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ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE



Mary, the Girl Child

1. Empowerment of Girl Children

Every year on 8th September we rejoice in a special way, celebrating the birth of Mary, our beloved Mother. Mary, the girl child is God's precious gift not only to the parents but also to the whole of humanity. By her birth she brought great joy and hope both to her family and to the whole human family because of her was to be born Jesus, the Saviour of humankind.

Every human child is precious gift of God. Every human female child is a very precious gift of God. In India, the birthday of our Blessed Mother Mary is dedicated to the **GIRL CHILD**. Mary the **woman** the **mother** is loved and honored in a special way by the Christians and non-Christians. Lakhs and lakhs of people and pilgrims gather at the shrines of our Lady to honour

her, to pray to her and to thank her. One of the best ways to love and to honour Mary is to love and respect girl children, women in the world, especially in our country.

In India, do we lovingly, willingly and cheerfully accept girl children as God's precious gifts? It is very sad that many girl children are not allowed to see the light of the day and to enjoy the beauty of the nature. Is it not true that for many girl children, their mother's wombs become their tombs?

Do we take sufficient time, do we make sincere efforts, do we use enough of resources for the upbringing of the girl children? Don't we have an healthy tendency to prefer the boy children and to neglect the girl children? Girl children should be brought up with love and affection, care and attention on par with boy children.

We should pay a great attention to the total welfare and **empowerment** of the girl children and women. **Education** is the best means to empower any human person, especially girls and women. When we educate a **boy**, we educate a **man**; but when we educate a **girl**, we educate a **family** and a nation. **Education**, **employment** and **empowerment** is the natural process. If India is to become a fully developed country, then the benefits of education should be given to all children in India, especially the girl children.

On 8th September let us all pray in a special way that the girl children are lovingly accepted as God's precious gifts and

brought up with great affection and attention and that they may enjoy respect and protection, safety and security in the society.

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O Mary, our dearest Mother, bless all the children especially the girl children in our country.

2. 132 Years of Graces

 $1^{\rm st}$ September 2018 marks $132^{\rm nd}$ anniversary of the canonical erection of our Archdiocese (1886-2018). On this day let us pray in a special way for our Archdiocese.

3. In Solidarity with the Flood affected Victims

All of us are aware of the disasters and damages caused by the floods in Kerala and in other places of our country. About 350 people lost their lives. Food provisions, clothes, medicines, documents, books and house hold articles had been washed away by the floods. Lakhs of houses had been destroyed. More than seven lahks of people had been sheltered in camps.

Rescue operations were done immediately and efficiently. Relief measures are being done in systematic way. Food, clothes, medicines and sanitary facilities are being provided to the people. Rehabilitation works are to be done in a well-planned manner which require plenty of resources and personal.

We express our solidarity with the flood affected victims and we pray for them in a special way. In our Archdiocese we have made a special collection on Sunday, 26th August 2018 for the flood-affected victims. Our Archdiocesan Educational Institutions will collect funds in their own way. The Parish Priests and the Heads of our Archdiocesan Educational institutions are kindly requested to send the amount collected immediately to the Procure with a note that this amount is meant for the flood-effected victims. We will send these amounts to the flood affected victims in Kerala and in other places through proper channels.

ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER - 2018

01	SAT	07.30 a.m	Mass, SLR old Camp Kizputhupattu.
02	SUN	07.30 a.m.	Mass, Sacred Heart Basilica.
05	WED	07.00 a.m.	Feast Mass, M.C.Convent Pondicherry.
08	SAT	10.30 a.m.	Final Profession, CSST, Christ the King Church, Villupuram.
		06.00 p.m.	Feast Mass, Kirumampakkam.
	10- 15		M.C.L Classes, St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore.
16	SUN	08.00 a.m.	Feast Mass, Ariyankuppam.
22	SAT	09.00 a.m.	Mass and Blessing of the new Grace and Compassion Convent, Ariyankuppam.

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	23	SUN	09.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Indira Nagar.			
		24-28		Clergy Annual Retreat.			
	25	TUE		CCBI Executive Committee Meeting, St. John's Bangalore.			
		26-27		CBCI Standing Committee Meeting, St. John's Bangalore.			

