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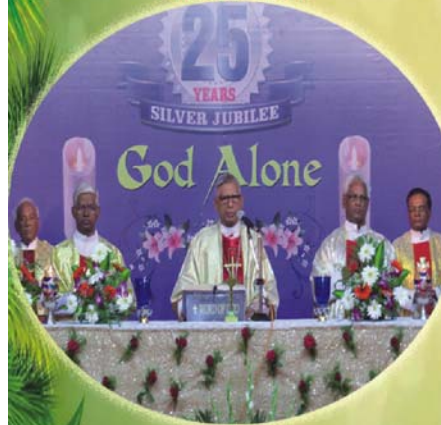
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### The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December 2017

**Mission:** The Elderly: Hat the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spread the faith and forming the new generations.



**பேராயரின் கிறிஸ்துமஸ் வாழ்த்துச் செய்தி**



**கிறிஸ்துமஸ் திருவிழா அமைதியின் பெருவிழா**

அன்புநிறை சகோதர சகோதரிகளே: உங்கள் அனைவருக்கும் கிறிஸ்து பிறப்பு பெருவிழாவின் வாழ்த்துக்களைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன். பாலன் இயேசு உலகிற்குக் கொண்டு வந்த அன்பும் அருளும்: அமைதியும் மகிழ்ச்சியும் உங்களோடு நிறைவாக இருக்க உங்களை வாழ்த்துகிறேன்.

உலகில் உள்ள இயற்கையும் உயிர் இனங்களும்: ஓவ்வொன்றும் மற்றொன்றைத் தேடியே வாழ்ந்து கொண்டிருக்கின்றன. இதில் மனிதர்களும் அடங்குவர்:

நிலவு வானத்தைத் தேடுகிறது;  
நிலம் நீரைத் தேடுகிறது;  
கொடி கொம்பைத் தேடுகிறது: - இது இயற்கை.

கலைமான் நீரோடையைத் தேடுகிறது;  
இளங்கன்று பசுவைத் தேடுகிறது;  
புலி இரையைத் தேடுகிறது: - இது விலங்குகள்.

குழந்தை தாயைத் தேடுகிறது;  
மனிதன் அமைதியைத் தேடுகிறான்;  
மனிதன் இறைவனைத் தேடுகிறான். - இது மனிதர்கள்

வானில் பறக்கப் படைக்கப்பட்ட பறவைக்கு  
வானின்றி வாழ்வுண்டோ?  
நீரில் நீந்துவதற்குப் படைக்கப்பட்ட மீனுக்கு  
நீரின்றி வாழ்வுண்டோ?  
இறைவனில் வாழப் படைக்கப்பட்ட மனிதனுக்கு  
இறைவனின்றி வாழ்வுண்டோ?

இறைவனின் சாயலில் படைக்கப்பட்ட மனிதன்: இறைவனைத் தேடுகின்றான்; ஆனால்: இறைவன் மனிதனைத் தேடி வருகின்றார். இதுதான் கிறிஸ்துமஸ் விழாவின் ஆழமான உண்மை. ஏன் இறைவன் மனிதனைத் தேடி வரவேண்டும்?

நாம் ஒரு பொருளை இழக்கும்போது: வருத்தம் அடைகின்றோம். இழந்த பொருளின் மதிப்பு அதிகம் என்றால்: நாம் அதிகம் வருந்துகின்றோம். காணாமற்போன பொருளை கண்டுபிடிக்கும் வரை நாம் கவனமுடன் தேடுகிறோம். ஆடு மேய்ப்பவர்கள்: காணாமற்போன ஆடுகளைக் கவலையுடன் தேடுவதை நாம் அறிகின்றோம். மனவருத்த முடன் தங்களை விட்டுப் பிரிந்து சென்ற பிள்ளைகளை: பெற்றோர்கள் அக்கறையுடன் கவலையுடன் தேடுகின்றார்கள். அப்பிள்ளைகளைக் கண்டுபிடிக்கும் வரை பெற்றோர்களுக்கு நிம்மதியே கிடையாது.

அன்பின் உருவாகிய: வாழ்வின் ஊற்றாகிய இறைவனின் சாயலில் படைக்கப்பட்ட மனிதன்: அன்புடன்: அமைதியுடன்: மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் என்றுமே வாழ வேண்டும் என்பதுதான் இறைவனின் திருவுளம். ஆனால் மனிதன்: தான் செய்த பாவத்தின் விளைவாக: அமைதியை இழக்கின்றான்; மகிழ்ச்சியைத் இழக்கின்றான்; இறைவனைவிட்டு அகன்று செல்கின்றான். இரக்கமே உருவான கடவுள் தன்னைவிட்டு அகன்று சென்ற மனிதனைத் தம் திருமகன் இயேசு வழியாக தேடிச் செல்கின்றார். இதுதான் கிறிஸ்துமஸ் பெருவிழா.

பாவத்தினால்: வாழ்விலிருந்து சாவை நோக்கிச் சென்ற மனிதனுக்கு வாழ்வளிக்க: இயேசு இவ்வுலகில் மனிதவுரு எடுக்கின்றார்; ஒளியிலிருந்து இருளை நோக்கிச் சென்ற மனிதனுக்கு ஒளியாக: இயேசு மனிதவுரு எடுக்கின்றார்; அமைதியை இழந்த மனிதனுக்கு அமைதியின் அரசராக இயேசு இவ்வுலகில் மனிதனாகப் பிறக்கின்றார்; நம்பிக்கையை இழந்த மனிதனுக்கு: நம்பிக்கையின் நட்சத்திரமாக இயேசு மனிதனாகப் பிறக்கின்றார். அன்பே உருவான கடவுள்: மனிதர்களாகிய நம்மை எவ்வளவு தூரம் அன்பு செய்தார் என்றால்: நமக்காக: நமது வாழ்வுக்காக: நமது அமைதிக்காக தம் ஒரே மகனை அளித்துள்ளார்.

திருவிவிலியத்தில் ஷலோம் என்னும் எபிரேயச் சொல் சமாதானம். அமைதி என தமிழில் மொழி பெயர்க்கப்படுகிறது. ஷலோம் என்பது மனிதர்கள் உடலில் நலமுடன். உள்ளத்தில் மகிழ்வுடன். மனதில் அமைதியுடன். சமுதாயத்தில் தோழமையுடன். ஒற்றுமையுடன். பாதுகாப்புடன் வாழும் நிலையைக் குறித்துக்காட்டுகிறது. இது கடவுளின் மாபெரும் கொடையாக மனிதர்களுக்கு அருளப்படுகிறது. மனிதர்கள் சமாதானம் என்னும் கொடையைப் பெற்று அனுபவிக்க வேண்டுமென்றால். அவர்கள் இறைவனோடு. சக மனிதர்களோடு. தங்களோடு. இயற்கையோடு. சரியான முறையான உறவுகளில் வாழ வேண்டும்.

இறைவனின் மாபெரும் கொடையாகிய சமாதானத்தை மனிதர்களுக்கு நிறைவாக அளிக்க வேண்டும் என்றுதான் இறைவனின் திருமகன் இயேசு மனிதவுரு எடுக்கின்றார். பெத்லேகம் என்னும் ஊரில் இயேசு மனிதனாகப் பிறந்தவுடன். “உன்னதங்களிலே கடவுளுக்கு மகிமையுண்டாகுக; உலகிலே அவர் தயவு பெற்றவர்க்கு அமைதி ஆகுக” என்று வானோர் படைத்திரள் பாடியது (லூக். 2:14). இயேசுவின் மனித பிறப்பு கடவுளுக்கு மகிமையை அளிக்கிறது; மனிதர்களுக்கு அமைதியை அருள்கிறது.

இயேசு கிறிஸ்து கடவுளின் நற்செய்தியாக இவ்வுலகில் மனிதனாகப் பிறக்கின்றார். நற்செய்தி என்பது. கடவுள் நமது அன்பு தந்தை; நாம் அனைவரும் கடவுளின் அன்பு பிள்ளைகள். நற்செய்தி என்பது கடவுள் நம்மை தம் திருமகன் இயேசு வழியாக அன்பு செய்கின்றார். நற்செய்தி என்பது கடவுள் தம் ஒரே மகன் இயேசு வழியாக நமக்குச் சமாதானம் என்னும் கொடையை அருள்கின்றார்.

இயேசு. சமாதானத்தின் நற்செய்தியை எல்லா மக்களுக்கும் அறிவித்து வந்தார். “சமாதானம் செய்வோர் பேறுபெற்றோர். ஏனெனில். அவர்கள் கடவுளின் மக்கள் எனப்படுவர்” (மத். 5:9) என்று இயேசு போதித்தார். “சமாதானத்தை உங்களுக்கு விட்டுச் செல்கிறேன்; என் சமாதானத்தையே உங்களுக்கு அளிக்கிறேன்; நான் உங்களுக்கு அளிக்கும் சமாதானமோ. உலகம் தரும் சமாதானம் போல் அன்று” (அரு. 14:27) எனக் கூறி. இயேசு தம் சமாதானத்தை தம் சீடர்களுக்கும் அவர்கள் வழியாக எல்லா மக்களுக்கும் அருளுகின்றார். விண்ணரசின் நற்செய்தியை அறிவிக்க இயேசு தம் சீடர்களை அனுப்புகின்றார். அவர்கள் “உங்களுக்குச் சமாதானம்” (மத். 10:12) என்று மக்களுக்கு சமாதான வாழ்த்து கூறவேண்டுமென்று இயேசு பணிக்கின்றார்.

