

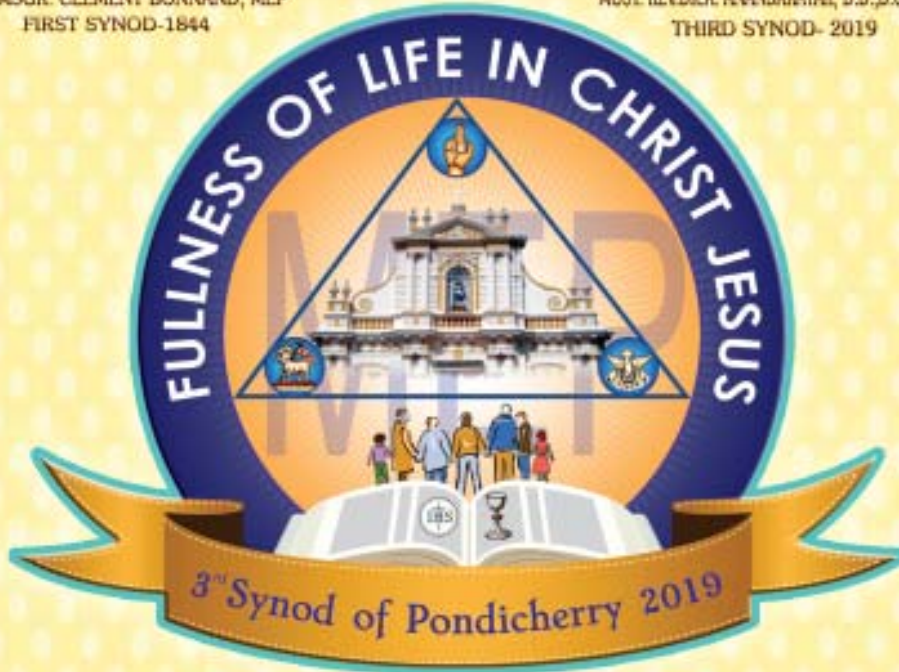
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MSGR. CLEMENT BONNARD, MEP
FIRST SYNOD-1844



MOST. REV. DR. ANANDARAYAR, D.D., D.C.L.
THIRD SYNOD- 2019



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JUBILARIANS WITH OUR ARCHBISHOP



CONFIRMATIONS, AGARAKOTTALAM



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May 2019

Evangelization: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.



ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE



THE THIRD SYNOD OF PONDICHERRY

01. The Third Synod of Pondicherry

The **First Synod of Pondicherry** took place in the year **1844**. Bishop Clement Bonnard, MEP conducted this historic Synod which has great influence in the history of the Apostolic Vicariate of Pondicherry which was erected into an Archdiocese in 1886. The participants prayed, reflected and discussed on the following important theme:-

- ❖ The proclamation of the Gospel.
- ❖ The pastoral care of souls.
- ❖ The formation of the local clergy.
- ❖ The promotion of local vocation to the priesthood and religious life.
- ❖ The formation and education of the children and the youth through schools.
- ❖ The founding of local women religious congregation for the education of the girls and the empowerment of women.
- ❖ The division of the vast vicariate into three for better pastoral administration.
- In 1845 the Apostolic Vicariate of Coromandel Coast with headquarters at Pondicherry was divided into the Apostolic Vicariates of Pondicherry, Mysore and Coimbatore.

- On 16th October 1844 the Immaculate Heart of Mary's Congregation was started in Pondicherry by Very Rev. Fr. Louis Savinian Dupuis MEP. In 1858 the Bon Secours Congregation and the Aloysius Gonzaga Congregation were started in Pondicherry.
- On 17th October 1844 the Immaculate Heart of Mary's school and in 1846 the Petit Seminaire school were started in **Pondicherry** for the education of girls and boys.
- Great attention was given to the formation of the local clergy at St. Joseph's Seminary (Grand Seminaire) which was founded in Pondicherry in 1778.
- Great importance was paid to the faith formation of the children and the youth through the catechetical books printed at the Mission Press, started in Pondicherry in 1840.

02. The year **2019** marks the **175th anniversary** of the First Synod of **Pondicherry**. In commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the 1844 Synod Pondicherry, we have decided to have a Synod by the end of October 2019.

The motive of this Synod of Pondicherry 2019 is uniquely to commemorate the 1st Synod of Pondicherry which was held in 1844. Making use of this historical occasion, I wanted to conduct a Synod to renew the faith and commitment of the people of God of our diocese to the discipleship of Jesus and to bring about a renewed commitment to the Kingdom of God.

Already on 20-08-2016, in our Diocesan Priests' Council (senate) meeting, I have announced the idea of conducting the Synod.

