

World Children's Day



"Children are the most beautiful gift and blessing that the creator has given to man and woman. Children are never a mistake"
- Pope Francis



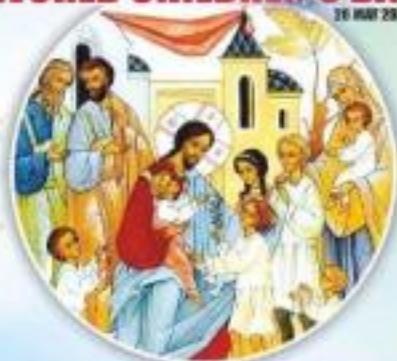
Chanda Samachar

Bulletin, Eparchy of Chanda

He called a (fals) when he sat among them, and said, Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" - Mt 18: 2-3.

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

26 MAY 2024



"WE NEED TO SEE EACH CHILD AS A GIFT TO BE WELCOMED, NURTURED AND PROTECTED"
- Pope Francis



Congratulations



Newly Ordained Priest



Fr. Ajay Kulkarni (11/04/2024)



Newly elected St. Joseph Regional team of SAIL Statecham (02/01/2024)



Bishop greets the new Major Archbishop Mar Regional Team (11/01/2024)



The new provincial team of 19th Anah Province, Wardha (1/01/2024)



The renovated Gentha, Kalamna (17/02/2024)



The new provincial team of 50 Khandolgaon Province, Wardha (12/02/2024)



The new provincial team of 85th Purnanandam Province, Wardha (12/02/2024)



Blessing of newly constructed Capachin Ashram, Kalamna (06/02/2024)



Quinquennial meet of Priests (11/12/01/2024)



The

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CHANDA DIOCESAN BULLETIN



Thy Kingdom Come (Mt. 6:10)

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*It seems to me that an unjust
law is no law at all.*

- St. Augustine



I. SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and My beloved People,
Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ!
 Happy Easter to everyone!

"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3).

"Children are not things to be owned, but are people to be befriended" - Rowan Williams

Pope Francis announced on 8 December 2023 that the Catholic Church will celebrate its first World Day of Children on 26 May 2024. "Like Jesus, we want to put children at the centre and care for them" said the Holy Father. Children must be celebrated every day. World Day of Children is a stark reminder of the responsibility we hold towards our most vulnerable. Millions of Children globally face poverty, injustice, and unimaginable hardships. We rejoice with numbers of children as daily have in our schools, hearings, hospitals, in the streets, on our journeys etc. What kind of world do we wish to pass on to the children who are growing up? We shall avail the World Children Day to care our children and show them a luminous future ahead.

"And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them" (Mk 16:16).

I invite everyone to celebrate the day befittingly in our parishes, missions and institutions.



With good wishes
 Your Shepherd in the Lord

[Signature]

† Eugene Narayana
 Bishop, Diocese of Chennai

II. PASTORAL LETTER - I

DECALOGUE AND PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH - II

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,
Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfil them" (Mt 5:17).

In the year of Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church in our diocese it is worth reflecting over that gospel verse. Jesus gives us an insight into his mission and the vocation of the Divine Word. Jesus affirms the supreme authority of God's law. Divine law is ultimate and unchangeable. "Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 5:19). The few possible implications of this statement of Jesus are:

- (i) The Divine Word/Law is everlasting; it will sustain the natural world.
- (ii) The Divine Word/Law was written with intent; it was meant to be fulfilled.
- (iii) The Divine Word/Law protected primary authority, even the smallest bits of it is established.
- (iv) The Divine Word/Law is faithful and trustworthy; "everything" Jesus will be accomplished.

Jesus says that he did not come to abolish the law and the prophets. In other words, his purpose was not to abrogate the Word, dissolve it or render it invalid. The precepts will be fulfilled, the law will continue to accomplish the purpose for which it was given (Is. 55:10-11). Jesus' intent to establish the

Christ is the culmination of the laws (Ex. 19:4). Jesus Christ fulfilled the laws as a teacher and a King. He taught people to obey the law (Mt. 23: 35-40, Mt. 1:46) and he did obey the laws with humility (Jn. 8:46, 1 Pt. 2:22). He came to complete the old covenant and establish the new (Heb. 8:8-9, 13, 12:24). The Law of Moses of the Old Testament is renewed under the law of Christ (Jes. 51:31, 33).

As we have dedicated 2024 as the year of the Dialogue and the Precepts of the Church, we shall examine our allegiance to the terms of the law in our life. The Ten Commandments set human life on right track. Our covenant with God and that among ourselves is a yardstick for every Christian to know one's own citizenship and live it freely (Jn. 13:35). The first three commandments are about our relationship with God and the next seven serves for the smooth relationship among ourselves. Ultimately these commandments are meant for every human person to be morally upright and good. The Ten Commandments summarized into two: love God and love neighbor (Mt. 22:37-39). That should be ultimately the spirituality of any religion. The core of Christ's teaching is the same: "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these" (Mt. 12:30-31).

The Precepts of the Church are meant to train them up to be devout Christians/Catholics. For a disciplined Catholic the Precepts are helpful and useful. The observance of the Precepts shows one's allegiance to the Church. For an organized community like Catholics, such laws are good for social harmony and spiritual sustenance.

So, dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear people, we shall observe all laws – civil and ecclesiastical – with humility and allegiance in respective submission for one's own welfare and that

of the community, the Church and the society as a whole. May the celebration of the year of the Dialogue and the Precepts of the Church, be an occasion to reiterate our commitment to all the laws in general and those connected to each one of us in particular, both civil and ecclesiastical. God bless everyone.



Yours devotedly in Christ

Epiphany Nariakim

† Epiphany Nariakim
Bishop, Diocese of Namirembe

NB: Please explain to the people, the content of the pastoral letter on my Sunday in May.



PASTORAL LETTER - II

Priestly Discipline and Discipleship

Dear Rev. Father,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Occasions in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

"The depth of a priest's compassion is the measure of his apostolic success" (Luhoff/3/1988).

Priesthood is an inalienable gift and a remarkable experience. It is not only participation in the universal priesthood of Christ but also joining with him to serve the community in humility. "I came not to be served but to serve and to become a ransom for many" (Mt 20:28). He goes on the beautiful example of serving others to the extent of washing the feet of his disciples. "So, O Lord, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (Jn. 13:14-15). Thus, he demonstrated to us that authority is for service. His service went to the extent of laying down his life for others; "My love has grown love that this, to lay down one's life for one's friend" (Jn. 15:13). He teaches us this great example not only by words but also by showing it to us by his own example.

From Christ, the central point, we learn that, to be a priest means to be at service of others. We are not of our own but totally and completely we are at the service of others. Altruism is the basic fabric of priesthood. No one eats its own fruit and no river can use its own water that flows in it. Christ shows us great example of altruism. God intended such sacrifices as nature for us to learn and to practice in life. Saint John Maria Vianney once said; "The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolute; he does not administer sacraments to himself. He is for you". He always at service for others. An order and discipline

promotes as priest and our apostolic works call us to a disciplined life and discipline is our priority. They go hand in hand and mutually reinforcing and sustaining.

As priests, we are leaders of the Christian community. A leader is called to be a disciplined person. Christ's discipline is model for excellence for each one of us. His integrity, his prayer life, his availability for others, his devotion to his tasks, and his commitment for learning are living examples of his disciplined life. We are called to such a disciplined life. First and foremost one should be strict with oneself that will give us a model to guide others. Schedule of discipline is spiritual life like daily meditation, celebration of holy Quifona, spiritual reading, confession, monthly recollection, priestly gatherings, annual retreats, etc. The reason for the people were about the integrity of life. A great deal of our discipline is also connected to the office of administration. Abiding by the canonical regulations and Episcopal Statutes greatly support our discipline and integrity of character, discipline and adherence to God's law is also means a great deal in this regard. Above all the practice of the great command of love (Mt 22:37-39) that will give us life will give us help.

From the life and teachings of Jesus in the gospels, we learn the discipline is a pre-requisite for discipleship. To be a disciple of Christ is a radical call. If you want to be my disciple, leave everything behind and follow me; "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple" (Lk 14:26). Christ's discipleship is greatly challenging and demanding. It is not easy to become a genuine disciple of Christ. The discipleship of Christ is for a mission. Mark 3: 14-15 articulates the purpose of being a disciple of Christ: "And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach the message, and to have authority

act and to do it in our lives. It needs an explanation as we already know its biblical injunctions and theological implications.

Keeping together with everyone, respectful approach and developing healthy relation with all make priority life and ministry activities. Pope in one of his addresses to priests exhorted: "we need priests who are fully human, capable of healthy relationships, and mature in confronting the challenges of ministry, so that the consolation of the gospel may reach the people through their humanity transformed by the same spirit of Jesus. Let us receive the grace of exercising the power of the gospel".

Friendly Kolonka is the first trait of our discipline and disciplining. It invites us for mutual respect and service to one another. Secondly, it calls us to sacramental presence in our communities and in our apostolate. Thirdly, it demands genuine relationship and good will to counsel with our core-team. Fourthly, it urges our availability to the people of God and others. We shall follow the principle, "to wear our shoes to pasture" in our relation and ministry. It shall fortify our discipleship of Christ in priority discipline. God bless everyone.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus



[Handwritten Signature]

† Koltram Narasimha
Bishop, Diocese of Chitradurga



Quotes

“ God asks us not to do the best in the world,
but our best for the world.”

- Rp. Ephraim

PASTORAL LETTER - III

GREEN DIOCESE

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

"The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till and keep it" (Gen. 2:15).

The year 2021 we observed in our diocese as the Green Diocese Campaign with motto 'Serve Nature Save Future'. We could create some awareness among people about the importance and need to preserve the ecosystem for a bright future of our generations ahead. At least few had developed Ecology in life as a matter of concern that underpins the environment which is our home of residence and sustenance. As it should not be a one-time program and it had to be continued for a better creation of environment for us today and for our future generations. So, once again I wish to write this pastoral letter on environmental protection.

The ecological "Message of" our protection of environment by Pope Francis was a relational call to respect mother earth and water. He has been consistently calling the attention of the world leaders and everyone in the world to the fact that "everything is connected, and as a family of nature we must have a common concern to see that the environment is cleaner, purer, and preserved well. A solution is climate change events protecting the planet and vulnerable people, and we must hear: both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Faith can guide us. The entire natural universe speaks of God's love, His boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains - everything is, as it were, created by God.

New Pope Francis has come out with another Apostolic Exhortation "Laudate Deum" (Praise to God) promulgated on 4th October 2013. Pope's Exhortation is written at the same time sounding an alarm and a call for co-responsibility in the face of the climate emergency. We are all experiencing at different levels in different places and countries. He says that, it is one of the principal challenges facing the security and the global community and the effects of climate change are borne by most vulnerable people whether at home or around the world (LD#2). The world in which we live is collapsing and may be heading to the breaking point. It is inevitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons.

The solution we struggle. We need to do it to reduce our consumption, recycle, as much as possible, reuse all that we can and most importantly reduce and resist those things that cause damage to the environment. He clearly looks at the data on climate change and proposes that need for urgent climate action as a follow up to *Cause No 3* (Our Common Home) that was written eight years ago. We need to reflect the different ways we can contribute to the discussion in order to protect 'our common home'.

The fundamental duty of each citizen regarding environment is given in our Constitution under Article 51. A (g). It states, "It should be the duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the actual environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life and to have responsibility for the living creatures". Citizen involvement is crucial to the establishment and implementation of a fair and effective environmental protection regime in any country.

Some of the known ways to protect the environment are to reduce, reuse, recycle, conserve water, save electricity, reduce and create awareness among the people on environment pollution, garbage and, the plastic etc. Proper drainage

systems and water treatment is a must before discharge water is released to any water body such as rivers, sea or ocean. Solid waste of poor households such as vegetable peels, plastic, beer, waste paper etc. should be thrown in covered garbage bags. It is necessary to conserve our environment to maintain the ecological balance and sustainability of the ecosystem. Pope says that worst effects of the climate crisis are already irreversible for almost several hundred years and "the melting of the poles will not be reversed in hundreds of years" (LD#18).

As we know that India's water crisis is a permanent problem. Although India has 16 percent of the world's population, the country possesses only four percent of the world's total water resources. India is water-stressed due to changing weather patterns and repeated droughts. Studies show that about 236 of the 700 districts in India have reported "critical" or "over-exploited" ground water level according to the recent Central Ground Water Board data (From 2017). There is an urgent need to educate and motivate future generations to practice integral ecology that is to be aware that the earth has enough resources, supplied for the needs of all human beings. These resources however must be shared and not to be reserved for the few.

It is important to be mindful of how we treat the environment to keep everything in harmony. Recycling helps us not from resources from nature and keep our planet healthy. Preserving a healthy environment and biodiversity is crucial for our well-being, well-being, clean air, water, food, and a stable climate. We should also support policies and practices that limit climate change and promote sustainability in our daily lives, like using public transport, reducing waste, and supporting eco-friendly products.

The Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum* contains nothing inflexible for our 'building planet'. Pope expresses his heart felt concern about the state of 'our home'. The responses to the

climate change have not been adequate in his evaluation; something more and worth have to be done. May I request everyone to take some practical steps to protect the environment. Deal with nature with delicacy development at the cost of danger to nature by all means must be avoided. Love, peace and lead a life friendly. Please take seriously environmental issues and resolve to do the best, lest we endanger our 'Common Home' for us and for our future generations.



Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus

† Ephrem Nwiziolam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

NB: Kindly explain to the people the content of this Pastoral letter on any convenient Sunday in June 2024. 5th June is World Environmental Day.



PASTORAL VISIT 2024

Sl.No.	Parish/Station	Date
1.	Geetai	September 18-22
2.	Shaharipuri	October 17-21

† Ephrem Nwiziolam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

Fr. Steve Mboripal
Curator, Diocese of Chanda

NB: Please contact churchery two months before the date of pastoral visit.

QUOTES

“ The good of the people is the greatest law. ”
- Cloves

III. CIRCULAR - I

Past. No. 002/2024

17/02/2024

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

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend, you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its furthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. (Is 41:8-10)

This is the assurance God has given us. Jesus eagerly endorsed this in his teachings. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Lk 12:32, Jn 14:27, Lk 12:17 etc). The assurance of Jesus is very comforting when he says: "When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say" (Lk 12:11-12). It is said that there are 365 verses for Trust God or similar phrases in the bible. It shows that practically each day of the year God is talking us to go ahead with courage and vigour!

I write this circular in the context of some news from different corners of our country which are not very welcoming and create some kind of fear and uncertainty in our mission ahead. We have no excuse but to continue our mission. These are some

grounds by those when election is used for certain. Andrew Goss has no problems, but some challenges. Items and the discipline had and the Church has had faced such challenges in the past. They are not new to the Church. Probably we are new to them as we personally confront them these days. It is our concern the three temptations (Mt 4:1-11 & Lk 4:1-13) by a challenging trial and reliance in the providence of God, the Father (Cf. Lk 12:37-38). We are given no other promise. The season of Lent helps us to equip ourselves to face these challenges with a spirit of God and confidence. We shall keep this as a special Lenten for our Lent 2024.

