it assists to build up the society. St. Thomas Aquinas defines the law as follows: “Law is nothing other than certain ordinance of reason for the 'common good' and 'care' of one another in the society and that matters the focus of any law. When those objectives do not serve, then law is brought to question and violation/disobedience follow it. Martin Luther King once said: “The laws are not to change the heart but to restrain the heartless”.

In the pursuit of this reflection, the Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church, naturally calls us as Christians to be genuine in our obedience to the ecclesiastical laws. Both the Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church - serve us to live our lives fully human and fully Christian. Of course, all the other laws, in different levels - the civil and ecclesiastical, which include also constitutional laws of the nations, Canon laws, Particular laws of the Church, Eparchial Statutes etc. are meant to maintain common good and care of everyone and everything for human growth, social harmony, Christian living and peaceful co-existence.

The observance of 2024 as the Year of the Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church is once again inviting us to be obedient to every law - ecclesiastical and civil - so that we serve for common good and take care of one another. We shall follow the schedule of reflections (cf *Chanda Samachar*) for the betterment

of everyone and the society as a whole. May the observance of this year as the Year of the Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church prepare us to deepen our allegiance to every law that bind us and guide us. God bless you.



Yours devotedly in Christ

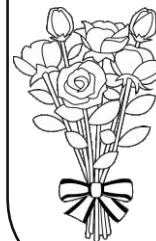
† Ephrem Nariculam  
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda



## Hearty Welcome

Hearty Welcome to the Samaritan Sisters, Snehodaya Province, Mannuthy. They have started their community at Chamorshi from 14 June 2024 and do the mission in the diocese.

- 1) Sr. Mary Rose CSS
- 2) Sr. Resmy CSS
- 3) Sr. Alsa CSS





**PASTORAL LETTER - III****PRIESTHOOD**

My dear brother priests,

**Thy Kingdom Come!**

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

Ministerial Priesthood is a gratuitous gift that God granted to some whom God has chosen for a special task that He wishes to entrust with. Jesus called to himself the men he wanted (Mk 3:14-15). Vocation to priesthood is a gift given to every priest in an earthen vessel. "But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us" (2 Cor. 4:7). It is fragile, so everyone shall handle it with care and caution. As I reflect on priesthood, I wish to highlight few points for everyone's consideration.

The first and foremost that when one reflect on priesthood it should be understood that discipleship of Christ and priestly discipline go together. They are complementary. Discipleship of Christ demands discipline and the latter in turn perfects one's discipleship. Both are required for a fruitful priestly ministry. Discipleship does not mean a disciplined person only. It is putting on Christ and living like Christ. Put away the old self and put a new self in Christ. "To put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph 4:22-24). It is a radical following of Christ in word and in deed. We have number of references in the gospels where Christ articulates the demands to follow Christ: For instance, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mt 16:24). A disciplined life is important to follow Christ, that it does not mean just observing the

laws simply. It means a sincere adherence to the laws for one's own spiritual enrichment and for the good of the Church (Cf. Rm. 6:11-14 & 1Thes. 5:8). A few virtues to be reflected with regard to priestly discipline are the following:

Humility and obedience are the two basic virtues that one should acquire for the observance of any law. One should keep aside personal agendas and observe rules in the right spirit. Observance of laws are not only for the good of the person but also for common good. So, it is expected that everyone observes laws for harmonious social living and assures well-being of all. The adage –*humilitas est regina virtutum omnium*, 'the humility is the queen of all virtues' and the invitation of St. Stenislus Koska who reminds us 'to observe the rules and rules will protect you' are great impetus to live in Christian discipleship and in priestly discipline.

Sharing of resources for the welfare of everyone is another aspect that needs our attention. The Acts of the Apostles delineate various activities of the pioneering Christians including their community living. "There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need" (Acts.4:34-35). Jesus has already pointed out this aspect of sharing and communion in the parable of the servants: "But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?". Though there was difference in the hours of labor, the master decided to give the same wage to everyone (Mt 20:8, 14). From human point of view, it is not a just act, but from a divine perspective there is a sense of equity in distribution of resources. God fulfills his promises according to each one's need and not necessarily for every one's greed. All work according to one's skills and talents and everyone is taken care depending on each one's need. In this regard, the basic principle one should



follow is 'avail not what we want but what we need.' Mahatma Gandhi's quote is worthy of mention here: "there is enough for everybody's need not for everybody's greed". We have become priests not for positions and possessions but for service. What is ultimately important is 'love the work that we do rather than do the work that we love'. We shall at the service of others and that shall be the be all and end all of our priestly commitment.

Mutual respect for one another is very important to develop community of love and sharing. St. Paul exhorts; "love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor" (Rm.12:10). Respect or honor one another means, see in another a great value of human dignity. Respect for another is a sign of one's own love and concern, seeking his or her welfare, showing readiness to serve, and see worth in others the same as ours and even more. Naturally such attitude develops rapport with others still better and our life in the society becomes worth living. Needless to say our service becomes well and self-worth becomes still unassuming for oneself and for others. Pointing out pitfalls, giving corrections and helping in the need of others are also part of respect for one another and mutual concern.

Selfless service is the invitation that Jesus asks his followers, especially those who are called to religious life and ministerial priesthood. If you wish to follow Jesus leave everything behind and follow him (Mt.16:24-26). "So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty'" (Lk.17:10). *Nishkamakarma* is service to others without expecting any reward or recognition. Such a person is content with a simple life style and does not desire to have any material possession except bear minimum for one's sustenance. He or She devotes himself or herself entirely to the service of humanity and always ready to help others; regardless of their caste, creed or social status. Their actions are guided by their deep love and

compassion for all living beings. There is no motivation of gain or fame, but they are led by deep sense of duty towards others. Regardless, such people's life will be simple, humble and gentle for what they do is indeed, *nishkamakarma*.

Simplicity of life goes along with self-less service. Use of amenities, conveyance, convenience to genuine need only and be happy with bear minimum is simplicity. It means a sense of complacency. In all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity. Humble service to others is the sign of simplicity: "You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am. So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet" (Jn.13:13-14). Service, even to the extent of doing a menial job must become a trait of our character.

I am sure that these few rambling thoughts give you some guidelines for Christian discipleship and priestly discipline. We shall do our best to build up a community of love, compassion, respect, simplicity, sharing and self-service. God bless you all.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus



*Ephrem Nariculam*

† Ephrem Nariculam  
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda



### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Sixth Death Anniversary of Fr. Jomy Chakklatharayil falls on Monday 16 December 2024. Let us remember him in our prayers.



**III. CIRCULAR - III****Prot. No. 134/2024****6/05/2024**

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

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

**Thy Kingdom Come!**

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

“Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work’ - Lk 13:32.

“For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife. And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not” - Mk 6:17-19.

The above quotes are just two examples from the Holy Bible where Jesus and John the Baptist resolutely point out wrong with courage. We have number of other examples of Patriarchs like Moses, prophets like Jeremiah etc. who raised their voice against injustice. Their life was at risk, yet they did it. Life of every missionary is one way or other is at risk, but we have to do our duty and stand for truth and for the welfare of our people. We shall not seek a comfort zone but we shall be in safer zones, I mean to say that do everything right and in proper way with prudence and caution: “See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves” (Mt 10:16).

I wished to write this circular in the context of a meeting I convened of provincials and few others to discuss about the

running of dispensaries and boardings in the diocese. Many in general is in support of continuing these ministries though it involves some risks. As we know every ministry has a risk factor, even if it were to be done within the framework of legal structures whether it is school, hospital or social apostolate. We shall not fail to understand that our commitment to the mission has a beauty and an adventure when there is some risk involved in it. The diocese is ready to support any such institution in the diocese when they have to face eventuality in person or to the institution. We shall be in the forefront to do whatever is for common good and helping social welfare as it witness our missionary commitment abiding by the command of Christ.

“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many”

- Mk 10:45.

“But Peter and John answered them, Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard”

- Acts 4:19-20.

“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up”

- Gal 6:9).

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will

than to suffer for doing evil”

- 1 Pt 3:17.

May these words from the Holy Bible inspire us and guide us. Prophet Isaih assures us: “I said that my plans would never fail, that I would do everything I intended to do” (Is 46:10).

The human mind may devise many plans,  
but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established  
- Prov. 19:21.

Thanks for your presence and service in the diocese. With good wishes.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,



*A. Ephrem Nariculam*

† Ephrem Nariculam,  
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

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**Hearty  
Congratulations..!**

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Ordination Anniversary  
GREETINGS to our beloved  
**BISHOPJI  
MAR EPHREM NARICULAM  
(24 October 2024)**



**CIRCULAR - IV**

Prot. No. 185/2024

29/07/2024

To,  
All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters,  
Diocese of Chanda

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters,

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

The new Hindi Qurbana text is ready and now available in CLC. The Major Archbishop has promulgated the Thaksa to be officially in use from 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024. Please contact Fr. Vivek

Puthenpurayil (Phone: 9423742125, Mail ID:

[vivek4chanda@gmail.com](mailto:vivek4chanda@gmail.com)) be inaugurated celebrating in our diocese on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at

[vivek4chanda@gmail.com](mailto:vivek4chanda@gmail.com)) for copies and other details. It shall our Cathedral for the feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary. From the first Sunday of the season of Annunciation/Advent (1December 2024) it shall be the only official Hindi text for the celebration of Holy Qurbana in the Diocese. Meantime I request everyone to get the Thaksa from CLC and do necessary preparations and training so as to familiarise with the text. There aren't not much changes in the new text. The music of the text is also almost the same. The AVD will give the link to listen to the new version of the hymns of the Holy Qurbana. Kindly see that the congregation including altar servers are also given adequate training so that they may also get familiarised with the text. You may start using the text from 9<sup>th</sup> September onwards. Please make sure that from 1<sup>st</sup> December onwards there shall be the use of new text only in the diocese for the celebration of Holy Qurbana in Hindi. All other texts in Hindi hitherto in use for the celebration of the Holy Qurbana stand abrogated. We have now three versions of Hindi text available of the new Thaksa.



