

X. ONGOING FORMATION

Address	Course	Date
Rector Don Bosco Renewal Centre, SOS Post Bannerghatta Road Bangalore 560 076 Tel: 080 -26584115 email: admitdbrc@gmail.com	Personal Growth & renewal	03-27 February 2019
	Counselling & Valuetraining for Educators	04-17 April 2019
	Personal Growth & Renewal (Also open to Silver Jubilarians)	27 May to 19 June 2019
The Director Dhyanasadhana, Bogadi, Mysuru, Center for Holistic Spirituality 570 026 Mob: 08762423129 dhyanasadhana@gmail.com	Journeying through mid-life events	8-13 April 2019
	Administration Course	22-27 April 2019
	An Intense course in inner healing and psycho-spiritual integration	29 April to 25 May 2019

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Thy Kingdom Come (Mt. 6:10)

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helping Pattaguda parish and their presence at Chembalam for funeral service. May God bless every one of you abundantly. Thanks to Chakalatharayil family for the gift of Fr. Jomy to Chanda.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7). The demise of Fr. Jomy is a sad news for all who know him personally. In a short span of ministry he won the hearts of many. Let us pray for the repose of his soul. May his soul Rest In Peace - Dear Fr. Jomy, until we meet in heavenly abode - Good Bye.

Fr. Jomy was a gift of God to the Church and Chanda Family. We thank Chakkalatharayil Family for having gifted Fr. Jomy to Chanda diocese. Let us recommit to our missionary endeavours to complete the work God would have initiated through him as well. May his soul REST IN PEACE.

Bp. Ephrem Nariculam

COLLECTIONS

Seminary Fund Collection: Advent collection is meant for seminary fund. Please announce it in the Church and make collection on Sunday before Christmas and send it to DFO not later than 30 January.

Preshitha Varam 2019 : Preshitha Varam (Syro-Malabar Mission Week) is celebrated from 6-12 January. Please send the collection to DFO latest by 15 February 2018.

THANKS TO EVERYONE

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear people, During Christmas and New Year season number of you in person or through other means greeted me for the season. I thank everyone for the same. May God Bless you.

Bp. Ephrem Nariculam

Fr. Jomy was talented priest. He was good in vocal and instrumental music. He was an expert in computer graphics. He was a hard worker. He used to work even very late at night in Bishop's office. He was very responsible to the duties entrusted to him is the experience of Fr. Joy Puthussery CMI when he was assistant at Wirur parish. The brothers in SVG fondly remembers his friendly and paternal approach in dealing with them in the classes, gardens and play ground. He proved to be a genuine pastor and educationist while he served in Pattaguda and Jiwathi, which was his last appointment. He was regular in village visit and took utmost interest to rectify the land documents of the station, renovating village chapels, to improve facilities in the Jiwathi school and above all to organise people, teachers, parents and students for different activities. All works he did in Pattaguda and Jiwathi was greatly appreciated by all - Rev. Sisters, Guruji's, teachers, parents, people, students and boarders. He kept warm relationship with everyone in the parish, school and in the diocese. A sense of humour and compassion and love for the needy was manifested in his ministry in Pattaguda and Jiwathi. They sadly remember, loss of a genuine priest, committed missionary and parental pastor, in the death of Fr. Jomy.

Chanda family is indebted to everyone who prayed for Fr. Jomy and supported all events connected to his ailments and funeral. Thanks to Wirur Hospital, Christ Hospital, CHL Hospital and Sree Krishna Hrudayalaya Hospital. Our thanks are beyond words to all Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and parishioners of Chandrapur, Cathedral, Jiwathi and Pattaguda. The co-operation of Priests of Chembalam, Fr. Mathew Arackaparambil and parishioners are beyond words. We remember with gratitude Bp. Prince, Bp. Mathew Arcakal, Bp. Vijay Ananad CMI, MST Fathers, CMI Fathers, Priests and Sisters from Jagadapur, Adilabad, Kanjirappally and Idukki for their presence and prayers. A special word of thanks to Muttam parishioners for their great support to Fr. Jomy in

Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear People,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Happy New Year to everyone. God has blessed us with one more year. Let us thank God for the same. *Aaradhana Varsh* 2018 passed well in the diocese. The three *Aaradhana* Centers St. Thomas Cathedral Ballarpur, Anjali Sadan in CMC Provincialate Wardha and Christianand Hospital, Brahmapuri will continue keeping the spirit of adoration in the diocese. These centers have long stretch of daily adoration. We all resolve to avail all opportunities to be with the Eucharistic Lord whenever and wherever possible and keep the practice of holy hour on Fridays particularly on the first Fridays. I hope the *Bible Vaachan Varsh* is ceremoniously inaugurated in every parishes/mission stations/institutions. Let us avail the opportunity to accomplish the target of *Bible Vaachan Varsh*. May the WORD that became flesh in Jesus Christ be our source, guide and inspiration, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb 4:12).

Your Shepherd in the Lord



Ephrem Nariculam

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Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

PASTORAL LETTER I

PL 1/2019/January 1

Bible Vaachan Varsh II

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear People,
Thy Kingdom Come!

We have now that inaugurated *Bible Vaachan Varsh*. As we all know it is solely meant to allow the word to sink into our person and we in turn dive into the holy words. A mutual inter-assimilation transform us into persons of divine splendour. It raises us into the experience of St. Paul: "It is no I but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20). It will emanate divine fragrance. "we have become aroma of God in Christ Jesus" (2 Corinthians 2:15). It is silent presence of Christ within us effectively communicating the message of Christ by our words, deeds and above all by our presence.

The Holy Bible wholly summarized in two words: Jesus and Love. The root of the name of Jesus in Hebrew is Joshua means God saves. Bible is nothing but salvation history. It is God's plan of salvation of the humankind unfurled intelligible to the humans. Different genres of literature history, prophecy, story, parables, similies, poetry, legends etc. are used to communicate God's plan of salvation. Ultimately God's compassion and love is made palpable to the human minds so as to respond to it in faith and obedience. Love is the nature of God, so we say God is love. The words of St. John explains the depth of God's love: "God So loved the world, that he sent his only begotten son" (John 3:16). God's Love is ineffable in human words it is so high, we can't get over it, so wide, we can't get around it, so deep, we can't get under it. Jesus communicated it to us by his mission and ministry.

Jesus is the epitome of God's love. He is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6) for us to know God's love. He is the light of the world and the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13-

transferred to CHL hospital, where it was diagnosed that he had a cardiac arrest and his LVEF (left ventricular ejection fraction) is 15 - 20%. The doctors informed that his health condition is very critical. Though there was a plan to shift him to Nagpur, we had to wait for some improvement in his health. As per the expert advice of the doctors he was transferred to Sree Krishna Hrudayalaya hospital, Nagpur. Mean time he developed also brain haemorrhage. As soon as he was brought to Nagpur he was given ventilator support. By morning 16 December the doctors informed his health is very critical and health seem to be deteriorating. His family members were informed and bishop was also informed. Bishop who was in Western Region Bishops' Council in Mumbai decided to return by evening. Accordingly bishop reached late in the evening. Fr. Jomy's mother and the brothers arrived from Delhi in the evening. We did our best and the doctors made great strides to save his life but God's plan was different: HE WAS CALLED TO ETERNAL REST at 6.40 pm on Sunday 16 December 2018. May his soul Rest In Peace.

Fr. Jomy's body was brought to Christ Hospital late in the evening on 16 December. Bishop Ephrem said Office of the Dead at his mortal remains in Christ Hospital. On 17th morning his body was brought to Cathedral, BPQ, to pay homage for the people. The funeral Qurbana was held at 12.00 noon . Bp. Ephrem, Bp. Vijay Anand CMI and Bp. Prince Panangadan, beside number of Priests, Brothers, Sisters and people took part in the funeral service. Later in the afternoon his body was taken to Chembalam parish in the Kanjirappally diocese by road escorted by six of our priests besides his relatives. The funeral Qurbana at Chembalam parish was at 3.00 pm on 19th December. Bp. Ephrem and Bp. Mathew Arackal officiated the funeral service. A great number of priests and religious Sisters, besides parishioners and other people participated in funeral service. His mortal remains were interned to the specially prepared tomb in the cemetery Chapel by 6.00 pm.

Jomy John Chakkalatharayil (1981-2018)

Fr. Jomy Chakkalatharayil, a priest of Chanda diocese, was born on 21-01-1981 as the second son of three siblings of late Mr. John and Mrs Marykutty at Chembalam parish in Kanjirapally diocese. He had his schooling in Jaimatha School Ezhukumvayal and Christuraja High School Valiyathovala. Further he studied in MES College, Nedumkandam. After having done some priestly formation training with CMI's in



Coimbatore province, he pursued priestly formation in the diocese of Chanda in the year 2004. After minor seminary for 2 years and language studies he was sent to Papal seminary, Pune for Philosophy. He had his regency at Sant Vianney Gurukul in the year 2008-09. After having done Theology at Ruhalya Major Seminary from 2009 to 2013, he was ordained to priesthood by Bp. Vijay Anand CMI at St. Mary's Church, Chempalam in the year 2013 May 16. His first appointment was in Shanti Niwas Church, Wirur as Asst. Parish Priest. Later he served as vice-rector of Sant Vianney Gurukul, the diocesan minor seminary from 2014 to 2015. He also served as Asst. Parish priest, St. Thomas Cathedral, Ballarsha, Bishop's Secretary and Vice-Chancellor of the diocese for two years. From 23 April 2017 he has been serving as priest-in-charge of Mukthidata Church, Pattaguda and Manager of St. Thomas English School, Jiwathi.

Fr. Jomy kept quite good health all throughout his priestly formation and ministry in the diocese. On 23 November 2018 he was admitted to Wirur hospital for Dengu fever. After a week he was discharged with advice to take rest. After couple of weeks he developed fever again and was admitted to Christ hospital, Chandrapur on 14 December 2018. As he developed exhaustion in heart beat, he was

16). His great command is to love one another as he has loved us (John 13:34-35). It is love that is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away (1 Cor.13: 4-8). It is by our love that people recognize us as Jesus' disciples (John 13:35).