As the nation is getting ready for general election I exhort everyone to vote our electoral franchise in a responsible way and guide our people accordingly, so that we may have a genuinely elected government which respects the constitutional rights of the people of the country. We shall pray that there shall be fair election process and there shall be social and religious harmony and welfare of every citizen is attended to. The developments in the recent past in some parts of our country are really alarming. The recently concluded XXXVI National General Conference of CBCI held in Bangalore (Dec 31 – Feb 07, 2024) had the following as the theme: “The Church’s response to the current socio-political situation of the country and the benefits and challenges of artificial intelligence (AI)”. The message of CBCI states: “As Christians our first response is PRAYERS, for with God all things are possible” (Mt 19:26). The CBCI asks that each diocese observe Friday 23 March 2024 as a day of prayer and fasting for promise and harmony in our society. May I request everyone to announce it in our parishes and institutions and in the media. While using the modern technologies of social media and Artificial Intelligence, the CBCI reminds the perils of AI and asks the possible dangers:

In this regard I wish to bring to your notice the following:

1. Scrutinize deal with extra precautions with regard to various incidents in our institutions. Avoid any chance of misunderstanding or misinterpretations whatsoever. Additional care is required when we deal with students in the schools and learners in our formation houses particularly when they are minors. It is safe that we obtain all necessary documents from our learners, such as Adhar card (no age proof), consent letter of parents and finances, marriage certificate of the parent etc. Please do all what is needed and keep our parishes and secure.
2. May I request to be 'patience like servants and women. The Gover' (Mt 18:16-18) in our ministry of evangelization. It is our mission and our common duty. The great command of Christ is: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28: 19-20). We shall not seek conflict does not need to be on either side in the amid of the hour. Mind you, these are not problems but only challenges. Items and the discipline we had such challenges and they faced them with courage and reliance in the providence of God. We too shall follow the suit.
3. It is important that we live witness of Christian values. Transparency in accounts, simplicity in life-style, modesty in constructions etc. are some ways of Christian witness. Keep update FCRA, 12A registration etc. But we are accused of many malpractices. May people observe it as a clear following of Christ and his values in our daily life. We shall resolve to preach what we practice and practice what we preach.
4. In our diocese in some areas people are luring 'sects' due to some outside influences and misapprehensions, and it is observed that we need to frequent our visit to villages, identify

visit, Holy Quirens and prayer sessions in the villages, our availability to the people etc. to overcome such hurdles. We shall make great efforts to bring our folk together and take care of them in the best way possible in faith formation and sending their greatest needs such as service to the sick, facilities for higher education, employment opportunities etc.

- On 18 December 2023 the Synodary for the Diocese of Tamil (DM) promulgated a Declaration with the title 'Fiducial Supplement' with regard to the 'Blessing' of gay individuals. The discussion about this document in the social media and mass media is - mistaking the Church's stand about marriage is, that which is contracted between a man and a woman (Dt 19:4-6, Mt 19:6-8 & CCEO 774). Church does not accept any other relationships as a wedding. However Church is in their mercy to everyone including gay individuals. When such persons ask for a 'Blessing' it is Church's duty to pray for these and 'bless' individually so that they may live according to God's plan and in per the teaching of the Church. Please do not be misguided.
- As we are in the season of Lent we shall do the acts of penance such as fast, abstinence, etc. and do the devotional practices like Stations of the Cross, Lament Prayers, Adoration, Airing etc. to make our Lent meaningful and fruitful. I wish everyone a fruitful Lent.
- We are in the year of Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church. Please follow the family schedule and other directives to exhort our people to make us aware to observe the laws of the country and of the Church faithfully and with alacrity (CC, Church Synodical No. 162, Vol. XLVII January-April 2024, Pp.2-4 & 69-71).
- The diocese is planning a Workshop on Evangelization for priests and religious (April 22-24) for Catholics, laity and youth (April 26-27) and for missionaries and catechists

(April 25 to May 01). Bro. Thomas Paul will be a resource person. The dates shall be finalized later (CC, Church Synodical January-April 2024, P.67). Please mark the date.

Ordination Ceremony



Your Reverend is Christos Iyengar.

Ephrem Marikuppam,
Bishop, Eparchy of Canada

He kindly explains to the people the message of this circular gradually and with caution, preferably on Sunday 18th February or on Sunday 25th February. Please remind also the people to observe 22 March as a day of prayer and fasting for the purpose as indicated in the circular.



PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for our Deacon...



Dr. Ajay Pathakathachira

(Deacon of Canada)

Date of Ordination : 10th May 2024

Name : Dr. Joseph Thomas Church

Parish : Thiruvananthapuram

Time : 8:30 AM

Quotes

“ Live your life as though your every act were to become a universal law. ”

— Emmanuel Kant



CIRCULAR - II

Prot. No. 115/2024

18/04/2024

To,
All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Parish,
Diocese of Chandernagore

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Parish,

My Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I wish to communicate to you the following as a piece of information and appreciation.

- 1) **Evangelical outreach** is running quite well. The Fathers and Sisters are co-operating with preaching ministry, home mission, counselling etc. I thank everyone for the same. The people's response is also very good. I welcome suggestions to make *Evangelical* still better. Thanks to Fr. Binu and team for the good work.
- 2) The diocesan library house construction project was very successful. I gratefully remember everyone for co-operation and good will. We shall continue it in the same spirit and enthusiasm in the years ahead. May I bring focus to your attention of all that those only worthy ones as beneficiaries as priority basis.
- 3) Village Outreach and family visits are done rather well in the diocese. Wherever it is to be improved please do pay attention. We shall not forget that they were the characteristic traits of our mission. We shall continue our focus on evangelisation.
- 4) Housing of parishes, boardings, formation houses, dispensaries and care centres and centres as it has become

very vulnerable and delicate these days due to too many factors. We shall continue these initiatives as they are the life-line of our mission. The diocese shall be there to support on any occasion of emergency. Please be patient enough to deal with children/students/teachers in our schools and boarding boardings. By polite and loving behaviour we can win over hearts. If not we may have to face the consequences. I expect everyone to exhibit a children-friendly approach towards boardings.

- 5) Co-operation and sharing of resources among our institutions is to be done generously and consistently as per regulations. We are progressing step by step in this regard. Please, have a generous will to set things on track as it needs time and patience. As CNEWA subsidy to our boardings is raised after Covid-19 Pandemic, may I request every religious Congregation serving in the diocese to contribute generously to the Bhabhanagar Fund as per the regulations in the Episcopal Statutes.
- 6) Simplicity in life style is very important and it witnesses greatly Christian values and the spirit of Christ. So also is important simplicity in construction, renovation, mode of travel etc. Greater need shall be the vehicles in such matters. Avoid all pomp structures, fountains etc. However the churches for public utility such as educational institutions, health centres etc. need adequate space, conveniences etc. for the service required.
- 7) The arbitrary subsidy for the diocese have an increase of Rs. 500/- (Five hundred only) per month from April 2024.
- 8) Once again I remind you the "2nd Capax" I proposed in the Diamond Jubilee year for our mission abroad: Evangelisation, Empowerment and Ecology. Kindly do whatever is possible to advance ahead in our mission more effectively.

- 9) In the diocese we are following the liturgical discipline rather well. Any problems anywhere, kindly do take necessary measures to correct them and join the mainstream of the Church.
- 10) Take necessary measures to keep our fold together. Kindly do not allow the outside forces to create dissension among our people. Please keep a watch over it.
- 11) Fr. Ajay Kalla from Jannawadi Parakk was ordained to Holy Priesthood for the archdiocese of Bangalore on 31 April 2024. Dr. James Taka from Muvattupuzha parish and Fr. Ajay Pichakanchira from Thalamper (Pinarayi) parish (Kerala) will be ordained to Holy Priesthood on 4 May and 16 May 2024 respectively. Please keep them in your prayers.
- 12) I am visiting home in May. I may meet with Bp. Francis on 22nd May. I will be visiting also different agencies which support us in our welfare and education programs in the diocese. Please pray for us.
- 13) Once again I wish to remind everyone of you about United Elections scheduled on 18 April and 26 April in our region. I earnestly request everyone to apply your voting right without fail. Please vote for a candidate and party which is our choice, respect the Constitution of the Republic of India and our interest as to protect the secular fabric of our nation. Kindly advise our people also to use their franchise conscientiously.
- 14) In the recent incidents of provocation in Christian institutions in neighbouring dioceses I request everyone to check respect for other faiths and faiths very cordially and prudently in a school, hospital and other institutions run by our Societies. We shall not like to understand that there are targeted attempts for the same from different corners.
- 15) An evergreen issues about WhatsApp on Evangelization in

our diocese scheduled from 22 April onwards. Please take it seriously and make it a point to attend it and send your holy and cordialists for the same as per the schedule communicated to you. Please see the schedule of the same attached herewith.

- 16) Transparency in accounts is another concern that we need to focus our attention. There seems to be some hostile attitude all around against Christian institutions and undertakings. I expect everyone to pay adequate attention in this regard. In this connection, please note that the auditing is scheduled from 1 June 2024. May I request everyone to submit the accounts of all parishes/institutions and diocesan institutions as early as possible and not later than middle of May 2024.

Believing your kind cooperation and thanking everyone for your support and prayers.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,



F. Epiphanius Nair
Bishop, Thiruvalla Diocese



PATRON'S DAY

Our Dear Bishop! celebrate his Patron's Day on June 08. Let us especially pray for God's richest blessings on our Bishop on the special day. Church Family wishes a HAPPY FEAST!



His Holiness Bishop F. Epiphanius Nair

IV. BISHOP'S DIARY

JANUARY

1. Ordained Fr. James Kuthakkathayal VC to Holy Priesthood at Petta Ashram, Chakkady.
2. Attended Episcopal ordination Silver Jubilee of archbishop Mathew Marolekatt at Christ the King Cathedral, Kottayam. Visited Capschin provincial house, Kottayam and visited SD convent, Chockevady.
3. Visited Fr. Benny Mukkat CFC, the Superior General of CFC and Fr. Virgese CFC, the Provincial Superior at Kanyakumbhy CFC provincial house, later bishop visited SD generalate, Thottamagan, Aluva.
4. Visited CSN generalate and met with Sr. terrence CSN, the Mother General.
5. Visited SAB generalate, Kallimann, Aluva.
6. Met with Bp. George Punnakottil at NEST, Moovattupuzha and met with SD Provincial at Provincial House, Changanassery. Blessed a marriage at Moovattupuzha and officiated betrothal rite of Fr. Sharjo Makkappallikunnel at Meenkantham parish.
7. Visited Viceregal Generalate and met with Fr. Kanthabhaer VC, Superior General.
- 8-13. Attended Synod of bishops, Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanaal.
11. Participated in the installation ceremony of the new Major Archbishop at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanaal.
- 15-19. Visited the dioceses of Marthandam, Thuckalay, Kottar, Palayamkotta and Tutukera dioceses and met with Bps. Rajendran, Soosil Nazareem, Armony Sany Sivarathnan and Stephen Antony PILLAI.
16. Prayed over the tomb of Fr. Joseph Kuthinjil and St. Mary-Celine, the founders of DM Congregation.
17. Visited the tomb of St. Devanahayam PILLAI in Kottar

20. Attended the Episcopal ordination of Bp. Anthonio Pathenveetil (Kottapparam diocese).
22. Met with Fr. Polly Kuzhampuzha CSB, the Provincial Superior. Visited the house of Fr. Mejo Parapparam CMI and said office of the dead for the departed soul of his beloved Father.
23. Presided over SVG day, Bannin.
25. Attended Episcopal Ordination of Bp. Makolin Sojorin of Aruvatti diocese. Said office of the dead at the tomb of St. Nila FCC at Aruvatti.
27. Presided over silver jubilee Holy Qurbana of Chanda School Association (CSA) and delivered message at jubilee meeting.
28. Offered Holy Qurbana for the funeral of Bro. Mathew Kuzhupakat SC at Boys' Town, Hyderabad.
29. Attended monthly recollection, BPO.
31. Attended CBCT Bangalore.

FEBRUARY

- 1-7. Attended CBCT Bangalore.
4. Offered Requiem Holy Qurbana for St. Sophia MSMI at MSMI provincial house, Warilla.
10. Visited CMI house Kalamashwar, CMC convent, Kattil and Orthodox seminary, Kolanashwar and delivered message to the seminarians.
11. Offered Holy Qurbana at DM convent, Kalamashwar. Later bishop visited CMI house and SABS convent, Wadcherana. Visited St. Charles seminary and offered Holy Qurbana for the girls' feast at seminary hills. Visited Wara Church for girls' feast.
12. Offered Ash day service at Cathedral, BPO and attended 40 hours adoration at Cathedral BPO.
13. Attended Monthly Recollection at BPO and attended 40

14. Officiated the Grad day of 40 hours of adoration and Eucharistic procession at Cathedral.
- 12-16. Animated Deacons Pastoral Orientation program, BPO.
17. Blessed renovated grounds at Kadmana.
18. Sr. Sally Pinarath SCGC, the assistant general of charity sisters visited bishop at bishop's house. Presided over the Eucharistic procession of Jeevodaya at Chellavalli in Rappanpalli parish.
20. Offered Holy Qurbana at SD provincial house Wandia.
21. Blessed new altar of Alphonsa Blarua, Ward, Wandia.
22. Offered Holy Qurbana in charity convent, Wandia.
24. Attended installation of Bp. Barthol Barotto as bishop of Nasik at Cathedral, Nasik.
25. Offered Holy Qurbana at Dayanagar hospital convent, Attanvoti.
27. Bishop Reginose Iachananyi, Bishop of Thumassery visited bishop house and met with bishop.

MARCH

- 1-3. Pastoral visit was done in Gajoli mission. Bishop visited sick sisters at SD convent Wandia.
4. Sr. Ely Vadakemary MSMI, Mother General and Sr. Leota MSMI, Provincial Superior visited Bishop at bishop's house.
5. Sr. Krupa DM, Provincial Superior visited Bishop's home and met with bishop.
6. Attended Southanjali in honour of Mr. Siddharth who was an employee of Devasias Press at Pastoral Centre, BPO.
8. Attended Mtg and Lakshadweep project committee meeting in the morning. Chaired Finance Council in the afternoon. Presented trophy for the winners of Chandi Bhawan League at Marathi School ground, New Dabholi.

- Bishop attended Hospital Advisory Committee online meeting in the evening.
9. Blessed the new Capuchin Ashram at Karanje and met with Capuchin provincial.
10. Presided over Eucharistic procession of Jeevodaya retreat at Pattagada.
- 11-12. Co-ordinated Quinquennial priests meeting at BPO.
14. Met with Sr. Alphonsa SH, Superior General of SH Congregation.
- 14-17 Pastoral visit was done at Karikhele mission.
19. Attended installation of Bp. Vincent Alad, as Archbishop of Ranchi.
21. Attended Episcopal ordination of Bp. Augustine Madathikunnel as the bishop of Khandwa.
22. Met with Bp. Thomas Elavumal at bishop's house, Kalyan.
24. Celebrated Palm Sunday service at Hirghangat.
26. Chaired the meeting of priests and others to discuss some matters of canonical with raising of beatings, heresies and dispensaries in the diocese. Offered Holy Mass Qurbana at Cathedral.
29. Celebrated Maundy Thursday service at Cathedral, BPO.
29. Celebrated Good Friday at Gadchiroli parish. Chaired the Calvingiri Lakshadweep and imparted blessing to the pilgrims gathered.
31. Celebrated Easter solemn Holy Qurbana at Bhantamgaik.

