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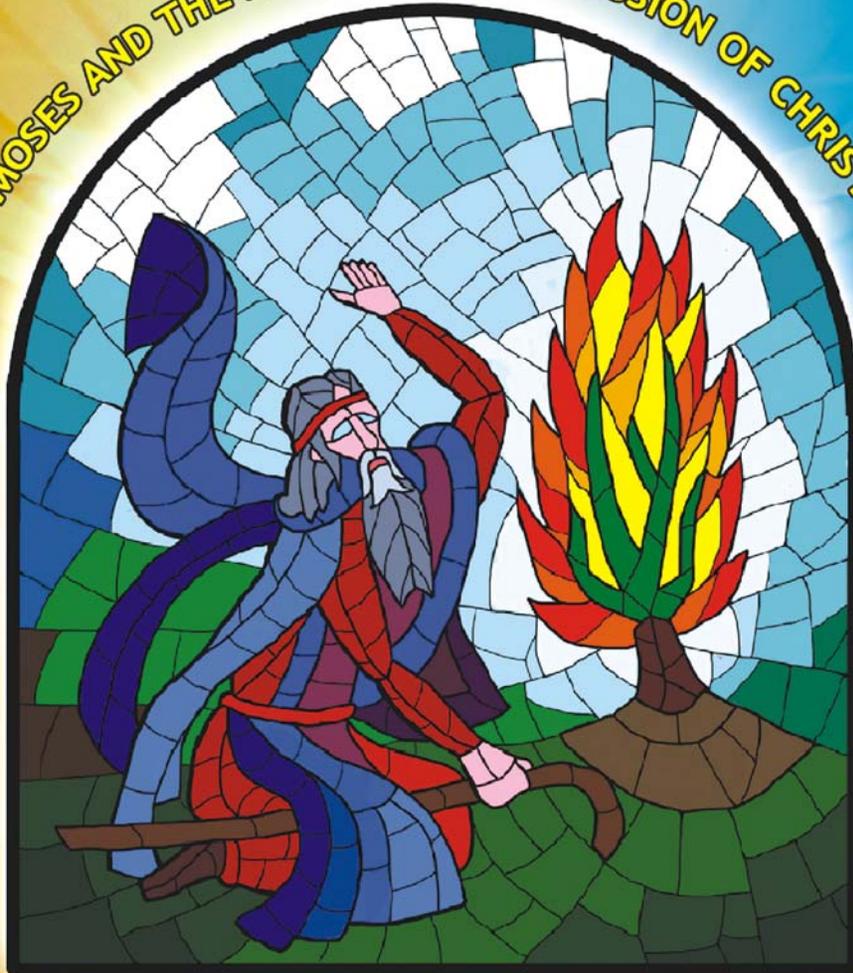
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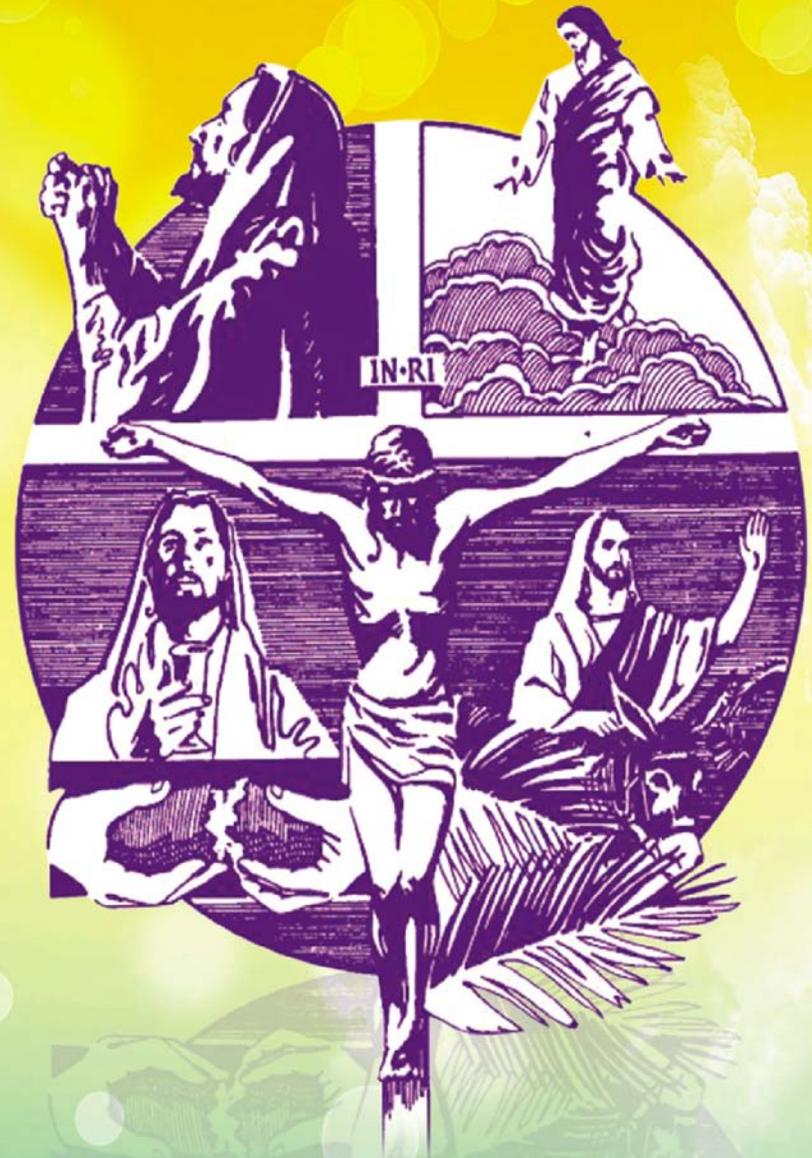
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MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH = PASSION OF CHRIST