The name of Jesus is healing; it is salvific. All those who heard his name were healed (Lk 5:5). There is no other name given on earth for the salvation of the humankind (Acts 4:12). The evil force were scared of his name (Acts 16:18). He is God who has power over nature and power over human and evil forces. (Mt. 8:26) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men." (Jn. 1:1-4). God became in human form in Jesus emptied himself and became a servant (Phil. 2: 5-8) God negating himself (Phil 2:6), God suffering (Mt. 27:11-34), God dying (Mt. 27:32-56). God shared the human frailties! That was the greatness of God's love a love of identification, a love of suffering for the other, a love of humiliation. etc.

Dear missionaries and my dear people we are called to follow the suit. For which we have to assimilate God's words into us and we have to enter into God's word. By reading, by listening and by praying God's words we become men and women of God's word. *Bible Vaachan Varsh* is a golden opportunity to each one of us to initiate or deepen our commitment to God's word. As letter to Hebrews writes "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-

edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Heb 4:12). Let us resolve to avail the occasion of *Bible Vaachan Varsh* to re-commit ourselves to profess and propagate God's word in words and actions and to witness in life. God bless you all.



Your Shepherd in the Lord

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

PASTORAL LETTER II

PL 2/2019/February 1

Youth Ministry

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear People,
Thy Kingdom Come!

The two reasons specifically to write this pastoral letter are (i) The synod on youth held in Rome, in October 2018 (ii) Jnana Deep Vidyapith, (JDV) Pune, working paper series, paper 1 on *Catholic Youth in India and Direction in life* a research summery conducted among 5285 Catholic Youth from 24 states in India aged mainly between 15 and 25 (It is a field study research conducted by Papal seminary students in the year 2017). The theme of synod on Youth 2018 October is. *"Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment"*. I have written a pastoral Letter on this theme a few months ago (Vol.No.5. September-October 2017 page No.6-9). So in this letter I shall rest upon the second point. The article published in this issue of Chanda Samachar (pp 38-45) by Fr. Joe Mannath SDB titled *"Include Us Listen to us! Guide us!"* is a good reading to improve our youth ministry.

The scientific research of JDV exposes the dire need of the Church to involve still deeper in youth ministry. They

IX. HEAVENLY BRETHREN

JANUARY

1. Sr. (Dr.) Prasanthi ASMI 03-01-2013 Nuzvid
2. Fr. Zacheus Edakkalathoor CMI 03-01-2001 Shornur
3. Sr. Lawrence FCC 04-01-1999 Hoshangabad
4. Fr. Liguori Mundackal CMI 05-01-1995 Vazhakulam
5. Fr. Abraham Thuruthumaly CMI 11-01-2007 Jagdalpur
6. Sr. Lilly Joseph DM 13-1-2016 Wardha
7. Fr. Alipius Kuttickatt CMI 16-01-199 Pavaratty
8. Sr. (Dr.) Fidelis SD 17-01-2008 Gaziabad
9. Fr. Polycarp CMI 20-01-2007 Kalamassery
10. Fr. George Pullankav CMI 21-01-2011 Karikkattur
11. Sr. Jaina Therese DM 25-01-2009 Wardha

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

1. Sr. Alice FCC 18-03-2000 Kadukutty
2. Fr. Mathew Vettoonickal CMI 14.03.2012 Mutholy
3. Bp. Januarius Palathuruthy CMI 28-03-1995 Ballarpur

OBITUARY

Let us pray for the Departed soul of Sr. Emil Mary Valummel SD, Krupadham Province, Wardha

Born : 14.05.1961
Professed : 11.01.1990
Died : 12:11.2018



parish level exam could be sent for the diocesan level annual exam.

5. Diocesan Level Catechism Annual Exam

- Date & time : 19th Feb. 2019 (Monday), 11am - 12.30pm.
- Venue : For Balharshah, Brahmapuri, Wardha & Wirur Zone: Pastoral Centre, BPQ. And for Allappilli Zone: Seva Sadan Bhalbhavan, Nageppalli.
- Languages: Hindi / Marathi/English
- Participants : Catholic students of 5th to 10th Std. of catechism class. Any number of children may attend the exam.
- Prizes: Cash awards of Rs. 750 and Rs. 500 as the first and second prizes with certificates will be given to the toppers in each std.
- TA : TA could be provided to the C & B category parishes, if needed, to one student each from every std. - 5th to 10th of catechism class. The TA could be collected by any of the Parish Core Team members from the CLC Office after the programme. If it is to be given to the children, the respective parish priest may please inform the dept. through letter, e-mail or phone, the number of participants and the amount required.
- Lunch will be provided after the exam and after that the children may remain for the Bible quiz competition.

Fr. Kurian Panayalil
CLC Departmen

VIII. NEWS FROM FORMATION HOUSES

Sant Vianney Gurukul

1. The SVG Day was solemnly celebrated on 29th November 2018.
2. Fourth years went for the exposure programme to Brahmapuri.

need guidance, they need recognition and they need involvement in the Church. In the context of our diocese, they need also education, employment and social status. We have a great responsibility to make better our youth ministry in the diocese. We cannot wash our hands by shouldering responsibility on youth department. More co-ordinated efforts between department of youth and Parishes/Stations are required. I exhort everyone to take greater interest in youth ministry.

The two findings are very relevant to the youth ministry in the context of our diocese are (i) self image of youth increase by levels of higher the education. (ii) High score of self-image is also connected with better relationship with Church and their own families. "I would say that both these areas are intrinsically connected with our pastoral ministry. Certainly we can do something in those areas. Education plays an important role in high score of self-image of youth in India". Self-image also seemed to improve with increasing level of education with post graduates having the highest among the employed youth. Self-image scores also seen to increase with age. As expected those who were unemployed had the lowest scores on self-image. There was almost an 8% point deference between the English and non-English respondents in regard to high self-image" (p.22). In the light of these findings I wish to highlight the importance of Talent Club and Post-Metric hostel activities in the diocese. They are primarily meant to give higher and better education to our children and youth. Consequently a better scope for employment and social status in the society. I wish if our Fathers, Brothers and Sisters can take genuine interest in these new ventures Talent Club and Post-Metric hostel so that our youth get a better scope of horizon, a bright future and splendid self-image. I thank everyone of you for your good will and request, still a better co-operation.

The JDV research findings also throw light on relationship with family, friends and the Church as the biggest predictors of scores of self-image. "Given that there

are so many important predictors of high self-image, it seems appropriate that the Church interventions target some of the relevant areas. Having healthy and supportive family relationships and a supportive network of friends could go a long way to providing the atmosphere conducive to healthy self-image. Consciously attending to building a healthy sense of self throughout education and by fostering a sense of competence in academic and work-related spheres would probably contribute to a healthy self-image development”(p.22). The Church's role in providing opportunities in making better relationship of youth with their family members and friends is great. The Church has lounges to provide opportunities for the same. Are we availing them? Are we creating new lounges as required? Are we discussing such matters with our youth? are crucial questions that we the animators need to pose for serious reflections.

Creating opportunities for youth to involve in the Church activities need to be fostered with more intensity and enthusiasm. The youth are vibrant and dynamic. The Church must provide opportunities in the ecclesial circles to ventilate their vibrancy and dynamism in a creative way to build up the Church and witness Christ's values in the society, lest they are wasted idle or else, it will turn to be negative force in the society/parish. We cannot forgo our great responsibility in forming youth for tomorrow. Let us not forget that they are going to be the face of the Church for tomorrow. So let us take great interest in the formation of youth. Please co-operate with youth department in all their endeavours, simultaneously also take new initiatives to rejuvenate youth forums in the parishes.

I propose the following as some practical suggestions:
 (i) Have youth forum (Syro Malabar Youth Movement - SMYM) in every Parish (ii) Make sure Youth involvement in parish activities - Choir, Catechism, festal decorations, Carol singing, crib making, Parish day celebrations, social outreach programmes, ward prayers etc (iii) Connect our youth with

Recourse Team - SHSP Sisters, Ballarshah

B). Parish - Gajamendi Parish

Date - 26th January to 3rd February 2019

Recourse Team - CMC Sisters, Wardha

3. SAPIENZA 2018-19

Like every year this year also we are conducting Diocesan level Bible Quiz competition SAPIENZA 2018-19 on 19th February 2019. For a change this time preliminary rounds will be conducted on zonal basis at C L C Hall, Ballarshah on 19th February at 10.00 am. And the winners will be selected for the grand finale at C L C Hall, Balharshah on 19th February at 1.30 pm.

Schedule and venue for the preliminary round

Reference Sources : Gospel of St. Mark : 70%

: The Letter of Paul to the ROMANS,
 Chapters 8-16 : 20%

: General & Church Teachings: 10%

Timing : 10.00 am Ballarshah Zone

: 10.45 am Wirur Zone

: 11.30 am Brahmapuri Zone

: 12.15 am Allapally Zone

: 12.45 am Wardha Zone

Participants : The competition will be parish wise.

: Maximum number of participants from each parish is three.

: They should be in or under 12th Std. in the school.

4. Parish level catechism annual exam

As you may know, 10th std. school board exam will be in the first week of March 2019. So may I request all the catechism in-charges in the parishes to conduct parish level catechism annual exams of this academic year on 17th of Feb. 2019, Sunday. The model question papers in Hindi and Marathi are available in the CLC Office. The selected students in the

Bhiwandi, Maharashtra. Along with Bishop Ephrem Nariculam Fr Kurian Panayalil, Sr Amala CMC, Mr. Christopher (Rajura Parish), Mrs. Rani Jose (Ballarpur parish) and Mr. Dharmendra (Nandegaon Parish) participated in the seminar. Thanks to all.

5. Eucharistic Convention

In connection with Aaradhana Varsh, we had adoration in the parishes of Wirur zone throughout the months of October, November and December. Solemn conclusion was held at Tera Prem church, Warur on Sunday 30th of December with Adoration and Holy Eucharist. Fr. Kurian Panayalil, co-ordinator of Aaradhana Varsh led the Adoration and the thanks giving Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Rev Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil CMI. About two hundred people were present for the conclusion.

6. Year of Bible Reading

As you know 2019 is declared as Bible Reading Year in our diocese. Year of Bible Reading Calendar 2019 with the diocesan year plan 2019 are being distributed.

7. Liturgical Panchangam 2018

Liturgical Panchangam 2018 and Sheets of Readings are available in the CLC Office. You may collect your copies from the Office.

