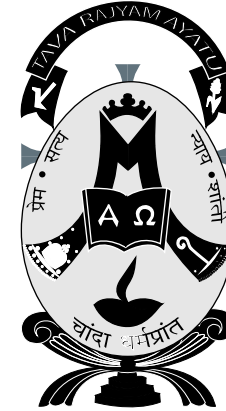


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I. SHEPHERD'S VOICE

SV.4/2019

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and My dear People,

Thy Kingdom Come!

The month October 2019 is declared as extra-ordinary Missionary Month in the Church by Pope Francis. It is his intention to celebrate 100th anniversary of Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud by Pope Benedict XV. He means to raise awareness among particular Churches, the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life and among associations, movements, communities and other ecclesiastical bodies about reawakening of the mission *ad gentes* and re-vigorating the responsibility and proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm. **“Baptized and sent: the Church of Christ on mission in the world”** is the theme of the Extraordinary Missionary Month. There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for and implementation of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:

- i. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in his Church: in the Eucharist, in the word of God, and in personal and communal prayer.
- ii. Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs, and confessors of the faith as an expression of the Church scattered throughout the world.
- iii. Missionary formation: Biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological.
- iv. Missionary Charity

Let us resolve to observe the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 in a meaningful and fruitful way by more intensely taking the style of Christ in Mission: “He went around in villages and towns proclaiming the good news”(Mt. 9:35).

Your shepherd in the Lord



Ephrem Nariculam

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Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

PASTORAL LETTER I

on Required Missionary Traits

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

Thy Kingdom come!

The five missionary traits that we need to reflect again and again are: Sincerity, Simplicity, Sensitivity, Humility and Chastity.

In Mt. 6:33 Jesus says: “Seek the Kingdom of God, the rest will be added to you.” Likewise, sincerity stands as base for all other virtues. We are called to be sincere to God, to others and to oneself. It comprises everything else. It calls for sincerity to our mission a total commitment in the ministry we are involved in. It also means regularity and punctuality to our spiritual exercises. It also points to maturity in human relations, respect and concern for others. Transparency in Character and transparency in accounts are the expressions of our sincerity.

Simplicity pertains to our life-style. As missionaries priests and religious we are spokespersons of Christ Jesus, who had no place to lay his head (Mt. 8:20), who had no place to be born and had to be born in a manger (Lk. 2:7), who was a friend of the poor and opted to be poor (Phil. 2:3-9). Christ was champion of the poor and for the poor. Christ demands a simplicity from every missionary in accommodation and conveyances, in dress and clothing, and in food and drinks. It is not doing away everything and having nothing but literally following the words of Jesus: “Blessed are the poor in Spirit” (Mt. 5:3) having, yet not possessed and using, yet not owned. It is a question of generous concern for others in use of money and things in other words “to live simple and simply for others.”

Knowing the needs of others and responding to it with compassion and passionately is not only make one human but also humane. Sensitivity to the needs of others is a Christian virtue and it was Christ's great concern. Knowing the needs of others Christ responded with miracles of healing the sick, feeding the hungry, sight to the blind, life to the dead, hearing to the deaf etc. These are the examples of Christ's sensitivity to the needy ones. It is a question of justice, mercy, and charity.

Humility is a virtue that brings down our ego to the zero graph or below. There are number of reasons for a missionary to take pride skills, talents, efficiency etc. It is a human tendency to leave memorials and mementos behind a tendency to be remembered and appreciated. It can be a building, a book, a project, an activity etc. A missionary should overcome these temptations. Practice of humility requires virtue of obedience, co-operation, dialogue, and discussion. A team worker is always humble enough to consult and collaborate. Lack of humility distance us from others it earns too little friends. Naturally, it alienates and estrange us. The net result of which is loneliness. Humility opens wide horizon for better human relations, ministry net-work, and greater scope for missionary endeavours.

Mt. 5:48 “Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy.” Every missionary is called to holiness. The practice of Chastity is nothing but living the words of Jesus: “Blessed are the pure in hearts...” (Mt 5:8) literally. We are living in a world of distractions virtue and sin are at finger tips. The social media and modern gadgets divert our attention away from chaste thoughts, life and actions. Today we need to be 'double careful' to be chaste. Celibacy or virginity is not single life; it is life with Christ in full freedom. Truly experiencing the freedom of the children of God by being committed to

permission with single minded determination. It is a witness of Christ's life personified in human form in each missionary. It is challenge to live freely and fully for Christ and for the society.

So dear missionaries, let us take these social traits of missionary characters. Sincerity, Simplicity, Sensitivity, Humility and Chastity, and resolved to be faithful and fruitful. God bless you all.



Your shepherd in the Lord
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HOMILY I

WEAKNESS

BROKENNESS to be PRIESTS/to be RELIGIOUS?

AND FEAR

(Homily delivered by Bp. Ephrem Nariculam on the occasion of Missionary Conference 12 August 2019 at St. Thomas Cathedral, Balharshah.)

My dear Co-missionaries in the Lord Jesus Christ,

In the first place I place on record your hard work in the parents, missionaries of institution. These days when I do canonical visitation I become more aware and get grass root experience of your hard work. Our missionaries are doing a great job in the missions. The missionaries in Chanda go through a lot of trails, tribulations, problem, and misunderstanding in the missions. Everyone face it with prayerful hearts and challenging minds. These challenges will persists or become worse in the days ahead, we resolve to rely on Gods providence and go ahead

enthusiastically with vigour and value. That is our duty and for that we are invited to consecrate. Christ has gone ahead showering the way; let us follow his path for he is the way, truth and life. (Jn.14:6) of today.

The gospel reminds us of bearing good fruit for which we have to become good trees.

The three dispositions that assist us to yield good fruit (Mt.12:33) may be expressed in three questions:

Are we ***weak enough*** to be priests/to be religious?

Are we ***broken enough*** to be priests/ to be religious?

Are we ***afraid enough*** to be priests/ to be religious?

Weak enough to be priests/to be religious?

You need to be weak in order to be priests? It sounds very intimidating! But it is required for a better disposition to become priests? Sometimes our own strengths become obstacles to manifest the grace of God in our life. Are we weak enough so that the power of Christ is to shine through us. St. Paul reminds us 'when I am weak I am strong' (2 Cor. 12:9). He claims that in his weakness God shines better! We are not to be supermen in skills and talents. We need to be simple and normal so that God can work wonders through us. Our 'weakness' can be lovable before God. Through Beatitudes Jesus presents before us the weaknesses in human terms become strengths in the divine realm (Mt. 5:1-12). Are we weak enough solely to rely on the grace of God? Are we weak enough to depend on the mercy of God? We need to acknowledge our weaknesses. They are totally ours. We shall offer them to the Lord. Are we men and women of character and integrity? Are our private life and public life in proper unity and harmony? We are not angels. We are human. What is human is weak. Recognise our weakness, accept it and learn to overcome it by the blessings of God's power and

benevolence. God can work wonders through weak and fragile human submissions.

Broken enough to be Priests/to be religious?

The body-broken and the blood-shed by Christ our Lord, brought eternal life to the world. As Christians and consecrated persons, if there is not enough 'brokenness' and participation in the passion and dying of Christ, we cannot be true missionaries. Our priestly/religious formation is meant to 'break' us until we are crushed fully! When you are crushed, God will put you back to be a beautiful mosaic. 'Unless the grain of wheat falls and die, it cannot sprout to new life (Jn 12:24) grow and yield. We have to be crucified with Christ to be born again to be new creation (Gal. 2:20). We have to be broken and dead, to be born again new (Cf. Jn. 3:1-10). As the bread is broken at the Holy Eucharist, so too we have to be crushed in life circumstances. Our most beautiful prayer in the Eucharistic participation is 'Lord break me to be parted, so as to be united by you - a beautiful re-formulation as per divine plan. We may be/have to be broken by others constantly - our superiors, our co-missionaries/workers, our subjects, our family members, our friends, our well wishers etc. We will be hurt by others, thus we will be refined - become finer in shape and beauty. There is no holiness without willingness to be broken like the body of the Lord. When others gossip about us, ignore us, take us for granted or calumnise us - thank God for the same because when others break us then we partake in the passion of Christ. For it is by leaving his body to be broken that Christ redeemed the world.

Afraid enough to be priests/to be religious?