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**"HE WAS NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS;
YET HE BORE THE SIN OF MANY" (ISA 53:12)**

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March 2021

Intention for Evangelization:

Sacrament of reconciliation - Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



MESSAGE



Bishop Speaks

Dear Rev. Father, Brothers, Sisters and Lay Faithful,

Victimized for Victims!

Father Swamy, 83, currently at Taloja Central Jail, Mumbai, was arrested from Ranchi on October 8, 2020 and was sent to judicial custody the following day. He was voicing concerns of the tribal community; but is charged under several sections of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA). Again and again his bail-plea is rejected. It is a crystal-clear example of victimization for victims. Speaking about the Messianic Servant, foretelling Jesus's salvific sacrifice, Isaiah said: "He was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many" (Isa 53:12). As we observe the holy season of Lent, it is thought-provoking to reflect on how we become victims, leading to victimization of Jesus the Messiah.

The Second Baptism!

Cardinal Carlo Martini rightly compares the passion of Christ to the burning bush of Moses (*Journeying with the*

Lord, 108). It is mysterious, burning but not consumed, so too, Jesus' passion reveals rejection and being cursed with pain, but not crushed. On encountering Jesus' passion, a faithful believer is led to experience the tragic, dramatic and terrifying tortures of Jesus. It is the graphic picture of disfigured Jesus, indicating: "We have one who in every respect has been tested" (Heb 4:15). In his baptism Jesus took away his being Almighty and stood "barefoot" with human contingency. Commenting on the baptism of Jesus, Pope Francis notes: "Jesus wants to be with the sinners, for this reason he gets in line with them" (10.1.2021). So too, the terrible passion is the second baptism for Jesus, numbered among transgressors and culprits (Isa 53: 12; Lk 15:27-28), he suffered the tragedy of sin. Although his passion and death exposed the crude reality of humankind, this punishment is not for his sins. A noble and just cause prevailed in his tragic; but atoning journey.

Victims of Evil Within!

We are prisoners of war, internal and external. The Bible notes, "Every inclination of the thoughts of humankind is evil continually" (Gen 6:5). Greediness of Adam and Eve, antagonism of Cain, jealousy of King Saul are clear examples of how we are victims of Evil. It is not mere words but naked fact of our inborn sinful inclination as revealed by the Psalmist: "I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me" (Ps 51:5). Although we are made for God, sin is also an experience of ours. St. Augustine would confess: "I was wrapped up in darkness" (*Confessions, III/ 11*). Jealousy, greed, egoism, sensual pleasures, such ills imprison us, making us agents of Evil. We take pleasure in false accusations, arrogance towards the vulnerable, divisive slant of caste, creed, culture and similar evils. In short, we

bear the Roman cross and not Christ's Cross. However, acknowledging this victimization of the virus of evil but turning towards the Cross of Jesus, we will definitely encounter how he "restores to us the joy of salvation" (Ps 51:12). As the passion of Jesus healed the thief (Lk 23:43) and the centurion (Mk 15:39) it is his blood that washes away the stain of our evil inclinations and human infirmities (Mk 10:45).