APRIL

4. Blessed the renovated CMC Provincial House, Wandia.
6. Attended the episcopal ordination of Mgr. Bernard Lancy Pina at Holy Cross School ground, Aurangabad.
7. Offered Holy Qurbana at Syro-Malabar parish, Aurangabad.

9. Attended episcopal ordination of Mgr. Prakash Sagli at Kananan Cathedral.
11. Attended Diocesan youth day celebration at Divine Vachan Ashram, Barani and congratulated the newly elected team of Diocesan office bearers.
13. Offered Holy Qurbana at CMC convent, Cernent Nagar, Gajiras.
14. Offered Holy Qurbana at CMC convent, Soodhika.
15. Visited Clarissan Ashram, Sewangli, Wardha and gave a talk to the seminarians.
16. Offered Requiem Holy Qurbana for the repose of soul of Sr. (Dr) Rose Neerajal SJ at provincial house, Wardha.
17. Attended Monthly recollection at Cathedral, BPQ and chaired Diocesan Presbyterium.
20. Blessed a marriage at Anantnagar parish, Trichur archdiocese and said office of the dead for the beloved Mother of Fr. Peter CMI and Paul Vallappanambi CMI at the tomb in the cemetery of Channakkudi parish on her first death anniversary.
21. Visited Bp. Vijayanand CMI, Fr. Mathew Vathukut CMI and Fr. Jose Vafakkemary CMI at Thiruvananthapuram and offered Holy Qurbana with them; Later bishop officiated betrothal at St. Thomas Church, Pathangally in Ernakulam-Angamaly archdiocese.
- 22-24 Attended workshop on evangelization at Divine Vachan Ashram.
- 26-27 Visited workshop on evangelization for laity, youth and Catechists and offered Holy Qurbana for them on 26.
28. Presided over solemn Holy Communion Qurbana at St. Antony's Church, Wardha.
- 29-31 Visited workshop on evangelization for the seminarians and offered Holy Qurbana for them on 29.



V. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

MAY 2024

1. Solemn Holy Communion, Rajara
4. Priestly Ordination, Catechist, BPQ
- 5-10. Major Seminars/Gatherings
6. Meeting with Kites Club Children, BPQ
9. Blessing of Kapreli and Gorta Convents
11. Minor Orders, Cathedral, BPQ
12. Blessing, Bangalore
14. Solemn Holy Communion, Cherasole, Monthaswady Diocese
16. Priestly Ordination & Golden Jubilee Throody Parish, Peravur
18. AM. Bethel, Chertala
PM. Solemn Holy Communion, Kacheripally, N. Para
19. AM. Discourse & Minor Orders, Edappilly
PM. Marriage, Nedargal
20. AM. Requiem Holy Qurbana, Sairajpetra
- 20 July 4. Europe

JULY 2024

- 9-10. WRIC, Gundlupet
13. Baptista, Chalidasy
21. Marriage, Kodakara

AUGUST 2024

2. AM. Jubilee, Gajiras
PM. Monthly Recollection, BPQ
3. Vowday, SVG, Barani
10. CSA Meeting, BPQ
17. Marriage, Kozhassery

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St Peter's Basilica

Holy Thursday, 28 March 2024

"The eyes of all in the synagogues were fixed on him" (Lk 4:21). This passage of the Gospel is striking. It always makes us imagine that a crowd of people when their eye was on Jesus, in a mixture of wonder and bewilderment. We know, however, what happened next. After Jesus had recounted the false expectation of his hearers, they were "filled with rage" (Lk 4:28), got up and drove him out of town. They had indeed looked upon Jesus, but their hearts were not prepared to change at his word. They led the common life of a lifetime.

Tonight, Holy Thursday, will offer us a very different exchange of looks. It involves Peter, the first Peter of our Church. Peter too initially refused to accept the "baptizing" words that the Lord had spoken to him: "You will deny me three times" (Mt 16:70). As a result, he "lost sight" of Jesus and denied him at the cock's crow. Then, however, "the Lord turned and looked at Peter" and he "remembered the word of the Lord... and went out and wept bitterly" (Lk 22:61-62). His eyes were flooded with tears that, rising up from a wounded heart, blessed him from his life's path and his self-absence. Those bitter tears changed his life.

Jesus' words and actions in the course of those years had not shared Peter's expectations, so similar to those of the people of Nazareth. He too was expecting a political Messiah, powerful, successful and decisive. Scandalized at the night of Jesus' powerlessness and submitting passively to his arrest, he said, "I do not know him" (Lk 22:57). How true that was: Peter did not know Jesus. He would only begin to know him when, at the dark moment of his denial, he yielded to tears of atonement and tears of conversion.

And he would know Jesus in truth when, "from because Jesus said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?', he would let the Lord's gaze penetrate his entire being. Then, from saying, 'I do not know him', he was able to say, 'Lord, you know everything'" (Jn 21:17).

Dear brother priests, the healing of the heart of Peter, the healing of the apostle, the healing of the pastor, comes about when, grief-stricken and repentant, he allowed himself to be forgiven by Jesus. That healing took place several years later, weeping, and the sorrow that led to renewed love. For this reason, I have felt the need to share with you a few thoughts on an aspect of the spiritual life that has been somewhat neglected, yet remains essential. Even the word I am going to use today is somewhat old-fashioned, yet well worthy of reflecting on. That word is *compassion*.

The reign of the merciful is to do with pitying. Compassion is "a pitying of the heart" that is painful and creates tears of repentance. Here, another episode from the life of Saint Peter can help us. His heart, having been pierced by Jesus' gaze and his words, Peter, now purified and set aflame by the Holy Spirit, proclaimed on the day of Pentecost to the inhabitants of Jerusalem: "God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified" (cf. Acts 2:36). His hearers, recognizing both the evil that they had done and the salvation that the Lord was offering them, were themselves "cut to the heart" (Acts 2:37).

That is what compassion is: not a sense of guilt that makes us discouraged or obsessed with our shortcomings, but a beneficial "piercing" that purifies and leads the heart. Once we recognize our sin, our heart can be opened to the swelling of the Holy Spirit, the source of living water that wells up within us and brings Jesus to our eyes. Those who are willing to be "wounded" and let God's gaze pierce their heart receive the gift of divine tears, the holy waters after their baptism. This is my desire for you, dear brothers and sisters.

We need to understand clearly what it means to weep for ourselves. It does not mean weeping in self-pity, as we so often happen to do. As, for example, when we are disappointed or upset that our hopes are frustrated, when we feel misunderstood, perhaps even by our fellow pilgrims and our superiors. Or when we are sad and aching pleasure in brooding over wrongs received, feeling sorry for ourselves, convinced that we were not treated as we deserved or fearing that the future will hold further unpleasant surprises. That, as Saint Paul teaches us, is "worldly grief," as opposed to "godly grief."

Weeping for ourselves, on the other hand, means sincerely repenting (or saddening) God by our sins; recognizing that we always remain in God's debt, admitting that we have strayed from the path of holiness and fidelity to the love of the One who gave his life for us. (3) It means looking within and repenting of our ingratitude and inconstancy, and acknowledging with sorrow our duplicity, dishonesty and hypocrisy. Christal hypocrisy, dear brother, is something we fall into all too often. We need to be attentive in this reality. And having our gaze once more to the crucified Lord and letting ourselves be touched by his love, which always forgives and raises up, never disappointing the heart of those who hope in him. Thus this weep up and, in flowing down our cheeks, descend to quiet our heart.

Compassion demands effort, but bestows peace. It is not a source of anxiety but of healing for the soul, since it acts as a bath upon the wounds of sin, preparing us to receive the mercy of the Lord, who transforms the "broken, corrupt heart" (Ps. 51:19), once it has been softened by tears. Compassion is that the attitude to "sclerositas", that hardness of heart so often addressed by Jesus (cf. Mk 3:5; 16:7). For without remorse and sorrow, the heart hardens. But, if becomes still, together with problems and difficulties in persons, and then calm, important and imperishable, the faculty turns to work. Yet just as

drops of water run down a stone, so tears can slowly soften every heart. In this way, a "good sorrow" ultimately leads to sweetness.

Thus we can begin to see why the contrast of the spiritual life lies in the importance of compassion. Saint Bernard instructs, "In tears and growing daily we should continue in prayer to God the God of our grief, and it moves that in prayer, "It is not by many words that we are gradually heard, but by our purity of heart at least of compassion". Saint John Chrysostom notes that a single tear can outweigh a mass of sin, while the imitation of Christ tells us "Give yourself to compassion of heart". Since "through levity of heart and neglect of our shortcomings, we do not feel the sorrows of our soul". Compassion is the remedy for this, since it brings us back to the truth about ourselves, so that the depth of our being always can reveal the infinitely greater reality of our being pardoned by grace – the joy of being pardoned. It is not surprising, then, that Isaac of Nineveh could say: "The one who forgets the greatness of his sin forgets the greatness of God's mercy in his regard".

To be sure, dear brothers and sisters, all interior renewal to born of the encounter between our human misery and God's mercy, and it develops through poverty of spirit, which allows the Holy Spirit to enrich us. Then too, we can think of the clear teaching of many spiritual masters, including, once again, Saint Juan: "Those who acknowledge they are... are greater than those who by their prayers taste the dead. I know who weep for an hour over their sins are greater than those who serve the whole world by contemplation... Those who are blessed with self-knowledge are greater than those blessed with the vision of angels".

Brother priests, let us look to ourselves and ask ourselves what part compassion and tears play in our estimation of ourselves and our prayers. Let us ask whether, with the year

the past, our many incarnations. In nature, the older we become, the less we weep. In the life of the spirit, however, we are asked to become Doxoboloi (cf. Mt 18:3): if you fall or weep, we regress and grow old within, whereas those whose prayer becomes deeper and deeper, grounded in adoration and wonder in the presence of God, grow and mature. They become less attached to themselves and more attached to Christ. Made poor in spirit, they draw closer to the poor, those who are most dear to God. An Saint Ignace of Antioch wrote in his letter, those whom we used to keep at a distance now become our dear companions. So it is that those who feel compassion of heart (compassio) feel themselves brothers and sisters to all the sinners of the world, setting aside all of superiority and harsh judgments, and filled with a burning desire to share life and make restitution.

Dear brothers, another aspect of compassion is solidarity. A heart that is docile, illumined by the spirit of the Beatitudes, becomes naturally prone to genuine compassion towards others. Rather than feeling anger and scandal at the failings of our brothers and sisters, it weeps for their sins. There occurs a sort of normal, when the natural tendency to be indignant with ourselves and inflexible with others is overcome and, by God's grace, we become strict with ourselves and merciful towards others. The Lord seeks, above all, in those consecrated to him, men and women who herald the salt of the Church and the world, and become intercessors on behalf of all. How many heroic witnesses in the Church have shown us this way! We think of the monks of the desert, in East and West, the constant intercessors. St. Gregory and Isidore, of Saint Gregory of Nyssa, the Franciscan offering the example of Lewis, and those many priests who, like the Cardinal of Ars, found lives of passion for the salvation of others. Dear brothers, this is not pity, but grace of God!

Dear brother priests, from us, like shepherds, the Lord demands not faithfulness but love, and tears for those who have strayed. If

and the lack of faith that we experience daily will make us respond not with exasperation, but with persistence and mercy. How greatly we need to be so free from harshness and moralism, self-hatred and ascitism, rigidity and frustration, in order to extend ourselves completely to God, and to feel in him the color that shines as from the eastern rising of a dawn and! For us poor, unlearned and ignorant for others, in this way, we will allow the Lord to work his miracles. And let us not fear, for he will surely respond!

Our anxiety will help in this. Today, in our secular societies, we run the risk of being impervious and at the same time feeling inadequate, with the result that we lose enthusiasm and are tempted to "pull up the oar", to take refuge in complaining and we forget that God is infinitely greater than all our problems. When that happens, we become bitter and proud, always backbiting and complaining about things. Whereas if bitterness and impatience are directed not to the world but to our own hearts, the Lord will not fail to visit us and raise us up. That is exactly what the Ignatian of Christ tells us to do: "Beary yourself not about the affairs of others, and do not become entangled in the business of your neighbor. Keep on you primarily on yourself, and address yourself instead of your neighbor. If you do not enjoy the favour of men, do not let it sadden you, yet consider it a serious matter if you do not comfort yourself as well as reasonably with blessing".

Lastly, let me emphasize another essential point: compassion is not as much we work for a good, and, as such, it must be sought in hope. Repentance is God's gift and the work of the Holy Spirit. As an aid to achieving a spirit of repentance, I would share two bits of advice. First, let us stop looking at our life and our vocation in terms of efficiency and resultant results, and being caught up in personal needs and expectations, instead let us view things against the greater horizon of the past and the future.

mindful of his Imposition and firmly anchored in his love. The Spirit, by leading to the eternal good to which we are called, the ultimate purpose of the love. Broadening our horizons, one brother, helps to expand our hearts, to spend time with the Lord and to experience consolation. My second bit of advice follows from the first. Let us rediscover our need to cultivate prayer that is not obligatory and functional, but freely chosen, tranquil and prolonged. Brothers, how is your prayer life? Let us return to adoration. Have you been forgetting to adore the Lord? Let us return to the prayer of the heart. Let us expect Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Let us leave God's goodness even as we contemplate our own sinfulness, and open our hearts to the healing power of his grace. Then we will rediscover the wisdom of Holy Mother Church in having our prayer always begin in the words of the postmen or late-time God, come to my assistance!

Dear brothers, allow me to conclude by returning to Saint Peter and his trust. The chair we see above his tomb makes us think of how often we priests — who daily say, "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you" — have disappointed and grieved the One who loved us so greatly as to make our bread the instrument of his presence. We do well, then, to repeat those prayers we say in silence: "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, Lord", and "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin". Yet in every way, brothers, we are consoled by the certainty spoken of in today's liturgy, the Lord, consecrated by his anointing (cf. Lk 4:18), come "to bind up the brokenhearted" (Is 61:1). If hearts are broken, surely they can be bound up and healed by Jesus. Thank you, dear priests, for your open and docile hearts. Thank you for all your hard work and your times. Thank you for bringing the miracle of God's mercy. Always forgive. Be merciful. Bring God's mercy to our brothers and sisters in today's world. Dear priests, may the Lord console you, strengthen you and protect you. Amen!



Mar Raphael Thattai

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

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PASTORAL LETTER

MAR RAPHAEL THATTAI

*In the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church,
to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Consecrated Men and Women,
and Lay Persons of the Syro-Malabar Church,
May the Grace of the Lord be with you all!*

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

I am addressing you for the first time through this pastoral letter after assuming the Office of the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church. The First Session of the XXIII Synod of Bishops, held at the Major Archbishop's Palace of the Syro-Malabar Church, Mount St. Thomas Kalamandir from 8 to 10, January 2024, elected me the Major Archbishop and His Holiness Pope Francis confirmed the election. I was ordained as the Major Archbishop on 11 January. I take this occasion to express my gratitude to the whole Church, for having prepared for the election of the new Major Archbishop. I also express my deep appreciation and gratitude to Mr Sebastian Varghese IAS, the Civil Servant, who being the Administrator of the Church convoked the Synod and executed everything regarding the election and confirmation in a very meticulous and grace-filled manner.

