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*Happy Feast of*  
**ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY**  
AND  
*Happy Independence Day!*

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## The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for August 2022

**For Small Businesses** – We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.



### ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE



## THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

**Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters and dear faithful in Christ, Greetings and blessings to you all.**

As we enter the month of August, our attention goes straight to the date of August 15 when we celebrate the Independence Day of our beloved country India and also the feast of the Assumption of our Beloved Mother. I don't think that any other country is greatly privileged as our country that we have the heavenly Mother who is giving birth to us into this Independent nation. On 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947 our country received independence from the British regime. But are we really free? On this great day of our nation that is on August 15 every year our Honorable Prime Minister goes from his residence to Red Fort in Delhi to hoist the National Flag and tell the Nation that we are free, living in an

Independent country. But is the Honorable Prime Minister free to come from his residence to the Red Fort by himself? What an amount of security arrangements he requires to reach Red Fort. And while he addresses the nation he stands in a bulletproof glass enclosure. Are we really free? Most of the time we live in fear. Our children and women are not at all safe to travel alone. When I was a young boy going to school I used to walk alone about 6 km. to my school. Today the children are brought to the school and taken back from the school by the parents or guardians. Though the government tries to keep law and order and provide reasonable security to every citizen still we live in fear and threat in our own country. Where is freedom? Are we truly free?

During the Independence struggle the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi once visited South India. He boarded the train and reached Madras Railway Station. Lots of people had gathered at the Railway Station to see the great Freedom Fighter Mahatma Gandhi. He got down from the train and stood at the platform because a big crowd was there. He stood silent. Then someone near him told him, "Sir, speak something, People have come to listen to you". Mahatma Gandhi took the New Testament copy which he always carried, opened it and read to the crowd the sermon on the mount from the gospel of St. Mathew (Mt. 5:1-12). Then he closed the New Testament and told the people, "Go home and ponder over it". Mahatma Gandhi knew what true freedom is. True freedom is "Freedom from self". If we had listened to Mahatma Gandhi we would have received the true freedom by the power of the Word of God. Now we received freedom only from the British rule. Jesus says in the

gospel of St. John (Jn. 8:31-32), “If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free”. We can see this in the life of our Blessed Mother whose feast, the feast of the Assumption we celebrate on 15<sup>th</sup> August. At the Annunciation she accepted the Word and continued her life in the Word. That made her free and joyfully she entered heaven. Her passing into heaven was a joyful one and she did not suffer the pain of death. Three things make death painful;

1. Attachment to the world,
2. Remorse for one’s sins and
3. Uncertainty of heaven.

Mary was not attached to the world. She was fully committed to the Word and that’s why she said “Behold the hand mind of the Lord. Be it done to me according to thy Word” Since she was totally detached, it was easy for her to leave the world. Secondly she was immaculate, sinless so no remorse at all thirdly since she was holy, she was sure of heaven. That is why we can say the Mary was totally free and she enjoyed true freedom. To attain true freedom we need to imitate her.

On the day of Independence let us pray for our country that through the powerful intercession of Our Blessed Mother we may achieve true freedom by emptying ourselves of all sorts of division among us whether it be on the basis of Caste, Creed, Rite, Language and any other divisive factors. I wish you all a very Happy Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother Mary and a Very Happy Independence Day.

## உண்மை விடுதலை அளிக்கும்

அன்புக்குரிய அருட்பணியாளர்களே, இருபால் துறவோரே, அன்பு பொதுநிலையினரே உங்கள் அனைவருக்கும் என் அன்பார்ந்த வணக்கங்களும் ஆசீரும்.

ஆகஸ்டு மாதத்தில் அடியெடுத்து வைக்கின்றபோது நமது கவனம் முழுவதும் நேரடியாக 15<sup>ம்</sup> தேதிக்கு செல்லுகிறது. ஏனென்றால் அன்று நாம் நமது நாட்டின் விடுதலை விழாவையும் நம் அன்புக்குரிய அன்னை மரியாவின் விண்ணேற்றத்தையும் கொண்டாடுகிறோம். வேறு எந்த நாட்டிற்கும் இப்படிப்பட்ட வாய்ப்பு இல்லை என்று நினைக்கின்றேன். தாம் விண்ணகம் சென்ற நாளில் விண்ணக அன்னை நமது நாட்டை ஒரு விடுதலைப்பெற்ற நாடாக பிரசவித்தது நமக்கு வழங்கியுள்ளார் என்று கருதுகிறேன்.

1947, ஆகஸ்டு 15இல் பிரித்தானிய ஏகாதிபத்திய அரசியல் ஆட்சியாளரின் அடிமை தளையிலிருந்து நம் நாட்டிற்கு விடுதலைக் கிடைத்தது. ஆனால் உண்மையில் விடுதலை கிடைத்ததா? நமது நாட்டின் பிரதமர் அவர்கள் அன்று இந்த விடுதலை விழாவில் கலந்துகொண்டு, தேசிய கொடியேற்றி, நம்முடைய நாட்டு மக்களுக்கு “நாம் எல்லாம் விடுதலைப் பெற்ற மக்களாக இந்நாட்டில் வாழ்கிறோம்” என்ற செய்தியை முழங்கிட ஒவ்வொரு ஆண்டும் புதுடெல்லி தனது இல்லத்திலிருந்து செங்கோட்டைக்கு செல்வது வழக்கம். ஆனால் நமது பாரத பிரதமர் ஆபத்துக்கள் எதுவுமில்லாமல் செங்கோட்டைக்கு சுதந்திரமாக வந்துவிட முடியுமா? எவ்வளவு பெரிய பாதுகாப்பு தயாரிப்புகள் தேவைபடுகின்றன. அவர் நம் தேசத்தை பார்த்து நின்றனாண்டு பேசுவதே குண்டு துளைக்கமுடியாத கண்ணாடிக்குப் பின்தானே?

எனவே நாம் சுதந்திரமாக இருக்கிறோமா? ஏராளமான நேரங்களில் நாம் பயத்தில் வாழ்கிறோம். நம்முடைய பெண்களும் குழந்தைகளும் தனியாக பாதுகாப்பாக பயணம் செய்ய முடிவதில்லை. நான் சிறுவனாக இருந்தபோது எனது பள்ளிக்கு செல்வதற்கு 6 கிலோமீட்டர் தனியாக நடந்து சென்றேன். ஆனால்

இன்று பள்ளிகளுக்கு நம் குழந்தைகளை பெற்றோர்களோ, பாதுகாவலர்களோ கொண்டுவந்து விடுகிறார்கள். மாலையில் வந்து கூட்டிச் செல்கிறார்கள். ஒவ்வொரு குடிமகனுக்கும் மகளுக்கும் எவ்வளவுதான் அரசு சட்டம் ஒழுங்கை கடைபிடித்து ஓரளவுக்குப் பாதுகாப்பை தந்தாலும் நம்முள் அச்சம், அச்சுறுத்தப்படல் (அ) பயம் போன்றவை இல்லாமல் வாழமுடிவதில்லை. எனவே, எங்கே சுதந்திரம்? நாம் உண்மையில் சுதந்திரம் பெற்றவர்களா?