Victims of Evil Without!

God's good creation is affected by the virus of evil. On account of the onslaught of evil affecting the peaceful and harmonious life, not only of humans but of the whole creation, we experience a change from *cosmos mirabilis* to *miserabilis*. Even in this severe pandemic, we are blinded by false promises, half-truths and further instrumentalized-truths. Police brutality against peaceful protesters and crude expressions of arrogance among rulers and politicians continue to spread the "virus of Evil." We are led to say with Jeremiah "Terror is all around" (Jer 20:10). Cross after cross is multiplied in today's society and we are victims of evil without.

In this painful situation we usually turn toward Jesus on the Cross. It is indeed he, the Lamb of God, "who takes away the sins of the world" (Jn 1:29) and brings salvation from all worldly evil; however, this is only for those in solidarity with Christ in their mind, heart and action. I have to bear my crosses in the spirit of Christ who changed the cross of suffering to the Cross of fraternity and love, wiping out the tears of the oppressed.

The Cross of Christ!

Cross is abundant in our life: chronic illness, broken families, hatred among brothers and sisters, hardened hearts, embittered thoughts, resentful brooding and so on. But we

bear the Cross of Christ that heals all wounds, misunderstandings and bitterness. Human cross leads us to discouragement while Christ's Cross leads us to the Calvary of resurrection. Jesus on the cross was humiliated, insulted and rejected. But he changed the cross into a symbol of self-sacrifice, forgiveness and gentleness. Often, many are worried about human crosses that bring crises and conflicts but we have to put on the Cross of Christ that encourages withstanding in our Christian commitment and witness. Jesus' Cross is not a symbol of pain, but of challenges which can be tackled. Jesus' Cross gives us the vaccine of peace. Hence, let this Lenten journey lead us to conversion from victimization within and without so that Victimized Jesus' blood saves us from the clutches of evil.

Let this holy season of Lent lead us closer to Christ who suffered for our sins and liberation from our human fragility. Our Lenten prayers and penance form us to witness to Christ and his great values of truth, love and forgiveness!

+ Antonysamy Peter Abir,

Apostolic Administrator, Archdiocese of
Pondicherry - Cuddalore.

Rev. Fr. J. Paul (1950-2021)

Rev. Fr. J. Paul died on 24th February 2021 at the age of 71. As assistant Parish priest, principal and secretary of the educational institutions he did excellent pastoral ministries. The students, staff and the faithful had great love and esteem for him. We thank him for his devoted services to our Archdiocese for past 43 years and pray for the repose of his soul.

Bishop's Appointment

Date	Time	Programme Place
5-7		KRLCBC Meeting Cochin
8	5.30 pm	Catholic Biblical Federation Meeting Webinar (Sultanpet)
10-11		Pondicherry
12	10 am	SC/ST General Body Meeting Vikravandi
16		Board Meeting: Good Shepherd Seminary Coimbatore.
19	7.00 am	Mass for the Presentation Sisters Karungarapully (Palakkad)
	5.30 pm	Feast Mass & Blessing Vinoba Nagar, Pondy
21	7.30 am	Confirmation Mass & Blessing Konanakuppam
22	9.30 pm	Lumen Institute: Annual Valedictory Function Tindivanam.
23		Pondicherry
29		Chrism Mass Cathedral (Pondicherry)

Rev. Fr. J. Paul

**A Priest of the Archdiocese of
Pondicherry – Cuddalore,
serving in the Archdiocese of New York
from 2016 to 2021**

Your Grace, Rev. Fathers, dear Religious, dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are shocked and saddened by the sudden demise of Rev. Fr. J. Paul in the United States. He was affected by the deadly Corona Virus and succumbed to his illness on 24th February 2021. We offer our heartfelt condolences to all his family members.

I invite you all to participate in the Eucharistic celebration on 10th March at 11.00 a.m in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral and to pray in a very special way for the repose of his soul.