On 26-11-2016 in the Priests Council Meeting, once again, I informed that the Convenor and Secretary will be announced soon and the tentative topics of the Synod will be given soon for your consideration.

Then along with the Senate Secretary and the Vicar General we tentatively fixed the Synod's theme "Fullness of life in Christ Jesus" (Jn. 10:10) and asked the Secretary to prepare the Synodal Logo, Synodal Prayer and Synodal Song and discussed about the Synodal Vision and Thrust.

The Senate Secretary prepared and presented them in the Priests Council meeting held on 25-02-2017. And the Priests Council gave some suggestions and corrections. On 20.08.2017 the priest council was informed that our junior clergy was asked to prepare articles about synod. And in the Priests Council meeting held on 25-11-

2017 once again the council Fathers shared the Synodal matters and it was clarified that it was not like Sat-Sangh (Live-in). This is a Canonical gathering and it is the gathering of the representatives of the three groups of the people of God, the clergy, religious and laity who will come together and evaluate our Christian life and plan for our future. The decision can be in the form of decrees, directives or pastoral plans. And we have decided that our Synod will conclude with pastoral plans for Our Archdiocese. With this, the Council of Priests gave their consent to proceed with the Canonical Synodal Preparations.

On 22nd February 2018, I passed an official decree and formed a Core Group for the preparation of the Synod of Pondicherry which will be held towards the end of 2019.

On 23-02-2018 the Core Group conducted the First Meeting and discussed about the procedures of the Synod.

On 24-02-2018 the Council of Priests met and heard from the Core Group the Topics and gave their suggestions.

On 07-04-2018 the Steering Committee consisting of the Core Group members all the Vicars forane, Mother Generals, Provincials, Diocesan Pastoral Council Representatives, Religious Representatives and Youth Representatives met and sorted out the Topics under 6 main headings.

- ❖ People of God – Priests, Religious and Laity
- ❖ Word of God and Sacraments
- ❖ Socio Economic Life of the People
- ❖ Political Life of the People
- ❖ Educational service of the Church
- ❖ Diocesan Administration

In the month of June 2018, the topics and the sub-topics were sent to all the Vicars forane, Parish Priests, Religious houses and all the educational institutions. And the VFs and Parish Priests and Heads of all the institutions and religious houses were asked to go through the Topics along with their members and suggest their opinions and propose topics if anything to be added. The Parish Priests were asked to consult the Parish Council, Pious Associations, Anbiyams and youth Movements to conduct the consultations to finalise the topics. Circulars were sent to 650 and we have received replies from around 250 persons.

From the month of July 2018, Very Rev. Fr. A. Louis, the Episcopal Vicar has written a series of twenty articles regarding the Synod in our diocesan weekly "Sarva Viyabi" and also written articles in the diocesan newsletter

In the month of August 2018, the Core Group assembled all the Topics and regrouped them. There were 42 sub-topics under 6 Headings and the Steering Committee regrouped 42 topics into 22.

On 25-08-2018 The Core Group presented the final list of the Topics in the Senate Meeting and the members very happily accepted it. The Core Group also presented the **logo, prayer** and the **song of the Synod** to this council and got the approval of the Senate. And the Senate proposed to assign the Preparation of the Questionnaires to the Commissions concerned.

In the month of October on 25th 2018, the Commissions' Secretaries Meeting was held and the Secretaries were given the work of preparing the Questionnaires which would be circulated to all the parishes and religious houses so that the peoples' opinions and suggestions of all the sections of the people could be collected.

On 27th October, we conducted the Diocesan Pastoral Council in which there were 81 participants. We have given all the details of the Synod to all the members who readily accepted and expressed their happiness about the Synod.

In the month of November 2018, The Synodal activities were explained to the Laity Council and the Laity Commission members. On 22-11-2018 the Steering Committee came together and finalized the Topics. On 24-11-2018 the topics of the synod presented to the Priests Council and they approved them.

On 12-12-2018, During the Priests' Christmas Recollection, all the Priests were informed about the Synod that once the Questionnaires were finalized, they will be circulated to the people so that they could express their opinions.

From January to March 2019, The Secretaries prepared the Questionnaires and the total number of questions were 256 and the Core Group met 4 times in the first week of April and grouped them into 115, for 12 sessions.

On 28th March 2019, the Steering Committee came together and planned for the convocation celebration, fixed the number of working committees for the Synod, finalized the calendar of the synod,

identified the resource persons, fixed the total number of Synodal participants and prepared the budget for the Synod.

After the Steering Committee meeting the core group in three sittings finalized the matters discussed in the steering committee and gave fine tune to all the proposals for the Synodal Convocation ceremony and for the forthcoming Synodal celebration.

