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HAPPY BIRTHDAY OUR DEAREST MOTHER

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ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE



Happy Birthday Dearest Mother Mary

1. Mary's Birthday:

Every year on 8th September we rejoice in a very special way, celebrating the feast of the birth of Mary, Our beloved mother. The birth of a child brings joy and hope to a family. The mother, the father, and the close relatives of the child are filled with special joy as a new life has come to the family. The birth of Mary brought joy and hope not only to her parents, St. Anne and St. Joachim, but also to the whole of humanity, because of her was to be born Jesus, the only Saviour of humankind. On this day let us show our deep filial love and devotion to Mary in a special way.

True devotion calls for imitation. The best way to honour Mary, our Mother is to imitate her in her great faith and deep humility, in her total surrender to God and her utter availability to God's plan and purposes, in her loving care and concern

and dedicated services to human persons. Mary was always conscious of her identity, her vocation and her mission. She had an important and indispensable role in the economy of salvation.

Mary is **the Mother** and **Model** of the Church. The vocation and the mission of Mary continue in the Church. Every baptized Christian is called to be what Mary was and to do what she did. Mary received Jesus and gave her to humanity. Mary took Jesus to the heart of human persons and brought them to the feet of Christ. The old maxim goes thus: **"Ad Jesum per Mariam"** **To Jesus through Mary**. True, genuine and orthodox veneration of Mary is always Christological. Mary leads us to Christ and instructs us to be Disciples of Christ: "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn.2:5). These are the last recorded words of Mary in the gospel.

St. Antony of Padua was eminently a **'Marian Saint'**. In his biography we read this: **Nulla dies sine Maria – No day without Mary**. He had in himself the attitudes and dispositions of Mary. Every day he invoked the name of Mary and prayed to Mary. Every day he grew in his love for Mary and showed his filial devotion to her. Like Mary and with Mary, through his prayers and preaching, he took Jesus to the hearts of the people and brought the people to the feet of Christ. He loved Mary very much and inspired many to love Mary. By being what Mary was and by doing what Mary did, he honoured Mary in a special way.

A child grows joyfully in the presence and by the presence of its mother. A child feels safe and secure at the arms of its mother. Next to God, Mary is our joy and hope, our life and everything for us. Let us love Mary, our beloved mother,

tenderly and show our filial devotion to her. Let us continue the mission of Mary by carrying the Lord Jesus to the hearts of the people and by bringing the people to the feet of Christ. Let us give joy and hope to the people, by serving them, especially the poor, the needy and the marginalized.

- O Mary, our mother, help us become deeply aware of our identity as human persons, as Christians and as priests and religious.
- O Mary, Our Mother, help us be faithful in our vocation.
- O Mary, Our Mother, help us be committed to our mission.

2. Day of Girl Children:

8th September is observed as the day of girl child. On this day let us pray in a special way for all girl children in the world, especially in our country India, that they may be lovingly accepted as God's precious gifts and brought up with great affection and care.

3. Appointments

- Rev. Fr. Joju Chiriyankandath, CMI is appointed as the New Parish Priest of St. Thomas (Syrian) parish, Jaya Nagar, Reddiarpalayam. We wish him success in his new office. We thank very much Rev. Fr. Sebastian Chittilapilly, CMI for his devoted services to St. Thomas Parish for the past 15 years.

- Rev. Fr. S. Pitchaimuthu is appointed as the Correspondent of Our Lady of Lourdes boys High School, Villianur with effect from 28-08-2017. We wish him success in his additional responsibility.

4. 131 Years of Graces

1st September 2017 marks the 131st anniversary of the canonical erection of our Archdiocese (1886-2017). On this day let us pray in a special way for our Archdiocese.

5. Permission Granted

The Holy Spirit Sisters at Periapattu are given the required permission (Can. 609) to start a **Retreat Centre** at Chinnakumatti in the parish of Periapattu.

6. Rev. Fr. S. Antony Sagayam (1957-2017)

Rev. Fr. S. Antony Sagayam has been God's precious gift to our Archdiocese. He courageously and generously responded to Christ's call: "Come, follow me". 60 years as a Christian and 34 years as a priest he walked on the foot-steps of Christ. He was committed to his pastoral ministries and educational services. He was a man of principle. He is known for his hard work and sense of discipline. On 26th August he has gone to his eternal rest. Let us pray in a special way for the repose of his soul. Rest in Peace.

ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER - 2017

01	FRI	07.30 a.m.	Mass, SLR camp Kizpathupattu.
		06.00 p.m.	Mass, Sacred Heart Basilica.
05	TUE	07.00 a.m.	Feast Mass, M.C.Convent Pondicherry.
08	FRI	06.00 p.m.	Feast Mass, Kirumampakkam.
10	SUN	08.00 a.m.	Feast Mass, Ariyankuppam.
		11.30 a.m.	Blessing of new school building, FIHM, Muthialpet
12	TUE		Board meeting, St. Peter's Bangalore
15	FRI	06.15 a.m.	Feast Mass, Tindivanam.
18	MON	03.00 p.m	Madha TV meeting, Chennai.
26	TUE		CCBI Executive Committee meeting, St. John's Bangalore.
27-28			CBCI Standing Committee meeting, St. John's Bangalore.

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

ARCHBISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

S.No.	Date	Particulars	Amount
1	05.08.17	St. Ann's Church, Korukaimedu	10000
2	"	Rev. Fr. Agarwala, Villupuram	10000
3	"	L.Vijayakumar, Cuddalore	1000
4	08.08.17	Rainbow Nagar Parish	20000
5	09.08.17	Kalpet Parish	10000
6	14.08.17	Kulandai Yesu High School, Maiyanur	5000
7	"	People of Mettur, Maiyanur parish	2000
8	"	Maiyanur parish	1000
9	"	People of Porupalampattu, Maiyanur parish	1000
10	"	Manickam, Maiyanur	1000
11	"	People of Egal, Maiyanur parish	1000
12	"	People of Sagayapuram, Maiyanur parish	500
13	"	Santa Clara Convent, K.Manaveli	1500
14	18.08.17	Nellithope Parish	25000
15	"	Notre Dame Des Anges, Pondicherry	20000
16	"	Fr.J.Paul	32000
17	23.08.17	JMJ Sisters, Marakkanam	5000
18	"	Confirmation Children, Marakkanam	4700
19	"	Parish Council, Marakkanam	1000
20	"	Youth Group, Marakkanam	1000
21	"	K.A.Michael, Marakkanam	500
22	"	M.Valarmathi Michael, Marakkanam	100
23	"	Divine Providence Province, Poonamallee	10000
24	"	St.Joseph's College, Cuddalore	100000
25	25.08.17	Panickankuppam Parish	10000
26	29.08.17	Msgr.A.Arulanandam	2500

Total as on 31.08.2017 275800
Received up to 31.07.2017 26462000
Grand Total 26737800

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Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore

BLESSINGS**1. Blessing of the St. Antony's Church in Maiyanur**

The newly built St. Antony's Church in Maiyanur was blessed and opened by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar, Our Archbishop, on 11th August 2017. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj, Parish Priest and we thank all the donors and parishioners for their generous contributions.

2. Blessing of the Extension of Library in St. Joseph's Arts and Science College, Cuddalore-1

The Extension of Library in St. Joseph's Arts and Science College, Cuddalore-1 was blessed and opened by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar, Our Archbishop, on 22nd August 2017. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Rev. Fr. A. Peter Rajendiram, the Secretary Priests and staff.

NECROLOGY

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

03-09-1971	Lamathe. J.M., MEP
08-09-1975	Cussac.A., MEP
08-09-1998	Irudayaraj. M.
10-09-1980	Raja. G.
10-09-1993	Vanchipura. J.
14-09-1976	Chauvet. R., MEP
15-09-1970	Gandy S.J.
16-09-1976	Gnanapragasam. A.M.
18-09-2016	Rajarathinam T.S.
22-09-1969	Paul S.
22-09-1986	Lazar Chinnappa. C.
26-09-1982	Amalorpavanather. A.

27-09-1983	Antonisamy. K.P.
29-09-1981	Anthony. G.M.
29-09-1892	Mgr. LAOUËNAN François Jean Marie
29-09-1991	Yagappa. P.
30-09-1982	Hougard. A., MEP.

FROM THE DESK OF VICARS**Health One's Wealth**

“AROKIA MADHAVEH” We pray for the Good Health of all your children today. In the modern world and the church almost all of us are crazy after money. Finally to shell out the money to the Doctor and pass away from the body with a sad story. Is it what Jesus wants? Is it for this sad end, he gave his Sacred Body and Precious Blood to have it daily?

It is high time that everybody pays attention to the health of the body, mind and soul from childhood onwards. Till we are forty life goes on without much health problem. Then the tragedy starts for all the comedy we had, in the hospital with a variety of special doctors in high tec. care and cash.