- (i) Celebrant's text (Hard bound copy – 27.5 × 19.5 cm).
- (ii) Small size ( 21 × 14 cm) hard bound text for concelebrants.
- (iii) Text for the use of the people (Cover with soft plastic flaps – 21 × 14 cm).

The texts are user friendly in the sense that page numbers are the same in all three texts, comparatively light weight though look big in size and easily kept wide open on a stand or altar. May I request everyone to read the instructions of the use of the Thaksa carefully and meditatively and to follow them faithfully in the celebration of Holy Qurbana. Propria (Prayers for different liturgical seasons and feasts) is to be used as per directions in the instructions. There are three anaphoras (Eucharistic prayers), after each of them is given the page to be followed next (From pages 53,67 and 87 to page 115). For the postures during celebration of Holy Qurbana, use of vestments, ringing bells etc., please confer Statutes of Eparchy of Chanda, Appendix I/3 (copy of the same also attached herewith). We shall use also the new text for a fruitful celebration of Holy Qurbana. God bless you.



Yours devotedly in Christ

† Ephrem Nariculam  
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

- Eccl: 1. General Instructions.  
2. Extract from Chanda Eparchial Statutes on celebration of Holy Qurbana.

## CIRCULAR - V

Prot. No. 186/2024

01/08/2024

### ON PRAYER FOR WAYANAD LANDSLIDE VICTIMS

To,  
All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and people,  
Diocese of Chanda

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

**Thy Kingdom Come!**

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

You are all aware of the landslide that occurred in Meppadi area in Wayanad district in Kerala. The latest report says that not less than 282 people have lost life and many are missing. Many houses are destroyed or damaged. Chooralmala town is almost washed away. Many have lost their near and dear ones. As the area is isolated and inundated the people are stranded here and there and many bodies are buried under mud. The domestic and wild animals are also killed and floated away in flood waters. The weather is not conducive for any relief works. As a result the rescue operations are being hindered. Chanda Family expresses hearty condolences to everyone who are affected by this natural calamity and pray for the repose of the souls of the dead. We express our solidarity with Mananthavady, Calicut and Bathery dioceses under whose jurisdiction are these places of the tragedy. Our solidarity is also with all others as well in the affected area. May I request everyone to extend as required whatever aid to help the needy and do pray for the affected people. Please announce this in our parishes and institutions in the diocese and pray for the repose of the souls by praying the Office of the Dead on Sunday 4th August 2024. May their souls rest in peace.

You may send your aid to LSSS: **Account Details**

**Account Name : Loksamgraha Social Service Society**

**Account No. : 962810100007114**

**IFS Code : BKID0009628**

**Bank Name : Bank of India**

**Branch : Bamni**



Yours devotedly in Christ

† Ephrem Nariculam

Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Many Happy returns of the day

**(December 10)**

*Dear Bishopji...*

Assurance of Our Sincere Prayers....

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

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



## Quotes

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**Law and order are the medicine of the body politic and when the body politic gets sick, medicine must be administered.**

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**- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**

## IV. BISHOP'S DIARY

### MAY 2024

- 1 Bishop attended Workshop on Evangelization at Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini. In the evening bishop presided over solemn Holy Communion Qurbana at Rajura parish.
- 2-10 Animated Diocesan Major Seminarians' Formation Program at SVG, Bamini.
- 4 Ordained to Holy Priesthood Dn. James Ekka at Cathedral, BPQ.
- 6 Inaugurated Kites' club seminar at Pastoral Center, BPQ.
- 8 Blessed the statue St. Ephrem, patron saint of Pomburna Mission at the station chapel.
- 9 Blessed the renovated SJB convent at Kopreli. Later blessed the renovated Snehagiri sisters' convent at Gatta and consecrated their new Chapel.
- 11 Conferred Minor Orders to the diocesan major seminarians at Cathedral, BPQ.
- 15 Prayed for the reposed soul of father of Fr. Sumesh Cheruchilampil at St. Alphonsa Church cemetery, Mundanoor and later prayed at the tomb of mother of Fr. Pius Mathew at Lourde Matha Church cemetery Chembery. Bishop visited Dn. Ajay Varkey Puthukkattuchira's home and prayed with the family.
- 16 Ordained to Holy Priesthood Dn. Ajay Varkey Puthukkattuchira at St. Joseph's Major Archbishopal Pilgrim Church, Peravoor in the archdiocese of Thalassery. In the afternoon bishop visited the house of Fr. Praveen Poovathinkal and participated in the wedding golden jubilee celebration of his parents.
- 17 Met with Bp. Alex Vadakumthala, at Kannur Bishop's House.
- 18 Officiated a betrothal at St. Mary's Forane Church Cherthala in

Ernakulam-Angamaly archdiocese. In the evening bishop presided over solemn Holy Communion Qurbana at St. Germane's Church, Kacheripady in Ernakulam-angamaly archdiocese.

- 19 Presided over conferral of Minor Orders, Vestition and Religious Profession of the seminarians of Vincentian Congregation at incention Generalate, Edappally. In the afternoon bishop blessed a marriage at St. Augustine's Church, Nedungad in the archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamally.
- 22 Met with Pope Francis in General audience at Vatican Square.
- 22 July 3 visited Frs. Jimmy Koottala, Vigil Parassery, Clement Madamana and Bro. Algin Pallivathukkal who are studying/doing pastoral mission in Europe. He also visited different Dicasteries in Rome and various agencies and diocesan benefactors in Europe.

#### JULY 2024

- 5 Arrived Ahemadabad from Europe.
- 8-10 Attended Western Region Bishops' Council at Gandhinagar Archbishop's House.
- 11 Visited Fr. Thomas Punchayil who was admitted at a hospital in Nagpur.
- 12 Left for Kerala.
- 13 Administered two baptisms at St. Mary's Lourde Church, Chowka in Irinjalakuda diocese.
- 18 Attended online monthly recollection for priests and men religious.
- 22 Met with Archbishop Jacob Thoonkuzhy at Good Shepherd Minor Seminary, Thrissur.
- 23 Officiated the funeral service of Sr. Anima SJB at Vettukad Parish in Thrissur archdiocese.

- 24 Arrived back to BPQ.

#### AUGUST 2024

- 2 Inaugurated silver jubilee of Vianney Vidya Mandhir (School) Ghugus, and felicitated the toppers and presided over investiture ceremony for the academic year 2024-25. Bishop attended Vianney day monthly recollection of diocesan priests and presided over diocesan presbyterium.
- 3 Presided over Vianney day celebration at SVG, Bamini.
- 7 Blessed the renovated SD convent at Chincholi.
- 10 Attended CSA meeting at BPQ.  
Sr. Kripa Maria DM, Provincial Superior visited Bishop at Bishop's Home.
- 13 Presided over finance council and consultants' meeting online.
- 15 Left for Kerala to attend Synod of Bishops.  
Hoisted flag on Independence Day at Vianney Jubilee School, BPQ and delivered message.
- 17 Blessed a marriage at St. Antony's Church, Valluvally in the archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamally.
- 19-31 Attended Synod of Bishops' at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad.
- 24 Officiated a funeral service at St. Antony's Church Thycattussery in Ernakulam-Angamali archdiocese.
- 22-25 Attended Fifth Major Archiepiscopal Assembly at Alphonsian Pastoral Institute, Pala diocese.





## V. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

### SEPTEMBER - 2024

- 1 Holy Qurbana at Chazhoor, Trichur archdiocese
- 5 Bible convention, Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini
- 7 Missionary Conference, BPQ
- 8 Feast of Nativity of our Lord, BPQ
- 12 Diaconate, SVG, New Daheli
- 14 CRI General Body, CMI provincial house, Bamini
- 18-22 Pastoral visit, Gomini

### OCTOBER - 2024

- 5 Marriage, St. George's Forane Church, Edappilly
- 7 Feast Holy Qurbana in Mahi, Calicut diocese
- 9-10 Visit to Velloor diocese and Ponamallee seminary, Chennai
- 12 Chanda Family Day, BPQ
- 26 Jubilee, Brahmapuri
- 27 Jubilee, Chandrapur
- 28-30 Delhi

### NOVEMBER - 2024

- 2 Jubilee, Mevada, Palai Diocese
- 2-8 Priests' Annual Retreat, BPQ
- 9 Jubilee of Adilabad diocese, Mancherial
- 11 Ordination, Thirumudikunnu, Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese
- 15 Presbyteral Council & Consultors meeting

### DECEMBER - 2024

- 13-15 Western Region Bishops' Council and Catholic Council of India, Bombay
- 21 Advent recollection & Christmas gathering, BPQ
- 23 Christmas gathering for Civil officials, BPQ
- 25 Christmas, BPQ
- 28 Jubilee, Meenkunnam, Kothamangalam Diocese
- 30 Jubilee, Sanjopuram, Ernakulam-Angamaly



The Holy See

### MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2024

20 October 2024

*Go and invite everyone to the banquet (cf. Mt 22:9)*

Dear brothers and sisters!