On 15-04-2019 I have announced during the Priests' Renewal day just before the Chrism Mass, that the Convocation of the Synod will be held on 24th April 2019 in which around 270 Synodal members: Priests, Religious and laity will attend the animation session and the inaugural mass and the ceremony.

03. The idea of conducting this Synod is a well-meditated, well planned, well prepared and rightly motivated one. There was a long procedure that had taken place with the involvement of all the sections of People of God: Priests, Religious and laity. Among the Synodal members, there are around 150 laity from 105 parishes.

This Synod is a comprehensive evaluation of the total life of the people of God as we notice in the Topics. This Synod will also find out the ways and means of implementing the Dalit policy of the CBCI. When the questions are sent for discussion at the parish and institutional level, all the people will surely will come out with useful and meaningful suggestions with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We are going to conduct the Synod in the month of October and so we have enough and more time (6 months) for the people to know about the Synod and come out with their opinions and participate in the Synodal discussions.

Let us all pray fervently and prepare ourselves well so that the forthcoming Synod be a source of abundant blessing for our Archdiocese.

01. Notre Dame de Paris

As we know, the 850 years old Cathedral Notre Dame de Paris was greatly damaged by fire on 15th April 2019. We express our sadness and grief over this sad incident. In the name of the Clergy, the Religious and the Laity of our Archdiocese, I have written to Cardinal Michel Aupetit, the Archbishop of Paris, expressing our solidarity and support through prayers. Notre Dame de Paris is the joy and pride of the city of Paris. Let us all pray ardently that this Cathedral may be duly repaired and renovated.

02. Bomb Blasts in Sri Lanka

21st April Easter Sunday, a day of life, joy and celebration became a day of death, sadness and mourning for our dear brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka. Hundreds of our brothers and sisters who went to St. Antony's Church, St. Sebastian's Church, St. Michael's Church in Colombo and to Zion church in Batticola for Easter Sunday Liturgy and many tourists in some hotels were brutally killed by bomb blasts. We strongly condemn such violent attacks on human persons. We pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and we express our solidarity with our suffering brethren.

03. Silver Jubilarians

Rev. Fr. A. Albert Felix, Rev. Fr. L. A. Arul Pushpam, Rev. Fr. A. Devadoss, Rev. Fr. John Kennedy Arockia Joachim Raj, Rev. Fr. A. Berchmans Peter, Rev. Fr. M. S. John Bosco and Rev. Fr. R. Joseph Paul complete 25 years of their priesthood in May 2019. We offer them our hearty felicitations and wish them Ad Multos Annos!

04. Regency

S.no	Name	Regency Place
1.	Bro. C. Auxiliam Selva Kumar	Chinnasalem
2.	Bro. A. Geo Francis Xavier	Konankuppam
3.	Bro. J. Gilbert Raj	Punitha Adaikala
		Annai HSS Boarding, Viriyur

ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS - MAY 2019

01	WED	08.00 a.m.	Jubilee Mass, Irundai.
02	THU	06.30 a.m.	Jubilee Mass, FIHM, St. Ann's Hr. Sec. School, Cud-1.
		05.30 p.m.	Ordinations, Cathedral.
03	FRI	10.30 a.m.	Consultors' Meeting.
04	SAT	08.00 a.m.	Feast Mass, Vellakulam.
05	SUN	7.30 a.m.	Feast Mass, Villianur.
07	TUE		CCBI, Executive Committee Meeting, St. John's Bangalore.

08-09			CBCI, Standing Committee Meeting, St.John's Bangalore.
10	FRI	06.00 p.m.	Confirmations, S.H. Basilica.
11	SAT	08.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Sengadu.
12	SUN	08.30 a.m.	Confirmations, Neyveli-1
13	MON	08.00 a.m.	Feast Mass, Kodungal.
14	TUE	08.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Nedungampattu.
15	WED	08.30 a.m.	Confirmations, Periyanolambai.
16	THU	06.30 a.m.	Confirmations, Reddiarpalayam.
17	FRI	08.00 a.m.	Feast Mass, Mugaiyur.
18	SAT	06.30 a.m.	Confirmations, Nellithope.
19	SUN	08.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Vadalur.
20	MON	07.30 a.m.	Confirmations, Konankupppam.
21	TUE	12.15 p.m.	Mass, Mel-Nariyappanur.
		06.00 p.m.	Confirmations, Akkarapalayam.
22	WED	06.00 p.m.	Mass, Kovilanur.
23	THU	08.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Veerareddikuppam.
24	FRI	08.00 a.m.	Confirmations, Narasinganur.
25	SAT	10.30 a.m.	Final Profession, SJC, N.D Des Anges, Pondicherry.
27	MON	10.30 a.m.	Final Profession, SJC (Trichy Province), Tindivanam Parish Church.
28	TUE	07.30 a.m.	Confirmations, Eraiyur.
29	WED	08.00 a.m.	Blessing of New Church, Sagayapuram, Arasakuzhi.
30	THU	06.00 p.m.	Blessing of New Church, Adichanur, Athipakkam.