Upcoming Events

1. Parish Level Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

January

01 - 10 - Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini

11 - 2nd Feb - Chandrapur

February

03 - Diocesan Eucharistic Convention at Chandrapur Church & Conclusion of Eucharistic Year

2. Home Mission Programme

A). Parish - Tera Prem Church, Warur

Date - 18th to 23rd January 2019

Talent Club and Post-Metric hostels (iv) Conduct career guidance programmes and direct them to job opportunities (v) Make sure their participation in liturgy and parish leadership (vi) Conduct youth appreciation days (vii) keep alive our centre/station with youth (viii) Make maximum number of youth participation in programmes arranged by youth department in the diocesan/zonal/Parish level etc. These are but a few suggestions, each one can add still better suggestions, and I welcome it generously.

Dear missionaries in Chanda, let us do our best to form our youth and avail their skills and talents for missionary enthusiasm of the Church as well as for their well-being. May God bless our youth and you all.

Your Shepherd in the Lord



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NEW ARCHBISHOP OF NAGPUR

The installation of the new Archbishop of Nagpur is scheduled at 3.30 pm on Sunday 27 January 2019. All those who can, please make it to attend and pray for him. It will be held in the Nagpur Archdiocesan Cathedral ground, Mohan Nagar.

ARCHBISHOP'S NAME IN THE LITURGY

From January 27, 2019 onwards in the eparchy, all are expected to add the name of the new Archbishop of Nagpur, **Archbishop Elias Gonsalves** in the liturgy, wherever his name is to be mentioned and prayed for. Please give necessary instructions to the altar servers and others.

III. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

January - 2019

- 01 - AM Ordination, Thavalappara, Ernakulum-Angamali archdiocese.
- PM Blessing of CMI Bhavan, Karayampampu.
- 02 - AM Ordination, Villunni, Changanacherry
- PM Feast Qurbana, Mannanam
- 03-05- Kuwait
- 06 - AM First Holy Communion, Vathakad, Ernakulum-Angamally Archdiocese
- PM Kidangoor
- 07 - AM Holy Qurbana, S. H. Study house, Thrikkakara.
- 07-18- Synod of Bishops, Mount St. Thomas Kakkanad.
- 12 - Feast Qurbana, Wadel Church in the archdiocese of Verapoly.
- 13 - AM Feast Qurbana, Thrikkakara
- PM Ramapuram Church Blessing.
- 19 - PM School Jubilee, Mount Carmel Convent, Chandrapur.
- 21-25- CBCI Colloquium, St. John's Bangalore.
- 27 - Installation of Nagpur Archbishop.
- 28 - Boarding blessing, Marakbodi.
- 29 - AM Memorial Holy Qurbana for Fr. Jomy Chakkalatharayil, St. Thomas Cathedral, Ballarpur.
- PM School anniversary, Gondpipri
- 30 - Pastors' meeting, Ballarpur
- 31 - Curia & Consulters' meeting

Adoration. We had requiem holy Mass in honor of our brother late Fr. Jomy soon after the adoration. Rev. Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil CMI the Proto-Syncellus of the eparchy of Chanda was the main celebrant.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

1. Alpha Marriage Course

The Alpha Marriage course (AMC) is a pre-marital program that aims at preparing young men and women of marriageable age for Christian married life. It was held at Diocesan Pastoral Center, Balharshah from 7th December 2018 to 9th December 2018. Thirty two delegates from our diocese participated in it. Fr. Dinesh Mate, administrator, Bishops Home graced the occasion with his presence.

2. Faith Formation Class

"It is the parish that is the primary center of evangelization, family life, and spiritual and catechetical formation." Recognizing family's central role in God's plan for humanity the ministry of Catechism department conducted a one day retreat for the children of St Mary's Catholic Church, Balapur on 03rd of December 2018. Fr Kurian, Srs. Amala and Sia CMC were the resource persons. The programme was well arranged. Thanks to Fr Joshy Madathyparambil and Sisters.

3. Home Mission Programme

Under the guidance of Family Apostolate Ministry 3 sisters of CMC Carmalodaya province, wardha along with Sr Jyothi SJB conducted home mission in Ashti and Balapur parishes. We are thankful to Rev. sisters for their selfless service. We raise our grateful hearts to the God Almighty and the priests and the sisters who helped us to proclaim Jesus our Lord in the Diocese.

4. WRBC-WRCC Meeting 2018

The WRBC_WRCC meeting was held on 14-16 December, 2018 at "Satsang" Jeevan Vikas Seva Ashram, Koshimbi,

Best dear Mother and Councillors... Provincial Superior - Sr. Lilly Grace, Councillors:- Sr. Philo, Sr. Mercilin, Sr. Ann Mary, Sr. Yajna Sr. Ancy - Provincial Secretary, Sr. Mary - Finance Secretary, Sr. Serene - Internal Auditor

3. Western Region Bishop's Council

Our dear Sr. Amala attended the Meeting of the Western Region Bishop's Council (WRBC) and The Western Region Catholic Council (WRCC) on 15th & 16th December, 2018 at 'Satsang' Jeevan Vikas Seva



Ashram, Bhiwandi; Diocese of Vasai as the sister representative of Chanda Diocese. The theme of the programme was 'Call to Holiness'. The sessions were very rich with the input and output ideas of Rt. Rev. Bishops, Priests, Religious, laity and youth of the Dioceses.

- WIRUR ZONE

- Shanti Nivas Church, Wirur

1. On 25th Nov. we celebrated our titular feast of Christ the King. The main celebrants for the Holy Mass were newly ordained Priests Frs. Vivek and Sinoj CMI. Fr Sathish Jaminik gave an enriching sermon during the Holy Mass. After the Holy Mass there was adoration conducted by Fr. Sunil Ganthare CMF. Many Fathers, Religious and people from the Zone and outside the Zone were present for the celebration.
2. 25th Dec. we celebrated our parish day. All the parishioners participated in it. We inaugurated the Bible *Vaachan Varsh* 2019 by conducting Bible Quiz competition.
3. On 30 Dec. we had a zonal level conclusion of *Aaradhana Varsh* 2018 at Warur. All the members from the Zone participated in it. Fr. Kurian, CLC director conducted the

February - 2019

- 01 - Curia & Presbyteral Council
- 02 - School Day,
- 03 - *Aaradhana Varsh* conclusion, Chandrapur
- 6-7 - Quinquennial meeting of Priests', BPQ
- 09 - CSA meeting, Sindola
- 10 - First Holy Communion, Ballarpur
- 11 - Grotto pilgrimage, Warur
- 16 - School Blessing, Nagbir
- 17 - SJB Jubilee, Wardha
- 21 - Monthly Recollection, BPQ
- 22-24- Pastoral visit, Jarawandi
- 25-28- Deacon's Pastoral Orientation, Programme, BPQ

March - 2019

- 1-2 - PPT Meeting, Ballarpur
- 03 - Boarding blessing, Gatta
- 4-6 - 40 Hours adoration, Ballarpur
- 7-9 - PPT Meeting, Ballarpur
- 11 - Finance council, Ballarpur
- 11-16- PPT Meeting, Ballarpur
- 28 - Bp. Januarius' Death Anniversary.

AARADHANA VARSH 2018 CONCLUSION

The diocesan level conclusion of the *Aaradhana Varsh* 2018 will be held on 03rd February 2019 at St. Thomas Church, Chandrapur. Kindly note the date. Cordial welcome to everyone.

04.00 pm - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Eucharistic procession

IV. BISHOP'S DIARY

November

- 02 - Annual Retreat ended. In the afternoon bishop presided over All Souls' Day Office of the Dead at cathedral cemetery, BPQ.
- 04 - Greeted the newly elected Superior General Sr. Arpitha SJB at their provincial house, Mhasala. Bishop presided over Holy Qurbana of the provincial day celebrations of CMC Carmalodaya Province at Wardha and greeted the Jubilarians.
- 05 - Presided over St. Anne's Sisters' Jubilee Qurbana at Sumthana SAB Convent.
- 09 - Sr. Grace Perumpanany SABS, the Superior General of Adoration Sisters and Sr. Amala Kidangathaze SABS, the Provincial of Adoration Sisters of Kanjirappally province visited bishop at BPQ.
- 10 - Inaugurated SABS Sisters' San Paulo region for Nepal, Gorakpur in UP and Chanda in Maharashtra at Bamni Sanjo Bhavan and offered Holy Qurbana. Fr. Paul Achandy CMI, Prior General and Councillors visited bishop at BPQ. Sr. Sila, the provincial Superior of Charity Sisters visited the bishop at BPQ.
- 12 - Participated Golden Jubilee celebrations of Sagar diocese at Sagar.
- 14 - Participated Golden Jubilee celebrations of Satna diocese at Satna.
- 16 - Met with Bp. Kuriakose Bharanikulangara of Faridabad at Delhi.
- 17 - Blessed a marriage at Goldakkhana Cathedral, Delhi.
- 18 - Offered Holy Qurbana at Jesola parish, Delhi.
- 23 - Inaugurated Family Value seminar for school principals at Blessed Rani Maria conference Hall, Bishop's Home Campus, BPQ.
- 25 - Greeted Sr. Vidhya SJB, the new Provincial Superior and

- St. Jude Church, Gojoli

1. The feast of our patron St. Jude was celebrated on 28th of October. The main celebrant was Bp. Ephrem Nariculam assisted by Frs. Mathew Nirappel and Vigil Parassery. Fr. Mathew in his sermon inspired the people to lead a life on Christian faith and be proud of being a Christian. There was preparation for confession by Fr. Augustine Alenchery CMI and a good number of people confessed. In this occasion 5 people received First communion and 33 people received the sacrament of confirmation. Sr. Iswari Durgam AMI who made her first profession on 24th October was congratulated by giving shawl by the Bishop and agape followed.

- WARDHA ZONE

- Carmelodaya Province, Wardha

1. Province Day Celebration:

Carmelodaya celebrated its 24th Province Day on 04th November 2018 along with Golden and Silver Jubilee celebration of our Dear sisters Sr. Hari, Sr. Anoop, Sr. Vadhadana and Sr. Chaithanya respectively. Our Beloved Bishop Mar



Ephrem Nariculam presided over the function. It was also a family gathering where Carmelodaya daughters could come together and enjoy the Divine love and care.

