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SAINTS ARE MADE HERE!

PRIVATE CIRCULATION

CONFIRMATION MASS AT ERAIYUR PARISH
ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021



CONFIRMATION MASS AT NEDUNGAMPET PARISH
ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021



POYAPAKKAM, CHRIST THE KING PARISH, VILLUPURAM,
ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021



PAROCHIAL FEAST MASS AT MUTHIALPET PARISH
ON 03RD OCTOBER 2021



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November 2021

Universal Intention: People who suffer from depression. We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Bishop's Message



Saints are Made Here!

It is commonly said that marriage is made in heaven. This saying reflects the divine mercy and grace in married life. In the Catholic tradition, saints are thought to be in heaven; they are known for their heroic sanctity. Hence, they are considered to be celestial beings, honoured by us, humans, revering them in pictures or statues. Thomas Aquinas said: 'that the saints may enjoy their beatitude and the grace of God more abundantly. They are permitted to see the punishment of the damned in hell.' On account of this thought Thérèse of Lisieux opined: 'I have always wanted to become a saint. Unfortunately, when I have compared myself with the saints, I have always found that there is the same difference between the saints and me as there is between a mountain whose summit is lost in the clouds and a humble grain of sand trodden underfoot by passers-by.' This supposition overwhelms us to be closer to saints. However, there is another side of the coin that saints are made here in the world.

All Christians are Saints?

The word *saint* comes from the Latin *sanctus*, with the Greek equivalent being "hagios" (holy) which means things / persons set apart and dedicated for God's purpose. The Evangelists apply this term to Jesus Christ (Lk 1:35), the Spirit of God (Mk 12:36) and angels (Mk 8:38). In the early Church, *agios* was applied to all who believed in Jesus Christ and who followed His teachings (Act 9:13; Eph 1:1; 2 Cor 1:1). The assumption was that those men and women who followed Christ had been so transformed that they were now different from other men and women and thus should be considered holy. Nevertheless, sainthood always referred not simply to those who had faith in Christ but more specifically to those who lived heroic lives of virtuous action inspired by that faith. They excelled in a life of faith-witness beyond that of the average Christian believers. While other Christians struggled to live out the gospel of Christ, these particular Christians were eminent examples, exhibiting the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Hospital of Sinners

Pope Francis said, "I see the Church as a field hospital after battle" and the Church is also thought to be not a museum of saints, but a hospital for sinners. True, these expressions came up only in the context of the nature of the Church's mission which should strive to be a healing balm to the wounds caused by multiple social and personal evils. This is carried out by various ministries done in the society, by committed disciples of Christ. These disciples, though soiling their shoes with the dust of the dirty streets of a corrupt world, live among / for the 'wounded' people; but they always adhere to their master, Jesus Christ, who transforms them for

a greater glory (cf. 2 Cor 3:18). In a sickly society of materialism and consumerism where human fraternity is obliterated by the waves of selfishness, Christ's disciples arise as angels of unjustly downtrodden victims; in this endeavour they sacrifice their own earthly life, because their citizenship is in heaven (cf. Phil 3:20). For their self-sacrificing mission they are hated, tortured and even killed, because "they do not belong to the world" (cf. Jn 15:18-19; 17:16). They are recognized as saints.

The World is the Platform

Saints, the heroes of virtuous life, are not products of heaven, neither are they heavenly beings, although God's mercy and love accompanies them. They walked our streets, shared our meals and came across the evils of human life. When Paul could ally with the life of Christ (Gal 2:20) he could boast that "from Jerusalem and as far around as Illyricum I have fully proclaimed the good news of Christ" (Rom 15:19). From ancient times till today Ignatius of Antioch stands as the model-witness for a joyful martyr for Christ as he lived among the victim-slaves of the Roman Empire. It is Francis of Assisi, as a poor mendicant, who walked in the troubled streets of medieval Europe, being an instrument of peace and sowing love, pardon, faith and hope in the context of hatred, injury, doubt and despair. The pearl-fishery coast of South India and even the region of Mealaka and beyond were the platform for St. Francis Xavier to exhibit his deep zeal for proclaiming Jesus' Gospel. In our own days, it is the slums of Calcutta that changed Mother Teresa to become a saint, who showed Jesus's mercy and love for the abandoned.

We are Saints

To become a saint, we need not be a religious, nor founder of religious congregations nor have an important

position in the Church. Maria Goretti was a simple village girl, Thomas Moore was high chancellor during the rule of Henry VIII, Devasagayam Pillai was only a family man; today, Carlo Acutis is already touted as the "patron saint of the internet." Thus, we can find saints from different walks of life and in our own times. When Augustine, a sinner could become a saint why can't you and I? What is needed is journey from membership to discipleship to being full-time Christians, bearing the image of Jesus in heart and mind and witnessing to Him in society with love, mercy and justice, in short, we have to be "just really, really good."