A bit confusing to pose such a question, but the reflection is endearing solace to heart and mind. Are we afraid enough to be

priests so that we can be good missionaries/religious? We must be courageous against erroneous teachings of others about the Church and Christian doctrines. But, we have to be afraid of sacrilege, amassing wealth for oneself, insincerity, gluttony, ambition, money-mindedness, comfort, seeking after name and fame, hypocrisy etc. In short be afraid of sin and turn to virtue. The sin and all its 'business' distance us from God, distract us from our spiritual/religious commitment and disgust with our earnings and learnings. God knows us more than we know ourselves. Fear of sin never fails!

So, Dear Friends - the great beauty is that even we are weak, broken and afraid - God wants to continue loving us. God bless you all. Amen

**DECENNIAL CATECHETICAL FAITH RENEWAL
2023-2030**

- 2023 The Year of Sacrament
- 2024 The Year of Decalogue
- 2025 The Year of Precepts of the Church
- 2026 The Year of Creed
- 2027 The Year of Beatitude
- 2028 Marian Year
- 2029 The Year of Saints
- 2030 Family Year
- 2031 The Year of the Aged and the Sick
- 2032 The Year for Youth and Children
- 2033 The Great Jubilee Year

"Wherefore like Saint Paul, every preacher devoted to the salvation of souls should have an eye not to his own advantage but to God's glory".

Pope Benedict XV

Circular 5/10 August 2019
Flood Situation in some States in the Country

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the Lord from Bishop's Home!

As we learn from the media there is havoc of flood in different parts of our country in particular Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala. We generously helped for Kerala Flood last year. I thank you for the same. Torrential rain has added fuel to the fire and the situation is aggravated by landslides in northern Kerala. May I once again earnestly request you to help the flood and landslide victims in whatever way possible. We generously helped for Kerala Flood last year. I thank you for the same. It may be good to help the affected people through your counterparts in the affected areas. In such case I earnestly request you to inform Bishop's office by December 2019 your help to them in cash or kind with necessary details. If you wish to help through the diocese, please forward your donation to LSSS, the social work department of Chanda Diocese. Kindly contact Fr. Jobin Ovelil for the same (Email: jobinmovelil@gmail.com, Ph. No. 9404855829).

Account Details

Name: LSSS POOR FUND
Bank: Bank of India
Branch: Bamhni
A/c no. 962810110009590
IFSC Code: BKID0009628

Let us be united with all the people who are affected and pray for all the deceased. May their souls Rest In Peace. I solicit your generous co-operation and good will.



Yours devotedly in Christ

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

CIRCULAR 6/13 August 2019
SOME NOTES ON THE BOARDINGS/HOSTELS IN
THE DIOCESE

Dear Sisters, Brothers and Fathers,

Greetings in the Lord from Bishop's Home!

I wish to communicate to you an important matter regarding our boardings. It was already communicated a year ago. Recently there was inspection in a certain boarding in the diocese due to some complaints which are of no substantial basis. In the light of which I pen this letter. Running and paid hostels is permissible under law provided we fulfil legal formalities and requirements. Accordingly the following are to be made ready and updated every year connected to our boardings and hostels:

- 1) Application of each student in prescribed format at the admission time itself.
- 2) Consent of the parents to keep the child in the Hostel.
- 3) Fee Receipt.
- 4) By-laws of the boarding and NGO.
- 5) Visitors' Diary.
- 6) List of existing governing body.
- 7) A book of monthly activity is highly recommended etc.

(Please contact Fr. Jobin Ovelil for details)

Please note that there shall be no orphans in our hostels. The children below the age of 18 are not to be used for manual labour however one hour gardening daily is allowed and it should be included in the time table. As we all know the facilities as per JJ Act are not easily feasible as per now. However we should do our best to make children's stay pleasant in our hostels. Focus special attention to the

cleanliness of the area the children use particularly the dormitories, toilets, dining hall and kitchen. I have requested Fr. Jobin Ovelil to assist our boardings as required and he has agreed to do so. At the boarding's inspection that we had in the diocese fortunately there was application of all students as well as consent letters of parents, which pacified those officers who were from the District Child Welfare Committee. May I request everyone to pay greater attention in this regard.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus



[Signature]
 † Ephrem Nariculum
 Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

N.B.: Attached please find the format for application form and consent letter of parents.

अर्ज (Application form)

प्रति,

मा. संचालक

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विषय – माझ्याला बोर्डिंग मध्ये प्रवेश मिळण्या बाबत.

अर्जदार – (पालकाचे पुण नाव व पत्ता).....

म. महोदय,

आपणास सविनय विनंती या प्रमाणे आहे की, माझ्या पाल्याचे नाव असून त्याचे / तीचे वयआहे व तो / ती 2019–2020 या चालू शैक्षणिक वर्षात इयत्ता मध्ये शिकत आहे.

माझा पाल्य 2019–2020 या मागील शैक्षणिक वर्षी राहून शाळेत इयत्ता मध्ये शिकत होता / होती.

2019–2020 या चालू शैक्षणिक वर्षात माझ्या पाल्याला आपल्या

बोर्डिंग मध्ये प्रवेश देवून सीनिक शाळेतून शिक्षण मिळवून दयावे या करीता सदर अर्ज आपल्या सेवेशी सादर करित आहोत. या बोर्डिंग विषयी मला परिपूर्ण माहिती असून, या बोर्डिंग मध्ये प्रवेश देवून उनकृत करावे ही विनंती

आपले विनीत

पालकाचे नाव व सही

विद्यार्थ्याचे नाव व सही

संमती पत्र (Consent letter)

मी श्री / श्रीमती रा

त जिल्हा येथील रहवासी असून माझा / माझी पाल्य कुमार / कुमारी.....

..... याला / हीला आपल्या या बोर्डिंग मध्ये निवासी राहून 2017–2018 या चालू शैक्षणिक वर्षात इयत्ता चे शिक्षण घेण्या करिता माझे पाल्य व मी स्वतःच्या इच्छेने प्रवेश घेण्यास अर्ज करित आहोत.

या बोर्डिंग विषयी मला पुर्णतः माहिती मिळाली असून या बोर्डिंग मध्ये मुलांचे संरक्षण, आहार, आरोग्य, संस्कार व शिक्षणाची योग्य ती काळजी घेतल्या जाते. तसेच या बोर्डिंग मध्ये मुलांना चांगली वागणूक दिली जात असून, त्यांची शाळा, अभ्यास, खेळ, सामुहीत प्रार्थना व मनोरंजन इत्यादी नियम बोर्डिंगच्या दैनंदिन वेळापत्रका नुसार पाळले जाते. यामुळे सदर बोर्डिंग व येथील संचालकांवर माझा विश्वास असून माझ्या विश्वास असून माझ्या पाल्याला मी माझ्या स्वतःच्या इच्छेने व माझ्या स्वतःच्या जबाबदारीने या बोर्डिंग मध्ये टाकण्यास तयार आहे. तरी सदर संमती पत्र सादर करित आहे.

संमती देणारे पालकाचे नाव व सही

संमती देणारे विद्यार्थ्याचे नाव व सही

III. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

September-October 2019

1 Sep. to 31 Oct. - Canada-Europe (*Ad Limina* Visit)

November 2019

- 2 - All Souls Day, Ballarpur
- 4-9 - Priests' Retreat, Ballarpur
- 9 - Convent blessing, Chimur
- 12 - Chanda Family Day
- 13 - Claretian mission Inauguration, Danora
- 14-17 - Canonical Visit, Kopreli
- 19 - Executive meeting, WRBC, Mumbai
- 21 - School Jubilee, Allappally
- 23 - MSMI Jubilee, Wardha
- 25 - Diaconate ordination, SVG, Bamini
- 27 - SVG Day, Bamini
- 28 - School Jubilee, Wardha
- 30 - Diocese Pastoral Council, Ballarpur

"Someone asked 'Will the heathen who have never heard the Gospel be saved?' It is more a question with me - whether we who have the Gospel and fail to give it to those who have not, can be saved?"

Charles Spurgeon

"Any church that is not seriously involved in helping to fulfil the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist."