The history of the Syro-Malabar Church is a marvelous story of Divine interventions. This community which was born from the missionary work of St. Thomas, the Apostle, had to pass through several harrowing seasons of suffering and complicated situations down through the centuries. This community, which overcame the temptations to be absorbed from the Catholic communion, continued miraculously to reflect its faith and solid

its self-identity. Even though the Syro-Malabar Hierarchy was established in 1923, all the canonical structures were developed only in 1992 when the Syro-Malabar Church was elevated to the Major Archbishopric Status. We should thank the Providence which guided our Church in the last two thousand years. On this occasion, I do remember in a special way the devoted service of His Beatitude Cardinal Mar Antony Palatty, the first Major Archbishop, His Grace Mar Abraham Kakkayana, the Pontifical Delegate, and His Beatitude Cardinal Mar Varghese Vithayyil, the second Major Archbishop of our Church.

The services of His Beatitude Cardinal Mar George Alencherry, the third Major Archbishop of our Church, are unparalleled and unique. His life is marked with simplicity, passion for the Church, unwavering commitment to the Gospel and holiness work. His thought enabled the Syro-Malabar Church to get all-India jurisdiction and to get eparchies established in Melbourne, Mississippi, Great Britain, and the Apostolic Vicariates in Europe, giving our Church a global dimension. It was his determination and able leadership that made possible the uniform rite of celebration of the Holy Qurbana and the revision of the Liturgy of the Hours, at a time when the effort for the liturgical reform was almost completed in our Church. We offer our gratitude to His Beatitude for his selfless commitment for the good of the Church.

His Holiness Pope Francis, in his letter confirming my election, asked me to care for the poor and the marginalized. Jesus identified himself with those who were deprived of food, water, clothing, shelter, land of their own, and freedom (Mt. 25:35-36). We must take every effort to live Pope Francis' vision, "The Church of the poor". Extravagance, luxury and commission display are not against the Gospel. The dawn of simplicity that Jesus had a love for Church should be reflected in all areas of the Church activities. The simplicity of the Gospel should be the reality of the life of our celebration, especially with the poor.

marriages, ordinations and our constructions. Any initiation that is not accessible to the poor has no right to be known as an institution of the Church.

We have to be consciously aware of the discrimination that is being experienced by the Christians in Kerala and in India as a whole. We have to preserve and protect all the constitutional provisions that guarantee the growth and development of our community as a minority group. Forcible, unorganized laborers and small-scale traders are all neglected in all senses. As the government is failing to protect the lives of the people in the hilly areas of Kerala, many lives and their life-earned work are lost or amount of the stigma of wild animals. In all these cases, organized movements in a democratic way are becoming essential.

We should never forget that Christians are always the spokespersons of religious harmony. We believe that the redemption that was brought about by Jesus is for all. Hence there is no place for racism or sectarianism in Christian life. We have to work with great care not to lose the harmony and fraternal relationship with different religions.

The blessings that our Church has received from God are manifold. There are more than 50 lakh of faithful in 75 Eparchies, Apostolic Vicariates in Europe and in other foreign lands. Also, the Church is blessed with many vocations to priesthood and to consecrated life. We are proud of our priests and consecrated persons who serve not only in our eparchies and vicariates but also in other Churches and around the world. The Church wants her priests and religious to understand a missionary perspective in order to render their service more effectively and use living the brightness of priesthood and consecrated life by the human distinctions and proper disciplines. The ten lakh families of our Church are our strength. Only these families that give us love and mutual respect can enable us to overcome the different crises of this time.

The full life of our youth and children is the blessing of the Lord to our Church. We have to walk with the youth and strengthen them to confront the challenges they face in life. The full formation of the youth and children should be considered the responsibility of the whole Church. Our youth and children must grow in their conviction to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour in their own lives and to profess it before others. The full formation should be treated as the goal.

God has blessed the Syro-Malabar Church abundantly to imbibe the missionary character of the Universal Church in all its dimensions. We have to remember in our prayers all our missionaries who work in our mission quarters and the other mission areas. We know that there are organized attempts to drive out our missionaries by leveling baseless allegations and filing court cases against them who work in many undeveloped areas in India by establishing schools, orphanages and clinics in such areas, providing our possessions care and welfare love. The whole Church has to pray for these missionaries who are being persecuted for the sake of Christ. Let us not forget that it is the duty of each one of us to give all possible support to their activities in the mission areas.

The Church in India is facing another phase of migration. The parents and young families are migrating to foreign lands for higher education, better job opportunities and higher standard of life. The churches in India should join with the churches abroad to accompany the individuals and families who migrate and to give assistance to them. There are instances when the countries are divided concerning the type of education or jobs offered to them before leaving India. I would urge all concerned to examine the cases of the young who leave their mother country immediately after the Plus Two and the tendency of placing a heavy debt burden on the families in order to send the children to abroad. We should try out the possibility for the opportunities for better education and jobs in India itself.

God is opening new horizons before the Syro-Malabar Church. We should never forget that the great east of the Church is its faith and communion. We should be guided by the vision of St. Pope John XXIII that is the growth and development of every individual Church, the faithfulness to the traditions (renewment) as well as the openness to renewal (aggiornamento) are of prime importance. Traditionalism and Idealism are complementary in nature and therefore we should not approach them as causes of division. We should remember that it is the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, that becomes wounded when such wrong headed people draw out accusations against one another through social media.

I am sure that you are aware of the rifts existing in the Archieparchy of Bresoviana-Angamaly regarding the implementation of the uniform mode of the celebration of the Holy Qurbana. Let us pray fervently and work together to heal this wound in our Church. The Apostolic See has created Archbishop Cyril Varghese, the Pontifical Delegate and Bishop Mar Borek Pappas, the Apostolic Administrator, to find a solution to this problem. All are requested to cooperate with them in their effort to maintain unity in our Church. Nobody can step backward from the repeated exhortations given by the Holy Father to implement the decision of the Synod on the uniform mode of celebration. We have to remain in the communion of the Catholic Church by loving total docility to the Holy Father.

Dear beloved, I place my trust in your prayers, faith and love as the Lord entrusts me with the responsibility of shepherding the Syro-Malabar Church. Even when we pass through adversities, we should have the deep faith that "He never withdraws His mercy from us. Although he disciplines us with chastisement, He does not forsake His own people" (2 Macc. 6:26). The words of Jesus "you did not choose me, but I chose you" (Jn. 15: 16) strengthen us. May the deep conviction of St. Paul

(1 Thess. 3:24) make us bold! As the children of the Syro-Malabar Church, which is one among the Eastern Churches *ad extra*, let us remain in love and unity to give the witness which our time demands from us in communion with the Universal Church in docility to the Holy Father. I commend all of you to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the intercession of St. Thomas the Apostle, our Father in Faith. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Given this from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mar St. Thomas, Kottayam on February 22, 2024.



Major Archbishop Thottal
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church



This Pastoral Letter shall be read in all the parish churches, institutions, religious houses, formation centers and the major seminaries of the Syro-Malabar Church during the Holy Quaresma on Sunday, March 10, 2024.

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“Our greatest happiness in this life will come as we follow God’s commandments and obey his laws!”

— Thomas & Newton

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TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS: Eparchy of Chanda (January 2024)

No.	Name	From Believed	To Appointed	W.L.F
1	Fr. Universal Kavalal	From Bishopric, Uyye	Parish in Kottayam, Kottayam	06/02/2024
2	Fr. Anish Kozhik	Parish in Changan, Kottayam	.....	24/01/2024
3	Fr. Dines Thomas	.....	Parish in Changan, Kottayam (Adjunct)	28/01/2024
4	Fr. Alex Perumattoral	.....	Adj. Parish in Changan, Kottayam	24/01/2024
5	Fr. Joseph Kozhik	Dean's Coordinator	Dean's Coordinator (Adjunct)	29/01/2024
6	Fr. Dines Moolal	.....	Director, Catholic - Staley's UOUE	29/01/2024
7	Fr. Ajay Perumattoral	.....	Parish in Kottayam, Kottayam	29/01/2024
8	Fr. Joseph Thottal	Parish in Kottayam, Kottayam	Parish in Kottayam, Kottayam	29/01/2024
9	Fr. James Edla	.....	Trans. para. Coon	11/02/2024

VI CURIA MATTERS

TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS Eparchy of Chanda (January 2024)

No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.F.F
01	St. Biney SAB	Financial Council Member, Diocese of Chanda	.....	29/02/2024
02	St. Dady SAB	.....	Financial Council Member, Diocese of Chanda	29/02/2024
03	Fr. Benny Mulhail, Diocese, Co-Coordinator & Curvener			
04	Fr. Johnson Cherukolathil			
05	Fr. Mathew Nirappal			
06	Fr. Prakash Kurjans			
07	Fr. Jacob Eariy			
08	St. Anna SFR			
09	Dr. Mayo Joseph			
10	Ex-officio Members			
11	Fr. Karan Panyail, Administrator, Christianand Hospital, Brahmapur		Management Committee for Health Services, Eparchy of Chanda	01/04/2024

No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.F.F
01	Fr. Bibin Thekkela, Administrator Clinic Hospital Chandrapur;			
02	St. Elizabeth SLD, Ashaltham Hospital, Wina,			
03	St. James ASMT, Seva Sadan Hospital, Allepplu	.....	
04	Invited Members			
05	Fr. Tony Kariyikkalappu,			
06	St. (Dr.) Sreelax SFR,			
07	Advr. Lalji James, & Mrs. Acha Kobergude.			
08	Fr. Sebastian Kuruthil CSAB	Spiritual Animator & Teaching SVG Asst. Kalabharan & LSSS	.....	04/04/2024

Sl. No.	Name	From/Retired	To/Appointed	W.F.F
14	Fr. Robinson Chelakkalathil	DFO & Priest-in-Charge, Qasim	Continues Synodally	06/04/2024
15	Fr. Joseph Kallidil	.....	DFO, Director of Boardings, Princeps Varsity Jubilee School, BPO & Pastoral Assistant, Mtl (Additional)	06/04/2024
16	Fr. Sumanth Sijo	Priest-in-Charge, Avasar	.....	06/04/2024
17	Fr. Subin Kachappally	Priest-in-Charge, Kaatha	Pastoral assistance Warden & Assistant School Building construction at Kaatha, (Residence at Wartha)	06/04/2024
18	Fr. James Karakoorbe	.....	Priest-in-Charge, Kaatha	06/04/2024
19	Fr. Josephy Thattampally	Asst. Parish Priest, Chandygatt	Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Jiruvandi	06/04/2024
20	Fr. Nikhil Varghese	Priest-in-Charge, Gattia	Vice Principal, Varsity Jubilee School, BPO & Priest-in-Charge, Avasar	01/06/2024

Sl. No.	Name	From/Retired	To/Appointed	W.F.F
21	Fr. Prakash Kurian	Priest-in-Charge, Wana	.....	06/04/2024
22	Fr. Piju Pappayannal	Bishop's Office	Asst. Reverend (Additional)	06/04/2024
23	Fr. Abhis Joor	Principal, Varsity Jubilee School, BPO	Priest-in-Charge, Wana	06/04/2024
24	Fr. Dennis CSAE	Asst. Parish Priest, Uthupalli	Asst. Parish Priest, Chandygatt (Temporary)	06/04/2024
25	Fr. Bernard Kujar	.....	Priest-in-Charge, Gattia	06/04/2024
26	Fr. Daniel Mian	Priest-in-Charge, Wana	.....	06/04/2024
27	Fr. Beatus Perumbattal	.....	Priest-in-Charge, Wana	06/04/2024
28	Fr. Deepak Tirkey	Asst. Priest-in-Charge, General	Bishop's office & Pastoral Assistant, Cathedral, BPO	01/06/2024

No.	Name	From/Retired	To/Appointed	W.E.F
06	Fr. James' CMF	.....	Asst. Parish Priest, Chemil	01.06.2024
06	Fr. Tony Villochil	.....	Asst. LSSS, Asst. Kallianan & Project Co-ordinator	01.06.2024
07	Fr. Thomas Pullosery	Project Co-ordinator	.....	01.06.2024
08	Fr. Abhin Vagheer	Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Vizhinj	Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Koyeri	01.06.2024



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Coadjutor

VIL NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS

ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL, BALLARPUR

- We have celebrated our Parish Day (Agraves) on 28th January. It began with solemn Holy Quibus which was celebrated by Fr. Benny, Parish priest and followed by Breakfast and then sports and games and other activities conducted. All have co-operated well and participated well and at 4.30pm with tea all had dispersed.
- On February 9th we have conducted one day youth convention for our youth. Fr. Fr. from Jagadigar Diocese came for the same. Most of those who participated told it was a wonderful God experience for them.
- On February 11th we have kept bhayal fest in view of charity. Mithunangh, Pirunangh and Youth were involved in making food, packing and distributing.
- On March - 3th Sunday we have celebrated women's day and we have honored married women with flower and a souvenir of half day kept in the pastoral center hall. A lady police officer from Ballapur police station came for taking motivation class.
- On March 15th & 17th we have conducted retreat in preparation of lent and Easter fathers Josty, Vivek and Vishal came for giving talks and last Fr. Raphael V.C. & Tom came for Adoration.
- On April 15th & 16th we have kept a training program for the boys and girls. To introduce new ones, to give instructions how pray properly with devotion and with chanting etc.
- On April - 21st Sunday we have kept a seminar for catechism children in order to make them active and feel togetherness among them. We have kept some games, taught action songs etc. It had given a wonderful experience for Children.

CHRIST BILWAN FORANE CHURCH, BHADRAEPUR

- Welcome to Fr Emmanuel Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kandelil joined the Christian Family. Holy welcome dear Fr. Emmanuel.
- Exposed Program of St Pius Parish at Devulgaon St. Lucia SJ and St Pius Parish from Sagar belongs to the Sisters (Dorland) full Exposed program from February 18 to March 1. They were given a small send off by the villagers. On 2 March they went back to Sagar.
- Exposed Program of St Novena at Devulgaon Village 7 Novena along with St. Soanya SJ came to the Devulgaon village on 5 March 2024 for the exposed program. They were there at the village till 19 March. On 20 March they left for Sagar for their immediate preparation review of their First Profession. Christian Family wishes you very best.
- Exposed program of 3 CMI teachers at Devulgaon. CMI teachers from Madhona Province, Chanda had their exposed program at Devulgaon village of Bhadrnagar Parish from 20 March to 1 April. They had a great time in the village.
- Visit of His Beatitude Isikhanayil Mar Koodiyil Isikhanayil Bishop, Governor of Tharayassery visited Bhadrnagar parish and Hospital on his visit to Church Mission on 27 February 2024. St. Elina Jann SJ, Provincial, Southon Province, Tharayassery also accompanied the bishop. Bishop spent his quality time in visiting the hospital, school, convent and the Parish.
- Pilgrimage to Devulgaon and Padrinha Christian parish arranged pilgrimage to Devulgaon, Chhatnagar on 22 March, 2024. Almost 70 people took part in the pilgrimage. It was indeed a spiritual work done for the people.
- On the day of Good Friday (25 March 2024) Christian Family Visited Padrinha ILE and prayed the Way of the Cross. Around 85 people took part in the pilgrimage. There is

to be for your participation and cooperation.