Meeting of all the Priests at Emmaus
Spirituality Centre, Sithanangur on 8th
November 2021 on SYNOD 2021-2023

Dear Rev. Fathers,

I hope you have inaugurated the XVIth Ordinary Synod of the Bishops 2021-2023 in your respective parishes making use of all the materials provided by the Archdiocese. Now, we are going to the next stage of the consultation period. The church wants to listen to all the sections of the people of God i.e. Priests, Religious and Laity, creating a favourable atmosphere and giving enough opportunities to the people to come out freely and courageously with the right motivation to participate in the Synodal activities. The people should be encouraged to co-operate following the instructions of the Universal Church and guidelines of Synod desk India 2023.

So, in this context, before we go to the parish, vicariate and diocesan levels' planning, I would like to call for a meeting of all the Priests at Emmaus Spirituality Centre,

Sithanangur on 8th November Monday 2021 from 09.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. to have a wider knowledge of this Synod. Rev. Fr. Yesu Karunanithi, a member of the National Synodal Team will conduct the input sessions. So, kindly come and participate without fail. All the Priests are expected to attend this meeting.

I also sincerely appreciate all parish priests who had made the arrangements to have an Inaugural special Mass on Sunday 17 October in the parishes; you all preached on the importance on Synod, and had special prayer of the faithful and some places for hoisting the papal flag. In a special way I thank sincerely Rev. Fr. A. J. Philomidoss, the Archdiocesan synod representative, for making all the arrangements especially sending all the materials of synod to all parishes, institutions and the religious working in the Archdiocese.



Annual Retreat - 2021

Dear Rev. Fathers,

I am pleased to know that you all benefited from the annual retreat programs which we did in Shrine Vailankanni Retreat Centre. At this juncture I wish to thank Most Rev. Devadoss Ambrose, Bishop of Thanjavur for having allowed us to do this retreat there and we also gratefully remember Rev. Fr. Sebastian the Director of the retreat Centre for his loving and generous hospitality. We all felt at home there. We also thankfully appreciate Most Rev. Dr. Selvester Ponnumuthan, Bishop of Punalur and Most Rev. Dr. James Ananaparambil, Bishop of Alleppy for guiding these retreats with much interest and capability. At this moment we also thank Rev. Fr. Prabagar, Rector of the Shrine

and Rev. Fr. S. Arputhraj Parish Priest of the Shrine for having made wonderful arrangements to participate in the Rosary Procession and thereby celebrate the Holy mass in the renovated lower Basilica of the Shrine on Thursday of the weeks we did our retreat. I am sure this annual retreat gives us much spiritual strength to continue to do our ministry with much zeal. We are sure that this retreat also strengthened our collegiality with our brother-priests.



Status of a Priest

Rev. Fr. Maria Francis CR

The Congregation of the Rosarians having Generalate in Bangalore, suspended Fr. Maria Francis CR who received ordination on 12th December 1999 from exercising priestly ministry from 22nd September 2021 onwards according to canonical prescriptions. He is a priest under suspension.

Hereby I direct you all not to invite Fr. Maria Francis CR for any priestly ministry in your parish, institutions and in religious houses. The Christian faithful are hereby advised not to approach him for the exercise of his priestly ministries.

+ Antonysamy Peter Abir

Apostolic Administrator,

Archdiocese of Pondicherry-Cuddalore

Surplus Mass Intentions Received from May 2021 to September 2021

Date	Name of the Parish	No. Of Masses
08-07-2021	Nellithope Parish	60 Mass Intentions
20-07-2021	Sacred Heart Basilica	115 Mass Intentions
09-08-2021	Cuddalore O.T. Parish	92 Mass Intentions
24-08-2021	Nellithope Parish	214 Mass Intentions
31-08-2021	Konankuppam Parish	670 Mass Intentions
06-09-2021	Notre Dame Des Anges	214 Mass Intentions

Rev. Fr. J. M. Gregory Louis Joseph

Financial Administrator



Church Blessings

1. The newly built Church dedicated to our Lady of perpetual Succour at Veerareddikuppam Parish was blessed and opened by Most Rev. Dr. Antonysamy Peter Abir, the Apostolic Administrator on 27th September 2021. We appreciate and thank Rev. Fr. T. Michael Durai Raj, Parish Priest for his hard work and we also thank the donors and the faithful of this parish for their generous contribution and cooperation.
2. The Renovated Church dedicated to St. Joseph at Poyapakkam, a sub-station of Christ the King Church, Villupuram was blessed and inaugurated by Rev. Msgr A. Arulanandam, the contact Person of the Apostolic Administrator on 30th September 2021. We

appreciate and thank Rev. Fr. C. Francis Joseph Agarwala, Parish Priest and Rev. Fr. M. Prem Kumar the Assistant Parish Priest for their hard work and we also thank the donors and the faithful of this Substation for their generous contribution and cooperation.

An Introduction to the Books

Dear Rev. Fathers,

The following books were published by our Diocesan Priests and Laity

1. “அருளின் அழகே”

This book on our Mother Mary by Rev. Fr. K. John Kennedy, the Principal Incharge of St. Antony's Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Neyveli; which enable us to understand the role of our Mother on history of salvation and her participation in the redemptive work of our Lord.