இந்திய சுதந்திர போராட்ட காலத்தில் நம் தேசபிதா மகாத்மா காந்தியடிகள் தென்னிந்தியாவை பார்வையிட வந்தார்கள். தொடர் வண்டியில் ஏறி சென்னையை வந்தடைந்தார். ஏராளமான பேர் இந்த மாபெரும் சுதந்திர போராட்ட வீரரை சந்திக்க திரண்டிருந்தார்கள். பெரிய கூட்டம் இருந்ததால் அவர் இரயிலிலிருந்து இறங்கி தொடர்வண்டி நிலைய நடைபாதையில் அமைதியாக நின்றார். ஒருவர் பின்னாலிருந்து, “ஐயா பேசுங்கள், நீங்கள் பேசுவதைக் கேட்க மக்கள் திரண்டு வந்திருக்கிறார்கள்” என்றார். மகாத்மா காந்தி அவர்கள், தான் எப்போதும் எடுத்துச் செல்லும் விவிலியத்தின் புதிய ஏற்பாடு நூலை எடுத்து, திறந்து அதில் மத். 3:1-12 வரையுள்ள மலைப்பொழிவு பகுதியை மக்களுக்கு வாசித்தார். பிறகு அதை மூடிவைத்துவிட்டு மக்களைப் பார்த்து, “வீட்டிற்கு சென்று இதைப்பற்றி தியானியுங்கள்” என்று கூறினார். மகாத்மா காந்திக்கு உண்மையான விடுதலை என்ன என்று தெரிந்திருந்தது. உண்மையான விடுதலை ஒருவர் சுயஅடிமைத்தளையிலிருந்து விடுதலை பெறுவதுதான். நாம் மகாத்மாவுக்கு செவிகொடுத்திருப்போமேயானால் உண்மையில் நாம் இறைவார்த்தையின் சக்தியினால் உண்மையான விடுதலையை/சுதந்திரத்தை அடைந்திருப்போம். ஆனால் நாம் பிரித்தானியரின் ஆட்சியிலிருந்து மட்டும்தான் விடுதலைப் பெற்றிருக்கிறோம்.

ஆனால் இயேசு, யோவான் 8:31-32ல் சொல்கிறார், “என் வார்த்தையை நீங்கள் தொடர்ந்து கடைபிடித்தால் நீங்கள் என் சீடர்கள், உண்மையை அறிந்து கொள்வீர்கள், அந்த உண்மை உங்களுக்கு விடுதலை அளிக்கும்”. இதை நாம் விண்ணேற்பு

விழாவைக் கொண்டாடும் இந்நாளில் அன்னையின் வாழ்வில் தியானிக்கிறோம். தனக்கு இறைவனின் மகன் மானிட உடலேற்பு திட்டத்தை வானதூதர் வழியாக அறிவிக்கப்பட்டபோதே நம் அன்னை இறைவார்த்தையை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டாள், பிறகு அவள், அவ்வார்த்தையில் தான் தன் வாழ்வைத் தொடர்ந்தாள். மேலும் அவ்வார்த்தை அவளை விடுதலைப்பெற செய்து மகிழ்ச்சியோடு விண்ணகத்தில் நுழையச் செய்தது. அவள் விண்ணகத்திற்கு எடுத்துச் செல்லப்பட்டது ஒரு பெரு மகிழ்ச்சியான நிகழ்வு.

மேலும் அவள் மரண வேதனையை அனுபவிக்கவில்லை என்பது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது ஏனென்றால் மூன்று காரியங்கள் நமது இறப்பை வேதனைக்குள்ளாக்குகிறது.

1. உலகினியீது பற்று

2. நம் பாவங்களால் நமக்கு ஏற்படும் பதட்டமும் மன உளைச்சலும்

3. விண்ணகத்தைப் பற்றி உறுதியின்மை (அ) எதிர்நோக்கின்மை

நம் அன்னை மரியாள் உலகினியீது பற்று கொள்ளவில்லை. இறைவார்த்தைக்கு தன்னை முழுவதும் அர்ப்பணித்துக் கொண்டார். எனவேதான் “நான் ஆண்டவரின் அடிமை, உமது திருவுளப்படியே எனக்கு ஆகட்டும்” என்றாள். முழுவதுமாக பற்றற்றவளாக இருந்ததால் மிகச் சலபமாக வேதனையின்றி இவ்வுலகை விட்டுப் பிரிந்து செல்ல முடிந்தது.

இரண்டாவதாக, அவள் மாசுமறுவற்றவள், பாவமற்றமள் எனவே மரணத்தைப்பற்றி அச்சமோ, பயமோ, பதட்டமோ அல்லது மனவுளைசலோ அவளிடம் இல்லை. மூன்றாவதாக அவர் புனித நிலையில் இருந்ததால், விண்ணகம் என்பது அவளுக்கு உறுதி செய்யப்பட்டதும் உண்மையானதும் எதிர்நோக்குக்கும் உரியதான ஒன்று. எனவேதான் அன்னை முழுவதுமாக விடுதலை அடைந்தவள், விடுதலையை சுவைத்து மகிழ்ந்தவள். எனவே,

அவளைப் பின்பற்றினால் நாமும் உண்மையான விடுதலையை அடைய முடியும்.

எனவே என் அன்புக்குரியவர்களே! இந்த விடுதலைப் பெருவிழா நாளில், நம்முடைய அன்னையின் வல்லமையான பரிந்துரையால் நாம் சாதி, மத, வழிபாட்டு முறை, மொழி மற்றும் நம்மை பிளவுபடுத்தும் எல்லா காரணிகளிலிருந்து விடுதலைப்பெற்று, நமக்குள் இருக்கும் பிரிவினை எண்ணங்களை நம் உள்ளங்களிலிருந்து முழுமையாக வெளியில் தூக்கியெறிந்து நம்மை வெறுமையாகக் கி உண்மையான விடுதலையையும் தன்னுரிமையையும் அடைய முயற்சிப்போம்.

**உங்கள் அனைவருக்கும்**

**அன்னையின் விண்ணோற்பு பெருவிழா  
வாழ்த்துக்களையும்**

**நம் நாட்டின் விடுதலை விழா வாழ்த்துக்களையும்  
நான் மகிழ்ச்சியோடு தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்**

### 1. Mourning Day:

The presidential Order, signed on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1950, discriminates the Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims. Hence 10<sup>th</sup> August is observed as the Black Day or Mourning Day. On this day let us all pray that Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims be constitutionally granted Scheduled Caste reservations.

### 2. Visiting the priests at the Vicariate centers:

I will be visiting the priests individually at the centers on the following dates mentioned below. I kindly ask you all to block the date in your diary and I also request the Vicar Foranes to arrange for the meeting accordingly.