The theme I have chosen for this year's World Mission Day is taken from the Gospel parable of the wedding banquet (cf. Mt 22:1-14). After the guests refused his invitation, the king, the main character in the story, tells his servants: "Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find" (v. 9). Reflecting on this key passage in the context of the parable and of Jesus' own life, we can discern several important aspects of evangelization. These appear particularly timely for all of us, as missionary disciples of Christ, during this final stage of the synodal journey that, in the words of its motto, "Communion, Participation, Mission", seeks to refocus the Church on her primary task, which is the preaching of the Gospel in today's world.

1. "Go and invite!" Mission as a tireless going out to invite others to the Lord's banquet

In the king's command to his servants we find two words that express the heart of the mission: the verbs "to go out" and "to invite".

As for the first, we need to remember that the servants had previously been sent to deliver the king's invitation to the guests (cf. vv. 3-4). Mission, we see, is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God and enter into communion with him. Tireless! God, great in love and rich in mercy, constantly sets out to encounter all men and women, and to call them to the happiness of his kingdom, even in the face of their indifference or refusal. Jesus Christ,

the Good Shepherd and messenger of the Father, went out in search of the lost sheep of the people of Israel and desired to go even further, in order to reach even the most distant sheep (cf. Jn 10:16). Both before and after his resurrection, he told his disciples, “Go!”, thus involving them in his own mission (cf. Lk 10:3; Mk 16:15). The Church, for her part, in fidelity to the mission she has received from the Lord, will continue to go to the ends of the earth, to set out over and over again, without ever growing weary or losing heart in the face of difficulties and obstacles.

I take this opportunity to thank all those missionaries who, in response to Christ's call, have left everything behind to go far from their homeland and bring the Good News to places where people have not yet received it, or received it only recently. Dear friends, your generous dedication is a tangible expression of your commitment to the mission *ad gentes* that Jesus entrusted to his disciples: “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19). We continue to pray and we thank God for the new and numerous missionary vocations for the task of evangelization to the ends of the earth.

Let us not forget that every Christian is called to take part in this universal mission by offering his or her own witness to the Gospel in every context, so that the whole Church can continually go forth with her Lord and Master to the “crossroads” of today's world. “Today's drama in the Church is that Jesus keeps knocking on the door, but from within, so that we will let him out! Often we end up being an ‘imprisoning’ Church which does not let the Lord out, which keeps him as ‘its own’, whereas the Lord came for mission and wants us to be missionaries” (Address to Participants in the Conference organized by the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, 18 February 2023). May all of us, the baptized, be ready to set out anew, each according to our state in life, to inaugurate a new missionary movement, as at the dawn of Christianity!

To return to the king's command in the parable, the servants are told not only to “go”, but also to “invite”: “Come to the wedding!” (Mt 22:4). Here we can see another, no less important, aspect of the mission

entrusted by God. As we can imagine, the servants conveyed the king's invitation with urgency but also with great respect and kindness. In the same way, the mission of bringing the Gospel to every creature must necessarily imitate the same “style” of the One who is being preached. In proclaiming to the world “the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead” (Evangelii Gaudium, 36), missionary disciples should do so with joy, magnanimity and benevolence that are the fruits of the Holy Spirit within them (cf. Gal 5:22). Not by pressuring, coercing or proselytizing, but with closeness, compassion and tenderness, and in this way reflecting God's own way of being and acting.

2. “To the marriage feast”. The eschatological and Eucharistic dimension of the mission of Christ and the Church.

In the parable, the king asks the servants to bring the invitation to his son's wedding banquet. That banquet is a reflection of the eschatological banquet. It is an image of ultimate salvation in the Kingdom of God, fulfilled even now by the coming of Jesus, the Messiah and Son of God, who has given us life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), symbolized by the table set with succulent food and with fine wines, when God will destroy death forever (cf. Is 25:6-8).

Christ's mission has to do with the fullness of time, as he declared at the beginning of his preaching: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand” (Mk 1:15). Christ's disciples are called to continue this mission of their Lord and Master. Here we think of the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on the eschatological character of the Church's missionary outreach: “The time for missionary activity extends between the first coming of the Lord and the second..., for the Gospel must be preached to all nations before the Lord shall come (cf. Mk 13:10)” (Ad Gentes, 9).

We know that among the first Christians missionary zeal had a powerful eschatological dimension. They sensed the urgency of the preaching of the Gospel. Today too it is important to maintain this perspective, since it helps us to evangelize with the joy of those who know that “the Lord is near” and with the hope of those who are pressing forward towards the goal, when all of us will be with Christ at his wedding feast in the

kingdom of God. While the world sets before us the various “banquets” of consumerism, selfish comfort, the accumulation of wealth and individualism, the Gospel calls everyone to the divine banquet, marked by joy, sharing, justice and fraternity in communion with God and with others.

This fullness of life, which is Christ's gift, is anticipated even now in the banquet of the Eucharist, which the Church celebrates at the Lord's command in memory of him. The invitation to the eschatological banquet that we bring to everyone in our mission of evangelization is intrinsically linked to the invitation to the Eucharistic table, where the Lord feeds us with his word and with his Body and Blood. As Benedict XVI taught: “Every Eucharistic celebration sacramentally accomplishes the eschatological gathering of the People of God. For us, the Eucharistic banquet is a real foretaste of the final banquet foretold by the prophets (cf. Is 25:6-9) and described by the New Testament as 'the marriage-feast of the Lamb' (Rev 19:9), to be celebrated in the joy of the communion of the saints” (Sacramentum Caritatis, 31).

Consequently, all of us are called to experience more intensely every Eucharist, in all its dimensions, and particularly its eschatological and missionary dimensions. In this regard, I would reiterate that “we cannot approach the Eucharistic table without being drawn into the mission which, beginning in the very heart of God, is meant to reach all people” (ibid., 84). The Eucharistic renewal that many local Churches are laudably promoting in the post-Covid era will also be essential for reviving the missionary spirit in each member of the faithful. With how much greater faith and heartfelt enthusiasm should we recite at every Mass: “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again”!

In this year devoted to prayer in preparation for the Jubilee of 2025, I wish to encourage all to deepen their commitment above all to take part in the celebration of Mass and to pray for the Church's mission of evangelization. In obedience to the Saviour's command, she does not cease to pray, at every Eucharistic and liturgical celebration, the “Our Father”, with its petition, “Thy kingdom come”. In this way, daily prayer and the Eucharist in particular make us pilgrims and

missionaries of hope, journeying towards everlasting life in God, towards the nuptial banquet that God has prepared for all his children.

3. “Everyone”. The universal mission of Christ's disciples in the fully synodal and missionary Church

The third and last reflection concerns the recipients of the King's invitation: “everyone”. As I emphasized, “This is the heart of mission: that 'all', excluding no one. Every mission of ours, then, is born from the heart of Christ in order that he may draw all to himself” (Address to the General Assembly of the Pontifical Missionary Societies, 3 June 2023). Today, in a world torn apart by divisions and conflicts, Christ's Gospel remains the gentle yet firm voice that calls individuals to encounter one another, to recognize that they are brothers and sisters, and to rejoice in harmony amid diversity. “God our Saviour desires everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim 2:4). Let us never forget, then, that in our missionary activities we are asked to preach the Gospel to all: “Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, [we] should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet” (Evangelii Gaudium, 14).

Christ's missionary disciples have always had a heartfelt concern for all persons, whatever their social or even moral status. The parable of the banquet tells us that, at the king's orders, the servants gathered “all whom they found, both good and bad” (Mt 22:10). What is more, “the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame” (Lk 14:21), in a word, the least of our brothers and sisters, those marginalized by society, are the special guests of the king. The wedding feast of his Son that God has prepared remains always open to all, since his love for each of us is immense and unconditional. “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have life eternal” (Jn 3:16). Everyone, every man and every woman, is invited by God to partake of his grace, which transforms and saves. One need simply say “yes” to this gratuitous divine gift, accepting it and allowing oneself to be transformed by it, putting it on like a “wedding robe” (cf. Mt 22:12).



The mission for all requires the commitment of all. We need to continue our journey towards a fully synodal and missionary Church in the service of the Gospel. Synodality is essentially missionary and, vice versa, mission is always synodal. Consequently, close missionary cooperation is today all the more urgent and necessary, both in the universal Church and in the particular Churches. In the footsteps of the Second Vatican Council and my Predecessors, I recommend to all dioceses throughout the world the service of the Pontifical Mission Societies. They represent the primary means “by which Catholics are imbued from infancy with a truly universal and missionary outlook and [are] also a means for instituting an effective collecting of funds for all the missions, each according to its needs” (Ad Gentes, 38). For this reason, the collections of World Mission Day in all the local Churches are entirely destined to the universal fund of solidarity that the Pontifical Society of the Propagation of the Faith then distributes in the Pope's name for the needs of all the Church's missions. Let us pray that the Lord may guide us and help us to be a more synodal and a more missionary Church (cf. Homily for the Concluding Mass of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, 29 October 2023).