இயேசு. போதனையால் மட்டுமல்ல. தமது அன்புப் பணிகள். இரக்கப் பணிகள். நீதிச் செயல்கள் வழியாகவும் சமாதானத்தின் நற்செய்தியை அறிவித்தார். பாவிளின் பாவங்களை மன்னிக்கின்றார். “உன் பாவங்கள் மன்னிக்கப்பட்டன. சமாதானமாய்ப் போ” என்று கூறி பாவிக்கு மன்னிப்பு அளித்து. சமாதானம் என்னும் அருளையும் வழங்குகின்றார். பல்வேறு நோய்களால் வருந்திய பலரைக் குணப்படுத்தினார். ஏழைகளோடு தனிப்பட்ட தோழமை கொண்டார். ஆதரவற்றவர்களை அரவணைத்தார். மனிதர்களுக்குப் புதிய மாண்பினை அளித்தார்.

இயேசு. தமது பாடுகள். சிலுவை மரணம். மகிமையான உயிர்ப்பு வழியாக. நம்மை இறைவனோடு ஒப்புரவாக்கி. நமக்கு சமாதானத்தை நிறைவாக அருளுகின்றார். உயிர்த்த இயேசு தம் சீடர்களைச் சந்திக்கும் போதெல்லாம். “உங்களுக்கு சமாதானம்” (அரு. 20:20-21) என்று சமாதான வாழ்த்துக் கூறுகின்றார்.

சமாதானத்தின் நற்செய்தியை அறிவிக்க இயேசுவினால் அனுப்பப்பட்ட திருத்தூதர்கள் மக்கள் அனைவரும் அன்புடன். ஒற்றுமையுடன். சமாதானத்துடன். சகோதர வாஞ்சையுடன் வாழ வேண்டுமென்று வலியுறுத்தி வந்தனர். திருத்தூதர் பவுல் சமாதான வாழ்த்துடன் தன் திருமுகங்களை தொடங்குகின்றார். “நம் தந்தையாகிய கடவுளிமிருந்தும். ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவிடமிருந்தும் உங்களுக்கு அருளும் சமாதானமும் உண்டாகுக” (உரோ. 1:3). என்று உரோமைக் கிறிஸ்தவர்களுக்கு வாழ்த்துக் கூறுகின்றார்.

“கிறிஸ்துவே நம் சமாதானம்” (எபே. 2:14) என்றும். அவர் வழியாகவே யூத இனத்தாருக்கும் புறவினத்தாருக்கும் இடையே நின்ற பகைமை என்னும் தடைச் சுவர் தகர்க்கப்பட்டு. ஒற்றுமையும் சமாதானமும் அருளப்பட்டன என்று புனித பவுல் போதிக்கின்றார். “கடவுளின் அரசு உணவிலும் பானத்திலும் அடங்குவதில்லை; கடவுளின் அரசு என்பது நீதியும் அமைதியும். தூய ஆவியில் தயங்கும் மகிழ்ச்சியும்” (உரோ. 14:17) என்று அவர் கற்பிக்கின்றார். கிறிஸ்துவின் சமாதானம் மக்களின் இதயங்களில் ஆட்சி புரிய வேண்டுமென (கொலோ. 3:15) அவர் விரும்பி ஜெபிக்கின்றார்.

இன்றைய உலகில் நுகர்வு கலாச்சாரத்தை நாம் எங்கும் பார்க்கின்றோம். மனிதர்கள் பொன்னையும் பொருளையும் தேடுகின்றார்கள். இன்ப சுகங்களை நாடுகின்றார்கள். பணத்தைக் குவிக்கின்றார்கள். இலஞ்சம். ஊழல். தலைவிரித்தாடுகிறது. பல இடங்களில் பயங்கரவாதம். வன்முறை. கொடுமை. போட்டி பொறாமைகள்.

சண்டை சச்சரவுகள்.: கொலை.: கொள்ளை.: பெண்கள்.: பெண் குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான குற்றங்கள் நிறைந்து கிடக்கின்றன.

இன்றைய சமுதாயத்தில் சாதி.: மதம்.: மொழி.: இனம் ஆகியவற்றால்.: மக்கள் மத்தியில் வேண்டாத வேறுபாடுகள்.: ஏற்றுக் கொள்ள முடியாத ஏற்றத்தாழ்வுகள் இருக்கின்றன. பணம்.: படிப்பு.: பட்டம்.: பதவி.: பண்பாடு ஆகியவற்றால் மக்கள் பிரிக்கப்படுகின்றார்கள்; புறக்கணிக்கப் படுகின்றார்கள் இன்று மனித மாண்பு மதிக்கப் படுவதில்லை; மனித உயிர்களுக்குப் பாதுகாப்பு இல்லை; மனித உரிமைகள் மறுக்கப்படுகின்றன; மக்கள் அச்ச உணர்வுடன்.: பாதுகாப்பற்ற நிலையில் வாழ்ந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

மக்கள் வறுமையில் வாடுகின்றார்கள்; வாழ வழியின்றி தவிக்கின்றார்கள்; பல இடங்களில் பஞ்சம்.: பசி.: பட்டினி. ஒவ்வொரு நாளும் ஆயிரக் கணக்கான குழந்தைகள் பசியால் வாடி இறக்கின்றார்கள். இன்றைய சமுதாயத்தில் ஏழை மக்கள் பல்வேறு நிலையில் நசுக்கப்படுகின்றார்கள். சமுதாயத்தின் விளிம்பிற்குத் தள்ளப்படுகின்றார்கள். ஆதிக்க வர்க்கத்தாலும் அநீத அமைப்புகளாலும் அடிமைப்படுத்தப் படுகின்றார்கள்.: நம் மக்கள்.

இப்படிப்பட்ட சூழ்நிலையில்.: நாம் நாட்டிற்கும் உலகிற்கும் அதிகமாகத் தேவைப்படுவது சமாதானம்; சமாதானம் என்பது போர்.: கலவரம்.: குழப்பம்.: வன்முறை.: சண்டை சச்சரவு ஆகியவை இல்லாத நிலை மட்டுமல்ல. மனித சமுதாயத்திற்கு அடித்தளம் அமைத்தவரான கடவுள்.: அச்சமுதாயத்தில் ஓர் ஒழுங்குமுறையையும் பொறித்து வைத்துள்ளார். இந்த ஒழுங்கு முறையின் கனியாகப் பிறப்பதுதான் சமாதானம். மனித சமுதாயத்தின் பொதுநலனைப் பாதுகாக்கவே இறைவன் இந்த ஒழுங்குமுறையை அமைத்துள்ளார்.

மனிதர்களாகிய நாம் வாழ்வது.: உறவுகளினால் என்பதை நாம் அறிகின்றோம். நமது நிறைவாழ்வும்.: நாம் பெரிதும் விரும்பும் சமாதானமும் நாம் வாழும் முறைகளையும் நமது உறவுகளையும் பொருத்தே அமைகின்றன. இறைவன் மனித சமுதாயத்திற்குப் பொறித்து வைத்துள்ள ஒழுங்குமுறை.: உறவுகளை அடிப்படையாக கொண்டது. அன்பு.: உண்மை.: நீதி.: நேர்மை.: சமத்துவம்.: பகிர்வு.: சகோதரத்துவம்.: மன்னித்தல் ஆகிய பண்புகள் மனித உறவுகளுக்கு அடிப்படையாக இருக்கின்றன.

அன்பே உருவான கடவுளின் சாயலில் படைக்கப்பட்ட மனிதர்கள்.: அன்பு செய்யவும்.: அன்பு செய்யப்படவும் படைக்கப்படுகின்றார்கள்.

அன்புதான் மனித வாழ்வுக்கும் உறவுகளுக்கும் அடிப்படையாக அமைகிறது. நாம் அன்புள்ளவர்களாக வாழ்ந்து.: மற்றவர்களை அன்புடன் நடத்தும்போது நமது உள்ளத்தில் அமைதியை அனுபவிக்கின்றோம். அமைதியானது அன்பின் கனியாக இருக்கின்றது. நாம் நல்லவர்களாக வாழ்ந்து.: மற்றவர்களுக்கு நன்மை செய்யும்போது.: நமது உள்ளத்தில் சமாதானத்தை அனுபவிக்கின்றோம்.

நாம் மனிதர்களை மனித மாண்புடன் நடத்தும்போதும்.: நாம் நீதி உள்ளவர்களாக வாழ்ந்து.: மற்றவர்களை நேர்மையுடன் நடத்தும்போதும்.: சமுதாயத்தில் சமாதானம் இருப்பதைப் பார்க்கின்றோம். நீதி இல்லாத இடத்தில் சமாதானம் இருக்க முடியாது. நீதி உள்ள சூழ்நிலையில் சமாதானம் நிறைந்திருக்கும். எனவே.: சமாதானம் நீதியின் விளைவு என்று நாம் கூறலாம். மனித நேயம் மலரும்போது.: மனித உயிர்கள் மதிக்கப்படும்போது.: மனித உரிமைகள் பாதுகாக்கப்படும்போது.: பெண்மை போற்றப்படும்போது சமுதாயத்தில் அமைதி நிலவுகிறது.

கடவுள் நம் குற்றங்குறைகளை மன்னிப்பதுபோல.: நாமும் நம் சகோதர சகோதரிகளின் குற்றங்குறைகளை மனதார மன்னிக்கும் போது நம் உள்ளத்தில் மகிழ்ச்சியும்.: மனதில் அமைதியும் நாம் அனுபவிக்கின்றோம். மன்னிப்புத் தருவதும்.: மன்னிப்புப் பெறுவதும் மன அமைதியை அளிக்கிறது.

உலகில் நடந்த இரண்டு உலகப் போர்களையும்.: நாடுகளுக்கிடையே நடக்கும் போர்களையும்.: உள்நாட்டுப் போர்களையும் நாம் ஆராய்ந்து பார்க்கும்போது.: போட்டி பொறாமைகள்.: பேராசைகள்.: மனிதத்தை மதிக்காதப்போக்கு ஆகியவை முக்கிய காரணங்களாக இருப்பதை நாம் அறிகின்றோம். போர்களினால் உலக சமாதானம் பெரிதும் பாதிக்கப்படுகிறது. மனித இனத்தின் பொது நலனும்.: நாடுகளுக்கிடையே சமாதானமும் நிலையான சட்டத்தாலும் உடன்படிக்கையாலும் உறுதி செய்யப்பட வேண்டும்.