Date	Time	Name of the Vicariate
13/08/2022 Saturday	11.00 A.M	Viriyur Vicariate
16/08/2022 Tuesday	09.30 A.M	Tindivanam Vicariate
17/08/2022 Wednesday	09.30 A.M	Villupuram Vicariate
18/08/2022 Thursday	09.30 A.M	Gingee Vicariate
19/08/2022 Friday	09.30 A.M	Thirukoilur Vicariate
23/08/2022 Tuesday	09.30 A.M	Neyveli Vicariate
24/08/2022 Wednesday	09.30 A.M	Kallakurichy Vicariate
25/08/2022 Thursday	09.30 A.M	Karaikal Vicariate
26/08/2022 Friday	09.30 A.M	Cuddalore Vicariate
29-30 /08/2022	09.30 A.M	Pondicherry Vicariate



**+ Francis Kalist**

Archbishop, Archdiocese of Pondicherry - Cuddalore.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS – AUGUST, 2022**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Events</i>
3	WED	11.00 A.M	Cluny Retreat House Mass and Blessing, Kalapet, Pondy
4	THURS		MMI Diaconate Ordination
6	SAT	06.00 P.M	Flag Hoisting Mass, Panikankuppam
7	SUN	08.00A.M 06.00 P.M	Confirmation Mass, Irupukuruchi Feast Mass & Confirmation, Rainbow Nagar, Pondy
8	MON	08.00 A.M	Parochial Feast Mass, Kalpet
10	WED	10.00 A.M.	Meeting in Villupuram
13	SAT	8.00 A. M 11.00 A.M.	Confirmation Mass, Melpazangur Viriyur Vicariate Meeting
14	SUN	07.30 A.M. 06.00 P.M	Parochial Feast Mass, Notre Dame, Pondy Confirmation Mass, Keezputhupattu
15	MON	08.00 A.M.	Parochial Feast Mass, Nellithope
16	TUES	09.30 A.M.	Tindivanam Vicariate Meeting
17	WED	09.30 A.M.	Villiupuram Vicariate Meeting
18	THURS	09.30 A.M.	Gingee Vicariate Meeting
19	FRI	09.30 A.M.	Thirukoilur Vicariate Meeting
20	SAT	08.00 A.M. 05.30 P.M.	Feast Mass, Sathipattu Confirmation Mass, Nellithope
21	SUN	08.00 A.M. 03.30 P.M.	Confirmation Mass, Cathedral Laity Commission Meeting, Uppalam
23	TUES	09.30 A.M.	Neyveli Vicariate Meeting
24	WED	09.30 A.M.	Kallakurichy Vicariate Meeting
25	THURS	09.30 A.M.	Karaikal Vicariate Meeting

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Events</i>
		06.00 P.M	Final Vows Mass, Convent Parangipettai, Peiyapet
26	FRI	09.30 A.M.	Cuddalore Vicariate Meeting
27	SAT	4.00 P.M	Madha TV Online Meeting
28	SUN	8.30 A.M 6.00 P.M	Parochial Feast Mass, Bahour Confirmation Mass, Thely
29- 30	MON & TUES	09.30 A.M.	Pondicherry Vicariate Meeting
31	WED	11.00 AM	Mass, Kumbakonam
 [sd/] + Francis Kalist Archbishop of Pondicherry-Cuddalore			

**From the Desk of Fr. Procurator****Surplus Mass Intentions received for June-2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of the Parish</b>	<b>No. of Masses</b>
01.06.2022	Panickankuppam Parish	45 mass intentions
01.06.2022	Karaikal Parish	117 mass intentions
02.06.2022	Fr.A.Arulanandam - Hospice Convent	13 mass intentions
03.06.2022	Thirupapuliur Parish	34 mass intentions
06.06.2022	Mugaiyur Parish	50 mass intentions
08.06.2022	Nellithope Parish	75 mass intentions
13.06.2022	Fr.Melchizedech - Cluny Convent	30 mass intentions
14.06.2022	Mel-nariappanur Parish	500 mass intentions

17.06.2022	Nellithope Parish	180 mass intentions
21.06.2022	Cuddalore O T Parish	107 mass intentions
22.06.2022	Cuddalore N T Parish	100 mass intentions
22.06.2022	Uppalam Parish	110 mass intentions
29.06.2022	Sacred Heart Basilica	220 mass intentions

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

*Financial Administrator*

### **Voice from Metropolitan Matrimonial Tribunal – 139**

#### **Learning To Overcome Mental Pollution**

As we still lingering with the mild pandemic situation or other physical ailments of various types of severity caused, becomes still critical to breathe. The striking point of mental pollution deals with sleepless nights, continued worries, starvation, etc. will easily lead to other complications of life especially in families and marital issues. That's why we need an exercise to learn to overcome mental pollution.

There is much debate on different kinds of pollution - water, soil, air and other elements. But the most dangerous of them all is **mental pollution** that is rarely acknowledged and hardly discussed in public forums. Any kind of mental affliction is left to either psychiatrists or religious masters, whereas it really needs to come out into the open and discussed freely in educational institutions and work places, as well as in homes.

The Dalai Lama has talked at great length about destructive emotions that are caused by having a self-centred attitude and by believing that reality is as it appears. The antidotes to destructive emotions are compassion and the realization that nothing exists as it appears. Once we are able to ward off negativities, we can obtain in the perspective required to embrace all that is good, overcome all that is destructive, and enjoy peace and harmony and experience love at all levels.

It is said that anyone who causes you to feel anger, is in fact wielding power over you. And one of the ways by which we can protect ourselves from getting overpowered in this manner, is to practice compassion that creates acceptance and understanding, then there is no scope for anger.

Emotions per se are not destructive; they become so only when we express them in inappropriate ways. Becoming self-aware but not self-centred is the first step towards recognizing one's emotions for what they are and learning to detect what is toxic to mind, body and soul.

Suppressing negative emotions may make things worse. Hence, scientists and masters advise us to acknowledge and accept those emotions, first, and then slowly overcome them. To understand our emotions better, scientists are trying to map them so that navigation becomes possible. Creating an 'atlas' of emotions, they identify the varying degrees by which anger could manifest, as annoyance, frustration, exasperation, argumentativeness, bitterness, vengefulness and fury.

In order to stand outside of these manifestations, we need to detach ourselves from emotions and see things as they

are, but lovingly, with a compassionate eye. Response is far superior to reaction - you respond in an informed manner, whereas your reaction is based on extreme emotion.

At a party, there was heated discussion on a controversial topic of current interest. Reactions ranged from call for bans, ostracisation and punishment to severe sanctions. An elder, who was sitting quiet, was asked what he thought the solution could be. He said, 'Yes, things will fall into place and storms will abate in due course, if not now, perhaps in a year or two'. The amazed audience of youngsters could not grasp the import of what he said. Of course, an emergency situation would call for instant action but festering issues really need to be seen in the backdrop of time and context. There may not be instant solutions.

Philosophical platitudes may not work in dire situations that call for emergency measures but by and large, most issues that are blown out of proportion need to be given time to settle down, and appropriate action taken in due course. For this, we need to cultivate what the Dalai Lama calls 'mental hygiene' that cannot be achieved in a day. It requires consistence, practice and perseverance as well as determination.