Finally, let us lift our gaze to Mary, who asked Jesus to perform his first miracle precisely at a wedding feast, in Cana of Galilee (cf. Jn 2:1-12). The Lord offered to the newlyweds and all the guests an abundance of new wine, as a foreshadowing of the nuptial banquet that God is preparing for all at the end of time. Let us implore her maternal intercession for the evangelizing mission of Christ's disciples in our own time. With the joy and loving concern of our Mother, with the strength born of tenderness and affection (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 288), let us go forth to bring to everyone the invitation of the King, our Saviour. Holy Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us!

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 January 2024, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

FRANCIS



**Mar Raphael Thattil**

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Prot. No. 0715/2024

**CIRCULAR**  
**FIFTH MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL ASSEMBLY**

**Mar Raphael Thattil**

the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church  
to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Consecrated Men  
and Women and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church.  
May the grace of the Lord be with you all!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I write to you now to inform you of the Fifth Major Archiepiscopal Assembly of our Church. The Major Archiepiscopal Assembly, also known as the Sabhayogam, is a consultative body of the entire Church presided over by the Major Archbishop. It is a joint meeting of the Bishops, Priests, Religious, and Lay representatives of the Church.

The basis of the Assembly is the reality that the Major Archiepiscopal Church is a large communion. The Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches clearly states the aim of the Assembly. It is a consultative body to assist the Major Archbishop and the Synod of Bishops when important matters need to be decided in the Church. The role of the Assembly is to discuss matters of greater importance at respective times, and to assist the Synod of Bishops in formulating action plans, taking into account the common good of the Church and the society.

According to the Canon Law, the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly should be convened once every five years. After our Church was elevated to the Major Archiepiscopal status in 1992, the first Assembly took place in 1998. Subsequently, it was held in

2004, 2010, and 2016. The Fifth Assembly is taking place in 2024, eight years after the previous one in 2016. The uncertainty that prevailed in the context of the Covid pandemic was the reason for the delay in holding the Assembly, which should have taken place in 2021.

The forthcoming Assembly is hosted by the Eparchy of Palai. The Assembly, which is held at Alphonsian Pastoral Institute, Pala, will begin on the evening of Thursday, August 22, 2024, and conclude by noon on Sunday, August 25. The preparations for the successful conduct of the Assembly are being carried out by various committees under the leadership of Mar Pauly Kannoorkadan, the Convenor of the Assembly Committee, and Mar Joseph Kallarangatt, the Bishop of Palai.

The Canon Law stipulates who should participate in the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly. The members of the Assembly are representatives from the eparchies and religious congregations. As the number of Eparchies and religious congregations increased in the Church, the number of participants in the Assembly also increased accordingly. In 2016, there were 488 participants in the Assembly. In addition, there were committee members and other assistants. Considering the practical aspects of conducting the Assembly and to create the suitable atmosphere for presenting and consolidating everyone's ideas effectively, the Synod of Bishops decided to reduce the number of participants of the Assembly. Accordingly, with the approval of the Apostolic See, the amended Particular Law of the Church on the participants of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly was promulgated through a Decree on 25 March 2024. According to this newly promulgated law, 360 members are participating this time, including Bishops under the age of 80, Priests, Religious, and Lay representatives.

The theme of the Fifth Major Archiepiscopal Assembly is Mission and Response of the Syro-Malabar in Response to the Needs of the Time. Based on this, three topics will be discussed in the Assembly: Renewal of Faith Formation, Lay Participation in

Evangelization, and Empowering of the Syro-Malabar Community.

Dearly beloved, I lovingly request that the entire Church pray with one mind so that all those participating in this Assembly may be led by the Holy Spirit, share ideas having the common good in mind, and formulate ideas that will contribute to the glory of God and the growth of the Church. The Karozutha given together with this circular shall be recited during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana from August 4 onwards.

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanaad on 24 July 2024.



Mar Raphael Thattil

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church



1. This circular shall be read in all the parish churches, institutions, religious houses, formation centres and the major seminaries of the Syro-Malabar Church during the Holy Qurbana on Sunday, 4 August 2024.
  2. Karozutha to be recited during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana from August 4 onwards:
- D: We entrust to God the Syro-Malabar Church as it prepares for the Fifth Major Archiepiscopal Assembly and especially all the participants of the Assembly. We pray that the Holy Spirit may grant His special presence and bless the Assembly to reflect on the theme "Mission and Response of the Syro-Malabar in Response to the Needs of the Time," to discern the signs of the times and to formulate the perspectives that will help the community move forward united in love.

Community: Lord, have mercy on us

**VIII. CURIA MATTERS****TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS Eparchy of Chanda (January 2024)**


No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
1	Fr. Prakash Kerketta		Leave	19/04/2024
2	Fr. Jacob Early		Priest-in-Charge, Gatta (Additional)	01/06/2024
3	Fr. Tiji Karakunnel	Asst. Parish Priest, Wardha	Asst. Parish Priest, Warur	01/06/2024
4	Fr. Suresh Thomas CMF	Episcopal Vicar for the Religiou		01/06/2024
5	Fr. Paul Valiaparambil CMI	Priest-in-charge, Wadsa	Episcopal Vicar for the Religious	01/06/2024
6	Fr. Sebastian Vayalil CMI		Priest-in-charge, Chamorshi	01/06/2024
7	Fr. Augustine Alencherry CMI	Priest-in-charge, Chamorshi	Priest-in-charge, Sironcha	01/06/2024
8	Fr. Sinoj Puthenpurackal CMI		Priest-in-charge, Gadchiroli	01/06/2024
9	Fr. Jinesh Kattamkottil CMI	Priest-in-charge, Gadchiroli	Priest-in-charge, Wadsa	01/06/2024
10	Fr. James Ekka		Asst. Priest-in-charge, Gatta	01/06/2024
11	Fr. Ajay Puthukattuchira		Asst. Priest-in-charge, Wardha	01/06/2024

No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
12	Bro. Fredin Jose		Regency, Marakbody	01/06/2024
13	Bro. Jeffin Joseph		Regency, SVG	01/06/2024
14	Bro. Jins Joseph		Regency, Ettappilly	01/06/2024


No.	Name	Presbyteral Coucil	W.E.F
1	Fr. Tomy Chirapurath CMI	Relieved	10/08/2024
2	Fr. Sebastian Orapuzhickal CMI	Elected	10/08/2024
3	Fr. Joshy Chettiyanchira	Relieved	10/08/2024
4	Fr. Praveen Poovanthinkal	Elected	10/08/2024
5	Fr. Joseph Amayikunnel CMF	Relieved	10/08/2024
6	Fr. Sijo CMF	Nominated	10/08/2024
7	Fr. Joseph Kalathil	Ex-Officio	10/08/2024
8	Fr. Pius Mathew	Nominated	10/08/2024
9	Fr. Martin VC	Relieved	10/08/2024
10	Fr. Raphael VC	Nominated	10/08/2024



No.	Name	Presbyteral Council	W.E.F
11	Fr. Binoy CMI	Relieved	10/08/2024
12	Fr. Bonis CMI	Elected	10/08/2024
<b>Consultors' Body</b>			
13	Fr. Sijo CMF	Elected	10/08/2024
14	Fr. Pius Mathew	Elected	10/08/2024
No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed
15	Sr. Daly SAB	Youth Animator	10/08/2024
16	Sr. Viviyana Paskal Tirkey SHSp		Youth Animator 10/08/2024



† Bp. Ephrem Nariculam  
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda



Fr. Shibu Monipalli  
Chancellor

**IX. NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS**

**ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL, BALLARPUR**

7 June 2024 the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, observed on the first Friday of the month, was celebrated with a Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration in the evening.

13 June 2024 the Feast of St. Anthony was solemnly celebrated with a Holy Mass at 6:15 PM. Fr. Benny, Parish Priest, was the main celebrant, followed by a fellowship meal.

3 July 2024 the *Dukharana*, a commemoration of the Cathedral Patron and Diocesan Patron, was celebrated with a solemn liturgy. Fr. Benny, Parish Priest, was the main celebrant, with Fr. Vishal, Fr. Vivek, Fr. Deepak, and Fr. Priju as concelebrants.

7 July 2024 the new Catechism Academic year was inaugurated solemnly at St. Thomas Cathedral. Fr. Benny, Parish Priest, was the main celebrant, with Fr. Deepak Tirkey as concelebrant. Children, in their respective school uniforms, participated in an entrance procession featuring a dance by Kalabhavan children. Offertory gifts were presented by the children.

14 July 2024 Children's Day was celebrated solemnly. Fr. Benny, Parish Priest was the main celebrant. Chocolate was distributed to the children following the Mass.

27 July 2024 Night Vigil for the youth of the Balharshah zone was held at St. Thomas Cathedral, Balharshah. There were 70 youths participated from different parishes.

28 July 2024 the Feast of St. Alphonsa was solemnly celebrated, culminating a three-day novena. Anna Maria, a Cathedral catechism student, delivered a speech on the life of St. Alphonsa while dressed in the saint's attire.