Rev. Fr. J. Paul was born on 26th March 1950 at Nellitope, Pondicherry, to Mr. John and Mrs. Therese. His parents brought him up in deep faith and great piety. In his praying heart he heard the voice of the Lord, calling him to follow the Lord more closely and he responded with courage and generosity. He did his priestly studies at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore, India, and was ordained priest on 9th May 1978 in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Pondicherry, by Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. V. S. Selvanather.

After his ordination he was appointed Asst. Parish priest in Neyveli Township after which he was sent to pursue bachelor degree in education. He was the principal of Petit Seminaire Hr. Sec. School, Pondicherry from 1984 to 1997. From 1997 to 2002 he finished his doctorate in New York and returned to the Archdiocese to serve in various capacities

such as Principal, Pope John Paul II College of Education, Reddiarpalayam and Secretary of the Archdiocesan Board of Education of Education. From 5th July 2016 onwards he was serving in the Archdiocese of New York.

God has blessed Rev. Fr. J. Paul with the rare combination of the high qualities of the mind and heart. He was loving and lovable, kind and compassionate, firm, prudent and easily approachable. His life was marked by regularity, punctuality and hard work. He was a man of Prayer. He has touched the lives of many by his ministry and mission. The Archdiocese of Pondicherry bereaves his great loss.

God has showered upon him his choicest blessing. He was God's precious gift to us and especially to the Archdioceses of Pondicherry & New York for the past 71 years. Let us thank God for the precious gift of Fr. J. Paul and pray for the repose of his soul.

Note: After receiving the ash of Rev. Fr. J. Paul, we will intimate to you about the Requiem Mass timing and date.

Most. Rev. Dr. Antonysamy Peter Abir
Apostolic Administrator,
Archdiocese of Pondicherry - Cuddalore

Chrism Mass

It is to be noted that our Apostolic Administrator presides over the Chrism mass in the Cathedral on **Monday 29th March 2021.**

The Programme as follows:

3.45 pm Tea
4.15 pm Exposition of the Holy Eucharist followed by
Reflection by the Apostolic Administrator

4.40 pm Confession
5.10 pm Benediction
5.25 pm Vesting & Chrism Mass
7.30 pm Supper

Rev. Fr. John Paul,
Office Secretary.

MASS INTENTION

Surplus Mass Intentions received for January and February 2021

Date	Name of the Parish	No. of Masses
11.01.2021	Nellithope Parish	90 mass intentions
30.01.2021	Fr.Melchizedech	13 mass intentions
03.02.2021	Nellithope Parish	100 mass intentions
24.02.2021	Cuddalore OT parish	71 mass intentions

Binated / Trinated Mass Intentions received

Date	Name of the Priest	No. of Masses
04.12.2020	Fr.A.Dhanam	6 mass intentions
09.12.2020	Fr.S.Antonisamy	35 mass intentions
24.02.2021	Fr.M.Robert	13 mass intentions

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

News from the Archdiocesan Board of Education

On 22 February 2021 a meeting of the Secretaries of Colleges, Priest HMs/Correspondents of High, Higher Secondary and Matriculation Schools in our Archdiocese of Pondicherry-Cuddalore and D.O.S. manager was conducted in the hall adjacent to the Presbytery, Notre Dame Parish, Puducherry. The apostolic administrator, Most Rev. Dr. Antonysamy Peter Abir presided over the meeting.

It was gathered to discuss about the age of retirement of teachers in the unaided posts because the Government of Tamilnadu has raised the age of retirement for Government servants from 58 to 59. Various opinions and views came up, and questions were raised in the discussion. After considering the pros and cons of three major points the following decisions were arrived at:

1. Age of Retirement: It was unanimously decided to follow the government regulations of the respective states (Tamilnadu and Puducherry) in respect of the age of retirement.

2. Superannuation: It was unanimously decided that, in the case of the college teachers, those who are in superannuation will be relieved from the service at the end of the odd semester (i.e. by the 30th November) or at the end of even semester (i.e. by the 31st May) whichever is falling earlier after the date of retirement and in the case of the school teachers, those who are born between 1st June and 30th September, will be relieved from the service at the end of quarterly exams and the remaining will be retained till 31st May.

3. Salary component during Superannuation: It was unanimously decided that the salary of the teachers who are in superannuation will be the same as they are receiving earlier. EPF norms can be followed.

