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Reverend and dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, prayerful greetings to you in the Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Migration and Human Trafficking

On 1st May we celebrate the feast of **St. Joseph, the Worker.** First May is also celebrated as the **International Worker's Day**. The feast of St. Joseph, the worker, was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 in order to give a Christian meaning to labour and to give St. Joseph as model and Patron to all the workers in the world. We extend our cordial greetings and offer prayerful wishes to all the workers in the world and especially in our country India. May St. Joseph, the patron of the workers, bless and protect all the workers in the world.

The **CBCI-Office for Labour,** in its message for May 2017, draws our attention to "**Migration and Human Trafficking**". The text is given below:

The Struggles of Migrant workers

Migrants are inherently vulnerable from the very moment they set out of their homes in search of new pastures for their life and family. These are brothers and sisters of ours who are trying to escape difficult situations of their lives to find some serenity and peace and for a better place for themselves and their families, but instead they are found missing, trafficked and desolated. As Pope Francis says, while encouraging the development of a better world, we cannot remain silent about the scandal of poverty in its various forms. Violence, exploitation, discrimination, marginalisation, restrictive approaches to fundamental freedom of individuals or groups are some of the chief elements of poverty which need to be overcome. And these are elements which mark migratory movements and linking migration with poverty. Pope says, as Church we should remember that in tending the wounds of migrants, refugees, evacuees and the victims of trafficking, we are putting into practice the commandment of love that Jesus bequeathed to us when he identified himself with the foreigner, with those who are suffering, with all the innocent victims of violence and exploitation. We should read more often chapter 25 of the Gospel according to Matthew in which he speaks of the Last Judgment. (Ref. Selected Quotes of Pope Francis by Subject compiled by USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, 2016).

Invisible Victims of Migration & Human Trafficking

Victims of Migration and human trafficking live amidst us, in our day-to-day surroundings. How do we identify them? In case of children or women employed in households or establishments in our neighbourhoods, we can stay alert for signs of oppression, violence, discrimination which make themselves evident in different ways, may be in the form of withdrawn and anxious behaviour of the child, physical marks of assault, unusual notices and shouts etc.

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The most common victims are:

♦ Children and young women brought from rural areas or sometimes other states, to be engaged as domestic help in households or various small-scale establishments in urban centres. Many of these people eventually get exploited economically, physically and also sexually. Children and adults begging or selling knick-knacks on the streets in towns and cities.

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- ♦ Women and children sold into commercial sex trade market.
- ♦ People lured to foreign countries by fraudulent recruitment agencies with lucrative job offers, to be employed in menial work involving inhuman working conditions.
- ♦ The victims of the illegal organ trade racket.

Human Trafficking In India

India is a source, destination and transit country for labour and sex trafficking. In India, 90% of trafficking occurs domestically (intra-state or inter-state), and 10% occurs across national borders. The country serves as a destination for persons trafficked from neighbouring countries such as Nepal and Bangladesh, and as a transit country for individuals being trafficked to the Middle East and other parts of the world. In addition, India is a source country for individuals trafficked to Europe, the Middle East and North America. The majority of trafficked persons in India, including men, women, boys and girls, are trafficked for purposes of forced labour. Labour trafficking is the trafficking of a person by means of fraud, coercion or duress for the purpose of exploiting him or her for forced labour or services or slavery or practices similar to slavery, including involuntary servitude, peonage and debt bondage.

Minor Girls and Women Chief Targets

Girls and women are trafficked in the name of work, without knowing the trap, parents send them happily for a livelihood which often ends up in brothels or as bonded labourers. Trafficking of minor girls, the second-most prevalent trafficking crime surged 14 times over the last decade and increased 65% in 2014, according to new data released by the National Crime Records Bureau. Girls and women are the main targets of immoral trafficking in India, making up 76% of human trafficking cases nationwide over a decade, reveal NCRB data.

