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MARY EVER VIRGIN!



MARY: THE MODEL-CHURCH!

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**"RECOLLECTION & CHRISM MASS CELEBRATION  
ON 29 MARCH 2021**

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May 2021

#### Universal Intention – The World of Finance:

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



#### MESSAGE



Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and Lay faithful,

### We are Virgins!

No doubt, Mary, our blessed Mother is ever virgin. It is a gracious gift and salvific of God's call. Although her immaculate conception preserved her from the original sin, her virginity all through her life is because of her total obedience and faithfulness to God's vocation to be the mother of the Saviour. Her 'fiat' and her virginity go hand in hand. Her 'fiat' leads to her virginity, while her virginity is the reflection of her 'fiat.' As such, Mary has shown us that 'virginity' means orientation of the whole person to the ultimate goal of being fully united with Jesus. Through her virginity Mary redeemed the sin of Eve. Mary shines as ever-virgin not only in the birth of Jesus and in her earthly life but also remains so today and tomorrow. It is to be accepted that Mary as a coordinate symbol with Christ, joins together the

holiness of the created being and the holiness of the divine being. Hence she is virgin most renowned!

#### Virgin Most Renowned!

She continues to lead the just and the sinners towards Christ and to the Almighty. Vatican II emphatically underlines: "Rightly therefore the holy Fathers see her as used by God not merely in a passive way, but as freely cooperating in the work of human salvation *through faith and obedience*" (LG, 56). Mary is not only ever-virgin but also ever committed to the world in being Mother of Goodness, so that her expectation is fulfilled every day: "Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed" (Lk 1:48). Through her various apparitions she manifests her missionary role of bringing people to Christ and hence to salvation. In her answer to the prayers of the poor and needy, the 'anawin' of the society, Mary reveals her virginity (commitment) to the suffering world. Hence she is extolled as Virgin most renowned!

#### Mary: The Model-Church!

Mary, being ever-virgin, is the Model-church. Mary "has gone before, "becoming" a model of the Church in the matter of faith, charity and perfect union with Christ." (LG 61). This "going before" as a figure or model is in reference to the intimate mystery of the Church, as she actuates and accomplishes her own saving mission by uniting in herself the qualities of mother and virgin, As the union with Yahweh in the OT times was considered to be 'chaste', so too, we,

the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, are virgins through our union with Jesus. As Israel was a virgin when she listened to God's command and lived; accordingly, we are living virgins, like Virgin Mary, when we adhere to God's word and witness to Him. St. Paul affirms this view in his letter to the Corinthians: "I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I promised you in marriage to one husband, to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Cor 11:2). At the same time, he does not shrink in warning them of the allurements of different gospels and of being deceived as by the serpent; a total adherence to Jesus is the symbol of the state of Christians' virginity (2 Cor 11:31).

### **We are Virgins!**

The book of Revelation speaks of Christians as virgins who have not been seduced by idolatry, symbolized by adultery, but follow the Lamb faithfully (Rev. 14:4ff). Most scholars today understand the Greek term '*parthenoi*' (virgins) as a metaphor for *all* true Christians who have not compromised in various ways with the world because they have remained loyal as a virgin bride to her betrothed (cf. Rev. 19:7-9; 21:2; 2 Cor. 11:2). Contrastingly, we notice in the OT Israel's idolatries in the political and economic practices are pictured as "harlotry" (Eze 23; Jer 3:1-10; Hos 1:2). It is to be noted that the Apocalypse has spoken earlier of preventing "pollution" in reference to Christians who have not identified with idolatrous institutions such as emperor worship or with trade guild idolatry (cf. Rev 2:9, 13-15, 20). The group described in Rev. 14:1-5, in contrast with the beast-

worshippers in Rev. 13:11-18, are the followers of the Lamb, characterized by loyalty to him and not idolatry of the beast, and virginity is one way of portraying that loyalty. Thus, through our total fidelity to Jesus and his way of life we live as virgins in the model and strength of Virgin Mary.

### **Our Virginity Made Alive!**

With all the social and political pressures of modern society that allure us to a life of compromise, a life of 'market-mentality,' hero-worship of all sorts, there are people faithful to Jesus and his Gospel values. In spite of the tragic pandemic of these years, police brutality against peaceful protesters, political maundering and 'horse-trading' and crude expressions of arrogance among the rulers and politicians continue to spread the "virus of Evil." Approaching Virgin Mary for favours is a rudimentary and popular piety. But a mature Christian would seek in her the real role of our Divine Mother who guides us, encourages us and strengthens us to be faithful to Jesus Christ and His living Gospel; this would credit us with life everlasting. In this heroism Mary is revered as Ever-Virgin!