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

ARCHBISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

No.	Date	Amount	Name
1	03.04.19		Premraja, Pondicherry 100000
2	"		St.Joseph's College, Cuddalore 100000
3	"		Precious Blood Missionaries, Banagalore 10000
4	05.04.19		Arulambadi parish 2000
5	"		Joseph Nelson, Krishna Nagar 3000
6	"		Mariya John Arunachalam, Mudaliarpet 500
7	10.04.19		Arasakuzhy Parish 10000
8	"		S.Lourdusamy, Arasakuzhy 5000
9	"		Confirmation Children, Arasakuzhy Parish 2000
10	"		Jesus Convent, Gopalapuram 1000
11	"		J.Jude Lourdes, Arasakuzhy 1000
12	"		S.Lawrence, Arasakuzhy 1000
13	"		T.Vanathiyam, Arasakuzhy 1000
14	"		St.Peters Nursery and Primary School, Gopalapuram 1000
15	"		U.John victoria, Arasakuzhy 500
16	"		R.Lourdumary, Arasakuzhy 500
17	"		S.Anthonisamy, Arasakuzhy 500
18	"		A.Jenifer Sophia, Arasakuzhy 500
19	"		A.Merlin Arokiyam, Arasakuzhy 200
20	"		A.Paul Britto, Arasakuzhy 200
21	"		C.Sengoal, Arasakuzhy 200
22	"		Maria susila, Arasakuzhy 100
23	"		Josephraj, Virudhachalam 100
24	"		Well wishers, Arasakuzhy 3850
25	"		St.Ann's College, Tindivanam 25000

Total as on 30.04.2019 269150
Received up to 31.03.2019 34428707
Grand Total 34697857

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Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore

**PARISH WISE LIST OF FINANCIAL HELP TO THE
POORSTUDENTS FROM 01.01.2019 TO 31.03.2109**

S.No.	Name of the Parish	ABEF	Other Sources	Total
1	ALAGAPPASAMUTHIRAM	9500.00		9500.00
2	ANAIYERI	9000.00		9000.00
3	ANILADY	4000.00		4000.00
4	ARASAKUZZHI	13050.00		13050.00
5	ARCADU	2000.00		2000.00
6	ARIYANKUPPAM	1500.00		1500.00
7	AYANDUR	8000.00		8000.00
8	BAHOUR	6000.00		6000.00
9	CHARITY	3200.00		3200.00
10	CHINNASALEM	5000.00		5000.00
11	CUDDALORE	2000.00		2000.00
12	ERAIYUR	73800.00	40000.00	113800.00
13	FATHIMAPALAYAM	10000.00		
		10000.00		
14	GINGEE	2000.00		2000.00
15	IRUPPUKURICHY	16900.00		
		16900.00		
16	KAKKANUR	7000.00		7000.00
17	KANAKKANKUPPAM	8000.00		8000.00
18	KANANGADU	1000.00		1000.00
19	KEEZHPUTHUPATTU	73500.00	30000.00	
		103500.00		
20	KONANKUPPAM	5000.00		5000.00
21	KRISHNANKUPPAM	16700.00		16700.00
22	KUNANKURICHY	18000.00		18000.00
23	MAIYANUR	2000.00		2000.00
24	MANALURPET	2000.00		2000.00
25	MELPAZHANGUR	26600.00		26600.00
26	MELSITHAMUR	25800.00	40000.00	65800.00
27	MICHAELPURAM	6000.00		6000.00
28	MUNNUR	10000.00	20000.00	30000.00
29	NANGATHUR	20650.00		20650.00
30	NARASINGANUR	9000.00		9000.00