2. New Captains of Carmelodaya: Carmelodaya is blessed with the new Capitan in the person of Sr. Lilly Grace and her team. Wish you all the



VI. NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS

- BALLARPUR ZONE

- Navjyoti church Aksapur

1. Renovated village chapel at Pellur was blessed by Bishop Ephrem Nariculam on 27th November 2018. CLC director Rev. Fr. Kurian Panayalil, Vice Chancellor and Secretary Rev. Fr. Vigil Parassery and parishioners were present. We thank CNEWA for financing this project.
2. One day retreat was conducted for parishioners on 15th and 16th December 2018 at Aksapur by Sr. Divya SJB and Sr. Valsa SJB. Thanks to the retreat team.

- St. Thomas Cathedral, Ballarpur

1. We had Requiem Holy Mass in the cemetery on the occasion of All Souls day on 2nd November. Fr. Dinesh Mate celebrated the Holy Qurbana and Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil gave the homily. Bp. Ephrem Nariculam officiated the Office for the Dead.
2. Our children participated in the Diocesan Children's convention held at Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini from 14 to 17 November.
3. Funeral service of Fr. Jomy Chakkalatharayil, former Asst. Parish priest of Cathedral, was held on 17th December 2018. We had Requiem Holy Qurbana presided over by Bp. Ephrem Nariculam, Bp. Emeritus Vijay Anand CMI and Bp. Prince Panengadan of Adilabad. Fr. Joshy Chettianchira gave the homily. There were many priests, religious and lay faithful from Chanda and neighbouring dioceses.
4. There was a Christmas Rally organized by all the Christian denominations on 19th December.
5. We had a memorial requiem holy mass for Fr. Jomy on 23rd December.
6. Christmas Holy Qurbana was presided over by Fr. Benny Mukalel CMI, the provincial of Mar Thoma Province Chanda. Celebrations were reduced due to the demise of Fr. Jomy Chakkalatharayil.

met with Sr. Arpitha, the SJB Superior General at Mhasala SJB Provincial House. Bishop participated jubilee celebrations of Fr. Augustine Keemattam CMI at Darsana Faculty of Philosophy, Sawanghi, Wardha. Bishop also visited Claretian Ashram, Wardha.

- 26 - Offered Holy Qurbana for the repose of the soul of Sr. Emil Mary SD at Krupadhan Provincial House, Wardha, and met with Sr. Flower Maria DM, the DM Provincial Superior at their provincial house. Bishop Inaugurated Sport's Day at St. Antony's School, Wardha. He visited Sanjeevani convent, Wardha and Kshithij, Jam.
- 26- Visited Asha Dham Hospital, SD Convent and Wirur Parish. He also visited DM convent, Rajura and CMI Provincial House, Bamini.
- 27 - Blessed renovated village chapel at Pellur under Aksapur station.
- 28 - Blessed the renovated convent and new grotto at Wani station.
- 29 - Presided over Seminary Day of Sant Vianney Gurukul, New Daheli.

December

- 03 - Visited Holy Family Provincial House, SABS Provincial House, Priests' Home, Capuchin Ashram, Marian Retreat Centre, Bishop Houses of Palakkad and Sultanpet at Palakkad.
- 05 - Blessed newly constructed grotto at Vincentian Novitiate House at Meenangadi. Bishop visited Bp. William of Mysore, Provincial Houses of CMI, Sisters of Sacred Sciences, Deena Sevana Sabha and Daughters of Mercy, OCD in Mysore. He also visited Pollotine Seminary Prabodhana, Hinkal Parish and Dhyanasana Formation Centre in Mysore.
- 07 - Visited Bishop Antony Kariyil at Mandya Bishop's House and participated school day celebrations of MST

- School in Mandya.
- 08 - Offered Holy Qurbana at CMC Provincial House, Bengaluru and visited St, John the Baptist seminary and Jesuit Provincial House.
- 09 - Offered Holy Qurbana at Santhome parish, Hulimavu, Banneraghatta, Bengaluru.
- 10 - Offered Holy Qurbana at Vincentian Sisters' Old age home at Hulimavu, and visited Dharmaram, Bengaluru and had mission sharing session with Dharmaram students.
- 11 - Offered Holy Qurbana at Dharmaram, Bengaluru.
- 13 - Offered Holy Qurbana at Carmel convent, Belavally, Thane, Mumbai.
- 14-16 - Participated in Western Region Bishop's Council and WRBC Catholic Council meet at Vasai.
- 16 - Bishop arrived Christ Hospital and offered Office of the Dead for the repose of soul of Fr. Jomy Chakalatharayil at his mortal remains at Christ Hospital.
- 17 - Officiated funeral service of Fr. Jomy at Cathedral, BPQ.
- 19 - Bishop along with Bp. Mathew Arackal, Bishop of Kanjirappally officiated funeral service of Fr. Jomy at Chembalam Parish in Kanjirapally diocese.
- 24 - Offered midnight Holy Qurbana at Kaotha Station. Bishop visited Sumthana, St. Antony's parish, SD Provincialate and Kshitij, Jam.
- 25 - Participated and delivered Christmas message at Military Camp, Pulgaon. Later he visited a few religious houses in Wardha: CMC Provincial House, FCC Novitiate, St. Alphonsa FCC convent, Darsana, Claretian seminary, Hinganghat parish & SJB convent.
- 26 - Blessed the renovated village chapel of Podsa.
- 29 - Ordained Deacon Prince Munjanattu CMI to priesthood at Chepparamba parish in Tellissery Archdiocese. Later he blessed the new house of Lalichan Kalathil, the

- March 05 Numbers 23 - 24 Psalm 64 Mark 9:30-9:50
- March 06 Numbers 25 - 26 Psalm 65 Mark 10:1 -10:31
- March 07 Numbers 27 - 28 Psalm 66 Mark 10:32 -10:52
- March 08 Numbers 29 - 30 Psalm 67 Mark 11:1 -11:18
- March 09 Numbers 31 - 32 Psalm 68 Mark 11:19-11:33
- March 10 Numbers 33-34 Psalm 69 Mark 12:1 -12:27
- March 11 Numbers 35 - 36 Psalm 70 Mark 12:28 -12:44
- March 12 Deuteronomy 1-2 Psalm 71 Mark 13:1 -13:20
- March 13 Deuteronomy 3-4 Psalm 72 Mark 13:21 -13:37
- March 14 Deuteronomy 5-6 Psalm 73 Mark 14:1 -14:26
- March 15 Deuteronomy 7-8 Psalm 74 Mark 14:27 -14:53
- March 16 Deuteronomy 9-10 Psalm 75 Mark 14:54 -14:72
- March 17 Deuteronomy 11 -12 Psalm 76 Mark 15:1 -15:25
- March 18 Deuteronomy 13-14 Psalm 77 Mark 15:26-15:47
- March 19 Deuteronomy 15 -16 Psalm 78 Mark 16
- March 20 Deuteronomy 17-18 Psalm 79 Luke 1:1 -1:20
- March 21 Deuteronomy 19-20 Psalm 80 Luke 1:21 -1:38
- March 22 Deuteronomy 21 - 22 Psalm 81 Luke 1:39-1:56
- March 23 Deuteronomy 23 - 24 Psalm 82 Luke 1:57 -1:80
- March 24 Deuteronomy 25 - 26 Psalm 83 Luke 2:1 - 2:24
- March 25 Deuteronomy 27 - 28 Psalm 84 Luke 2:25-2:52
- March 26 Deuteronomy 29 - 30 Psalm 85 Luke 3
- March 27 Deuteronomy 31 - 32 Psalm 86 Luke 4:1 -4:30
- March 28 Deuteronomy 33 Psalm 87 Luke 4:31 -4:44
- March 29 Joshua 1-2 Psalm 88 Luke 5:1 - 5:16
- March 30 Joshua 3-4 Psalm 89 Luke 5:17 - 5:39
- March 31 Joshua 5-6 Psalm 90 Luke 6:1 - 6:26



IMPORTANT PILGRIMAGE

**GROTTO FEAST
MONDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2019,
WARUR**

BIBLE VAACHAN VARSH 2019
READ THE WHOLE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Reading For February & March

February 01 Exodus 21 -22 Psalm 32 Matthew 21:1 -21:22
February 02 Exodus 23 - 24 Psalm 33 Matthew 21:23 - 21:46
February 03 Exodus 25 - 26 Psalm 34 Matthew 22:1 -22:22
February 04 Exodus 27 - 28 Psalm 35 Matthew 22:23-22:46
February 05 Exodus 29 - 30 Psalm 36 Matthew 23:1 -23:22
February 06 Exodus 31 - 33 Psalm 37 Matthew 23:23-23:39
February 07 Exodus 34-35 Psalm 38 Matthew 24:1 - 24:28
February 08 Exodus 36 - 38 Psalm 39 Matthew 24:29-24:51
February 09 Exodus 39 - 40 Psalm 40 Matthew 25:1 -25:30
February 10 Leviticus 1-3 Psalm 41 Matthew 25:31 -25:46
February 11 Leviticus 4-5 Psalm 42 Matthew 26:1 -26:25
February 12 Leviticus 6-7 Psalm 43 Matthew 26:26-26:50
February 13 Leviticus 8 -10 Psalm 44 Matthew 26:51 -26:75
February 14 Leviticus 11-12 Psalm 45 Matthew 27:1 -27:26
February 15 Leviticus 13 -14 Psalm 46 Matthew 27:27-27:50
February 16 Leviticus 15-16 Psalm 47 Matthew 27:51 -27:66
February 17 Leviticus 17 -18 Psalm 48 Matthew 28
February 18 Leviticus 19-20 Psalm 49 Mark 1:1 -1:22
February 19 Leviticus 21 - 22 Psalm 50 Mark 1:23 -1:45
February 20 Leviticus 23 - 24 Psalm 51 Mark 2
February 21 Leviticus 25 - 27 Psalm 52 Mark 3:1 -3:19
February 22 Numbers 1-2 Psalm 53 Mark 3:20-3:35
February 23 Numbers 3-4 Psalm 54 Mark 4:1 -4:20
February 24 Numbers 5-6 Psalm 55 Mark 4:21 -4:41
February 25 Numbers 7-8 Psalm 56 Mark 5:1 - 5:20
February 26 Numbers 9-10 Psalm 57 Mark 5:21 - 5:43
February 27 Numbers 11-12 Psalm 58 Mark 6:1 - 6:29
February 28 Numbers 13 -14 Psalm 59 Mark 6:30 - 6:56
March 01 Numbers 15-16 Psalm 60 Mark 7:1 -7:13
March 02 Numbers 17-18 Psalm 61 Mark 7:14-7:37
March 03 Numbers 19-20 Psalm 62 Mark 8
March 04 Numbers 21 - 22 Psalm 63 Mark 9:1 -9:29

brother of Fr. K. S. Joseph at Uruppamkuttu.