### **Gentle Reminder!**

#### **1. Accounts**

I wish to make a gentle reminder again about the submission of the accounts of the financial year 2020-2021 to the procurator on or **before 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. May I request the Vicar Forenes to facilitate this submission. Kindly consider this as a serious and immediate action-plan.

## 2. Corona Protocol!

As you know the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Corona virus is very much active in Tamilnadu and Pondicherry. When you have the Holy Mass and other celebrations you are expected, strictly, to maintain the COVID-19 protocol, informing the faithful to wear face masks, keep social distance and use the sanitizer and also limit the number of attendants. You shall also take into account the directions (lock down measures) of the local Government. As priests are public figure we have to take extra care on these precautionary measures to protect yourself from this virus.

The number of those affected by the Virus, and of those who are dying of it, is increasing day by day in our country. In these pandemic moments of fear and anxiety, let us put our trust in divine providence and ardently pray to Our Beloved Mother

## 3. My Programmes Postponed!

Many Parish Priests have already fixed with me the dates for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and other Programmes. **In this pandemic situation I regret to inform you that I postpone those programs to a later convenient date.**

## 4. Ordinations!

**Priestly & Diaconate Ordination:** I am happy to announce to you that the Priestly and Diaconate Ordination

service in our Archdiocese will take place on Monday **3 May 2021 at 10.30 a.m. in our Immaculate Conception Cathedral**. Due to the pandemic situation we cannot have this programme in a big way as we normally do. The number of participants is restricted as the following: every candidate is allowed only five including his parish priest. All those who are participating in this function are strictly advised to follow the **SOP** (Standard Operating Protocol) of the Government.

I request you all to pray for the following candidates to the Order of Priesthood & Diaconate:

<b>Candidate's Name</b>	<b>Parish</b>
Dn. M. Bart Augustine	Nellitope
Dn. V. Johnson Maria Joseph	Velanthangal
Dn. A. Aron	Kommedu
Dn. Prem Kumar	Thirukoilur
Bro. P.M.S. Jeeva	Anilady (Diaconate)



**+ Antonysamy Peter Abir**

*Apostolic Administrator*

Archdiocese of Pondicherry - Cuddalore

## CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF INDIA (CBCI)

Cardinal Oswald Gracias

President

22 April 2021

Your Eminence, Your Beatitude, Your Grace, Your Lordship,

A very grace filled Easter season to you. I am happy to be connecting with you once again – after a long break. Earlier all of us were more or less in a similar situation regarding Covid 19 and hence it was possible to make common plans for our relief efforts and pastoral work.

We are now in diverse situation regarding the pandemic, except that there is now a massive surge in the number of cases. We are recording around 300,00 new cases of Coronavirus every single day. The second wave has hit us like a tsunami, and we are yet to reach the peak! Added on this is the apparent lack of planning, resulting in shortage of hospital needs, anti-viral drugs, oxygen and vaccines. It could get worse before it gets better!

After taking counsel with Cardinal Alencherry, Cardinal Cleemis, and CCBI President, Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrão, I thought that especially during the Easter season of hope and light, we should unitedly turn of God in this time of distress. Hence, I am inviting all our Churches to observe Friday, May 7 as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for relief from the Covid 19 pandemic. Our ecumenical brothers from the NCCI and EFI have willingly agreed to join us in prayer on this day. Since we have diverse local circumstances, I leave

every diocese to have its own mode of Prayer and Fasting. I request our Bishops to inform the parishes and Religious in the diocese about this day of Prayer and Fasting. I invite all religious communities, especially our cloistered Sisters, to have a special holy hour praying for an end to the pandemic: a healing for those infected, comfort for those mourning, courage for our frontline workers and success to the efforts of those involved in research and production of medicine and vaccines.

It would be good if all Bishops of our country meet in their own Bishop's House / Cathedral for a prayer service around noon so that we feel strengthened and united in prayer at this moment. A proposed prayer service which you may modify / change or replace as you consider appropriate, will be sent to you in a few days by our Sacrament.