Poverty — Primary Cause

Poverty is a primary cause of human trafficking in our country. Other factors include "low employment prospects, a patriarchal culture, low regard for women's rights, low levels of education, discrimination and marginalization of women, and cultural factors such as dowry issues." Labour trafficking is particularly driven by poverty, which increases vulnerability to trafficking, and by the increased demand for cheap labour and the lack of governance, which in turn facilitates trafficking in persons. Societal lack of awareness about human trafficking, combined with the absence of a strong legal framework, has contributed to the continued prevalence of this serious problem.

Realities and Enforcement

Human trafficking is an egregious human rights violation that occurs throughout the world. Due to its complex cross-border nature, human trafficking requires a coordinated, multidisciplinary national and international response. The United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (the UN Trafficking Protocol) provides a road map for cross national collaboration as well as recommendations for enacting effective domestic human trafficking laws. In May 2011, India ratified the three

protocols of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, including the UN Trafficking Protocol. Yet despite its ratification of the Protocol, India continued to lack a unified comprehensive policy for human trafficking. Rather, its anti-trafficking policies have largely operated under a fragmented and piecemeal set of laws addressing various components of human trafficking such as slavery, child labour, and child marriage. The Constitution of India prohibits trafficking of human beings and forced labour, but it does not define either term. India penalizes many forms of forced labour under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, as well as the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act etc.

As we become aware of the very inhuman act of Human trafficking, Holy Father Pope Francis has appositely stated with pain in his heart on the victimization of migrants. "Victims of human trafficking and migrants smuggled across borders by criminal networks are the weakest of the weak and need increased protection and care. All those who flee their own country because of war, violence and persecution have the right to find an appropriate welcome and adequate protection in countries that describe themselves (as) civilized." (The Pope made his remarks during an audience on Jan. 23, 2017 with about 40 representatives from Italy's national anti-mafia and anti-terrorism office.)

May Day is not only about the trade union/ factories/ labour organizations coming together and having a programme of employees. It is about every worker of the nation who contributes to the growth of the country; it is a day to acknowledge their contribution and an affirmation that our employees are part of our existence. As a poet rightly sang (Poem, 'workers of the world unite'),

'Don't ever forget just because I am a poor worker',

'I am also a human being; my body feels pain as you feel'

'The whole world exists because of us,

listen everyone we are the workers'

Let this May Day bring glad tidings of freedom, prosperity and peace to all workers of our country. As human trafficking continues to be a supremely important issue, Pope Francis' described St. Bakhita as a "young woman who was enslaved in Africa, exploited, humiliated," Pope Francis added that she never gave up hope and, finally, she was able to migrate to Europe." Let us pray that through the intercession St. Josephine Bakhita for all migrants and refugees receive the strength to bear their Cross and follow Christ."

2. Most Rev. Dr. Edward Francis (1930-2017)

Most Rev. Dr. Edward Francis had been God's precious gift to the Diocese of Sivagangai. As the first Bishop of the Diocese of Sivagangai, he laid a solid foundation for the growth of the Diocese. Before becoming Bishop, he was the Director of TNBCLC, Tindivanam for many years and did a lot for the development of this centre. He is known for his life of simplicity. He was a man of deep faith and fervent prayer. He was a kind and compassionate pastor. He passed away on 11th April 2017. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Most Rev. Dr. J. Soosai Manickam, the Clergy, the Religious and the Laity of the Diocese of Sivagangai. We pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Edward Francis.

3. New Prioress, Carmel Convent

On 27^{th} March 2017 election was held for the office of the Prioress, Carmel Convent, Muthialpet. Rev. Sr. Mary Archana of the Cross had been elected as the new Prioress. We offer our hearty felicitations to her and wish her success in the new office.

