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**Mission: Christians in Asia:** The Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



### ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE



### Praying for the Faithful departed

#### 1. The Souls in the Purgatory

There are **three status** among the members of the church. Some of the members of the Body of Christ are **pilgrims on earth**; others have died and **are being purified**; while still others are **in glory**, seeing God face to face (cf. no. 954, Catechism of Catholic Church). There is a deep communion among the disciples of Christ in these three stages.

We, the pilgrims on earth, are in deep communion with **the Saints in Heaven**. Every year on 1<sup>st</sup> November we celebrate the solemnity of all the Saints and we pray to them for their intercession.

We, the pilgrims on earth, are in deep communion **with the faithful departed**. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November we keep the memory of all the faithful departed. In purgatory, the souls of the faithful departed, who have died in God's grace, undergo purification so that they could enter heaven.

The best thing we can do for the souls of the faithful departed is **to pray** for them and above all, to **offer Holy Mass** for them. Remembering the dead and praying for them is a pious and holy thing. Judas Maccabeus made atonement for the dead that they may be delivered from their sin (2 Macc. 12:45-46). "From the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (No. 1032, Catechism of the Catholic Church).

During the month of November let us try to participate in the Holy Mass frequently, receive Holy Communion and offer it for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed. Let us offer our prayers, our sacrifices, our almsgiving to the poor, our works of penance for the souls in the purgatory. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November let us remember our deceased Archbishops, Priests, Religious and

- May the souls of the faithful departed, by the mercy of God rest in peace.
- Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now at the hour of our death.

#### 2. New Diocese of Hosur

On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017, the Holy Father has erected the New Syro-Malabar Eparchy (Diocese) of Hosur, whose jurisdiction is extended to the Syro-Malabar Catholics in Pondicherry Archdiocese and to some other Diocese of North Tamilnadu. This new Diocese creates the problem of overlapping jurisdiction.

The letter of the Holy Father Pope Francis, to the Bishops of India about the pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar Catholics in India is given in this News Letter. All the Priests are kindly requested to go through it.



### **3. CBCI Dalit Policy**

“**CBCI Policy of Dalit Empowerment in the Catholic Church in India**” was approved by the CBCI Standing Committee in September 2016 and was promulgated on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in New Delhi by the President of CBCI.

All the Priests and the Religious in our Archdiocese are greatly encouraged to pay great attention to the recommendations given by the CBCI and to implement them with time-bound concrete action plans.

1. That practices of Untouchability, Discrimination and Exclusion be forthwith abolished.
2. That special attention be given at all levels for the promotion and care of Vocations to priesthood and religious life from the Dalit community.
3. That there be Participatory and Inclusive Administration and Transparency in Governance.
4. That Liturgical and Para-liturgical Concerns of the Dalits be attended to.
5. That special interest be taken in the Formation of Clergy and Religious.
6. That Dalit Women and Children be accorded their due space.
7. That programs for Youth Development among Dalits be initiated.
8. That Dalit Leaders be empowered to strengthen People’s Movements.
9. That Social Consciousness be created and Social Relations be strengthened.

10. That Educational Empowerment of the Dalits becomes a priority.
11. That Dalits be encouraged in Employment and Entrepreneurship
12. That Grievance, Redressal and Peace-building mechanisms be established.

### **4. Dalit Christian Liberation Sunday**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 is celebrated as Dalit Christians Liberation Sunday. The special theme is: **Religious freedom of the Dalit Christians**. On this day let us all pray in a special way for our Dalit Christians that they be constitutionally granted Schedule Caste status.

### **5. Liturgy Commission**

Rev. Fr. A. Wilson George is appointed as the New Secretary of our Archdiocesan Liturgy Commission with effect from 01-11-2017. We wish him success in his new assignment.

We greatly appreciate and thank very much Rev. Fr. J. Arockiaraj for his dedicated services for the past many years as the Secretary of our Liturgy Commission.

### **6. Archbishop Michael Augustine**

Our beloved Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. S. Michael Augustine is having the feast of his heavenly patron **on 23<sup>rd</sup> November**. We wish His Grace a very Happy Feast and pray for him in a special way on that day.

### **7. Education Fund**

Right now there is a shortage of funds. Hence, Parish Priests are kindly requested not to recommend and not to send

students here for educational help during the month of November 2017.

### **9. 105th parish: Thiagadrugam**

On 29th October 2017, Thiagadrugam Mission has been canonically erected into a parish and Rev.Fr. Theresenathan, OFM Cap, has been appointed as the parish priest of this newly erected parish of Thiagadrugam. we offer our hearty felicitations to the pastor and the faithful of Thiagadrugam parish.

### **9. Beatification of Sr. Rani Maria, FCC**

We are happy that Sr, Rani Maria, FCC is going to be beatified on 4th november 2017 at Indore where she was martyred for her love for christ and for her service to the poor. We thank God for the gift of Blessed Rani Maria. We offer our hearty congratulations to the Franciscan Clarist Congregation.

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

02	THU	06.15 a.m.	Requiem Mass, Cathedral.
03	FRI	10.00 a.m.	Mass, Cottage Day (FSAG), Pastoral centre, Uppalam.
04	SAT	10.00 a.m.	SC/ST Commission meeting Pastoral centre, Uppalam.
09	THU	06.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass, Varadarajapet.
12	SUN	05.30 p.m.	Mass, Silver Jubilee Celebration Monfort Brothers, Tindivanam.
15	WED	06.30 a.m.	Requiem Mass, Carmel convent Muthailpet.
25	SAT	10.30 a.m.	Senate Meeting, Archbishop's

House.

26	SUN	07.30 a.m.	Feast Mass, Christ the King parish Villupuram.
28	TUE	10.30 a.m	Commissions Meeting, Archbishop's House.

**[sd] + Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**

Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore

### **LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS TO THE BISHOPS IN INDIA**

Dear Brother Bishops,

1. The remarkable *varietas Ecclesiarum*, the result of a long historical, cultural, spiritual and disciplinary development, constitutes a treasure of the Church, *regina in vestitu deaurato circumdata variegata* (cf. *Ps 44* and *Leo XIII, Orientalium Dignitas*), who awaits her groom with the fidelity and patience of the wise virgin, equipped with an abundant supply of oil, so that the light of her lamp may enlighten all peoples in the long night of awaiting the Lord's coming.

This variety of ecclesial life, which shines with great splendour throughout lands and nations, is also found in India. The Catholic Church in India has its origins in the preaching of the Apostle Thomas. It developed through contact with the Churches of Chaldean and Antiochian traditions and, from the sixteenth century onward, through the efforts of Latin missionaries. The history of Christianity in this great country thus led to three distinct *sui iuris* Churches, corresponding to ecclesial expressions of the same faith celebrated in different rites according to the three liturgical, spiritual, theological and disciplinary traditions. Although this situation has sometimes led to tensions in the course of history, today we can admire a Christian presence that is both rich and beautiful, complex and unique.