மனிதர்கள் விரும்பித் தேடும் சமாதானத்தை மனித முயற்சிகளால் மட்டும் அடைந்துவிட முடியாது. சமாதானம் கடவுளின் அருமையான கொடையாக மனிதவுரு எடுத்த இயேசு வழியாக நமக்கு அருள்படுகிறது. பாலன் இயேசு இவ்வலகிற்குக் கொண்டு வந்த சமாதானத்தை நாம் நிறைவாகப் பெற வேண்டுமென்றால்.: நாம் உள்ளத்தை நற்பண்புகளால் நிரப்ப வேண்டும்.

உலகில் நீதி இல்லையென்றால்.: சமாதானமும் இருக்க முடியாது. எனவே.: நீதிக்காகப் போராடி.: சமாதானத்தை நிலைநாட்ட முன்



வருவோம். உலகில் போர்க் கருவிகள் குறைய வேண்டும். மறைய வேண்டும். போர்க் கருவிகள் தொழிற்கருவிகளாக மாற்றப்படவேண்டும். மக்கள் “தங்கள் வாங்களைக் கலப்பைக் கொழுக்களாகவும். தங்கள் ஈட்டிகளைக் கருக்கரிவார்களாகவும்” (எசா. 2:4) அடித்து. அமைதிக்காக பாடுபட அழைக்கப்படுகிறார்கள்.

இறைவனோடு. இயற்கையோடு. நம் சகோதர சகோதரிகளோடு. நம்மோடு நாம் கொண்டுள்ள உறவுகளைச் சரிசெய்து. பாலன் இயேசு கொண்டு வந்த சமாதானத்தை நிறைவாகப் பெற்று மகிழ்வோம். “இறைவா. என்னை உமது சமாதானத்தின் கருவியாக ஆக்கும்”. என்று செபித்து. சமாதானத்தின் கருவியாக செயல்பட்ட புனித பிரான்சிஸ் அசிசியாரைப் போல. உலக சமாதானத்திற்காக உருக்கமுடன் செபிப்போம். சமாதானத்தின் கருவியாக செயல்பட்டு. உலகில் சமாதானத்தை நிலைநாட்டுவோம்; சமாதானத்தின் கலாச்சாரத்தை உருவாக்குவோம்.

இன்று நம் நாட்டிற்கு அதிகம் தேவைப்படுவது; சமாதானம். மதநல்லிணக்கம். தேசிய ஒற்றுமை ஒருமைப்பாடு. வேற்றுமையில் ஒற்றுமை. ஒற்றுமையில் வேற்றுமை: Peace, Religious Harmony, National Unity and Integrity, Unity in Diversity, Diversity in Unity. இக்கொடைகளை பாலன் இயேசு நம் நாட்டிற்கு அளிப்பாராக.

கடவுளின் மாபெரும் கொடையாகிய சமாதானத்தை இவ்வலகிற்குக் கொண்டு வந்த பாலன் இயேசு உங்கள் எல்லோரையும் நிறைவாக ஆசீர்வதிப்பாராக.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**(+மேதகு அந்தோனி ஆனந்தராயர்)**

**பேராயர், புதுவை-கடலூர்**

### **1. Most Rev. Dr. S. Michael Augustine (1933-2017)**

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. S. Michael Augustine was ordained priest on 15-04-1961 for our Archdiocese. As Professor, Vice Rector and Rector of St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore

from 1963 to 1978 he devoted himself fully and tirelessly for the formation of priests. It was due to his great efforts that St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary was upgraded into St. Peter's Pontifical Institute. He became the First President of this Institute. He was an excellent Professor and a very good Rector.

On 29-03-1978 he was consecrated as the Auxiliary Bishop of Madras-Mylapore. He had the heart and mind of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Hence, he took “FIAT” as his Episcopal motto. From 1981 to 1992 he was the Diocesan Bishop of Vellore. He had great love for the poor, the Dalits and the marginalized. He took the initiatives to start the SC/ST Commission at the national and regional levels. He took a lot of efforts for getting constitutionally SC Status for the Dalit Christians.

From 1992 to 2004 he was the Metropolitan Archbishop of our Archdiocese. He paid special attention to the faith formation of the children, catechetical formation of the youth and witnessing life of the families. He promoted vocations to the priesthood and religious life. He took up the great work of translating the Tamil Lectionary and the Tamil Missal. He took care of the Archdiocesan priests in a special way. During his tenure of office, our Archdiocese had a marvelous growth.

Archbishop S. Michael Augustine went to his eternal reward on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017. His death is a great loss to our Archdiocese. He was a man of deep faith and ardent prayer. Like a Good Shepherd he cared for all our faithful. He was a great leader and an able administrator. He was kind and compassionate. He was a man of high discipline and hard work. He had a pastoral approach to any problem.

We thank God for the precious gift of Most Rev. Dr. S. Michael Augustine, the 12<sup>th</sup> Prelate of our Archdiocese and pray for the repose of his soul.

## **2. Rev. Fr. A. Maria Selvam: 1936 – 2017**

Rev. Fr. A. Maria Selvam was ordained priest on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1964 for our Archdiocese. He had a great interest for the Holy Bible. He was the First Tamil priest to get Doctorate in Holy Scripture from the Gregorian University, Rome. Through preaching, classes and seminars, he devoted himself to the biblical apostolate.

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Rev. Fr. A. Maria Selvam went to his eternal reward. He is known for his sense of seriousness, discipline and hard work. Let us thank God for the precious gift of Rev. Fr. A. Maria Selvam for our Archdiocese and pray for the repose of his soul.

## **3. Very Rev. Msgr. Matthew Nellikunnam: 1921 – 2017**

Very Rev. Msgr. Matthew Nellikunnam was ordained priest on 19<sup>th</sup> December 1945 for our Archdiocese. As a boarding prefect for 10 years he dedicated himself for the formation and education of the boys. He was Parish Priest for 36 years and DOS Manager for 19 years. He paid great attention to the welfare of the DOS Teachers and made them to be more dedicated in their teaching and to be quite exemplary to the students. He collected all the available informations about our parishes, institutions and properties and documented them.

As **Vicar General** of our Archdiocese for 12 years he rendered marvelous services. On 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 he had gone to his eternal reward. Very Rev. Msgr. Matthew Nellikunnam is a unique person. Of all our Archdiocesan Indian priests, he is the only one who had the longest life of 97 years and the longest priestly ministry of 72 years. He was a man of deep prayer life and of dedicated pastoral ministry. He was quite serious and sincere about his priestly life and services. He was known for his hard work and strict discipline.

22 priests from Kerala had served our Archdiocese from 1933 to 2017. We thank them for their exemplary lives and dedicated pastoral ministries. Very Rev. Fr. Matthew Nellikunnam is the last one to go his eternal reward. We thank the grace-filled Nellikunnam family, Edathua parish of Palai diocese. We thank God for the precious gift of Very Rev. Msgr. Matthew Nellikunnam and pray for the repose of his soul.

## **4. Very Rev. Msgr. A. Adaikalasamy (1932 – 2017)**

Very Rev. Msgr. A. Adaikalasamy was ordained priest on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1960 for our Archdiocese. As a prefect at St. Joseph's boarding, he dedicated himself to the education of the boys. As Parish Priest in Tindivanam, Erayur, **Cathedral**, Rainbow Nagar, Thattanchavady he showed great zeal for souls. He paid special attention to the youth and the children.

As **Procurator** of our Archdiocese for 15 years he rendered dedicated services. He constructed many churches, presbyteries, schools, halls and shopping complexes. He put order in properties and financial matters. As **Vicar General** he had a great role in the administration for our Archdiocese. He was spiritual father for 10 years at Emmaus Spirituality Centre, Sithanangur. Through confession, counseling and preaching he was serving as channel of God's graces for lakhs of faithful.

Very Rev. Msgr. A. Adaikalasamy had gone to his eternal reward on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017. He was a man of faith and prayer. He had great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was a man of discipline and hard work. His prayer life and dedicated ministry made our Archdiocese grow to a great extent. We thank God for the precious gift of Very Rev. Msgr. A. Adaikalasamy and pray for the repose of his soul.

### **5. Common Monthly Recollection**

There will be a Common Monthly Recollection for all the Diocesan Priests and for all Religious men working in our Archdiocese, on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017** at the Archbishop's House, Pondicherry from **10.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.** All are kindly requested to take note of it and participate in it.

### **6. Annual Retreat – First Batch**

The Annual Retreat for the priests of the First Batch (*List given at the end of this News Letter*) will take place from **08<sup>th</sup> Monday to 12<sup>th</sup> Friday, January 2018** at the Archbishop's House, Pondicherry. If you, for some valid reason, are not able to participate in this retreat, you should get my written permission for your absence and inform Rev. Fr. Procurator. Making annual retreat is a serious obligation of the clergy (Can. 276/4). Hence, you are to make your own arrangements for your annual retreat, if you do not join the diocesan retreat. All the priests are asked to bring their **Mass-Diaries** to be signed by the Vicar General and their Bible.