However Jesus gives solution to every problem of our life. Let's lead our family members for daily family prayers, biblical readings, reciting rosaries, attending daily mass, etc. Certainly you will have a way out for your worries, stress and tensions of your life.

### Points to Ponder:

- **Detox The Mind:** The secret to gaining control over ourselves is meditation. By sitting in meditation, we are tapping into a peaceful place within ourselves... If we can temporarily remove ourselves to go to another room or space, meditate until we are calm, and then return, we can train ourselves to control our mental poisons.  
- Sant Rajinder Singh
- It is one thing to desire, another to be in capacity fit for what we desire.  
- Thomas Hobbes
- Men are born soft and supple; dead they are stiff and hard. Plants are born tender and pliant; dead, they are brittle and dry. Thus whoever is stiff and inflexible is a disciple of death. Whoever is soft and yielding is a disciple of life... The soft and supple will prevail.  
- Lao Tzu
- Life has no remote. Get up and change it yourself.  
- Mark A Cooper
- Bethlehem was God with us; Calvary was God for us and Pentecost is God in us.
- Your smile is a signature of God on your face! Don't allow it to be washed away by your tears or by your anger!
- "Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak."  
- St. Antony of Padua

Thanking you.

Rev. Fr. S. Pascal Raj

**Judicial Vicar**

## St. Xavier's Pastoral Centre

### Commission for Evangelization

In the month of June on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> we had a “Three days Charismatic Prayer Congress” in our Centre. A team of three persons headed by Rev. Fr. Aaron and two lay preachers conducted all the sessions. Our Archbishop came for the concluding mass and gave a beautiful sermon and animated people to pray and believe in the Eucharist and to have a strong attachment to it and always be eager to participate in the Holy Mass. It was really a memorable event for the people who participated.

And in the month of July we had a one day Third Saturday Charismatic Healing Prayer Meeting in our centre by a team of three persons headed by Rev. Fr. Arokia Arul Selvam, a Norbertine Preacher from Trichy and the other two persons, Rev. Fr. Dominic, a Servite Priest from Tanjore and Mr. Henry a lay Preacher and Singer from Trichy. And around 300 people participated. And I really appreciate and thank the preachers and their teams, the donors and the organizers, “St. Xavier Prayer Preparatory Team”.

This month, in the month of August, we are planning to invite Rev. Fr. Paul Vailanganny, Parish Priest of Kozhappalur, a diocesan priest of the Diocese of Vellore who seems to be a well known Charismatic Preacher in the diocese. This month's prayer meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 09.30 a.m. to 05.00 p.m. Kindly announce about this during the Sunday Masses on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

## Commission for Anbiyam

We had a meeting of all the Diocesan Secretaries of the Commission for Anbiyam on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Trichy Diocesan Pastoral Centre presided over by the Chairman of the TNBC Commission for Anbiyam Most Rev. Dr. Amalraj, the Bishop of Ootacamond. Rev. Fr. Michael Joe, the Parish Priest of Fathima Nagar, Trichy and Rev. Fr. Marie Valan, S. J., the Parish Priest of College parish, Trichy shared their experiences of the formation and functioning of the Anbiyam in their respective parishes.

And we had a annual planning session in which it was decided that all the dioceses should have Diocesan level chief co-ordinator of anbiyam and individual Diocesan co-ordinators for children, youth, couples, aged, and for prayer and two field workers, two resource persons and two religious representatives. All these people form the Diocesan Executive Committee for the commission for anbiyam.

Regarding the regular Regional Activities of the TNBC Commission for Anbiyam, we will have two meetings in a year for the Diocesan Anbiyam Secretaries and one General Body Meeting in which all the Diocesan Executive Committee members will participate and there will be one cluster level Anbiyam Training Programme every year. There are five clusters in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry under the following names of the Saints, St. Thomas, St. John de Britto, St. Francis Xavier, St. Alphonsa and Our Lady of Good Health.

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

In the last two Diocesan News Letters, I have given the informations regarding the XVIII National Council Meeting of the CDPI conducted in Mysore from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of May this year. I also gave you the exact text of the presidential address which was really beautiful and thought provoking regarding the Synodality of the Church.

In this News Letter I would like to give to you the complete report of the Council Meeting's Proceedings. This may facilitate you to know about the concern of the CCBI for the Diocesan Priests of India. Since it is a long report, I am giving you the half of the report in this news letter and the other half will be given in the next month's news letter.

### **REPORT OF THE XVIII NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CDPI**

**Theme: Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church in India**

**Venue: Prabodhana- Pallottine Centre for Theological and Religious Formation, Mysore**

**Dates: May 17 afternoon, to May 19 afternoon**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The XVIII National Council Meeting of the CDPI was held at Prabodhana Theological Seminary, Mysore, from May 17 to May 19, 2022. The theme of the meeting was: Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church in India.

In accordance with the statutes of the CDPI, duly approved by the CCBI, this theme was selected keeping in mind the ongoing process of reflection and discernment at all levels of the Christian community, as the Universal Church prepares for the 2023 Synod. The aim is that the participants, having benefited from the sessions and panel discussions, could go out in turn to the different dioceses of India and promote healthy and relevant practices related to Synodality in their respective dioceses.

A total of 60 priests from 35 dioceses of India participated in the national council meeting of CDPI, together with Most Rev. Bishop Udumala Bala of Warangal and Most Rev. Bishop Emeritus Thomas Vazhapilly of Mysore. The office bearers of the CDPI were also present for the meetings, including Rev. Fr. Michael Ani, the President, Rev. Fr. Philomen Doss Antony John, the Vice-President, the regional representatives, and Rev. Dr. I. Raymond Joseph, the Executive Secretary of the CCBI Commission for Vocation, Seminaries, Clergy and Religious (VSCR), and the ex officio secretary of the CDPI.

Rev. Dr. I Raymond Joseph was the overall organiser and coordinator of the programme and also attended to the communications, physical arrangements and logistics of the programme. He planned the sessions and the resource persons in a meticulous manner and ensured that the programme went on smoothly. In this task, the office bearers of the CDPI were ably supported by Rev. Fr. John Peter Lazar, the Rector, Prabodhana Theological Seminary, and a team of seminarians who coordinated the registration, physical facilities, meals, prayer timings, technical support with

equipment, and all other arrangements for the well-being of the participants.

### **DAY ONE: MAY 17, 2022**

#### **Inaugural Eucharistic Celebration:**

#### **May 17 at 5:00 PM**

The 18<sup>th</sup> National Council Meeting of the CDPI was inaugurated with a Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Vazhapilly, Bishop Emeritus of Mysore. Bishop Thomas Vazhapilly has previously served as the chairman of the CCBI Commission for VSCR and was also the patron of the CDPI. It is through his efforts and those of Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza, Archbishop of Agra, that the CDPI statutes had been approved by the CCBI in 2014. The homily by Bishop Thomas Vazhapilly set the tone for the deliberations. He touched upon the central aspects of Synodality and the challenges facing priests. In line with the message of Pope Francis, he highlighted the theme of "Communion, Participation and Mission" and explained how the diocesan priests have a special role as facilitators so that the laity can be fully empowered to play a greater role in the Church.