- Farewell of St. John SJ and welcome to St. Sergius SJ - A farewell program was arranged on 31 March at Devulgaon village for St. John SJ. Various programs were arranged by the villagers on the occasion. Christian Family thank St. John for his service for the mission at Devulgaon village and wish you every best for your future ordination. Christian Family welcomed St. Sergius SJ. She will be serving in the Devulgaon mission.
- Golden Jubilee Inauguration of Christian School and Junior college. 2024 marks the 50 years of existence and service of Christian School and Junior college at Bhadrnagar. The Jubilee year was inaugurated on 6 April 2024. There was a mass held arranged as part of the jubilee inauguration. Different programs were also performed on that day.

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, GOMBI

- On Good Friday, around 60 faithful from Gombi Parish went on a pilgrimage to Lakkolli for the Kalvariyat Yats. The pilgrims embarked on a spiritual journey, walking along the path of Jesus' final hours, from his condemnation to his crucifixion and death.
- The Kalvariyat Yats is a solemn and moving experience, as the pilgrims witness the sufferings of Christ and reflect on the sacrifices he made for humanity.
- The Easter celebration at Christian Church Gombi was a joyous and memorable occasion. The church was filled with the faithful, who came together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Fr. Abhinav, the main celebrant, gave a beautiful and inspiring homily, reminding the faithful of the hope and new life that comes with the resurrection.
- As part of the celebration, several songs and hymns were

First Holy Communion, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the first time.

- After the Mass, the faithful gathered outside the church, exchanging greetings and wishing each other a happy Easter. It was a time of fellowship and community, as people came together to celebrate the most important event of Easter.

GUARDIAN, SHANTI NILAYAM PRIARY, KARANJA

- It is with immense joy and gratitude that we gathered here on 9th March 2024 at Karanja in Charola Mission (State of Maharashtra, north India) for the opening and blessing of our new Priary named 'Shanti Nilayam'. This momentous occasion marks the culmination of months, even years of dedication, hard-work and prayer. Here we thank God Almighty for the Call we have received for this Charola mission. This undertaking, this new mission land in Karanja where gospel is unknown, where no Christian presence, hardly we entrust it to the intercession of Blessed Virgin Mary and our Father St. Francis of Assisi and we sincerely pray together with all the Christians.
- We were highly privileged to welcome Most Rev. Dr. Ephrem Marikalath, Bishop of Chanda diocese to the solemn Eucharistic celebration and the blessing of the first Capellan religious house in the diocese of Chanda. The day was blessed by the presence of many Father's brothers and sisters from different congregations. There was the participation of many non-Christian people from Karanja and Chanderwar Village.
- Dr. Ephrem Marikalath, Fr. James VC, Chitra and Adreas from Germany, Father, Simon and Friends from Chanda visited us in March. I eagerly for their visit.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, KURKHEDE

- St. Francis of Assisi Church Tadgaon, Kurkhede was blessed by the visit of Most Reverend Archbishop, the bishop of Thane diocese. He stayed overnight with us and we could visit a village along with bishop for the locality parish. Villagers given warm welcome to all of us.
- St. Francis of Assisi Church Tadgaon, Kurkhede was blessed to have Pastoral visit of Most Ephrem Marikalath from 14 to 17 of March 2024. He could visit all the villages and houses of parish. He prayed for the family and blessed the house. All the village gave him a great welcome. Parishioners were blessed by the presence of bishop.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, MURAKBOBY

- On sixteenth January the inauguration of the Year of Technology and The Presence of the Church was done at Murakboby parish by Fr. Anoop CMI.
- On the 4th of February retoken: Good conversation was conducted.
- House Sunday is celebrated at Turj village good number of people participated in the Palm Sunday service. Monthly Thursday and Good Friday services were done in the parish.
- Easter celebration was on 30 March 7:30 PM. There was a faculty for confirmation. Fr. Simon Manjaly was the main speaker. There was one Baptism and first holy communion. People from Villages were present. After the Pascha Rajaraj all were back home.

ST. ALPHONSA CHURCH, NANDGAON

On January 29 Dr. Anish Kothar a priest of Arch Diocese of Thane visited here with well to Nandgaon parish after a year of his dedicated service. The vest off was given for Dr. James Datta on

Fr. Joseph, Priest-in-Charge of St. Ephrem Church Durgam Cheruvu conducted the retreat. People made their Good Friday pilgrimage to Lakshmi Devi. Thirty people actively joined in the pilgrimage.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, DURGAPUR

Most of the parishioners participated in the early morning new year holy Mass. The Feast of St. Casimir was celebrated with an evening Holy Mass on 7th January. Mission Sunday was observed on 20th January. Fr. Sebastian Virell CMI was the chief celebrant at the Ash Wednesday Holy Mass. Fr. Alexander Maricani CMI preached a carol song concert for the parish to help them prepare for the Holy Week. For the first time, we men and children participated in foot washing on Maundy Thursday. Again, for the first time a whole night vigil of Holy Eucharistic adoration was observed on the night of Maundy Thursday. Fr. Eusebio VC was the preacher on Good Friday. The Easter Mass was celebrated at 10 pm on the Holy Saturday. There was a morning Holy Mass on the Easter Sunday. Parish day was celebrated on April 7 as Family day. Friendly sports, games and cultural activities were organized as part of the day. Mrs. Harika of this parish was elected vice-president of the youth council of the diocese of Chennai. Fr. James Kolthekkan CMI, parish priest led his parents in death anxiety. The annual council of laity blessings got a thrilling start on 15th April. Celebrations dance for the year got underway with the annual mass.

ST. ALPHONSA CHURCH, KALMANA

At St. Alphonsa church, Kalmana, we conducted Flower processions and parish retreat. These masses were conducted on 14 and 19th of April. Parish retreat was conducted on 10, 11 and 12th of April. Parish retreat was led by Fr. Jose Zede, Ms. Agnes Rajkaly and team. It was very good and the participation of the people also was very good. Fr. Jose, Ms. Agnes Rajkaly and

immortalized a powerful retreat. Thanks to Fr. Jose Zede, Agnes Rajkaly and team. Fr. Devraj Michael the VO of our diocese celebrated Holy Quinquagesima and gave a good benediction on the last day of the retreat.

KRUPASROTH CHURCH, MEL

January 2024

The new year started with solemn midnight eucharist and the birthday of the parish priest was celebrated in the parish on this day. The auspicious day was marked with the hoisting of the national flag.

February 2024

Children cross for 10th standard students held on 4th. Many parishioners had pilgrimage to Lourdes Mass Manjer Water on 11th February. A good number of faithful, partook in Ash Monday celebration and began the great Lent. Mel parish begged the 3rd prize for the diocesan level Bible quiz competition held at Bishop's house on 19th Feb. Fr. Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Indrakumar, Eparchy Thiruvananthapuram visited us along with The Rev. Sister. SSI provincial and Sr. Alice SSI. We the parishioners gave them a solemn and official welcome on 27th February.

March 2024

We had a Jesuit retreat and the House reunion from 19th March to 24th March. Fr. Justice Madhavarambil, parish priest Melapur was the chief celebrant for the Palm Sunday celebration. Fr. Ephrem Narayanan led the eucharist procession. Many faithful from other religions also participated in Jesuit retreat. We had Calvary night pilgrimage to Lakshmi on Good Friday.

April 2024

Nine Children from our parish received First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation on 20 April. Fr John O'Neill was the main celebrant and Fr Abin and Fr Rino copastored the Quire. All had First Holy.

KARUNANILAYAM, HEPANPALE

January Parish Retreat was conducted by Rev. Fr. Biju Mathalambal and team at Karunanilayam. A good number of people participated and benefited. We thank Rev. Sr. Berny ASMI, DM, SM congregation for their personal service in Home Mission prior to the Retreat. Father's Procession and Blessing was given by Rt. Rev. Ephrem Nazzari, the Bishop of Canada.

JEEVAN JYOTHI CHURCH, HINGANGHAT

Pastoral ministries are progressing well here. We had a successful celebration during Holy Week. The preparation for Holy Week began with a one-day seminar led by Mrs. Agnes from the Nigger Diocese. We were delighted to welcome Bishop Ephrem for the Palm Sunday celebration. He presided over the Holy Mass and inspired us with his reflections on participating in the suffering and death of our Lord. We gratefully acknowledge the great priests who joined us for parading and Triduum celebrations: Fr. Felix on St. Joseph Day, Fr. Silvio on Holy Thursday, Fr. Jerry CMC on Good Friday, and Fr. Abin Jose on Easter. There was also an occasion for us to celebrate our parish feast, which bears the name Jivan Jyoti of Easter. The wholehearted support and cooperation of the SM & CMC sisters are essential for all the Church's activities, and it is commendable.

JYOTI NIWAS CHURCH, WANI

Retreat was held on 11 and 12 of March. Sisters Eena DBC and STB visited the families. Retreat was in the village Lakshmiwadi from 15 to 17 March. It was really a good time past. Holy Week observance went as well. People participated in the services with great devotion. Many people participated in Lakshmi Good Friday service. Freshers youth benefited from youth camp in Barren.

ST. ANTONY CHURCH, WARDEA

- Agostino Parish day was celebrated on 7th January with the great participation of the Parishes, Seminarians, Religious and Candidates. All participated in various competitions and they were awarded with gifts and trophies.
- One-day Cricket match (RPL-2024) was held for Youth and Seminarians on 28th January in association with republic day anniversary.
- Celebrations were conducted for the 100th standard students on 20 February.
- Ash Monday Kanga was celebrated on 12th February at 6:00 pm.
- Two of our catechists students participated in the diocesan level Real Bible quiz on 19th February at Pallanada and secured first prize. They were honored as the following Sunday in the parish.
- Our Youth participated in the one day cricket match at Pallanada on 28th March and secured the position of Runners-up.
- Feast 2024, Women's fest was conducted in connection with the Women's day celebration on 28th March. A seminar was conducted on Women's empowerment together with an eye testing centre.

- Schools: A campaign for the collection of grains was organized on 17th March and collected things were distributed among the needy people in connection with grain Lent by the Youth movement.
- The Holy week liturgies were solemnly celebrated.
- Our youth participated in the youth day celebration held at Bahiruka on 11th April and Mr. Stephen Alexander was elected as diocesan youth treasurer.

VERA PREMI CHURCH, WAROR

Lined 20th Lent was celebrated solemnly on 12th February. Vicar General Fr. Benny, was the main celebrant and Fr. Mathew, Zonal vicar and New priest Fr. Jibin were co celebrants. Masses solemnly given by Fr. Joshy CMI parish priest of Karama and Telaga. Holy gifts by Fr. Karan. Free Adhahad. Discose. We had 16 First Holy communions in the parish. They were given good guidance and preparation. We had a retreat on Holy Thursday by of Fr. Raphael VC and was from Divine Vachan-Kalasa.

INFANT JESUS CHURCH, WADIA

The 21 Christian from Wadia parish went to Ylathandi Derasu after a long preparation. They started on 27 December from Wadia. They have planned one day nighting in Cherasu. But they could not do it due to 15 hours delay of train. They spent the night at Bahiruka bishop's home and early morning left for Velankanni. According to the original plan they reached Marico pilgrim centre night. They spent two full days in Velankanni. They took part in holy Mass and in the prayers. It was a rich experience. All have shared experiences and blessings from Mother Mary. Two NANS women from Wadia also accompanied them. It was partially helped by the evangelization department of Mar Thoma Province Church. Thanks to Fr. Paul and the evangelization department.

VIII DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

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- The Hoosain Level Logic Quiz was conducted on 26 January 2024 at Bishop's Dome Campus. Our local and eight participants took part in the Logic Quiz final round.
- On 15 February, we conducted the final round Bible Quiz for catholic students. Nine parish participated in it. Participants for the final round were selected from the usual level Bible Quiz Competitions. Fr. Jay Zodi was the Quiz master of the day.
- The Alpha Marriage Preparation course was conducted from 15 March to 17 March at Bishop's Dome Campus. 25 youths and a newly married couple participated in it.
- A three-day retreat, music guidance and worship preparation camp was conducted at Divine Vachan Adhana, Bahadur from 1st April to 3rd April by the catechism department of the diocese. Severely students from classes 10th, 11th and 12th participated in it. Retreat talks, Adoration, Catech guidance classes and Motivational talks were part of it.
- Spanish English classes for the students from 10th, 11th and 12th were conducted in Bishop's Dome Campus from 4th April to 20th April, 2024. 27 students from different parishes participated in it.
- The Great Go Chiala a three-day youth convention was arranged at [Group] for youths from Allapady zone. 150 youths took part in it. This convention was organized by the youth development of Chavda Diocese. Group discussions, group competitions, group games, and creative group presentations were part of it.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

When All-India Celebrations - Celebrate with joy and happiness and

fill up with your voice to God. Catholic Schools Association celebrated its Silver Jubilee on 27th January 2024 at Vicinity Jubilee School, Ballantrah with great gusto. We had spiritual nourishment and cultural fest. The Co-ordinator of CSA Rt. Rev. Dr. Ephrem Nardolani was the main celebrant for the Holy Sacraments Celebration. Former Chairperson Sp. Vijayasad CME, Provincial, various vicar office bearers, Fathers, Brothers and sisters were present for the Jubilations programme. On this great day CSA turned its website and mobile app under the leadership of Fr. Tony Tera. A souvenir 'Jubilee' was released on account of Silver Jubilee Celebration. We were indeed grateful to express the joy and rejoice the Message on all of us. CSA Executive members had attended the formal service of St. Matthew Evangelist (Merrifort) on 28th January and paid homage to him.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

- C.P.L. - Chanda Priests League was conducted on 8th March 2024 at Mount Zion School Campus. Five teams participated in C.P.L. representing five areas of our Diocese. Fr. Rocky Malakal inaugurated the C.P.L. and Bishop Ephrem Nardolani gave away the prizes and appreciated all the players for their participation in C.P.L.
- Youth Day was celebrated at the diocesan level on 11th April 2024. 180 youth participated in the celebration representing different parishes and various offices of the Diocese. On that day, there was an election of new S.M.Y.M (Chanda) Diocesan-level youth leaders. Fr. Shiba Mountpolla inaugurated the Youth Day celebration. Bp. Ephrem congratulated all youth church youth leaders of S.M.Y.M (Chanda) and encouraged the youth with his thought-provoking message.



VIII. NEWS FROM FORMATION HOUSES

CLARETTAN ASHRAM, WARDHA

Annulation and Canonical Visitation

Annulation visit of Rev. Fr. Xavier Pereira CMF the Prefect of Formation of the Province of Bangalore from 19th and 20th Jan, 2024, Rev. Fr. Pius Tharayil/CMF, the Provincial Superior of Northeast Province from 2nd to 4th March, Rev. Fr. Sabu Koorappalli CMF, the Provincial Superior of the Province of Bangalore on 22nd March, 2024 and significantly the canonical visit of Rev. Fr. Siby Mathilakosai CMF, the Provincial Superior of St. Thomas Province from 12th to 14th February visited Ashram community, especially the students with awe, conviction and directives in their vocational journey.