31	NEDUNGAMPET	1500.00		1500.00
32	NELLITHOPE	14000.00		14000.00
33	NOLLAMBAI	8100.00		8100.00
34	ODIYATHUR	3000.00		3000.00
35	OTHERS	78100.00	50000.00	128100.00
36	PANICKANKUPPAM	20400.00		20400.00
37	PERIAPET	5000.00		5000.00
38	PERIYAKURICHY	7000.00		7000.00
39	REDDIARPALAYAM	5000.00		5000.00
40	SACRED HEART BASILICA	15000.00		15000.00
41	SATHIAMANGALAM	7000.00		7000.00
42	SATHIPATTU	23600.00	45000.00	68600.00
43	SENGADU	19600.00		19600.00
44	SEPAKKAM	5000.00		5000.00
45	TAGORE NAGAR	2000.00		2000.00
46	THATTANCHAVADY	5000.00		5000.00
47	THELY	2000.00		2000.00
48	THIRUKOILUR	42250.00	15000.00	57250.00
49	THIRUNJICOLLAI	32300.00	19000.00	51300.00
50	TINDIVANAM	18000.00		18000.00
51	UPPALAM	3000.00		3000.00
52	VADALUR	16000.00	13000	29000.00
53	VELANTHANGAL	2000.00		2000.00
54	VELLAKULAM	15000.00		15000.00
55	VILLIANUR	10500.00		10500.00
56	VINOBA NAGAR	2500.00		2500.00
57	VIRIYUR	11350.00		11350.00
58	VRIDHACHALAM	1000.00	10000.00	11000.00
59	SC/ST SCHOLARSHIP	21000.00		21000.00
	Total	793400.00	239000.00	1032400.00

**LIST OF POOR STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED RS. 3000
AND ABOVE FROM 01.03.2019 TO 31.03.2019**

Arasakuzhy

Eveline Poshya Rani - B.Com

13050

Alagappasamuthiram

Dhayalu - B.Ed., 5000

Bahour

Kowsalya - B.A. 6000

Chinnasalem

Kevin - IInd 5000

Eraiyur

Anushiya Jannet - B.Sc. 6000
 Bernadine Mary - B.Ed., 18400
 Celine Cynthia - B.Ed., 18400
 Elizabeth Rani - B.Ed., 8400
 Jesu Vinola Mary - B.Ed., 18400
 Margreat Priyadarshini - B.Ed., 8400
 Mercy Juliet Asha - B.Ed., 3000
 Nambikkai Mary - B.Ed., 18400
 Remy Priyadarshini - B.Sc. 6000
 Ruby Julianamary - B.Ed. 8400

Fathimapalayam

Lordu Kiruba - B.Ed. 10000

Iruppurichy

Rufina Priya - B.Sc.B.Ed., 13400

Kakkanur

Sagaya Mary - B.Com 3000

Kanakankuppam

Ashma Christy - B.Ed., 5000

Konankuppam

Princy - BA B.Ed., 5000

Krishnankuppam

Angeline celcia - B.Sc. 6000
 Anushka Gladia Mary - MCA 8400

Kunankurichy

Jerline Deepa - B.A. 6000
 Joseline Shinija Mary - B.A. 6000
 Sharline Fabia - BBM 6000

Keezputhupet

Andranita Culas - BCA 13600
 Anu Praba - B.A. 4200
 Anu Sribaa - B.Sc.Nursing 6000
 Dishanthini - BBM 4200
 Jenushia - Xth 3000
 Jenuson - AC machanic 5000
 Karthik - VII std 3000
 Mary Jenifer - B.Com 4800
 Nixon - B.E 15000
 Reshma - B.Sc.Nursing 7000
 Sureka - B.Sc.Nursing 15000
 Ushanthini - B.Sc. 7200
 Vidhya - B.Sc. 8000
 L. Evangeline 5000

Mel-pazhangur

Arokia Mary - MSW 6000
 Arokia Raj - B.Ed 5000
 Daisy Rani - MSC 6300
 Helen Ruby - B.Ed., 9300

Mel-sithamur

J.Soniya - B.Ed., 48400
 Joseph Mary - B.Ed. 9300
 Sheela - M.A. 8100

Michaelpuram

Edvya Sherly - MSW 6000

Munnur

Anbarasi - B.Ed., 30000

Nangathur

Jenifer - B.Sc. 8100

Narasinganur	
Veronica Mary - B.Sc.	6000
Smily - NEET	3000
Nellithope	
Arul Jayasree - XI std	3000
Ebi Wilfred - B.A.	7000
Periyanolambai	
Priya - B.Com	8100
Odiyathur	
Antony Stephen Raj - XII std	3000
Panickankuppam	
Dhinakaran - B.Ed.,	5000
Mickency - B.Ed.,	8400
Sathish - B.Ed.,	5000
Periyakurichy	
Abishek Francis - B.E.	5000
Periapet	
Josephine Prashiya - B.Ed.	5000
Reddiarpalayam	
Divya - B.Ed.,	5000
Sacred Heart Basilica	
Danifelcia - B.Sc.Nursing	5000
Jenifer - B.Tech	10000
Sathipattu	
Jaculine Mary - B.Ed.	20900
Lourdu Amala Mary - B.Ed.,	47700
Sathiamangalam	
Jenifer Celcia - B.Sc.nursing	3000
Sengadu	
Amsaleka - B.Com	7600
Arockia Jency - B.Sc.	7500
Suresh - B.Com	3000