All of us have heard reports from several religious congregations and some dioceses about the large number of priests and sisters who have been infected, with a number of fatalities too. While we wish to give pastoral care to our people, it is our moral obligation to take care of our health and protect others. A Covid Appropriate Behaviour is necessary: wearing of masks, social distancing, covid washing / sanitizing of hands. Our priests and sisters should urge our people to follow these norms for their own safety and the safety of others. Do also encourage our people to get themselves vaccinated. The restrictions imposed by the Government from time to time are a necessary inconvenience, meant for our safety.

Caritas India has done a marvellous job at relief work; as has CHAI in coordinating our medical assistance. They have operated in and through our diocese. I request you to

document these efforts and preserve pictures of them. This will be useful for future generations.

We are having our next Standing Committee Meeting (via video conference) on April 28-29 during which we will discuss different issues. I expect to get in touch with you after the Standing Committee Meeting.

With affectionate regards and best wishes, I remain

Yours fraternally in Christ,  
**+ Oswald Cardinal Gracias**  
 Archbishop of Bombay & President,  
 Catholic Bishops Conference of India

**A Kind Note:**

**Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,**

As per the above appeal from the CBCI president: His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias we shall all observe a day of Prayer & Fasting on Saturday 7 May 2021 to pray for those affected by the COVID – 19 and to get deliverance from this pandemic. May I appeal to the Parish Priests, Heads of the Institutions and Religious Houses to encourage your people to observe this Prayer & Fasting programme.



**+ Antonysamy Peter Abir**  
*Apostolic Administrator*

**1. Priestly Ordination of our Apostolic Administrator:**

His Excellency celebrates his **Priestly Ordination Anniversary on 1 May 2021**. Let us pray for his Excellency in a special way on that day. We wish his Excellency Ad Multos Annos!

**2. Service of Regents:**

We bring to your kind attention that, for the academic year 2021-2022, **there are no regents available** (there are no second year philosophy students).

**Rev. Fr. John Paul**  
*Office Secretary*

**Procurator's Desk**

**Surplus Mass Intentions received for April 2021**

Date	Name of the Parish	No. of Masses
25.03.2021	Thirupapuliur Parish	36 mass intentions
30.03.2021	Villianur Parish	300 mass intentions
05.04.2021	Fr.Melchizedech	10 mass intentions
12.04.2021	Sacred Heart Basilica	155 mass intentions
13.04.2021	Nellithope Parish	70 mass intentions
16.04.2021	Fr.Melchizedech - Cluny Convent	250 mass intentions

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

**Voice from Metropolitan Matrimonial  
Tribunal – 125  
Importance of the Sacrament of Baptism  
and its Register**

Dear respected Parish priests

It is a reminder to all of us how important is the sacrament of Baptism and maintaining the registers specially Baptism Record. Canon 849 clearly states that Baptism is the gateway to all other sacraments and entry point for salvation. 'A person who has not received baptism cannot validly be admitted to the other sacraments'. (c. 842). The preparation for the sacrament of Baptism is equally important like other sacraments. Parents and God-parents are to be prepared through the sacrament of reconciliation, participating in the Holy Mass fully, receiving Holy Communion and in the Rite of Baptism. It is meaningful to celebrate as family celebration and parochial function to bring peace and joy in families.

Baptism certificate is the most important document as far as a Catholic is concerned. It not only gives the original Christian name of the person (which is not to be against Christian sentiments C.855), the date for one to remember when one has become a member of the Church, an adopted child of God and receives the right to become a member of the heavenly Jerusalem (C.849/ CCEO 675§1); but it also gives the date of birth, the parentage and the god-parentage of an individual. Any change in the status of an individual also is entered here as and when it happens through the reception of other sacraments, or when dispensed from them,

through the proper authorities of the Church. No change or addition can be made in this register at any time by anyone except through the decree of the Chancellor of the diocese.

Hence it is a serious responsibility of the parish priest both to communicate the notifications and to make the entry accurately. There had been cases of a person marrying more than once by producing fresh baptism certificates generously because there was no entry made of the first marriage in the baptism register. This becomes the responsibility of both the parish priests, if the marriage or ordination is done outside the parish of one's baptism. Hence it is important that such changes are immediately notified to the place of baptism and entered there by the parish priests. This is an important duty of the parish priest as a registrar. It will be a serious failure of duty by the parish priest in case he takes it lightly regarding either the notification or the entry. The priest who notifies may also request for information by return of post since there is possibility of losing the notification during the process of posting, in which case no entry will be made in the baptism register and nobody is at fault except the postal department. The changes of status that have to be entered are: Confirmation, Marriage, Declaration of the nullity of marriage, Ordination, Dispensation from Clerical State, Taking up of vows, Dispensation from Vows.