2. It is essential for the Catholic Church to reveal her face in all its beauty to the world, in the richness of her various traditions. For this reason the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, which celebrates its centenary year, having been established through the farsightedness of Pope Benedict XV in 1917, has encouraged, where necessary, the restoration of Eastern Catholic traditions, and ensured their protection, as well as respect for the dignity and rights of these ancient Churches.

3. The Second Vatican Council embraced this vision of the Church and reminded the faithful of the need to protect and preserve the treasure of the particular traditions of each Church. "Moreover, within the Church particular Churches hold a rightful place; these Churches retain their own traditions, without in any way opposing the primacy of the Chair of Peter, which presides over the whole assembly of charity (cf. Ignatius of Antioch, *Ad Rom., Praef.*), and protects legitimate differences, while at the same time assuring that such differences do not hinder unity but rather contribute toward it" (*Lumen Gentium*, 13).

4. As *Lumen Gentium* teaches, it is for the Bishop of Rome to promote unity in the diversity of the Body of Christ. In this task, the Roman Pontiffs faithfully interpret and apply the voice of the Second Vatican Council, which expressed the ardent desire that the Oriental Churches, venerated for their antiquity, should "flourish and with new apostolic vigour execute the task entrusted to them" (*Orientalium Ecclesiarum*, 1). Their responsibility is not only to become ever more effective instruments of that "special duty of promoting the unity of all Christians, especially Eastern Christians" (*Orientalium Ecclesiarum*, 24), but also to promote their "equal dignity [...] for they enjoy the same rights and are under the same obligations, also in respect of preaching the Gospel to the whole world" (*Orientalium Ecclesiarum*, 3).

Thirty years ago, my beloved predecessor Saint John Paul II wrote a Letter to the Bishops of India. Drawing on the Second Vatican Council, he sought to apply the conciliar teaching to the Indian context. In India, even after many centuries, Christians are only a small proportion of the population and, consequently, there is a particular need to demonstrate unity and to avoid any semblance of division. Saint John Paul II also stated that the need for unity and the preservation of diversity are not opposed to one another: "This need to be faithful to the traditions and patrimony of one's own rite must not be interpreted as an interference with the Church's task of 'gathering into one the children of God who are scattered abroad' (*Jn 11:52*) or with the mission of the Church to promote the communion of all people with the Redeemer" (*Epistula ad Indiae Episcopos*, 28 May 1987).

5. Five decades ago, when the Syro-Malabar Church expanded to some central and northern parts of India with "missionary eparchies", it was generally thought by the Latin Bishops that there should be just one jurisdiction, that is, one bishop in a particular territory. These eparchies, created from Latin dioceses, today have exclusive jurisdiction over those territories, both of the Latin and Syro-Malabar faithful. However, both in the traditional territories of the Eastern Churches, as well as in the vast area of the so-called diaspora (where these faithful have long been established), a fruitful and harmonious cooperation between Catholic bishops of the different *sui iuris* Churches within the same territory has taken place. This cooperation not only offers an ecclesiological justification for such a solution, but also demonstrates its pastoral benefits. In a world where large numbers of Christians are forced to migrate, overlapping jurisdictions have become customary and are increasingly effective tools for ensuring the pastoral care of the faithful while also ensuring full respect for their ecclesial traditions.

6. In India itself, overlapping jurisdictions should no longer be problematic, for the Church has experienced them for some time, such as in Kerala. Saint John Paul II's Letter authorized the erection of a Syro-Malabar eparchy in the Bombay-Pune region, which became the Eparchy of Kalyan. In 2012 the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Faridabad was erected in the region of Delhi and its neighbouring states, while the boundaries of the Eparchy of Mandya were extended in 2015 to include the metropolitan area of Bangalore. In the same year, an Eparchy and an Apostolic Exarchate were erected for the Syro-Malankar faithful, so that by these ecclesiastical circumscriptions the Syro-Malankar Church could provide pastoral care for its faithful throughout the territory of India. All these developments show that, albeit not without problems, the presence of a number of bishops in the same area does not compromise the mission of the Church. On the contrary, these steps have given greater impetus to the local Churches for their pastoral and missionary efforts.

7. In 2011 my predecessor Benedict XVI wished to provide for the pastoral needs of the Syro-Malabar faithful throughout India, and I confirmed his intention following the plenary session of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches in 2013. Archbishop Raphael Thattil is currently the Apostolic Visitor for those Syro-Malabar faithful in India who live outside their own territory, and he has provided detailed reports to the Apostolic See. This issue has been examined in meetings at the highest levels of the Church. Following these steps, I believe the time is now right to complete this process.

I have therefore authorized the Congregation for the Oriental Churches to provide for the pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar faithful throughout India by the erection of two Eparchies and by the extension of the boundaries of the two already in existence.

I decree also that the new circumscriptions, as with those already in existence, be entrusted to the pastoral care of the Major Archbishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly and to the Synod

of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, according to the norms of the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches*.

8. I hope that my decision will be welcomed with a generous and peaceful spirit, although it may be a source of apprehension for some, since many Syro-Malabars, deprived of pastoral care in their own rite, are at present fully involved in the life of the Latin Church. I am convinced, however, that all those involved will understand that there is no need for concern: the Church's life should not be disrupted by such a provision. Indeed it must not be negatively interpreted as imposing upon the faithful a requirement to leave the communities which have welcomed them, sometimes for many generations, and to which they have contributed in various ways. It should rather be seen as an invitation as well as an opportunity for growth in faith and communion with their *sui iuris* Church, in order to preserve the precious heritage of their rite and to pass it on to future generations. There is already an instruction by the Congregation for the Oriental Churches to the Eparchy of Faridabad, which indicates that a member of the Syro-Malabar faithful, by virtue of the same law, is also a member of the Syro-Malabar parish where he or she is domiciled (*Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches*, Can, 280 §1); yet at the same time, he or she can remain fully involved in the life and activities of the parish of the Latin Church. No dispensation is required from the law currently in force for the faithful to practice their faith serenely, and they may do this with the pastoral care of either Latin or Syro-Malabar pastors (cf. Prot. No. 197/2014, 28 January 2016).

9. The path of the Catholic Church in India cannot be that of isolation and separation, but rather of respect and cooperation. The presence of several bishops of the various *sui iuris* Churches in the same territory will surely offer an eloquent witness to a vibrant and marvellous communion. This is the vision of the Second Vatican Council, which I quote once again: "Between all the parts of the Church there remains a bond of close communion whereby they share spiritual riches, apostolic



workers and temporal resources. For the members of the people of God are called to share these goods in common, and of each of the Churches the words of the Apostle hold good: 'According to the gift that each has received, administer it to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God' (1 Pet 4:10)" (*Lumen Gentium*, 13). It is in this spirit that I urge all the beloved Churches in India to be generous and courageous as they witness to the Gospel in the spirit of fraternity and mutual love. For the Syro-Malabar Church, this continues the valued work of their priests and religious in the Latin context, and sustains their availability for those Syro-Malabar faithful who, although choosing to attend Latin parishes, may request some assistance from their Church of origin. The Latin rite Church can continue to generously offer hospitality to members of the Syro-Malabar communities who do not have church buildings of their own. The cooperation among all the *sui iuris* Churches should continue, for example in the area of retreats and seminars for clergy, Bible conferences, celebrations of common feast days and ecumenical endeavours. With the growth of spiritual friendship and mutual assistance, any tension or apprehension should be swiftly overcome. May this extension of the pastoral area of the Syro-Malabar Church in no way be perceived as a growth in power and domination, but as a call to deeper communion, which should never be perceived as uniformity. In the words of Saint Augustine, who sang the praises of the Trinity and of the wonderful communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, I also ask you: *dilatentur spatia caritatis* (*Sermon 69, PL 5, 440.441*). May there be a growth in love, communion and service.