God the Father continues to create and re-create us daily, God the Son continues to liberate us daily and God the Spirit dwells always within us. Daily we have the Eucharist. If our belief is real then all of us need to be healthy and joyful. Are we so? Why not?

Humble Suggestion

In our weekly SARVA VIABI there is an article on “Good Health in the Right Path”. Besides you can download from www.anatamictherapy.org on health concerns and with a short period of time you can heal yourself physically, mentally and spiritually and help our people also. This is the service that is needed today very much as the medical care becomes a mere business. Be

alert and change the whole life-style for better living. May our Blessed Mother of Good Health grant the health needed for all her devotees especially the Clergy and the Religious.

Whenever We lose one of our brother Priest, may we not forget to pray for them and offer three masses as our healthy tradition expects from us.

Very Rev. Msgr. A. Arulanandam **Very Rev. Msgr. A. Louis**
Vicar General Episcopal Vicar

ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE DESERVING POOR STUDENTS

The application forms for the Archdiocesan Scholarship for 2017 will be available in the Archbishop's House from 05-09-2017 till 10-10-2017. The last date for submitting the application is 20th October 2017. The cost of the application is Rs. 15/-

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

1. Only those applicants whose parents' income is below Rs. 60,000/- per annum will be considered.

2. Only those applicants who study the following courses in recognized government institutions will be considered Nursing, B.Ed., B.F.A., Isai Kalai, Phy. Education, D.G.M.N., Polytechnic, D.T.Ed., DSE-HI, B.Pharm, D.Pharm, B.PE.S., B.PT., C.M.L.T., I.T.I., Health Asst. Printing Technology, D.M.L.T., E.C.G., Tailoring – 3 Years Only, B.Sc.(Catering) – 3 Years, Diploma in Physiotherapy, Catering Technology, Hotel Management – 1 Year and Community College (1 Year).

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

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

Very Rev. Msgr. A. Arulanandam
Vicar General

Mass Intentions received in August - 2017

Date	Name of the Parish	No. of Masses
01.08.2017	Vinoba Nagar parish	105 mass intentions
19.08.2017	Fr.S.Appoline	350 mass intentions
22.08.2017	Kalpet Parish	3002 mass intentions

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Date	Name of the Priest	No. of Masses
01.08.2017	Fr.A.J.Lawrence	6 mass intentions
19.08.2017	Fr.S.Appoline	38 mass intentions

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

Voice from Metropolitan Matrimonial Tribunal – 83

The Six Commandments of Marriage

1. **Let not both be angry at the same time:** How often we have seen that when both partners are angry at the same time - either they do not speak to each other but sense the storm coming or both shout at the top of their voices wherein they cannot hear each other – but the neighbours surely do! I'm sure we have read somewhere that the one in the wrong is usually the one who does most of the talking! From what we have learnt from our marriage is that when your spouse is angry, just be quiet and let the storm pass away.
Another important takeaway point is - When one is angry do not take to heart the words they utter because when they are angry, they may speak hurtful words which they do not intend to. The one golden rule that we follow in our marriage is, "Do not let the sun go down on your anger". It is best to try and reconcile before you call off the day.
2. **If you have to criticize, do it lovingly:** We've always been of the opinion that it is not the words but the tone of the voice that matters. You need to be creative in your marriage and think of ways that even you have to make your spouse realize that something is not the way it ideally should be, you should do it lovingly. Never criticize your spouse in front of your family and friends. It won't motivate the person to change. It hurts and will turn him/her against you in other ways.
3. **Never bring up mistakes from the past:** How often this happens that during an argument, mistakes of the past are dug out leading to a bigger fight? Try as much as possible to let go issues of the past and that brings us to another important lesson from our marriage - "Never bring up past events" or at least we try to.

4. Communication brings essence to marriage:

There's a saying that silence is preceded by a storm and it is indeed very true. If silence creeps into your married life, the distance between your hearts keep increasing and the storm that follows could destroy your married life. We have always found it very important to sit together and speak on whatever happened during the day – good or not so good.

Communication doesn't mean giving each other advice and saying what is good or not but rather encouraging and supporting each other to achieve each other's dream and working towards it as a team. It would be great if at least once a day you say a kind word or complement your spouse. No one else can do what your spouse can do. Remind each other that they have been blessed with gifts that make them special. This will help strengthen the bond of your marriage.