4 August 2024 the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney, the patron saint of priests, was celebrated solemnly. Kalabhavan children and Alex, a catechism student dressed as St. John Mary Vianney, performed an entrance dance. Liza Durge delivered a speech about St. John Mary Vianney. Fr. Priju, Assistant Parish Priest, was the main celebrant.

**CHRIST BHAVAN FORANE CHURCH, BRAHMAPURI****1. Send Off and Welcome to New Sisters at Christanand Convent**

Few sisters serving at Christanand hospital got transferred in the month of April and May. Srs. Jereena SJ, Rejies SABS, Jasmine SABS and Angel DM moved from Christanand convent after years of their dedicated service. Sisters were given send off recognizing their hard work and contributions to the institution. Christanand family express deepest gratitude for all the services you have rendered to the Christanand family and wish you all the best for all your future endeavors.

Srs. Lincy SH, Maria Rose SABS, Agnes SAB and Jeevanlatha SJ jointed the Christanand family this year. They were given a warm welcome upon their arrival. Best wishes dear Sisters! Sr. Anitha SJ is appointed as the new matron of the Chrtianand Hospital, Brahmapuri.

**2. Nurse's Day Celebration at Christanand Hospital**

Christianand Hospital honored its dedicated nursing staff on Nurses' Day with a heartfelt celebration, acknowledging their tireless efforts and commitment to patient care. The event, held on May 12, brought together staff, patients, and community members to celebrate the vital role nurses play in healthcare. The event was also marked by touching testimonials from patients who shared their personal experiences and gratitude for the care they received. Fr. Kurian Panayalil gave the message of the day. Overall, the Nurses' Day celebration at Christianand Hospital was a resounding success, reflecting the community's deep appreciation for the dedication and hard work of its nursing staff.

**3. Requiem Holy Qurbana for Rev. Fr. Lawrance Burle and Rev. Fr. Mathew Manikompel CMI** was offered on 14 May 2023 at Christ Bhavan Church, Brahmapuri commemorating the third death anniversary of reposed soul of Rev. Fr. Lawrance Burle. The Holy Qurbana was followed by the office of the dead.

On 9 July 2023 Requiem Holy Qurbana and office of the dead was offered for the reposed soul of Rev. Fr. Mathew Manikompel who was one among the pioneers to Christanand Church.

**4. Inauguration of Sunday Catechism**

Catechism inauguration was done on 07 June. Rev. Fr. Kurian Panayalil was the main celebrant. Qurbana was specially offered for the catechism children. Holy Qurbana began with the procession then the lighting of the lamp. Later, all children were given welcome especially the new comers. Children presented offertory during the Holy Qurbana. After the holy Qurbana, there was a small felicitation programme and prize distribution programme for those students who have secured good marks in the catechism exam in the parish level as well as the diocesan level. Christanand family wishes every best to all the children.

**5. Celebration of Dukhrana of Sts. Peter and Paul**

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul was celebrated on 29 June 2024 at Nagbhair parish as the parish marked its patron's day. Most of the parishioners were present for the solemn Holy Qurbana. During the homily Fr. Kurian elaborately spoke about the missionary zeal and faith of St. Paul and challenged the faithful to follow the footsteps of St. Paul. Sweets were distributed after the Holy Qurbana.

**6. Zonal Monthly Recollection**

Zonal monthly recollection of the Brahmapuri zone was arranged on 30 June 2024 at St. Joseph's Church, Marakbody. Almost 80 of the missionary personnel participated in the recollection. It began with the short gathering were Fr. Kurian Panayalil, the Zonal vicar welcomed the gathering. The new comers to the zone also given a grant welcome. Fr. Jibin Perumakunnel, Asst. Priest-in-charge of St. Alphonsa Church, Nandgaon gave the recollection talk, followed by the adoration and confession. All departed after a delicious meal. Thanks to all for your participation and co-operation.

**7. Doctors' Day celebration at Christanand Hospital**

International Doctors' day was celebrated at Christanand Hospital, Brahmapuri on 1 July. A small felicitation programme was arranged on the occasion. It began with the prayer song followed by lighting of the lamp. Fr. Kurian Panayalil, the director of Christanand Hospital, Brahmapuri gave the message

of the day. All the doctors were wished with flowers. Doctors also presented few programmes on the occasion. Christanand family gratefully remembers all your hard work and dedicated service you provide to the Hospital.

### **8. Celebration of Dukhrana of St. Thomas, the apostle.**

July 3 mark the feast of St. Thomas, the apostle, the Father in Faith of St. Thomas Christians. Solemn Holy Qurbana was the highlight of the celebrations. Novena to St. Thomas was also said on the occasion. Rev. Fr. Kurian was the main celebrant of the Holy Qurbana. All those who bear the name of St. Thomas were wished on the event.

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### **10. Celebration of Feast of St. Alphonsa**

Christanand family celebrated the feast of St. Alphonsa on 28 June. Solemn Holy Qurbana was offered on the occasion. Few were wished as they celebrated their patron's day. The FCC sisters of Clare Bhavan were felicitated on the occasion. Sweets were distributed after the Qurbana.

### **ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DURGAPUR**

1. St Mary Church, Durgapur celebrated Family Day at St. Mary's Church, a special event aimed at uniting families and nurturing our community on 7/4/24. Youngsters and the students of sunday classes showed active and enthusiastic participation under the guidance of elders. Various activities like worship services and

fun games - all designed to strengthen family bonds and foster a supportive environment, were planned.

2. we gathered together with mixed emotions to bid farewell to our dear sister Aparna and sister Geo, followed by a gracious reception to sister Tina and Sister Hana to our Parish on 19/5/24.

3. On 16/6/24, we held a Parish Council's meeting. And the meeting discussed the upcoming festival on 8th December and its preparation.

4. On 23/6/24, a youth meeting was conducted to discuss about the incredible activities and events conducted to enrich the community and deepening the fellowship. Money boxes were also distributed among the Parishoners in preparation for the church feast in December .

5. A seminar and a prayer service was held at the church on 14/7/24 along with refreshment was also arranged for the students of Babupeth and Ballarshah Church. Fr. Vivek from Ballarshah, along with Brother Joy was also present on the occasion. Through the seminar the students were enlightened about the spiritual and temporal life. Students enjoyed the seminar and as well as enjoyed the privilege to bask in the warmth of God's love.

6. Miss Ranjali, the parish member of St. Mary's Church was elected recently as youth Vice President of our diocese.

### **CHRISTUVAN CHURCH, GOMINI**

After completing eight months of dedicated pastoral care at Gomani Fr. Deepak Tirkey transferred to Ballarsha as secretary of BP. Ephram. He Was honoured with a send-off on 26<sup>th</sup> may 2024. The Christuvan family gratefully remember all your services and wish you all the best. On 1<sup>st</sup> of June Fr Linesh Benny CMI took charge as the assistant parish priest of Christ the king Church at Gomani and the parishioners accorded him a warm welcome. After eight years of Sincere dedicated service Sis. Majusha SJB transferred to Secndrabad. In place of her Sis. Rosilin SJB appointed as the new mother of Christuvan Community.



- Hostel Reopened after the summer Vacation on 30<sup>th</sup> June. This year we have 20 boarding students from our neighbouring villages.
- Our Kindergarten School was reopened on 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2024.
- On July 7<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the feast of St. Thomas alone with parishioners from four our villages. Fr. Linesh Benny Celebrated the mass and soon after the mass Lunch was provided for all the parishioners.
- On 23<sup>rd</sup> of June we had the baptismal ceremony Emmanuel Praveen Dongre.
- On 14<sup>th</sup> of July Our Sunday catechism classes for the year 2024-25 was Officially inaugurated by lighting the lamp.
- We celebrated the World Children's Day and the feast of Mount Carmel on 21<sup>st</sup> July. The parish priest welcomed each children giving a flower. During Holy mass Dn. Vibinto CMI Preached the sermon Highlighting the importance of the day. Soon after the mass we had Cultural programme and a Rosary was given to all. We ended our celebration with Lunch.
- On the feast of St. Alphonsa on July 28<sup>th</sup>, Sunday we remembered and prayed for all the sisters who worked in this parish. And all conveyed their wishes and prayers to them.
- On 4<sup>th</sup> August we celebrated feast of St. John Maria Vianney. We had a solemn celebration of mass, after which the parish priest was greeted by all. On the same day evening we had cultural programme in honour of priest by our boarding students. We also collected certain amount for the relief of Wayanad.

### **JEEVAN JYOTHI CHURCH, HINGANGHAT**

We celebrated all the feasts during this time with special attention, particularly the feasts of Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Thomas. These occasions were marked by meaningful liturgies and inspiring messages.

This year's catechism classes were inaugurated on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Our sisters are actively involved in guiding our children to the love of the Lord.

This year Sr Shanti SJB is appointed as coordinator of Sunday School. Rev Srs: Riya, Bertilla, Anitha and Fr Joseph are taking classes in different sections.

We have 19 children plus 7 candidates from SJB formation house as students.

On 14<sup>th</sup> July we celebrated World Children Day colorfully in Solemn Eucharistic celebration with entrance procession and remarkable liturgy led by students.

Arranged also cultural and sports events in which students participated joyfully.