Dear brother Bishops, I commend all of you to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and I assure you of my closeness in prayer. To all of you, the Church and the faithful in India, I impart my Apostolic Blessing, and I ask that you pray for me.

From the Vatican, 9 October 2017

+FRANCIS

### ARCHBISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

S.No.	Date	Particulars	Amount
1	01.10.17	Msgr.A.Arulanandam	5000
2	"	Muthialpet Parish	5000
3	"	Packiam Textiles, Pondicherry	100
4	"	Well wishers, Muthialpet	2600
5	"	Immaculate Generalate, Pondicherry	10000
6	07.10.17	Kurusukuppam Parish	10000
7	"	Parish Council, Kurusukuppam	5000
8	"	St.Francis Assisi convent, Kurusukuppam	2500
9	"	Belgoth Amurtharani, Kurusukuppam	2000
10	"	St.Francis Assisi Orphanage, Kurusukuppam	1000
11	"	Arokiamary, Kurusukuppam	1000
12	"	Thermass Andri, T.V.Nagar	1000
13	"	Sanzhuvayan Paramanatham, Kurusukuppam	1000
14	"	Leballand Lucia, Kurusukuppam	1000
15	"	Zhaquiline Nees, Kurusukuppam	1000
16	"	Desjardins Bernars Honorine, Kurusukuppam	1000
17	11.10.17	Berthali Orine, Kurusukuppam	500
18	"	Alphonse, Kurusukuppam	500
19	"	A.Joseph, Kurusukuppam	500
20	"	M.Savariammalla, Kurusukuppam	500
21	"	Albert Vallatharasi, Kurusukuppam	500
22	"	Jegan, Kurusukuppam	500
23	"	S.Regobert, Kurusukuppam	500
24	"	J.Vinothkumar, Kurusukuppam	300
25	"	A.Arun, Kurusukuppam	200
26	"	A.Mary, Kurusukuppam	200
27	"	M.Leion Kilor, Kurusukuppam	200
28	"	Reno Vinoliya, Kurusukuppam	200
29	"	L.Antoinette Leya, Kurusukuppam	200
30	"	Thangaraj Rita, Kurusukuppam	200
31	"	Madankumar, Kurusukuppam	200
32	"	P.Pushpanathan, Kurusukuppam	200
33	"	S.Shain Shami, Kurusukuppam	200





33 MAIYANUR	4500.00		4500.00
34 MADAMPATTU	20000.00	30000.00	50000.00
35 MEL PAZHANGUR	10800.00		10800.00
36 MEL SITHAMUR	5000.00		5000.00
37 MEL VAZHI	5000.00	10000.00	15000.00
38 MICHAELPURAM	7800.00		7800.00
39 MUGAIYUR	14000.00		14000.00
40 MUNNUR	7000.00		7000.00
41 MUTHIALPET	5300.00		5300.00
42 NANGATHUR	9550.00		9550.00
43 NARASINGANUR	9500.00		9500.00
44 NELLIKUPPAM	2000.00		2000.00
45 NELLITHOPE	23000.00	5000.00	28000.00
46 NEYVELI	7500.00		7500.00
47 OTHERS	75550.00	70000.00	145550.00
48 PANICKANKUPPAM	3000.00	14000.00	17000.00
49 PERIYA NOLLAMBAI	9985.00		9985.00
50 PENNADAM	5000.00		5000.00
51 PERIAPET	10500.00		10500.00
52 REDDIARPALAYAM	14700.00	30000.00	44700.00
53 SACRED HEART BASILICA	6550.00		6550.00
54 SATHIAMANGALAM	25500.00		25500.00
55 SATHIPATTU	10750.00	20000.00	30750.00
56 SEEDEVI	10000.00	30000.00	40000.00
57 SENGADU	13800.00		13800.00
58 SEEPAKKAM	2000.00		2000.00
59 THANANGUDY	5000.00		5000.00
60 THELY	8200.00		8200.00
61 THERKUNAM	2000.00		2000.00
62 THIRUKOILUR	19000.00		19000.00
63 THIRUNJICOLLA	34200.00	35406.00	69606.00
64 THIRUNJIPOONDY	2000.00		2000.00
65 TINDIVANAM	14000.00		14000.00
66 ULUTHUR	8000.00		8000.00
67 ULUNDURPET	9000.00		9000.00
68 UPPALAM	9000.00		9000.00
69 VADALUR	12300.00		12300.00

70 VEERAREDDIKUPPAM	9500.00		9500.00
71 VELANTHANGAL	6000.00		6000.00
72 VELLAKULAM	60300.00		60300.00
74 VILLIANUR	36000.00	5000.00	41000.00
75 VILLUPURAM	8500.00	20000.00	28500.00
76 VIRIYUR	25000.00	40000.00	65000.00
77 VRIDHACHALAM	4000.00		4000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1012070.00</b>	<b>662242.00</b>	<b>1674312.00</b>

**LIST OF THE POOR STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED  
RS. 3000 AND ABOVE FROM 01.07.17 TO 30.09.17**

**Anilady**

Jaya surya - B.E.	8000
Monisha - DMLT	7000
Sarala mary - B.Sc.Nursing	5000

**Adanur**

Suguna.V - B.Sc Nursing	6000
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**Akkarapalayam**

Caroline Josephine - B.Sc.Nursing	5000
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**Ariyankuppam**

Catherine Felicine - B.Ed.,	5000
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**Athipakkam**

Jenitha mary - B.Ed.,	3000
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**Alagappasamuthiram**

Menaga - B.Ed.,	3000
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**Cathedral**

Helen Saral - B.Tech	10000
Visita - B.Ed.,	30000
Valerie Vinnarasi - M.Sc.	8836

**Eraiur**

Anushiya janet - B.Sc.	4500
Arockia mary - B.A.	9050
Arockia mary - B.Com	9985
Celine Cynthia - B.Ed.,	29000
Elizabeth rani - B.Sc.	6000
Isabella Rani - B.Ed.,	32500
Jacintha - B.Ed.,	30000
Jesu Vinola Mary - B.Ed.,	29000
Julie Prema - B.Ed.,	40000
Margrate priyadarshini - B.Sc.	7800
Mary Bernadine - B.Ed.,	4000
Nambikai mary - B.Ed.,	39000
Rexy priyadarshini - B.Sc.	6000
Ruby juliana mary - B.Sc.	7800
Vinoliya - B.Sc.	7800