2. “லூக்கா நற்செய்தி – நூல் விளக்கவுரை” by Rev. Fr. Amalor Pushparaj , this book had two volumes. This is very useful book for preaching and also for the laity to understand the real Catholic explanation of the Gospel of St. Luke.

3. “திரு ஊடகம்: நெறிகளின் தொகுதி” This book published by Mr. P. Thirumani, and individual member of SIGNIS, an International Catholic Association for Communication. He is a lay person, who is native of our diocese. Who has come out with a beautiful book, which explains how our ancestors, both Missionary Priests and some lay people have contributed to evangelization making use of Mass Communication and Media. It is worth regarding to enlarge our understanding of the long history of our diocese in the field of communication and advance and be proud of the Church of Pondicherry

which was the pioneer in this field. As we appreciate our past history we are called also to make use of the modern media for building up of the Kingdom of God.

So we encourage you all to buy and read these books and encourage our Priests and Laity who are involved in the Print Media.

Rev. Fr. J. John Paul
Office secretary

Voice from Metropolitan Matrimonial Tribunal – 131 Christian Marriage considered Civilly - How?

The marriages conducted before the parish priests in their delegates are done in accordance with Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872. Marriages which are not celebrated accordingly are void. So, all parish priests are government registrar of marriages. Hence this duty has to be dispensed with responsibility. There are also other Govt. licenses who act as registrars from smaller denominations.

The time of marriage is to be between six in the morning and seven in the evening, if not, permission is to be obtained from the Bishop (S.10). The place of celebration has to be only in a church unless there is no church within 5 miles or with special permission of the Bishop.

The parties have to give a notice to the parish priest in writing about the intention to marry the particular person, with details of both; namely: name, surname, profession, condition, places of stay (how long) and the church, where the marriage is to be celebrated. This notice has to be

displayed or read out (banns). A certificate of "Freedom of State" has to be issued after the banns are published and not earlier than 4 days of the notice received by the parish priest. Any interested party can give in writing about the existence of any impediment and the priest is not to go ahead with the marriage (S.17). The marriage is to be celebrated within two months after the date, the certificate is issued under the pain of nullity. In such situation a new certificate has to be issued (S.26).

Registration of the marriage is essential (S.27). The parish priest is to send the returns with proper entries, authenticated by his signature to the Government registrar general of births, death and marriages. It should contain all the entries in the register. The names of the parties, priest and two credible witnesses have to be legibly written and the serial order has to be kept. The addresses of the witnesses are also to be entered in the Register of marriages.

Penalties: The requirements for an Indian Christian to marry are the age limit of minimum 21 (22 running age for the boy) and 18 (19 running age for the girl) and the contractants are not to be bound by a validly existing marriage and the presence of two credible witnesses besides the priest (S.60). Punishment for violation of this for the priest is imprisonment up to 10 years and fine (S.68). Penalty for celebrating it out of time is imprisonment up to 3 years (S.69).

The penalty for false representation of details by the parties is imprisonment up to 3 years. So the punishment is greater for the priests. Hence the pastors should not take the marriage laws

lightly, which may lead to dire consequences especially when the authorities are not well disposed towards us.

Matrimonial Relief: A marriage solemnized under Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872 remains as such even if an Ecclesiastical declaration of nullity has been obtained by the party. In a historic supreme court judgement by the honourable judges N.P. Singh and S.B. Mujundar J.J. on 18th September 1996, quoting Sections 17 to 20, 10 and preamble of the Indian Divorce Act 1869 excluded jurisdiction of Ecclesiastical tribunals or any tribunal or court other than the civil court to have powers over the marriages celebrated under Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872.

Hence in order to be completely free from a prior bond of marriage, a Catholic must obtain matrimonial relief from the Ecclesiastical Court as well as the civil court. The high court of Kerala held, “Canon Law (or personal law of Christians) can have theological or ecclesiastical implications to the parties. But after the Divorce Act came into force a dissolution or annulment granted under such personal law cannot have any legal impact, as statute has provided a different procedure and a different code for divorce or annulment”, which was ratified by the supreme court. From this it is evident that only the civil court not the ecclesiastical court can give relief from a validly existing marriage. Advocates, notary public or village panchayat have no authority to make any mutual settlement, even if the mutual agreement is registered.

Grounds for Dissolution: The grounds for dissolution were different for both men and women in the original Act. This was objected to by the women group for quite some time. Now the amendment has been made in this regard. Now the grounds are: 1. Adultery committed by the husband or wife which is not condoned by the innocent party; 2. Desertion without reasonable cause for two years; 3. Cruelty; 4. Mutual Consent; and 5. Change of religion and marriage with another person.

Grounds for Nullity of Marriage: There is also declaration of nullity of marriage in the civil court. In such case there will not be any obligation towards each other once the nullity is declared because it is as if the marriage has not taken place at all. The grounds for nullity are: 1. Impotence (male or female); 2. Consanguinity; 3. Affinity; 4. Lunatic or idiot; 5. Prior Bond; 6. Force; and 7. Fraud.