#### **Inaugural Session: May 17 at 6:30 PM**

After the Holy Mass, an inaugural session was conducted in the auditorium. The session began with the singing of the Synod Anthem with all the delegates, followed by a Scripture Reading (Ephesians 4:17-25) and the lighting of the lamp. Present on the dais were Most Rev. Bishop Emeritus Thomas Vazhapilly, the former patron of the CDPI, and Most Rev.

Bishop UdumalaBala, the present patron. Fr. Michael Ani, President, National-CDPI, welcomed the gathering. Fr. Nolasco Gomes of Nasik Diocese, the Regional President for the Western Region, was the compere of the session.

The keynote address was delivered by Fr Jacob Prasad, General Editor, Pastoral Orientation Centre (POC), KCBC, Cochin. He spoke about the Synod itself and its implications for Canon Law, Church structures and ministries. His speech was a challenging and motivational one in which he called upon the participants to immerse themselves fully in the deliberations in order to produce a beautiful and practical statement as the outcome of the meeting, to guide the diocesan priests with regard to the synodal activities and the concept of a Synodal Church.

After the keynote address, the gathering was addressed by Most Rev. Bishop Udumala Bala, the patron of the CDPI. As one having long familiarity with the background and programmes of the CDPI, Bishop Bala spoke in a candid but challenging way to the priests. He made a strong statement that the Church is on its deathbed, but Synodality is the only hope to revive it. Synodality should lead to a participatory Church and for this reason it requires a new approach to theology. He compared the two approaches to theology to "helicopter theology" and "bullock cart theology" and held that "bullock cart theology" in which we are one with the people and able to understand problems from within. Since Synodality will lead to a change in the entire culture of the Church, Bishop Bala's main challenging question was: "Are we prepared for the changes?"

**DAY TWO: MAY 18, 2022****Eucharistic Celebration at 6:30 AM**

The Holy Eucharist on the second day was celebrated by **Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala**, Bishop of Warangal. The theme of the celebration was **“Bear Fruit, and that your Fruit should abide”** (based on the Gospel reading of John 15:12-17). Bishop Bala explained about a Copernican Revolution that is taking place in the model of the Church after Vatican II. He outlined the pyramidal model of the Church and the unsuitability of that model for the modern world. He explained that the concept of “People of God” has been rediscovered leading to a Synodal Model in which every Christian should be involved in the life of the Church. However, as clerics, we need to constantly question ourselves as to whether we are more comfortable with the older model or ready to adapt to the new one.

During the Holy Mass, Rev. Dr. Raymond Joseph also felicitated the priests who were celebrating their ordination anniversaries on that day. After the Eucharistic celebration photo session was held.

The day’s sessions were organised into two parts. Part 1 included two Resource Talks by eminent resource person focusing especially on the position of the diocesan clergy vis-a-vis synodality. Part 2 consisted of three panel discussions on topics related to synodality. The sessions began at 8:45 AM and continued until around 8 PM.

**PART I: THE CHURCH IN INDIA AND ITS SYNODAL APPROACH TO COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION****Resource Talk 1: May 18 at 8:45AM**

After breakfast, the delegates assembled in the auditorium for the first Resource Talk which was on the theme of **“Synodality and its Implications for the Life and Ministry of the Diocesan Clergy.”** The resource person was **Rev. Dr. Vincent B. Wilson**, Coordinator of Commissions from Kottar diocese. Rev. Dr. Vincent B. Wilson began by pointing out that only around 15% of the dioceses in India have made some progress in the synodal process. Some of them have entered the process half-heartedly and have concentrated on meeting the requirements and sending in their reports rather than helping the diocese to grow. Explaining the logo of the Synod, the resource person concluded that the logo depicts a church which has eliminated all barriers of hierarchy and which has included people of different categories. Achieving this vision calls for a change of attitude and in particular for a new spirituality of communion and a new model of leadership in which the leader is a facilitator and the decision is taken through discernment. The suggestion of the resource person was that the Church needs to move towards a system of “consent-based consensus”. At the end of the session, the participants were given an opportunity to interact with the resource person and share their opinions and experiences. The moderator of the session was Rev. Fr. Philomin Doss, the Vice President of the CDPI.

### Resource Talk 2: May 18 at 10:15AM

After the tea break, the session resumed with the second Resource Talk, again by the same resource person, Rev. Dr. Vincent B. Wilson who had delivered the earlier session. The topic was “**Synodal Spirituality for the Diocesan Clergy.**”

Rev. Dr. Vincent B. Wilson began by explaining the Synodal Prayer, attributed to St. Isidore of Seville. This prayer contains the spirituality of journeying together. He then explained how this prayer was contradicted by the escapist spirituality of some schools of thought, according to which our bodily or worldly matters cannot be sanctified because of their sinful nature. The resource person pointed out that the Pre-Vatican II mentality was of this kind, because it taught that the whole of life could not be holy, and therefore we needed certain specified persons, places, times and things to be holy. But a deeper understanding of spirituality after Vatican II led to the concept that the Kingdom of God is here on earth and we need to be involved in it. LG 37 said that the Church’s mission is “for the life of the world”. In more recent times, Pope Francis has also been propagating this message. His encyclicals such as *Fratelli Tutti* (on loving beyond borders) and *Laudato Si’* (on the goodness of the world of nature) have led to a spirituality of involvement.

Synodality is a further development on the same path. The term synod literally means journeying together. Perhaps the best model for journeying together is that of Jesus with his disciples, who included all categories of people. The spirituality of the synod can be summed up in the three

catchwords: Communion, Participation and Mission. Acts 2 and 4 show us the kind of communion that should exist in the Church, while Mt 18:20 shows how communion brings about the presence of Jesus himself. Synodal spirituality calls for six conversions: (a) from authoritarianism to washing of the feet (service), (b) from clericalism to laity’s participation, (c) from patriarchy to women’s participation, (d) from individualism to common good, (e) from majoritarianism to the inclusion of everyone, (f) from a closed mentality to openness to the Spirit.

The moderator of the session was Rev. Msgr. Bisu Benjamin Aind. The session concluded with a further opportunity for the participants to interact with the eminent resource person and raise questions pertaining to their own dioceses or situations.

### PART II: THE CHURCH IN INDIA AND ITS SYNODAL APPROACH TO PARISH AND DIOCESAN PASTORAL ENGAGEMENTS

#### Panel Discussion I: May 18 at 11:30 AM

The first panel discussion included three members of the lay faithful as panelists, namely, Mr. J. A. Kantharaj, PRO of the Archdiocese of Bangalore, Ms. Priya Francis, Secretary of the Women’s Commission, Archdiocese of Bangalore, and Ms. Brinda Adige, Joint Secretary of the Women’s Commission, Archdiocese of Bangalore. They discussed different dimensions of the Church’s pastoral ministry and its impact on lay persons from multiple points of view. Each speaker spoke or presented their points for around 20 minutes

and the floor was thrown open for all to ask questions at the end of the three talks. The moderator of the panel discussion was Rev. Fr. Maxim D'Souza of the Diocese of Belgaum.