5. **Adopting common hobbies and interests:** Marriage is not about finding a person similar to you. How boring that would be! But it's more about knowing each other's likes and dislikes and trying and adopting some of them. Developing common interests and hobbies can decrease conflict in marriage and strengthen the idea that you and your spouse are a team. These are small things that build a strong and happy relationship.
6. **Power of Prayer:** It is always important to have Jesus as the third person in your marriage. Even to this day, we end the day with a prayer and this we would guarantee most of the times trigger a communication even though you must have had a rough day. Ending the day with prayer would definitely help resolve issues amicably. We strongly suggest to each one of you to trust God with your relationship with your spouse.
We would conclude by saying, "*A strong marriage doesn't always have 2 strong people at the same time. It is a husband and a wife who take turns being strong for each other in the moments when the other feels weak*". (An excerpt from the

talk given during the Special Mass for Married couples on Sun, 2 Oct. 2016, by Sylvia & Savio Menezes, Jeevotsav!, To Celebrate Life!, published by The Diocesan Human Life Committee c/o. Snehalaya Family Service centre, Mahim, Mumbai -16, vol.17, n.2, July, 2017, p.4.)

Points to Ponder:

- When freedom does not have a purpose, when it does not wish to know anything about the rule of law engraved in the hearts of men and women, when it does not listen to the voice of conscience, it turns against humanity and society – **Pope St. John Paul II**
- The measure of life is not its duration, but its donation.
- There is a lot of difference between human being and being human. A few understand it.
- You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between you have to manage...!
- If you want to walk fast, walk alone...! But if you want to walk far, walk together...!
- The one who loves you will never leave you because even if there are 100 reasons to give up he will find one reason to hold on.
- We all have two lives... The second one starts when we REALISE that we have only one...

Wishing the Teachers' Day, St. Mother Teresa and Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary. Thanking you.

Fr. S. Pascal Raj
Judicial Vicar

COMMISSIONS AND REPORTS

ST. XAVIER'S PASTORAL CENTRE

Anbiyam

We conducted two half a day seminars at Vadalur and at Konankuppam and met the Anbiyam animators and village headmen to animate, encourage and form the animators and the Parish Council members. We have well explained to the participants how we have to conduct the Anbiyam meeting with clear understanding of what Anbiyam means. It is the miniscule of the Kingdom of God/ Jesus in our streets. In short they are the churches on our streets. Also we have explained to them the formation of Parish Council merging the Anbiyam animators and traditional village leaders. But whatever it be somehow the church has to be the component of the participation of the clergy, religious and laity. I thank Rev. Fr. V. Aruldoss and Rev. Fr. M. Lourdu Jayaseelan for having invited me for the seminar.

Madha T.V.

Some of the parishes like Vadalur and Mugaiyur have come forward to shoot their Sunday Masses or Feast Day Masses and telecasted in Madha T.V. Many appreciated their churches and activities. So also you can project exemplary Christian Catholic Families in the Programme of “இல்லந்தோறும் இறையாட்சி”. The rates are reasonable.

Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India (CDPI)

The Executive meeting of the Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India (CDPI) will be held on **15th September 2017 at CCBI Secretariat, Bangalore.** I, as the National President will attend it and we will be planning for the National Council of CDPI

which will be held in the month of February 2018 in our Region, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry.

National Catechetical Commission Meeting

There will be the National Catechetical Council Meeting from **11th to 14th September at Ahmadabad**. I, in the name of the Commission for Catechetics of our Archdiocese will be attending this meeting. The theme that we are going to discuss about is “**Family Catechetics**”.

Senate Meeting

On 26th August we had our Senate Meeting. Except the Vicariates of Pondicherry, Cuddalore and Neyveli, all the other vicariates have sent their suggestions. We thank the Fathers and the Vicars Forane for your active participation. We have discussed about all the points except those points which came for the second time this year. This is the Second Meeting of this year and there will be one more in the month of November. Some more attention can be given towards the Spiritual life of the people and clergy among the suggestions.

Fr. A. J. Philomindoss
Director

YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear and Rev. Fathers,

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to Fr. S. Albert for his wonderful service and remarkable guidance to the Youth Commission for last six years.

Activity:

1. One day Retreat for Youth

One day Retreat on Personal prayer for youth was held on 20th August (Sunday) at 8 am to 4 pm in Pastoral Centre, Uppalam, Pondicherry. There were 150 youth members participated from 15 different parishes. I thank Eagles Ministry and Lions Club of Pondicherry Excellence for their sponsor and support to organize this program. I also thank all the Parish priests who encouraged the youth to participate in this Retreat.