Judicial Separation: Judicial separation given by the civil court is only a relief from being in the company of the partner due to various reasons. This will not give the parties freedom to marry. This can also be reversed by the court upon filing a petition for the same. All civil matters concerning the case have to be settled only civilly. The Church does not have the machinery or the mechanism to enforce matters like financial settlements, alimony, custody of children, etc. (Ref. Fr. C. M. Joseph, “Christian Marriages Considered Civilly” – Private Circulation only, 2021, pp.83-86)

Points to Ponder:

- “ There is nothing more precious than a good death, it gives joy to heaven”
– Fr Peter Mermier, FA1, pg. 220
- Eyes are useless when the Mind is Blind. - unknown
- Love is Immortal: Once you really love God or your child or your wife or husband, nothing can destroy it because love is imperishable and immortal. Whether your wife or husband misbehaves, nothing can destroy the love. Love is not an expression of the intellect, or emotion. It is an expression of man’s deep-rooted divinity.
– Swami Satyananda Saraswati.
- Power & Money are Fruits of Life, but Family & Friends are Roots of Life! We can manage without Fruits, but can never stand without ‘Roots’.
- ‘Relationship’ - Good relations are like needles of clock, they only meet for sometimes but always stay connected.
- Two things define you, your patience when you have nothing and your attitude when you have everything.
- Truth and Peace: God has infinite children. In God’s family, Truth is the eldest son. Right after Truth is Peace. Truth and Peace complement each other. They are constantly trying to please each other. Truth offers its transcendental height to its brother Peace, and Peace offers its eternal depth to its brother Truth. - Sri Chinmoy

For your kind information:

Dear loving parish priests,

I am once again reminding you. Kindly do not send the people to the tribunal office. You may send them when an urgent situation for the parties, informing me ahead with your letter as the parish priest. No one will be entertained without the letter of the parish priest.

During the month of November, May all departed souls of our families, clerics and religious, dear and near ones and all those have died of Covid-19 Virus in the world be remembered and gain the plenary indulgences specially on the graceful year of St. Joseph, and God’s reign, by praying, doing charitable deeds and staying at home, visualizing the cemeteries, shrines and Basilicas. Carlo Acutis has predicted his death a few months before and received the anointing of the sick and Holy Eucharist two days before his death.” I’m destined to die...”. Thanking you

Rev. Fr. S. Pascal Raj
Judicial Vicar

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

Dear Fathers, We are happy that the Corona Pandemic is slowly subsiding gradually. So let us thank the Lord. Now, slowly the severity of the lockdown are gradually decreasing. So we are planning to restart the IIIrd Saturday Charismatic Healing Prayer Meeting in our centre from the month of

December. We are eagerly waiting for the complete withdrawal of the lockdown. We are very cautious to restart because this group is coming from various places and remain together for the whole day, that is why, we are extra-ordinarily careful to re-open the centre and conduct different activities.

Synod 2021-2023

I hope that you took some initiatives to conduct the inaugural mass of the XVIth ordinary Synod of the Bishop 2023, making use of the liturgical guidelines pamphlets, prayer cards and design for the posters, either on 17th Sunday or on 24th Sunday according to your convenience.

Now we are going to start the consultation process from the parish levels. Before that, the Apostolic Administrator is arranging for a meeting of all the Priests of the Archdiocese for a Synodal orientation meeting at Emmaus Spirituality Centre, Sithanangur on 8th November 2021, Monday, from 09.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. And Rev. Fr. Yesu Karunanithy, one of the members of the National Synodal Desk – 2023 will address us and clarify all our doubts regarding the Synod and motivate us to get involved in the Synodal activities.

On the 8th we will bring the printed questions forms and the proposed plan for collecting the opinions of all the baptized or their representatives from the parish level and how to compile it in the vicariate and diocesan levels. The parish level and vicariate level work should be finished before 31st December 2021 so that the diocesan level report can be prepared in the month of January 2022 to be sent to the Regional level before 31st January 2022. The Regional level reports should be sent to the National level at the

beginning of April 2022. So kindly come for the meeting and become well informed of the Synod of the Bishops 2023.

Communio Sunday

Every year CCBI, for the past few years, is celebrating this Communio Sunday to help the Churches in North India who are very poor. I am giving the circular of the President of the CCBI both in Tamil and English which is to be read out on the 28th November, Sunday, the first Sunday of the advent in all the masses and explain to the people the purpose and motives of celebrating this Communio Sunday. Kindly send the collection of this day to the Procurator immediately soon after. Last year we have contributed 14, 691/- Rupees only. Please this year kindly encourage the people to contribute little more.