The first speaker was Mr J. A. Kantharaj, PRO of the Archdiocese of Bangalore. He spoke on the **Participation of the Laity in Diocesan Participatory Bodies like the Parish and Diocesan Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils**. He explained the role of the Parish Pastoral Council in the Church, particularly in bringing about a loving communion between the parish priest and the parishioners. He explained certain difficulties in the Church such as the mushrooming of different sects, that are gaining ground mainly because the laity are neglected in the very structure of the Catholic community. Mr Kantharaj proposed that the parish pastoral council should represent the entire parish and should develop a statement of purpose which would identify and reflect the mission of the Parish. He suggested that the marketing concept of "sell yourself first" would be helpful for priests: they need to make themselves acceptable and accepted, so that they can be more effective in their ministry.

Mr Kantharaj was followed by Ms Priya Francis, the Secretary of the Women's Commission, Archdiocese of Bangalore. Ms Priya Francis spoke on the topic of **Engaging the Women in Parish and Diocesan Pastoral Activities**. From a biblical perspective, we find that Jesus crossed boundaries in reaching out to women. He spoke to women, he spoke for women, he spoke against all the ill-treatment of women in those days. But historically, Christian

women were defined in boundaries: submissive, mothers, home-bound. This created the patriarchal mindset which is prevalent even till today. Ms Priya Francis then pointed out that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, is helping to bring us out of the mindset. He has allowed lay Catholics including women to head Vatican departments. The understanding of women has changed in such a way that we now see women as capable of so much more; and their talent and leadership should be utilised for the benefit of the community. Ms Priya Francis explained the SPARKLE model (Share, Plan, Act, Reflect, Know, Learn and Engage); the WE4SHE support group (to help women facing gender discrimination and gender-based violence). She also emphasized the need to have a women's commission in each diocese and parish.

The third of the panelists to speak was Ms Brinda Adige, whose topic was **Engagement with People on the Periphery through Social Action**. The question being raised in this discussion was: How do we promote social participation in the Church: how do we get people from the periphery to take part in the Church? Ms Adige explained that many of the ministries of the Church, including schools and hospitals etc., were opened for the sake of people from the periphery. But after so many years of these institutional structures, we need to ask where are those people today? They are still on the periphery. Similarly, the Church has also been selective in its pro-life stance and has spent its energy telling women not to have abortions, but does not take care of other life issues such as caste, class, language and gender discrimination. Achieving this goal, however, requires better

sharing of information with the participants, and a better distribution of power among the members of the community.

The panel discussions ended with a question-and-answer round during the course of which questions were addressed to all the participants.

### **Self-Introduction of the Members: May 18 at 2:45PM**

As we were in the second day of the workshop, the afternoon session began with a round of network building through introductions, as all the priests presented themselves, their dioceses and their role within the diocese. The introduction of the members took 20 minutes. . . . to be continued.

So, Dear Fathers, we shall continue to read the rest of the report in the next issue.

**Rev. Fr. A. J. Philomindoss**

*Director*

**புதுவை கடலூர் உயர்மறை மாநில குடும்ப  
நல பணிக்குழு**

**தமிழக ஆயர் பேரவையின் குடும்ப நலப்  
பணிக்குழு நடத்திய**

**இரண்டு நாள் தம்பதியர்க்கான கருத்தமர்வை பற்றிய  
அறிக்கை**

கடந்த ஜூன் மாதம் 10 மற்றும் 11 ஆகிய இரண்டு நாட்கள் தமிழக ஆயர் குழுவின் குடும்ப நலப் பணிக்குழு,

தம்பதியர்களுக்கான சிறப்பு கருத்தரங்கம் நடத்தியது. இதில் நம் மறைமாவட்டத்திலிருந்து 11 தம்பதியர் மற்றும் நம் மறை மாநில குடும்ப நல பணிக்குழு செயலர் தந்தை அருட்பணி குழந்தைசமி அடிகளாரும் இணைச்செயலரான பொறிஞர் சார்லஸ் கோலனும் பங்கேற்றனர்.



ஜூன் மாதம் 10 ஆம் நாள் காலை 9.30 மணிக்கு தமிழக குடும்ப நல பணிக்குழுவின் தலைவர் பாளை மறைமாவட்ட ஆயர் மேதகு முனைவர் அந்தோனிசாமி. அவர்களின் முன்னிலையில் தேசிய குடும்ப பணிக்குழு செயலர் அருட்பணி மிட்டன் அர்களின் தலைமையில் தொடங்கியது.

முதல் நாளான 10.06.2022 வெள்ளியன்று மூன்று அமர்வுகள் முறையே 11 மணி, 12 மணி மற்றும் 3 மணிக்கு நடைபெற்றன. அவற்றில் குடும்பம் ஒரு கூட்டொருங்கியக்க திரு அவை என்றும் கத்தோலிக்க குடும்பங்களின் தனித்துவமும் நற்செய்தி பணியும் என்ற தலைப்பிலும் குடும்ப அருள்வாழ்வு – புனிதத்திற்கான அழைப்பு என்றும் அமர்வுகள் நடைபெற்றன. அன்று மாலை 5 மணிக்கு ஆயர் தலைமையில் கூட்டுத் திருப்பலியும் இரவு உணவிற்குப் பின் ஜெபமாலையும் நடைபெற்றது

இரண்டாம் நாளான 11.06.2022 சனிக்கிழமை அன்று 'குடும்பங்களில் ஊடகங்களின் ஊடுருவல் மற்றும் குடும்ப அன்பு

அற்புதமானது – சவாலானது என்றும் சிந்தனைகள் வழங்கப்பட்டன. பிற்பகல் 12 மணிக்கு தமிழக ஆயர் பேரவையின் தலைவரும், சென்னை மயிலை பேராயருமான மேதகு ஜார்ஜ் அந்தோணிசாமி அவர்கள் தலைமையில் நிறைவு நிகழ்ச்சி நடைபெற்றது. பேராயர் அவர்கள் பங்கேற்று அனைவருக்கும் சான்றிதழும் நினைவுப் பரிசும் வழங்கினார். அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து பொது நற்கருணை ஆராதனை நிகழ்த்தப்பட்டது. நன்றியுரையுடன் இரு நாள் கருத்தரங்கம் நிறைவு பெற்றது. அனைத்து நிகழ்வுகளையும் தமிழக குடும்ப நலப் பணிக்குழு செயலர் அருட்சகோதரி அமலராணி அவர்கள் நிகழ்த்தினார்.

அருள்திரு. S. குழந்தைசாமி  
செயலர் குடும்ப நலப்பணிக்குழு  
துவை – கடலூர் உயர் மறைமாநிலம்

## SC/ST Commission Report

### Activities:

#### 1. Women's day celebration



We had women's day celebration in SC/ST Commission office on 08<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Totally 120 women's from different parishes participated in the program. We

honoured the elected dalit Christian women in the last panjayat election. Mr Naveen animated the Motivation session on political empowerment.