Oswald J. Smith

IV. BISHOP'S DIARY

July

- 01 - Offered Holy Mass at Boys' Town (Montfort) Chapel, Hyderabad. Bishop was chief guest at investiture ceremony of Montfort High School, Boys' Town, Hyderabad.
- 02 - Presided over Requiem Holy Qurbana for Sr. Eves CMC and Sr. Guna CMC at Carmelodaya Provincial House, Wardha.
- 03 - Inaugurated new academic year of SVG. Bishop visited Ashti CMI Ashram. Bishop offered Holy Qurbana at Gatta station for the feast of Dukhrana.
- 04 - Visited Ettappally and Bhamaragarh stations and offered Requiem Holy Qurbana for Sr. Mareena ASMI at Allappally Convent.
- 10-18 - Attended Western Regional Bishops' Council at Pune.
- 11 - Offered Holy Qurbana at Papal Seminary.
- 14 - Offered Holy Qurbana at St. Thomas' Church, Pune.
- 20 - Blessed sensory garden for differently abled children and the Golden Jubilee Hall at Mount Carmel Convent, Chandrapur.
- 25 - Sr. Lancy Maria SD, Provincial Superior, Kripadham province, Wardha, met with Bishop at BPQ.
- 26-28 - Canonical Visit, Shengaon (see report p. 28)

August

- 03 - Attended Monthly Recollection for diocesan priests and Vianney Day Celebrations at Sant Vianney Gurukul.
- 04 - Blessed the new building of St. John's Kindergarten, Hinganghat.
- 08 - Met with the regents of the diocese. In the evening bishop blessed the new altar at Mount Carmel Convent, Chandrapur.
- 10 - Presided over investiture ceremony of Vianney Vidya Mandir, Ghughus. Bishop presided over the Executive and General Body meeting of Catholic Schools' Association at

Ghughus.

- 11 - Presided over Jubilee Holy Qurbana of Sr. Tesmy ASMI and Sr. Mercy ASMI at Allappally Parish.
- 12 - Attended Missionary Conference at Ballarpur. On the occasion the book *Fermenting Faith in Chanda Mission*, authored by Bp. Ephrem was released at the hands of Fr. Benny Mukalel CMI and Holy Childhood Association in the diocese was launched by Fr. Thomas Oswald CMI.
- 13 - Left for Kerala to attend the Synod of Bishops.
- 14 - Offered Requiem Holy Qurbana for Sr. Guna CMC at Thommana CMC Convent and prayed at her tomb.
- 15 - Celebrated a betrothal at Thannipuzha parish. In the afternoon bishop offered Holy Qurbana and presided over public meeting at Malayattoor Parish in connection with the anniversary celebration of the catechism school.
- 17 - Visited Fr. Tomy Chowelikudiyil's home and offered prayers at the mortal remains of his beloved father Mr. Chacko Mathai Chovelikudiyil at Chemmala, Maryland, Pala. Administered Solemn Holy Communion at Munnurpilly Parish.
- 19-31 - Attended Synod of Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad.
- 24 - Blessed a wedding at Karukutty Parish.
- 25 - Administered Solemn Holy Communion St. Thomas' Church, Kottakkavu.

“In virtue of their baptism,
all the members of the
People of God have become
Missionary Disciples”

Evangelii Gaudium 128

Pope Francis



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS FRANCIS
FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2019**

***Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the
World***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the month of October 2019, I have asked that the whole Church revive her missionary awareness and commitment as we commemorate the centenary of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* of Pope Benedict XV (30 November 1919). Its farsighted and prophetic vision of the apostolate has made me realize once again the importance of renewing the Church's missionary commitment and giving fresh evangelical impulse to her work of preaching and bringing to the world the salvation of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again.

The title of the present Message is the same as that of October's Missionary Month: *Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World*. Celebrating this month will help us first to rediscover the missionary dimension of our faith in Jesus Christ, a faith graciously bestowed on us in baptism. Our filial relationship with God is not something simply private, but always in relation to the Church. Through our communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we, together with so many of our other brothers and sisters, are born to new life. This divine life is not a product for sale we do not practise proselytism but a treasure to be given, communicated and proclaimed: that is the meaning of mission. We received this gift freely and we share it freely (cf. *Mt* 10:8), without excluding anyone. God wills that all people be saved by coming to know the truth and experiencing his mercy through the ministry of the Church, the universal sacrament of salvation (cf. *1 Tim* 2:4; *Lumen Gentium*, 48).

The Church is on mission in the world. Faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see all things in their proper perspective, as we view the world with God's own eyes and heart. Hope opens us up to the eternal horizons of the divine life that we share. Charity, of which

we have a foretaste in the sacraments and in fraternal love, impels us to go forth to the ends of the earth (cf. *Mic* 5:4; *Mt* 28:19; *Acts* 1:8; *Rom* 10:18). A Church that presses forward to the farthest frontiers requires a constant and ongoing missionary conversion. How many saints, how many men and women of faith, witness to the fact that this unlimited openness, this going forth in mercy, is indeed possible and realistic, for it is driven by love and its deepest meaning as gift, sacrifice and gratuitousness (cf. *2 Cor* 5:14-21)! The man who preaches God must be a man of God (cf. *Maximum Illud*).

This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn; they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love. Even if parents can betray their love by lies, hatred and infidelity, God never takes back his gift of life. From eternity he has destined each of his children to share in his divine and eternal life (cf. *Eph* 1:3-6).

This life is bestowed on us in baptism, which grants us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the conqueror of sin and death. Baptism gives us rebirth in God's own image and likeness, and makes us members of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. In this sense, baptism is truly necessary for salvation for it ensures that we are always and everywhere sons and daughters in the house of the Father, and never orphans, strangers or slaves. What in the Christian is a sacramental reality whose fulfillment is found in the Eucharist remains the vocation and destiny of every man and woman in search of conversion and salvation. For baptism fulfils the promise of the gift of God that makes everyone a son or daughter in the Son. We are children of our natural parents, but in baptism we receive the origin of all fatherhood and true motherhood: no one can have God for a Father who does not have the Church for a mother (cf. Saint

Cyprian, *De Cath. Eccl.*, 6).

Our mission, then, is rooted in the fatherhood of God and the motherhood of the Church. The mandate given by the Risen Jesus at Easter is inherent in Baptism: as the Father has sent me, so I send you, filled with the Holy Spirit, for the reconciliation of the world (cf. *Jn* 20:19-23; *Mt* 28:16-20). This mission is part of our identity as Christians; it makes us responsible for enabling all men and women to realize their vocation to be adoptive children of the Father, to recognize their personal dignity and to appreciate the intrinsic worth of every human life, from conception until natural death. Today's rampant secularism, when it becomes an aggressive cultural rejection of God's active fatherhood in our history, is an obstacle to authentic human fraternity, which finds expression in reciprocal respect for the life of each person. Without the God of Jesus Christ, every difference is reduced to a baneful threat, making impossible any real fraternal acceptance and fruitful unity within the human race.

The universality of the salvation offered by God in Jesus Christ led Benedict XV to call for an end to all forms of nationalism and ethnocentrism, or the merging of the preaching of the Gospel with the economic and military interests of the colonial powers. In his Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, the Pope noted that the Church's universal mission requires setting aside exclusivist ideas of membership in one's own country and ethnic group. The opening of the culture and the community to the salvific newness of Jesus Christ requires leaving behind every kind of undue ethnic and ecclesial introversion. Today too, the Church needs men and women who, by virtue of their baptism, respond generously to the call to leave behind home, family, country, language and local Church, and to be sent forth to the nations, to a world not yet transformed by the sacraments of Jesus Christ and his holy Church. By proclaiming God's word, bearing witness to the Gospel and celebrating the life of the Spirit, they summon to conversion, baptize and offer Christian salvation, with respect for the freedom of each person and in dialogue with the cultures and religions of the

peoples to whom they are sent. The *missio ad gentes*, which is always necessary for the Church, thus contributes in a fundamental way to the process of ongoing conversion in all Christians. Faith in the Easter event of Jesus; the ecclesial mission received in baptism; the geographic and cultural detachment from oneself and one's own home; the need for salvation from sin and liberation from personal and social evil: all these demand the mission that reaches to the very ends of the earth.

The providential coincidence of this centenary year with the celebration of the Special Synod on the Churches in the Amazon allows me to emphasize how the mission entrusted to us by Jesus with the gift of his Spirit is also timely and necessary for those lands and their peoples. A renewed Pentecost opens wide the doors of the Church, in order that no culture remain closed in on itself and no people cut off from the universal communion of the faith. No one ought to remain closed in self-absorption, in the self-referentiality of his or her own ethnic and religious affiliation. The Easter event of Jesus breaks through the narrow limits of worlds, religions and cultures, calling them to grow in respect for the dignity of men and women, and towards a deeper conversion to the truth of the Risen Lord who gives authentic life to all.