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1		Gratia of Jesus had been the Prioress of		15	MON	07.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Nariappanur.
Carmel convent, Muthialpet for 7 consecutive terms. We greatly appreciate and thank very much Very Rev. Mother Mary Gratia for her dedicated services to the Carmel Convent for about				16	TUE	08.15 a.m.	Feast Mass, Confirmations, Peria Nolambai.
		g mother, a good leader and an able care of everyone and everything in the		17	WED	07.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Eraiyur.
Carmel Co	onvent.			18	THU	07.30 a.m.	Confirmations, Sathipattu.
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01 MON	07.30 a.m.	Feast Mass, Vinobha Nagar.		20	SAT	07.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Reddiarpalayam.
02 TUE	06.30 a.m.	Jubilee Mass, FIHM, St. Anne's Hr. Sec. School, Cuddalore.				05.30 p.m.	Ordination, Thondanandal, Maiyanur.
03 WED	05 30 n m	Ordinations, Cathedral.		21	SUN	07.30 a.m.	Confirmations, Muthialpet.
04 THU	-	Meeting of the College of Consultors		22	MON	07.00 a.m.	Confirmations, St. Francis Xavier, Villupuram
06 SAT	10.00 a.m.	Meeting of Laity Commission, Pastoral Centre, Uppalam.		23	TUE	07.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Konankuppam.
07 SUN	07.30 a.m.	Confirmations, Thely.		24	WED	06.00 p.m.	Feast Mass, Confirmations, Seppakkam
08 MON	06.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Sacred Heart Basilica, Pondicherry		25	THU	07.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Tindivanam
09 TUE	10.30 a.m.	Jubilee Mass, FSAG Novitiate,		26	FRI	08.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Velanthangal
		Tindivanam.		27	SAT	10.30 a.m.	Final Profession, SJC, N.D. des Anges, Pondicherry
10 WED	06.30 a.m.	Jubilee Mass, FSAG Generalate, Pondicherry.		29	MON	09.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Blessing of the
13 SAT	07.30 a.m.	Feast Mass, Vridhachalam.					renovated Church, Thirukoilur
14 SUN	08.30 a.m.	Confirmations, Neyveli – 1.				-	d]+Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar abishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore
	06.00 p.m.	Confirmations, Chinnasalem.					
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PARISH WISE LIST OF FINANCIAL HELP TO THE POOR STUDENTS FROM 01.01.2017 TO 31.03.2017