Requests

- I request all the VFs to Elect your vicariate level Priest co-ordinator for the Youth commission and inform me before the end of September.
- I also request all the Parish Priests to renew and update the Catholic Youth Associations in your respective parishes. Kindly send the present details of your parish youth associations before the end of September. The Diocesan Youth Commission is ever ready to help you to create and motivate the parish Youth Associations.

Fr. A. Arputharaj,
Secretary, Youth Commission.

SC/ST COMMISSION REPORT

Activities:

1.Introducing CBCI Dalit Policy in the CRI

The CBCI Dalit Policy was introduced in the Tamilnadu and Pondicherry CRI Annul meeting by Rev.Bro. Mariannan, President, and Rev. Sr. Fathima Paula, Vice President of CRI. Rev. Fr. Maria Arul Raja,S.J explained the Policy in the meeting. He also requestd the CRI to recommit itself to empower the Dalits through systematic and scientific approach and well established mechanism.



2.Black Day Public Meeting to demand SC status for Dalit Christians

Our Archdiocesan level Black Day Public meeting was held on 10th August 2017 from 10 am to 1pm at near head Post office, Pondicherry. It was organized by diocesan SC/ST commission. The coordinators sang the song with Parai music and led the people with slogans Our Demands are

- The Union Government should come forward to resolve the issue immediately without further delay.

- The Union Government should give appropriate reply to the query of the Supreme Court based on the recommendation of Justice Ranganath Misra Commission's report.

Most Rev. Antony Anandarayar, Archbishop, Rev. Fr. A. Arulanandam, V.G., Rev. Fr. J. M. Gregory L. Joseph, procurator, Rev. Fr. Alphonse Sandanam, V.F., and many Priests and Religious, Leaders of Dalit Christians movements, Dalit Muslim leaders, lay people were participated in the protest. We expressed our protest against injustice done to the Dalit Christians in the basis of religion. I thank Our Archbishop for his concern and solidarity through supporting this protest. I also thank all the priests and Religious for your active participation.



Information:

1.Minority Scholarships

Scholarships schemes for minority Community has been announced for this year. Let us grab this constitutional right and empower our students. Let us encourage all our eligible students to apply for this Scholarships online within the stipulated time. Considering the financial backwardness and vulnerability, the Dalit Christian students in our diocese have better chance to get these scholarships. The details about the scholarships and the links of the related websites are

<http://www.momascholarship.gov.in>

<http://www.scholarship.gov.in>

<http://www.registrations.scholarships.gov.in>

For filling of online application the SC/ST commission collaborate with the SKILL MILL INDIA E-service and Training centre, Villupuram. For any help please contact Ph. 04145-242208.

2. National level Pilgrimage Exposure and Training (PET)

The Pilgrimage Exposure and Training (PET) programme for Dalit Priests and Religious will take place from 28th to 30th November 2017 in Kandhamal, Odisha. It will be organized by CBCI office for SC/BC. For those who want to participate can register their names with us by E- mail cbciscst@gmail.com

Fr. A. Arputharaj,
Secretary, SC/ST Commission

Ordination

Deacons **A. Selvakani, M. Periyamayagam, S. Joseph Fernandez, Badugu christuraju, Vissampalli Maria Balayesu, A. Vanathaiyan, R. Antony Xaviour, A. Michael Duraisamy**, of **SDC** were ordained to the order of Priesthood by **His Grace the most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**, our Archbishop on 22th August 2017 at St. Joseph's Seminary, Samupillainagar, Cuddalore.

Deacon **Melques Francline Dezario Chinnapparaj** of Congregation of St. Joseph were ordained to the order of Priesthood by **His Grace the most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**, our Archbishop on 31st August 2017 at St. Sebastian's Church, Manicollai. We offer our hearty felicitations to them and wish them success in their new ministry.

RIP

REV. FR. S. ANTONY SAGAYAM



Name	:	S. Antony Sagayam
Parents	:	Mr. M. Santiago Mrs. S. Rosammal
Date and Place of Birth	:	02.11.1957, Atthipakkam
Diocese of Origin	:	Pondicherry & Cuddalore
Places and Years of Studies	:	1963 – 68 1- 5 Stds. R.C. School, Mugaiyur 1968 – 72 6- 9 Stds. St. Ann's Tindivanam 1972 – 75, 10-11 Stds. & Latinist St. Agnes' Minor Seminary, Cuddalore. 1975 – 76 P.U.C. Arulanandar College,

Karumattur, Madurai.
1975 – 76 B.A. Private,
Bangalore.