**Fathimapalayam**

Kiruba - B.Ed.,	5000
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**Kanakkankuppam**

Liza Monica - B.Sc.	3000
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**Michaelpuram**

Edvya sherly - B.Sc.	7800
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**Mugaiyur**

Renita fathima - B.Ed.,	3000
Mahimai therasa - MBA	3000

**Keezputhupet**

Andranita culas - BCA	10400
Dishanthini - B.Com	8850
Jasmine - BCA	5000
Mary paustina - B.E.	3000
Reshma - B.Sc.Nursing	51000
Sureka - B.Sc.Nursing	15000
Uma Gandhi - B.A.	6850
Vidya - B.Sc.	3000

**Iruppurichy**

Jacintha mary - M.A.	7000
Delphine elizabeth - B.Ed.,	41700
Merline philominal - B.Ed.,	40000
Rufina Priya - B.Sc.B.Ed.,	34800

**Kunankurichy**

Anbarasan - B.E.	3000
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**Krishnankuppam**

Angeline celcia - B.Sc.	5800
Anthuvan Asha - B.A.B.Ed.,	5000
Anushka Gladiamary - BCA	8950
Arockia aiswarya - M.Sc.	3000
Manisha sharmila - B.Sc.	3000
Maria Filby - B.Ed.,	40000

**Madhampattu**

Jackuline Mary - B.Ed.,	40000
Josephine immaculate - B.Sc.	3000
Preetha - B.E.	3000

**Maiyanur**

Sinthiya Nekar - B.Sc.	3000
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**Mel-pazhangur**

Arockia mary - BBM	7800
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**Mel-sithamur**

Godson paul - DCE	3000
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**Mel-Vezhi**

Jaculine mary - B.A.	3000
Arokia Kausalya - B.Ed.,	10000

**Munnur**

Clemencia rani - B.A.	5000
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**Muthialpet**

Prassanna - EEE	3000
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**Nangathur**

Renolds lobo - B.Ed., 3000

**Sengadu**

Arockia jency - B.Sc. 7800

Jenishya - XI 3000

**Thely**

Arockia swetha - B.Sc.Nursing 3000

**Thenangudi**

Flora Mary - B.Sc.Nursing 5000

**Thirukoilur**

Shalini - B.Sc.Nursing 5000

Kamali. E - XII 6000

Anjugam - GNM 8000

**Thurunjicollai**

Ellakiya - B.Ed., 40000

Victoria Rani - B.Ed., 25106

**Tindivanam**

John rachael - M.A. 5000

Rajesh - ITI 3000

Vivekanandan - B.Com 3000

**Ulundurpet**

Arockia mary - MBA 3000

Divya - B.Sc. 6000

**Uppalam**

Clement Maria Bernise - B.Com 9000

**Vellakulam**

Anitha - GNM 5000

Chinnapa raj - CA 3000

Leenu - B.Sc.Nursing 5000

Lelis - GNM 3000

Prasath - BCA 5000

Sathiya prakash - EEE 3000

Vasanthamary - B.Sc.Nursing 32800

**Villianur**

Christina - X 5000

Joice - GNM 25000

Charles B.E 5000

**Villupuram**

Angel Theresmary - B.Ed., 20000

Princess Roseline - B.A.B.Ed. 3000

**Viriyur**

Gayathri - MCA 34500

Joys Manisha - B.Ed., 10000

Anjamma - B.Ed., 10000

**Fr. A.Kulandai Yesu Raja****Joseph****Secretary to the Archbishop****Rev. Fr. J.M. Gregory Louis****Procurator****From the Desk of Vicars****Daily I Die**

Although the Paschal mystery is our daily experience, month of November invites us to become more aware of the mystery of our life in the light of Our Beloved Master, the Risen Lord. This reflection and awareness will really help all of us to become more and more united with the Risen Lord to overcome the unfounded fear of death in spite of our faith in the Lord. Naked we entered into the world, naked we shall return. Therefore renunciation is the condition and the consequence of a liberated life (JIVAN MUKTHA) to be a witness and a guide to our own selves and others. Through our loving parents and relations let us be united with the Lord and all.

**Discern and Decide**

Every day each one's life according to the call and commitment is charged with thousand decisions of important



and ordinary matters. Let us not presume and assume everything and everybody for granted and continue our life as if everything is OK and alright, we are invited to evaluate daily our life at the close of the day as examination of conscience and continue to journey with the spirit of the Risen Lord. This way of life has to become our way of life to be an exemplary witness and humble servant of God.

Decisions may take place in different ways and faces but what matters is that, whether every decision is the Holy Will of God and the plan of God for his glory and the well being of all. Decisions may emerge from affective maturity critical rationality and spiritual wisdom. We need to be aware and awake as guides for every decision affects everyone of us. Gut-level decisions are affected by fluctuating emotions, ethnicity, caste, relations etc. etc. Most of us are conditioned by this factor and that is why humanity, religion and others are divided even now. Next with rules and regulations, intellectual capacity and ability, our deceptive element the mind takes decisions according to circumstances, situations, persons and other reasonable factors. Follow the letter and the spirit of the civil and ecclesial laws for all; based on justice and values enshrined and accepted by all with moral credibility and courage. The best way of decision is at the spirit level according to the will and plan of God as witnessed by Jesus Christ and our Mother Mary. Better to be a person guided by the spirit of the Risen Lord than any other concern if we are really the brothers and sisters of Jesus, servants of God and temples of the Holy Spirit.

### **Congrats for the News Letter**

Many of us are contributing to the news letter as officials and in charge of commissions. Let us continue that so that news letter becomes a vibrant link among all of us in the Local Church guided and guarded by the Local Bishop. It would be better that all get the news letter as a gift on the first day of every month for which the contributors, the press, the postal department and the editors will have to work our little early than at the last moment. We all know that the post takes more than one week to travel to us. It will be possible to know in advance the programme of our Archbishop

also during every month. Still some of us in charge of diocesan affairs could and need to share their concerns and service with all so that there is nothing so secret to create a space for doubts etc.

Let us be happy about the forth coming diocesan synod. Preparation in 2018 and celebration of it in 2019. In December we will have the common clergy recollection on the 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the campus of the Archbishop's House, when we will be introduced to the new missal and the guidelines for the celebrants and the people of God by our beloved Archbishop. We also will have the Senate Meeting in the month of November 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday in the headquarters around 10.30 A.M. The Vicars Forane's meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October was really useful and fruitful and the option for the poor by the CBCI and the Local Church was also shared by all and all the priests will get the document in due time to be alert and committed to the cause of the deprived in our Archdiocese with the laity and the religious. Let us thank Fr. Jayanth for communicating the important messages through SMS. Hope that all get the SMS and are informed of useful matters. Let us also appreciate our Fathers who are faithful to celebrate the masses for the intentions of the people and send the surplus to the Procure. May the Spirit of the Risen Lord help us to be positive towards all especially towards our brother priests based, grounded on gospel values.