TO THE POOR STUDENTS FROM 01.01.2017 TO 31.03.2017						
Name of the Parish	<u>Amoun</u>	t Name of the Parish	<u>Amount</u>			
Adanur	6000	Nangathur	20500			
Alagappasamuthiram	11400	Nellikuppam	11900			
Anaiyeri	2200	Nellithope	6500			
Anilady	10500	Neyveli Ts	10500			
Arcadu	2000	Odiathur	11000			
Ariancoupam	4500	Panickankuppam	18000			
Arulambady	2000	Peria Nolambai	12355			
Athipakkam	3000	Periapet	4000			
Basilica	7500	Periyakurichy	5000			
Cathedral	12100	Reddiarpalayam	5000			
Cuddalore-1	2000	Sathiamangalam	20600			
Cuddalore-OT	1000	Sathipattu	20450			
Eraiyur	63395	Seedevi	7500			
Fathimapalayam	23700	Sengadu	10500			
Gedilam-Maranodai	1500	Sepakkam Mission	3800			
Gingee	3000	St. Xavier's VPM	5000			
Iruppukurichy	67100	Thattanchavadi	6000			
Kakkanur	3200	Thely	5000			
Kallakurichy	10000	Therkunam	13000			
Kanakkankuppam	2000	Thirukoilur	27500			
Keezhputhupet	95000	Thurinjicollai	24800			
Kodungal	7000	Tindivanam	14100			
Kommedu	11000	Uluthur	1500			
Konankuppam	1500	Uppalam	13900			
Krishnankuppam	23100	Vadalur	18200			
Kunankurichy	3000	Veerareddikuppam	11900			
Madampattu	14000	Velanthangal	12500			
Maiyanur	13010	Vellakulam	33500			
Mel-pazhangur	23950	Villianur	7000			
Mel-sithamur	16180	Viriyur	20100			
Memalur	8000	Vridhachalam	1150			
Michaelpuram	9400	Others	128100			
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<u>Adanur</u>		Rufina Priya, B.Sc B.Ed I	6800
Suguna	6000	Stphen Raj, Poly Tech	3000
<u>Anilady</u>		Kallakurichy	
Jeya Surya, Poly Tech	10500	Jaya, B.Ed II	10000
<u>Athipakkam</u>		<u>Keezhputhupet</u>	
Jenitha Mary, B.Ed.	3000	Andranita Culas, BCA I	7400
•		Dharshini, B.Sc M	7000
<u>Basilica</u>		Edwin Joseph, B. Tech	5000
Jenifer	3000	Jasmine, BCA III	5000
<u>Cathedral</u>		Kuyili, Comp. Course	5000
Mary Sharmila, Msc	3000	Lood Thenuja, MBA II	31500
Valeri Vinnarasi, M.Sc	5000	Mary Paustinal, BE IV	5700
		Reshma, XII Std	3000
<u>Eraiyur</u>		Sureka, B. Sc Nursing	5000
Arokia Mary J., II B.Com	12315	Uma Gandhi, BA II	5400
Elizabeth Rani, B.Sc II	4500	Nixon, B.E.	3000
Julie Prema, B.Ed I	7500	Sharmitha, X std	6000
M. Arokia Mary, BA II	3000	<u>Kommedu</u>	
Margaret Priyadarshini, B.Sc II	6500	Mary Shanthi, B.Ed	7500
Nambikkai Mary, B.Sc II	8850		7000
Rexy Priyadarshini, B.Sc I	6000	<u>Krishnankuppam</u>	
Ruby Juliana Mary, B.Sc II	5400	Maria Filby, B.Ed. I	7500
<u>Fathimapalayam</u>		Kunankurichy	
Selvi F., B.Ed II	22200	John Sabeena, M.Sc	3000
<u>Gingee</u>		<u>Madampattu</u>	
Auilia Rani, B.Ed II	3000	Asha rathinakumari, B.Sc Nursing	5000
<u>Iruppukurichy</u>		Jacquline Mary, B.Ed I	7500
Delphine Elizabethrani, B.Ed I	25000	<u>Maiyanur</u>	
Jacintha, MA I	5400	A. Arokia Mary, BBM III	9010
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Maria Nivetha, B.Sc B.Ed I	3000	<u>Odiathur</u>	
<u>Mel-pazhangur</u>		Josephine Sharmila, B.Ed II	5000
Gnanapoo, BA III	8850	Licy Flora, M.Sc	6000
Helen Rubi, B.Sc III	7700	<u>Panickankuppam</u>	
M. Arokia Mary, BBM II	5400	Dinakaran, BE	3000
<u>Mel-sithamur</u>		Jovita, B.Ed I	10000
Joseph Mary, BA III	8680	Lilly Flora, B.Com I	5000
Sheela, BA II	6000	<u>Peria Nolambai</u>	
<u>Memalur</u>		Priya J., B.Com	12355
Amali, B.Sc N	3000	<u>Periapet</u>	
Anthoniammal S., MA II	5000	Jenny Sowmiya, B.Sc II	4000
<u>Michaelpuram</u>		<u>Periyakurichy</u>	
Edvya Sherly, B.Sc II	5400	Jenifer, B. Arch II	5000
Kulandai Therese, M.Sc	4000	Reddiarpalayam	
<u>Munnur</u>		Princy, XII std	3000
Anbarasi, BA II	5500		3000
Francisca Mary, B.Sc	8000	<u>Sathiamangalam</u>	
Johnson Prabakaran, B.Sc B.Ed	17500	Jenifer, BBA III	7500
<u>Muthialpet</u>		Jenifer Celciya, B.Sc Nursing	3000
Priyadharshini, B.Ed I	3000	<u>Sathipattu</u>	
<u>Nangathur</u>		Jacquline Mary, MA II	3000
Priyanka, B.Sc N	3000	Rosaline Romiyo, B.C.A III	8950
Santhosh Preethi, B.Ed II	17500	<u>Seedevi</u>	
	1,000	Marial, B.Ed I	7500
Nellikuppam	11000	<u>Sengadu</u>	
Jacintha, B.Ed II	11900	Punitha rani, MA II	10500
<u>Nellithope</u>			
Ebin Wilfred, XII std	5000	Sepakkam Mission	2000
Neyveli TS		Salomi, XII std	3800
Milton Durai, B.Sc	4000		
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St. Xavier's Villupuram		
Arokia Anisha, BE,	3000	
<u>Thattanchavadi</u>		
Johnsy Mary, B. Ed.	6000	
<u>Thely</u>		
Jeya Priya, MSW I	5000	
<u>Therkunam</u>		
John Louis, B.Sc B.Ed II	10000	
Mary Martin Victoria, BASLP	3000	
<u>Thirukoilur</u>		
Anjugam E., GNM	14500	
E. Kamali, XI std	6000	
Sheeba Catherine, MA I	5000	
<u>Thurinjicollai</u>		
Elakkiya , B.Ed I	7500	
Victoria Rani P., M.Sc II	13700	
<u>Tindivanam</u>		
Charles Rickey, B.Sc II	8000	
Glory, B. Pharmacy	4000	
<u>Uppalam</u>		
Clement Marie Bernice, B.Com I	8500	
Sophia Josephine Mary, B.A B.Ed	5000	
<u>Vadalur</u>		
Arul Mary, BA II	7100	
Ezil Arasan, BE	3000	
Greeta mary, BE IV	5000	
<u>Veerareddikuppam</u>		
Periyanayagimary, B.Ed II	11900	