30 - Offered Holy Qurbana at Uruppamkuttu Parish.

31 - Said Office of the Dead at Wadel parish at Nayarambalam and St. Mary's parish Njarakal. He blessed a wedding at St. Augustine's parish, Nedungad in the Archdiocese of Ernakulum Angamali.

ARCHBISHOP ELIAS GONSALVES

His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Elias Gonsalves, was born on 4th July, 1961, in Chulna Village, Vasai Road, Thane, Maharashtra. He studied at *St. Pius X Seminary*, Mumbai and was ordained priest on 1st April, 1990 in Vasai, for the Archdiocese of Bombay. He has a B.A. in History and Economics, from Bombay University (1982), he did his studies in Community Based Development and Leadership, from *St. Francis Xavier University, Coady Institute*, Canada, and studies in Counselling. He was Assistant Parish Priest at Nandakhal, Vasai (1990-1991) and Sandor, Vasai (1991-1997); Youth Coordinator for South Vasai Deanery (1993-1996); Priest in-charge at Roha (1997-2004); Priest in-charge at Panvel (2005-2008); Asst. Director and then Director, *Centre for Social Action*, Mumbai (2008-2012); Director, *Sarvodaya Centre for Capacity Building*, Mumbai (2009-2012). He was elected Bishop of Amravati on 11th July, 2012 and consecrated on 29th September, 2012. As Bishop, he has been in Charge of Catholic Education in the Western Region Catholic Bishops' Council. HEARTY CONGRATULATION AND BEST WISHES FROM EPARCHY OF CHANDA

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial day to pray for Fr. Jomy Chakalatharayil is scheduled on 29 January 2019 at Cathedral, BPQ as per schedule given below:

10. 30 am Holy Qurbana and Office of the Dead at
Memorial Plaque in the cemetery.

12.30 pm Lunch

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE WORLD FOOD DAY 2018**

*To Professor José Graziano da Silva
Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization
for World Food Day 2018*

Distinguished Director General,

1. The annual celebration of *World Food Day* emphasizes, in today's international context, the needs, yearnings and hopes of millions of persons who lack bread each day. Increasingly, there are more people who sadly make up part of that great number of human beings who have nothing, or almost nothing, to eat. It should be the opposite and yet recent statistics are a painful proof of how international solidarity appears to be cooling. And when solidarity is lacking, everyone today is conscious that technical solutions and projects, including the most developed, are not capable of facing up to the sadness and bitterness of those who are suffering because they cannot feed themselves sufficiently and in a healthy way.

The theme that concerns us this year, *Our actions are our future: A Zero Hunger world by 2030 is possible*, becomes an urgent call to responsibility on the part of all those actors who are in agreement with the objectives of the 2030 *Agenda for Sustainable Development*, a rallying cry to wake us from the slumber that often paralyzes and inhibits us. It cannot be just another day, contenting ourselves with amassing information or satisfying our curiosity. We have to "become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it" ([Laudato Si'](#), 19). As a consequence, we are all invited, especially the FAO, its member States, the national and international organs and institutions, civil society and all persons of good will, to

discouraged! How many priests and religious feel unappreciated or disillusioned! This is part of human life. This happens to youngsters, too. In fact, behind the noise and the apparent glamour which they at times hide behind, many young people are lonely, insecure, even fed up with life. Some may attempt suicide. Others run away from home, or escape into addictions alcohol, drugs, pornography, compulsive use of social media. Behind these erratic behaviours is a search for genuine relationships and a meaningful life. When young people feel like giving up, or are afraid of facing life, they need a strong and caring adult hand (and heart) that does not give up on them. Left to themselves, the young can often feel rudderless, lost and utterly alone. They need us even though they may not say it.

Can, we, who are supposed to bring Jesus' loving and compassionate message to all, especially the weak and the lost, be the caring and wise adults the young need in their life? Can we be healing balm for their unhealed wounds? Can we help to steady their boat when the sea is rough and they feel rudderless and terrified? Do we take them seriously, learn from them, listen to them, offer them opportunities to use their enormous potential and boundless energy to make a positive difference? We need their enthusiasm, risk-taking courage, spontaneity, freshness of outlook, creative restlessness and endless questioning, just as they need our serenity, wisdom and witness (if we are serene, wise and inspiring adults). May we find each other's company stimulating, the mutual challenges rewarding and the mutual support a perennial source of strength. *Through it all, may the mutual love deepen and widen! That, coupled with and sustained by a deep God-awareness, is what makes us Church.*

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they will find it ridiculous if we take them as our models. We can, and should, discuss music and sports with them, of course. But they need to see that we have standards we will not lower. Thus, it is fine for a priest or teacher to play basketball with the students; he would be foolish to start smoking in order to be close to them.

4. Don't expect us to be perfect: No one is perfect. No one. Neither the young, nor the old. As one of the great Salesian formators used to tell other formators "The young have a right to be immature. It is we, older people, who should be exemplary." The young e.g., our sons and daughters, our students, junior religious, young parishioners have a right to see greater maturity in us. We have no right to expect them to be mature. It is our "job" through example, guidance, listening and encouragement to help them mature. This journey of growth never gets done.

5. Don't bore us: Jesus was not boring. The crowds followed him, even for days, even when they had not eaten. Children liked his company, and came to him. Why do some of us make the Good News so boring! Why are some Sunday sermons so badly prepared and a source of patient suffering than an experience the congregation longs for? Today, with the exposure the young (even more than older people) have to social media, they will switch off if the speaker or writer is not interesting. Gone are the days when the temple festival or the village parish feast was a big social function and a big break in the monotony of ordinary life. Today, there are so many, many competing attractions. Just as we can easily flip TV channels or change what we are watching on the smart phone, our listeners will "switch off" if they are bored.

6. Don't give up on us: There are times when even the best of us gets fed up, discouraged, utterly alone. There are times when we may see nothing worthwhile in our life. We may feel like giving up. How many couples and parents feel

redouble our commitment so that no one lacks the necessary food, neither in quantity nor in quality.

2. The poor expect from us an effective help that takes them out of their misery, not mere propositions or agreements that, after studying in a detailed way the roots of their misery, bear as their fruit only solemn events, pledges that never materialize, or impressive publications destined only to enlarge library catalogues. In this twenty-first century that has seen considerable advances in the field of technology, science, communications and infrastructure, we ought to feel shame for not having achieved the same advances in humanity and solidarity, and so satisfy the primary needs of the most disadvantaged. Neither can we console ourselves simply for having faced emergencies and desperate situations of those most in need. We are all called to go further. We can and we must do better for the helpless. We must move to concrete action, so that the scourge of hunger disappears completely. This requires policies of cooperation for development which, as the *2030 Agenda* indicates, are oriented towards the real needs of the poor. It is also necessary to give particular attention to the levels of agricultural production, access to food markets, involvement in initiatives and actions and, above all, to the realization that, when it comes to making decisions, countries are equal in dignity. It is also essential to understand that, when it is a question of effectively confronting the causes of hunger, grandiose declarations will not definitively eradicate this scourge. The struggle against hunger urgently demands generous financing, the abolition of trade barriers and, above all, greater resilience in the face of climate change, economic crises and warfare.

3. One of the principles that must guide our life and our commitment is the conviction that "time is greater than space" (*Evangelii Gaudium, 222*), which means that we have to

drive forward, with clarity, conviction and tenacity, processes sustained over time. The future is not up somewhere in the clouds, but is rather built by promoting and accompanying processes of greater humanization. We can dream of a future without hunger, but this is only reasonable when we engage in tangible processes, vital relations, effective plans and real commitments. The *Zero Hunger 2030* initiative offers a favourable framework for this and, without doubt, will serve to fulfill the second of the *Sustainable Development Goals* of the *2030 Agenda*, which seeks “to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.” Some may say that we still have twelve years ahead in which to carry this out. Nevertheless, the poor cannot wait. Their devastating circumstances do not allow this. That is why we must act in an urgent, coordinated and orderly way. An advantage of these proposals is that they provide specific goals, quantifiable objectives and precise indicators. We know that we have to combine harmoniously two ways of offering assistance, both long-term and short-term actions, in order to deal with the concrete realities of those who, today, suffer the distressing and painful onslaught of hunger and malnutrition.

4. If in past years the activities of the FAO and of other international institutions have been characterized by tension between the long and the short term, so that a variety of programs and interventions could come together in the same area, today we know well that it is equally essential to unite together both the global and the local levels in response to the challenge of hunger. In this sense, the *2030 Agenda*, with the *Sustainable Development Goals*, and the *Zero Hunger* initiative, require international entities, like the FAO, to engage responsibly the member States so that they can undertake and implement initiatives at the local level. Global indicators

do not want to see in us. These are the things that would put them off, of make them stop coming to church.

1. Don't bluff: Don't preach one thing and do something else. Be honest. If you make a mistake, admit it, and apologize. If we do not know the answer to a student's question, don't pretend to know. Tell them honestly that you do not know, and that you can look for the answer. Then they will trust you. If you try to hide behind clever words, and pretend, they will lose their confidence in you.

2. Don't abuse: Behind all abuse physical, emotional, sexual or financial lies the abuse of authority. That is, someone who has more power because of being a parent, or teacher, or parish priest or lay professional or older makes use of that power to do harm, not to help. Power is given for doing good. Thus, a parent can use his or her physical strength to carry a sick child; a parish priest can counsel an alcoholic; an adult can help a child to cross the street or to learn music; a policeman can protect a citizen from physical harm or theft. Power puts special responsibility on the one having it. It is a terrible betrayal if we misuse power to do harm to a weaker human being. Thus, we should not tolerate wife-beating, or cruelty towards children, or sexual abuse of minors or employees, or police brutality, or government employees asking for bribes.