Here I am reminded of the words of Pope Benedict XVI at the beginning of the meeting of Latin American Bishops at Aparecida, Brazil, in 2007. I would like to repeat these words and make them my own: “Yet what did the acceptance of the Christian faith mean for the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean? For them, it meant knowing and welcoming Christ, the unknown God whom their ancestors were seeking, without realizing it, in their rich religious traditions. Christ is the Saviour for whom they were silently longing. It also meant that they received, in the waters of Baptism, the divine life that made them children of God by adoption; moreover, they received the Holy Spirit who came to make their cultures fruitful, purifying them and developing the numerous seeds that the incarnate Word had planted in them, thereby guiding them along the paths of the Gospel... The Word of

God, in becoming flesh in Jesus Christ, also became history and culture. The utopia of going back to breathe life into the pre-Columbian religions, separating them from Christ and from the universal Church, would not be a step forward: indeed, it would be a step back. In reality, it would be a retreat towards a stage in history anchored in the past” (Address at the Inaugural Session, 13 May 2007: Insegnamenti III, 1 [2007], 855-856).

We entrust the Church's mission to Mary our Mother. In union with her Son, from the moment of the Incarnation the Blessed Virgin set out on her pilgrim way. She was fully involved in the mission of Jesus, a mission that became her own at the foot of the Cross: the mission of cooperating, as Mother of the Church, in bringing new sons and daughters of God to birth in the Spirit and in faith.

I would like to conclude with a brief word about the Pontifical Mission Societies, already proposed in *Maximum Illud* as a missionary resource. The Pontifical Mission Societies serve the Church's universality as a global network of support for the Pope in his missionary commitment by prayer, the soul of mission, and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world. Their donations assist the Pope in the evangelization efforts of particular Churches (the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith), in the formation of local clergy (the Pontifical Society of Saint Peter the Apostle), in raising missionary awareness in children (Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood) and in encouraging the missionary dimension of Christian faith (Pontifical Missionary Union). In renewing my support for these Societies, I trust that the extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019 will contribute to the renewal of their missionary service to my ministry.

To men and women missionaries, and to all those who, by virtue of their baptism, share in any way in the mission of the Church, I send my heartfelt blessing.

FRANCIS

V. CURIA MATTERS Transfers/Appointments				
Sl No	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F.
1	Fr. Kurian Panayalil (Convener) Fr. Vincent Pangola Fr. Binu Muthalakuzhiyil		Committee for celebration of <i>Susamachar Ghoshana Varsh 2020</i>	01 July 2019
2	Fr. Binu Muthalakuzhiyil (Convener) Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil CMI Fr. Dinesh Mate Fr. Roby Thaliparampil Fr. Dibin Aluvassery VC Fr. Kurian Panayalil Fr. Vincent Pangola		Committee for Diamond Jubilee Retreat October 2022	01 July 2019
3	Fr. Satish Jammik	Babupeth	Leave	06 July 2019
4	Fr. Kurian Panayalil		Babupeth (Additional)	06 July 2019
5	Fr. Jinesh Kattamkottil CMI	Chamorhi		01 August 2019
6	Fr. Philip Vathyakaryil CMI		Chamorhi	01 August 2019
7	Sr. Benny FHGS	Bishop's Office		31 July 2019
8	Sr. Moly FHGS		Bishop's Office	01 August 2019
9	Sr. Yajna CMC		Animator, Women's Desk Eparchy of Chanda	15 August 2019

SUNDAY FOR THE OLD AND THE AGED

October 1 is the international day for Elderly People. We have decided in the diocese that we observe the Sunday after October 1 as the day for the Old and Aged. All are requested to arrange some programmes in the parish/institutions to appreciate the old and the aged on Sunday 6 October 2019.

Chancellor

MISSION SUNDAY 2019

As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is “an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world.” This year October being Extraordinary Missionary Month, let us celebrate the Mission Sunday befittingly to renew our missionary commitment along with Church throughout the world. This year Mission Sunday is on 20th October 2019. Please hand over the collections to DFO by the end of November 2019.

PRIESTS' ANNUAL RETREAT 2019

All priests are requested to note that this year's priests' annual retreat is scheduled in November from 04 Monday to 09 Saturday 2019. It is mandatory for all diocesan priests. Exemption for genuine reasons, only with prior permission from the bishop.

Proto-Syncellus

CHANDA FAMILY DAY

In 2019 our Chanda Family Day falls on Tuesday 12 November. Please mark the date in the calendar. In preparation for Chanda Family Day please observe the following days as:

Nov. 01 - Diocesan day of Fasting
02 - Diocesan day of Adoration

SD Convent, Lakkadakot

The SD sisters have closed down their convent in Lakkadakot w.e.f. 1 September 2019. The Chanda Family thank them for their dedicated service at Lakkadakot for the past thirty nine years.

DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR RETREAT - OCTOBER 2022 (Diocese of Chanda)

As the diocese is celebrating the diamond jubilee in the year 2022, the diocese is planning to arrange two retreats one for the people and the other for the priests and religious- by any popular retreat team in the diocese. The retreat for the people may be conducted on 20,21,22 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) October 2022. and for the priests and religious on 24-28 (Monday to Saturday) October 2022. A tentative venue will be Pastoral Centre Ground, Balharshah. It will be an open retreat for all. People, priests and religious from outside the diocese are also welcome. I request the sisters and priests of different religious Congregations working in the diocese to the best possible not to arrange annual retreats of their own in the year 2022, so that all the missionaries in the diocese as well as from outside, can attend our common retreat of jubilee year. A committee is formed to plan and monitor the preparation and the actual conduct of the retreat. The committee members are: Fr. Binu Muthalakuzhiyil (Convenor), Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil CMI, Fr. Dinesh Mate, Fr. Roby Thaliparampil, Fr. Dibin Aluvassery V.C., Fr. Kurian Panayalil and Fr. Vincent Pangola. Please mark the dates in the Calendar. I expect everyone's co-operation. The committee will on the details .

Bp. Ephrem Nariculam
Diocese of Chanda

Missionary Conference - Report

The Missionary Conference was held on Tuesday 12 August 2019 at Cathedral, BPQ. It was started with adoration and confession at 09:00 a.m. Fr. Augustine Keemattam CMI gave the recollection talk. In the talk entitled "The Mission and the Word of God - Celebrating the year of the word of God," Fr. Augustine shared his reflections in the light of four Church documents: (i) *Ad Gentes* (ii) *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (iii) *Redemptoris Missio* and (iv) *Evangelii Gaudium*. He reminded the participants the power of the word of God in the life of missionaries. Bp. Ephrem being the main celebrant for the Holy Qurbana also delivered homily. The bishop shared with the congregation the importance of an attitude of sacrifice and courage in our religious commitment by posing three questions for reflection:

Are we weak enough to be religious/priests?

Are we broken enough to be religious/priests?

Are we affraid enough to be religious/priests?

The Floly Qurbana was followed by the releasing of the book viz. *Fermenting Faith in Chanda Mission*, authored by Bp. Ephrem. Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil presented the book and Fr. Benny Mukalel CMI released the book by presenting a copy each to Fr. Canisius CMI and Sr. Baselius CMC. Later Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil explained the importance of starting Holy Childhood Association in the diocese. Fr. Thomas Oswald CMI officially launched Holy Childhood Association by releasing the patron's picture and the prayer book. It was followed by office of the dead in the Cemetery. There were around 100 Missionaries - priests, brothers and sisters - participated in the Missionary Conference. Fr. Robert Nicholas anchored the day's programme. The conference was concluded by lunch at 1:15 p.m.

WHAT IS THIS EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH (EMM)?

1) What is the Extraordinary Month of Mission?

This year Mission Month has ever greater significance as Pope Francis has announced it as 'The Extraordinary Month of Mission' (EMM). The importance of October for the awareness and financial support of mission is already well established; with Mission Sunday falling on it's second last Sunday. However, this year it has even greater importance, with Pope Francis specifically asking us to pray and act so that mission and the Church can strengthen and grow.

2) What is the inspiration for The EMM?

Pope Francis announced the month to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* on overseas mission. He describes *Maximum Illud* as a 'milestone in the evolution of the Church's missionary work.' It repeats the biblical instruction for Catholics to 'go to the ends of the earth and preach the Gospel', while also recognizing the importance of training religious people who come from and live in local communities. *Maximum Illud* highlights the importance in developing local Churches and its people so that they may thrive.

3) What are the theme and aims of the EMM?

To reignite and re-energize our understanding and awareness of overseas mission, Pope Francis has themed the month 'Baptised and sent: the Church of Christ on mission in the world.' For the preparation and implementation of the month, he has outlined four focus areas:

- i. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in his Church: in the Eucharist, in the Word of God - A God-experience in

personal encounter.