<u>NECROLOGY</u> Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rev. Frs.:					
Fr. M. Maria Vianney Secretary to the Archbishop	Rev. Fr. J.M. Gregory Louis Joseph Procurator				
Sheela Metilda, B.Ed	10000				
<u>Viriyur</u> Gayathri, BCA III	8100				
Villianur Arokia Sathish Rajan, Poly Tech	5000				
Jenovia, BA II Vasantha Mary, B.Sc Nursing	5500 21000				
<u>Vellakulam</u>					
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<u>Velanthangal</u>					
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03-05-1992 - Mariasusai A.	17-05-1985 - Lafrenez J., MEP
05-05-1954 - Pinel J., MEP.	19-05-1966 - Maria Savery E.
09-05-2009 - Simon A.	20-05-2013 - Jacob G.
10-05-1957 - Marie Dominique	21-05-1988 - Peyroutet L., MEP.
10-05-1999 - L. Masilamani	25-05-1990 - Amalorpavadass D.S.
11-05-1990 - Yeruva A.	26-05-2000 - Raja R. C.
12-05-1954 - Lapouge R., MEP	28-05-1988 - De Gruiter Jean Antoine, MEP.
16-05-2002 - Joseph F.	30-05-2005 - Carof A., MEP.
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FROM THE DESK OF VICARS

Gratitude and Hope

According to the laws of nature, growth of a moral person that is institutions, God through the local church has taken sufficient steps and now is the time to thank and appreciate, for all that have taken Archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore Newsletter

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place through the humble instruments of the laity, the religious and the clergy at different levels and come together to begin again with zeal and vision in the future our presence and service for the greater glory of God and the well-being of all with a preferential option for the poor around us.

Individual and Community

To be really human, Christian and committed to the call one needs to be ecclesial as an individual and in the community, parish, school and diocese through a process of discernment of God's will and plan, through the officials of the local church.

As the temptation continues to haunt us from the Garden of Eden till now, let us not allow the individual ego or the collective ego to dominate us and our service under any pretext except through the parish council and financial committee at all levels.

Follow Jesus

Our belief is in Jesus. Our call is to be another Jesus. He never did anything on his own accord but always guided by the Spirit to carry out the plan of God. If this is not done by the members of the church, our faith is very superficial. Faith has to be proved by the works This is the way to build the local church.

Very Rev. Msgr. A. Arulanandam Very Rev. Msgr. A. Louis Vicar General **Episcopal Vicar**

FROM THE DESK OF FR. PROCURATOR

Mass Intentions received in April - 2017

Date	Name of the Parish	No. of Masses
31.03.2017	Vinoba Nagar parish	107 mass intentions
04.04.2017	Villianur Parish	300 mass intentions

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Date No. of Masses Name of the Priest 31.03.2017 Fr.A.J.Lawrence 4 mass intentions

Rev. Fr. J.M. Gregory Louis Joseph

Procurator

VOICE FROM METROPOLITAN MATRIMONIAL TRIBUNAL - 79 ARE WE SHOULD INVITE JESUS INTO OUR HOME?