(Sg/-)

Fr. R. Josephraj

Secretary, Archdiocesan Board of Education

Voice from Metropolitan Matrimonial Tribunal – 123 Incapacity in Marriage

One of the invalidating elements in a catholic marriage is incapacity to give a full and free consent by either contractant. This means that a person giving his/her matrimonial consent must have the mental capacity to understand and appreciate what is marriage and what are the rights and responsibilities involved. Canon 1095 divides incapacity into three different types.

1. Those who lack sufficient use of reason (C.1095§1)

This means a permanent or temporary state of mind where one is not able to understand clearly what one is doing. This can be due to various psychological disturbances. Whatever be the disturbance, it must be so severe as to impede the use of reason. The person giving the consent must be fully aware of what is taking place and he/she must be in touch with the reality. Persons, who are in subconscious mind under the influence of alcoholic intoxication, drug-induced state, sleep or epilepsy, marry invalidly. When a person is not able to distinguish right from wrong, valid consent is impossible. Even when the person is in the state of lucid interval, valid consent is not possible.

2. Those who suffer from a grave lack of discretion of judgement concerning the essential matrimonial rights and obligations to be mutually given and accepted (C. 1095§2)

Normal marriage consent must be possible for most people. Hence the lack of discretion of judgement must be grave as to at least cloud the mind of the person so that his/her critical faculty is affected and is not able to make a correct judgement. Very low intelligence, brain damage, mental illness, personality disorder, serious psychological pressure due to the tense situation at the time of marriage etc. can cause the lack of due discretion.

Ecclesiastical jurisprudence stresses the point of interpersonal and intra-personal relationship between the partners. A person who is not able to appreciate the essential physical, psychological and spiritual needs of the partner may also be said to be coming under the ground of grave lack of due discretion.

3. Those who because of causes of psychological nature are unable to assume the essential obligations of marriage (C. 1095§3)

A person cannot consent to assume any responsibility when he/she is not capable of fulfilling it. Here the defect is not in the understanding of the responsibilities but in the actual fulfilling of them. The person knows what is to be done but is not able to do it due to some psychological sickness. The important element to be noted in this case is not the particular tag of the mental sickness but how the condition affects family life and interpersonal relationship.

Although much can be said about Canon 1095, what is important for the pastors in ministry is that they should assess the parties to marriage seriously. If the person is known to have been treated for any mental illness, they

are not to proceed with the marriage before obtaining a medical opinion, so that the marriage is administered validly. It may be difficult for the pastors to deal with the case as they will be considered as obstructing a marriage. So they have to use their pastoral prudence in dealing with these cases by referring them to the Local Ordinary, who will do the needful. The wrong notion that “Marriage will solve the problem” is not to be adhered to. For, experience shows that marriage only worsens the condition, as a new situation means, more tension especially for the women in our society.

When referring such cases after the marriage to the tribunal, pastors must verify how the family life was disrupted due to the mental illness and when the sickness actually manifested itself. For, some type of mental illness can be in a dormant stage at the time of marriage but manifest itself a little later in marriage or even after the first childbirth.

Although it is our duty to make marriages work, when there is definite impossibility to continue in married life, they can look for a relief. But it must be clearly understood that incompatibility – i.e., difficulties in mutual adjustments – is not always incapacity, and hence not a ground for declaration of nullity of marriage according to ecclesiastical jurisprudence.

It is important that pastors follow up newly married couples in their mutual adjustments through the services of some existing parish associations during the initial months. Canon 1063/4 says, “Pastors must assist through the help given to those who have entered marriage, so that by faithfully observing and protecting their conjugal covenant, they may day by day achieve a holier and a fuller family life”. (cf. Fr. C. M. Joseph, “Pastoral Canon Law” –Private Circulation only, 2021, pp.188-190)

Points to Ponder:

- **Uncover Your Potential:** You are never given a problem that you cannot handle. Every problem that comes in front of you is to make you realize that you have the skill, talent and ability to come out of it! It is just for you to uncover your true potential.
- **One is known by the company one keeps** – contradicting the saying - the companion to that of Doctor can be visiting the sick to heal them
- **Direction is more important than speed** - Peter the Apostle listens, accepts, reflects on the truth and answers inspired by God in his life.
- **“Nobody is Superior, Nobody is Inferior, but Nobody is Equal either. People are Simply Unique, Incomparable. You are You, I am I.”** -osho
- **Life is Very short**, so break your silly egos, forgive quickly, believe slowly, love truly, laugh loudly and never avoid anything that makes you smile.
- Beauty catches the attention, but **character catches the heart**. Never stop little things for others. Sometimes, those little things occupy the biggest part of their heart.
- **Communication is like Lifeline** of any Relation. When you stop communicating, you start losing your valuable relations.