- ii. Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs, and confessors of the faith as an expression of the Church - A sharing of God experience with others.

- iii. Missionary formation: biblical, catechetical, spiritual, and theological - A formation of God experience with teaching magisterium.

- iv. Missionary charity - Living God Experience in daily life.

4) Therefore, in a nutshell, the aims of the EMM are:

- i. To encourage Catholics into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer.

- ii. To look to and learn from the actions and sacrifices made by our saints, martyrs and living missionaries.

- iii. To rediscover and renew our understanding of overseas mission (*ad gentes*).

- iv. To financially support mission.

5) What is your role in The EMM?

The Holy Father wants The EMM to be an opportunity for reflection and prayer by the whole Church. He also wants it to be celebrated by as many Catholics as possible. Therefore, all parishes, dioceses, religious congregations, Church organizations and You are being asked to get behind and support the month by developing events and initiatives to bring the month to life.

6) Action Plan in the diocese of Chanda

- i. More visits to villages Holy Qurbana, group prayer sessions, holy rosary etc.

- ii. Mission retreats or talks wherever possible.

- iii. Mission awareness posters and captions in the parish territory/church campuses.

- iv. An extra step enthusiasm for mission Sunday 2019 (October).
- v. Create awareness of missionary nature of the Church through homilies and personal encounters.
- vi. Mission seminar for different categories of people men, women, youth, children etc. at village level, parish level, general level etc.
- Vii) Arrange study circles of mission documents such as:
 - *Maximum Illud* by Pope Benedict XV.
 - *Ad Gentes* - Vat. II
 - *Evangelii Nuntiandi* by Pope Paul VI
 - *Redemptoris Missio* by Pope John Paul II
 - *Evangelii Gaudium* by Pope Francis
- viii) Conduct Quiz on mission for youth and children.
- ix) Learning mission statement of Christ: Lk. 4: 18-19.

Pastoral Visit to Shengaon (26-28, July, 2019)

Bishop Ephrem arrived at Shengaon at 06:00 p.m. and he was received by the people, Sisters and boarders. After having prayed in the Church, bishop proceeded to Theckamandav village. After visiting houses in the village bishop offered Holy Qurbana at village chapel concelebrated by Fr. Vigil. On 27th July, the Holy Qurbana was offered by the bishop concelebrated by Fr. Vigil and Fr. Somy at the parish church in the morning. Later bishop visited houses in the Shengaon village. Bishop visited also Pattaguda parish in the afternoon. During the day bishop met with the Sisters and Fr. Somy, the priest-in-charge. In the evening bishop visited Punnaguda village and visited the families. He also presided over a prayer service in the village. On Sunday morning bishop offered Holy Qurbana in the parish church and met the people and boarding children separately. The new grotto near the convent was blessed by the bishop. Before departing the station bishop met with the core team and shared with them his observations. Bishop left for Balharshah at 2.30 pm.

Fr. Vigil Parassery

Logo: Extraordinary Missionary Month - October 2019
(See cover page Vol. XLII No.5)

1. The logo of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 depicts a missionary cross whose traditional colours recall the five continents. The Cross embraces the world and connects peoples, in communication between people with the universal Church and as a link, it creates real bonds between peoples.
2. The Cross is the instrument and the efficacious sign of the communion between God and humanity for the universality of our mission. The Cross is luminous, full of colour, a sign of victory and resurrection.
3. The world is transparent, because our action of evangelization has no barriers or boundaries; it is the fruit' pf the Holy Spirit. The Cross embraces every person of this world, and thanks to the Cross we are united, connected, and open to communion for mission. Christian charity and the world transfigured in the Spirit overcome distances and open the gaze of our mind and heart. It is the love of Jesus that knows no limits and boundaries.
4. The words baptised and sent, which accompany the image, indicate the two characteristic and inalienable elements of every Christian. From the Cross flows baptism for the salvation of the world to which we are sent to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus.
5. The colours of the Cross are those traditionally attributed to the five continents: red for America, green for Africa, white for Europe, yellow for Asia, and blue for Oceania. Each colour has a symbolic meaning that makes the connection between the continents possible through their peoples, in the communion of God with humanity.

“PROTECTION OF MINORS IN THE CHURCH”

(Address of His Holiness Pope Francis, 24 February 2019,
Vatican city)

-Extract-

Our work has made us realize once again that the gravity of the scourge of the sexual abuse of minors is, and historically has been, a widespread phenomenon in all cultures and societies. Only in relatively recent times has it become the subject of systematic research, thanks to changes in public opinion regarding a problem that was previously considered taboo; everyone knew of its presence yet no one spoke of it. I am reminded too of the cruel religious practice, once widespread in certain cultures, of sacrificing human beings frequently children in pagan rites. Yet even today, the statistics available on the sexual abuse of minors drawn up by various national and international organizations and agencies (the WHO, UNICEF, INTERPOL, EUROPOL and others) do not represent the real extent of the phenomenon, which is often underestimated, mainly because many cases of the sexual abuse of minors go unreported, particularly the great number committed within families.

Research conducted in recent years on the phenomenon of the sexual abuse of minors also shows that the development of the web and of the communications media have contributed to a significant increase in cases of abuse and acts of violence perpetrated online. Pornography is rapidly spreading worldwide through the net. The scourge of pornography has expanded to an alarming degree, causing psychological harm and damaging relations between men and women, and between adults and children. It is a phenomenon in constant growth. Tragically, a considerable part of pornographic production has to do with minors, who are thus gravely violated in their dignity. The studies in this field - it is sad - document that it is happening in ever more horrible and violent ways, even to the point of acts of abuse against minors being commissioned and viewed live over the net.

The brutality of this worldwide phenomenon becomes all the more grave and scandalous in the Church, for it is utterly

incompatible with her moral authority and ethical credibility. Consecrated persons, chosen by God to guide souls to salvation, let themselves be dominated by their human frailty or sickness and thus become tools of Satan. In abuse, we see the hand of the evil that does not spare even the innocence of children. No explanations suffice for these abuses involving children. We need to recognize with humility and courage that we stand face to face with the mystery of evil, which strikes most violently against the most vulnerable, for they are an image of Jesus. For this reason, the Church has now become increasingly aware of the need not only to curb the gravest cases of abuse by disciplinary measures and civil and canonical processes, but also to decisively confront the phenomenon both inside and outside the Church. She feels called to combat this evil that strikes at the very heart of her mission, which is to preach the Gospel to the little ones and to protect them from ravenous wolves.

Brothers and sisters, today we find ourselves before a manifestation of brazen, aggressive and destructive evil. Behind and within, there is the spirit of evil, which in its pride and in its arrogance considers itself the Lord of the world and thinks that it has triumphed. I would like to say this to you with the authority of a brother and a father, certainly a small one and a sinner, but who is the pastor of the Church that presides in charity: in these painful cases, I see the hand of evil that does not spare even the innocence of the little ones. And this leads me to think of the example of Herod who, driven by fear of losing his power, ordered the slaughter of all the children of Bethlehem. Behind this there is satan.

In this context, I would mention the “best practices” formulated under the guidance of the World Health Organization by a group of ten international bodies that developed and approved a packet of measures called *INSPIRE: Seven Strategies for Ending Violence against Children*.

With the help of these guidelines, the work carried out in recent years by the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors and the contributions made by this Meeting, the Church, in developing her legislation, will concentrate on the following

aspects:

1. The protection of children.
2. Impeccable seriousness.
3. Genuine purification.
4. Formation.
5. Strengthening and reviewing guidelines by Episcopal Conferences.
6. Accompaniment of those who have been abused.
7. The digital world.
8. Sexual tourism.

Allow me now to offer a heartfelt word of thanks to all those priests and consecrated persons who serve the Lord faithfully and totally, and who feel themselves dishonoured and discredited by the shameful conduct of some of their confreres. All of us the Church, consecrated persons, the People of God, and even God himself bear the effects of their infidelity. In the name of the whole Church, I thank the vast majority of priests who are not only faithful to their celibacy, but spend themselves in a ministry today made even more difficult by the scandals of few (but always too many) of their confreres. I also thank the faithful who are well aware of the goodness of their pastors and who continue to pray for them and to support them.

The best results and the most effective resolution that we can offer to the victims, to the People of Holy Mother Church and to the entire world, are the commitment to personal and collective conversion, the humility of learning, listening, assisting and protecting the most vulnerable.