Sports Day Celebrations (06-03-24)

Claudio Ashram celebrated its Sports Day of the academic year 2023-24 on 6th Jan. 2024. The programme began at 7:00 am. Rev. Fr. George Kollurappalli CMF in his message, reiterated the role of sports day celebrations that enhance fellowship, leadership and teamwork spirit. Congratulations to all the winners. Also, CLASAC competition came to its finish. The team chosen led by Sr. Alpha Nandanakalady emerged as champion while team Falcons led by Sr. Monica Mallev won the runner-up.

Steadfast Formation for Evangelisation (14-03-24)

CRI Wadda Zone, under the guidance of its president Rev. Fr. Sijo Chandy/CMF conducted one-day seminar for students in formation on the theme 'Formation for evangelisation' of St. Anthony's Parish Church, Wadda on 14th March 2024 from 8:30 am to 1:45 pm. Around 174 persons, including students and lecturers participated in the same. The resource persons were from Fatha (K

in space to maintain the spiritual strength to spread the message of the Gospel to all.

Mission Experiences Sharing (19-01-24)

On 19th January, 2024 afternoon, students encountered Fr. Brian Karamakkappil CME and Canon Kalayal CME from Claretian Mission Province of Peru-Belmonte about their inspiring and enriching first-hand missionary experiences with all the students. Ashram is the common gathering, field.

Republic Day Celebrations (26-01-24)

Ashram celebrated the 75th Republic Day of the nation. Rev. Fr. Joseph Muvattukudil CME hoisted the national flag commemorating the foundation of the nation with various instrumental music building. Bro. Baku [student] delivered an inspiring message relating the significance of the celebration of the day. Claretian Ashram also hosted the Republic Prayer League, a sister movement, a creative initiative of Fr. Tiji, assistant parish priest of St. Anthony's Eucharist Church, Washu. Claretian team emerged as the winners.

Community Picnic (27-01-2024)

The Sr. Sisters and the students enjoyed a day of outing to Niggesa and visited different places which rejuvenated the community cohesion and fellowship.

Polytechnic (30-01-24)

On January, 30th 2024, 18 of our third-year students participated in the Polytechnic organized by Sarvodaya Washu unit, commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's martyrdom and the World Day of Peace. They walked from Gachhi Sombi Marg, Washu town to Hago Kach (Gachhi Sombi) Ashram at Srivaggam.

MANIFESTA, 2024 (15-02-24)

Ashramites joyfully celebrated MANIFESTA, 2024, the value-education program of CUSA and CALA on 15th February, 2024 at 6:30 pm. "The nurturing of God-gifted talents is an integral part of formative process of a student" said Rev. Fr. Shy Njavanthakannil CME, the Provincial Superior of St. Thomas Province, in his presidential address during the program. He stated and encouraged two-hour program with their display of their creative talents. Radio to the lyrics efforts of Rev. Fr. George Kollamparampil CME and Joseph Koorath CME for extending CUSA and CALA throughout the academic year.

Staff Picnic (25-02-24)

A special day was dedicated for our kitchen and other staff members of the community as they had an opportunity to go for a one-day leisure trip to Niggesa on 25th February, 2024. Fr. 580 Cheralayal CME and Joseph Vadakkumarichackal CME accompanied them. They also visited Srini-Bhaji Christian community on their return journey.

Visit of Bishop Mar Henrique Maria Paul Inchausti II (26-02-2024)

On 26th February, 2024, His Excellency Mar Henrique Maria Paul Inchausti II, Bishop of the Eparchy of Thumacurry made a friendly visit to Claretian Ashram community. In his words of appreciation, he credited his knowledge and ministry of association with Claretian student companions in his missionary studies and the positive, impactful experiences they had shared on their.

Nativity Devotion - Solemnity of St. Joseph

Claretian Ashram celebrated Nativity Devotion (Guardians of the Lord), on 19th March with a special day dedicated to recall and remember the life and services of dear Guardians of the community. Rev. Fr. Joseph Muvattukudil CME, Nuvak Karamakkappil

CME, Joseph Vadicheranichananthiyil CME. The celebration began with solemn Holy Qurbona followed by fraternal visiting and cake eating. At noon, the students staged *Maritime Drama*, a program that fondly acknowledged the meritorious services of the fishermen that included songs, dances, telelithions and video presentations.

Thesis Defense of Third Year B.Ph. Students

18 Third Year B.Ph students presented their Thesis summary from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. Feb. 2024. The presentations were scheduled from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm. The summary presentations gave the students an opportunity to present his findings through 10 minutes of Power Point followed by 5 minutes of discussion and deliberations. The lecturers were Rev. Fr. Sijo Chandyappil CME and Rev. Fr. Joseph Marthandil CME. The moderators were Rev. Fr. Francis Akkapparampil CME and Rev. Fr. Joshy Nelliyil, CME. We extend sincere congratulations to all the B.Ph students for their meritorious performance.

CARMELASANDESAM

Redeclaration of the 4-vowels

The D-MECHA, the official motto-staff of Dorcas was redeclared in the afternoon of the first day of Epiphany. Fr. Revier blessed it and inaugurated it by recording his song. The effort of the Department was much appreciable and we concluded the blessing ceremony by distributing sweets.

Defense of theses

The second-year philosophy students had their moot-attended Thesis Presentations on 4th, 5th and 12th of this month. Everything went on as we all expected. The professors in the exam board appreciated the students for their sincere efforts.

The Dorcas Family celebrated the feast of St. Karoline Hiss Charata, the founder in a very fervent way on 14th January. The Grand Celebration was done in collaboration with GMC Carmeladeya parvaram, Wudhu. Many were invited to the function and wished us the greetings of the day. The celebration was begun with the Holy Mass by Rev. Fr. Robinson C.I., the Fratern Vice, St. Annary Parish, Wudhu at 05:00pm and it was followed by the solemn procession to Carmeladeya Parvaram. A visual page of St. Charata by the CBC- Candidates of English St. Vitha Shivan, Palud; and the eggs. The event kicked up a very special dimension to the Dorcasian hearts.

Reception to the Newly Ordained Dorcasian Almas

25th of January was a special day for Dorcas Family as we had the reception to 15 of our newly ordained Dorcasian Almas. They had offered a solemn Mass for the community and in the evening, there was given a warm reception. They spent here for two days, filling nostalgia in every nook and corner of their Alma mater. The moments they spent here were very exciting and inspiring too for the community. They had visited nearby, corners and subjects to share their happiness with them.

Sparks 2024

Dorcas family celebrated the Vaidictory function of the year on 8th in the life of Sparks 2024. It was a grand and celebratory of Dorcas Kola Saveli and Amadhaman Kola Saveli. It made into a floor for the students to open up their entrepreneurial talents and colours blossomed within. The Chief Guest was Fr. Thomas K. F., a great educationalist from Wudhu. He enlightens the guests with an address which is printed on the space of creativity in every creature. The spark was consisted of an essay cultural program like dance, drama, variety-act, concert and so on. The 3 hours program was very exciting and looking for all the spectators.

Courtesy Visit by His Excellency

His Excellency Ep. Mar. Remigius Indrasasmita, the Bishop of the eparchy of the Diocese of Thermaprotery had come over here to visit the Diocesan community in Nawang. He offered Holy Mass for the community on 20th Monday. So many faithful were present here for the Mass including the laity from the parishes. It was followed by a gathering for all whom we welcomed him in our room. We had a good time with him.

Teaching Ministry Daks

The teachers of Daresan, Nawa Kalyan, Sorang are at the peak of its end of this Academic year. The teachers are actively engaged in the teaching ministry in the schools like Sri Purnavasan and Model High School. We also rendered our service in a village called Ghat Ghatam by being the volunteers of a medical campaign organized by the SIB Sisters in Wardha.

Send Off For Armasawan Students

Daresan wishes the students as if they are served and hosted by Daresan. On 9th, we prepared a solemn meal for our Armasawan students of the batch 2021-24. We took that opportunity to express our hospitality towards them and we bestowed each of the students. They were so happy and extended the gratitude and joy they experienced in Daresan through a wall art.

Scraper And Comprehensive Exams

1st year D.Ph. and B.Ph. students had commenced their semester exams on 4th March. It was ended on 20th. The 2nd year D.Ph. and 1st year B.Ph. students had appeared for their Comprehensive Written exams on 16th March. Their Comprehensive Viva Voce Examination was held on 22nd of the month. Many students from other sister institutions were

present in DHP for being the examiners. The academic year was concluded with a high tea in the evening where all the students in DHP were welcomed and the month of the Viva Voce got published. It was a memorable event for the outgoing batches.

Declaration Ceremony Of Dip

Daresan invited a ceremony on 7th March where our grateful the well-wishers to witness the declaration of the degree of affiliation of Daresan Institute of Philosophy (DIP), Wardha to Dharmaram Vidyapeetham (DVK), Bangalore as an Ecclesiastical higher education institute. Rev. Dr. Francis Vidyakumarajed CMI, Rector and the acting Dean of DIP, welcomed Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Thammassy CMI, the Vice-Chancellor of the CMI congregation and the Moderator of DIP, Rev. Dr. Jay Philip Kallianthodi CMI, the President, DVK, and Rev. Dr. Madhav Arakkal CMI, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, DVK, to the function. Rev. Fr. Vimal General delivered the words of blessing. Rev. Fr. Parakkal declared the Degree of Affiliation of DIP in the gracious presence of Fr. Dean, Rev. Fr. Siga Cherkavayal CMI, Rector, Chairman Ashwari, Minister of the gathering. It was really an occasion where we cherished the beginning and expressed our principle of excellence and selflessness. The declaration function was appreciated by the guests. Different distinguished guests spoke about the importance of the ceremony in letters.

C U Soon

27th of March was a very unforgettable event for Daresan Family. We bid farewell to the senior batch on that day. We commenced it with Solemn High Mass in the morning. Rector made a solemn Send Off to them in the title of 'C U SOON'. There, we concluded the ceremony the priest had in Daresan and it was an opportunity for them to express their gratitude too. We celebrated the gathering with an agape prepared by the Sisters. The senior batchers will be of continuing connection on 20th of March.

The Holy Week in Dursum

The Holy Week in Dursum was a spiritual reminder to get rejuvenated in the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The neighbouring convent communities and families of Devota Parvati were also present for all the ceremonies in connection with the Holy Week. There were many to attend it. We had Way of the Cross from Dursum to the Parish on Good Friday. Easter Holy Mass was held on 10th clerical night. Everything was really an experience to help us to know the real passion of the Lord and His Resurrection.

SANTVIANMEY GURUKUL

The SVG community Day was celebrated on 25 January 2024 at SVG, Itp. Ephrem was the main chief guest. Brothers had the opportunity to perform many programs as well as to bring out their hidden talents. Around 300 hundred people participated in the community day celebrations. Varities of programs from Kalabhoova, Sange Bhovan and Kalmara students were performed. On 26 January we the SVG community celebrated republic Day in the campus. Fr. Vital as the chief guest of the day inspired all the brothers to love for nation, its people and culture with passion and strong determination. The day was celebrated with various games and competitions. On 27 February 2024 from Mrs. Kozhika Inchanneyil, Thalassery diocese visited SVG along with Fr. Ephrem Narickadan and few sisters. (+2) students appeared. Board exam at Corral school and junior college, Mundrum (Telengana mass) on 28 February to 12 March 2024, thalassery.



IX. NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS HOUSES

CARMEI ODUVA PROVINCE, WABOIA

- The feast of St. Charvon was solemnly celebrated on 14th January with the joint collaboration of CMI (Dursum) and CMI (Carraledaya). Rev. Fr. Robinson was the main celebrant of the day and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Francis Abovargurepil CMI and Fr. Sijo Cheruvarayal CMI. The procession began after the Eucharistic celebration, carrying the statue and relics of St. Charvon and reached to Carraledaya. The dramatic band of CMI Brothers added splendor and beauty to the occasion. After the 'holy' all proceeded in procession to Dursum for the final blessing. Different dances was arranged for all. It was an exceptional event to spread the spirit of holiness of St. Charvon and his great contribution to the Universal Church and the humanity at large.

- Msgr. Pudo and Sr. Glory attended the Silver Jubilee Celebration of CSA on 27th January. They were honored on this jubilee occasion as they were the former Presidents of CSA.

- On 4th April 2024, the long cherished dream of Carraledaya was fulfilled as it was culminated in the Blessing and Inauguration of the Sports hall and associated areas of Provincial House. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration was officiated by His Excellency Msgr. Ephrem Narickadan. Further proceeded to the proposed arena for lighting and on the way the inauguration and Blessing of "Vasis Vasi" the new sports hall. Bishop appreciated and congratulated everyone who worked behind this event in and out management hall.

DIVINE VACRANASHRAM

Divine Vachan Ashram conducts 3 days retreats in Hindi starting from every first Sunday evening to Wednesday noon. We had conducted 4 Hindi retreats from January to April. We have night vigil every Friday 7pm to 11 am, one day prayer services every Saturday from 9 am till 5.15pm. Eucharist is exposed everyday from 9 am to 5 pm and then analysis of the cross prayers. Week days people come for special guidance and prayers and we allow people to come and pray here to pray. During the month of January Ashram President Rev.Fr. Matthew Thakhal and counsellor Rev.Fr. Joseph Sambhal visited us and discussed about the Area Developments of the cross. We supported the cross retreats by providing aids and lectures in Cheroch, parish and local mission at Skerges parish. Our sisters are visiting different houses nearby and try to support their spiritual needs. Divine Vachan ashram team members conducted preparatory sessions for the students who are preparing for board exams along with counselling for the students of Holy family school Gadhambur and the students of Jervadi. We conducted a retreat at Janswark parish from 8th February to 10th February. 16th February 2011 we had a half day prayer service for the Katakshra students who are preparing for exams. February 18th to 21st we conducted a special retreat in Marathi and Fr.Thomas Chakkara came to lead the retreat. March 19th to 19th there was a special leadership programme for 80 parochial teams as per their request. Our centre welcomes everyone who are working or stand preached or directed retreats in our centre and we are available for outreach. 17th March we have conducted one day retreat at Vira parish. On 24th March we have conducted one day retreat at Vira parish. Our one-day (Sunday 8.30 am to 4pm) retreat programmes are very fruitful, and it is convenient since it is a holiday. If any parish needs our services, we are at your service. We also supported holy week services in different parishes. Our local trustees arrange them

from 2 pm our team got an opportunity to conduct Marathi service at Calvary mount Labadiah. From 1st April onwards 4 members of St.Thomas Paul's team are here to conduct for the workshops on evangelization. Two of them went on fasting for 40 days without any solid food. 2 deacons of Chanda district and one deacon from Nagpur diocese had their ordination preparation retreat here in the centre from 10th to 24 April. On April 10th to 14th, the diocesan youth retreat programme conducted at the centre. On 11th April, there was diocesan youth annual day. Mr. Excellence Bishop Ephrem addressed them on both occasions. 17th April, we have introduced 10 days one day prayer service and 50 people attended that prayer service. Rev. Fr. Karim Patoalshahmet was the main highlight of the day. Workshop on Ewangelization was arranged under the guidance Mr. Ephrem Nazaryan. Mr. Thomas Paul guided the program. It was conducted for Priests, Women Religious, students, Laity, Catechists, Seminary from April 25 to May 1 in three groups.