Seppakkam	
Salomi - B.A.	5000
Thattanchavady	
Johnsi Mary - B.Ed.,	5000
Thirukovilur	
Anitha Periyamayagi - B.Sc.	6000
Kamali - BCA	13750
Shalini - B.Sc.Nursing	37500
Thurinjicollai	
Albin Libiya - B.A.	12000
Johnson - Diploma	5000
Julian Kennedy - B.E	3000
Petishiya - B.A.	6000
Sneha Priya XI	3000
Swetha - B.E.	3000
Victoria Rani - B,Ed,	19300
Tindivanam	
John Rachel - M.Com	10500
Vivekanandan -M.Com	5000
Uppalam	
Karthika - B.E.	3000
Vadalur	
Dayana - B.A.	6000
Periyamayaga Mary - M.Sc.	23000
Vellakulam	
Veronica - BCA	4000
Rita Doss - B.E.	3000
Dennis - BCA	4000
Villianur	
Christina - XI std	10500
Viriyur	
Gayathri - MCA	11350
Virudhachalam	
Steephenraj	10000

Fr. A. Kulandai Yesu raja
Secretary to the Archbishop

Rev.Fr. Gregory Louis Joseph
Procurator

NECROLOGY**Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rev. Frs.:**

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
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 Antoine, MEP
30-05-2005	Carof. A, MEP

FROM THE DESK OF FR. PROCURATOR**Mass Intentions received in April - 2019**

Date	Name of the Parish	No. of Masses
29.03.2019	Villianur Parish	1,500 mass intentions
30.03.2019	Uppalam Parish	81 mass intentions

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

VOICE FROM METROPOLITAN MATRIMONIAL TRIBUNAL -103**FAKE NEWS INVASION**

Fake news is not anything new. But it has become a much-talked-about topic in our days. Fake news highly benefits from the fast pace with which information travels today, via social media, irrespective of the economic or educational background of the recipient. This means that those who are unable to distinguish fact from fiction, or have the ability to counteract it, are usually the first receivers and sharers! Fake news proliferates faster than it is generated, and because of this it is trusted sufficiently to be forwarded even further, making it difficult to contain or neutralize in real time.

Fake news can influence people who make decisions and this could be detrimental to individuals and to society as a whole. Bad decisions result in consequences that, in turn, lead to mistrust. And mistrust leads to a misinformed, disintegrated society with no stable guidelines to understand the world and react to situations that affect it.

The Rise of Fake News:

Formerly, we obtained news from trusted sources, journalists and media outlets that are required to follow strict codes of practice. There were checks and balances in place, and editors acted as gatekeepers of information. Now, the internet introduces us to a whole new way of publishing, sharing and consuming information and news with very little regulation or editorial standards.

Most people now source their news from social media sites and networks and often it becomes difficult to tell whether these news stories are credible or not. Information overload and a general lack of understanding about how the internet works has also contributed to an increase in fake news or hoax stories. More than anything else, the contributing factor is its availability; when one can access information

by the press of a button on a smart phone, why take the trouble of looking further?!

What exactly is Fake News?

Fake news is a term that has come to mean different things to different people. At its core, it refers to those news stories that are false: the story itself is fabricated with no verifiable facts, sources or quotes. These stories may be propaganda that is intentionally designed to mislead the reader. These lies, told for a political or commercial purpose, deploy digital technology – social media and new networks – and go viral, to reach around the world and influence millions of people very quickly. Fake news may also be designed as “click bait” written for economic incentives (the writer profits on the number of people who click on the story).

Fake news stories can deceive people by mimicking trusted websites or using names and web addresses similar to those of reputed news organizations. Some stories may have a nugget of truth thus making them almost believable, but on deeper scrutiny we can see that they lack contextual details. They may include basic verifiable facts or sources, but ‘expand’ the truth converting it for an agenda that deliberately misleads or ‘misinforms’.

Misinformation is false or inaccurate information that is mistakenly or inadvertently created or spread; the intent is not to deceive. Disinformation is false information that is deliberately created and spread “in order to influence public opinion or obscure the truth”.