I make a heartfelt appeal for an all-out battle against the abuse of minors both sexually and in other areas, on the part of all authorities and individuals, for we are dealing with abominable crimes that must be erased from the face of the earth: this is demanded by all the many victims hidden in families and in the various settings of our societies.

**THE POLICY FOR THE SAFETY OF MINORS
AND VULNERABLE ADULTS
(EPARCHY OF CHANDA)**

Extract

6. CHILD ABUSE

6.1. Types of Abuses

There are many types of abuses defined by the Supreme Court of India but there are 5 types of abuses which are commonly spoken of and dealt with. In general the main ones are Physical Abuse, Emotional Abuse, Verbal Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation and Violence:

6.1.1. **Physical Abuse** includes hitting, kicking, shaking, throttling, throwing, poisoning, burning, drowning, suffocation, slapping, pinching etc. It can also be when a caretaker or the one in charge deliberately cause ill health to the person under his/her care. It may even be the result of over disciplining or physical punishment that is inappropriate to the child's age.

6.1.2. **Emotional Abuse** is the persistent emotional ill-treatment of a person so as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development. Expression in the eyes and the whole body language may involve making a child feel worthless, useless, good-for-nothing or unloved, inadequate or valued only in so far as they meet the needs and expectations of others.

It may also involve causing children frequently to feel frightened or in danger, or the exploitation or corruption of a child (where a person is in a position to do so) with the conditions that are culturally accepted as being essential for their physical and

emotional development and well-being. It is an act of omission or commission leading to the denial to a child's basic needs.

- 6.1.3. **Verbal Abuse:** Words that give emotional or intellectual pain in any way to the listener and hurt either emotionally or otherwise are considered to be abusive. They can break hearts, devastate, wound, kill, ruin reputation and destroy relationships. Words like stupid, ugly, lazy cry-baby, dummy, loser, moron, leave long lasting emotional cuts and bruises.
- 6.1.4. **Sexual Abuse:** Child sexual abuse is the involvement of a child in sexual activity that he or she does not fully comprehend, unable to give informed consent to, or for which he/she is not developmentally prepared and cannot give consent, or that violate the laws or social taboos of society. Child sexual abuse is evidenced by an activity between a child and an adult or another child who by age or development is in a relationship of responsibility, trust or power, the activity being intended to gratify or satisfy the needs of the other person. It involves:
- 6.1.4.1. Repeated attempts to contact the child directly or through electronic, digital or any other media.
 - 6.1.4.2. Use of real or fabricated depiction of the child through electronic media or otherwise to entice or to condescend.
 - 6.1.4.3. Undue physical contact or touching. o The convenient and calculated use of camera, cell phone and other recording gadgets.
 - 6.1.4.4. Unhealthy favouritism.

6.1.4.5. Out-of-hour contacts.

6.1.4.6. Excessive use of social networks to keep contact with the child etc.

- 6.1.5. **Neglect:** Neglect involves, deliberately or through carelessness or negligence, failing to provide for or secure for children their rights to safety and development. Neglect is sometimes passive or as much as it relates to failures to carry out some key aspects of care and protection of children at the appropriate time. Such neglect could result in significant impairment of the child's health or development, including failure to grow emotionally and socially. Neglect leaves a trail of evidence in the way children are affected. Care givers who do not act on this evidence are also guilty of neglect. Severe neglect or repeated failure to provide timely care, thereby endangering the child is criminal negligence e. g. deliberate failure to provide medical care is exposing a child to severe harm or even death.
- 6.1.6. **Exploitation:** Exploitation refers to the use of children for someone else's advantage, gratification or profit, often resulting in unjust, cruel and harmful treatment of the child. These are detrimental to the child's physical, mental, emotional, moral, social, health and development. It covers situations of manipulation, misuse, abuse, victimization, oppression or ill treatment. Any assignment given to children should take into account the age, capacity and the best interests of the child. There are two main forms of child exploitation: Sexual exploitation and economic exploitation. Sexual exploitation involves the abuse of a position of trust

and the differential power of the adult against the vulnerability of the child for sexual purpose. These include sexual exploitation of the child for personal sexual gratification as well as for profiting monetary, socially or politically. Child Prostitution, child trafficking for sexual abuse, child pornography, sexual slavery, sexual assault and sexual harassment are sexual exploitation. Economic Exploitation of a child is the use of the child in work or in other activities for profit. This includes, but is not limited to, child labour. Economic exploitation implies the idea of a certain gain or profit through the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. Child domestic work, child soldiers, child bond- age, the use of children in criminal activities including the sale and distribution of narcotics and the involvement of children in hazard- ous work are economic exploitation of children.

6.1.7. **Violence:** Article 19 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) states that all forms of physical or mental violence, including sexual abuse are acts of violence. In its 2002 report on Violence and Health, World Health Organization (WHO) defines violence as, "The intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against a child by an individual or group that either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in actual or potential harm to the child's health, survival, development or dignity"

6.1.7.1. The World Health Organization (WHO) has identified three types of violence:

6.1.7.1.1. Self-directed violence: suicide,

self-mutilation

6.1.7.1.2. Interpersonal Violence: All forms of physical, sexual and psychological abuse, neglect and exploitation including domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence. Interpersonal violence includes corporal punishment such as hitting the child with the hand, pinching, pulling the hair, forcing the child into uncomfortable or undignified positions, use of physical exercises as punishment, burning and scarring the child and other humiliating punishments such as verbal abuse, ridicule, Isolation and ignoring the child.

6.1.7.1.3. Collective Violence: violence committed by State or by the society at large. Collective violence includes violence by the armed forces/law enforcement and security forces, the use of death penalty, cruel inhuman and degrading treatment, torture, forced displacement, unlawful imprisonment etc. Other forms of collective violence include violence resulting from armed conflicts, terrorism, organized crime, child infanticide, honour killings, corporal or physical punishment (or the threat of it).

BIBLE *Vaachan Varsh* 2019
Read the whole Bible in a Year
Reading for October & November

October 01 Jeremiah 31 - 32 Song of Songs 3 Ephesians 4
 October 02 Jeremiah 33-34 Song of Songs 4 Ephesians 5:1 - 5:16
 October 03 Jeremiah 35 - 36 Song of Songs 5 Ephesians 5:17-33
 October 04 Jeremiah 37 - 38 Song of Songs 6 Ephesians 6
 October 05 Jeremiah 39 - 40 Song of Songs 7 Philippians 1
 October 06 Jeremiah 41 - 42 Song of Songs 8 Philippians 2
 October 07 Jeremiah 43-44 Wisdom 1 Philippians 3
 October 08 Jeremiah 45 - 46 Wisdom 2 Philippians 4
 October 09 Jeremiah 47 - 48 Wisdom 3 Colossians 1
 October 10 Jeremiah 49 - 50 Wisdom 4:1 - 4:9 Colossians 2
 October 11 Jeremiah 51 - 52 Wisdom 4:10-4:20 Colossians 3
 October 12 Lamentations 1-2 Wisdom 5:1 - 5:14 Colossians 4
 October 13 Lamentations 3-5 Wisdom 5:15-23 1 Thessalonians 1
 October 14 Baruch 1-2 Wisdom 6:1 - 6:16 1 Thessalonians 2
 October 15 Baruch 3-4 Wisdom 6:17 - 6:25 1 Thessalonians 3
 October 16 Baruch 5-6 Wisdom 7:1 - 7:22 1 Thessalonians 4
 October 17 Ezekiel 1-2 Wisdom 7:23-30 1 Thessalonians 5
 October 18 Ezekiel 3-4 Wisdom 8:1 -8:11 2 Thessalonians 1
 October 19 Ezekiel 5-6 Wisdom 8:12 - 8:21 2 Thessalonians 2
 October 20 Ezekiel 7-8 Wisdom 9:1 - 9:9 2 Thessalonians 3
 October 21 Ezekiel 9-10 Wisdom 9:10 - 9:18 1 Timothy 1
 October 22 Ezekiel 11-12 Wisdom 10:1 -10:8 1 Timothy 2
 October 23 Ezekiel 13 -14 Wisdom 10:9 -10:21 1 Timothy 3
 October 24 Ezekiel 15-16 Wisdom 11:1 -11:14 1 Timothy 4
 October 25 Ezekiel 17 -18 Wisdom 11:15-11:26 1 Timothy 5
 October 26 Ezekiel 19-20 Wisdom 12:1 -12:11 1 Timothy 6
 October 27 Ezekiel 21 - 22 Wisdom 12:12 -12:27 2 Timothy 1
 October 28 Ezekiel 23 - 24 Wisdom 13:1 -13:9 2 Timothy 2
 October 29 Ezekiel 25 - 26 Wisdom 13:10-13:19 2 Timothy 3
 October 30 Ezekiel 27 - 28 Wisdom 14:1 -14:11 2 Timothy 4
 October 31 Ezekiel 29 - 30 Wisdom 14:12 -14:31 Titus 1
 November 01 Ezekiel 31 - 32 Wisdom 15:1 -15:6 Titus 2
 November 02 Ezekiel 33 - 34 Wisdom 15:7-15:19 Titus 3