WORKSHOP ON EVANGELIZATION

The workshop on Evangelization was held at the Divine Vachan Ashram as per the schedule given below:

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| April 22-24 | For Priests and Religious |
| April 25 & 27 | For Catechists, Laity and youth |
| April 28, 29 & May 1 | For Seminarians, scholastic and others in formation |

In all these sessions around 55 participants each were present. Brother Thomas Paul was the animator for all sessions. Mr. Maci, Mr. Steven, Mrs. Ruby and Mrs. Lucia assistants for prayers and intercession were present at the sessions for holy week conducted in Hindi, and for other two sessions were in English.

The focus of all sessions was the need and importance of evangelization today. His style of presentation was engaging and his content was centered in the Holy Scriptures, Catechism of the Catholic Church and papal writings. He specially emphasized the need to **emphasize** on Holy Scripture and the magisterial teachings of the Church. Rev. Thomas Paul's personal witness added greatly to his teaching style. It was a enriching experience for all those who participated in it. Bishop offered Holy Quilmas in each session of the workshop. Fr. Joseph Thekkiparambil CML, Fr. Benny Malackal, Fr. Sabin Muzupallil, Fr. Vresh, Fr. Vimal were also celebrants for Holy Quilmas on other days. Mr. Mithal, Mrs. Meenika Mithal, Fr. Pius, Fr. Jay and Sr. Anula CMC served the main ministry in the. Thanks to ongoing support for all the services and sincere efforts. A special word of thanks to Fr. Raphael VC, Fr. Titus VC, Sr. Rose FCC, Sr. Anula CMC and Sr. Stephanie DMI and the kitchen staff for their hospitality and co-operation.

Reports

Chaldean Sisters

ST. JOSEPH REGION SAB

SAB sisters of St. Joseph Region had a new Regional team for the region. Rev. Sr. Dolly Varghese Regional Superior, Rev. Sr. Lucy Sebastian Team Counselor & Prosecutor, Sr. Maryanika second counselor & Secretary. Congratulations to all the team members for the new venture.

Republic Day Celebrations-

St. Anne's Schools of St. Joseph Region celebrated the Republic day on 26th January. The activities included songs

Talents- The all stage events were held in our schools like pot & soil painting, pencil sketching, best out of waste, vegetable carving, food without fire etc. events witnessed a large number of participants and provided the opportunity to showcase their talents and build self-confidence.

Newly Elected Provincial Team-

SAB Sisters of St. Thomas Province of Kerala had a new Provincial team for the Province. The newly elected members are- Rev. Sr. Henry Peter Provincial Superior, Rev. Sr. Siby Esther, Rev. Sr. Lovely Varghese, Rev. Sr. Celina & Rev. Sr. Lilly as counselors, Rev. Sr. Anitha, John Prosecutor and Sr. Sheela Joseph Secretary. Our best wishes to all.

SISTERS OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND MARY THE QUEEN, MAIBASALA, WARHERA

- Thirty-eight senior sisters participated in the second phase of the annual retreat at the Provincial House, spanning from the evening of December 27th, 2023, to the evening of January 1st, 2024. Fr. John Kuzhambayam OP led the retreat.

- St. John's High School, Hingunghat celebrated its Golden Jubilee with immense joy, excitement, and gratitude. January 4, 2024, marked a red-letter day in the school's history. The occasion was graced by the presence of esteemed guests: Rt. Rev. Dr. Elias Gerslwin, Archbishop of Nagpur, and Rev. Sr. Arpa Mathew, the Mother General. The celebration featured former presidents, managers, principals, and staff with long years of service, including Mr. Prudhansh MS, Doby Shinde, and Ms. Geetha. Provincial Superior Sr. Vidya Joseph and Sr. Arpa Mathew presided the celebrations. Under the management's guidance, staff and students collaborated to create an innovative and creative

portrayal of the history of the school. The commemorative school magazine, "The Artist," was also released. The management expressed its sincere appreciation to all the parents for their wholehearted cooperation in making the Golden Jubilee celebrations an outstanding success. The second good annual meeting took place on January 7th. The event was marked with joy and festivity as alumni welcomed their beloved teachers with a warm reception. Sr. Verma, the founding principal of St. John's High School, Himgaon, served as the chief guest. This reunion marked a historic occasion for the school.

- The Silver Jubilee of Sr. Pranam, Sural, Deepa, Jyotsna, and the 80th birthday of Sr. Karuna were joyously celebrated at the Provincial House campus on Saturday, February 17th. The event saw significant participation from the Jubilarians' family members and the liturgical procession of the Wartha Parish.
- We were blessed with the presence of our Superior General Rev. Sr. Agnes Mathew, General Councillor Sr. Sirethia, Sr. Shobal, Sr. Jaye and Pranam from Germany.
- From February 24th, a three-day assembly for sisters from the 1964 to 1984 batches was held at the Provincial House premises. The sisters received enlightening sessions from Dr. Sr. Lily Ashok, Dr. Sr. Sally SJB, and Fr. Ananya Swami of the Diocese of Anantnag. These sessions, along with other activities, provided intellectual, spiritual, and psychological rejuvenation for the attendees. Heartfelt thanks to Sr. Sally, Sr. Sumanth, Sr. Suresh, and Sr. Josey for organizing such a meaningful event.
- Bishop of Durgam Cheruvu, Mr. Revignio Incharani, blessed us with his presence and shared a meal with us on 26th February.

- The society organized a grand International Women's Day celebration at Rooka village, Wartha district. Over 125 women participated in cultural events, highlighting the importance of women's rights and mobilization. A free inauguration to the community, Mrs. Nanda Angket, who tirelessly treats leprosy patients, was the highlight of the event.
- A significant meeting for those engaged in the Udaya Mission was held on March 10th at Sanjivani Ashram, Belagavi. Dr. Dr. Ruchin FCC from Anantnag conducted a session on following work and religious life. The meeting concluded with a Holy Eucharist, celebrated by Fr. Terry Chirappath CMJ, who appreciated the tireless services provided by the SJB sisters in Gadgaon, especially through the Kasturba Hospital since the 1970s.
- Various social, spiritual programs and medical camps, aimed by our Hosting and Socio-Pastoral Ministry under different projects, are ongoing at Koperi, Himgaon and Wartha. Project Director from Nisa in Urdhva, Spain, visited our sites, appreciated the efforts of sisters and shared their insights.
- Our Pastoral Ministry was vibrant throughout the Season of Lent. Sr. Divya and Sr. Tisha have coordinated to sessions across various parishes in Maharashtra, while Sr. Jyoti and Sr. Vidya were deeply involved in the Home Mission by the Diocese of Urdhva.
- The newly ordained sisters Sr. Sumanth stay at Karim Niles, Belagavi were blessed by Rev. Fr. Robinson, the Parish Vicar, and was inaugurated by Sr. Vikhya, Josephine on 19 March 2024.



OBITUARY

Sr. Sr. Rose Korah SD

13 November 1937 – 17 March 2024

"I will wait for the God of my salvation" (Micah 7:7)

Born on 13 November 1937 at Muthara, Pala Diocese, Kerala, Sr.

Rose completed her earthly sojourn and left this earthly on 17 March 2024. She was the wife of 15 children (7 Ms. N. J. Kood and 8 boys) and 12 grand children. She joined the SD Congregation following the exemplary example of her dear late Mother Agnes SD and her cousin late Mother Serva SD.

Sr. Cyril Kavaracki OCD, Sr. Michael SD and late Sr. Ann SD are her siblings. She made her first profession on 6 Jan 1957 and perpetual consecration in 1963. After her baccalaureate studies, she was sent to Rome for medical studies in 1976.

Returning from Italy, she served as a doctor in Sagarjyothi Hospital in Coimbatore by David Nadas, Kogyanatho Hospital Kankipada in Anzhan Trichur, Ashokan Hospital Wazir in Mubaraknagar, Nirmal Hospital in Anzhan, Providence Hospital in Delhi and Mary Mother Hospital in Assam. The patients were highly impressed of her gentle dialogue and compassionate service with a smiling face. She lived her words "To serve the sick and destitute" by her sacred the clock service. This radiant rose was blooming wonderfully with high positive energy, determination, simplicity, diligence, cheerfulness, approachability, deep spiritual life and a profound spirit of selflessness.

She was diagnosed with lung cancer at fourth stage in 2018. She was courageous enough to face it with strong will-power and high positive energy. As her health was deteriorating, for the last few months she was at Ashokan Hospital Wazir. As her situation got aggravated, on 14 March 2024 she was given Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion by Rev. Fr. Mathew Maragel parish priest Wazir. On 17 March at 6:46 pm, receiving the blessings of Rev. Fr. Joseph Theodosopoulos CMI Provincial Superior and the joyful assistance of Sr. Gascon SD the Provincial and Council, loving sisters of the community and hospital staff she bid farewell and flew to eternity in a most serene way. Soon after her death, Ms. Ephraim Neelakhan, the Bishop of Coimbatore paid homage to her at Wazir and the office of the dead.

Dear Sr. Rose, we are ever grateful to you for your selfless and committed services you rendered for the SD and the little best of Jesus. May the gracious Lord give you soon the crown of heavenly glory and may you adorn the heavenly chamber with your loving Lord. In the quiet embrace of your beloved Spouse, we bid farewell to you dear Sr. Rose... Adieu!



ACTIVITIES OF Parish Retreat Program
Theme: Jesus Christ is our Life (Jn. 10:10)

Month & Year	Home Address	Retreat Dates	Facilitator/Co-facilitator
June 2024	Tenali, AP 515 20	Jun 26, 27 & 28	Diocese
August 2024	Angul, Odisha	Aug 5, 6 & 7	Lakshmi Devi
October 2024	Orissa	Oct 12 & 13	Diocese
December 2024	Orissa	Dec 10, 11 & 12	Orissa

SPIRITUAL ORIENTATION FOR MISSIONARIES
Monthly Recollection Schedule - 2024 (Diocese of Chanda)

Month	Date	Time	Occasion	Participants	Notes	Special Event	Organizer
January	Jan 26	05:45 PM	Recollection	Women and Miss. Religion	BPQ	Good Friday Prayer Vigil	Fr. Fr. Joseph Fr. Fr. Joseph
February	Feb 12	05:45 PM	08:30 AM to 10:30 AM Day Home Outreach	Women and Miss. Religion	BPQ	Prayer Vigil Day Home	Catholic Women Fr. Fr. Joseph
March	Mar 24	10:00 AM	Day Home Outreach	Women and Miss. Religion	BPQ	Prayer Vigil Day Home	Fr. Fr. Joseph
April	Apr 17	02:45 PM	Good Friday	Diocesan Priest	BPQ	Prayer Vigil Day Home	CLC District Fr. Fr. Joseph
May	May 20	08:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Prayer Vigil Day Home Outreach	Women and Miss. Religion	BPQ	Prayer Vigil Day Home	Fr. Fr. Joseph
June	Jun 17	05:30 PM	Prayer Vigil	Women and Miss. Religion	BPQ	Prayer Vigil Day Home	Fr. Fr. Joseph
July	July 23	05:30 PM	Prayer Vigil	Women and Miss. Religion	BPQ	Prayer Vigil Day Home	Fr. Fr. Joseph
August	Aug 02	05:45 PM	Recollection	Diocesan Priest	BPQ	Prayer Vigil Day Home	Fr. Fr. Joseph
September	Sep 07	10:00 AM	Prayer Vigil	Women and Miss. Religion	BPQ	Prayer Vigil Day Home	Fr. Fr. Joseph
October	Oct 13	10:00 AM	Prayer Vigil	Women and Miss. Religion	BPQ	Prayer Vigil Day Home	Fr. Fr. Joseph
November	Nov 04-06	08:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Prayer Vigil Day Home Outreach	Women and Miss. Religion	BPQ	Prayer Vigil Day Home	Fr. Fr. Joseph
December	Dec 21	10:30 AM	Prayer Vigil	Women and Miss. Religion	BPQ	Prayer Vigil Day Home	Fr. Fr. Joseph

Diocese of Chanda
CLC District

DIOCESAN YEAR PLAN 2024 : CHANDA

The Year of Decalogue & the Precepts of the Church

MAY

- Prayer Day for Priests, Men & Women Religious and People - Parish Level
(One day recollection in the parish)
- 01 - May Day (International Labour Day), St. Joseph, the patron of workers
- 03-10 - Major Struggling: Diocesan Formation Programs (MSDP)
- 01 - Fast Friday
- 06 - St. Dominic Savio
- 11 - Minor Ordain: BPQ
- 12 - Feast of Ascension, Mother's Day
- 14 - Third Sunday in Ordinary of P, Lawrence Balle
- 16 - Priority Ordination, Kerala
- 19 - Feast of Pentecost
- 26 - Feast of Holy Trinity, Recollection (Parish Level)
- 28 - Visitation of Bl. Virgin, Mary

JUNE

- 01 - Holy & Month (Language Course)
- 01 - Feast of Holy and Blessed Christ (Cyprian Christ)
- 03 - World Environment Day
- 07 - Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus, First Friday
- 08 - St. Marcellin Thoma, Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 09 - St. Cajetan, Patron's Day - Di. Bishop
- 17 - Monthly Recollection for the diocesan, Zonal level (Zonal Level Missionary Congregation)
- 25-30 - Cathedral Teacher Seminar
- 29 - 100 year parish centenary of Balapur
- 29 - Six Precept Day

JULY

- CBI online seminar for general body
- 03 - St. Thomas the Apostle and the patron of our diocese, inauguration of Catholics' Club
- 05 - First Friday
- 07 - So'Aradhana Collection
- 14 - Feast of Seventy Disciples
- 16 - Feast of Most Sacred
- 22 - Monthly Recollection for Priests and Men Religious (ONLINE)
- 24-28 - Pastoral Visit (Raparapali)
- 25 - St. James
- 26 - Sts. Joachim and Anne
- 28 - St. Alphonsus + Day of guest parents and elderly
- 29 - St. Michael + Michaelmas/Assassins Holiday
- 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

AUGUST

- 01 - St. Alphonsus Liguori
Fifteen days fast in preparation for the feast of Assumption of our Lady begins
- 02 - Monthly Recollection for Diocesan priests (RPG), First Friday
- 03 - Vinnay Day (SVG)
- 04 - St. John Maria Vianney, Priests' Sunday
- 06-11 - Jejeevas parish retreat at Lakshadweep
- 10 - CSA Meeting
- 14 - Third death anniversary of Fr. Kothakrishnan Joseph
- 15 - Feast of Assumption, Independence Day & Church Establishment Day (1962)
- 18 - Church Establishment Day Sunday Collection
- 19 - Raksha Bandhan Holiday
- 20-Sep 01 - Pray for Synodal/ Bishops
- 21 - St. Pius X
- 24 - St. Bartholomew
- 26 - James/Janani Holiday

- 28 - St. Augustine
- 29 - St. Inphraze

SEPTEMBER

- Seminar for Mothers
- 01 - Eight days fast in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary begins.
- 05 - St. Theresa of Calcutta
- 06 - First Friday
- 07 - Missionary Conference, Ganesh Chaturthi Holiday
- 08 - Feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 14 - Evaluation of the Cross, CBI General body meeting at CBI parrotorial house, Barani
- 15 - Onam
- 19-22 - Pastoral Visit (Gomini)
- 21 - St. Mark the apostle
- 22 - International Children's Day
- 24 - Birthday of Bp. Vijayassud CMI
- 27 - St. Vincent de Paul
- 29 - Mridang Nadi Holiday
- 29 - Archangels - Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
- 30 - St. Jerome