**Msgr. A. Arulanandam**  
Vicar General

**Msgr. A. Louis**  
Episcopal Vicar

### **FROM THE DESK OF FR. PROCURATOR**

### **MISSION SUNDAY**

***Dear Rev. Fathers,***

All the members of the Church are called to Participate in the mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature. World Missions Day is a privileged moment when the faithful of various

continents engage in prayer and concrete gestures of solidarity in support of the young churches in mission lands. Last year we have remitted **Rs. 41,63,199/-** as our Archdiocesan Mission Sunday collection to the National Office, Pontifical Mission Organization, Bangalore. I sincerely thank and appreciate all the Parish Priests and Heads of the institutions for your very special effort to collect the above amount. The Pontifical Mission Organization expects more than Rs. 50 lakhs from our Archdiocese according to the ratio of Catholic population. Hence, we kindly request you to take all the necessary efforts to mobilize more funds from the faithful.

Our prayers and our donations on world Mission Sunday help the Church in poor countries to reach out to those living in poverty and the vulnerable so that they too can know the love and joy that comes from Jesus. Let us remember that Jesus wants all of us to be missionaries so that his love can reach everyone.

#### **How is our Mission Sunday collection used?**

The promotion of the Mission Sunday is entrusted to the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) of each diocese. The money collected from different parishes in the diocese on

Mission Sunday is sent by the Diocesan office to the **National Office, Pontifical Mission Organization (PMO)**

**Bangalore.** From there, it is then sent to the International office of the society for the propagation of Faith, in Rome. At their annual meeting in Rome, the International Society for the Propagation of Faith decides how the funds collected will be distributed to missionaries worldwide, based on the needs that are prioritized.

**Please remit the Mission Sunday collection before the end of November 2017 and enable us to forward the collection to Pontifical Missions Organization in time.**

### **MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - 2016**

S.No.	Name of the Parish	Amount
1	VILLUPURAM - CHRIST THE KING	350000.00
2	SACRED HEART BASILICA	247000.00
3	NEYVELI - I	230255.00
4	KARAIKAL	177000.00
5	UPPALAM	172700.00
6	NELLITOPE	166240.00
7	RAINBOW NAGAR	151000.00
8	VADALUR	145000.00
9	TAGORE NAGAR	142000.00
10	CATHEDRAL	132000.00
11	REDDIARPALAYAM	120000.00
12	ERAIYUR	120000.00
13	IRUPPUKURICHY	110166.00
14	THATTANCHAVADY	105030.00
15	N.D.DES ANGES	100564.00
16	VINOBA NAGAR	100000.00
17	PANIKANKUPPAM	100000.00
18	VILLIANUR	77310.00
19	CUDDALORE N.T	75000.00
20	ARIANCOUPAM	65322.00
21	MUTHIALPET	57000.00
22	VIRIYUR	50000.00
23	KANANGADU	50000.00
24	VIKRAVANDI	47000.00
25	KOTTUCHERRY	45560.00
26	KALLAKURICHI	45000.00
27	VILLUPURAM - ST.FR.XAVIER	42500.00
28	KUNANKURICHI	40000.00
29	ANILADY	40000.00
30	CHINNASALEM	38000.00
31	IRUDAYAMPATTU	37000.00
32	ATHIPAKKAM	33400.00
33	SATHIAMANGALAM	32526.00
34	MEL NARIAPPANUR	32400.00
35	NELLIKUPPAM	32000.00
36	PERIYAKURICHY	30000.00

37	MEMALUR	30000.00
38	THIRUPAPULIYUR	25898.00
39	MAIYANUR	25500.00
40	BAHOUR	25456.00
41	ULUNDURPET	25000.00
42	ARULAMPADI	25000.00
43	VRIDHACHALAM	21972.00
44	KURUSUKUPPAM	21000.00
45	MUGAIYUR	20000.00
46	ARASAKUZH	20000.00
47	INDIRA NAGAR	17600.00
48	THIRUKOILUR	15000.00
49	GINGEE	15000.00
50	KODUNGAL	15000.00
51	KOVILANUR	15000.00
52	MARAKANAM	15000.00
53	THELY	14000.00
54	KANAKANKUPPAM	13145.00
55	KRISHNANKUPPAM	13000.00
56	CUDDALORE O.T.	11270.00
57	KEEZPUTHUPET	11200.00
58	KOMMEDU	11000.00
59	KALPET	10250.00
60	NANGATHUR	10000.00
61	ANAIYERI	10000.00
62	AKKRAPALAYAM	10000.00
63	SAMUPILLAI NAGAR	10000.00
64	KONANKUPPAM	10000.00
65	MICHAELPURAM	10000.00
66	NEDUNGAMPET	9000.00
67	SEPAKKAM	8050.00
68	VELANTHANGAL	8000.00
69	KAKKANUR	7500.00
70	THIAGADURGAM MISSION	7000.00
71	T.R.PATTINAM	7000.00
72	VEERAREDDIKUPPAM	6500.00
73	TINDIVANAM	6350.00
74	ALAGAPPASAMUTIRAM	6060.00
75	SOZHAMPATTU	6000.00
76	ODIATHUR	6000.00
77	MELPAZANGUR	6000.00

78	MELVAZHI	5600.00
79	IRUNDAI	5127.00
80	ADANUR	5000.00
81	ARCADU	5000.00
82	PERIAPET	5000.00
83	AGRAKOTTALAM	5000.00
84	THURINJICOLLAI	4600.00
85	MADAMPATTU	4000.00
86	THURINJIPOONDI	4000.00
87	MEL SITHAMUR	3700.00
88	NOLLAMBAI	3510.00
89	PENNADAM	3500.00
90	AYANDUR	3000.00
91	SEEDEVI	2600.00
92	FATHIMAPALAYAM	2060.00
93	NARASINGANUR	2000.00
94	GEDILAM MARANODAI	2000.00
95	KALLERY	2000.00
96	THERKUNAM	2000.00
97	MUNNUR	2000.00
98	MANALURPET	1000.00
99	KURUMBAGARAM	
100	SATHIPATTU	
101	SENGADU	
102	THENNANKUDY	
103	ULUTHUR	
104	VELLAIKULAM	
	Others	
105	St.Thomas Church, Jayanagar	30000.00
106	Idaya Rest Home, Ariyankuppam	7200.00
107	Avila Theresa Church, Ousteri	5100.00
	Total	4213721.00

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



**Surplus Mass Intentions received for the month of October - 2017**

Date	Name of the Parish	No. of Masses
03.10.2017	Vinoba Nagar parish	65 mass intentions

**Binated / Trinated Mass Intentions received**

Date	Name of the Priest	No. of Masses
03.10.2017	Fr.A.J.Lawrence	6 mass intentions

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

Procurator

**NECROLOGY****Please pray for the repose of the souls of:**

02-11-1971	Marie Coujandail. P
05-11-2014	Christopher. S
06-11-1984	Thoduca. PH
10-11-1988	Elbreil.D., MEP
12-11-1985	Rajan..J. C.
13-11-1952	Issac. F
14-11-1984	Rayappan. B
15-11-1965	Poothra. PH.
17-11-1983	Gillerm. F., MEP
17-11-2007	Chinnappan. K
18-11-1975	Susainather. R.
21-11-1981	Becker. E., MEP
20-11-1982	Velangany. S
20-11-2004	Yeddanapally. Y
21-11-2004	Antony. A
23-11-1959	Bonis. G., MEP
24-11-1999	Msgr. R. Ambrose
24-11-2012	Susainathan. C
26-11-1989	Mariadas. A

**Voice from Metropolitan Matrimonial Tribunal – 85****Highlights & Report of the Canon Law Society of India**  
**(16-20, Oct.2017)**

On 16-20, October, 2017, out of 134 registered 118 CLSI members from India attended the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference at PILLAR (Pallotti Institute of Lay Leadership Animation and Research), Pillar Salai, Madurai - 625019, Tamil Nadu. The Conference concentrated on the main theme on the “The Temporal Goods of the Church.” On the first day, at 4.15 pm., in the presence of His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias; Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy, the Archbishop of Madurai inaugurated the XXXI Annual Conference.