November 03 Ezekiel 35 - 36 Wisdom 16:1 -16:12 Philemon 1
 November 04 Ezekiel 37 - 38 Wisdom 16:13 -16:29 Hebrews 1
 November 05 Ezekiel 39-40 Wisdom 17:1 -17:10 Hebrews 2
 November 06 Ezekiel 41 -42 Wisdom 17:11 -17:21 Hebrews 3
 November 07 Ezekiel 43-44 Wisdom 18:1 -18:19 Hebrews 4
 November 08 Ezekiel 45 - 46 Wisdom 18:20 -18:25 Hebrews 5
 November 09 Ezekiel 47-48 Wisdom 19:1 -19:12 Hebrews 6
 November 10 Daniel 1-2 Wisdom 19:13 -19:22 Hebrews 7
 November 11 Daniel 3-4 Sirach 1 Hebrews 8
 November 12 Daniel 5-6 Sirach 2 Hebrews 9
 November 13 Daniel 7-8 Sirach 3 Hebrews 10:1 -10:18
 November 14 Daniel 9-10 Sirach 4 Hebrews 10:19 -10:39
 November 15 Daniel 11-12 Sirach 5 Hebrews 11:1 -11:19
 November 16 Hosea 1-2 Sirach 6 Hebrews 11:20-11:40
 November 17 Hosea 3-4 Sirach 7 Hebrews 12
 November 18 Hosea 5-6 Sirach 8 Hebrews 13
 November 19 Hosea 7-8 Sirach 9 James 1
 November 20 Hosea 9-10 Sirach 10 James 2
 November 21 Hosea 11-12 Sirach 11 James 3
 November 22 Hosea 13 -14 Sirach 12 James 4
 November 23 Joel 1 - 2 Sirach 13 James 5
 November 24 Joel 3 - 4 Sirach 14 1 Peter 1
 November 25 Amos 1-2 Sirach 15 1 Peter 2
 November 26 Amos 3-4 Sirach 16 1 Peter 3
 November 27 Amos 5-6 Sirach 17 1 Peter 4
 November 28 Amos 7-9 Sirach 18 1 Peter 5
 November 29 Obadiah 1 Sirach 19 2 Peter 1
 November 30 Jonah 1-2 Sirach 20 2 Peter 2

CORRECTION

Our bishop's surname is correctly spelled as follows:

NARI**C**ULAM ✓

NARI**K**ULAM ✗

Kindly note it in your correspondences and in official documents.

Fr. Vigil Parassery
 Secretary

VI. NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS

BALLARPUR ZONE

- St. Thomas Cathedral, Ballarpur

WARDHA ZONE

- Amala, DM Province, Wardha

Visit by Bp. Ephrem

His Excellency Most Rev. Ephrem Nariculam and Rev. Fr Varghese Puthuparambil CMI, Proto-synellus visited the provincial house on 9th July 2019. And spent time with the community members and candidates. A small token of love was given to His Excellency for his blessings.

St. Martha's Day

The feast of St. Martha was celebrated on 29th July as our housemaids' day. Solemn Holy Eucharistic Celebration, special prayer service, Class, and cultural programmes were held in their honour. Special agape and Gifts were given to make them gay and happy.

St. Clare Day

Our Provincial Superior Rev. Mother Flower Maria, Sr. Regeena Maria, Sr. Jaisa with 7 Candidates participated in Franciscan family get together held at Umred on 11th August 2019. Everybody had rapport with the members participated and it was a memorable function to be cherished.

- Carmelodaya, CMC Province, Wardha
Courses and Seminars

1. In order to help the people to lead a better sacramental life following the precepts of the Holy Church Sr. Amala conducted two half days seminar on Ten Commandments for the Parishioners of Goleti, Adilabad Diocese.
2. Three days seminar cum counselling was led by Sr. Amala for the boarding children at Ghot from 13th to 15th June, 2019. The children were enriched by the inspiring sessions.

3. A seminar was arranged for the Parishioners of Wardha by CMC sisters of Carmelodaya Provincial House, Wardha on 4th August 2019. Rev Fr. Tomy Chirapurath CMI was the resource person. He captivated with his fiery talk on 'The Ten Commandments' and the importance of upholding the values of Christian life.
4. Sr. Leena, Sr. Amala, Sr. Christy and Sr. Siya Rose attended the Christeen programme at Bhopal from 2nd to 8th August directed by CMC sisters. Sr. Rose was one of the resource persons.
5. In order to train the sisters in the education and faith formation field to impart Gospel values to the students in a fitting manner a training programme was arranged at Carmelodaya Provincial House Wardha from 10th to 12th August 2019 by Sr. Pavithra and team from Avila Mission, Ahamad Nagar.

Senior Juniors gathering

A retreat cum seminar was conducted for the Senior Junior sisters of Wardha, Mancherial and Kurnool on 24th May to 3rd June 2019, under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Shellmon Antony a zealous and devoted missionary and retreat preacher from Bhopal diocese.

Prayerful Wishes

Sr. Agnes after due preparation and reflection, made her final profession in the cloistered CMC convent at Karukutty on 7th June 2019. We gratefully remember her dedicated life in the Carmelodaya Province. We wish our sincere prayers for her fruitful life ahead.

In Loving Memory

On 2nd July a Requiem Mass and office of the dead was officiated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Ephrem Nariculam to pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Ives and Sr. Guna at Carmelodaya Provincial House Chapel. Many Fathers and Sisters partook in the Divine Liturgy and offered their sincere prayers for them. May their souls rest in peace.

Here I am Lord

God was so gracious to bless us with six energetic young girls to enjoy the fruits of Carmelodaya from three dioceses. They entered to the candidacy on 16th July 2019 after three days

retreat under the guidance of Sr. Sharon.

Mount Carmel Day with Parishioners

Mount Carmel day was celebrated in a befitting way in the Parish on 21st July 2019. A solemn Eucharist was offered by Rev. Fr. Raju Avookkaran and in the homily he stressed the importance of wearing Scapular as a sign of love and protection of Mother Mary. Sr. Nirmal CMC shared her Marian experience and her vocation to Carmel through the intervention of Mother of Carmel. After the Holy Mass Scapular was distributed to all.

A Friendly Visit

On 16th August we were blessed with the gracious presence of Rev. Fr. Paul Achandy CMI the Prior General of CMI Congregation.

WIRUR ZONE

- St. Thomas Church, Shengaon

Three days canonical visit by Bishopji at Shengaon completed from 26th to 28th July. He visited all the families of three stations. During his visit he blessed new grotto of Matha Vihar Nursing home.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

- LOKSAMGRAHA SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (LSSS)

- A New project **SU- POSHAN** supported by IGSSS has been launched at 23 villages of Sindewahi block with the goal of Sustainable provision and occupation through Social action for improved Nutrition

Activities conducted

- Village listing
- Base Line Family Survey was conducted
- Health camp conducted for Anganvadi children conducted in 23 villages
- Health camp conducted for and women in one village.
- Tree plantation drive conducted in two villages.
- Farmers meeting conducted in one village.

- WARM project with the support of Caritas India is implementing in 5 villages of Jivithi block with the objective of water and agriculture resilience mission.

Activities conducted

- Various trainings conducted on sustainable and resilient agriculture practices.
- Water campaign on safe drinking water conducted.
- Introduced Horticulture, floriculture, agro-forestry and other agro based activities.
- Soil testing training conducted in five villages and 18 farmers submitted their farm soil sample to the Department of Agriculture for the soil testing.
- Application for caste certificates were submitted by 23 people to the Revenue Department, out of which 10 caste certificates were approved.
- The structures of Soil and water conservation were constructed in five villages such as 3 Sack bag dam 4 Chain gully plug by peoples initiative.
- Water Management plan developed in five villages and as the result 10 sock pits were prepared by community initiative.

- By peoples continues demand two cement Bundara deepening work done through MGNREGA.
- As the result of the training and demo 12 farmers successfully practiced natural farming method for rabbi season.