OCTOBER

- March for Rosary devotion
- Couples Meet (CLC)
- 01 - St. Theresa of Child Jesus
- 01-06 - Jejeevas parish retreat at Rajm
- 02 - Gandhi Jayanti, Guardian Angels, Diocesan Pastoral Council
- 04 - St. Francis of Assisi, Patron's Day - Pope Francis, First Friday
- Fasting in preparation for Church Family Day
- 05 - Holy Hour in preparation for Church Family Day
- 07 - Feast of Holy Rosary
- 12 - Church Family Day, Dusshera Holiday

- 16 - Blessed Eucharist
- 17-20 - Pastoral Visit (Habeaguel)
- 18 - St. Luke, the Evangelist
- 22 - St. John Paul II
- 24 - 10th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of Bp. Ephrem,
- 27 - Mission Sunday
- 28 - Soc. Saints & Jack

NOVEMBER

- Youth Convention
- Catholic Students Zonal Level Competition
- CRI Zonal level gathering
- 01 - All Saints Day, First Friday
- 02 - All Souls Day
- 03-08 - Priests Annual Retreat
- 05 - St. Zacharias & Elizabeth
- 15 - Presbyteral Council (10 AM), Committee Meeting (3.00 PM)
Gura Naasik Jayanti Holiday
- 17 - World Communion Day
- 24 - Christ the King
- 30 - St. Andrew, the apostle

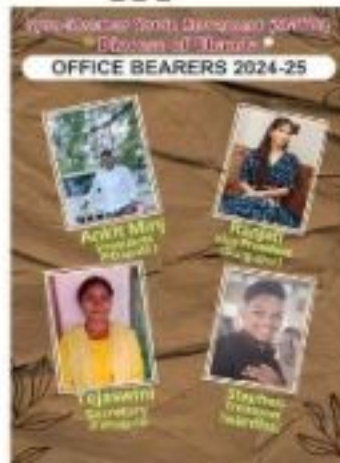
DECEMBER

- Advent collection for the Secretary Fund
- CRI Zonal level recollection (Advent Season)
- 01 - Administrative begins
- 03 - St. Francis Xavier: The World day for the Physically Challenged
- 06 - First Friday
- 07 - St. Ambrose
- 08 - Feast of Immaculate Conception of Mary
- 10 - Birth Day of Bp. Ephrem, Narsai's
- 10-15 - Jesuitate parish retreat of Alcovon: Missionary Discernment Course
- 13-14

- 14 - St. John of the Cross
- 15 - Secretary Fund collection
- 16 - Fish Death Anniversary of Fr. Jimmy Chulakotatharayil
- 21 - Advent Recollection for Priests and Men & Women religious (BPQ)
& Christmas Gathering
- 25 - Christmas
- 26 - St. Stephen
- 27 - St. John the Apostle
- 28 - Feast of Holy Innocents
- 29 - Divine Motherhood of Mary
- 31 - Feast of Holy Family, Year ending



Congratulations....!



ON GOING FORMATION

ADDRESS	COURSE	DATE
MVSC Program Co-ordinator No. 8216-99014 Email: mvscpune@vsnl.com	Training in counselling	Nov 03 to Nov-23, 2014
	Diploma in counselling	June 28, 2014 to March 27, 2015
MBCLC, Bangalore Email: mbclcbu@gmail.com Ph: 7802800513	Substantial year course for priests and religious	July 01 Dec 08, 2014
	Leadership course for religious superiors and formators	July 11-18, 2014
	Counselling course for religious superiors and formators	July 20-27, 2014
	Management course for religious superiors and formators	August 10-14, 2014
	Spiritual retreat on military disciplines for Priests and religious	September 15-18, 2014
Vivadep - Kristu Youth College, Bangalore Email: kvayc@vsnl.com Ph: 6360185154	One year program Diploma in formation of faith educators and youth ministers	June 15, 2014 to March 15, 2015

XI. HEAVENLY BRETHREN

MAY

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| 1. Fr. Mircea Kazianopoulou CMC | 01-01-2011 | Frn |
| 2. Sr. Dorothea DBI | 07-05-2012 | Katholiken |
| 3. Sr. Lu CMC | 08-01-2011 | Thomassen |
| 4. Sr. Rose Margaret CMC | 08-05-2012 | Thomassen |
| 5. Fr. George Chakkilakkal CMI | 18-01-2012 | Telchee |
| 6. Fr. Lawrence Bado | 14-01-2011 | Balleys |
| 7. Sr. Steady FCC | 21-05-2011 | Escalatory |
| 8. Rev. James Jothypillai CMI | 18-01-1997 | Bellampalli |

JUNE

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| 1. Sr. Justina SD | 02-05-1995 | Chirappada |
| 2. Sr. Christine SIBS | 04-06-2012 | Germany |
| 3. Fr. David Kananpuzha CMI | 07-05-2011 | Bellampalli |
| 4. Sr. Alex Lakshmi CMI | 11-06-2006 | Engalavala |
| 5. Sr. Justina SD | 18-05-2012 | Widya |
| 6. Fr. Anney Cyril Chinnai CMI | 28-06-2012 | Bellampalli |
| 7. Sr. Loretta SIB | 14-06-2012 | Germany |

JULY

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| 1. Fr. Diego Kydelkavath CMI | 01-07-2004 | Pavay |
| 2. Fr. Mircea Marilacopol CMI | 05-07-2005 | Mahady |
| 3. Fr. Christian Makoa CMI | 12-07-2005 | Mahady |
| 4. Fr. Calisto Charammalal CMI | 14-07-2011 | Balleys |
| 5. Sr. Leticia May FCC | 18-07-2008 | Bilpal |
| 6. Fr. Mircea Kalavath CMI | 17-07-2011 | Bellampalli |
| 7. Rev. Michael Neelkavasi CMI(Anglo) | 23-07-1988 | Balleys |
| 8. Sr. (Dr.) Jess Maria FCC | 23-07-2004 | Alava |
| 9. Fr. Srengi National CMI | 18-07-1991 | Telavady |
| 10. Sr. Annita ASME | 18-07-2011 | Aflypaly |

AUGUST

1. St. Vase ICC	11-01-1891	Munthupuzha
2. St. Annas SD	11-08-2000	Cherthupuzha
3. St. Peter SD	13-08-1898	Thiruvananthapuram
4. Fr. Joseph Kollonka CMI	14-08-2017	Kozhikode
5. Fr. Joseph Kollonka CMI	14-08-2021	Vadavancherry
6. Fr. Thomas Padiyathil CMI	16-08-2008	Kollam
7. St. Margaret SD	17-08-2022	Wadakkancherry
8. (Catholic) Tony SD	21-08-1897	Athirappuzha
9. St. Rose Assolken SD	21-08-2022	Wadakkancherry
10. St. John ICC	21-08-2022	Wadakkancherry
11. Fr. James Theophilus CMI	25-08-1886	Neelamangalam
12. Fr. Dharmaram Sathyanandan CMI	25-08-1899	Kollam

63rd DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Third Death Anniversary of Fr. Lawrence Kurian SD on Tuesday 14 May 2024. Please remember him in our prayers.

Third Death Anniversary of Fr. Joseph Kollonka CMI on Wednesday 14 August 2024. Please pray for the repose of his soul and offer prayers on the day.

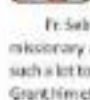


OBITUARY

St. Claud OMC, Cousin Sister of Ep. Ephrem Nonicallam died on 8 January 2024. Please pray for the Repose of her soul.



Bro. Matthew Alexander SD died on 25 January 2024. Please pray for the repose of his soul.



Fr. Sebastian Theophilus MST a veteran missionary and Rector who contributed such a lot to the Church. May God Almighty Grant Him eternal rest.



Mr. Skidhant Subhakar Srinivas who was an employee of Deewan Press for many years and had been working for Krasoday enterprises died on 26 February 2024. May his soul Rest in Peace.



St. Dr. Rose SD died on 17 March 2024. May her soul Rest in Peace.



St. Virga SD who was one of the first DM missionaries of Chanda Diocese died on 19 March 2024. Let us pray for her repose of her soul.



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH SERVICES

IN THE EPARCHY OF CHIANDA

DECREE OF PROMULGATION

In accord with Christ Pius and his Successors

The Priests, the Religious and the Faithful of the Eparchy of Chianda

The Kingdom Come!

The eparchy of Chianda officially entered into existence as an "Ordinariate" on 31 March 1962. It was established as an exarchate in 1968 and as an eparchy in 1977. Christendom Dispensary, the first institution in health ministry started in 1966, and it became a full-fledged hospital in 1984. Gradually more health ministry institutions started in different parts under the aegis of eparchy and by different religious Congregations. Due to various reasons in the course of time some of the health service centers have to be closed down. Currently we have four hospitals and five dispensaries in the eparchy, besides health services are rendered in different ways in the missions and in the villages.

For an effective health service in the Eparchy of Chianda, the curia held on 24/11/2023 has decided to appoint a Management Committee to monitor health operations in the eparchy. The joint governing body meeting of both hospitals - Christendom and Chianda, held on 28-11-2024 has agreed to the decision of the curia with regard to the appointment of a Management Committee for the purpose mentioned above. The entire meeting of all the members of the newly constituted Management Committee held on 2 March 2024 ratified the By-Laws and signed to go ahead functioning of the Committee with effect from 1 April 2024. Hence, I now issue these By-Laws of

Management Committee for Health Services on 1 April 2024, for the better functioning of health services within territorial properties of the Eparchy of Chianda.



Fr. Green Ninkicuta

Bishop, Eparchy of Chianda



Fr. Silvio Marzopoli

Chancellor, Eparchy of Chianda

— BY-LAWS —

The following are the By-Laws for the management Committee for health services in the eparchy of Chianda. It is meant for smooth functioning of all hospitals and dispensaries in territorial properties of the Eparchy of Chianda in mutual support and collaboration. The director shall co-ordinate all activities of the committee for the betterment of every member institution for common good and to implement the health policy of the Church in different levels. The director shall be a liaison officer between member institutions and the eparchial curia.

The bishop shall appoint the committee with a director with executive powers to implement the directives of the curia in the hospitals and dispensaries and to co-ordinate the health services run by Religious Congregations within the Eparchy as per these By-Laws.

1. Purpose: The committee is meant to manage the eparchial hospitals and dispensaries and to coordinate the health services of the religious Congregations in the eparchy effectively and in mutual collaboration.

2. Constituent Members: The members shall be chosen by the Bishop in consultation with the curia. There shall be seven members who are experts in different fields such as medicine, administration, accounting, law, construction etc. The majority of the members shall be members of the Maronite Church and

the Coordinator of health services in the Eparchy of Chania. The term of the committee will be for five years. It may be extended as required. Every decision of the committee shall be called by the bishop before it is implemented. The members shall be of three categories: Appointed members, Ex-officio members and invited members. Appointed members are permanent while invited members attend the meetings only on invitation. The administrators of the four hospitals in the eparchy will be the ex-officio members of the committee. Experts may be invited as guest members for any meeting as required. The quorum of the committee shall be simple majority. The quorum is decided from the presence of the appointed members and ex-officio members.

3. **Director/ coordinator (Convener):** He shall convene the meetings and coordinate all activities of the Committee meetings shall be convened not less than once a year. Director is to do everything after due consultation in the committee and in the case. He shall implement every decision through the respective administrators or after having consulted them as required. He shall serve as executive director to implement the decisions of the committee for diocesan institutions. He shall be only a coordinator for other health services within the jurisdiction of the Eparchy of Chania.

4. Functions of the Committee:

- 4.1 **General:** (Applicable to all health services within the territorial jurisdiction of the eparchy of Chania)
 - 4.1.1 **Coordinator of medical services** within the Eparchy of Chania.
 - 4.1.2 **Coordinate purchase of medicines and medical equipment** as required.
 - 4.1.3 **Staffing of the hospital staff** among the medical staff in the diocese as required.
 - 4.1.4 **Any common ventures** such as medical camps, celebrations, activities, health services in pandemic

- 4.1.5 **Eparchial representation in higher ecclesiastical bodies** such as Synod of Bishops, CBCI, WBCI, CHAI, Caritas etc.
- 4.2 **Particulars:** (Applicable to the health services owned and maintained by the eparchy of Chania)
 - 4.2.1 **Arrange regular (annual) meeting of the eparchial hospital and dispensaries.**
 - 4.2.2 **Periodical visits of the eparchial hospitals and dispensaries.**
 - 4.2.3 **Approval of appointments, disciplinary actions, reduction of work, suspension, dismissal etc. of the staff of eparchial health centres (Hospitals and dispensaries)**
 - 4.2.4 **Arrange coordination** between the administration of eparchial hospitals in Chania by mutual consultation.
 - 4.2.5 **Responsible for maintenance of diocesan hospitals and dispensaries.**
 - 4.2.6 **Create more collaborations** among eparchial health centres under the umbrella jurisdiction of Chania.
 - 4.2.7 **See that the common procurement of the diocesan hospital drugs and perfumes.**
 - 4.2.8 **Give approval for any renovation, construction of hospital buildings or alteration of hospital facilities of the diocesan hospitals costing more than one lakh after having consulted in the diocesan case.**
 - 4.2.9 **Meet with the administrators of the eparchial hospitals every month and report the findings to the bishop/Chair.**
 - 4.2.10 **See that the hospitals provide safe and quality patient care, treatment and services in accordance with laws, rules and regulations of the government and church constitutions.**
 - 4.2.11 **Arrange the normal staff of the diocesan hospitals twice a year and it is highly recommended to involve an outside**

agency for the issue of least once a year.

- 4.2.12 Any donation/contribution from special hospitals to any other institution within the diocese or outside shall be done with only the approval of the director.
- 4.2.13 Any project application shall be forwarded to special hospitals only with the consent of the Director.
- 4.2.14 The director shall have a diary in special hospitals and dispensaries to note down his comments and suggestions during his visit to each institution.
- 4.2.15 The director shall be the co-signatory for the accounts of the special hospitals.
- 4.2.16 The director shall arrange the welfare committee (grievance committee) to meet with the staff in group or individually at least once a year.

5. Conclusion

From the Gospels we learn that next to preaching, the great focus Jesus laid was on healing ministry. We have great many healing miracles recorded in the Gospels. Following the mind of Christ, Episcopacy of Chennai also involves in healing ministry. Indeed it is a great source of evangelization and service to the humanity. May this Diocese — Laus impower every missionary in our diocese and particularly those who serve in health ministry become better witnesses of Christ and Gospel values.

“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness” (Mt. 9: 35-38).




† Epitaph Marikudam

Fr. Shibu Moideen II



**THE PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER
ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER
NETWORK FOR THE YEAR 2024**

MAY

**FOR THE FORMATION OF MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS,
AND SEMINARIANS**

Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

JUNE

FOR MIGRANTS FLEEING THEIR HOMES

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or drought, faced in unending journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

JULY

FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick reaches to those who receive it and their lives gain the power of the Lord and become even more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

AUGUST

FOR POLITICAL LEADERS

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.