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

ARCHBISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

S.No	. Date	Particulars	Amount
1	06.08.18	St.Patrick Mat.Hr.Sec.School, Pondicherry	24000
2	<i>u</i>	Msgr.A.Arulanandam	5000
3	<i>u</i>	Julie Prema, Eraiyur	500
4	<i>u</i>	Parishioners, Rainbow Nagar Parish	20000
5	<i>u</i>	Divine Providence Province, Poonamallee	15000
6	"	Fr.R.Gnanaprakash, Vridhachalam	10000
7	13.08.18	Notre Dam Parish, Pondicherry	20000
8	"	Kalpet Parish	10000
9	"	Santa Clara Convent, K.Manavelli	1000
10	18.08.18	Presentation Church, Neyveli	25000
11	u	St.Paul's Mat. Hr.Sec.School, Neyveli	25000
12	u	St.Antony's Mat. Hr.Sec.School, Neyveli	25000
13	u	A.Jude, Neyveli	1000
14	u	U.Kulandaisamy, Neyveli	1000
15	u	C.Kevin cetric, Neyveli	600
16	u	Legion of Mary, Neyveli	500
17	u	Well wishers, Neyveli	1000
18	u	Nellithope Parish	30000
19	u	Confirmation Children, Neyveli	10000
20	21.08.18	Kulandai Yesu High School, Maiyanur	10000
21	u	Maiyanur Parish	5000
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22	u		Faithful, M.Mettur		2000	
23	u		People of Thonandal, Maiyanur		2000	
24	u		People of Pootpalampattu, Maiyanur		1500	
25	u		Maiyanur parishioners		1000	
26	u		People of Sagayapuram, Maiyanur		1000	
27	u		Well wisher, Maiyanur		1000	
28	u		Sri Velaayutham Constructions, Pond	γĿ	10000)
29	u		Faithful, Vilankathur	,	6000	
30	u		People of Vilankathur, Vridhachalam		5100	
31	u		Immaculate Generalate, Pondicherry		10000)
32	u		Fr.Arun Lucos, SJ, Mathur		10000	
33	24.08	.18	Sai Sri Ariyabhavan, Thirukoilur		10000	
34	u		People of Manampoondi, Thirukoilur		6700	
35	u		Thirukoilur Parish		5000	
36	" N	/lagima	ai Maadha Anbiyam, Dhevanur, Thiruk	oilur	2300	
37		-	eople of Vadakarai Dhazhanur, Thirul		1500	
38	u		People of Arumpakkam, Thirukoilur		1500	
39	u		People of Kotamaruthur		1050	
40	u		A.Loorudsami, Thirukoilur		1000	
41	u		People of Vadamaliyanur Kattu madh	a ko	vil,	
			Thirukoilur		800	
42	u		Adaikala Madha Anbiyam, Manampo	ondi	600	
43	u		People of Moodhalur		500	
44	u		C.Jayaseeli, Thiirukovilur		500	
45	u		People of Deivagaram, Thirukoilur		500	
46	u		People of Koovanur		500	
47	u		Legion of Mary Anbiyam, Manampoor	ndi	500	
48		Peri	yanayagi Annai Anbiyam, Manampoo		200	
49	u		Micent Santhi, Manampoondi		200	
50	u		Bakkiyanathan Nambaikai, Manampo	ondi	200	
51	u		M.Sherin, Thirukolilur		100	
52	28.08	3.17	Fr.M.J.Bernard Dore, Pondicherry		5000	
53	"		Bahour Parishioners		5000	
54	u		Alice, Pondicherry		1000	
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Deacon **Rayappan Gnana Prakash SDB** was ordained to the order of Priesthood by **His Grace**, **the Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**, our Archbishop on 4th August 2018 at O.L of Fathima Church, Virudhachalam.

Deacons **J. Arokiadoss** and **A. Abraham** of **SDC** were ordained to the order of Priesthood by **His Grace**, **the Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**, our Archbishop on 6th August 2018 at St. Joseph's Seminary, Samupillainagar, Cuddalore.

Deacon **Arun Lucas S.J.** was ordained to the order of Priesthood by **His Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**, our Archbishop on 18th August 2018 at O.L of Fathima Church, Mathur, Nangathur Parish. We offer our hearty felicitations to them and wish them success in their new ministry.

Blessings

1. Blessing of the St. Antony's Church in Vilankattur, Virudhachalam.

The newly built St. Antony's Church in Vilankatuur was blessed and opened by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar, Our Archbishop, on 14th August 2018. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Rev. Fr. D. Arokiadoss, Parish Priest and we thank all the donors and parishioners for their generous contributions.

2. Blessing of the Punitha Sagaya Madha Chruch in Rehabilitation Centre, A. Block, Phase-3 Nevveli T.S.

The newly built Punitha Sagaya Madha Church in Rehabilitation Centre, A-Block, Phase-3, Neyveli T.S., was blessed and opened by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar, Our Archbishop, on 14th August 2018. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Rev. Fr. R.Ratchagar, the former Parish Priest and we thank all the donors and parishioners for their generous contributions.

3. Blessing of the New Presbytery in Thirukoilur

The newly built Presbytery at Thirukoilur Parish was blessed and opened by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar, Our Archbishop, on 22nd August 2018. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Rev. Fr. J. Arokiaraj, Parish Priest and we thank all the donors and parishioners for their generous contributions.

NECROLOGY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rev.Frs:		
03-09-1971	Lamathe. J.M., MEP	
08-09-1975	Cussac.A., MEP	
08-09-1998	Irudayaraj. M.	
10-09-1980	Raja. G.	
10-09-1993	Vanchipura. J.	
14-09-1976	Chauvet. R., MEP	
15-09-1970	Gandy S.J.	
16-09-1976	Gnanapragasam. A.M.	
18-09-2016	Rajarathinam T.S.	
22-09-1969	Paul S.	
22-09-1986	Lazar Chinnappa. C.	
26-09-1982	Amalorpavanather. A.	
27-09-1983	Antonisamy. K.P.	
29-09-1981	Anthony. G.M.	
29-09-1892	Mgr. LAOUËNAN François Jean Marie	
29-09-1991	Yagappa. P.	
30-09-1982	Hougard. A., MEP	

FROM THE DESK OF VICARS

To Feel With The Church

The present trend in the world and the church is an exaggerated focus on the INDIVIDUAL, the PERSON and the misinterpreted FREEDOM and all the more so for the individuals, the celibates and some of those in charge of the state and the church. We need to be constantly reminded of this situation both by sharing and dhyana. If one empties like Jesus in dhyana one's false self, that one is on the right path of Jesus and Mary our master and model

All those who are united with the spirit of the Risen Lord belong to the local and universal church. It is not only to be taken for granted with the sacrament of Baptism or ordination, but it has to be in our lives every day as we grow in the sensitivity, the awareness and consciousness of our true self in the Risen Lord.