It is also important to have only one original entry at the place of baptism and extracts can be issued only from there. Sometimes it so happens that after baptism in another place, the parents take an extract from there and hand it over to the parish priest who in turn registers it, in the original register of

his own parish. For such an entry, there should be a separate register or one has to use the last pages of the original register. Extracts cannot be given from this second place of entry of registration. Any certificate can be issued only from the place, where the Sacrament is administered. For, it can happen that a particular party who was already married and whose marriage was notified to the place of baptism, gets another extract from the second place of entry, where the change of status is not mentioned and thus enters into another invalid marriage as though he/she is enjoying the freedom of state. It is good that pastors deal with the sheep with kindness and concern but they have to be careful about not being cheated by the so-called perverted sheep of the flock. This is the reason why during marriage it is ordered to have a fresh baptism certificate not later than six months. The value of a baptism certificate is for six months only. It can be in some cases; six months itself will be too late since the marriage can be broken down by that time. The Church has put this time limit in good faith. In some cases a fresh extract cannot be got (eg. Burmese or Srilankan repatriates etc.), the parish priest must use his discretion and make extra efforts to find out the free state of the individual.

In cases of those who are received into Catholic Church, where no fresh baptism is given, the entry of receiving into the Church also has to be made in the last pages of the register, only for reference. No extract can be issued from this register either. They have to get always extracts from their original place of baptism. The churches whose baptism is accepted as a sacrament by the Catholic Church in India are the

following. (cfr. Pastoral Handbook for the Clergy by CBCI, 2005, p.54).

1. The Syrian Mar Thoma Church
2. The Anglican Church
3. The Methodist Church
4. The Lutheran Church
5. The Baptist Church
6. The Church of South India
7. The United Church of North India
8. The Seventh Day Adventists
9. The Various Groups of Pentecostals
10. The Mennonite Churches
11. The Plymouth Brethren

Regarding the other churches, the Parish Priest is to make sure from reliable sources that the Trinitarian Formula was used for Baptism. In all the other cases a fresh baptism has to be administered and then an entry can be made. In the present situation it is always advisable that we get an undertaking from the party before two witnesses that he/she is requesting Catholic baptism on one's own free will without any type of incentives being given or pressure being used by any one.

In cases of doubt of law or doubt of fact regarding baptism, it is always better to refer to the Curia for clarification. For, the sacrament of baptism cannot be repeated as it imprints a character. So, conditional baptism is not the first option. Conditional baptism may be given only when all other means



of enquiry to find out the fact of baptism have failed or the situation is such that there is no possibility or time for making an enquiry. Such must be registered as conditional baptism and extracts may be issued as such.

In case where the fact of baptism cannot be proved with a certificate but in reality it was given, a sworn statements with all available particulars regarding the baptism may be taken either from the party, in case of adult baptism, or from the parents or sponsors or any individual who might have witnessed the baptism ceremony © 876), provided there is no conflict of interest. In this case we do not make any entry into the baptism register and hence no extract can be issued. (cf. Fr. C. M. Joseph, "Pastoral Canon Law"–Private Circulation only, 2021, pp.35-38)

Finally, the registering of the Baptism in the register by the priest will hold more pastoral care and concern to the child as the starting point for two reasons: 1. You are sure to write the correct spelling of the name of the baby as find in the birth certificate of the Municipality without anything contrary and 2. Eligible hand writing clearly recorded that no one can question your authorization later on.

“திருமணம் புனிதமானது” the book is compiled by me for the marriage preparation, young couples, parents and adults based on the scripture, church teachings, tradition, sacraments and canonical implications. It will be very useful for families to have deeper understanding of their marital life and upbringing of their children. It is a good handbook for the youngster’s to mark ‘The Year of Youth’. Religious can

guide the youth and support them through their family visits. Each copy costs Rs. 75/- only. It will be available in the month of March 2021. It can also serve as precious gift to present to our family friends and relations and one can find the treasures of life in it.