Ways to combat Fake News

Media literacy:

The ability to evaluate and separate fake news from real news is a part of media literacy and, on a broader level, information literacy. There are strategies that you can use to become a savvy judge of news

especially online or when using social media. Here are the three questions that one should always ask when evaluating a news story:

1 *Who is the Creator?* The first Question in figuring out if something is fake is by looking at the individual who created it, or understanding the organization behind it. Can the credentials be checked? Is there a by-line or introduction, and are you aware of the person’s expertise? Is the author listed on the site, or is there an “about me” section? Does the organization have an “about us” link? Search the Internet for more information about the author. Search LinkedIn, a social media site for professionals. Is this a first-hand account, or is this being seen through the eyes of an editor?

2. *What is the message?* The second question in determining whether something is fake news is by looking at the message itself and understanding what is being communicated. What is the content of the message? Can I find this same news in multiple places? Do multiple places use different experts and sources in their reports? Is the website this news appears on updated regularly? What is the date of the story?

3. *Why was this created?* The third question in determining if something is fake news is by looking at why the message was created. Can you tell what motivated the creation of this message? Was this message created for profit? Is this news actually an advertisement? Are the sources being paid?

Let’s be responsible!

It is always a good idea to verify information before you share it with others – in person or on social media. Apart from the three questions listed above, an additional method that works is the **CRAAP** Test:

Currency (check the date and timing),

Relevance (why are you receiving it?),

Authority (what is the source of the information?),

Accuracy (check and re-check reliability and truthfulness) and finally,

Purpose (the most important is 'why' the information exists!)

(Ref: Fr. Nigel Barrett is the Co-ordinator of the Catholic Communication Centre, Mumbai, *The Teenager Today*, February 2019, p. 23)

Here is a beautiful prayer that can help us distinguish truth from untruth, genuine information from falsehood, fake news and distorted information.

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.

Points to Ponder:

“To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love. In return, you will receive untold peace and happiness.” –Robert Muller

- “Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for.” - Zig Ziglar
- Only what is loved can be saved. Only what is embraced can be transformed. –Pope Francis

For your kind information: Tribunal office on holidays during the month of May, 2019.

Rev.Fr. S. Pascal Raj
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Commission for Evangelization

Last month Rev. Fr. Martin Raj, Cpps. has conducted the one day monthly prayer meeting very nicely. People really appreciated and profited by it. This month, as we usually do during the month of May, we are going to conduct 3 days Charismatic evangelization convention. It will be conducted on 17th, 18th & 19th (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of May. Kindly announce to the people so that people may come and really enrich their spiritual life. Rev. Fr. S. Arokia Selvan and his team from Norbertine Congregation will conduct the prayer sessions. There will be healing session every day, Personal and family counseling will be given in the evening after the prayer meeting. The meeting will be from 09.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.

Christuvar Vazhurinai Iyakkam

The diocesan political co-ordination committee met last month and discussed about the Parliamentary Elections' activities. We have sent circular and the copies of the 2 booklets that the state level Christuvar Vazhurimai Iyakkam prepared in the context of the Parliamentary elections to all the Parish Priests of our diocese and encouraged them to animate our people regarding the religious fundamentalism and the present socio, political and economic condition of our country. Our priests really responded positively and worked hard during this Parliamentary election. I thank them all.

Synod

On 28th of March and 2nd and 4th of April, the Core Group came together and went through all the questions given by the Commissions' Secretaries, question by question and discussed and finalized the list to be presented to the Steering Committee for its approval. We have regrouped all the 256 questions into 115.

Steering Committee Meeting

On 9th April 2019, we had the Steering Committee meeting and approved the list of the questions that were regrouped for 12 sessions of the Synod that is going to be celebrated from **27th October to 30th October 2019 in Pondicherry**. We also planned for the celebration of the Convocation of the Synod which was to be celebrated on 24th April 2019. And we also finalized the list of the Synodal members according to the norms given in the Canon Law. It came around 270 in total. Then we printed the invitation, the prayer card, Questionnaire booklet and recorded the Synodal song with the logo of the Synod. I thank Rev. Fr. A. Kulandai Yesu Raja, who composed the prayer, Rev. Fr. R. Antony Joseph Jayanth Rayan, Curia Secretary and Rev. Fr. L. Arokiadoss, Cathedral Assistant. Mr. Adaikalaraj and Mr. Kalaimaran, who composed the Synodal Song and recorded it, designed the Synodal Logo and prepared the CDs. Then we sent the invitation to all the Synodal members and to all the Priests and Religious working in our diocese and we also requested the Parish Priests to select one parish Synodal representative and bring them to the Convocation celebration.

Synodal Convocation Celebration

On 24th April 2019, at 10.30 a.m. we had an hour of input session to all the Synodal members in the Petit Seminaire Chapel. Around 200 people - priests, religious and laity attended it. The Core Group members conducted it. Around 11.30 a.m. we had the Mass for the Synodal Convocation. At the beginning of the Holy Mass, Our Archbishop officially proclaimed the decree of Convocation from his official seat in the Cathedral. The following is the decree:

**DECREE OF THE CONVOCAION OF THE
THIRD SYNOD OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
PONDICHERRY & CUDDALORE**

May the Risen Lord bless the Clergy, the Religious and the Laity of our Archdiocese and bestow on us his joy and peace!