The gospel tells us about two disciples going down to Emmaus from Jerusalem. In the journey of our lives Jesus walks with us. He meets us especially when we are disappointed, discouraged and have lost all hope in life. He talks to us to give us hope and courage. When we read the Word of God and when we listen to the scriptures he talks to us. He addresses our problems, anxieties and worries and gives us hope, joy and peace. When we listen to his voice, our hearts will burn within us.

Among the two disciples of Emmaus, one of them is Cleopas. The gospel does not tell the name of the other. Some scholars think that it was Cleopas' wife. The fact that two invited him to their house and set before him the bread, suggest that they were husband and wife. Many scholars believe that there were couples who became Jesus' disciples. It is the happy Home that Jesus wishes to come and reside. At a dining hall of a Christian, there use to be a caption: "Jesus is the unseen guest at every meal."

The story of Jesus' encounter with the disciples of Emmaus has greater significance. "As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he was going on." But they urged him strongly saying "stay with us because it is almost evening and the day is over." Jesus likes to be invited by us. We read in the book of Revelation that, "Listen, I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door; I will come into you and eat with you and you with me" (Rev.3:20). If you invite Jesus into your

home, he will come and reside with you, giving you hope, peace and joy.

The guest at our homes becomes the host in the Eucharist sacrifice. Every Eucharistic celebration should lead to the realization of the transforming presence of the Risen Lord and experience the Risen Lord. With the experience of the Risen Lord we go into the world to give faith to the doubting people, to give hope to those in a helpless conditions, to offer God's forgiveness to those who have sinned, to love those who are rejected by the families and society, to offer peace and joy to those are afflicted by pain and sorrow. The Risen Jesus is alive and active in us, in our families and in our world. We should lead all people to experience the presence and power of the Risen Lord.

If we keep Jesus as center of our life and at home, He blesses our family abundantly at all time. He protects our life, our children and fulfills all our aspirations and desires. He leads us in right path provided we are faithful to His calling and practice our Christian virtues in our life.

Cardinal Gracias recommends deepen our Faith Course in our parishes: One of the key issues of concern for the Church: Faith Formation. Faith is much more than just having a detailed knowledge of the meaning of the Scriptures and Tradition, of what they say and why they say it. That is an academic achievement, not a spiritual one. That understanding of Scripture and tradition has to pervade our thoughts and being. The informed, mature faith has to change our values, our attitudes, our relationship with our neighbors, and ultimately, our deeply personal relationship with God. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was once asked whether he had had any doubts. He replied that he had never had any doubts. He could have had intellectual gaps in knowledge; he might have failed to understand. But he had had so many experiences of God in his own life, that there was never any doubt. So we have to make the effort to move from knowledge to understanding; we have to apply that understanding to support our faith. Knowing the Christian faith is one thing; having the Christian faith is entirely another thing. How

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do we make that long journey from knowing to being? We can do it only with prayer. Expressing love in daily worship is very important, because the love that is not expressed would atrophy. But as important as worship is the silent surrender to God; not to talk to God, so much as to listen to Him with a silent mind.

- Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.
- Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.
 - Drive is meaningful when the destination is beautiful.

For your kind information: Tribunal office on holidays during the month of May, 2017.

May the summer holidays for the students and children bring freshness and new experience in motivating their future life. Let the children be taught to attend the daily Holy Mass and to practice the Marian devotion and reciting rosary daily at home. Thanking you.

Fr. S. Pascal Raj

COMMISSIONS AND REPORTS ST. XAVIER'S PASTORAL CENTRE

Anbiyam

Four members of our diocesan governing body of the commission for Anbiyam Rev. Sr. Pushpa, Rev. Sr. Sophie and Mr. Ubagarasamy of Villupuram and Mr. Isidore of Vinoba Nagar participated in the Regional Anbiyam general body meeting held on 29th March in Madurai and submitted the report on the situation of our Anbiyams and on the celebration of Anbiyam month in January. Most Rev. Dr. Amalraj, bishop of Ooty has taken charge as the Chairman of TNCBC Commission for Anbiyam.