#### Points to Ponder:

- **Always use branded items in Life:** For lips – Truth; For voice – Prayer; For eyes – Sympathy; For hand – charity; For heart – Love; and For face – Smile.
- Speaking in tongues is a Gift of the Spirit. Controlling your tongue is a Fruit of the Spirit.

#### Please Note,

The Tribunal Office is completely closed during the month of May 2021 and due to Covid-19, 2<sup>nd</sup> wave, we cannot meet people and government instructions on Lock down, kindly cooperate.

Thanking you,

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

### YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

**St. Joseph Pray for our Archdiocese**



## St. Xavier's Pastoral Centre

### Commission for Evangelization

Dear Fathers, Since we are facing the attack of the Second Wave of the Corona Virus, we are unable to arrange any meeting in our centre in the month of May. We planned to conduct three days Summer Charismatic Convention, but in this situation, we don't think that we can arrange any gathering here. So let us pray that this Pandemic situation come to an end as early as possible.

### Christhuvar Vazhurimai Iyakkam

I really thank all the Parish Priests and the religious who received all my communications regarding the political animation of Christhuvar Vazhurimai Iyakkam and animated our people to elect right candidates and political parties who can work for the National Integrity, the pluralism of our country, federal structure of our Nation, love for the development of the poor, control over the corporate companies, autonomy of the states and protection and development of our language, culture and tradition. This time, we prepared well to politically conszientize our people inspite of our heavy schedule of the celebration of the Holy Week. We hope and pray that committed leaders and political parties who love this land, culture and Nation be elected and form the government.

**Commission for Media and Communication –  
Madha T.V.**

On 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, we had a virtual meeting of all the Diocesan Secretaries of the commission for Media and Communication and evaluated our Lenten and Easter Programmes and appreciated the diocesan production of the Special Programmes for the season. It was indicted that during the shooting of the Holy Masses, Congregation and Choir need not be shown, because during the actual mass celebration, the participant doesn't view the congregation or the choir. Also we are to follow the new version of the prayers and songs both during the masses, adorations and rosaries. The old version can be used only for your personal prayer not for community and public prayer. So Dear Fathers if you are willing to shoot any programme, kindly follow these instructions strictly.

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

We had the National Executive Meeting of CDPI was held on 24<sup>th</sup> march 2021. I am giving the minutes of this meeting here below and invite you to know the National level activities of the Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India.

### 38<sup>th</sup> EXCO Meeting of CDPI

#### Virtual Meeting

**24 March, 2021**

38<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of CDPI was held through virtual platform (Zoom) at 3.30PM on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. CCBI Centre, Bangalore, provided the virtual platform and helped to link all the members who participated in the

virtual meeting. Out of 19 executive members of CDPI, 11 of them participated.

The following members participated in the virtual meeting: Most Rev. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal and chairman of CCBI commission for VSCR, Fr. Michael Ani, President of CDPI, Fr. A. J. Philomin Doss, Vice-president of CDPI, Fr. Raymond Joseph, secretary of CDPI, Fr. Prolay Boidya (Bengal-Sikkim Region), Fr. C.A. Moses (Bihar Region), Fr. Richard Britto (Karnataka Region), Fr. Antony Thuruthiyil (North Region), Fr. Roy Lazar (Tamil Nadu), and Fr. Nolasco Gomes (Western Region).

The members who were absent from the meeting were: Fr. Dileep Marandi, joint secretary cum treasurer of CDPI, Fr. George Kolleril (Agra Region), Fr. John Thodukayil (Chhattisgarh region), Fr. Antony Francis (Kerala Region), Fr. C.A. Thomas (North-East India Region), Fr. Johny Antony (Odisha Region), Fr. Pentareddy Rajareddy (Telugu Region) and Fr. Bisu Benjamin Aind (JHAAN Region). The MP Region does not have a representative for the CDPI-EXCO.

Most Rev. Bp. Udumala Bala, Chairman of CCBI Commission for Clergy and Bishop of Warangal, who is also Patron of CDPI presided over the meeting. The meeting began with a prayer recited by Fr. C.A. Moses (Bihar Region). Fr. Michael Ani (President of CDPI) then formally welcomed the members to the meeting. The agenda of the meeting was presented by Fr. I. Raymond Joseph and he moderated the session according to the agenda.