➤ A community Based Rehabilitation programme is conducted for 103 differently able children of Ballarpur, Babupet, Rajura Gondpipri and Jivithi area through the support of the Catholic Health association of India and Lillian fond. The Main objective is the promotion of Health, Education, Social, and Livelihood of the children.

Activities conducted

- Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and ADL given the children.
 - Medical support provided to the needy ones.
 - Guidance and support for the operation given to the children.
 - Support and guidance given to avail the Govt. Schemes and opportunities.
 - Home based therapy and parental counselling conducted.
 - Digital reach programme is regularly conducting for 20 children.
 - Promoted inclusive education and guided to avail Sarva Sikha Abhian benefits.
- Jeevan Empowering Animation is supported by Caritas India and implementing in 20 villages of Jivithi block. Its main aim is the promotion of Good Governance, sustainable agriculture, tribal rights and identity.

Activities conducted

- CBO's are strengthened
- Training on leadership development and group management.

- Mass awareness on panchayath raj tribal rights and natural farming through street play and flock art.
 - Sustainable and natural friendly agriculture practices promoted through training.
 - Strengthening of Adavasi forum.
 - Awareness creation on reviving traditional tribal food system.
- A new project launched on Drought and Agriculture resilience in 10 Villages of Ettapally Block, supported by Manos Unidas.
- Launched a new initiative of Children's parliament in two villages as the pilot program with collaboration of CSA Mumbai.

➤ Other Activities of LSSS

1. Conducting I Batch spoken English and personality development classes from July 10th.
2. Conducting III Batch of tailoring course for dropouts from July 15.
3. Conducting I batch beautician course from 1st August.
4. Launched Carrier guidance Department.
5. Meals on wheels - Food provided for the poor and abandon.
6. Support extended for
 - A. Education and Higher education.
 - B. Partial support for Housing.
 - C. Medication.
 - D. Livelihood promotion; IGP
 - E. Vocational training.
 - F. Training on natural farming.

Fr. Jobin Ovelil
Director, LSSS

- HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Holy Childhood Association was inaugurated at the hands of Fr. Thomas Oswald CMI, a senior missionary of the diocese, during Missionary Conference at St. Thomas Cathedral, Balharshah on 12 August 2019. Fr. Vivek Puthenpurackal presented the activities and the urgent need of starting the Association in our parishes/boardings. He said that it is going to help our children to grow in devotion to Infant Jesus. As a result they grow rooted in Christian faith which facilitates their character formation. The inaugural function was attended by all the participants of Missionary Conference. Fr. Vivek requested everyone who are present to take away from the pigeon halls at Bishop's Home the picture of patron saint and the prayer book of the Association and start recitation of the prayer once a week on any convenient day. In parishes it suggested to be done on Sundays after catechism and in boardings it may be done on Saturdays. Please start it from 15 August 2019 as directed by bishop. Bishop also earnestly requested everyone to do needful to run the activities of the Association in our parishes and boarding in an effective way. Kindly confer *Chanda Samachar* for the following to get more details.

1. Pastoral letters (XLII No.3 May-June 2019 pp. 3-5)
2. Decree of establishment in the diocese (XLII No.3 May-June 2019 p. 12)
3. History of the Association (XLII No.3 May-June 2019 pp. 35-36)
4. Activities (XLII No.3 May-June 2019 pp. 37-38)

Fr. Vivek Puthenpurackal
Director

VIII. FORMATION HOUSES

- SANT VIANNEY GURUKUL

1. Dukhrana - July 3rd was a remarkable day for SVG. We celebrated the feast with Solemn Holy Qurbana and Bp. Ephrem Nariculam inaugurated the academic year 2019-20 and welcomed the new comers of this academic year. The feast day celebration of our parish priest Rev Fr Anoop Aeriamattam at SVG brought more hues of joy and enthusiasm to everyone.
2. Rev Sr. Vidhya SJB the Provincial visited SVG on 5 July 2019.
3. Special requiem Mass was celebrated for the departed soul of the beloved father of Br. Vishal on 18 July 2019.
4. SVG community made the day 28 July, the feast of St Alphonsa more splendid in our Kalmana parish community by our active participation in the liturgy. We all wished and prayed for the faithful of St. Alphonsa Church, Kalmana.
5. The diocesan koinonia was enthused by the solemn celebrations of the heavenly patron of priest St. John Maria Vianney on 3rd August Sat, 2019 at SVG. All the Diocesan priests along with our Bishopji were present. The day began with Eucharistic Adoration and confession at 9.30m. The Monthly recollection talk was given by Rev. Fr. Nikhil Chakkiath and followed by Solemn Holy Qurbana. Our bishopji was the main celebrant and Rev. Fr. Thomas Punchayil the syncellus and the newly ordained priest Rev. Fr. Nikhil Chakkiath

con-celebrated. The short cultural programme by the seminarians and the solemn delicious meal served were doubled the joy of the gathering. The presbyterium and the constructive discussions held during the day paved more dynamism for the celebration. Everyone said good bye after the dinner.

6. The Monthly Recollection of August was preached by Rev. Fr. Anoop Aeriamattam.
7. The visit of Rev. Fr. Joseph Vedikunnel MSt. On 8th August 2019 boosted the missionary zeal of the seminarians. He made a missionary sharing of his active missionary journey of 40 years of priesthood and activated everyone to be good priests and missionaries.
8. Save A Family Executive director Rev. Fr. Marshal visited SVG and blessed by his benign presence.
9. SVG offered a beautiful choir for the liturgical celebration during the Missionary Conference on 12 August 2019.
10. We celebrated the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and the 72nd Independence Day. Rev Fr Mathew Kandassankunnel hoisted the tri-colour flag. The fantabulous cultural banquet with pouring out of patriotism by our seminarians expressed the legacy of our independent nation. The cultural event was hoisted by the the Little Flower academic group this day.
11. The birthday of our spiritual director Rev. Fr. Mathew Kandassankunnel was solemnly celebrated on 17th August 2019.

Fr. Binu Muthalakuzhy
Rector, SVG

IX. HEAVENLY BRETHREN

SEPTEMBER

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| 1. Sr. Hilaria Kochuparambil SD | 01-09-2014 | |
| 2. Sr. Deepthi SJB | 09-09-2009 | Vettukad |
| 3. Bro. Jose Vetticattil SG | 08-09-2005 | Hyderabad |
| 4. Fr. Dan Thottakara CMI | 20-09-1997 | Kalamassery |
| 5. Fr. Eugene Kizhakethala CMI | 22-09-2002 | Bellampally |
| 6. Sr. Mercy SSS | 23-09-2006 | Mallussery |
| 7. Sr. Justina Francis ASMI | 26-09-2000 | Cherthala |
| 8. Sr. Stephy Maria DM | 30-09-1994 | Ballarpur |
| 9. Fr. Suresh V.C. | 30-09-2012 | Janampet |

OCTOBER

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

RIP

Let us pray for the departed soul of Sr. Perpetua Kunnath SD who was a senior missionary in the diocese of Chanda. May God almighty give her Eternal Rest.



OBITUARY

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of:

1. Mr. Ganapathi Janagam, beloved father of Bro. Vishal Janagam.
2. Sr. Novaria CMC, former missionary of Chanda.
3. Mr. Robert Kujur, beloved father of Bro. Bernard Kujur.
4. Mr. K. A. Joseph, beloved father of Sr. Annibel SD.
5. Mr. Chacko Mathai, beloved father of Fr. Tomy Chovelikudiyil

May their souls Rest In Peace

X. ONGOING FORMATION

Address	Course	Date
The programme Director Don Bosco Renewal Centre, Bannerghatta Road, SOS Village P. O Bangalore 560076 admitdbrc@gmail.com	Renewal course and retreat for the Silver Jubilarians	21 Oct. to 17 Nov. 2019
	Formation of Formators	18 Sept. To 16 October 2019
Director, NBCLC, Post Bag 8426 Hutchins Road 2nd Cross Bangalore 560 084 080-25472369 director@nbclcindia	Youth: "Limitless Potential & Future Hope"	10-12 October 2019
	Seminar "Lay Leaders to the Fore" Marathi	22-30 October 2019
	Indian Contemplative Retreat "Divinization of Humanity"	17-24 November 2019
The director NVSC, Near Christ the king Church, Wadgaonsheri Road, Sainikwadi Pune 411014 09021146762	Therapeutic journey to wholeness	22 Sep. To 13 Oct. 2019
	Training for skills in counselling	20 Oct. to 10 Nov. 2019