#### 2. DCPC Federation Meeting:



Gingee Vicariate level Dalit Christians People Cell (DCPC) Federation meeting was held in Gingee parish on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Totally 150 members participated. Fr. Paul raj and Fr Nayagam animated the sessions on women's rights.

#### 3. Students Training Program:



The Leadership and Career Guidance Training program for Students was held on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 in Vikravandi. Sr

Kavitha CSST and Bro Naveen were animated the sessions.

#### 4. TNBC SC/ ST Scholarship for Poor Students:



The TNBC SC/ ST Scholarship for this Academic year had been distributed by Most Rev. A.M. Chinnappa, Archbishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of Madars Mylapure on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in Vikravandi. 29 students benefitted out of this scholarship programme. For this year The TNBC contributed Rs. 56,000. Heartfelt thanks to the Tamil Nadu Bishop's Conference for their concern on poor Dalit students. Our

Archdiocese generously contributed Rs. 28,000 to this program. Thanks to Our Archbishop for the help. I also thank all the Parish Priests for your cooperation.

### List of Beneficiaries

- |                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>1. Arcadu</b>               | - Annai Theresa . L   |
| <b>2. Gingee</b>               | - Florence Mary . A   |
| <b>3. Munnur</b>               | - Florence . M  |
| <b>4. Mel-Sithampur</b>        | - Jerina . J  |
| <b>5. Kommedu</b>              | - Deepa . A   |
| <b>6. Kovilanur</b>            | - Nelson Rubas . A  |
| <b>7. Irundai</b>              | - Infant Vimalraj . A   |
| <b>8. Thely</b>                | - Antony Richard . Y  |
| <b>9. Azhagappa Samuthiram</b> | - Jegathish   |
| <b>10. Kanankadu</b>           | - Stephen raj   |
| <b>11. Thurinjicollai</b>      | - Arockia Antoniammal,<br>Preethi . P   |
| <b>12. Thennangudi</b>         | - Ranjith kumar,<br>Jenipher .J   |
| <b>13. Uluthur</b>             | - Merlin Sonia .D, Ancy,<br>Yamalda . Y   |
| <b>14. Viruthachalam</b>       | - Reetus Deva Selvan.V,<br>Prince Prathip . A   |
| <b>15. Nolambai</b>            | - Matlin Veronica . T,<br>Williams .A, Jasmin .A,<br>Subitha .S, Suvetha .V               |
| <b>16. Vikravandi</b>          | - Milton Isak .S,<br>Yasmin.C,<br>Sargunadoss .M,<br>Sneka Agnes . S,<br>Clement Anto Joy |

### Upcoming Events:

#### 1. Appeal to Observe August 10<sup>th</sup> as Day of Mourning (72 years of denial of Religious Freedom to Dalits in India)

The Constitution (Scheduled Caste) order 1950 was signed on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1950 by the then President of India which says that “No person who professes a religion other than Hinduism shall be deemed to be a member of the Scheduled Caste” which was later amended to include Sikhs (1956) and Buddhists (1990) in the Scheduled caste list.

Civil Writ petition 180/2004 in the Honorable Supreme Court of India praying the deletion of paragraph 3 of the Constitution (Scheduled Caste) order 1950 is still pending for the past 15 years in which the CBCI and NCCI have also impleaded. The case had been referred to a higher bench and still it has not been constituted. Thus Constitutional rights for Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims are denied based on religion for the past 72 years.

To express our dissatisfaction about this ‘Constitution Scheduled Caste order 1950 para 3 which is ‘unconstitutional and it is a black letter written outside the Constitution introduced through the back door by an executive order (NCRLM Report). We request you to observe August 10<sup>th</sup> as the Day of Mourning (Black Day) in your respective parishes and institutions. Meetings, rallies, demonstrations, hunger strike, submitting memorandum, candle vigils and other forms of demonstrations can be also organized in your area to show support and solidarity to the suffering Christians of Scheduled

Caste Origin. Please make use of the media especially the social media to disseminate the news to the civil society. We would appreciate if you send couple of photos and a brief report of observance to the Diocesan commission office.

**2. Diocesan level Day of Mourning ( Black Day) Public Meeting to Demand Scheduled Caste (SC) right to Dalit Christians :**

This year we have planned to have **Day of Mourning (Black Day) Public meeting in Villupuram in front of District Collector Office**, near new bus stand on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 (Wednesday) at 10am to 1pm. Hereby I kindly request you to participate and encourage your parishners to participate in this event and express your concern and solidarity with the Dalit Christians who are discriminated on the basis of religion.

**3. Some suggestions to observe the Day of Mourning (Black Day) in your Parish:**

- Ensure proper awareness to the Parishioners regarding Day of Mourning (Black Day) on which the Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims lost their constitutional right of Religious freedom by excluding them from the Scheduled Caste list.
- Pray for this Intention during mass and conduct special prayer service for this Nobel intention.
- Organize Vicariate level or Parish level Public Meetings, Rallies, demonstrations, hunger stick, submitting memorandum, candle vigils, samathuva marathon race, etc

- Hoist the Black flags in all the churches and christian houses..
- Wear Black Masks and badges
- Display posters on the notice board and distribute notices to the people.
- Show your protest through the social media ( Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, etc.)

**-Fr. A. Arputharaj**

**Secretary, SC/ST Commission**

## YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT

### Activities:

#### 1. Kallakurichi vicariate level Youth training:

We had Kallakurichi vicariate level youth leaders training program on 03.03.2022 in Konankuppam parish. Mr. Ruban Babu, the youth coordinator organized the training followed by youth mass celebrated by Fr. Antonyraj. Totally 50 youth participated in the program.



## 2. Regional General Body meeting:



Tamil Nadu GB Meeting of TCYM was held in TMSSS, Trichy 28th March, 2022. Fr. Arputharaj, DYD. Master. Ruban, coordinator, Master Milton Issac, Miss Selvi Parthalamea, Female representative participated from our Pondicherry Archdiocese. The meeting was started with prayer followed by REXCO election. Miss Parthalomia from Konankuppam parish was elected as prayer team leader in REXCO election. After election we had Holy Eucharist which was celebrated by TNBC Youth Commission Chairman Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Nazarene Soosai. He made the clarion call to the youth to be the Agents of Social Change. Followed by, all the diocesan representatives presented their reports about the diocesan youth activities. Fr. Martin Joseph, Director of TCYM made his comments on the reports. He appreciated the enthusiasm, commitment, involvement of TCYM in every diocese. The Second day planning session began about Youth Synod - 2022. Based on the discussions the resolutions were made to be kept in the coming days.

## 3. Pondicherry vicariate level Youth training:

We had Pondicherry vicariate level youth leaders training program on 21.03.2022 in Nellithope parish. Master. Joseph



Vijay organized the training followed by youth mass. Totally 30 youth participated in the program.

## 4. Summer Youth Cultural Festival:



We had Youth Cultural Fest in Vikravandi Parish on 31st May 2022. We had youth Mass celebrated by Fr. Albert Felix, followed by cultural fest. A good number of Youth participated in the games and cultural events.