And it was decided in the meeting that a 4 day Training Programme will be conducted in the month of September from 14^{th} to 17^{th} by the

National Service Team of the CCBI Commission for Anbium, in Pallotin House, Pillar, Madurai, If you have a good and committed candidate kindly inform me so that we can send some for this special training. Thanks to our Archbishop who met all the expenses of the team who attended the Regional General Body Meeting.

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Christuvar Vazhurimai Ivakkam (CVI)

A Consultation Seminar was conducted for the Regional Executive members of the Christuvar Vazhurimai Ivakkam along with the diocesan commission Secretaries of CVI. Around 35 members attend it. Once again it was decided that all dioceses should conduct the Diocesan Executive Committee meeting and find out the ways and means of starting and strengthening the units of Christuvar Vazhurimai Ivakkam in each parish of the diocese. Because we are in a time of harassment of the Central government over the minorities of the country, atleast to show our protest of dissatisfaction to the government we should have an organization to bring our people together in the time of need.

So Dear Fathers, I earnestly request you to start recruiting members in your parish for CVI. Atleast each parish should have 100 members of one unit and start functioning by conducting the meeting and discussing about the local political problems that our people face in that area and take necessary steps for the welfare of our people.

Monthly Evangelization Prayer Meeting

Last month we had a good session for one day on 22nd April with Rosary, Praise and Worship, Healing session and Holy Eucharist by Rev. Fr. Clitus, a Servite Priest and a charismatic lay person Mr. Francis Giri of Chennai.

Now in the month of May, many Protestant Churches and individual Pentecostal Churches are organizing Prayer Congresses under various names. Most of our Catholics thirsting for the word of God tend to go over there for their needs. So we are organizing a 3 days Catholic Charismatic Congress from 19th to 21st of May (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), in Petit Seminaire Primary School ground.

The programme will be from 05.00 p.m. to 09.00 p.m. on all the three days. During the day time, individual and family councelling will be given in St. Xavier Pastoral Centre, Uppalam. This programme is conducted by a team of priests consisting of Rev. Fr. K. A. Jesu Nazarene, Rev. Fr. A. Arputharaj of our diocese and Rev. Fr. Irudavarai, Director, Charismatic Centre, Taniore, Kindly announce to the people so that many may come and get healed and renewed.

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Fr. A. J. Philomindoss

Director, Pastoral Centre

விவிலிய ஆணைக்குமு அரிக்கை

அன்படையீர்.

அனைவர்க்கும் உயிர்ப்பு விழாவின் மகிழ்ச்சியும், வாழ்த்தும் உரித்தாகுக! உயிர்ப்பு விழாவுக்குத் தயாரிக்கும் வகையில் மார்ச் மாதம் 12ஆம் தேதி, மறைநூல் கருத்தரங்கு நடைபெற்றது. அதன் விவரம் பின்வருமாறு: இடம் : புனித சவேரியார் மேய்ப்புப்பணி மையம்

பொருள்: 1. இயேசு, ஆண்டவரின் ஊழியன்

2. இயேசு பாஸ்காச் செம்மறி

நேரம் : காலை 09.30 மணி முதல் மாலை 04.30 வரை

சொந்பொழிவாளர்கள் :

அருட்பணி முனைவர் அ. மரியசெல்வம் (இயேசு ஆண்டவரின் ஊழியன்) (இயேசு செம்மரி) அருட்பணி முனைவர் அ. பெஞ்சமின்