### **7. Diaconate Ministry**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Seminary</u></b>	<b><u>Ministry</u></b>
Dn. R. Alex	St. Peter's	Mugaiyur
Dn. D. Arokia sagayaraj	St. Peter's	Seppakam
Dn. S. Jayaseelan	Good Shepherd	St.Xavier's Villupuram
Dn. L. Jeeva E. Edison	Good Shepherd	Tindivanam

### **ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR DECEMBER - 2017**

03	SUN	07.30 a.m.	Feast Mass, St. Francis Xavier Church, Villupuram.
		11.00 a.m	Mass, Kovilanur Month's Mind-Most.Rev.Dr. S. Michael Augustine.
08	FRI	06.30 a.m.	Feast Mass, Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Pondicherry.
		05.30 p.m.	Mass, Dedication of the Renovated Cathedral, Kumbakonam.
11	MON	11.00 a.m.	Blessing of St. Joseph's Hospice, Pullichapallam.
14	THU	10.00 a.m.	Common Monthly Recollection Archbishop's House.
16	SAT	10.30 a.m.	Mass, Kirupalaya, Korukaimedu.
17	SUN	11.15 a.m.	Mass, CRI-Pondy, Cathedral.
21	THU	06.00 p.m.	Christmas Celebration Petit Seminaire HSS, Pondicherry.
22	FRI	10.30 a.m.	Mass, Lumen Institute, Tindivanam.
24	SUN	11.45 p.m.	<b>Christmas Mass, Cathedral.</b>
25	MON	05.00 p.m.	Benediction, Cathedral.
31	SUN	11.55 p.m.	<b>New Year Mass, Cathedral.</b>

**[sd]+Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**  
Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore

**ARCHBISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND**

No.	Date	Name	Amount
1	01.11.17	Shalom Provincial, Tindivanam	10500
2	"	Gonzaga Cottage Sisters, Pondicherry	5000
3	"	Thiyagadurugam Parish	5000
4	"	Kallakurichy Paris	3000
5	"	Sisters Disciples Convent, Pondicherry	2500
6	18.11.17	Montfort Brothers, Tindivanam	15000
7	"	Carmel Convent, Muthialpet	7000
8	24.11.17	Premraja, Pondicherry	100000
<b>Total as on 30.11.2017</b>			<b>148000</b>
<b>Received up to 31.10.2017</b>			<b>27251350</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>27399350</b>

**[sd]+Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**  
Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore

**NECROLOGY**

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rev. Frs.:**

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07-12-2000	Stanislaus. D
08-12-1981	Ignatius. M
09-12-2000	Gnanadickam. S
10-12-1961	Breas. J., MEP
10-12-1995	Antony Muthu. D
15-12-2006	Charles Antony. A
15-12-2015	Inniah. M
18-12-1977	Susai. J
20-12-1980	Marianaden. M.D.
23-12-1983	Chambonnier. J., MEP
26-12-1985	Irudayam. K.
30-12-2015	Abraham. J

**FROM THE DESK OF VICARS****Get up and Walk**

Time flies, does not wait for us. 2017 is coming to its culmination and 2018 is ready for delivery. Where are we? "Get up and Walk" will awaken in us many thoughts. May it take place along with the Child Jesus a reward at the close of 2017 and a gift in our hands at the beginning of 2018 is really marvelous and merciful. The Risen Lord is inviting all of us to grow in the awareness of God. The growth of Christ-awareness is the measure of human and priestly life.

**Sit in Dhyana**

God is offering us 365 days in 2017, 8760 hours altogether. How many hours, I was able to sit in dhyana personally or with a group in 2017, is it at least one and half hours per day around 547½ hours out of 8760 hours of the year, balance we have 8222½ hours for all the rest.

Dhyana links one with the divine and without the divine what can the human do? It is all selfishness in different masks for without me you can do nothing. We are afraid to face our own real self and in that God Himself lest we be disturbed and change for the better. That one may be happy and healthy, dhyana is necessary rather than any other religious exercise because in dhyana we lose the ego and gain the superego. Practice the dhyana and experience self and God.

**Be Open and Welcome**

God offers hundred and one opportunities at all times from within and without. Welcome them and respond with His grace, our life will be meaningful and purposeful. God is offering the New Year 2018 with all its graces and blessings, let us be prepared to be open and welcome it with hope and love so that we are a blessing to ourselves and others in the name of the Risen Lord.

**Very Rev. Msgr. A. Arulanandam**

Vicar General

**Very Rev. Msgr. A. Louis**

Episcopal Vicar



**FROM THE DESK OF FR. PROCURATOR****Mass Intentions received in November - 2017**

Date	Name of the Parish	No. of Masses
07.11.2017	Vinoba Nagar parish	106 mass intentions

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Date	Name of the Priest	No. of Masses
07.11.2017	Fr.A.J.Lawrence	5 mass intentions

**Rev. Fr. J.M. Gregory Louis Joseph**  
Procurator

**VOICE FROM METROPOLITAN MATRIMONIAL TRIBUNAL - 86****Respect Elders and Love them immensely at Home**

The elders of the family at home are to be respected, honored, cared and to be loved immensely. They are not a burden or nuisance for the family. They are the one who safeguards the patrimony or the rich treasures of the generations of prestigious families.

Ageism is prejudicial attitude that stands from the assumption that age discrimination and sometimes neglect and abuse of older persons as an acceptable social norm. Such discrimination shapes how older persons are perceived and treated by families, societies, including medical settings and work places. In fact, such a perception and treatment of the elderly limit their potential and impact their health and well-being. Earlier it was predicted that India would be the youngest country in the world by 2020 with a medium age of 29 years. In April 2016, the ministry of statistics and programme implementation released

a report, "The Elderly in India 2016." This report highlights a few significant things, which we need to take into our consideration. First, the elderly persons above 60 years in India, 71% are living in the village and 29% living in the cities, Secondly, there were 7.66 crores (5.6%) elderly were in 2001 and in 2011 it has increased to 35.5 crores(8.6%). The quantum leap is 35.5% in ten-years period. It is estimated by 2050, one of every five Indians will be 60 years old. It is a grim remainder to us that India is ageing too.

One of the legacies passed on to us by our parents was deep respect for the elderly. We have been taught that old age is not something to disdain, but it is to appreciate and revere. But these attitudes are slowly vanishing because of the dwindling of the joint family, the rise of the dual-carrier families in which both the spouses have carriers, the increasing life expectancy with greater chances of prolonged age, characterized by poverty and dependency. Hence, the elderly are considered as nuisance and burdensome and are more susceptible to abusive treatment.

As society develops materially, the old are more neglected. Nowadays we see the growth of "Homes for the aged"; if one can afford them. Some families are too happy to "dispatch" their parents to such homes. If one cannot afford them, the old are just sent out of their own homes and left to hunger and die in the streets. Some of them, land in some of the charity home run by religious trusts and philanthropists.

Every year the international Elders day is celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The Former UN Secretary General Ban-Ki-Moon says, "It is now our chance to take a stand against the destructive problem of ageism. Ending ageism and securing human rights of older persons are an ethical and practical imperative. The global population of older persons is expected to rise 2.1 billion by 2050... I condemn ageism in all its

forms and call for the measures to address this violation of human rights as we strive to improve societies for people of all ages.” 2017 World Population Data Sheet with a special focus on Youth gives 7.5 Billion ([www.worldpopdata.org](http://www.worldpopdata.org)). Most Populous countries (millions), we note first place China 1,386.8 and India 1,352.6 in 2017 but in 2050 India will be first place 1,676 and China will become second 1,343 ([www.prb.org](http://www.prb.org)).

Meanwhile, there are lots of commotion and doubts about the field of medicine, marketing of pharmacy, tactics of cure and deceases that affect all age groups, are great concern for everyone.

Archbishop Nichols, Head of the Catholic Church UK says, “Age is something that comes to us all. It brings its joys and diminishments, but it is still me-here is the critical message in providing care for the elderly by the community... The elderly are not a burden but a gift. Without them, our lives and the society would be impoverished and diminished. They have a right to our resources and our care”. (*Courtesy: Diocesan News Letter, Most Rev. Dr. M. Devadass Ambrose, Vol.32, no.10, October 2017, pp.1-2*). Thanking you.

*For your kind information: Tribunal Land Line (0413) 6590562 is out of service.*

#### Points to Ponder:

- **What is NEET?:** The NEET indicator (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) measures the percentage of Youth - typically ages 15 to 24 – who are not in the education system, not working, and not in work training. They are missing out on chances to develop their potential in adulthood. **Notes:** Classification of NEET categories may vary slightly across countries as referenced in ILOSTAT. The four income groups refer to the World Bank’s Country classification in 2017 the income group thresholds for the four groups in 2015 are based on gross national income per capita in 2015 (calculated using

the World Bank Atlas Method). Unlike standard unemployment measures, the NEET measure also includes Youth who are not actively looking for work or not available to work. **Sources:** International Labor Organization, ILOSTAT, World Bank, World Development indicators.

- **Status of Priests and Nuns:** The long debate regarding the status of Catholic priests and religious to practice the law come to an end. The Supreme Court of India has ruled out that the status of their life is not in a “professional engagement” for profit, but a way of life, thus ending the long drawn dispute. The clash began in 2004 when a Catholic priest and two nuns were denied the enrollment in the Kerala unit of Bar Council of India because its rules didn’t permit people in other profession to practice the law. It seems Bar Council of India misinterpreted the word “profession” said Sister Mary Scaria, a Supreme Court lawyer. The court made clear that the profession of a religious “has nothing to do with professional engagement” sister told. India has some 1,000 men and women religious who are qualified lawyers. (*Smart Companion India, November, 2017, p.31*).
- Before you act, listen. Before you react, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try. – Ernest Hemingway
- A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges is not Christian. This is not in the Gospel. - Pope Francis
- “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” -

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May the blessings of Infant Jesus fill our hearts, parishes and homes with joy, happiness and peace during the Holy season of Advent and Merry Christm

**Rev. Fr. S. Pascal Raj**  
Judicial Vicar

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**St. Xavier's Pastoral Centre****Commission for Evangelization****Monthly Prayer Meeting**

Last month on 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday Rev. Fr. M. George Dhanasekar a Charismatic Preacher from the Diocese of Coimbatore and the Rector of St. Antony's Shrine, Puliankulam conducted this one day Prayer Meeting. It was really excellent. More than 350 people from around 20 parishes in and around Pondicherry came and participated.