We welcomed the following sisters as new members of our community: Sr. Sneha SJB (new animator), Sr. Prasada, Sr. Anitha, Sr. Shubhanki, and Sr. Bertilla.

Sr. Seema, the former animator, has moved to Nagpur to take on new responsibilities in social work. We extend our heartfelt thanks to her and a warm welcome to all the new members.

### **KARUNA NILAYAM, REPANPALLI**

World Children's day and Feast of St. John Marie Vianney was celebrated here in Repanpalli on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The parishioners greeted the pastor on the occasion.

The parish community congratulated the ICSC Board toppers from the parish: Ku. Arpana Shanker Gorlapalli and Syam S. Chapple for their performance. They were felicitated with memento and cash prize.

### **ST. ANTONY CHURCH, WARDHA**

- A farewell program was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 to Rev. Fr. Tiji who got transferred to Warur parish.

- Rev. Fr. Ajay Varkey, newly appointed assistant Parish Priest of St. Antony Church, Wardha, Rev. Sr. Mary John DST, Rev. Sr. Jissy DST, Rev. Sr. Sunima SJB, Rev. Sr. Maria Goreti SJB, Rev. Sr. Rani John SJB, Rev. Sr. Geo DM Rev. Sr. Savia DM Sr. Mary MSMI, and Rev. Sr. Rosmine MSMI were welcomed to Wardha Parish by Rev. Fr. Robinson, Parish Priest of Wardha.
- 9 days of Novena in connection with the Feast of St Antony of Padua began in the Church from 04<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. Fr. Benny Mulakkal, Vicar General of Chanda diocese hoisted the flag for the novena feast .
- Wardha Parish celebrated the feast of St. Antony of Padua, the patron saint of the parish on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. Newly ordained priests of the diocese: Rev. Fr. Jibin, Rev. Fr. James, Rev. Fr. Ajay, Rev. Fr. Linesh CMI celebrated the festal mass.
- A friendly Cricket match was conducted in the parish between Chanda diocesan fathers and youth from Wardha parish on 25<sup>th</sup> June. Diocesan fathers had won the cricket match.
- Zonal wise monthly recollection was held in the parish for all the priests and religious on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. The preacher for the session was Rev. Fr. Jijo Machukuzhy CMF. 16 priests and 57 religious sisters participated for the session.
- Dukhrana, the feast of St. Thomas the apostle, was celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024 in solemn way. Rev. Fr. Ajay celebrated mass and wished Rev. Sisters of DST as they celebrated their patron' feast.
- His excellency Bishop Ephrem Nariculam visited the parish on 11<sup>th</sup> July, as he was coming back from abroad. He left by the evening on the same day.
- Children's day celebration was held in the parish on 14<sup>th</sup> July. The event was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Sijo CMF, Rector of Cleritian Ashram. High tea was arranged for the children in connection with the program.
- Rev. Fr. Robinson, Parish priest celebrated his 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordination

day on our 21<sup>st</sup> July.

- Rev. Sr. Rosely Pareckattil celebrated her golden jubilee of profession on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Rev. Fr. Robinson along with Fr. Jose CMF, Fr. Francis CMI, Fr. Ajay celebrated Holy mass in the Alphonsa Nikethan community.

### TERAPREM CHURCH, WARUR

1. Rev. Fr. Alwin Vattamkattil was relieved from the office of Asst. Priest in Charge on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024. He was given send-off on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024.
2. Rev. Fr. Tiji Karakkunnel was appointed as the Asst. Parish priest on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024. He was welcomed in the parish on the following Sunday by the Vicar, Rev. Fr. Dinesh Mate.
3. Feast day of St. Thomas the apostle was solemnly celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.
4. Catechism for the academic year 2024-25 was solemnly inaugurated on 21<sup>st</sup> July by Rev. Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil, the director of Diocesan CLC department.
5. Children's day was solemnly celebrated in the parish on 21<sup>st</sup> July.
6. Feast of St. John Mary Vianney was celebrated in the parish on 4<sup>th</sup> August. The priests were specially honoured and wished during the festal gathering.

### Quotes

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**Chaos was the law of nature;  
order was the dream of man.**

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**- Henry Adams**

## X. NEWS FROM FORMATION HOUSES

### DARSANA, WARDHA

#### Arrival of the New Comers

27 Brothers of the new Philosophy Batch have arrived by 9 'O' clock in the morning to the family of Darsana on 15th June. They had a welcoming ceremony in the Chavara Auditorium and had a week-long Orientation Program prepared by the seniors. The brothers arrived to Darsana after having an Intensive Language course from Samanvaya, Kolchur. Fr. Libin Thekkumkattil CMI, the Animator of the 1st Year Philosophy Batch has also joined the Darsana Community. *Wardha Darsan* was prepared for them on 17th, with the help of seniors. We wished them welcome and a very fruitful time in Darsana Institute of Philosophy, Wardha.

#### New Face for Darsana

Darsana had been undergoing some renovation works for the last two months especially in the respective areas of Main Chapel, Kitchen, Parlor and Guest Rooms. All the restoration works got over by the half of this month. And the blessing of all these renovated areas was done solemnly on 18th June.

#### Inauguration of the New Academic Year

“Well begun is half-done!” DIP, Wardha got reopened on 24<sup>th</sup> June with its Inaugural ceremony. In connection with the Inauguration of the new Academic Year 2024-25, the Solemn Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Benny Mulackal, the Proto Syncellus, Diocese of Chanda. In the Inaugural function, Rev. Fr. Joshy Nellivelil CMI, the Director welcomed the gathering and Rev. Fr. Robinson CJ, the Forane Vicar of St Antony Parish, Wardha delivered the words of blessings. Rev. Dr. Roy vettokkuzhiyil doubled the spirit of the ceremony with his Keynote Address. Rev. Dr. Sijo Cherukarayil CMF, the Rector of Claretian Ashram felicitated the community and the President of the ceremony was Dr. Francis Aykarapampil CMI, the Rector of Darsana. Some programs from the part of the students were there in between. Some neighboring communities were present for the ceremony.

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The inaugural ceremony of DKS and DSKS was staged on 13th of July. The chief guest was Fr. Joseph Vadakkemurickankuzhiyil CMF, the Administrator of Claretian Ashram, Sawangi. The felicitation speech was delivered by Dr. Francis, the Rector. The ceremony was also blessed with the keynote address by Fr. Libin Thekkumkattil, the Director of DKS and DSKS. The new logos for the DKS and DSKS were revealed on the same occasion. A report of whole auspices of the Departments was briefed in between and a description about the newly undertaken endeavours was explained by the new Departments. Special appreciation goes to the new In-Charges of both the Departments.

#### Mount Carmel Feast

We celebrated the Feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16th in a solemn way. It was an occasion to renew the vows for all the CMI Members in the seminary. The devotion to the Lady of Mount Carmel was expressed in the Solemn Holy Eucharistic Celebration and the Solemn Rosary Procession on the day. We wished the nearby Carmelite communities especially the Claretian community was greeted here as they celebrated their 175th Foundation Day.

#### Revera- 24

The Section Feast of the First Year Philosophy Batch was celebrated in a momentous way. The celebrations commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony along with the novena to St. Alphonsa, their patroness. It was excessively an opportunity for them to unveil their hidden artistry and aptitude towards various fields. The festal moments were ended by the One hour long cultural programs titled REVERA-24 on July 27th. Seniors had prepared a very sumptuous agape for them on the next day in the name of AL-WALIMA.



**SANT VIANNEY GURUKUL**

Major seminarians gathering was held at SVG from May 1-10, 2024. There were 10 major seminarians who took part in this program. There were different talks... Seminar and retreat for the brothers.

On May 6 2024, one month summer vacation started for minor seminarians (seniors)

New comers( first year brothers) came to the seminary on 25 June 2024. This year SVG is blessed with 5 freshers. Three are from the diocese (Kurkheda, Ballharsha, Jarawandi respectively) and two are hailing from Kerala(both belong to Idduki diocese).

The inauguration of the Academic year 2024-25 and St. Thomas day was held on 3 July 2024 at SVG. Various programmes were arranged for the brothers. Fr. Benny Mulackal VG inaugurated the academic year 2024-25.

Rectors feast was solemnly celebrated on 25 July 2024.

We the SVG community participated in the celebration of feast of St. Alphonsa at Kalmna parish on 28 July 2024.

On 31 July 2024, bishop visited seminary and offered Holy Qurbana and also shared his experience of his visit to abroad, took classes and interacted with the staff and the bros.

Vianney day was celebrated with lot of joy and happiness on 4 August 2024 at SVG. Bishop, fr. Benny VG, fr. Emmanuel and fr. Shaiju our jublerians and the New priest of the diocese were the celebrants. The celebration began with Holy Qurbana followed by cultural program and varieties of Games.

The plus two batch of SVG 2023-24 passed out with flying colours. Bros. Jobin (79%), Jilgith (68%), Manish (72%) respectively.

**NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS HOUSES****CMI MAR THOMA PROVINCE, CHANDA**

Reopened the renovated convent at Chamorshi.