Conference of Catholic Bishops of India

Communio Sunday

November 28, 2021 (First Sunday of Advent)

“Love one another as I have loved you” (John 13: 34)

To All Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious,
Catechists and Lay Faithful
of the Latin Catholic Church in India.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

1. We are at the threshold of the Season of Advent, a time that renews our hope as we reflect on the great mystery of the Incarnation. Despite the clouds of anguish and pain

left behind by the Covid-19 pandemic, the feast of Christmas brightens up our life with that divine joy and peace that this world cannot give us. Our Lord Jesus Christ has revealed to us the power of love and not love for power. The Church, in her communion, invites the whole world to this path of new life in Christ. Today, as we celebrate *Communio* Sunday, may we become all the more aware of our identity and mission in this world.

2. In a few days time we will conclude the Year of St. Joseph. Pope Francis, when listing out, in '*Patris Corde*,' the characteristics of the fatherly heart of St. Joseph, describes Joseph as the 'creatively courageous father.' The Holy Father defines 'creative courage' as an 'important element that emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties.' He cites Lk. 5: 17-26 as a clear example of the way 'creative courage' was shown by the friends of the paralytic, who lowered him from the roof, in order to bring him to Jesus. Creative courage joins hands, invents a strategy and executes it. And, as a result, the endangered humanity is renewed and restored to life. Does *Communio* Sunday invite us to show the same 'creative courage' in the way we love and care for each other in the communion of the Church?

3. *Communio* is an initiative of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) since 2018, to assist all our Dioceses and Religious Congregations working in rural and mission areas in their pastoral ministry. Its scope is: (i) to build a culture of sharing among our own people in order to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need; (ii) to encourage our faithful to pray and to support the missions

and the missionaries and to promote vocations to consecrated life; (iii) to inspire our lay faithful to volunteer to work in mission areas and (iv) to envisage the formation of our faithful as missionary disciples, as proposed by Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*. Through *Communio* we synergize, pray and act.

4. *Communio* aims at lending a helping hand financially to the many needs of the Church in India, such as construction of churches, supporting the formation of Priests and Religious, training catechists, etc.

5. Let us celebrate the *Communio* Sunday with a meaningful participation in the Eucharistic celebration, where the importance of the occasion is beautifully reflected in the day's second reading (1 Thess 3:12-4:2). St. Paul, writing to the Thessalonians in the context of the imminent Parousia, prays that 'the Lord make them increase and abound in love for one another and for all.' We are also reminded thereby to extend our love for one another.

6. The Conference of Catholic Bishops of India takes this occasion to thank you for your magnanimity and generosity. We wish that God 'who has begun the good work in you will bring it completion at the day of Jesus Christ' (Phil 1:6), whose first coming we are preparing to celebrate, and whose second coming we await in unceasing hope.

May Our Blessed Virgin Mary, the Star of the New Evangelization, and Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church, intercede for us.

CCBI General Secretariat, November 1, 2021, Solemnity of All Saints.

+ Filipe Neri Ferrão

President, Conference of Catholic Bishops of India
Archbishop of Goa and Daman

+ George Antonysamy + Anil Joseph Thomas Couto

Vice President, CCBI Secretary General, CCBI
Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore Archbishop of Delhi

NB: It is expected that this Circular be read and its contents be explained on *Communio Sunday (November 28, 2021) in all the parishes, religious communities and institutions.*

+ Antonysamy Peter Abir

*Apostolic Administrator,
Archdiocese of Pondicherry - Cuddalore.*



**இந்திய கத்தோலிக்க ஆயர் பேரவை (லத்தீன் ரீதி)
கம்யூனியோ இந்தியா (பணித்தோழமை இந்திய)
ஞாயிறு - சுற்றறிக்கை**

நவம்பர் 28, 2021 (திருவருகைக்கால முதல் ஞாயிறு)

“நான் உங்களை அன்பு செய்தது போல நீங்களும் ஒருவர் மற்றவரை அன்பு செய்யுங்கள்” (யோவான் 13:34)

அனைத்துப் பேராயர்களுக்கும், ஆயர்களுக்கும்,
அருள்பணியாளர்களுக்கும், திருத்தொண்டர்களுக்கும்,
துறவியர்களுக்கும், வேதியர்களுக்கும் மற்றும்
பொதுநிலையினருக்கும்

இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவில் பிரியமான சகோதர, சகோதரிகளே,

1. நாம் திருவருகைக்காலத்தின் நுழைவாயிலில் நிற்கின்றோம், மனுவுருவாதல் என்னும் மறைபொருளைப் பற்றித் தியானிக்கும் இக்காலம் நமக்கு எதிர்நோக்கின் காலமான அமைகின்றது. பெருந்தொற்றுவிட்டுச் சென்ற துன்பம், துயரம் மற்றும் வலிக்கு நடுவிலும் கிறிஸ்து பிறப்புப் பெருவிழா நம் வாழ்வை ஒளிர்விக்கிறது. இவ்வுலகம் தர இயலாத மகிழ்ச்சியையும் அமைதியையும் இது தருகிறது. நம் ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்து அன்பின் ஆற்றலை நமக்கு வெளிப்படுத்தினார். திருஅவை தன்னுடைய கூட்டொருங்கியக்கத்தில் கிறிஸ்து வழங்கும் இப்புதிய வாழ்வுக்கு நம்மை அழைக்கிறது. கம்யூனியோ (பணித்தோழமை) ஞாயிறு கொண்டாடப்படும் இந்நாளில் நம் திருஅவையின் தன்மை மற்றும் பணி பற்றிப் புரிந்துகொள்கின்றோம்.