This month as a Preparation for the meaningful celebration of Christmas, we shall be having 2 days Prayer Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December from 09.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m. every day. A lay Sister, a stigmatic Ms. L. Josephine Vimala and Rev. Fr. Maria Joseph, Director, Charismatic Centre and Secretary for the Commission for Evangelization of Sulthanpet Diocese will conduct the two days preparatory Prayer Meeting in our centre. Kindly announce about this in your parishes so that people may have some experience of mysticism and God experience.

**CDPI (Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India)**

The meeting of the National Council of CDPI of this year is going to be held in Chenglepet Diocese where our Venue "Joe Beach" is located near Mahabalipuram from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018. In all the Latin Dioceses of India, an executive committee consisting of 5 members (along with Senate Secretary, two elected by the Senate from the diocesan Priests of Presbyterium and two nominated by the Bishop, and if the Secretary is a religious, one more diocesan Priest has to be elected) will be the basic unit of the CDPI. Among the five, one will be the President. And in this National Executive Council all the Presidents of the Diocesan Executive Committee (if unable, the Secretary or one among the rest of the 3), all the Regional Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers and Vice Presidents, all the



Regional Secretaries of the Commission for Clergy and if possible all the Bishops Chairman of this Commission for the Clergy will attend this meeting. So we will be around 200. This year the main topic is ***“The Responses of the Diocesan Priests to the Draconian Danger of Rising Hindutva, Fundamentalism and Communalism in India”*** Kindly pray for this meeting.

### **CDPI Regional Executive Meeting**

On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017, we had this meeting in TMSSS to prepare for this National Council meeting. And Most Rev. Soosai Manikkam, Bishop of Sivagangai the Chairman of the Commission for Clergy, Religious, Vocation and Seminarians and the Patron of the CDPI Presided over this meeting. As the hosting Region and as the diocese near to the venue, our diocesan executive members will participate and we need some Volunteers (Priests) for the smooth functioning of this council. If some you want to be the volunteers, kindly contact me.

### **SC/ST General Body Meeting**

In the centre, on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Saturday we had the SC/ST General Body Meeting.

### **Commissions' Secretaries Meeting**

On 28<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 2017, we had the Secretaries meeting in the Bishop's House. Our Archbishop presided over the meeting in the presence of the Vicar General and Episcopal Vicar. All the Secretaries gave their Commissions' Report from last November till this November. We had an evaluation of the reports and also they gave future plans of their commissions for the coming year 2018. I thank all the Secretaries for their superb cooperation and effective execution of their fruitful and innovative plans. And the Archbishop also appreciated all the Secretaries.

### **Madha T.V.**

The students of St. Joseph of Cluny, Lawspet is going to give a paid Christmas Programme in Madha T.V. The shooting was done by Madha T.V. Team on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of November. We thank them for this generous and hard work they have put in. I congratulate the Sisters and Staff of this institution.

On behalf of the Archdiocese, we are preparing an half an hour Carols programme. And we will announce the date and time of the Telecasting.

### **Senate Meeting**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday we had the Senate Meeting. All the suggestions which came from the vicariates were included in the Agenda except those which were given in the previous two meetings of this year. I thank all the Vicars Forane for their cooperation to collect the suggestions of our Fathers and transmitted them to me by the modern media.

On behalf of the Centre, I wish you all **A Happy CHRISTMAS and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

**Fr. A. J. Philomindoss**  
Director

### **SC/ST COMMISSION REPORT**

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

#### **1. Diocesan General Body Meeting :**

The diocesan general body meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in St. Xavier's Pastoral Centre, Uppalam. There are 80 members participated from various parishes Fr. Ablert Nelson, the Regional Secretary gave a motivational talk to the participants.

The following points are discussed in the meeting:

- Political Empowerment of dalit Christian in the forthcoming panjayat election.
- Executing the dalit policy in our archdiocese.
- Improving the SC/ST scholarship.
- The social media campaign “Dalits In Limbo “.

### 2. Distributing Study Materials To Poor Dalit Student:

We have distributed the study materials to around 70 poor dalit students in St. Antony’s Primary School , Thiruvampattu (Kommedu parish) on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 . We thank Fr. R. Pascal raj , Principal , Petit Seminar Matric Higher Secondary School for sponsoring the study materials.

### 3. Dalit Christians Liberation Sunday:

The Dalist Christmas liberation Sunday has been celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> November in all the parishes of our archdiocese. In the same day Dalit Policy and the action plan of policy are introduced to the people in all the parishes. The DLS message given by Fr. Arputharaj , Diocesan Secretary has been telecasted in Matha T.V and Lourdes T.V

**Fr. A. Arputharaj**  
Secretary, SC/ST Commission.

### ACTIVITIES :

#### 1.YCS Visits In The Month Of November :

The following schools has been visited and motivated by youth commission in the month of November. Thanks to the respective principals and correspondent for their invitation and initiative support.

- St. Michael’s Higher Sec. School ,Gingee
- Sacred Heart Higher Sec .School , Anilady.
- Lourdu Annai Higher Sec. School ,  
Kanakankuppam.

- St .Antony’s High School , Anaiyeri.

### 2. Social Media Training For The Youth :

The social media training for the youth at vicarite level is held in St, Michael’s higher sec. school, Gingee in the theme of “The responsible use of social media “.There are 120 youth members and students participated from various parishes and schools of Gingee vicariate. Mrs. Thirumani , Mrs. Jerlin , Mrs. Josephine ,Mr. Chinnaparaj are the resource persons for the training program special thanks to Fr .A.Nayagam, the principal for all the arrangement and support.

### INFORMATION :

#### i) Vicariate Level Priest Coordinators :

I thank all the VFS for electing the vicarite level priest coordinators for the youth commission. I also request all the parish priests and principals to make use of coordinators for strengthening parish youth associations and YCS movements in your place .The elected vicarite level priest coordinators are :

#### VICARITE COORDINATORS CONTACT NUMBER

<i>i. Pondicherry</i>	<i>Fr.John Cyril</i>	<i>9488305632</i>
<i>ii.Cuddalore</i>	<i>Fr.A.Edward Francis</i>	<i>9047459858</i>
<i>iii.Karaika</i>	<i>Fr.Jagathish SDB</i>	<i>9597811551</i>
<i>iv.Neyveli</i>	<i>Fr. G.Sagayanathan</i>	<i>8675207590</i>
<i>v.Villupuram</i>	<i>Fr.P. Samuel</i>	<i>8056947407</i>
<i>vi.Tindivanam</i>	<i>Fr. A. Arokia John Robert</i>	<i>9715481846</i>
<i>vii.Gingee</i>	<i>Fr.P.Eugine Arun Kumar</i>	<i>9787661030</i>
<i>viii.Tirukoilur</i>	<i>Fr. A.Charles Amal Kulanthairaj</i>	<i>9597880720</i>
<i>ix.Kallakurichi</i>	<i>Fr.S.Arokiasamy</i>	<i>9655923163</i>
<i>x. Viriyur</i>	<i>Fr.Vincent Amal Raj</i>	<i>8098500440</i>

ii) **Diocesan Level Youth X-Mas Carols :**

In collaborate with St.Xavier's communication centre, our diocesan youth commission has planned to have the youth Christmas carols celebration. It will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10 a.m in St. Xavier's pastoral centre ,Uppalam , Pondicherry. All the parish youth associations and YCS association are invited to participate in this mega event. This program will be telecasted in Matha T.V and Holy Cross T.V . Those who would like to participate kindly register your team in diocesan youth commission ,through whatsapp or Email before 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**WhatsApp – 9751990996.**

**E-Mail: [frarputharaj@gmail.com](mailto:frarputharaj@gmail.com).**

iii) **Upcoming Events :**

- CCBI Youth Commission and Meeting in Jalandhar Punjab for youth directors from 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Pastoral center. Jalandhar.
- YCS/YSM-NATA/EXCO Meeting in Chennai on 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> December ,2017.