St. Paul`s Samaritan Convent was blessed and reopened by Rev. Fr. Benny Mulakkal, the Proto-Syncellus, Chanda Diocese and offered the Holy Qurbana on 15 th June 2024. Fr. Provincial and Vicar-Provincial of Mar Thoma Province Chanda, Fr. Sebastian Vayalil-the Manager, Fr. Jilson- the Principal, Sr. Provincial from Samaritan Province, Mannuthy , Fr. Thomas Punchayil- the Zonal Convener and a large number of Fathers and Sisters from the Zone participated the blessing ceremony. Sr. Resmy CSS gave vote of thanks. The sisters will be mostly involved in the school and helping in the pastoral ministries of this mission centre. Hearty welcome and best wishes.

**Carmel Academy Datala ... CHANDRAPUR RATNA AWARD**

Mrs. Pradhnya Jiwanekar , teacher of Carmel Academy CISCE, is awarded the

Chandrapur Ratna Award 2023 for her immense talent in anchoring. She is a news reader (Search TV) and is selected by the Nagpur Doordarshan TV among all the Vidarbha Contestants to interview one famous personality in a month which will be relayed in whole Maharashtra. She is one of the first teachers to be appointed in our school and none the less, an asset to the school. The School honoured Ms. Pradhnya in the open assembly before the staff, students and parents. Congratulations and Best wishes.

**Pilgrimage to Chennai and Velankanni:**

The department of Evangelization and Pastoral ministry has arranged pilgrimage to Chennai and Velankanni for our catholic faithful who are under our Pastoral care attached to our cmi

houses and centres. The following parishes are already gone for this pilgrimage. 1. Ashti 2. Wadsa, 3. Gadchiroli, 4. Koprelli. This pilgrimage is still open for our other parishes. Please make use of this golden opportunity to deepen the faith of our people.

#### “Vocation” - Booklet

A Booklet “Vocation- Confused, Convenient and convinced” written by Rev. Fr. Panthenus Pookkattu, CMI was published on the Mount Carmel Day celebration in our provincial House. Rev. Fr. Provincial officially released the Booklet by giving a copy to our Formation Co-ordinator Rev. Fr. Tomy Chiraprath CMI. In this booklet Fr. Panthenus brings our profound reflections seasoned by over 60 years of his committed missionary life and Priesthood in the Diocese of Chanda. Kudos to Fr. Panthenus and hearty thanks to all those who worked behind the curtain especially the Education and Communication media of Mar Thomas Province Chanda. For copies please contact Fr. Panthenus Pookkattu, CMI or CMI Provincial House, Bamni.

#### CARMELODAYA PROVINCE, WARDHA

The Silver Jubilee of our Sisters – Sr. Anila , Sr. Flowery, Sr. Suchitha, Sr. Lizbeth, Sr. Saphalya and Sr. Catherine was celebrated on 6 May 2024 at St. Xavier's Church, Pullur - Kerala together with their family members. Congratulations to our dear Sisters who reached a remarkable milestone of their religious life and prayerful wishes for the days ahead too....

'Knowledge is an unending adventure.' On 3rd and 4th June, 2024 a course was arranged for all the Principals and Accountants of our Institutions for updating their knowledge with regard to the current revise on financial matters by Auditors – Bosco and Bijesh Balakrishnan from Nagpur. On this occasion Rev. Fr. Roby

Knnanchira CMI enlightened the Sisters on the following topics –

- Re – imagining the leadership style in the changing scenario.
- Keeping our identity in the multi – religious context of our nation; celebrating diversity- celebrating Bharat.
- Leading with authenticity: combining faith and values for a strong foundation.

#### SISTERS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND MARY THE QUEEN, MHASALA, WARDHA

- On May 31<sup>st</sup> three novices made their first profession and seven Junior Sisters made their final commitment on the same day. In anticipation of the Feast of St. John the Baptist, there was a solemn Holy mass on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, Rev. Fr.Sijo CMF, rector of Claretian Ashram was the main celebrant; on that day three Junior Sisters also made their final commitment.
- On June 24<sup>th</sup> Sr. Kalpana (Jagdapur), Sr. Rani (Pipri) Sr.Sima (Sevagram) and Sr.Jessy (Mhasala) lighted the Jubilee candle as they entered into the silver jubilee of their first profession.
- In the month of May, Sanjeevani Ashram came alive with spiritual fervour as Rev. Fr. John Bosco led a transformative three-day retreat. Over 150 people participated in the retreat. The SJB Sisters, along with Rev Fr. Vivek, guided a three-day retreat in the month of June. A one-day retreat was held on June 29, Rev.Fr. Joseph CMF enriched the gathering with a talk.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 His Excellency Rt. Rev. Bp. Joseph Kollamparambil, Bishop of Jagdalpur visited Agragami provincial house Mhasala.

- On July 16, Hinganghat community celebrated a momentous occasion on the feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The community offered a thanksgiving Holy Qurbana in gratitude for God's benevolence, marking 50 fruitful years in Hinganghat. The celebration was made even more special by the presence of Sr. Prasada, a member of the first community established in 1974. Her participation added a special touch to the day, highlighting the enduring legacy and spiritual journey of the Hinganghat community.
- Rev. Sr. Anima SJB, a beloved zealous missionary who rendered her dedicated service for 38 long years in Chanda diocese departed from this earthly realm to embrace her heavenly reward, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Her legacy, woven into the fabric of the community, and the society will forever inspire and guide those she leaves behind. Her Funeral service was officiated by His Excellency Rt. Rev. Bp. Ephrem Nariculam, Bishop of Chanda and His Excellency Rt. Rev. Bp. Andrews Thazhath, Archbishop of Thrissur and her mortal remains were laid to rest at St. Joseph's Church, Vettukad
- Dr. Sr. Sally, along with other sisters from the health ministry, organized three free medical camps for the villagers of Mhasala. The events took place on the premises of Agragami School Mhasala, providing essential health services to the local community. The camps attracted a significant number of villagers, many of whom benefited from the medical consultations and treatments offered. The initiative aimed to improve health awareness and provide accessible healthcare to those in need.

## OBITUARY

### Tribute to Sr. Jaya Chennakat SD



Born: 24.08.1948

Profession: 15.05.1972

Born to Eternity: 16.05.2024

*"In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells"*  
(2 Pt 3:13).

- Sr. Jaya was born on 24 August 1948 in Chennakat family of Pazhavangady, Alappuzha as the third child of Mr. Xavier and Mariakutty. She did her schooling at Alapuzha and passed SSLC Examination in 1968. In the next year itself she joined SD Congregation and made her first profession on 15 May 1972. Her motto was "share the compassionate love with the suffering people". Soon after profession she was sent to Malaytoor community. Later she studied nursing at Medical College-Trivandrum. She did her final profession on 15 May 1978 and after that she served as an efficient and committed nurse in many hospitals like Ashadham Hospital-Wirur, Jivodaya Hospital-Delhi, Samaritan Hospital-Pazhanganad, St. Thomas Hospital-Chethipuzha, Nirmalagiri Hospital-Gauripatnam, and Arogyamatha Hospital-Kankipadu. She was a dedicated and courageous nurse having great compassion for the sick and poor patients. Her gentle approach and cheerful presence had a soothing and healing effect. She served as superior at Tamsi community and SD Kankipadu from 1993 to 1998. That zealous missionary was ever ready and even glad to mount on bullock carts along with other sisters and priests to proclaim the Good news to the poor people of the locality. When SD Krupadham became a region, she served as one of the councillors of the Regional superior.



- Then, she was sent to USA for pastoral care in Christi's Highland hospital, Shreveport in Louisiana. In 2016 she became sick and it was diagnosed as cancer and had to undergo surgery and chemotherapy thereafter. Her condition was not that good and she had to return to India in 2017. After her return, she was staying at Chootuvely and Warangal communities until 2021.
- As her condition was deteriorating due to cancer and dementia, she was brought to Ashadham Hospital Wirur in 2021. She had deep rooted spirituality and was never tired of spending hours before the Blessed Sacrament. Her special devotion to Mother Mary was exemplary. She had personal concern for the sisters and was always ready to prepare delicious food according to the preferences of the sisters.
- From 14<sup>th</sup> May onwards there was some differences in her general condition with no response to the routine. On 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 am there was sudden change in her and became critical. Rev.Fr.Shibu Monipalliyil administrated anointing of the sick at 12.15 pm and the call of the Lord came to her on the same day 2.05 pm. The mortal remains of Sr.Jaya was taken to Sewagram hospital, Wardha after saying the office of the dead by Rev.Fr.Joseph Thachaparampath CMI Provincial of Mar Thoma Province. On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May the body was brought to Provincial house Wardha at 4.00 pm. Rev.Fr.Robinson parish priest of Wardha and Synchronus of diocese Chanda, along with Rev.Shibu Monipalliyil, Rev.Subin, Rev.Fr.Bibin conducted the first part of funeral rite.
- On 20 May at 8.30 am Rev.Fr.Paul Valiaveetil CMI the Episcopal vicar of Religious, Chanda officiated the second part of the funeral service. Rev.Fr.Robinson Synchronus of Dioceses of Chanda officiated the Holy Qurbana and around 12 priests from Adilabad and Chanda diocese concelebrated. Rev.Fr.Kurian, parish priest of Sacred Heart Church Bellempally who represented Adilabad diocese where Sr.Jaya served for 6 years preached the homily shedding light on the

missionary zeal of Sr.Jaya. Sr.Gracelet the Provincial Superior thanked all who were present and associated with her funeral ceremony. The fourth part of the rite was done by Rev.Fr.Shibu Monipillil the Chancellor of diocese of Chanda. Then the mortal remains were taken to the tomb and it was laid to rest at 11.45 am.