காலை 09.30 மணிக்குத் தொடக்கச் செபத்திற்குப்பின் அருட்பெரும் தந்தை கிரகோரி (மறைமாவட்டப் பொருளாளர்), தொடக்கவுரை வழங்கினார். எவ்வாறு இந்த இரண்டு கருத்தோட்டங்கள் இயேசுவின் பாடுகளில் சிறப்பாக நிறைவேறின எனக்குறிப்பிட்டார். கருத்தரங்கில் அருள்தந்தையர், அருள்சகோதரிகள், இருபால் இல்லறத்தார் 140பேர் பங்குபெற்றனர். எல்லா சொற்பொழிவுகளும் மின்நகல் எடுத்து தரப்பட்டன. காலை-மாலை தேனீர், சிற்றுண்டி, நண்பகல் உணவு எல்லாம் விவிலியக்குழு வழங்கியது. சொற்பொழிவுகளுக்குப் பின், கேள்வி-பதில் கருத்துப் பரிமாற்றங்கள் இடம் பெற்றன. பொருளாமம் உள்ள கேள்விகள், பதில்கள் இடம் பெற்றன. இவை அவையினரின் ஆர்வத்தைக் காட்டுகின்றன.

இறுதியில் செயலாதந்தை, மேய்ப்புப்பணி இயக்குநா தந்தை பிலமின்தாஸ் இடம், ஒலிபெருக்கி, பலிப்பூசை போன்றவைகளுக்கு இடமும் ஏற்பாடும் அளித்தமைக்கு நன்றி கூறினார். தலைமை தாங்கிய தந்தை கிரகோரி,

அளித்தமைக்கு நன்றி கூறினார். தலைமை தாங்கிய தந்தை கிரகோரி, சொற்போழிவாற்றிய முனைவர் தந்தை அ. மரியசெல்வம், வந்த தந்தையர், எல்லாச் சபைச் சகோதரிகள், பங்கு மக்கள் (எல்லா ஊர்களிலுமிருந்து வந்தவர்) அனைவர்க்கும் நன்றி கூறினார். இறுதியில் பலிப்பூசையோடு கருத்தரங்கு இனிதே முடிந்தது!! கிறிஸ்து உயிர்ப்பு விழாவின் வாழ்த்து அனைவர்க்கும் உரிக்காகுக!

அருட்பணி. அ.பெஞ்சமின் விவிலிய ஆணைக்குழுச் செயலர்

FAMILY COMMISSION

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

The Common marriage preparation course for the youth of all the parishes will be conducted on 20th Saturday, 21st Sunday, 27th Saturday and 28th Sunday of May from 9.30 AM till 1.00 PM and 2.30PM till 5.00 PM. The Students have to pay Rs.500/- as registration fees, resource book and fees for the resource persons and they have to bring their lunch. I request the Parish Priest to inform this to your youth and send them for this course.

Rev.Fr. S. Maria Joseph

 $Secretary, \ Archdiocesan \ Family \ Commission.$

SC/ST COMMISSION REPORT

DCPC- Dalit Christians People Cell Meeting

We had DCPC Meeting in SAMSSS, Vikravandi on 1st April 2017. Fifty representatives from different parishes Participated. Fr. Albert Nelson, the Regional Secretary addressed and explained about the small scale industry in order to improve the economic development of the poor people.

TNBC SC/ ST Scholarship for Poor Students

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The TNBC SC/ ST Scholarship for this Academic year had been distributed on 22nd April 2017 (Saturday) at 10 AM in SAMSSS, Vikravandi. 69 students gained benefit out this scholarship programme. For this year the TNBC contributed Rs. 64,000. Heartfelt thanks to the Tamilnadu Bishop's Conference for their concern on poor Dalit students. Our Archbishop generously contributed Rs. 23,000 to the rejected Students. Thanks to Our Archbishop for the continuous help every year. I also thank all the Parish Priests for your cooperation.

Summer camp for Dalit Christians Students

The summer camp for Dalit Christians students those who have completed 10th std this year will be conducted on 10th -11th May 2017 in Yercaud. The students those, who have attended already the "Students Skill development Programme" are requested to attend the summer camp. The details about the camp will be informed personally to the concerned parish priest and the Students-participants.

Admission on the basis of G.o. 92

We need to be aware of G.o. 92 in receiving scholarship for higher studies. It is very helpful for the SC/ST Christians in receiving scholarship including the hostel fees, except the books, exam fees and personal needs. For any further clarification please approach our commission co-ordinator Mr. Babu. Cell 9486221021

Fr.A. Arputharaj

Secretary, SC/ST Commission.

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