2. இன்னும் சில நாள்களில் புனித யோசேப்பு ஆண்டை நிறைவு செய்கின்றோம். திருத்தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ் அவர்கள், ‘தந்தையின் இதயத்தோடு’ (பாத்திரிஸ் கோர்தே) என்னும் திருத்தூது மடலில், புனித யோசேப்பின் தந்தையின் இதயம் கொண்டிருந்த பண்புகளைப் பட்டியலிடும்போது, ‘படைப்புத்திறத் துணிவுநிறை தந்தை’ என அவரை வரையறுக்கின்றார். ‘படைப்புத்திறத் துணிவு’, ‘நாம் கடினமான சூழல்களைக் கையாளும் தருணங்களில் நம்மில் வெளிப்படுகிறது’ என்று சொல்கின்றார் திருத்தந்தை. லூக். 5:17-26இல் முடக்குவாதமுற்ற ஒருவரை நான்கு நண்பர்கள் இயேசுவிடம் தூக்கிச் செல்கின்றனர். இயேசுவை அணுக முடியாத வண்ணம் சூழல் தடுத்தபோது, வீட்டின் கூரையைப் பிரித்து அவரை இயேசுவின் முன்பாக இறக்குகின்றனர். இதுவே “படைப்புத்திறத் துணிவு”. இத்தகைய துணிவுக் கரங்களை இணைத்து, புதிய திட்டத்தை வகுத்து, அதைச் செயலாக்கம் செய்கிறது. விளைவாக, ஆபத்திலிருந்தும் மானுடம் புதுப்பிக்கப்பெற்று புதுவாழ்வு பெறுகிறது. திருஅவையில் நாம் ஒருவர் மற்றவரோடு கொண்டுள்ள கூட்டொருங்கியக்கத்தில், இப்படைப்புத்திறத்

துணிவின் வழியாக, நாம் ஒருவர் மற்றவரை அன்பு செய்ய நம்மை அழைக்கிறது பணித்தோழமை ஞாயிறு.

3. 'பணித்தோழமை இந்தியா' (கம்யூனியோ இந்தியா) என்பது இந்தியக் கத்தோலிக்க ஆயர் பேரவை (லத்தீன் ரீதி), 2018ஆம் ஆண்டு தொடங்கிய முன்னெடுப்பு, வட இந்தியாவில் விளிம்புநிலையிலும், கிராமப்புறங்களிலும் பணியாற்றும் மறைமாவட்டங்கள் மற்றும் துறவற சபைகளில் மேய்ப்புப் பணிக்குத் துணைநிற்கும் இவ்வமைப்பின் நோக்கம் பின்வருமாறு:

(அ) தேவையில் இருக்கும் நம் நாட்டின் சகோதர, சகோதரிகளோடு நமக்குள் பகிரும் கலாச்சாரத்தை வளர்த்து அவர்களுக்கும் நம் உடனிருப்பைக் காட்டுவது.

(ஆ) மறைத்தூதுப் பணித்தளங்களையும், மறைத்தூதுப் பணியாளர்களையும் தங்களுடைய செபத்தால் தாங்குமாறு நம்பிக்கையாளர்களைத் தூண்டி, அர்ப்பண வாழ்வுக்கான இறையழைத்தலை ஊக்குவிப்பது.

(இ) மறைத்தூதுப் பணித்தளங்களில் தன்னார்வப் பணி செய்ய இறைமக்களைத் தூண்டுவது மற்றும்

(ஈ) திருத்தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ் அவர்கள் 'நற்செய்தியின் மகிழ்ச்சி' என்னும் திருத்தூது ஊக்கவுரையில் குறிப்பிடுவதுபோல, பொதுநிலையினரை சீடத்துவத்திற்குப் பயிற்றுவிப்பது. 'பணித்தோழமை இந்தியா' வழியாக நாம் ஆற்றல்களைக் குவித்து, இறைவேண்டல் செய்து, செயலாற்றுகின்றோம்.

4. 'பணித் தோழமை இந்தியா' (கம்யூனியோ இந்தியா), ஆலயங்கள் கட்டுவது, அருள்பணியாளர் மற்றும் துறவியர் பயிற்சி நிலைக்கு உதவி செய்வது, வேதியர்களுக்கு உருவாக்கம் தருவது போன்ற பல்வேறு தேவைகளுக்கு நிதியுதவி செய்கின்றது.