3. Don't imitate us: The young want adults as guides, not simply as friends. To chat and have fun and play with, they have their companions. They will tease a class mate with a different hair cut or type of clothes. Hence teenagers tend to conform to the group's language, dress code, etc. If we, grown-ups, under the mistaken notion of being popular, tried to dress or act or talk like teenagers, they would find that rather silly. A sixty-year-old mother should not try to dress like her twenty-year-old daughter. A priest or religious should not use vulgar language or crack smutty jokes, even

(for us religious) should show their meaningfulness. They should not come across as dull and meaningless routine, simply imposed by law. If a young religious asks her superiors why to have so many hours of structured prayers, or finds the daily office meaningless, the right response is not that she lacks faith or is proud, or that she is young now and will understand later. Such answers just show that older members have no good reasons for doing what they are doing.

9. Make important things interesting: One thing I learnt when I came to the Salesian house was that prayer should be made interesting for boys. There is no reason for imposing on a youth group a type of music that appeals mostly to older people, or to preach or write in a way that puts people to sleep! Just as a good maths teacher makes mathematics interesting, and a good music teacher makes the students fall in love with music, we must do the same with spiritual matters and the more serious pursuits of life, like study, service, community life, common prayer, conferences.

10. We want to see you happy: When we were young religious, we used to watch the older members of our community to see whether they looked happy. We felt: If they look happy, it is worth staying in. If they are not happy, why waste our life here? It matters to children to see their parents and grandparents happy. It is very hard growing up in a home where the older members look miserable. The same with religious communities or the tone of a diocese. The tone is set by the superiors and older members, not by the younger ones. It matters for the faithful to see their priests and religious happy. Look at photos of Pope Francis. Doesn't he come across as a loving and happy man?

DON'TS:

Here are a few don'ts, too. What are the things the young

are of no use if our commitment does not correspond to the reality on the ground. It is vital, therefore, that the priorities and the measures enshrined in important programs should be firmly established and shared widely, so as to avoid individualistic approaches, facing together and in a determined way the challenge to combat hunger and misery. This must be done in the context of suitable institutional, social and economic support that offers fruitful initiatives and solutions so that the poor do not feel overlooked yet again.

5. We do indeed have the adequate means and framework so that beautiful words and good wishes may become an action plan of substance that leads effectively to the eradication of hunger in our world. To this end we need joint efforts, upright hearts, and persistent concern to firmly and resolutely make the other's problem one's own. And yet, as with other pressing issues that affect humanity, we often encounter immense obstacles to solving problems. We find inevitable barriers that are the fruit of indecision or delays, and a lack of enthusiasm on the part of responsible political leaders who are often absorbed purely by electoral concerns or are focused on biased, transitory or limited perspectives. There is a fundamental lack of political will. What is needed is the willingness to end hunger, and this ultimately will not happen without a moral conviction that is shared by all peoples and all religious persuasions, where the integral good of the person is at the heart of all initiatives and consists in "doing to another what we would want done to ourselves." We are speaking of an action based on solidarity among all nations and of the means that express the disposition of the people.

6. To pass from words to action in order to eradicate hunger requires not only political decision-making and effective planning. It is likewise necessary to overcome a reactive

approach by allowing room for a more proactive vision. A superficial and fleeting view, in the best of cases, can provoke instant reactions. In this way we overlook the structural aspects that shroud the tragedy of hunger: extreme inequality, poor distribution of the world's resources, consequences of climate change and the interminable and bloody conflicts which ravage many regions, to mention only some of its causes. We need to develop an approach that is more proactive and more sustained over time, we need an increase of funds destined to foster peace and the development of peoples. We need to suppress weaponry and the deadly arms trade in order to hear the voice of those who cry desperately, seeing themselves abandoned on the peripheries of life and progress. If we really want the world's population to adopt this perspective, it is imperative that civil society, media and educational institutions join forces in the right direction. From now until 2030 we have 12 years to set up initiatives that are vigorous and consistent; not giving in to occasional spurts or intermittent and fleeting headlines, but rather facing up unremittingly to hunger and its causes in a spirit of solidarity, justice and consistency.

7. These, Director General, are some reflections that I wish to share with those men and women who do not allow themselves to succumb to indifference; who hear the cry of those who do not have the minimum needed to lead a dignified life. For her part, the Catholic Church, in the exercise of the mission with which her divine Founder has entrusted her, struggles daily throughout the world against hunger and malnutrition in multiple ways and through her various structures and associations, remembering that those who suffer from misery are not different from us. They share our flesh and blood. They deserve, then, a friendly hand to help and support them, in such a way that no one is left behind, so that in our world fraternal solidarity may boast its

respect.

5. Challenge us: An easy life does not bring out the best in people. A family upbringing or formation setting which is easy-going, undemanding or too comfortable, without sacrifices, duties, insistence on doing one's work well, being clean, punctual and reliable, will turn us into useless or parasitic adults who cannot hold responsibility, face life, or be dependable. Adults need to set an example of joyful and responsible commitments, and openness to be challenged. From such adults, the young will accept challenges, corrections and even hard demands.

6. Show us the way: Each human being is living this journey for the first time. We did not have a trial run! Hence it is only natural that we feel confused, unsure of ourselves and the need for a guiding hand. Even when teenagers and young adults seem to revolt and reject what parents and others in parental roles are telling them, later, especially after they marry, they will quote their parents, favourite teachers and the priests and religious who inspired them. They need loving adults who show the way.

7. Tell us why, not only what: When a boy or girl asks, "Why should I go to confession?" or "Why go for Mass?" they are not denying the Catholic faith. They are looking for the meaning of Confession or the Mass. It is wrong to shout at them for that, or to say, "That is your duty as a Catholic!" Today, with a more educated laity, we, clergy and religious, will face more questions: Why get married in church? Why can't I marry a non-Catholic? Why send my child for Catechism? What about birth control? Questions show interest, not rebellion. It is an opportunity for dialogue, not a provocation for a fight.

8. Make serious matters meaningful: The way we celebrate the Eucharist, or hear confession, or have community prayers

contribute. St. Benedict used to say: "Listen to the young; God often speaks to us through them."

2. Include us: The young are as much a part of society or the church or of the religious order as the older members are. Do we include them in the decision-making process? Do we share responsibilities with them? For instance, there are excellent youth teams that organize and conduct prayer services and retreats. There are young graduates who do campus ministry. Peer ministry is a very effective way to reach out to more and young people. The style and tone of Pope Francis and of this Synod seem to be in this direction not a top-down approach, but really involving everyone.

3. Empower us: The young, while being gifted, creative and apparently strong, are generally insecure. They often hide their insecurity through noise, laughter, expertise with gadgets, etc. They need encouragement; they need empowerment. A kind word from a parent or teacher or parish priest or principal goes a long way to build up a young person ("Mary, you really read well," "Anand, your help in preparing the parish feast made a huge difference," "Sheela, you have a wonderful way with children," "Prakash, I am edified to see the way you care for your grandfather.") Empowering is not only in words, but in giving them opportunities to do things, to shine, to succeed, and thus discover their gifts even more clearly.

4. Respect us: We (authority figures or older persons) have no right to humiliate or insult young people, especially in public, or to speak about them in a disparaging manner. Every human being has to be treated with respect. Respect breeds respect, just as crudeness leads to crudeness. In our culture, "respect" is often (and sadly) understood as a special way of behaving towards persons who hold a particular post, not as the basic right of everyone. Just as I expect respect from my students or employees, I need to treat each of them with

own identity card and citizenship, beyond any flashy slogans void of substance.

I pray to the Almighty that this journey of pioneering and favouring concrete actions for a future marked by peaceful and fruitful coexistence may be filled with his blessings, for our good and the good of the generations to come.

POPE FRANCIS

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**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE
52nd WORLD DAY OF PEACE**

1 JANUARY 2019

Good politics is at the service of peace

1. "Peace be to this house!"

In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you" (Lk 10:5-6).

Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The "house" of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our "common home": the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.

So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: "Peace be to this house!"

2. *The challenge of good politics*

Peace is like the hope which the poet Charles Péguy

celebrated. It is like a delicate flower struggling to blossom on the stony ground of violence. We know that the thirst for power at any price leads to abuses and injustice. Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction.

Jesus tells us that, "if anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" (Mk 9:35). In the words of [Pope Paul VI](#), "to take politics seriously at its different levels local, regional, national and worldwide is to affirm the duty of each individual to acknowledge the reality and value of the freedom offered him to work at one and the same time for the good of the city, the nation and all mankind".

Political office and political responsibility thus constantly challenge those called to the service of their country to make every effort to protect those who live there and to create the conditions for a worthy and just future. If exercised with basic respect for the life, freedom and dignity of persons, political life can indeed become an outstanding form of charity.

3. Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace

Pope [Benedict XVI](#) noted that "every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the *pólis*... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have... Man's earthly activity, when inspired and sustained by charity, contributes to the building of the universal city of God, which is the goal of the history of the human family". This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family

Jobs or Bill Gates or Mark Zuckerberg who changed the world around us. Without the questioning and the so-called rebellion of the young, nothing new would have happened in any field.

Is the Church aware of the enormous potential of this group, and serious about tapping its extraordinary energy, ideas, ideals and passion? Or do "Church people" (bishops, priests, religious and senior lay persons) see the young only as beneficiaries of our ministry, to be told what to do, but to whom we need not listen? Some may even see the young, unfortunately, as problems rather than as a huge reservoir of potential.

When we speak of the "Church," do we mean both the old and the young, or mostly those who hold special roles and power Pope, bishops, clergy, religious and a few lay leaders?

In this short article, I shall try to summarize what I see as the expressed and often silent pleas and demands of today's young people. My line of thinking is based on decades of being involved with the young, including young religious and seminarians, and with helping others in youth ministry.