Fr. S. Pascal Raj
Judicial Vicar

St. Xavier's Pastoral Centre**Commission for Evangelization**

Dear Rev. Fathers, we are planning to recommence the Third Saturday oneday Charismatic Healing prayer meeting in our centre in this month of March. We have already invited Rev. Fr. Selvam, a well known Norbertine priest with rich charismatic prayer experience and deep spirituality who will conduct this prayer meeting, if the government permits to have a gathering for a longer period of time. On 2nd March, the St. Xavier prayer preparatory group will have a meeting to confirm the prayer meeting. If confirmed positively, it will be conducted on 20th March Saturday from 09.30 a.m. to 05.30 p.m. with two sermons in the morning and a healing session and Holy Mass in the afternoon. Kindly announce about this after my communication on the 3rd of March.

Commission for Media and Communication – Madha T.V.

We are searching for a place and some responsible priests or lay people to shoot the Rosary for Maundy Thursday concentrating on praying with our lady and to our Lady for the meaningful celebration of the Eucharist all over the world, for the committed clergy of the church and the total service of the church to the humanity. If any parish is willing, kindly come forward to shoot this programme.

Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India (CDPI)

As I have announced last month the National Executive Council Meeting will be conducted in the Webinar model on 25th February 2021 from 03.30 p.m. to 05.30 p.m. with the background of the Popes' Encyclical "Fratelli Tutti". I shall give you the report of the meeting in the next month's News Letter.

Commission for Anbiyam

Since we were not able to gather together for any meeting for the past one year, and now with the growing threat of the new forms of Corona, we are still afraid of asking the people to come for Anbiyam meetings in the parish, vicariate and diocesan levels to avoid any risk of the spreading of the pandemic. So kindly go to the website "<http://anbiyamtn.in>" and get the materials like articles and youtube programmes for anbiyam orientation, download them and make use of them through the social media in your parish.

Christhuvar Vazhurimai Iyakkam

We have participated in the meeting of Christhuvar Vazhurimai Iyakkam of Tamilnadu and Pondy held in Trichy, Piratiyur, Laity Centre. Rev. Fr. Suresh from Chenglepet took charge as the Secretary of this Commission in the place of Rev. Fr. James Victor of Tuticorin diocese who worked hard for the past 7 years. We thank and appreciate him. We have decided to have one more meeting once the election date is announced and start our political animation of the people.

Commissions Co-ordination

Our Apostolic Administrator Most Rev. Dr. Peter Abir would like to discuss with me about the existing and future works of all Commissions on 10th or 11th or March during his next stay in our diocese. So Dear Secretaries, if you would like me to share anything about your Commission to him, kindly call me or send me SMS, Whatsapp message or E-mail, so that I, as the Co-ordinator of the Commissions. I may be able to share with him and propose our plans to work more efficiently and fruitfully. (E-mail ID: fr_philo@yahoo.com)

Rev. Fr. A. J. Philomindoss

Director

SC/ST COMMISSION

Activities

1. SC/ST Commission's Corona and Flood relief work:



In collaboration with TNBC Commission for ST/ST, Our Archdiocesan SC/ST Commission organized Corona and Flood relief distribution on 30th January 2021 to Dalit Christian People Cell (DCPC) in different parishes of our Archdiocese. We distributed relief kit which contained blankets, rice and groceries for totally 200 families in the following villages Anaiyeri, Mel Arungunam, Varikal, Kanakankuppam, Siruvallikuppam (Kalleri parish).

2. DCPC Federation Meeting:

Gingee Vicariate level Dalit Christians People Cell (DCPC) Federation meeting is held in Anaiyeri parish on 30th January 2021. Totally 55 members participated.

Karaikal Vicariate level Dalit Christians People Cell (DCPC) Federation meeting is held in Anaiyeri parish on 30th January 2021. Totally 110 members participated.