**Fr. A. Arputharaj,**

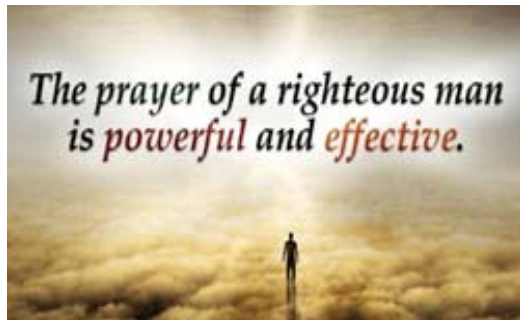
Secretary, Youth Commission

**Retreat List- First Batch**

01. Fr. M. Peter
02. Fr. V. S. Lourdusamy
03. Fr. K. P. Delamourd
04. Fr. K. A. Daniel
05. Fr. P. Antonysamy
06. Fr. E. Thomas
07. Fr. A. S. Antonisamy
08. Fr. S. Alphonse
09. Fr. A. Dhanam
10. Fr. A. Pitchaimuthu
11. Fr. Jayaraj L. Maguimey
12. Fr. C. Don Bosco
13. Fr. A. Thomas
14. Fr. M. Swaminathan
15. Fr. R. Josephraj
16. Msgr. A. Arulanandam
17. Fr. I. Joseph Albert
18. Fr. V. Chinnappan
19. Fr. A. Melchizedech
20. Fr. M. Robert
21. Fr. C. Susaikannu
22. Fr. C. Antony Roche
23. Fr. G. Peter Rajendiram
24. Fr. A. Rayappan
25. Fr. S. Dominic Savio
26. Fr. V. Arokiadoss, MEP
27. Fr. M. Germanus Irudayaraj
28. Fr. S. Pascal Raj
29. Fr. L. Vincent
30. Fr. A. Michael John
31. Fr. Z. Devasagayaraj
32. Fr. S. Antonisamy
33. Fr. S. Paulraj
34. Fr. I. Sagaya Arulselvam
35. Fr. E. S. Paul Sekar
36. Fr. S. Stanislaus
37. Fr. S. Maria Antony
38. Fr. J.V.C. Arokiasamy
39. Fr. M. Abraham
40. Fr. L. A. Arul Pushpam
41. Fr. S. John Kennedy AJR
42. Fr. M. S. John Bosco
43. Fr. C. Antonyraj
44. Fr. S. Clitus Rex
45. Fr. A. Zacharias
46. Fr. S. Joseph Sagayaraj
47. Fr. D. Arokiadoss
48. Fr. J. M. Gregory Louis Joseph
49. Fr. S. Arokiadoss
50. Fr. C. Sagayaraj
51. Fr. D. S. Anthony Raj
52. Fr. S. Antonyraj
53. Fr. S. Richard
54. Fr. LeoVijaya Pushparaj
55. Fr. R. Arockia Anandaraj
56. Fr. A. C. Francis Joseph
57. Fr. M. S. Xavier
58. Fr. R. Pascal Raj
59. Fr. A. Velanganni Savaridoss
60. Fr. S. Albert
61. Fr. C. Nirmal Raj
62. Fr. I. Anthonysamy
63. Fr. R. Arokiadoss
64. Fr. A. Christu Raj
65. Fr. M. Jayaseelan
66. Fr. Y. Mahimaidoss Oli
67. Fr. S. Edward Anand
68. Fr. A. Nayagam
69. Fr. A. Alex
70. Fr. P. Dominic Savio
71. Fr. A. Wilson George
72. Fr. T. Bhagyanathan
73. Fr. A. Justin Arokiaraj
74. Fr. A. Cyril
75. Fr. G. Maria Anandaraj
76. Fr. S. Napoleon
77. Fr. J. Arul Pragasam



78. Fr. M. Lourdu Jayaseelan
79. Fr. R. Lourdu Jerard
80. Fr. S. Arokiadoss
81. Fr. S. Arockiasamy
82. Fr. S. Kulandairaj
83. Fr. P. Simon Antony Raj
84. Fr. J. Allwin Anbarasu
85. Fr. L. A. Arockia Doss
86. Fr. M. Gaspar
87. Fr. P. Eugene Arun Kumar
88. Fr. I. James Victor
89. Fr. M. John Kennedy
90. Fr. S. Victor Emmanuel
91. Fr. B. Samuel
92. Fr. T. Michael Durai Raj
93. Fr. R. Antony Joseph Jayanth
94. Fr. G. Sagayanathan
95. Fr. P. Lourdu Jeyaraj
96. Fr. A. Deivanayagam
97. Fr. A. Yesu Raj
98. Fr. D. Alexander
99. Fr. P. Antoniraj
100. Fr. A. Kulandai Yesu Raja
101. Fr. A. James
102. Fr. A. Amala Mathavan
103. Fr. J. Irudaya Raj



### **BIODATA OF MOST REV. DR. S. MICHAEL AUGUSTINE**



Name	:	S. Michael Augustine
Parents	:	Mr. A. Savarinathan Mrs. Susaimariammal
Date and Place of Birth	:	12-06-1933, Kovilanur
Date and Place of Baptism	:	26-06-1933, Kovilanur
Parish	:	Kovilanur
Diocese of Origin	:	Pondicherry & Cuddalore
Places and Years of Studies	:	1940 – 1946 Petit Seminaire, Pondicherry 1947 – 1948 St. Joseph's, Cuddalore (Boarding) 1948 – 1951 St. Agnes' Seminary; High School Studies at St. Joseph's, Cuddalore.
Years and Places of Seminary Formation	:	1951 – 1952 Latin Course at St. Agnes' Seminary, Cuddalore

1952 –1954 Intermediate –  
St. Joseph's College, Trichy.

1954 –1955 St. Agnes'  
Seminary, Cuddalore, (11  
year Latin)

1955 – 1961 Seminary  
Course in St. Peter's  
Seminary, Bangalore

Date of Ordination	:	15 <sup>th</sup> April 1961
Place of Ordination	:	Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Pondicherry
Minister of Ordination	:	Most Rev. Dr. R. Ambrose
Ministry Places	:	

First appointment Petit Seminarie High School. Appointed would be Professor of St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore 05-05-1963, Due to go to Paris for higher studies. Left for France on 07-09-1963.

Professor, St. Peter's Bangalore June 1965. Acting Rector September 1970. Left for France for, Higher Studies in September 1972. Rector of St. Peter's, Bangalore – 12<sup>th</sup> March 1974.

#### Detailed Curriculum Viata

9 <sup>th</sup> June 1933	Born at Kovilanur
1933 – 1938	At home Kovilanur
1938 – 1939	1 <sup>st</sup> Std – St. Mary's School, Kovilanur
1939 – 1940	2 <sup>nd</sup> Std – St. Mary's School, Kovilanur
1940 - 1941	3 <sup>rd</sup> Std – St. Mary's School, Kovilanur
1941 – 1942	2 <sup>nd</sup> Std. – Petit Seminaire, Pondicherry.

1942 – 1943

3<sup>rd</sup> Std. – Petit Seminaire,  
Pondicherry

1943 – 1944

4<sup>th</sup> Std. – Petit Seminaire,  
Pondicherry

1944 – 1945

5<sup>th</sup> Std. – Petit Seminaire,  
Pondicherry

1945 – 1946

1<sup>st</sup> Form – Petit Seminaire,  
Pondicherry

1946 - 1947

2<sup>nd</sup> Form – Petit Seminaire,  
Pondicherry

1947 – 1948

3<sup>rd</sup> Form –St. Joseph's High School,  
Cuddalore (Boarding)

1948 - 1949

4<sup>th</sup> Form –St. Joseph's High School,  
From St. Agnes' Seminary Cuddalore

1949 – 1950

5<sup>th</sup> Form –St. Joseph's High School,  
From St. Agnes' Seminary Cuddalore

1950 – 1951

6<sup>th</sup> Form – S.S.L.C - St. Joseph's High  
School, From St. Agnes' Seminary  
Cuddalore

1951 – 1952

1<sup>st</sup> Year Latin, St. Agnes' Seminary,  
Cuddalore

1952 – 1953

1<sup>st</sup> U.C. Intremediate, St. Joseph's  
College, Trichy

1953 – 1954

2<sup>nd</sup> U.C. Intremediate, St. Joseph's  
College, Trichy

1954 – 1955

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Latin, St. Agnes' Seminary,  
Cuddalore

1955 - 1956

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Philosophy, St. Peter's  
Seminary, Bangalore

1956 - 1957	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy, St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore
1957 - 1958	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Theology, St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore
1958 - 1959	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Theology, St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore
1959 - 1960	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Theology, St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore
1960 - 1961	4 <sup>th</sup> Year Theology, St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore
1961	Ordination
1961 - 1963	Asst. Director, Petit Seminaire Hr. Sec. School, Pondicherry
Jun. 1963 - Sep. 1963	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Moral Theology (Teaching) St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore
Sep. 1963 - 1965	Philosophy Studies at Institute Catholique de Paris - Licentiate
Oct. 1965 - 1966	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Philosophy Class - St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore
1966 - 1972	Vice-Rector, Professor Philosophy, St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore
1972 - 1974	Habilitatis au Doctorate en philosophie - Institute Catholique de Paris
1974 - 1978	Rector, Professor of Philosophy, President of Faculty of Theology (1978) St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore.
1978	Nomination as Auxiliary Bishop of Madras. Continued teaching till March

29-03-1978	Consecration at Mylapore as Auxiliary Bishop of Madras - Mylapore. Consecrators His Eminence D. Simon Cardinal Lourdusamy (Main), Co-Consecrators Most Rev. Dr. Arulappa, Most Rev. Dr. V. S. Selvanather. Appointed later as Vicar General
1978 - 1981	Auxiliary Bishop Chennai
August 1981	Bishop of Vellore
25-03-1992	Announced Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore
25-06-1992	Installation - Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore
05-07-2004	Retired
Died on	04-11-2017
Funeral	06-11-2017 at Immaculate Conception Cathedral Pondicherry at 10.00 A.M.

### **Death and Funeral of Most Rev. Dr. S. Michael Augustine**

#### **Archbishop Emeritus of Pondicherry and Cuddalore**

From September 17, 2017, His Grace Most Rev. Dr. S. Michael Augustine was taking treatment for the failure of his lungs. The oxygen in-take was very little and the carbon inside the lungs was more. Doctor Michael Anand admitted him at the MVR Hospital, Pondicherry and treated him. Then His Grace became better and was brought to the Archbishop's House on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017. On October 1<sup>st</sup> he became serious and was readmitted in MVR hospital. After a few days at MVR hospital his



health condition again deteriorated and the machine could not function properly and so he was immediately shifted to Be-well hospital and the treatment continued. 5 dialysis were done to reduce the urea level. He was improving and on October 21, 2017 he was discharged and brought to the bishop's house. He was looked after by Dr. Michael Anand with the help of medical staff. On 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017, when his nephew Fr. R. Josephraj offered the mass in his room, His Grace, the Archbishop Emeritus received the Holy Communion. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> November night His Grace was quietly sleeping longer. On the 4<sup>th</sup> November at 07.00 a.m., when the Procurator Fr. Gregory saw His Grace, his pulse rate was slowly coming down. So, with the help of Dr. Michael Anand, again His Grace S. Michael Augustine was shifted to the Be-Well Hospital. There the doctors on examining His Grace the Archbishop Emeritus said that his condition was very critical. So, immediately our Archbishop Dr. A. Anandarayar rushed to the hospital and prayed for him. When our Archbishop finished the prayer, the cardiac and pulse monitor showed that His Grace Michael Augustine was dead.