In the absence of Fr. Dileep Marandi, joint secretary cum treasurer of CDPI, Fr. I. Raymond Joseph, the secretary of CDPI, presented the account statement of CDPI for the financial year April, 2020 - March, 2021. He has stated that the CDPI has got Rs. 7,22,432/- (Foreign Contribution) of fixed deposit and Rs. 3,50,000/- (Local) and Rs. 1,57,300/- (Local) of fixed deposit (Rs. 5,07,300). The total amount with CCBI Centre for CDPI is Rs. 12,29,732.

Fr. I. Raymond Joseph, the secretary of CDPI, also read out the minutes of the XXXVII EXCO meeting of CDPI virtually held on October 08, 2020. The report was proposed by Fr. A. J. Philomin Doss (Vice President) and seconded by Fr. Roy Lazar (TN & PY Region).

The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss about the national meeting of CDPI to be scheduled in 2022. All the members present in the meeting had agreed upon to organize National meeting of CDPI in 2022. They also were unanimous in fixing February 22-25, 2022 as the dates for the proposed meeting. It was decided to organize the meeting on these aforesaid dates at NBCLC, Bangalore.

There were also a few suggestions from the floor regarding the theme for the meeting: 1) We are all Brothers: Building up the Fraternity of the Diocesan Priests, in the National, Regional, Diocesan Levels; 2) Physical, Psycho-Spiritual, Social, and Cultural Challenges of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Ministry of the Diocesan Priests during the Pandemic Period. After getting suggestions from the EXCO members, the theme will be fixed and the topics under the theme will be chosen. Suggestions regarding the resource persons also will be

sought from the EXCO members. The final scheme regarding the theme of the meeting and the resource persons will be presented in the forthcoming EXCO meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 at NBCLC, Bangalore, Karnataka.

Then the members were requested to share the activities done in their respective regions. The five regional presidents who were present in the meeting expressed their inability to organize any physical meetings in the regions. Tamil Nadu-Pondicherry Region organized a virtual meeting in July on the theme, *Followers at Peril – A Wakeup Call*. The individual dioceses in the North region were able to organize on-going formation programmes for the priests of the dioceses. Other regions are hoping to organize regional meetings soon. All the more it has to be accepted that the regional meetings were still a non-starter. Fr. I. Raymond Joseph, secretary of CDPI, requested the regional presidents of CDPI to organize at least virtual meetings in the regions for which CCBI Commission for VSCR could even provide the virtual platform.

Most Rev. Bp. Udumala Bala appreciated and thanked every EXCO member for their active involvement in CDPI. He also encouraged the members to think of organizing webinars in their respective regions for the diocesan priests on various pastoral issues. Fr. I. Raymond Joseph, the secretary of CDPI, also informed the house that he would plan a webinar for the members of CDPI in the month of June, 2021.

Fr. A. J. Philomin Doss, Vice-President of CDPI, proposed the Vote of Thanks. The 38<sup>th</sup> EXCO meeting of CDPI concluded with the final prayer.

### **Commission for Anbiyam**

The Regional Commission for Anbiyam has prepared a 73 pages Parish Pastoral Plan. I shall give you the link in Whatapp addresses of our diocesan Whatsapp Unum presbytorium and Real Unum PresbytoriumWhatsapps. Kindly read it and make use of it.

### **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

Many Parish Priests are now asking me for creation the Parish Council, which should be actually called as “**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**”. All of a sudden we cannot start this one, because, in all our parishes, already an existing administrative system is there which has to be duly respected, i.e. our “Kothu Naatanmai or Kariya Karar” system because this is a blood related group whereas for PPC, the groups that we are creating are on the basis of their place of habitation and they are faith related groups. So, we should see to it . . .

1. That there should not be any clash, enmity, confrontation and competition between these groups.

2. The Naatanmai / Karia Karar system is only for one village and for a particular kothu, whose field of operation is marriages, funerals, peace settlement of the quarrels between the families on any dispute on the basis of property and relationship problems etc. outside the church.

3. Whereas PPC is concerned about the overall administration of the whole parish regarding the celebration of the Sacraments, Pastoral Planning of the Parish, any development projects, constructions, education of the children, managing the movements and pious associations, conducting Anbiyams, planning for the Liturgical Celebrations of all the Feasts of the year, discovering the welfare schemes for the peoples etc.

So the Parish Priests should have a clear vision of these groups of the leaders or the representatives of the people who should be for the welfare of the people.