Upcoming Events:

1. Diocesan level General Body meeting will be held on 12th March 2021 (Friday) in A.R Hall, SAMSSS, Vikravandi.
2. Diocesan level Dalit Christians Panjayat Representatives (DCPER) meeting will be held in SC/ST Commission office, Vikravandi on 13th March 2021 (Saturday).

- Fr. A. Arputharaj,
Secretary

Youth Commission

Activities:

1. Thanks:

We take this opportunity to express our deepest sentiments of gratitude, first and foremost Most Rev. Dr. Antony Anandarayar for his blessings and patronage, especially for permitting Youth Year 2020 to be celebrated in our Archdiocese in a grand manner. Special thanks to all the parish priests, brothers and sisters for encouraging our youth. Special thanks to diocesan executive team and diocesan youth office bearers. Thanks to all the youth for all your



support and cooperation all through last year and specially for listening sharing and promoting our diocesan youth commission programs. Due to unexpected situation in last year (Corona Pandemic), TNBC has permitted to celebrate this year 2021 also Year of Youth, so we expect your kind cooperation for upcoming year also.

2. Political Empowerment Training :

We had Tamil Nadu level Political Empowerment training to Catholic Youth at TNBC Laity Centre, Trichy on 7th January 2021. Totally five youth with youth director participated from our diocese.



3. Youth Pongal Celebrations:

We had Youth Pongal Celebration in following parishes Murgampakkam, St. Francis Xavier's Church- Villupuram, Vikravandi, Mugaiyur, kanakankuppam, Azagapasamuthiram and Tagur nagar on 16th January 2021.

4. Political Awareness Program :

We had political awareness program for Youth from 24-26th January 2021 in TNBC Laity Centre, Trichy. Three youth participated from our Archdiocese.

5. Archdiocesan Executive Committee Meeting:

We had our Archdiocesan youth commission's Executive committee meeting in youth commission office, Vikravandi on



14.02.2021. Fr.Arputharaj, Diocesan youth director addressed the gathering and evaluated the last year commission activities in different perspectives. Totally 10 members participated in the meeting. We planned for future activities

- Fr. A. Arputharaj,
Youth Director

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR CLERGY

MARCH

Fr.V.Messiah	03-03-78
Fr.R.Arockia Anandaraj	05-03-72
Fr.I.Ratchagar	06-03-58
Fr.A.Arokia Sagaya Selvam	08-03-76
Fr. J. John Paul	10-03-86
Fr.M.S.John Bosco	12-03-67
Fr.J.M.Gregory Louis Joseph	12-03-70
Fr.A.Josephraj	13-03-75
Fr.A.Arokiadoss	14-03-78
Fr.I.Joseph Albert	17-03-57
Fr.M.Jaya Prakash	19-03-82
Fr.R.Josephraj	22-03-54
Fr.A.Arokia Doss	24-03-82
Fr.J.V.C.Arokiasamy	30-03-64

NECROLOGY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

05-03-1966	Noel F., MEP
06-03-1979	Paul Puthenangady
08-03-2019	Daniel. K. A.
09-03-2015	Sampath Kumar. P. A.
09-03-2020	Belevendiran. N
13-03-1989	Thomas. C. E.
16-03-2000	Showry. E
21-03-1861	Mgr.BONNAND Clement
21-03-1954	Maylin E., MEP
23-03-2004	Anthayya. S. S.
23-03-2012	Alexis Joseph. E
25-03-1909	Mgr.GANDY Joseph Adolphe
25-03-2020	Kulandai Raj. S
27-03-1953	Dani el F., MEP
31-03-1981	Mirande A., MEP

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph Pray for our Archdiocese



RIP
REV. FR. J. PAUL



Name : J.Paul
 Parents : Mr.John & Mrs.Therese
 Date and Place of Birth : 26-03-1950, Nellitope,
 Pondicherry
 Date and Place of Baptism : 08-04-1950, Nellitope,
 Pondicherry
 Parish : Nellitope
 Diocese of Origin : Pondicherry & Cuddalore

Places and Years of Studies

1966 – 1967 : S.S.L.C. St.Joseph's, Cuddalore
 Years and Places of
 Seminary Formation : 1967 – 1969 Latin, St.Agnes'
 Seminary, Cuddalore
 1969 – 1972 : Philosophy, St.Peter's Seminary,
 Bangalore
 1972 – 1975 : B.Sc. St.Joseph's College, Trichy
 1975 – 1978 : Theology, St.Peter's Seminary,
 Bangalore