In his inaugural address the Archbishop highlighted the active role of CLSI, its purpose in rejuvenating the minds of its member Canonists in Canon Law every year, with updates and Interpretations. His Grace stressed that the topic on Temporal Goods was rightly chosen for this year. Since, in each diocese, Priests need to handle temporal goods of the church with evangelical charity and not by the spirit of the world. Canonization of Civil Law is the need of the hour. Active participation of the laity in the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council demands co-responsibility. The integrity and accountability of the Triangle Viz. the Bishop, the Priests and Religious in a Diocese is scanned from different quarters by the civil Authorities. His Grace reiterated that people do not tolerate any more inappropriate accounting. Therefore, expectation of transparency, accountability and good utility of Temporal Goods in the Catholic Church is the hallmark and credibility in today’s world.

His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias took the whole house to the inception stage of the Canon law Society. His Eminence deems it a privilege and pleasure to be with the Canonists of India almost every year. His Eminence recalled the inception stage of this growing family to the year 1987 when at Chennai with only 25 canonists the first Annual meeting took place. Our Archbishop too was a member in the

first Annual meeting. With pride and glamour His Eminence stated that the Society has now more than 300 Canonists. Speaking on the topic chosen, His Eminence quoted Anna Hazare's public view on the Catholic Church stating that: 'the Church is seen as a Public entity with integrity; for it handles its goods with sincerity, altruistic in nature and good accountability'. The Church is a good example to the civil bodies functioning in the country. The Cardinal termed the Canonists as the IAS officers of the Catholic Church, service minded and concern for others.

Out of the several Annual meetings held, this was the only meeting in which His Eminence stayed with us for three days. His Eminence gave the Keynote Address: '*General Principles of Administration of Temporal Goods of the Church*' presented with clarity and precision citing many practical examples. Such caliber and thorough knowledge of the subject with vivid interaction on many questions raised during his three talks proves His Eminence to be the right selection of His Holiness our Pope to include Cardinal as one among the nine Advisors.

Rev. Fr. Xavier Arul Raj, Senior Counsel, Madras High Court presented a paper on "*Integrating Civil Law & Canon Law with special reference to Church Property in the context of the Mission of the Church in India*". His expertise in Civil Law for over 37 years and his research in different aspects of the law see a vacuum in the Catholic Church which yet has to be promulgated as a Personal Law, only the Christian Marriage Act exists. While in the civil structure the binding precedents through the *ratio-decidenti* is an accepted form of march of law in Indian Jurisprudence. However, he stated that what so ever be the development or amendment of law; certain fundamental concepts in the Indian Constitution cannot be altered. This is called the *basic structure doctrine* in the constitutional law.

The papers presented were 1 Administration & Alienation of Temporal Goods; 2.Pious Dispositions and Pious Foundations; 3 Diocesan and Parish Finance Councils 4.Religious and the Administration of Temporal Goods; 5 Administration of Church

Finances in the context of Present Legislation and 6.Sexual abuse of Minors by Clergy and Religious.

The daily liturgy was celebrated in a meaningful way with Morning Prayer and Meditation. Special celebrants were Cardinal Oswald Gracias and Archbishop Antony Pappusamy. On 19<sup>th</sup> October the new service team was elected and Rev. Dr. John Mendonca was elected as President of the Canon Law Society of

India. Rev. Dr. S. Antony Samy, Vice President, Rev. Dr., K.T. Emmanuel, Secretary, Rev. Dr. John Mohandas, continues as Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Varghese Koluthura and Rev. Dr. John Diraviam as executive members. On the 20<sup>th</sup> October, the new service team celebrated mass and prayed for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the CSLI. On the previous day the questionbox session considered as a remarkable one to clarify doubts and to upgrade our canonical thinking regarding Temporal Goods, Religious, tribunal, liturgical and administrative issues are usually clarified by a panel of experts. Four Canonists participated from the Archdiocese of Pondicherry & Cuddalore and it is a refresher courses from time to time on an Annual basis covering relevant topics from Canon Law and the Magisterium of the Church. We sincerely thank the Archbishop and the Procurator for making the necessary arrangements and meeting the expenses.

**Fr. A. C. Francis Joseph Agarwala**  
Defender of Bond

During the month of November, May all departed souls of our families, clerics and religious, dear and near ones be remembered and gain the plenary indulgences specially on the graceful year of God's reign, by praying, doing charitable deeds and visiting the cemeteries, shrines and Basilicas. Thanking you.

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

**St. Xavier's Pastoral Centre****Anbiyam**

The meeting of the Secretaries of the Commission for Anbiyam of all the dioceses of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry was held on 12<sup>th</sup> October in Ooty. And the Central Theme of the Month of Anbiyam (January 2018) was decided as “*md;gpa tho;Nt fpwp];Jtk;*” (Basic Ecclesial Christian Life is the Christianity).

And it was announced also that there will be a three days training programme by the National Team for the Animators of Anbiyam of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry at Vailanganny from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The Parish Priests, if you want to send some interested persons, kindly let me know so that I can enroll their names in advance.

**Diocesan Pastoral Council**

For the immediate action of the Vicars Forane, kindly send three persons' (one Priest, on Lay Man and a Lay Woman) names, addresses and phone numbers and e-mail addresses of your vicariate as early as possible. We have to renew the Diocesan Pastoral Council this year.

**New Secretary for the Commission for Liturgy**

We sincerely thank Rev. Fr. J. Arockia Raj for his great service in the Commission for Liturgy for the past 6 years. In his place Rev. Fr. A. Wilson George is taking over the charge as the Secretary for this Commission, Hearty welcome to him.

**Madha T.V.**

Madha T.V. will be broadcasting Christmas Carols programme from every diocese during the Christmas Season. If you want your choir to participate in it, kindly contact me so that I can tell you the details in advance.