With baptism we become equal in the church and by call and consecration we become Christ's faithful, the professed and the Ordained. Being all above in one's life is a clear sign that we do not belong to the church. And in which case how care we build the local church. As we are not up to the mark of the Risen Lord, we take shelter in other factors such as rite, ethnicity, caste, colour, language etc. As the Lord is leading our local church towards the diocesan synod we need to the prepared in every way possible to build the local church according to the official guidance of the church. Nobody is over everybody or below somebody but all are with everybody as equals. The local ordinary represents the universal church and the local church and is the guardian of faith and morals particularly as regards finance, the modern tempter today, with a sincere sense of accountability, transparency and responsibility as the poor of Yahweh.

Let all the members of the church have an examination of conscience, dialogue with one another and follow the rules and regulations of the different financial committees and be answerable to the right and sharp conscience of the individual and the group. May the Lord and our blessed Mother help us to be like them in the month of September.

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Msgr. A. Arulanandam

Vicar General

Msgr. A. Louis

Episcopal Vicar

ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE DESERVING POOR STUDENTS

The application forms for the Archdiocesan Scholarship for 2018 will be available in the Archbishop's House from 05-09-2018 till 10-10-2018. The last date for submitting the application is 20^{th} October 2018. The cost of the application is Rs. 15/-

The Parish Priests are requested to take note of the following while applying for the Archdiocesan Scholarship for the poor:

- 1. Only those applicants whose parents' income is below Rs. 60, 000/- per annum will be considered.
- 2. Only those applicants who study the following courses in recognized government institutions will be considered Nursing, B.Ed., B.F.A., Isai Kalai, Phy. Education, D.G.M.N., Polytechnic, D.T.Ed., DSE-HI, B.Pharm, D.Pharm, B.P.E.S., B.P.T., C.M.L.T., I.T.I., Health Asst. Printing Technology, D.M.L.T., E.C.G., Tailoring 3 Years Only, B.Sc.(Catering) 3 Years, Diploma in Physiotherapy, Catering Technology, Hotel Management 1 Year and Community College (1 Year).

3. Only those applications, completely filled-in with certificates from the college or institution, with Parish Priest's Seal and Signature, with signature of the parent and the applicant will be considered.

N.B. Applicants who have already received any help from ARCHBISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND or SC/ST COMMISSION SCHOLARSHIP FUND are not given scholarship forms. Parish priests are kindly requested not to recommend those applications. Only one member in a family is accepted to issue an application. Please do make an announcement in the parish and help the poor.

Very Rev. Msgr. A. Arulanandam

Vicar General

Voice from Metropolitan Matrimonial Tribunal – 95

Extracts from the message of His Holiness Pope Francis for World Communication Day (13 May 2018) "The truth will set you free" (Jn.8:32)

Fake News and Journalism for Peace

Dear Brothers and Sister,

Communication is part of God's plan for us and essential way to experience fellowship. Made in the image and likeness of our Creator, we are able to express and share all that is true, good, and beautiful. We are able to describe our own experiences and the world around us,

and thus to create historical memory and the understanding of events. But when we yield to our own pride and selfishness, we can also distort the way we use our ability to communicate. This can be seen from the earliest times, in the biblical stories of Cain and Abel and the Tower of Babel (cf. Gen 4:4-16; 11:1-9). The capacity to twist the truth is symptomatic of our condition, both as individuals and communities. On the other hand when we are faithful to God's plan, communication becomes an effective expression of our responsible search for truth and our pursuit of goodness.

In today's fast-changing world of communications and digital systems, we are witnessing the spread of what has come to be known as "fake news". This calls for reflection, which is why I have decided to return in this World Communications Day Message to the issue of truth, which was raised time and time again by my predecessors, beginning with Pope Paul VI, whose 1972 Message took as its theme: "Social Communications at the Service of Truth". In this way, I would like to contribute to our shared commitment to stemming the spread of fake news and to rediscovering the dignity of journalism and the personal responsibility of journalists to communicate the truth.

It has to do with false information based on non-existent or distorted data meant to deceive and manipulate the reader. Spreading fake news can serve to advance specific goals, influence political decisions, and serve economic interests. The effectiveness of fake news is primarily due to its ability to mimic real news, to seem plausible. Secondly, this false but believable news is "captious", inasmuch as it grasps people's attention by appealing to stereotypes and common

people how to discern, evaluate and understand our deepest desires and inclinations, lest we lose sight of what is good and yield to every temptation.

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Dostoevsky's observation is illuminating: "People who lie to themselves and listen to their own lie come to such a pass that they cannot distinguish the truth within them, or around them, and so lose all respect for themselves and for others. And having no respect, they cease to love, and in order to occupy and distract themselves without love they give way to passions and to coarse pleasures, and sink to bestiality in their vices, all from continual lying to others and to themselves." (The Brothers Karamazov, II,2).

The most radical antidote to the virus of falsehood is purification by the truth. In Christianity, truth is not just a conceptual reality that regards how we judge things, defining them as true or false. Truth involves our whole life. In the Bible, it carries with it the sense of support, solidity, and trust, as implied by the root 'aman, the source of our liturgical expression Amen. Truth is something you can lean on, so as not to fall. We discover and rediscover the truth when we experience it within ourselves in the loyalty and trustworthiness of the One who loves us. This alone can liberate us: "The truth will set you free" (Jn.8:32).

A journalism created by people for people, one that is at the service of all, especially those-and they are the majority in our world-who have no voice. A journalism less concentrated on breaking news than on exploring the underlying causes of conflicts, in order to promote deeper understanding and contribute to their resolution by setting in

social prejudices, and exploiting instantaneous emotions like anxiety, contempt, anger and frustration. The ability to spread such fake news often relies on a manipulative use of the social net works and the way they function. Untrue stories can spread so quickly that even authoritative denials fail to contain the damage. The tragedy of disinformation is that it discredits others, presenting them as enemies, to the point of demonizing them and fomenting conflict. Fake news is a sign of intolerant and hypersensitive attitudes, and leads only to the spread of arrogance and hatred. That is the end result of untruth.