Date of Ordination : 9th May 1978
 Place of Ordination : Immaculate Conception
 Cathedral, Pondicherry
 Minister of Ordination : Most Rev. Dr .V. S.
 Selvanather

Ministry Places :

- Jun. 1978 – May 1979 Asst. Parish priest at Neyveli Township
- Jun. 1979 – Apr. 1980 B.Ed. in St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai
- Jun. 1980 – Dec. 1984 Director, Petit Seminaire Hr. Sec. School, Pondicherry
- Dec. 1984 – Jun. 1997 Principal, Petit Seminaire Hr. Sec. School, Pondicherry
- Jun. 1997 – Aug. 2002 Higher Studies in U.S.A.
- 02-09-2002 – 19-08-2007 Principal, Pope John Paul II College of Education, Rediarpalayam, Pondicherry & Correspondent, Bl. Mother Teresa Hr. Sec. School
- Aug. 2002 – Secretary for Archdiocesan Education Board
- 14-07-2006 – Relieved from the office of Secretary for Archdiocesan Education Board
- 20-08-2007 – 07-09-2011 On Leave in U.S.A.
- 08-09-2011 – Rejoined as Principal & Secretary of Pope John
- Paul II College of Education, Reddiarpalayam, Pondy
- 05-07-2016 Sabatic Leave (USA)

Death and Funeral of Fr. J. Paul

Rev. Fr. J. Paul was working as the Parochial Vicar at the Church of St. Joseph, Bronxville, NY, U.S.A. On the 20th January 2021, he was diagnosed as Covid-19 positive and he was admitted at the hospital on the 26th January 2021. He was moved to the ICU and put on ventilator on the 7th February. Finally he passed away on the 24th February 2021 at 08.15 a.m. Indian time. On this same day at 05.30 p.m. Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar, Archbishop Emeritus offered the Requiem Mass at our Immaculate Conception Cathedral along with 25 priests of Pondy Vicariate. The Cathedral was full of the Teachers of Petit Seminaire, the faithful, the siblings and the relatives of Fr. J. Paul. Fr. Alphonse Sandanam welcomed all present. Very Rev. Fr. A. Arulanandam in his homily praised Fr. J. Paul for his dedicated service at the Petit Seminaire and Pope John Paul II College of Education. At the end Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar, Archbishop Emeritus said: "Fr. J. Paul after his ordination on May 9, 1978, served for 1 year in the parish of Neyveli. Then for 17 years he worked as the Principal of Petit Seminaire, and 10 years as the President of Pope John Paul II College of Education; For 21 years he worked as the Archdiocesan Secretary of Education. He was the President of 'All India Association of Catholic Schools' for 4 years and 15 years as an Executive Member. He was an eminent Educationist and a very zealous priest. For 43 priest years he has laboured in the field of Education and Pastoral Ministry with a total dedication. We thank his parents for having offered Fr. J. Paul for God's

Service in this Archdiocese. We offer our heartfelt condolence to Fr. J. Paul's siblings and relatives. May the merciful Lord reward him a hundred fold for his committed service all these 43 years". After the Mass, the Archbishop Emeritus blessed the photo of Fr. J. Paul and did rose pushpanjali followed by the Fathers and the faithful. It was all over at 06.40 p.m.

May the Soul of Fr. J. Paul Rest in Peace.

**Rev. Fr. A. Melchizedech
Chancellor**

RECEPTION THE BODY AND WAKE

Sunday, February 28, 2021 to 6.00 p.m. (Lying in Repose)
Fred H, McGrath and Son Inc. Funeral Home
20 Cedar Street, Bronxville, NY 10708
914-377-6770

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Monday, March 1, 2021, 10.30 a.m.
Church of St. Joseph
21 Cedar Street, Bronxville, New York 10708
914-377-1660



**BLESSING & INAUGURATION OF
ALUMNI BLOCK & COMMERCE LAB**



**13.02.2021
ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
CUDDALORE-1**



**JUBILEE MASS FOR SISTERS
FIHM CONGREGATION**



**13.02.2021
ST. ANN'S HR. SEC. SCHOOL
CUDDALORE-1**



**PIETA: MOTHER MARY SORROWFULLY
CONTEMPLATING THE DEAD BODY OF HER SON**

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