Then his body was taken to the PIMS Medical College Hospital for embalming. And then his body was taken to the Keezhputhupattu Holy Family Church, where he has stayed for the past 13 years, after his retirement on 05-07-2004. There, the Vicar General Mgr. A. Arulanandam along with a few Fathers offered the Mass for the eternal rest of the late Archbishop Emeritus. At 02.30 p.m. the Body was brought to the Archbishop's House and was blessed by our Archbishop. Then prayers were offered for his eternal rest.

At 06.30 p.m. the body was shifted to the Escande Hall of the Petit Seminaire Hr. Sec. School, Pondicherry. A lot of Priests, Sisters and the people came and kept flower wreaths and prayed for the eternal rest of the late Archbishop Emeritus, on Saturday and throughout Sunday. On the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Sunday, our Archbishop Most Rev.

Dr. A. Anandarayar offered the mass at 10.00 a.m. along with 10 priests around the body of the late Archbishop Emeritus for his eternal rest. Then at 11.45 a.m. Rt. Rev. Peter Abir, the Bishop of Sultanpet offered the Holy Mass along with 7 priests around the body of the late Archbishop S. Michael Augustine. At 4.30 p.m. again holy mass was celebrated by the priests of our diocese and people were praying continuously. At 10.15 p.m. emeritus bishop of Kottar diocese Most. Rev. P. Remigius offered mass and paid his homage. Throughout the two nights priests, sisters, relatives and lay people kept vigil and prayed. On 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at 9.00 a.m. Mr. Narayanasamy, the Chief Minister of Pondicherry and Namachivayam M.L.A., John Kumar, the Delhi Representative and others came and kept wreaths.

On 06-11-2017 Monday morning at 09.45 a.m., Most Rev. Dr. P. Yvon Ambroise, the Bishop of Tuticorin blessed the body of the late Archbishop. Then his body was taken in procession in a well decorated car to the Immaculate Conception Cathedral. 15 Archbishops and Bishops, about 300 priests, a great number of religious and thousands of faithful participated in the funeral procession. At 10.20 a.m. the funeral procession reached the cathedral. Our Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar offered the funeral Mass at our Immaculate Conception Cathedral, along with 15 Bishops of Tamil Nadu and about 300 priests of Pondicherry, Chennai, Chingelput, Vellore, Salem, Tanjore, Kumbakonam and Bangalore dioceses. There were about 3000 people present for the funeral mass.

Mgr. Arulanandam, the Vicar General welcomed the faithful. Most Rev. S. Singaroyan, Bishop of Salem preached the Homily and said that the late Archbishop Emeritus lived according to his Episcopal Motto: 'FIAT', although it was difficult. At the end of the Mass Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy, the President of the TNBC spoke about the greatness of the late Archbishop Emeritus. Then Rt. Rev. Soundaraj, Bishop of Vellore

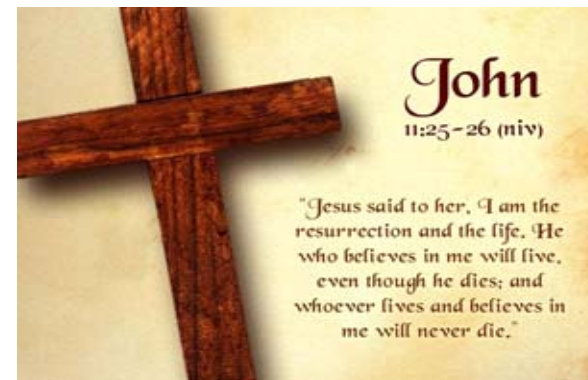
spoke about the achievements of the late Archbishop Emeritus when he worked as the Bishop of Vellore for 11 years.

His love for the poor was great and he had encouraged local vocations. Then the Vicar General of Madras and Mylapore Mgr. Anthonisamy praised and thanked the late Archbishop Emeritus for his commitment and dedication when he was the Auxiliary Bishop of Madras and Mylapore for 3 years and He worked tirelessly for the welfare of the clergy, the Religious and the faithful. Then Fr. Dr. Rayappan acknowledged and thanked the late Archbishop Emeritus for his dedicated Teaching at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore, where he had served as Professor, Vice Rector and Rector. It was during his tenure as the Rector, St. Peter's was elevated as a Pontifical Institute. Then Sr. Susila, FSAG, President of the CRI thanked the late Archbishop Emeritus for his encouragement to the consecrated men and women Religious of Pondicherry.

Then Fr. A. J. Philomindoss, the Director of the Pastoral Centre, who had been co-ordinating the entire funeral service, read out the Condolence messages. We also thank His Holiness Pope Francis for the following condolence message sent from Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State, through Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro, Apostolic Nuncio, New Delhil. *"His Holiness Pope Francis was saddened to learn of the death of Archbishop Michael Augustine, and he sends his prayerful condolences to you and to the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore. The Holy Father gives thanks for the late Prelate's many years of devoted priestly and episcopal ministry, and he commends his soul to the mercy of Almighty God. As a pledge of consolation in the Risen Christ, His Holiness imparts his Apostolic Blessing to all those who mourn archbishop Augustine's passing".*

Then our Archbishop Most. Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar spoke about the dedicated service and the wonderful personality of the Late Archbishop S. Michael Augustine. Then Fr. R. Joseph Raj, the nephew of the late Archbishop Emeritus, on behalf of his family thanked for the entire funeral service, so very well organized and for Lourdes TV which telecasted 'LIVE' the funeral service and he also remembered the great service of Mr. Thomas who had so lovingly taken care of the late Archbishop Emeritus all these years. Then A.M. Chinnappa, Archbishop Emeritus of Madras and Mylapore sang the Libera me` and blessed the body in the Cathedral. Then the body was taken to the adjacent graveyard. There Fr. A.J.C Lawrence, the late Archbishop's another nephew blessed the body and said the final prayer of commendation. Around 2.p.m. the body of the late Archbishop Emeritus Most. Rev. Dr. S. Michael Augustine was laid to rest in the graveyard of the Bishops and priests near the cathedral.

### ***May His Soul Rest in Peace***







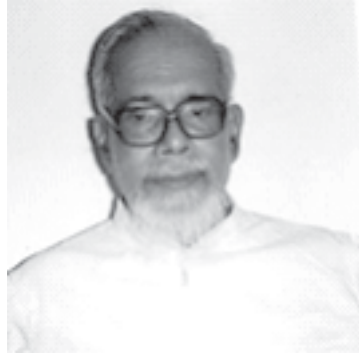
### **Death and Funeral of Fr. A. Maria Selvam**

After attending the 3 hours' funeral of the late Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. S. Michael Augustine on 06-11-2017, Fr. A. Maria Selvam went to the Sacred Heart Basilica around 03.00 p.m. and he was taking rest. He was supposed to take the Bible Class to the lay people. Around 05.00 p.m. at the request of Fr. S. Maria Joseph, the Rector of Sacred Heart Basilica, Fr. P. Antoniraj, the Asst. Parish Priest knocked at the door of Fr. A. Maria Selvam in order to request him to say the mass at 06.00 p.m. at the Basilica. Fr. A. Maria Selvam opened the door and said that he had been suffering from severe chest pain for the past ½ an hour and he foamed in the mouth and he asked for warm water which was immediately given to him and then he got fainted. He was rushed to the Indira Gandhi Government Hospital, Pondicherry by an ambulance. There, the doctors examined Fr. A. Maria Selvam and said that he was already dead around 05.30 p.m. Then, the Vicar General Mgr. A. Arulanandam, Fr. R. Jayanth Rayan and Fr. C. Francis Joseph Agarwala went to the Government Hospital and brought the body of Fr. A. Maria Selvam to the Archbishop's House and the Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar blessed the body and prayed for the repose of his soul. At 08.30 p.m. Fr. A. Benjamin, the younger brother of Fr. A. Maria Selvam came and wept bitterly for the sudden death of his elder brother. Around 11.00 p.m. 4 of his younger sisters came and lamented heavily for the sudden passing away of their loving elder brother. Throughout the night, the Sisters, the faithful and the siblings of Fr. A. Maria Selvam kept vigil around his body and prayed.

On 07-11-2017 at 06.30 a.m. Fr. A. Benjamin and Fr. S. Kulandaisamy and Fr. Charles SDC offered the mass near the body of Fr. A. Maria Selvam. Throughout the day a lot of the faithful and many religious Sisters from different Congregations came and prayed for his eternal rest and sang devotional hymns. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> night also, people kept vigil around the body and prayed. On 08-11-2017 at 10.00

a.m. our Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar blessed the body of Fr. A. Maria Selvam. 12 of his students of St. John's Regional Seminary, where he was Rector, who were now ordained young priests volunteered and carried the coffin to the Cathedral. Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar offered the Funeral Mass at the Cathedral along with, about 160 priests. Mgr. A. Arulanandam, the Vicar General gave introduction for the mass and prepared the participants for the penitential rite. Fr. Dr. A. Rayappan preached the homily and praised about Fr. Maria Selvam's commitment to the preaching of the Word of God. At the end of the Mass Fr. M. Ubald, Kottar, on behalf of the Bible Scholars' Association and the Tamil Nadu Bible Commission and Thozhan magazine, praised and thanked the late Fr. A. Maria Selvam for his dedicated Biblical Apostolate. Then Fr. A. Maria Selvam's class mate Fr. R. Ratchagar, Parish Priest & V.F. of Neyveli praised the late Fr. A. Maria Selvam for his companionship. Then our Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar acknowledged and thanked for the dedicated Biblical Ministry that Fr. A. Maria Selvam had been doing all these years. It was fitting that a copy of the Tamil Bible that he had printed was kept on his body in the coffin. Then Fr. A. Benjamin thanked the Archbishop, Vicar General, Procurator, all the 160 concelebrants, more than the 300 religious from different congregations and about the 1000 faithful for praying for his elder brother's eternal rest. At the end, he also asked for pardon, on behalf of his elder brother if he had offended anyone, even without his intention. Then our Archbishop blessed the body of Fr. A. Maria Selvam after the Libera me. Then his body was carried by his student-priests to the adjacent graveyard. There, Fr. A. Benjamin read the Final Prayer of Commendation. At 12.30 noon Fr. A. Maria Selvam's body was laid to rest in the Priests' graveyard, near the Cathedral.