Praiseworthy efforts are being made to create educational programmes aimed at helping people to interpret and assess information provided by the media, and teaching them to take an active part in unmasking falsehoods, rather than unwittingly contributing to the spread of disinformation. Praiseworthy too are those institutional and legal initiatives aimed at developing regulations for curbing the phenomenon, to say nothing of the work being done by tech and media companies in coming up with new criteria for verifying the personal identities concealed behind millions of digital profiles.

Fake news often goes viral, spreading so fast it is hard to stop, not because of the sense of sharing that inspires the social media, but because it appeals to the insatiable greed so easily aroused in human beings. The economic and manipulative aims that feed disinformation are rooted in a thirst for power, a desire, to possess and enjoy, which ultimately makes us victims of something much more tragic: the deceptive power of evil that moves from one lie to another in order to rob us of our interior freedom. That is why education for truth means teaching

place virtuous processes. Journalism committed to pointing out alternatives to the escalation of shouting matches and verbal violence.

To this end, drawing inspiration from a Franciscan prayer, we might turn to the Truth in person: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

where there is shouting, let us practice listening; where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony; where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity; where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity; where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety; where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions; where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust; where there is hostility, let us bring respect; where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen.

Pope Francis, Vatican, 24 January 2018

Fr. S. Pascal Raj

Judicial Vicar

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ST. XAVIER'S PASTORAL CENTRE

01. Diocesan Pastoral Council

September 2018

Vatican council in its decree "Christus Dominus" concerning the Pastoral Office of the Bishops in the church (No 27) says "It is highly desirable that in every diocese a pastoral council be established, presided over by the Bishop himself, in which, clergy, religious and laity specially chosen will participate".

It also says that purpose of the council is to "investigate matters relating to pastoral activities, to consider them and to formulate practical conclusions concerning them".

Canon 511 also says that the Pastoral Council is to investigate, consider and propose practical conclusions about those things which pertain to the Pastoral works in the diocese.

With this background Our Archbishop, always constituted the Pastoral Centre and reconstitutes regularly once in three years. This year he has constituted the new pastoral council, in which the following are the ex-officio members. Vicar General, Episcopal Vicar, Procurator, Senate Secretary, Vicars Forain, Pastoral Centre Director, Directors of PMSSS and SAMSSS, Secretaries of Education Board and Commissions for SC/ST, BC/MBC/DNC, and Laity and the Provincials of the Women Religious Congregations. And the elected members are the Laity Council President, CRI President, One Diocesan Priest from each vicariate, and 4 from laity council (2 men + 2 women) and 4 from youth representatives (2 boys + 2 girls). And the Archbishop has appointed 8 nominated members basing of their ability to contribute to the council and to the church of Pondicherry making use of their special talents and experience in the secular society.

The first meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) will be held on 27th October, 2018 Saturday at 1030 A.M. in St. Xavier's Pastoral Centre, Uppalam. A circular will be sent by the Vice President, our Vicar General to each member of the council. The members are most cordially invited to attend this meeting and contribute to investigate and consider pastoral activities of our diocese and propose practical conclusions for them.

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02. Commissions' Secretaries Meeting

Our annual meeting of the Secretaries of all the commissions will be held on 25th of October, 2018 Thursday in the Conference Hall of the Archbishop's House. I request the Secretaries to make the annual report of your commission and send it to me as early as possible and you will be sharing this report during the meeting. Our Archbishop will preside over the meeting.

03. Synod 2019

As decided in the steering committee, to finalize the list of the Topics over which we will have Synodal discussions and to have a wider consultation, the list along with an explanatory letter about the synod was sent to all the Priests working in our diocese, to all the heads of religious houses and institutions and to the Principals and the Headmasters of our schools and invited them to give their suggestions and comments. And now, I have included all their suggestions and reworked the final list. Now the steering committee is going to meet on 10th November 2018, Saturday in the from 10.30 A.M. to 01.30 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Archbishop's House and form different committees to work out the questionnaire for each Topic and once again the questionnaire will be sent to all the sections of the people and their responses will be collected and will be given to the experts of those fields and they will prepare the working document of the Synod. If any of the vicariate fathers want to have any special clarification sessions, kindly invite me to come

and address your vicariate meetings and I am always at your disposal.

04. Anbivam

September 2018

Dear Rev. Parish Priests. I had given the decisions of the Diocesan Executive Body Meeting of Anbiyam in the last months News Letter. Now I have sent your address and phone numbers to the vicariate Anbivamn coordinator. They will contact you. Kindly give them an appointment so that they will come and have a sharing regarding your parish Anbiyams. If possible the vicariate Anbiyan Priest animator will also accompany them.

05. Commission for Communication

In view of the Five successful year of Madha T.V., they would like to have an evaluation of the programmes of Madha T.V. Rev. Fr. Christopher, C.P.P.S. is leading the evaluation work and the Team. If suppose, he or his team members contact you, the Parish Priests and Heads of the Institution please cooperate.

06. Commission for Evangelization

Last month Rev. Fr. Aaron, from the diocese of Sivagangai conducted the one day monthly prayer meeting. Hundreds of people attended it. Our St. Xavier's Pastoral Center Prayer preparatory group, as usual organized the programme. It was really a powerful session with Exorcism and healing sessions. Many really profited it. This month on 22nd September, Rev. Fr. Louis. SDB the Parish Priest of Maranodai who also has the carism pf healing and prophecy will conduct the prayer. Kindly announce to the people and make them know about this opportunity.