## 5. Free Computer training to the poor youth and students:



In collaboration with Kirubalaya Trust our diocesan youth commission organised one month computer free training for poor youth and students in diocesan youth commission office, Vikravandi. The period of the training 16<sup>th</sup> June to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022. We thank Sr. Suvathi, CSST, Director of Kirubalaya trust for this opportunity to the poor people. Totally 50 students participated and benefited from the program.

### Upcoming Events:

#### Youth Sunday



This year Youth Sunday will be celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022 in all the parishes and Institutions of our Archdiocese. I have sent the Youth Sunday posters, liturgical guidelines and Bishop's circular to you through postal service and Whatsapp also. So kindly inform your parish youth and plan out for the meaningful youth Sunday celebration in your parish.

**- Fr. A. Arputharaj**  
**Secretary, Youth Commission**

### Birthdays of our Archdiocesan Clergy – August

Fr.S.P.Arokiadoss	01-08-78
Fr.M.Swaminathan	02-08-51
Fr.S.Edward Anand	02-08-73
Fr.Y.Paulraj	02-08-80
Fr. S. Johnson	03-08-89
Fr.S.Charles Edison	05-08-81
Fr.A.Yesuraj	05-08-82
Fr.C.Antonyraj	06-08-67
Fr.Amalor Pushparaj	06-08-71
Fr.P.Dominic Savio	06-08-78
Fr.M.A.Ratchagar	08-08-54
Fr.V.Chinnappan	08-08-57
Fr.C.Sagaya Selvaraj	12-08-75
Fr.P.Aruldoss	17-08-44
Fr.V.Aruldoss	18-08-53
Fr.A.Rayappan	20-08-79
Fr.A.Satheesh Kumar	21-08-82
Fr.G.Maria Anandaraj	22-08-78
Fr.M.Abraham	24-08-65
Fr.A.Melchizedech	29-08-58
Fr.D.Leo Vijaya Pushpa Raj	29-08-72
Fr.J.Dharmaraj	30-08-76
Fr.K.A.Jesu Nazarene	31-08-66
Fr.L.David John	31-08-77



**Anniversary of the Archdiocesan Clergy  
Priestly ordination- AUGUST**

Fr.C. Don Bosco	21-08-75
Fr.S.Maria Joseph	21-08-75

**NECROLOGY**

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01-08-1984	Abrahan Cownan M.
03-08-1954	Vadakail T
04-08-1989	Stephen. A.
04-08-2004	Amaladoss.Y
06-08-1981	Chetelat. A.
17-08-1962	Pungier L., MEP
17-08-1974	Arul L.M.
18-08-1997	Mgr.Joseph Thumma
26-08-1970	Devannah N.R.
26-08-2017	Antony Sagayam. S
27-08-1970	Kuriakose P.M.
29-08-1970	Montfort. V.L.
30-08-2011	Gnanapragasam M.A.
31-08-2005	Xavier P.P





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**FEAST MASS, CARMEL CONVENT, MUTHIALPET**



**CONFIRMATION AND FEAST MASS, CUDDALORE N.T**



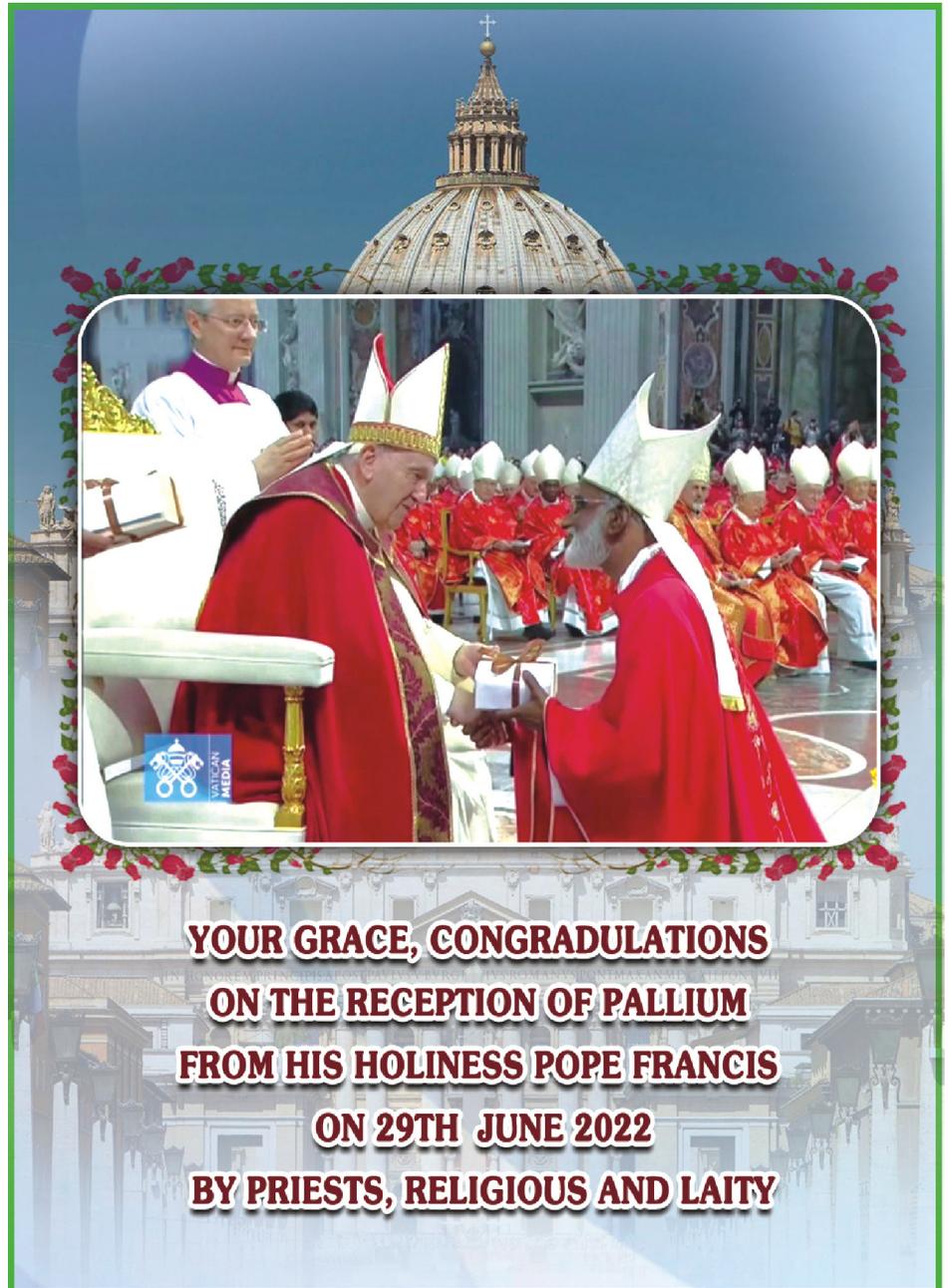
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