This is what, in my view, the youngsters want to tell us:

DO'S:

1. Listen to us: Pope Francis seems to have understood this cry of youth very well. That is why he wanted those involved in preparing the Synod to send out questionnaires and really listen to what the young want to tell the Church. Far too often, it is a one-way street: Those in authority speak, and expect the young to shut up and listen as if they had nothing worthwhile to contribute, as if everything will be fine, provided "you just do what we tell you." This can easily happen in family, or parish youth group, or school or in a religious formation house to talk without listening, to advise without understanding the other, to think that we know lots (or everything) and the young have nothing of value to

What is given below is an article by Fr. Joe Mannath SDB, currently the National Secretary, CRI. It is worth reading in the context of Synod on Youth held 20-28 October 2018. It was published in the Mouth peace of CRI *Magnet*, Vol. II, issue 14 October 2018, pp. 20-23

INCLUDE US! LISTEN TO US! GUIDE US!

What do today's young people expect from the Church?

How can we reach out to youth, help them in areas where they need help, and welcome the huge contribution they are able to make?

Fr Joe Mannath SDB

A Synod (a special international meeting of Catholic bishops) meets this month in Rome. Theme: Youth, Faith and Discernment.

The preparations have been afoot for over a year.

In March, the church representatives met with hundreds of youth and listened.

This itself is a change to listen to youth, rather than just preach to them or advise them. Young people are not children. They are not simply the future, as we used to say. They are and should be a significant part of our present, both in the Church and in secular society.

The Church prepared a detailed questionnaire on the situation and questions of youth, and received many thousands of replies.

The Synod will include a representative sample of young people a first for a Synod.

We church personnel, parents, teachers, so-called experts, etc. should not forget that what we call progress in any field was usually the fruit of young people challenging the status quo and the established wisdom whether it was a young Rabbi called Jesus, or a young deacon called Stephen, or a rebellious young son later called Francis of Assisi, a young sister called Teresa in Kolkata, or young inventors like Steve

and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity.

In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002:

Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.

Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.

Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.

Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.

Blessed be the politician who works for unity.

Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change.

Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear.

Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.

4. Political vices

Sadly, together with its virtues, politics also has its share of vices, whether due to personal incompetence or to flaws in the system and its institutions. Clearly, these vices detract from the credibility of political life overall, as well as the authority, decisions and actions of those engaged in it. These vices, which undermine the ideal of an authentic democracy, bring disgrace to public life and threaten social harmony. We think of corruption in its varied forms: the misappropriation of public resources, the exploitation of individuals, the denial of rights,

the flouting of community rules, dishonest gain, the justification of power by force or the arbitrary appeal to *raison d'état* and the refusal to relinquish power. To which we can add xenophobia, racism, lack of concern for the natural environment, the plundering of natural resources for the sake of quick profit and contempt for those forced into exile.

5. *Good politics promotes the participation of the young and trust in others*

When the exercise of political power aims only at protecting the interests of a few privileged individuals, the future is compromised and young people can be tempted to lose confidence, since they are relegated to the margins of society without the possibility of helping to build the future. But when politics concretely fosters the talents of young people and their aspirations, peace grows in their outlook and on their faces. It becomes a confident assurance that says, "I trust you and with you I believe" that we can all work together for the common good. Politics is at the service of peace if it finds expression in the recognition of the gifts and abilities of each individual. "What could be more beautiful than an outstretched hand? It was meant by God to offer and to receive. God did not want it to kill (cf. *Gen 4:1ff*) or to inflict suffering, but to offer care and help in life. Together with our heart and our intelligence, our hands too can become a means of dialogue".

Everyone can contribute his or her stone to help build the common home. Authentic political life, grounded in law and in frank and fair relations between individuals, experiences renewal whenever we are convinced that every woman, man and generation brings the promise of new relational, intellectual, cultural and spiritual energies. That kind of trust is never easy to achieve, because human relations are complex, especially in our own times, marked by a climate of mistrust rooted in the fear of others or of strangers, or anxiety about one's personal security. Sadly, it is also seen at the political level, in attitudes of rejection or forms of nationalism that call into

- Mobilize the youth in the parishes. Youth department and parish priests should work together to achieve the good.
- Youth leaders training programmes should be promoted. CLC and Youth Department should work in collaboration.
- Problem of getting caste validity certificate was discussed. It is beyond our purview. The government level discussion only can bear fruit.

Bishop thanked everyone for the presence and support to the diocese. Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil proposed vote of thanks. Bp. Ephrem chaired the meeting. With Angelus, the meeting came to an end at 01.00 PM.

Fr. Jobin Ovelil
Secretary, DPC

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
NEW PROVINCIAL TEAM OF
SISTERS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND MARY THE QUEEN
(SJB), OF ST. JOHN'S PROVINCE, WARDHA**

Sr. Vidya	- Provincial Superior
Sr. Sunanda	- Councillor
Sr. Tessy	- Councillor
Sr. Surabhi	- Councillor
Sr. Latika	- Councillor

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
NEW PROVINCIAL TEAM OF
CONGREGATION OF MOTHER OF CARMEL (CMC), OF
CARMELODAYA PROVINCE, WARDHA**

Sr. Lilly Grace	- Provincial Superior
Sr. Philo	- Councillor
Sr. Mercilin	- Councillor
Sr. Ann Mary	- Councillor
Sr. Yajna	- Councillor

- 4) Krupasroth Church, Mul (Diocesan initiative)
 - Bishop exhorted everyone to avail the opportunities for renewal in our faith.
 - There are three counselling centres in the diocese
 - 1) Sanjeevani (SJB Sisters)
 - 2) Samvad (CMI Fathers)
 - 3) Christ Hospital, Chandrapur

We expect that more people avail the opportunities available in the diocese. These centres are great help to the diocese.

- Fund collected for Kerala Flood Relief 140000 rupees through diocese and a total 6800000 including all institutions and congregations. It is in conclusion.
- Akshara is a tuition program for the poor children at Shengaon by DM Sisters. It is running well and greatly appreciated.
- CLC is preparing Marathi prayer book and it will be ready before 2020 Easter. New text of sacraments in Hindi and Marathi will be ready before 2020 Easter. As they are getting ready, we must start using it in the diocese.
- Holy childhood and Pope's prayer net work coupled and a special prayer for children (Holy Childhood Prayer) will be introduced in our boardings probably from next year.
- Sr. Arpitha SJB is elected General of SJB congregation. Bishop congratulated her.
- Mount Carmel School, Chandrapur is the first school in the diocese which celebrates golden Jubilee this year.
- The following policies are being prepared: (i). Safe Environment Policy (Policy against harassment of minors and vulnerable adults), (ii). By-laws for Board of Education, (iii). Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

5. General discussions

- Regarding vocation camp for girls. They should be given choice to join the congregation of their choice.
- Need to renovate the boarding and village chapels. It should be done in fast track.

question the fraternity of which our globalized world has such great need. Today more than ever, our societies need “artisans of peace” who can be messengers and authentic witnesses of God the Father, who wills the good and the happiness of the human family.

6. *No to war and to the strategy of fear*

A hundred years after the end of the First World War, as we remember the young people killed in those battles and the civilian populations torn apart, we are more conscious than ever of the terrible lesson taught by fratricidal wars: peace can never be reduced solely to a balance between power and fear. To threaten others is to lower them to the status of objects and to deny their dignity. This is why we state once more that an escalation of intimidation, and the uncontrolled proliferation of arms, is contrary to morality and the search for true peace. Terror exerted over those who are most vulnerable contributes to the exile of entire populations who seek a place of peace. Political addresses that tend to blame every evil on migrants and to deprive the poor of hope are unacceptable. Rather, there is a need to reaffirm that peace is based on respect for each person, whatever his or her background, on respect for the law and the common good, on respect for the environment entrusted to our care and for the richness of the moral tradition inherited from past generations.

Our thoughts turn in a particular way to all those children currently living in areas of conflict, and to all those who work to protect their lives and defend their rights. One out of every six children in our world is affected by the violence of war or its effects, even when they are not enrolled as child soldiers or held hostage by armed groups. The witness given by those who work to defend them and their dignity is most precious for the future of humanity.

7. *A great project of peace*

In these days, we celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in the wake of

the Second World War. In this context, let us also remember the observation of Pope [John XXIII](#): “Man's awareness of his rights must inevitably lead him to the recognition of his duties. The possession of rights involves the duty of implementing those rights, for they are the expression of a man's personal dignity. And the possession of rights also involves their recognition and respect by others”.

Peace, in effect, is the fruit of a great political project grounded in the mutual responsibility and interdependence of human beings. But it is also a challenge that demands to be taken up ever anew. It entails a conversion of heart and soul; it is both interior and communal; and it has three inseparable aspects:

- peace with oneself, rejecting inflexibility, anger and impatience; in the words of Saint Francis de Sales, showing “a bit of sweetness towards oneself” in order to offer “a bit of sweetness to others”;

- peace with others: family members, friends, strangers, the poor and the suffering, being unafraid to encounter them and listen to what they have to say;

- peace with all creation, rediscovering the grandeur of God's gift and our individual and shared responsibility as inhabitants of this world, citizens and builders of the future.

The politics of peace, conscious of and deeply concerned for every situation of human vulnerability, can always draw inspiration from the *Magnificat*, the hymn that Mary, the Mother of Christ the Saviour and Queen of Peace, sang in the name of all mankind: “He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly; ...for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever” (*Lk* 1:50-55).

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Kalabhan focuses on the holistic development of the children. In Post-metric hostel 11 students are there.

IV. Fr. Binu Thomas - Vocation Promotion and Evangelization

Parish priests should take great interest to promote vocations. Bishop instituted Apostolic Boarding at Kalmana to promote vocation to priesthood and religious life.

Evangelization will be given the priority. It will be done with the support of the parish priests. Evangelization will be done in collaboration with four prayer centres in the diocese. Parish wise bible quiz will be conducted under the guidance of Fr. Antony. CBCI has initiated Jericho prayer. The cross of the Jericho prayer will be taken through the parishes.

C. Bishop made the following announcements.

- The 2019 will be observed as Bible *Vaachan Varsh*. Aim is to promote the Bible reading and create interest and habit of Bible reading in the faithful. We will ensure one copy of Bible in each family in the diocese.
- 25th death anniversary of Bishop Januarius will be celebrated in 2020.
- Capuchian fathers have arrived at Sumthana and they have plan to start their mission in Wardha district.
- The following are to be instituted this year: (i). Board of Education for general co-ordination of eparchial schools, (ii). Chanda Diocesan Institutions' Advisory Council (CDIAC), (iii) Common Governing Body for the Diocesan Hospitals.
- Sisters of Jesus from Sagar has arrived at Bramhapuri Hospital for service.
- Missionary Sisters of Mother Mary (MSMM) started to work at Chamorshi in the CMI School.
- 25th death anniversary of Sr. Stephy DM will be celebrated on 30th Sept. 2018
- There are four prayer centres in the diocese
 - 1) Anjali Sadan, Wardha (CMC Sisters)
 - 2) Sanjivani Ashram, Wardha (SJB Sisters)
 - 3) Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini (VC Fathers)

Jeevan K.D.