After a careful and prayerful consideration of the various needs of the Archdiocese of Pondicherry & Cuddalore, I have decided that the time is ripe for the Clergy, the Religious and the Laity to come together to reflect, to discuss and prepare a pastoral plan for our Archdiocese.

In commemoration of the First Synod of Pondicherry which was held in 1844, (175 years ago) I have decided to have a Synod in this year 2019. I have sought the advice of the Presbyteral Council (Can. 461), the College of Consultors (Can. 502) as well as many groups and individuals on the topics to be discussed in this Synod. The Core Group Committee and the Steering Committee, after getting the opinions and suggestions of the Clergy, the Religious and the Laity at the vicariate levels, have made due preparations for this Synod. Therefore, in virtue of Canons 460-468 of the 1983 code of Canon Law and the instructions on the Diocesan Synods (March 19, 1997) I, Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar, by the grace of God and by the favour of the Apostolic See the Archbishop of Pondicherry & Cuddalore, decree the convocation of the **THIRD SYNOD OF PONDICHERRY**, on the theme of “**FULLNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS**” on 24th April 2019; This Synod will be celebrated from Sunday 27th October to Wednesday 30th October 2019.

I entrust this Synod to the powerful patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Joseph, whose intercession we humbly invoke. In addition, we beseech the special intercession of the two new Saints: Saint John Paul II, who carried out the implementations of the Second Vatican Council's decisions and directives and Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkatta who bore eminent witness to Christ by her love and service to the poor and the marginalized. We would like to remain always inspired by the deep prayer life, simple life-style and dedicated pastoral ministry of the MEP Fathers who built up our Archdiocese.

We wish and pray that our parishes and institutions be renewed in the spirit of faith and in the light of the Gospel. We would like to concentrate in a special manner to the most sacred work of Evangelization in the present context of the world.

This Decree becomes effective immediately and is to be communicated to the Clergy, the Religious and the Laity of the Archdiocese of Pondicherry & Cuddalore in an appropriate manner.

Given at the Archbishop's House, on 24th April, Wednesday of the Easter octave, in the year of the Lord 2019.

REV. FR. A. MELCHIZEDECH **MOST REV. DR. A. ANANDARAYAR**
Chancellor **Archbishop of Pondicherry & Cuddalore**

After the Mass, the Questionnaire booklet, logo and the C.D. were released by the Archbishop and we sang the Synodal song and recited the Synodal prayer while they were played in the loud speakers in the Cathedral. Then the Archbishop gave an animation talk on Synod and the Vicar General, the Synodal Core Group Convenor, thanked all.

In this context, I thank the Mission Press Manager Rev. Fr. C. Antoni Roche, who immediately printed everything, Mr. S. Angalo Pinto who typed in the computer all the Synodal materials, Mr. S. R. Kamal who helped us to post all the materials, and Very Rev. Fr. Procurator who really assisted with needed finance. I thank also the Sisters who sang in the recording of the Synodal song.

I thank very specially Rev. Fr. R. Pascal Raj, the Principal, Rev. Fr. P. Lourdu Jeyaraj, the Vice Principal, the teachers and the workers of the Petit Seminaire who arranged for the meeting in the Chapel and prepared the meals and served very enthusiastically and affectionately. It really was a grand celebration.

On behalf of the Core Group, Steering Committee the Synodal members, the Presbyterium, Religious and laity of our Diocese, I thank our beloved Archbishop who has convoked the 3rd Synod of Pondicherry to commemorate meaningfully the historical **First Synod of Pondicherry which was held in 1844 from 18th January to 13th February.**

Dear Fathers kindly read the Questionnaire booklet and follow the instructions given there at the Parish and Vicariate levels.

I invite all the Fathers of our diocese to give your full co-operation for the success of the Synod. I request all the Parish Priests and Vicars Forain to co-ordinate all the Synodal activities at your levels. Thank you.

Fr. A. J. Philomindoss
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 22-06-1996 – 09-09-2004 Parish Priest of Alagappasamutiram
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 04-06-2007 – 11-06-2014 Director, SAMSSS, Vikravandi
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1983 – 1986 St. Agnes' Seminary, Cuddalore
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 25-06-1996 – 04-08-2003 Parish Priest of Chinnasalem
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 08-06-2007 – 21-06-2013 Manager, Balmadies Estate, Yercaud
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