Fr. A. J. Philomindoss

Director

மாநில கருத்தரங்கு

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ஆகஸ்ட் 6, 7, ஆகிய தேதிகளில் பூண்டி கியான மையத்தில் தர்மபூரி **ஆயர் டாக்டர். லாரன்ஸ் பாயஸ் (National Chairman,** Family commission) அவர்கள் கலைமையில் குடும்ப நலப் பணிக்குமு உருப்பினர்களுக்கு இரண்டு நாள் பயிற்சி வகுப்புகள் நடைப்பெர்நன. முதல் நாள் அமர்வில் **அருட்தந்தை பாஸ்கர்(DCL),** திருமண சட்டத்தை பந்நியும், இன்ரைய சுமலில் குடும்பங்களில் வருகின்ற பிரச்சனைகளை எப்படி சுமூகமாக கீர்ப்பது பந்நியும் விளக்கி கூநினார். அடுத்தாக டாக்டர் லாரன்ஸ் பாயஸ் அவர்கள் lack of faith, Decline in poplation, Domestic violence Act. பற்றி சிறப்புரை ஆற்றினார். **அருட்சகோதரி. செல்வா** ''உன்னையே நீ அநிவாய''

(Know yourself & Counselling skills and techniques) விளக்கி கூரினர். இரண்டாவது நாள் அமர்வில் **அருட்தந்தை மில்டன் (National** Secretary) அவர்கள் திருமணம் ஓர் அருள் அடையாளம், இன்றைய சூழலில் குடும்பங்களில் பிரச்சனைகள் உருவாக்குவகற்கான காரணத்தைப் பற்றியும் இதனால் ஏற்படும் விளைவுகளைப் பற்றியும் விளக்கம் அளிக்கார். மேலும் **டாக்டர் மகிமை பிரகாசம் அவர்கள்** (Media & Families) என்ற தலைப்பில் உரையாற்றினார். தொலைத்தொடர்பு சாதனம் இளம் தலைமுறையினர் எப்படி சிகைக்கப்படுகின்றனர், அவர்களை பெற்றோர்கள் எப்படி வழிநடத்துவது பற்றி விளக்கினார். இறுதியாக இதில் பங்கேற்ற அனைத்து குடும்ப நலப் பணிக்குழு உறுப்பினர்களுக்கு சான்நிதழ் ഖழங்கப்பட்டது.

உயர் மரை மாநில கம்பகியர்களின் மலரும் மணவாம்வ தூய இதய ஆண்டவர் பசிலிக்காவில் ஆகஸ்ட் 15, 16 ஆகிய தேதிகளில் திருமணமான தம்பதியர்களுக்கும், திருமணம் செய்து கொள்ள போகும் கம்பதியர்களுக்கும் மணவாழ்வு செறிவூட்டம் திட்டம் (Enrichment Programme) பயிற்சி அளிக்கப்பட்டது. கணவன் மனைவி ஒர்றுமை, அவர்களுடைய புரிதல் என்ன என்பதை செய்முரை படிவம் மூலம் தெரிவித்தனர். குடும்பத்தில் மகிழ்ச்சி இருந்தால் திருச்சபையில் மகிழ்ச்சி இருக்கும். திருமணம் வாழ்வில் ஆன்மீகம், ஜெபத்தின் வல்லமை, போன்ருவற்றை பற்றி விளக்கம் அளித்தனர். மேலும் திரு.சின்னப்பன், திருமதி சாந்தி தம்பதியினர் தங்களுடைய வாழ்வில் நடந்த உண்மை சம்பவம் அதனால் அவர்களுக்கு ஏற்பட்ட பாதிப்புகள், மிகவும் உருக்கமாகவும், கண்ணீராகவும் இருந்தது. இவர்களுடைய வாழ்க்கையின் அனுபவங்கள், சாட்சிகள் அனைத்தும் பிர தம்பதியினருக்கு எடுத்துக்காட்டாகவும், வழிகாட்டுத<u>ல</u>ுகாகவும் இருந்தது.

நன்றி: இப்பயிற்சி வகுப்புகள் இனிகே நடைபெர எங்களுக்கு ஒத்துழைப்பு கொடுத்த அனைத்து பங்கு தந்தையருக்கும் எம் மனம்மார்ந்த நன்றிகள்.

> அருட்திரு S.மரியஜோசப் குடும்ப நலப்ப**ணி**க்குழு செயலர் புதுவை -கடலூர் உயர் மறைமாநிலம்

Youth Commission Report

Activities

1. National Youth Sunday Celebration:

National Youth Sunday was celebrated on 5th August in all the parishes and colleges of our Archdiocese based on the theme: **Youth, Faith and vocational Discernment**. In some Parishes Blood Donation Camp, Tree Planting program, competitions and Youth cultural were conducted. The following Parishes and Colleges have sent the short report with photos to the Commission office. Kurusukuppam, Thenangudy, Vikravandi, Kallakurichy, Villupuram (Christ the King), Villupuram (St. Xavier's), Kanakankuppm, Alagappasamuthiram, Pennadam, Idaya Enginering College for Women-Chinna Salam. I thank all the Parish priests and Principals for your effort to make Youth Sunday as meaningful and successful one.

2. Our Diocesan Youth in Kerala Flood Relief Work:

As the Regional Youth Commission invited, Our Diocesan Youth members showed their immediate and prompt response to the deluge in Kerala. They took initiative to collect the Relief materials from shops, houses, Schools. The materials were sent to Kerala affected people through SAMSSS.