Years and Places of
Seminary Formation

: 1976 –79 Philosophy - St.Peter's
Bangalore.

1979 – 80 Regency – St.Ann's
Tindivanam 1980 –84 Theology,
St.Peter's Bangalore.

Date of Ordination

: 17th May 1984

Place of Ordination

: Immaculate Conception
Cathedral, Pondicherry.

Minister of Ordination

: Most Rev.Dr.V.S.Selvanathar

Ministry Places

:15-06-1984 – May 1985 Asst.,
Parish Priest Viriyur.

May 1985 – June 1987 Asst.,
Parish Priest Neyveli.

Jun. 1987 – Jul 1988 Asst.,Parish
Priest Eraiyur.

04-07-1988 – 22-06-1996 Parish
Priest of Gingee.

24-06-1996 – 15-11-2002 Parish
Priest of Vadalur.

16-11-2002 – 01-06-2009,
Parish Priest of Nangathur.
16-11-2002 – 07-06-2007,
Secretary for the SC.ST.BC
Commission, Archdiocese of
Pondicherry & Cuddalore.
12-06-2009 – 26.08.17
Headmaster & Correspondent,
O.L. of Lourdes High School,
Villianur.

Died on

: 26-08-2017 at 11.15 p.m
(SATURDAY).

Funeral Mass & Burial

: 28-08-2017 (MONDAY)
at 11.00 a.m. in
Immaculate Conception
Cathedral, Pondicherry.

The Death & Funeral of Fr. S. Antony Sagayam

On 26-08-2017 after supper around 10.00 p.m. Fr. S. Antony Sagayam had a severe discomfort in the chest. So, he called the warden. He brought Fr. S. Pitchaimuthu, the Parish Priest of Lourdes Shrine, Villianur. He took him to the nearby Primary Health Care Centre of Villianur. After seeing his condition they suggested him to be shifted to the Government

Hospital, Pondicherry. Immediately he was brought to the Indira Gandhi Government Hospital, Pondicherry. On examining Fr. S. Antony Sagayam the doctors said that he was already dead around 11.15 p.m. The next day on 27-08-2017, the postmortem was done on the body Fr. S. Antony Sagayam at the Kadirgamam Government Medical College Hospital, Pondicherry. At 02.00 p.m. the body was brought to the Bishop's House and it was blessed. Then the Vicar General Mgr. A. Arulanandam, the Episcopal Vicar Mgr. A. Louis took the body to O. L. of Lourdes High School, Villianur. There the students, the teachers and the people prayed for his eternal rest. Then his body was taken to Mugaiyur his native place. There, at the church of St. Francis Xavier, Mugaiyur the mass was offered for his eternal rest at 06.15 p.m. Then his body was brought back to the Bishop's House at 10.00 p.m. The Archbishop and Fathers prayed the rosary around his body. The next day on 28-08-2017 his parents, siblings, relations and his former parishioners came and prayed for his eternal rest. At 11.00 A.M. Mgr. A. M. Chinnappa, Archbishop Emeritus of Chennai blessed the body and more than 200 priests concelebrated the funeral mass with Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar, Mgr. A. M. Chinnappa and Mgr. S. Michael Augustine. Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar praised Fr. S. Antony Sagayam for his 34 years of dedicated life and

services to the people and students in parishes and the schools. The Cathedral was full of the faithful and the religious. Mgr. A. Arulanandam preached the homily. After the Mass Mgr. S. Michael Augustine, the Archbishop Emeritus blessed the body. Then the body was taken to the adjacent graveyard of the priests and there the final prayer of commendation was said by his own brother Priest Fr. S. John Bosco, CPPS and Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar. At 01.00 p.m. the body of Fr. S. Antony Sagayam was laid to rest.

May His Soul Rest in Peace!

NB

Dr J. Irudayaraj, Medical Consultant will be available for Health checkup at the Petit Health care between 4 pm to 6 pm during the Retreat days.



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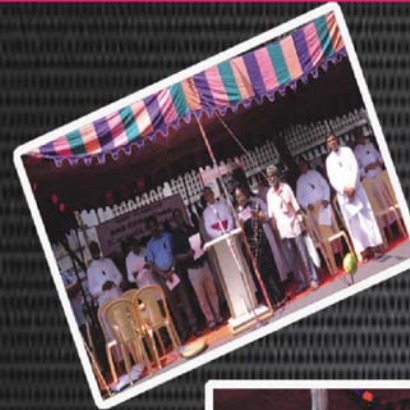
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