5. இந்த ஆண்டு 'கம்யூனியோ இந்தியா ஞாயிறை' திருப்பலியில் பங்கேற்று சிறப்பாகக் கொண்டாடுவோம். இன்றைய இரண்டாம் வாசகம் (1 தெச. 3:12-4:2) இந்த நாளின் கருத்தை மிக அழகாகத் தன்னகத்தே கொண்டுள்ளது: 'நீங்கள் ஒருவர் ஒருவருக்காகவும் எல்லாருக்காகவும் கொண்டுள்ள அன்பை ஆண்டவர் வளர்த்துப் பெருகச் செய்வாராக!' நாம் நம் அன்பை ஒருவர் மற்றவருக்குக் காட்டும் தளமாக 'கம்யூனியோ இந்தியா' அமைவதாக!

6. உங்களுடைய தாராள உள்ளத் திற்காகவும் பெருந்தன்மைக்காகவும் இந்தியக் கத்தோலிக்க ஆயர் பேரவை உங்களுக்கு இத்தருணத்தில் நன்றி கூறுகின்றது. 'உங்களுள் இத்தகைய நற்செயலைத் தொடங்கியவர், கிறிஸ்து இயேசுவின் நாள் வரை அதை நிறைவுச் செய்வார்' (பிலி 1:6) என நாங்கள் நம்புகின்றோம். அவருடைய முதல் வருகையை நினைவுகூர்ந்து கொண்டாட நம்மையே தயாரிக்கும் நாம், அவருடைய இரண்டாம் வருகைக்காக குன்றா எதிர்நோக்குடன் காத்து நிற்கின்றோம்.

மறைத்தூதுப் பணியின் விண்மீன் நம் அன்னை கன்னி மரியா, அகில உலகத் திருஅவையின் பாதுகாவலர் புனித யோசேப்பு நமக்காகப் பரிந்து பேசுவார்களாக!

இந்திய கத்தோலிக்க ஆயர் பேரவைச் செயலகம், 1 நவம்பர் 2021, புனிதர் அனைவர் பெருவிழா

+ மேதகு பிலிப் நேரி .:பெர்ராவோ
தலைவர், இந்தியக் கத்தோலிக்க ஆயர் பேரவை
பேராயர், கோவா மற்றும் டாமன்

+ மேதகு ஜார்ஜ் அந்தோனிசாமி
துணைத்தலைவர், இந்தியக் கத்தோலிக்க ஆயர் பேரவை
பேராயர், சென்னை-மயிலை

+ மேதகு அனில் ஜோசப் தாமஸ் குட்டோ
பொதுச் செயலர், இந்தியக் கத்தோலிக்க ஆயர் பேரவை
பேராயர், புதுடில்லி

பின் குறிப்பு: இச்சுற்றிக்கை நம் மறைமாவட்டத்தின் அனைத்து பங்குத்தளங்கள் மற்றும் துறவு இல்லங்களில், 28 நவம்பர் 2021 (திருவருகைக்காலம் முதல் ஞாயிறு) அன்று வாசிக்கப்பட வேண்டும்.

+ மேதகு அந்தோணிசாமி பீட்டர் அபீர்

அப்போதலிக்க பரிபாலகர்,

புதுவை-கடலூர் உயர் மறைமாநிலம்

Mission Sunday

In spite of so many restrictions of the SOP of Corona 2019, I hope you have celebrated the Mission Sunday in your parish. The collection of this Sunday is managed by the Universal Church through Pontifical Mission Organization. So kindly send the collections to the Procurator as early as possible after the celebration in your parish.

Madha T.V.

We had a meeting of the Diocesan Secretaries for the Commission for Media and Communication on 25th October evening from 04.00 p.m. to 06.00 p.m. and discussed about the Programmes of Christmas Season. Each diocese is given half an hour slot freely to give their Carols programme. So at the end of November or at the beginning of December, we will be shooting this programme. If you are planning to participate, kindly contact me well in advance, so that the chances can be given to new parishes who are willing to participate in it.

Also, always remember that Madha T.V. needs our helping hands by becoming its subscriber by paying Rs.100/- per month. (மாதந்தோரும் மாதாவுக்கு 100/- ரூபாய் திட்டம்)

Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India (CDPI)

We had a National Executive Meeting of the CDPI on 16th October Saturday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and we discussed about the National Council Meeting in the month of February 2022 at Bangalore NBCLC. In course of time, I will give you the details of this meeting as and when I receive any further information.

Commission for Anbiyam

On 30th October 2021, we are having Diocesan Secretaries Meeting of Anbiyam from 04.00 p.m. to 07.00 p.m. at Nallayan Pastoral Centre, Trichy to discuss about the celebration of Anbiyam month in January 2022. In the next issue of the News Letter, I shall give you the details of this meeting.

Rev. Fr. A. J. Philomindoss

Director



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph Pray for our Archdiocese



SC/ ST Commission Report

Activities:

1. TamilNadu level Day of Mourning Online Demonstration:

This year we had Day of Mourning Online Demonstration through Zoom App on 10th August 2021 at 10.30am to 1pm. Around 500 people from



all over Tamil Nadu virtually participated in the Demonstration and expressed their concern and solidarity with the Dalit Christians who are discriminated on the basis of religion.