3. National Executive Secretaries and Youth Directors Meeting -Ajmer (Rajasthan)

The National Youth Commission of the Conference of Catholic Bishops' of India organized the annual Youth Executive Secretaries & Youth Directors meeting from 24th to 25th August 2018 at Naveenta

Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Ajmer, Rajasthan. The 89 participants of this important meeting included Regional & Diocesan Youth Directors of ICYM & YCS/YSM movements as well as National coordinators of various youth movements such as AICUF, Salesian Youth Movement, Idente Youth and Focolare. The Pondicherry DYD Fr. Arputharaj also participated. There were also a few youth leaders of the country from ICYM & YCS/YSM. This meeting was organized in order to discuss the youth ministry across the country and especially focus on how could the various youth movements collaborate together by utilizing the special charisms, expertise & resources of every movement for improving and making the overall ministry better for the holistic growth of the youth in India.

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Over these 2 days, the National youth commission report was presented by Fr. Chetan, ICYM report by Mr. Percival Holt, President of ICYM and YCS/YSM report by Ms. Jesvita Quadras, President of YCS/YSM as well as further plan of action. The regional youth commissions & other youth movements representatives also presented about their movement and a brief report on their activities. There were discussions around making the youth ministry more effective in a collaborative way. Youth directors had the chance to interact with one another and with the youth leaders which enabled them to clarify many concerns and challenges of youth ministry and come up with new ways and approaches towards it.

The meeting began with the Eucharist celebrated by Most. Rev. Pius Thomas D'Souza, Bishop of Ajmer followed by the Inaugural function. Bishop Pius gave the keynote address to the participants in

which he shared on the life of young people today and key points from the "Instrumentum laboris" for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Youth. Fr. Chetan Machado, the Executive Secretary of CCBI Youth Commission, in his address spoke about the existing realities of Catholic faith in India and what has the commission been doing for the betterment of young people in the country. On the evening of 24th August, there was a splendid display of the culture of Rajasthan for the participants of the meeting by the youth and students of Ajmer. The chief guest for the evening was Most Rev. Oswald Lewis, the Agra Regional Chairman for Youth Commission & Bishop of Jaipur and guest of honor was Most Rev. Ignatius Menezes, Bishop Emeritus of Ajmer.

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On the following day the participants visited the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Ajmer where the Eucharist was celebrated by Most. Rev. Oswald Lewis. The day followed with sharing on the Pre-Synodal meeting & Synod on Youth by Mr. Percival Holt, Ms. Shilpa Ekka, Spokesperson of ICYM and Mr. Alison Pereira, Advisor to the CCBI Youth Commission. During the meeting, the youth commission also released a guide book on the "Guidelines for Youth Commission and Memorandum of Indian Catholic Youth Movement" and launched the "CCBI Youth Commission website - www.ccbiyouthcommission.in "designed by Mr. Peter D'Costa, a youth member from Delhi. Fr. Chetan also announced about the appointment of Rev.Fr. Anil D'Sa SDB as the National Coordinator for ICYM & YCS/YSM movements and welcomed him. Following the 2 days meeting, the delegates went for a tour & site seeing around Ajmer, Jaisalmer and Jodhpur for 2 days.

Upcoming Events

1. First National Youth Conference- Haryana

It will be held on 21st to 26th October, 2018 at Shofar Convention Centre, Gurugram, and New Delhi. Registration closes on 20th September, 2018. If any one of your Parish Youth interested in participate kindly inform the Diocesan Youth Director.

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2. The Northern Zone DYD's Meeting

It will be held on $17^{\rm th}$ September, 20018, in Youth Commission Office, Vikrayandi.

Information and Requests

1. National Youth Awards 2018

We are pleased to bring to you the National Youth Awards for Youth Achievers across India. In this function, we will award the youth (1 female and 1 male from every region – total 28) who have achieved &contributed in their individual capacity, towards the youth ministry and in building the society. This is done with the sole aim to Project, Promote and Protect the youth and all the works and endeavors taken up by them and then having excelled in various spheres. Our youth across the country are doing a lot today and hence we need to acknowledge and reward them for their efforts.

Keeping all this in mind, this concept has been designed. The GUIDELINES attached would give you a clearer picture and explain to you about the selection, nomination & awarding process. Kindly go through carefully before deciding the awardees from your region. A brief note of 200 words (minimum), attached in a separate A4 size

sheet, indicating the concrete work done by the candidate in the past and also its impact on the community must be sent. The last date for sending names of awardees along with required documents is 20th September 2018. Please get the Documents from Youth Commission Office: Criteria for Awards, Performa for Awardees, and Regional Chairman's Recommendation Form.

Each Parish Priests must nominate and propose two youth from your Parish (1boy and 1 girl) to the diocesan Youth Commission along with a short Bio-data of each nomination before 5th September,2018. Then the Diocesan Executive Committee shall select 1 boy 1 girl from the diocese and send the names to the Regional Commission. For any other further details please contact Youth Commission.

2. Our Commission has a plan for this year to form Youth Association in all the 106 parishes, 360 substations, 23 colleges, 120 schools in our Archdiocese. So I request all the Parish Priests and Principals to act fast regarding conducting Youth meeting in your parish and to speed up the preparation process of Diocesan General Body of Youth Commission before 30th September 2018.