**Blind Walk Rally**

The Pastoral Centre and the Commissions for Youth and SC/ST joined together assembled some of the NGO'S in Pondicherry and

with the guidance of the Project Vision India by Rev. Fr. George Kannandhanam of Cleritian Congregation of Bangalore, formed “Project Vision Pondicherry” and conducted this “BLIND WALK RALLY” on 12<sup>th</sup> October on the World Sight Day from Anna Thidal to Gandhi Thidal at Pondicherry. Around 1700 boys and girls from various colleges and schools, Youth Movements and Self Help Groups of various NGOS participated. We thank all the institution for their enthusiastic cooperation and appreciate the students, youth, members of self help group and the visually challenged who willingly participated with deep consciousness of animating the public for “Cornea Donation” (Eye Donation).

**Commission for Evangelization****Monthly Prayer Meeting**

Last month Rev. Fr. Antony Raj from Chetpet conducted the third Saturday prayer meeting in the centre very successfully. Around 350 people participated. This month on 18<sup>th</sup> November Rev. Fr. Dhanasekar, Parish Priest of St. Antony's Shrine, Puliayankulam, Coimbatore will be animating this month's prayer meeting. I request the Parish Priests of Pondicherry vicariate and Parish Priests of Cuddalore, Tindivanam and Villupuram parishes to announce in the churches during the Sunday masses regarding this so that people may have this opportunity of this Charismatic Healing Prayer Service.

**Meeting of the Secretaries of the Commissions**

Dear Secretaries, an annual secretaries meeting will be held on 28.11.2017 Tuesday at the Archbishop's house in conference hall from 10 a.m to 1.30 p.m. I request all the secretaries to conduct your annual meeting and prepare a short report and send it to me as early as possible and come with your annual plan of action for this year and the accounts of the funds received from our diocese. kindly come without fail.

**Fr. A. J. Philomindoss**

Director



**Family Commission Report of the National Family Commission Symposium on Understanding *Amoris Laetitia* in the Indian Situation 13<sup>th</sup> Oct-15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017, Mumbai.**

The CCBI Commission for Theology and Doctrine, the CCBI Commission for Family and the CBCI office for justice peace and development in collaboration with Diocesan human life committee, Mumbai and FIAMC Bio- Medical ethics center, organized an important National Symposium on the Post –Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* of Pope Francis from Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 4.00 p.m. to Sunday, 15 October 2017, 6.00 p.m. at St. Pius X College, Goregaon East, Mumbai. The National Symposium was entitled: **Understanding *Amoris Laetitia* in the Indian Situation.**

The Symposium started with the opening address by Bishop Gerald Almeida, Chairperson, CBCI Office of Justice, Peace and Development and Bishop of Jabalpur. Archbishop Anil Couto, Chairperson, Commission for Theology and Doctrine, delivered the key note address. In this he spoke about Sacrament of Matrimony: love and mercy as essential ingredients in marriage and family life. From Tamilnadu Bishop Lawrence Pius, Chairperson, Commission for Family, participated in this Symposium and spoke about the cultural reality of the family in India. Around 150 lay people, 40 priests from 41 dioceses of India and many sisters attended the Symposium. Msgr. Henryk Jagodzinski, First Counselor, Apostolic Nunciature in India, was the chief guest of the Symposium.

**Theme of the symposium**

The fundamental ethical values of human life, human dignity, the Christian family values of love, unity, mercy, forgiveness and peace were the main themes of the Symposium. Chapter VIII of *Amoris Laetitia* which deals with pastoral discernment and accompaniment of the divorced and remarried couples were also focused. On the final

day His Eminence, Oswald Cardinal Gracias, President CCBI and President FABC offered the mass and stressed the importance of the formation of the couples. From our Archdiocese Fr. Antony Raj and Mr. Stephen Durai participated in this Symposium.

**Rev.Fr. Maria Joseph**

Secretary, Family Commission.

**YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT - NOVEMBER 2017**

**Activities:**

**1. Blind Walk Rally on World Sight Day:**

The Largest eye donation campaign is conducted on October 12, World Sight Day through a novel program called "Blind Walk Rally" organized by Rev.Fr. Philomindass, the Chief organizer of Project Vision Pondicherry. Our Archdiocesan Youth Commission also Collaborated with the Movement. The objective is to express solidarity with the visually challenged persons and to help them get sight through eye donation.

Around 50 members of Pondicherry Youth Associations are participated in the Rally. The participated Youth also took pledge to donate eyes. They also became Vision Ambassadors, thus increasing the number of eye collections. The Walk is coordinated by St.Xavier's Pastoral Centre.

**2. Upcoming Events:**

- The Training programme (NATP) for Youth Directors on 4th - 10th November 2017 in Indore (With Sr.Rani Marias beatification celebration)
- NSLTP for YCS students/animators from 17th November in Nagpur Pastoral centre.

- CCBI Youth Conference and meeting in Jalandhar, Punjab for Youth directors from 5th - 7th December 2017 at Pastoral Centre Jalandhar.
- YCS/YSM - NATA / EXCO meeting in Chennai on 27th - 28th December, 2017.

#### Requests to all the VF, Parish Priests and Principals

- I request all the VFs to Elect your vicariate level Priest coordinator for the Youth commission and inform me before the end of November.
- I also request all the Parish Priests to renew and update the Catholic Youth Association in your respective parishes. Kindly send the present details of your parish youth associations before the end of November. The Diocesan Youth Commission is ever ready to help you to form and motivate the parish Youth Associations.
- I also request all the Principals and Correspondents to renew and update the YCS/YSM in your respective schools. Kindly send the present details about the YCS Association in your Schools before the end of November. The Diocesan Youth Association is always ready to help you to form and motivate the YCS/YSM in your schools.

#### Information:

#### The New Statutes of CCBI Commission for Youth:

#### Diocesan Youth Commission

- Art.104. Diocesan Youth Commission works under the direction, guidance and consultation with the Diocesan Bishop.
- Art.105. There shall be Youth Commission Secretary in every diocese and if required there shall be a separate youth animator or a director for various youth movements and youth organizations.

- Art.106. There should be General Body and Executive Committee for the Diocesan Youth Commission. The General Body meets every year and Executive Committee at least twice a year.
- Art.107. There should be a deanery, zonal or forane Youth Commission in every diocese. These Commissions shall follow the structure of the diocesan and National Youth Commissions.
- Art.108. The Diocesan Youth Commission coordinates and animates the various youth ministries in the dioceses like, parish ministry, university or college youth ministry, youth apostolate in professional colleges like, engineering, medicine, nursing, youth ministry in work places, like IT parks and other work places where youth are a majority, youth ministries of the various religious congregations, etc.
- Art.109. The Diocesan Youth Commission coordinates not only the youth apostolate in the Catholic educational institutes but also government and other private educational institutes where the Catholic youth are sizable in number.
- Art.110. There should be separate statutes and guidelines for the Diocesan Youth Commission.
- Art.111. There should be separate statutes or norms or guidelines for various youth movements and organisations at the Diocesan level. If the youth movements or youth organisations are pontifical or international in nature, they have to work under the direction, guidance and consultation with the Diocesan Youth Commission. (cf. Article 103)
- Art.112. There should be separate guideline or norms or guidelines for various types of youth ministry in the region like, campus youth ministry, youth ministry through religious congregations, youth ministry in work places, youth apostolate for the professionals, etc.