- Dear Sr. Jaya, with grateful hearts we treasure the moments we lived with you. Your memory will forever be a cherished melody in our hearts.

# World MISSION Sunday

## 20 OCTOBER '24

### Theme

**Go and invite everyone to the banquet.**

**Cf. Matthew 22:9**

### How?

- ⊙ Participate in the Holy Mass.
- ⊙ Pray for missionaries.
- ⊙ Educate and raise awareness.
- ⊙ Support financially.
- ⊙ Engage in local mission activities.
- ⊙ Reflect on your call to mission.
- ⊙ Join our Mission Societies.
- ⊙ Offering one's suffering for mission.
- ⊙ Praying Rosary for mission.

## OBITUARY



**In Loving Memory of Sr. Anima  
Kannamkombil SJB**

In the Book of Wisdom, chapter 3, verse 1, it is written, "The souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment will ever touch them." These words resonate deeply as we remember Sr. Anima Kannamkombil SJB, who has returned to the shores of peace, free from pain and suffering.

Sr. Anima's remarkable journey spanned 87 years, beginning in Ramapuram, within the diocese of Palai, before her family migrated to Kallodi in the Mananthavady diocese. After completing her SSLC in 1954, she dedicated nearly a decade to teaching at St. Joseph's School in Kallodi. Her commitment to justice was evident during the 1957 liberation struggle in Kerala, where she bravely participated as a freedom fighter, resulting in her arrest and imprisonment in Kannur jail.

Responding to God's call, Sr. Anima became a nun in 1964, leaving her loved ones to serve in the newly established diocese of Chanda. Under the guidance of Fr. Werner CMI, she traveled to Germany for training, joining the congregation of St. John the Baptist. She made her first vows in 1967 and her final vows in 1976. Known for her beautiful singing voice and sense of humor, she brought joy and vibrancy to her community.

With a deep desire to share God's love and mercy, she gained skills as a healer, during 1968 -1971, she learned nursing from St. Joseph's hospital in Germany. After her training, she cared for the sick and elderly at St. Ludwig House in Braunshardt. Recognizing the needs of the uneducated and impoverished in the Chanda mission of Maharashtra, she returned to India in 1976 and joined Kasturba

Medical College in Sewagram as a staff nurse, where she became a beloved friend and mentor to her colleagues and nursing students.

From 1995 to 2003, Sr. Anima served in the dispensaries of Koperli mission station and later took on the role of animator in various convents. She spent two years in contemplative convents in Germany and India, deepening her spiritual life before returning to active service with renewed energy. For eleven years, she worked in the Allipur, Koperli, and Gomini mission stations of Chanda diocese, and from 2017 until February 2024, she served at St. John's Convent in Ranni.

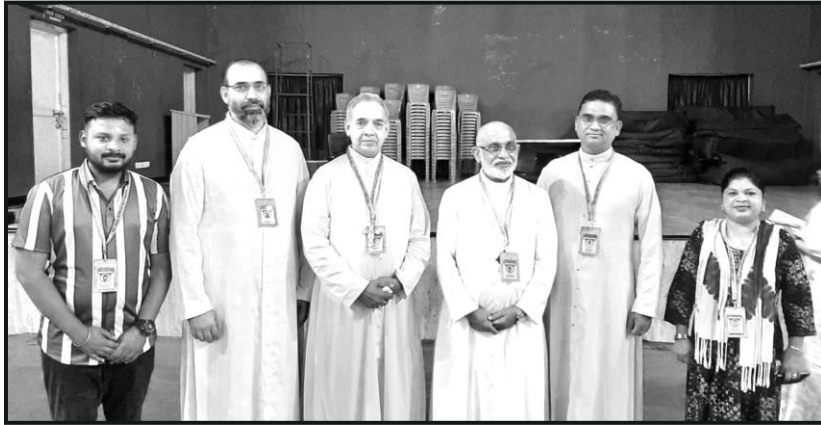
Sr. Anima was known for her systematic approach to tasks, performing even the simplest duties with love and dedication. Her humble and calm demeanour made her a cherished figure among her peers. Those who cared for her during her illness found her to be cooperative and gracious. She received her last sacraments while fully conscious, and on July 20<sup>th</sup>, surrounded by her sisters and chanting the name of Jesus, she peacefully returned her soul to her Creator.

Her passing has left a profound impact on all who knew her, as many have shared how her presence brought healing and joy. Sr. Anima's life exemplified how a religious can live humbly and joyfully. We pray that she continues to share her melodious spirit with the heavenly choirs and that her deeds of goodness and love are rewarded with eternal life.

*Congratulations*

Congratulations to **Master Yug Dhiraj Dakhne**, II Jasmine of Vianney Jubilee School, Ballarpur. He has acquired First Rank in the World for the International Olympiad of English Language (IOEL). Hats off to you





### Fifth Major Archiepiscopal Assembly

Bishop Ephrem Nariculam along with Fr. Benny Mulackal (Protosynchelus), Fr. Shibu Monipally (Chancellor), Mrs. Kavitha Joseph Domala from Cathedral parish and Mr. Patrick Akhilesh from Wardha parish as lay representatives attended Fifth Major Archiepiscopal Assembly held at Alphonsian Pastoral Institute, Pala from 22 to 25 August 2024. "Ecclesiastical life and mission according to the times in the Syro-Malabar Church" was the theme of the assembly. There were 348 participants including Bishops, Priests, Religious and lay reps. The assembly was inaugurated by Major Archbishop Mar Raphael Thattil. Cardinal George Alencherry, Cardinal Cleemees Mor Basilius, Bishop Varghese Chakkalackal, Water Resource minister of Kerala Government Advt. Roshy Augustine and others addressed the audience. All present and former catholic MPs and MLAs from Syro-Malabar Church in Kerala attended the concluding Holy Qurbana and session.

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## REMINDER

PLEASE BLOCK THESE DAYS.

2. Chanda *Parivar Divas* (Chanda Family Day)
  - Date : Saturday 12 October 2024
  - Venue : Cathedral, BPQ
  - Time : 09.00 AM
  - (Invitees: All missionaries of Chanda and the representatives of the laity)
  
3. Priests' Annual Retreat
  - Date : Sunday 03 November Evening to Friday 08 November by Lunch
  - Venue : Cathedral, BPQ
  - Preacher: Fr. Thomas Vallianipuram
  - (For Priest and men Religious)
  
4. Monthly Recollection and Christmas Gathering
  - Date : Saturday 21 December 2024
  - Venue : Cathedral, BPQ
  - Time : 09.00 AM
  - (Invitees: All missionaries of Chanda)

Fr. Shibu Monipallil  
Chancellor  
Diocese of Chanda

## NATIVITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (8 September 2024)

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

*Happy Feast to All*



### CHANDA HEAVENLY BRETHREN

#### SEPTEMBER

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

#### OCTOBER

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

#### NOVEMBER

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

#### DECEMBER

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







## JUBILEE YEAR TIMELINE

### DECEMBER 2024

**24 December**  
Opening of the Holy Door  
of Saint Peter's Basilica



### JANUARY 2025

**24-26 January**  
Jubilee of the World  
of Communications

### FEBRUARY 2025

**8-9 February**  
Jubilee Armed Forces, Police  
and Security Personnel **16-  
18 February**  
Jubilee of Artists  
**21-23 February**  
Jubilee of Deacons

### MARCH 2025

**8-9 March**  
Jubilee of the Sick and  
Health Care Workers  
**25-27 April**  
Jubilee of Teenagers  
**28-30 April**  
Jubilee of People with  
Disabilities

### MAY 2025

**1-4 May**  
Jubilee of Workers  
**4-5 May**  
Jubilee of Entrepreneurs  
**10-11 May**  
Jubilee of Musical Bands  
**16-18 May**  
Jubilee of Confraternities  
**24-25 May**  
Jubilee of Children  
**30 May - 1 June**  
Jubilee of Families,  
Grandparents and the Elderly



### JUNE 2025

**7-8 June**  
Jubilee of Ecclesial  
Movement Association  
and New Communities  
**9 June**  
Jubilee of the Holy See  
**14-15 June**  
Jubilee of Governments  
**23-24 June**  
Jubilee of Seminarians  
**25 June**  
Jubilee of Bishops  
**25-27 June**  
Jubilee of Priests  
**28 June**  
Jubilee of the Eastern  
Churches

### JULY 2025

**28 July - 3 August**  
Jubilee of Youth

### SEPTEMBER 2025

**15 September**  
Jubilee of Consolation  
**20 September**  
Jubilee of Justice  
**26-28 September**  
Jubilee of Catechists

### OCTOBER 2025

**5 October**  
Jubilee of Migrants  
**8-9 October**  
Jubilee of Consecrated Life  
**11-12 October**  
Jubilee of Marian Spirituality  
**18-19 October**  
Jubilee of the Missions  
**30 October - 2 November**  
Jubilee of the World Education

### NOVEMBER 2025

**16 November**  
Jubilee of the Poor  
**22-23 November**  
Jubilee of Choirs

### DECEMBER 2025

**14 December**  
Jubilee of Prisoners