Fr. A. Arputharaj, Secretary

SC/ST COMMISSION REPORT

Activities:

1. Workshop on folk music

Keeping in mind the recommendations of the CBCI Dalit Empowerment Policy (#98) a one day workshop on Folk Music was held on 11th August 2018 at Vikaravandi parish in the Archdiocese of Pondicherry. Around 30 musicians, priests, nuns and choir masters participated in the workshop. Dr. John Britto who has Ph. D in Music and Mr. George who is proficient in Hindustani and folk music conducted the workshop. New songs in folk music were introduced. Fr. A. Pitchaimuthu, the former Regional secretary for liturgical music presented a new set of mass tunes based on the new Roman Missal. Fr. Devasagayaraj, National Secretary to the CBCI Office for SC/BC introduced the topic. Fr. Arputharaj the Pondicherry Archdiocesan SC/ST commission secretary and Mr. Babu the Regional SC/ST commission coordinator made the logistics of the program.

2. 10th August - A Day of Mourning:

September 2018

August 10th is observed as a day of Mourning in all the Parishes on which the Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims lost their constitutional right of religious freedom by excluding them from Scheduled Caste list.

3. A Political Awakening State Conference to demand SC status:

A Political Awakening State Conference of Christians to demand the Scheduled-Castes (SC) Status to Dalit Christians was conducted on 18th August, 2018 at R.C. Higher secondary school Ground in Trichy, Tamil Nadu, which was jointly organized by the National Council of Dalit Christians (NCDC), the TNBC Commission for SC/ST and the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) Dalit Concern.

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It was presided over by Prof. Dr. Mary John, President, NCDC Tamil Nadu chapter and the Inaugural address was given by Archbishop Dr. Antony Pappusamy, president of Tamil Nadu Bishops Council (TNBC). Bishop Dr. Thomas Paulsamy, Chairman of SC/ST commission TNBC and Mr. B. Danam (IAS Retd), National President of NCDC hoisted the Flags of their respective organizations. Dr. E.D. Charles, National Advisor of NCDC welcomed the dignitaries and participants. Bishop Dr. A. Neethinaathan, vice-president of TNBC, Rev. Dr. Lourdusamy, secretary of the TNBC Laity commission, Advo. T. Franklin Caesar, the National coordinator of NCDC and Rev. Dr. Z. Devasagayaraj, Executive secretary Catholic Bishops conference of India(CBCI) commission for SC/BC spoke on the demand for the SC status. Many other leader of various Churches, Christian movements, Muslim leaders and social activists addressed the gathering Rev. Fr. A. Kuzhandainaathan, Secretary of TNBC commission for SC/ST read out the resolutions of the Conference. After the concluding presidential address by Dr. Mary John, Mr. Johnson Durai NCDC, Trichy gave the vote of thanks. About Twenty Five thousand Christians from all over Tamil Nadu, Bishops, Priests, Pastors and Nuns from various Churches Denominations, National and State leaders of NCDC and of other Christian organizations & Movements, Secretaries of diocesan SC/ST Commission and coordinators, Social activists participated in the conference.

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4. Mother Savithiribai Phule one time education grant for Girl Children:

Our Archdiocesan SC/ST Commission in collaboration with CBCI Office for SC/BC organized Mother Savithiribai Phule one time education grant program for Dalit Catholic girl children on 30th August 2018 at SAMSSS Hall. It was sponsored by Most Rev. Thomas Dabre, Poona Diocese and Dalit Solidarity. The grant was distributed by Our Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Antony Anadarayar, Totally 168 Dalit Catholic girl children from various parishes of our Archdiocese were benefited. Special thanks to Fr. Devasagayarai, National Secretary for this initiative and effort for this program.

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1. SC/ST Scholarship Applications:

The SC/ST Scholarship forms for the year 2018-2019 are available in the Archdiocesan office, Pondicherry (Mr. S. A. Pinto) and SC/ST Commission office, Vikravandi. Kindly inform the people to get the forms the eligible courses are B.Ed., Nursing, B. Pharm, BPT, TTC, D.T.Ed., Polytechnic, ITI., DMLT, MPHW, preschool Trg, D. Cater. The cost of one form is Rs. 30/- only 2 forms given to each Parish. So the candidate must bring the recommendation letter from the Parish Priest.

2. Honoring the Dalit Girl Toppers:

The CBCI Council for Women along with the CBCI Offices for Dalits and Tribal affairs are planning to encourage the Dalit and Tribal Catholic girl students, who come under the BPL category and scored highest marks in the 10th and 12th grade in each state. The applications should be collected at the Diocesan level and sent to the National office.

Students from the following boards would be honoured:

i.State Board

ii.CBSE or ICSE

Eligibility:

- Candidate should be Dalit or Tribal Catholic girl
- The Students should be under BPL category
- Should have written Secondary or Senior Secondary exams in the year 2017-18

Procedure:

Eligible candidate should fill in the prescribed form which is available in Diocesan Commission office.

- The form should be signed with seal by the Parish Priest or the Diocesan Secretary of SC/ST/Women commission
- Last date for the application to reach the Diocean office is 20th Septembeer, 2018 Fr. Arputharaj, Secretary, SC/ST Commission

Documents to be attached:

- · Attested Photocopy of the mark list (10th or 12th class)
- · Copy of Baptism certificate.
- · Copy of Community certificate.
- BPL Proof (in case Government proof is not available, the Parish Priest can also certify
- · Two Passport size Photos

The application of the topper for 10th and 12th class of one Dalit and one Tribal girl form each Parish will be collected at the Diocesan Office, from which the topper will be honoured with cash award together with a shield and a certificate. The decision of the selection board will be final.

Fr. A. Arputharaj, Secretary

Report of the Archdiocesan Commission for CharismaticRenewal and St. Avila Theresa Spiritual Centre - August 2018.

I. DIOCESAN JERICHO MISSION

1. Jericho Prayer: On 14th August 2018, Jericho Prayer for India, organized by the NCCRS, was started in our Archdiocese of Pondicherry at the Sacred Heart Basilica, Puducherry, and **Oneday Jerico Intercession Retreat** was conducted by the Regional Charismatic Team as well as by our Archdiocesan Commission for Charismatic Renewal, co-ordinated by our Pastoral Centre and supported by our Sacred Heart Basilica, Puducherry.