2. Observance of the Day of Mourning in parish level:

We have arranged to give proper awareness to the Parishes regarding Day of Mourning (Black Day) on which the Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims lost



their constitutional right of Religious freedom by excluding them from the Scheduled Caste list. In many parishes people have prayed for this intention during mass and conducted special prayer service for this noble intention. With black face mask and the poster people observed Individual silent protest in front

of church and their house on 10th August 2021 in many parishes of our Archdiocese.

3. Regional Level Diocesan Secretaries Meeting:

A one day meeting for the TNBC SC/ST Commission Diocesan Secretaries was organized by the Regional commission on 16th September



2021 at Laity Training Centre, Trichy. The main objective of the meeting was to Collaborate, Coordinate with the regional commission of SC/ST. Fr. Kulandainathan gave the welcome address and introductory remarks of the meeting. The Secretaries of each diocese shared their commission activities. Fr. Devasagayaraj and Fr. Selva SJ were the resource persons for the sessions. Bishop Thomas Paulsamy, the chairman gave the concluding remark at the end.

4. TNBC SC/ST Scholarship for Poor Students:

The TNBC SC/ST Scholarship for this Academic year was distributed on 18th September 2021 in SC/ST Commission office, Vikravandi. There were



43 students gained a benefit out this scholarship program.

For this year The TNBC contributed Rs. 56,000. Heartfelt thanks to the Tamil Nadu Bishop's Conference for their concern on poor Dalit students. Our Archdiocese generously contributed Rs.28,000 to 14 rejected students Rs.2000 each. Thanks to our Archdiocese for the continuous help every year. I also thank all the Parish Priests for your support and cooperation.

5. Tamilnadu Regional level Youth Secretaries Meet:

The Tamil Nadu Catholic Youth Movement's Youth Secretaries meet was held on 13th October 2021 Wednesday at Our Lady of Perpetual



Succour Church Campus, Vikravandi. Most.Rev.Dr. Nazarene Soosai, Chairman of TNBC Youth Commission presided over the meeting. There were 16 secretaries participated enthusiastically. The sharing of the experiences and the challenges faced by the secretaries during the pandemic was inspiring and motivating to one another. Most. Rev. Dr. Nazarene Soosai moderated the session. During this event, Fr. Joseph Justus summed up the tactics and tasks for integrating and coordinating the youth all around the region. Fr.Thisai Jerry registered his enlightening thoughts on education and employment in the 21st century. Rev. Fr. Jagat Kaspar also shared his edifying oration on Youth Employment. Fr. Arputharaj looked after all the logistics and arrangements for the meeting.

Forthcoming Events:

YCS/YSM National Students Leadership Training Programme (NSLTP):

YCS/YSM India is inviting all the student members, animators and chaplains to take part in the National Students Leadership Training Programme (NSLTP) 2021 from November 3 to 7 in NBCLC, Bangalore. For more information and registration kindly contact diocesan youth director.

Rev. Fr. A. Arputharaj,
Secretary.

Birthdays of our Archdiocesan Clergy

Fr.D.S.Anthony Raj	01-11-72
Fr. A. Amala Mathavan	02-11-87
Fr.P. Eugene Arun Kumar	03-11-81
Fr. L. Arockiadoss	04-11-86
Fr.S. Stanislaus	06-11-65
Fr.M. Maria Vianney	06-11-83
Fr.A. Michael John	07-11-62
Fr. S. Martin D' Cruz	07-11-86



Birthdays of our Archdiocesan Clergy

Fr.A. Stephen Sagayadoss		12-11-80
Fr.S. Maria Antony		16-11-67
Fr. L. J eeva Edward Edison		17-11-88
Fr.M.S. Xavier		18-11-74
Fr.M. Bart Augustine		22-11-90
Fr.M. Arokiadoss		24-11-75
Fr.M. John Kennedy		25-11-82
Fr.G. Peter Rajendiram		26-11-56
Fr.C. Nirmal Raj		27-11-73

NECROLOGY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

02-11-1971	Marie Coujandail. P
04-11-2017	Mgr. S. Michael Augustine
05-11-2014	Christopher. S
06-11-1984	Thoduca. PH
06-11-2017	Maria Selvam. A
08-11-1791	Mgr. BRIGOT Pierre
10-11-1988	Elbreil.D., MEP
12-11-1985	Rajan..J. C.
13-11-1952	Issac. F



14-11-1984	Rayappan. B
15-11-1965	Philip Poothra
17-11-1983	Gillerm. F., MEP
17-11-2007	Chinnappan. K
18-11-1975	Susainather. R.
21-11-1981	Becker. E., MEP
20-11-1982	Velangany. S
20-11-2004	Yeddanapally. Y
21-11-2004	Antony. A
23-11-1959	Bonis. G., MEP
24-11-1999	Mgr. R. Ambrose
24-11-2012	Susainathan. C
24-11-2017	Matthew Nellikunnam
26-11-1989	Mariadas. A
30-11-2017	Adaikalasamy. A



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