**Fr.A.Arputharaj,**

Secretary, Youth Commission  
Archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore

## **SC/ST COMMISSION REPORT-November 2017**

### **Activities:**

#### **1. DCPC- Dalit Christians People Cell Training Program:**

One day training program for Dalit Christians People Cell group was held in SAMSSS, Vikkravandi on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017. There are 120 members from various parishes participated in the program. Fr. Albert Nelson, the Regional Secretary gave a motivational talk to the participants. Each member shared their life situations and Expectations with the members.

#### **2. The Regional General Body Meeting:**

It was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Udaya Deepam, Trichy in the presense of Bishop Thomas Paulsamy, the Chairman of TNBC SC/ST Commission. There are seven members are participated from our Archdioces. The various issues namely SC/ST Scholarship, Dalit Liberation Sunday, Political Empowerment of Dalits in forthcoming Panjayat Election were discussed in the meeting.

#### **3. The Launch of a Social Media Campaign “Dalits in Limbo”**

‘Dalits in Limbo’ a social media campaign initiative was launched by Most Rev. Neethinathan, Bishop of Cheigleput and Chairperson, Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India (CBCI) Office for SC/BC on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 4.30 pm from Chingleput. Hundreds of people throughout the world watched it live in the Facebook account Dalit ChristianCbcI. The message in the Tweeter account called **Dalits\_In\_Limbo** was also retweeted by many. A YouTube channel and Blog were also launched with the name **Dalits in Limbo**. The launch program was joined by many of the Dalits and well-wishers and as well as by the Dalits in Diaspora, who are in different parts of the world.

- Dictionary meaning of Limbo: an uncertain period of awaiting a decision or resolution; an intermediate state or condition. The Dalit Christians are denied of their fundamental right to be included in the Scheduled Caste list. Thus neither they are in the SC list nor are they accepted by the caste people as their equals.

- There are some wrong opinions and unnecessary fear spread against including them in the SC list. The social media called ‘Dalits in Limbo’ will clarify many of these doubts. It will also explain to the public the right of Dalits Christians to be included in the SC list.
- The social media campaign is taken up by the young Dalit Christian E-Volunteers, Christians and members of the civil society organisations.

I kindly request all the Priests, Religious and people to have an account in Twitter and follow us in Twitter ID: Dalits in Limbo. Kindly “Like, share, and Retweet “in Facebook and Twitter.

Admin, “Dalits In Limbo” campaign

#DalitsinLimbo

#We



### **Upcoming Events:**

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



The Diocesan General Body meeting will be on 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10 AM in St. Xavier's Pastoral Centre, Uppalam, and Pondicherry.

## 2. Dallit Christians Liberation Sunday:

Coming 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 will be observed as the Dalit Christians Liberation Sunday in the theme of "Religious Freedom of Dalit Christians". The posters and Liturgical guidelines were sent to all the Parishes by post. So kindly celebrate this in a meaningful way and pray specially for this noble intention of the Church.

## 3. Introducing Dalit Policy in all the Parishes on Dalit Liberation Sunday:

I have sent the copy of Dalit Policy, Posters and notice of Action plan of Dalit policy to all the Parish Priests and Superiors of Religious Congregations. I kindly request the Parish Priests to introduce the Dalit Policy and explain the action plan of the policy to the parishners on Dalit Christians Liberation Sunday (12.11.2017)

## 4. Social Media Training for the Dalit Christians:

As you know the Dalit Christians are deprived of the SC status for the past 65 years. The SC status to Dalit Christians will give them ample opportunities in education, and Government employment. On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Most Rev. Neethinathan, Chairperson, CBCI Office for SC/BC launched a social media campaign called Dalits\_In\_Limbo. Very few Dalit Christians are involved in this campaign since they lack knowledge and training. Hence In collaborate with the CBCI Office for SC/BC, we have planned for a Social Media Training for the Dalit Christian youth at the Vicariate level. The first training program for Gingee Vicariate will be held in St. Michael's Hr. Sec. School, Gingee on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (Sunday).

Subject matter for the training

1. Technical aspect of Social Media with practical tips.
2. Responsible use of the social media- some guide lines

3. What is the issue of SC status of Dalit Christians?

Acknowledgement by CBCI

- ◆ The diocese that has more number of youth active in our social media called Dalits\_In\_Limbo will be given a shield and a citation before the next Dalit Liberation Sunday (November 2018)
- ◆ All the Dalit Christian youth who volunteer and dedicate certain number of hours for this social media cause will be given certificate of appreciation by the CBCI in November 2018.

## 4. National level Pilgrimage Exposure and Training (PET) in Kandhamal:

The Pilgrimage Exposure and Training (PET) programme for Dalit Priests and Religious will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in Kandhamal, Odisha. It will be organized by CBCI office for SC/BC. There are 11 Priests and 2 Sisters from Our Archdiocese are registered to participate in this program.

### Do you know the Kandhamal Massacre?

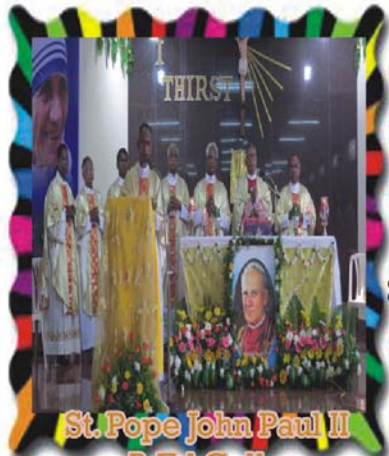
Barely after ten days of celebration of Independence, India witnessed the biggest communal violence against the Christians in Kandhamal in Odisha in 2008. This is ninth year of Kandhamal Anniversary of the anti-Christian violence. We observe Kandhamal Day on August 25<sup>th</sup> to bring about communal harmony, peace and women were subjected to rape, molestation and humiliation and several educational, social service and health institutions were destroyed and looted. More than 56,000 people have been displaced. Several cases of forced conversion to Hinduism by the Sangh Parivar have been reported. This organized communal attack which was the biggest in the history of Christian community during the last three centuries, also spread to different parts of Odisha and other states as well. The compensation provided by the Government for the victims and survivors of Kandhamal has been minimal. Our solidarity actions will be an inspiration for those who are struggling for justice. It would also be a strong step to protect



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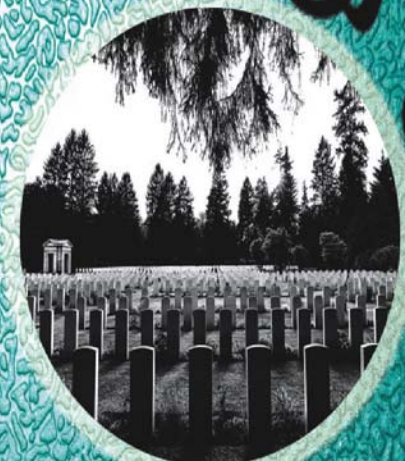


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*Eternal rest grant unto  
them, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine  
upon them. May the  
souls of the faithful  
departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in  
peace. Amen.*



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