So, when you plan a strategy for the creation of the Parish Pastoral Council,

1. See to it that it is a representative body of the people, associations, movements and experts among people who are the human resources.

2. Equal representatives should be brought to the council form among the people and so accordingly you have to device your strategy.

3. 50% or one third should be women representative

4. And there are three groups in the Council: a. Ex-officio members, b. elected members and c. Nominated members. Ex-officio members and nominated members together should not exceed the elected members.

5. The other points like aims, adjectives and motives of the council, duties and qualification of the members and the office bearers and the other details of the council can be

adapted according to the situation of your parish following the general by-laws published by the Tamil Nadu Pondicherry Catholic Bishops Conference "TNBC".

6. The Parish Priest should bear in mind, if the situation in your parish is not conducive for the creation of the PPC, kindly wait and well animate the people, before you can start the council, because as per the Canon Law (Canon 536) it is Mandatory if the local ordinary considers the situation before favourable, he will create PPC through the Parish Priests.

**If you want to discuss about this with me, you are always welcome.**

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

## YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

**St. Joseph Pray for our Archdiocese**



**Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination**

Fr.P.Aruldoss	01-05-74
Fr.L.Jayaraj Maguimey	01-05-74
Fr.Alphonse Sandanam	01-05-80
Fr.P.Arokianathan	01-05-89
Fr.A.Michael John	01-05-89
Fr.V.S.Dominic Savio	01-05-13
Fr.J.Lenin Andreves	01-05-13
Fr.G.Sagayanathan	01-05-13
Fr.S.Selvanathan	01-05-13
Fr.P.Lourdu Jeyaraj	01-05-13
Fr.S.Maria Antony	02-05-93
Fr.R.Antony Joseph Jayanth Rayan	02-05-12
Fr.A.Satheesh Kumar	02-05-12
Fr.Z.John Cyril	02-05-13
Fr. S. Alex Olil Kumar	02-05-19
Fr. J. A. Arul Pushpa Raja	02-05-19
Fr. A. Maria Susai	02-05-19
Fr.J.V.C.Arokiasamy	03-05-93
Fr.L.A.Arul Pushpam	03-05-94
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Fr.S.Arokiadoss	05-05-10
Fr.R.Arockia Ratchagar	05-05-10
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Fr.Z.John Cyril	29-05-83
Fr.A.Lourdusamy	30-05-80





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- |            |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| 03-05-1992 | Mariasusai A                    |
| 05-05-1954 | Pinel J., MEP                   |
| 09-05-2009 | Simon.A                         |
| 10-05-1957 | Marie Dominique                 |
| 10-05-1999 | L.Masilamani                    |
| 11-05-1990 | Yeruva A                        |
| 12-05-1954 | Lapouge R., MEP                 |
| 15-05-2020 | Gerard Pushparaj. C             |
| 16-05-2002 | Joseph. F                       |
| 17-05-1985 | Lafrenez J., MEP                |
| 19-05-1966 | Maria Savery. E                 |
| 20-05-2013 | Jacob. G                        |
| 21-05-1988 | Peyroutet L., MEP               |
| 25-05-1990 | Amalorpavadass D.S.             |
| 26-05-2000 | Raja. R. C                      |
| 28-05-1988 | De Gruiter Jean<br>Antoine, MEP |
| 30-05-2005 | Carof. A, MEP                   |



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**OF THE SERVANT OF GOD MICHAEL ANSALDO**  
**FOUNDER OF FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA (FSAG)**  
**ON 23RD APRIL 2021 AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHEDRAL**

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21.12.1971



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Rev. Fr. M. Dominic Savio  
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Rev. Fr. D. Arokiadoss  
23.04.1996



**SILVER JUBILARIAN**  
Rev. Fr. S. Joseph Sagayaraj  
09.04.1996



**SILVER JUBILARIAN**  
Rev. Fr. T. Nazian Gregory  
23.04.1996

**Rev. Fr. A. Dhanam and Rev. Fr. M. Dominic Rosario Celebrate the Golden Jubilee of their Priestly Ordination and Rev. Fr. S. Joseph Sagayaraj, Rev. Fr. D. Arokiadoss and Rev. Fr. Nazian Gregory celebrate the Silver Jubilee of their Priestly Ordination. May God shower upon each one of them His choicest blessings for good health and for a fruitful ministry. I also appreciate them for their dedicated service in the Archdiocese. We wish them all 'ad multos annos'!**

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