- Raksha at Shengaon provides hostel service for the needy people and it is run by DM Sisters. Sr. Seena DM is taking great interest in it.

B. It followed the presentation of the departments.

I. Fr. Antony Munjanattu Youth Department

Youth convention will be conducted from Nov 11 to 17, 2018. This year there is a plan to conduct a youth rally. Youth convention will be conducted at Zonal level. Youth department have a plan to start a website for marriage bureau. The proposal was welcomed by all.

II. Fr. Vincent Pangola, Audio-Visual department.

Video related to *Aaradhana Varsh* and Eucharistic miracles are under preparation. It will be ready very soon. Short reflection related to mother Mary was broadcasted in the whatsapp groups in the month of October 2017 was success. The department is planning to have such programmes this year also. Planning to make a whatsapp group for Christian faithful of the diocese.

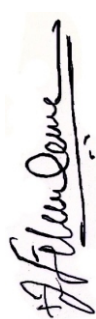
III. Fr. Jobin Ovelil, LSSS and Kalabhavan

LSSS has different projects in the diocese. It is working for the poor and marginalized. Projects are supported by different funding agencies. Caritas India is supporting two projects known as WARM and JEEVAN PLE, its in Jiwathi block. PLDP project is funded by MISERIOR. Self sufficiency project for the women empowerment is supported by Manos Unidas. IGSS is supporting to run the project SOUL 3. CHAI with the support of the Lillian Fond is assisting 104 differently abled children. Save A Family Plan India has a project in Mulchera Block covering 27 villages. Special supports are given by the requests of the parish priests. 35 girls are doing nursing studies 5 boys are doing technical and professional studies. Income generation programmes are given for the poor families. Tailoring centres are supported. Financial support is given for the housing. This year there are plans for career guidance seminar in zonal level. The diocese has obtained new scholarships for Kalabhavan children and Nursing students from USA (St. Jude's Parish and educare scholarship programme) 52 Catholic children are staying and studying in Kalabhavan.


V. CURIA MATTERS


Sl. No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/ Appointed	W.E.F
1	Fr. Robert Nicholas Fr. Shyju Madapallikunnel Fr. Raju Avookaran Fr. Dinesh Mate Fr. Subin Kallampalli		Board of Education (Director) " (Member) " (Member) " (Member) " (Member)	01 January 2019
2	Fr. Lawrence Burle	Shengaon	Priest-in-charge, Nagbir and Kampa, <i>Ad Gentes</i> mission under Brahmmapuri parish Priest-in-substitute, Balapur (Temporary). Residence Balapur (Temporary)	05 January 2019
3	Fr. Mathew Nirappel		Parish Priest, Shengaon (Additional)	05 January 2019
4	Fr. Somy Thannikapara	Brahmapuri	Asst. Parish Priest, Shengaon	05 January 2019
5	Fr. Tomy Puthenpurakal	Jarawandi	Nagpur Syro-Malabar Mission in Shamsabad diocese. Residence Brahmmapuri (Temporary).	05 January 2019
6	Fr. Rajat Valiyamangalam		Priest-in-Charge, Jarawandi.	05 January 2019

Sl. No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/ Appointed	W.E.F
7	Fr. Clement Madamana		Asst. Priest-in-charge, Jiwathi (Additional). Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Pattaguda (Additional). Residence Pattaguda.	05 January 2019
8	Fr. Robinson Chekathadathil		Priest-in-Charge, Pattaguda (Additional). Priest-in-Charge, Jiwathi (Additional).	05 January 2019
9	Fr. Dinny OFM Cap		Priest-in-residence, Wani (Additional; Temporary).	05 January 2019
10	Dn. Nikhil Chakkiath		Diaconate Ministry Cathedral, Asst. to Bishop's Home Administrator, Asst. to Director, CLC.	10 January 2019



Bp. Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda





Fr. K. D. Chacko
Chancellor

Know them and abide by it. Bishop's speech was followed by the report of the last DPC and Action Taken Report presented by Vicar General of the Diocese Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil CMI.

A. Action taken Report

- Aaradhana Varsh programmes are going on well as per schedule. Fellowship ministry team from Kerala is assisting in conducting adoration in our parishes and institutions. 27th January 2019 will be the conclusion of the Aaradhana Varsh at Chandrapur parish.
- Almost 30 youth are studying in post-metric studies in different hostels/boardings in the diocese. Not less than 20 students are doing Nursing, including B. Sc. in different colleges in and outside the diocese under the patronage of the diocese.
- The following are in effect *ad experimentum*: i) Eparchial Statutes, ii). Eparchial Education Policy
- Two seminars were conducted to train Sisters for Home mission in the past two years. We have covered 80% of our families in the diocese by Home Mission. It is to be continued. *Vadu-Vara Mela* was also conducted.
- Marriage preparation courses were conducted at different times.
- Fr. Jeevan and Fr. Prem CMI had conducted pilgrimage to Kerala along with parishioners.
- Unity Octave was conducted at Ballarpur
- Apostolic boarding started in Kalmana to promote vocation to priesthood and religious life.
- Activities of Talent Club are going on well. English course was conducted and children are promoted for the nursing studies.
- A model farm is being developed at Mul. Where the natural farming, poultry, Fish pond and Rabbitry are developed and it will be a training centre.
- Village chapel renovation had taken place at Pattaguda, Visapur, Laban Tola, Tekamandav, Pellur etc.
- Two new missions are started at Kurkheda and Korchi by Fr.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL (DPC) 2018

1. REPORT

DPC meeting of the Diocese of Chanda at Bishop's Home Ballarpur on 22-09-2018

2. Time Table

Prayer

Welcome and introductory Talk: Bishop

Reading of the report of the last DPC and Action Taken Report-
Vicar General

Department sharing

Tea Break

Department sharing

General discussions

Vote of Thanks,

Angelus.

Lunch, Good Bye

3. Agenda

Presentation of the departments

Fr. Antony - Youth director

Fr. Vincent Pangola - Audio Visual Department

Fr. Jobin Ovelil - LSSS and Kalabhavan

Fr. Binu Thomas - Vocation promotion and
evangelization

Announcements - Bishop

General Discussion

4. Report

The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) meeting of the diocese of Chanda was held on 22.09.2018. It began with a hymn invoking the Holy Spirit and a prayer led by Fr. Binu Thomas. Bishop welcomed every one and in his introductory speech, he reminded the participants the importance of DPC in a diocese. He spoke about four law books of the Church - the Code of Canons of Eastern Churches, Particular Laws of the Syro Malabar Church, Statutes of the Eparchy of Chanda and Education Policy and Policy for the protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults. He reminded everyone that the eparchial administration is done as per the guidance of these Laws and Statutes. So everyone need to

MISSION SEMINAR FOR PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS

A seminar on Missions is scheduled for priests and religious in the eparchy on Friday and Saturday 26 & 27, April 2019. All priests and religious are expected to attend **EITHER OF THE DAYS**. To make sure the maximum number of participation, it is kept in two days. Please mark it in your calendar. Any **ONE** day attendance is sufficient. Further details will be given later.

Diocesan Major Seminararians' Formation Programme 2019

It will be held as per the following schedule:

April 28 07.00pm Introductory Session

April 29 Seminar on Missions

Fr. Justin Vettukallel MST

May 7-10 Retreat for vestitioners and
candidates for different holy
orders

May 11 Vestition and minor orders

NB: Details will be given later.

VIANNEY'S FEAST

Kindly note that as August 4 falls on Sunday, 2019 the feast of St. John Maria Vianney will be held on Saturday 3 August. Diocesan priests' recollection will be on 2 August evening.

PRIESTS' RETREAT 2019

2019 priests retreat is scheduled 4-9 November.
Please mark the date in the calendar.
Preacher: Fr. Thomas Kattathara SJ

40 HOURS ADORATION 2019

This year 40 hours adoration will be held at Cathedral, BPQ on March 04-06 (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday). March 06 is Ash day. On all days Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after Holy Qurbana at 6:15 AM and it will be reposed at 8 PM

There will be facility for confession on all the days of Adoration. Whoever can, please do come and adore the Lord. It may be good to keep the following zonal arrangements:

Monday 04 March - Allapally & Bramhapuri zones

Tuesday 05 March - Wardha & Wirur zone

Wednesday 06 March - Ballarsha Zone

Pope's Day

Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis

Pope Francis was elected on March 13, 2013 after the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI due to health reasons. On the anniversary of Pope Francis' election, let us pray for the pope's good health and well-being while asking God to guide him in his decisions for the Catholic church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

FEBRUARY

Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

MARCH

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

QUINQUENNIAL PRIESTS MEET

Quinquennial Priests' meet (Ordination Year 2013-18) is scheduled on Wednesday & Thursday 06 to 07 February 2019.

Time Schedule,

Wednesday 06-02-2019

- 6.00 PM - Arrival
- 6.15 PM - Ramsa
- 6.30 PM - Talk. Adv. Lajji: "Priestly Maturity in pastoral field: What People expect"
- 7.30 PM - Adoration & Rosary (Good Shepherd Chapel)
- 8.00 PM - Dinner
- 9.00 PM - Lelia, Bishop's Talk and Sharing of Fathers

Thursday 07-02-2019

- 6.15 AM - Sapra, Meditation Good Shepherd Chapel)
- 7.00 AM - Holy Qurbana (Good Shepherd Chapel)
- 8.00 AM - Break fast
- 9.00 AM - Talk, Mrs. Seema Mejo: "Policy of Harassment of minors and vulnerable adults in Church institutions"
- 10.15 AM - Tea Break
- 10.30 AM - Department sharing
- 11.30 AM - Talk
- 12.30 PM - Angelus, Lunch, rest
- 02.30 PM - Concluding Remarks by the bishop and General Sharing
- 04.00 PM - Tea, Departure