The programme started with Rosary followed by Praise & Worship done by Fr.A.Arpudaraj, Secretary – SC/ST & Youth. Fr. K.A. Jesu

Nazarene, the Secretary, for Charismatic Commission welcomed everybody. Very Rev. Fr. S. Maria Joseph, the Rector of the Basilica & Very Rev. Fr. Alphonse Sandanam, the V.F. of the Pondicherry Vicariate & Very Rev. Fr. A.J Philomindoss, the Director of the Pastoral Centre gave their Feliciation Messages. Very Rev. Msgr. A. Arulanandam, our V.G delivered his Introductory Message. Very Rev. Fr S. Maria Joseph, the Rector of the Basilica gave a powerful message on Jericho Prayer. At 12.00 noon, Mass for our India was concelebrated and Very Rev. Fr. A.J. Philomindoss, the Director of the Pastoral Centre gave a fiery sermon. After the Mass, our beloved Archbishop Most. Rev.Dr. Antony Anandarayar blessed the **Jericho Cross** and gave a grace-filled Messages and Blessings. After the lunch, the Regional Charismatic Team, headed by Bro. William Joseph, did the Jericho prayer and the Jericho March. The Healing Adoration was conducted by Fr.K.A.Jesu Nazarene & the Retreat concluded with Vote of Thanks.

On the whole, the Jericho Prayer Retreat was a remarkable one in the History of the Archdiocese of Pondicherry. More than 12 priests, 40 sisters & more than 350 people participated. A very big thanks to each and every one for the co-operation and communion for the Jericho programme.

- **2. Jericho prayer at Pondicherry Vicariate:** On 21st August 2018, during the Pondicherry Vicariate Meeting, Our beloved Archbishop Most. Rev.Dr. Antony Anandarayar spoke about the **Jericho Cross** and on the importance of **Jericho Prayer** for our country. Fr. K.A. Jesu Nazarene, the Secretary Charismatic Commission gave a Talk on Jericho prayer in our Archiocese.
- **II. PARISH MISSION**: The programmes conducted in the Parishes are as follows:

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04.08.2018

05.08.2018

07.08.2018

13.08.2018

First Saturday Mass, Preaching and

First Saturday Monthly Healing Mass

First Tuesday Special Mass at

2. 18.08.2018- St.Xavier's Pastoral Centre, Uppalam, Puducherry.

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3. 19.08.2018-ATSC,Ousteri.

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4. 21.08.2018- Archbishop's House and Cathedral.

N.B.Parish Priests those who would like to have Jericho Cross for Prayer can rush and take the same before the Push (18^{th} November 2018), from ATSC.

Fr.K.A.Jesu Nazarene, Secretary- Charismatic Commission. Director,Cell: 94868 39971

Commissions

Feast Novena Mass at Nellithope

Parish.

Monthly Healing Mass & Adoration

Monthly Healing Mass & Adoration

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& Adoration at **Thattanchavadi** Parish (5.30 pm to 7.30 pm)

Prayer at**Thattanchavadi** Parish (6.00 PM)

St. Antony's Chapel at Orleanpet, Nellithope Parish.

5. 24.08.2018 - Monthly Healing Mass & Adoration at **Vickravandi** Parish.

6. 10.08.2018 - Staff & Students – Message & Mass at Santa Clara convent H.S.S.Manaveli, **Villianur** Parish.

III. CENTRE MISSION (ATSC): The following were the activities carried out in our Avila Theresa Spiritual Centre, Ousteri.

- 1. 05.08.2018 -First Sunady Healing Retreat at Ousteri.
- 2. 19.08.2018 -3rd Sunday Holy Spirit Abishega Retreat & Anointing service at Ousteri.
- 3. 26.08.2018 One day Retreat for LMC at Ousteri, arranged by the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, Reddiyarpalayam.

IV. OUTSIDE MISSION:

From 22nd August (Eve) to 23rd August (afternoon), Recollection to the Major Seminarians was given at Good Shepherd Seminary, Coimbatore.

V. JERICHO CROSS TOUR MISSON:

1. 14.08.2018 – 17.08.2018 – Sacred Heart Basilica, Puducherry.

NB:

Dr. J. Irudayaraj, Medical Consultant will be available for the Health checkup at the Petit Health care in Petit HSS between 4 p.m. to 6.p.m. during the retreat days

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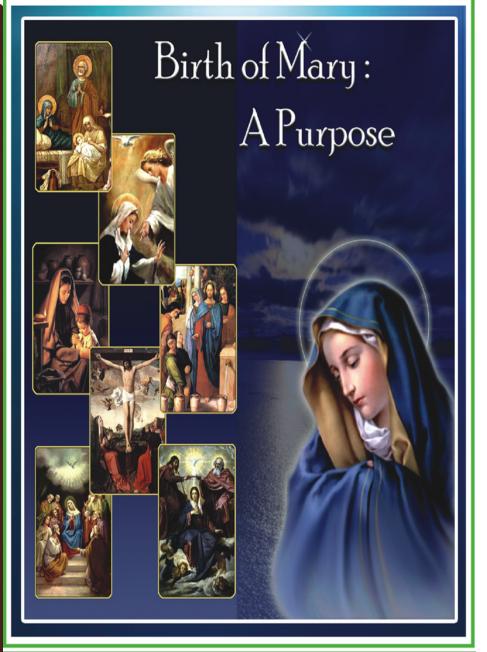


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