**May His Soul Rest in Peace!**

**RIP****REV. FR. MATHEW NELLIKUNNAM**

Name	:	Mathew Nellikunnam
Parents	:	Mr. Mathew Nellikunnam Mrs. Mary Nellikunnam
Date and Place of Birth	:	02-03-1921, Edathua (Kerala)
Date and Place of Baptism	:	11-03-1921, Kovalam, (Kerala).
Parish	:	Edathua.
Diocese of Origin	:	Changanacherry.
Places and Years of Studies	:	1926 – 30 Primary School, Pandankary. 1931 – 37 St. Aloysius High School, Edathua.
Seminary Formation	:	Years and Places of 1937 - 39 St. Agnes' Seminary, Cuddalore N.T. 1940 – 45 St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore.

	:	1942 – 45 the above Seminary was at Salem.
Date of Ordination	:	19 <sup>th</sup> December 1945
Place of Ordination	:	St. Peter's Seminary at Salem.
Minister of Ordination	:	Mgr. Henry Prunier, Bishop of Salem.
Ministry Places	:	Jan. 1946 – May 1946 St. Joseph's Boarding, Cuddalore – 1. Jun. 1946 – Dec. 1947 St. Ann's Boarding, Tindivanam. Jan. 1948 – Dec. 1955 St. Joseph's Boarding, Cuddalore N.T. Jan. 1956 – Jun. 1958 Parish Priest at Irudayampattu. Jun. 1958 – Mar. 1981 Parish Priest at Cuddalore N.T. & Secretary to South Arcot Diocesan Corporation. (as D.O.S. Manager till 1977). Mar. 1981 – Jun 1987 Parish Priest at Neyveli – 1. Jun. 1987 – Oct. 1992 Parish Priest at Reddiarpalayam 1 <sup>st</sup> November 1992 – Vicar General of the Archdiocese. 09-09-2004 – Retired and stayed at Archbishop's House. He remained Manager for the Catechists.

05-06-2006 – Moved to  
Emmaus House,  
Pondicherry.

### **Death & Funeral of Mgr. M. Matthew Nellikunnam**

On 21-11-2017 Mgr. Matthew Nellikunnam found it difficult to breathe and so he was admitted at the PIMS Hospital. The doctors fixed a temporary Pace-Maker to his heart and he felt better. On 22-11-2017 Most Rev. A. Anandarayar and Mgr. A. Arulanandam went to the PIMS and anointed the Mgr. Matthew Nellikunnam. Then he was put on ventilator. Then on 24-11-2017 at 03.00 p.m. the doctors tried to fix a permanent Pace-Maker. The operation was over at 04.30 p.m. The operation was a success. Then he could speak with Fr. A. Cyril, the Parochial Administrator of Keezputhupattu for some time. Around 05.00 p.m. the cardiac monitor showed that there was fluctuation and abnormality in the heart beat of Mgr. Matthew Nellikunnam; The doctors tried their best for one hour to rectify it. Finally the heart beat stopped. At 06.15 p.m. Mgr. Matthew Nellikunnam was declared dead by the doctors. Then the body was kept at the Mortuary of the PIMS. The death message was conveyed by Fr. Jayanth Rayan, Curia Secretary, to all the Fathers and the Religious and to the relatives of the late Mgr. Nellikunnam. On 26-11-2017, Sunday Mgr. Arulanandam and the Procurator Fr. Gregory went to the PIMS and brought the body at 12 noon to the Emmaus Retired Priests' Home, Colas Nagar, where he had stayed for the past 13 years. The Fathers and Sisters of Emmaus prayed around the body of Mgr. Nellikunnam for 15 minutes. Then the body was brought to the Bishop's House at 12.30 noon and Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar blessed the body and conveyed his

condolence to the siblings and relatives of Mgr. Nellikunnam. Then the Archbishop and the Fathers recited a rosary and offered it for his eternal rest. Throughout the evening and the night a lot of religious Sisters and the people, his former parishioners came and prayed around the body of Mgr. Nellikunnam. On 27-11-2017, 9.00 to 10 a.m. all the D.O.S. Teachers with Fr. Joseph Paul, the present D.O.S. Manager and Fr. Arul pushpam (Former D.O.S Manager) prayed around the body of the late Mgr. Nellikunnam. At 11.00 a.m. Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar blessed the body and the D.O.S. Teachers carried the body. About 100 priests concelebrated the funeral mass at the Cathedral with Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar. At the beginning of the Mass Mgr. Arulanandam praised the late Mgr. Nellikunnam for his saintly life. Mgr. A. Louis preached the homily extolling the committed Missionary life of Mgr. Nellikunnam. At the end of the Mass Fr. John Duraisamy (Emmaus, on behalf of the Clergy), Mr. Abel, Retired Headmaster of Cuddalore O.T. (on behalf of the D.O.S. Teachers) gave the condolence messages. Mr. Antony, the younger brother of Mgr. Nellikunnam thanked the Archbishop, the Procurator, the Clarist Sisters, the JMJ Sisters, the FIHM Sisters, the Grace and Compassion Sisters who had taken care of Mgr. Nellikunnam so well all these years. Then our Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar praised and thanked the late Mgr. Nellikunnam for his dedicated priestly ministry in this Archdiocese for the past 72 years. After the mass the Archbishop blessed the body of the late Mgr. Nellikunnam at the Cathedral. Then the D.O.S. Teachers brought the body to the adjacent graveyard and then the Archbishop said Final prayer of commendation. At 01.15 p.m. the body of Mgr. Nellikunnam was laid to rest in the Priests' graveyard.

**May His Soul Rest in Peace**





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04-08-1996  
08-07-2005 – 23-06-2007  
Priest – in-charge for  
Thattanchavadi.  
24-06-2007 – Spiritual  
Father, Emmaus Spiritual  
Centre, Sithanangur.  
2017, Emmaus retired  
Priests house,  
Pondicherry.

### **DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MGR. A. ADAIKALASAMY**

On 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Mgr. A. Adaikalasamy went to his native village Kumilanguzhy: on 1st November he fell down from the cot and broke his hip. Dr. Michael Anand did the operation and replaced his hip bone in Pondicherry. Then he was taking rest at the Emmaus retired priests' home. Then as he had urinary infection, he was admitted by the Grace and Compassion Sisters on 28<sup>th</sup> November at the MVR hospital, Karuvadikuppam. As his condition became serious, on 29.11.2017 at 5 .p.m. Fr. A.S.P. Auguste, the Parish Priest of Muthialpet anointed him and gave him Holy Communion: but Mgr. A. Adaikalasamy complained of severe pain. That night at 9.p.m he was shifted from the MVR hospital to the nearby, Be-well hospital and was kept in the ICU. At 03.30 a.m. on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Mgr. A. Adaikalasamy quietly passed away.

Then Fr. J. Philomindoss Fr. Jayanth Rayan and Fr. Kulandai yesu raja brought his body to the Bishop's House at 7.a.m and Most. Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar blessed the body and offered his condolence to the siblings and relatives of the late Mgr. A. Adaikalasamy. A lot of sisters and the people came and prayed around his body throughout 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017, day and night.

On 01.12.2017 at 11. a.m. Most. Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar blessed the body of Mgr A. Adaikalasamy. Since there was some drizzling rain, his body was carried through the corridor of the Bishop's House into the Cathedral. About 70 priests concelebrated the funeral mass.

The cathedral was full of the relatives, the faithful and the religious. Fr. Albert Thambi Durai gave a short introduction about Mgr. A. Adaikalasamy's life. The homily was preached by Mgr. A. Arulanandam. He spoke about, how zealous, prayerful, dutiful and charitable the late monsignor had been! At the end of the mass Fr. John Duraisamy gave the condolence message. He spoke about the 4 சகாப்தம் in the history of Pondicherry Archdiocese i.e., 1) the period of M.E.P, 2) the period of Keralite fathers, 3) the period of the priests of Kumbakonam diocese (since the bifurcation of Kumbakonam diocese in 1899, 25 priests of kumbakonam have worked in Pondicherry) 4) the period of the sons of the soil. Then the niece of the late Mgr. A. Adaikalasamy thanked the Archbishop, the vicar general, the Procurator and the Sisters of Grace and Compassion for all the loving care and medical treatment given to her uncle.

Then Archbishop praised Mgr. A. Adaikalasamy for his dedication and simplicity. Then The Most. Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar blessed the body at the cathedral after the singing of the Libera me. Then, the body was carried to the adjacent graveyard; there the Archbishop did the final prayer of commendation. At. 12.45 noon the body of Mgr. A. Adaikalasamy was laid to rest in the graveyard of the priests.

**May his soul rest in peace**



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REV.FR. MARIASELVAM



FINAL RITES TO  
REVER. MATHEW NELLIKUNNAM



FINAL RITES TO  
REV.FR. ADAIKALASAMY



"The eternal  
God is your refuge,  
and his everlasting  
arms are under you..."

- Deuteronomy 33:27

**MOST.REV.DR. S. MICHAEL AUGUSTINE**

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