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இயேசு உயிர்த்தார்
அல்லேலூயா! அல்லேலூயா!!



பாவத்தின் மீதும், சாவின் மீதும் வெற்றி கொண்ட
உயிர்ப்பு பெருவிழா வாழ்த்துங்கள்!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS



Name : **Rev. Vinoth Mathyas**
Date of Birth : 11-10-1989
Parish : B.B. Kulam
Father : Mr. Thomas
Mother : Mrs. LourduRosammal
Siblings : 2 Brothers
Motto : "To Be with Jesus"
(Mt. 25: 35-36)
Ordination Date : 08-04-2018



Name : **Rev. Xavier Arul Rayan**
Date of Birth : 18-11-1988
Parish : Michaelpalayam
Father : Mr. Savari Muthu (late)
Mother : Mrs. Kulandai Therese
Siblings : 3 Brothers
Motto : "யாதும் ஂரே யாவரும் கேளிர்"
புறநாற்று 192
Ordination Date : 08-04-2018

Greetings on Birthday



Fr. Daniel Jai Joseph I. (02)



Fr. Sebastin Titus A.P (04)



Fr. David Dharmaraj I. (04)



Fr. Augustin Prabhu A. (04)



Fr. Siluvai Michaelraj P. (05)



Fr. Adaikala Raja A.T (05)



Fr. Thiruthuvaraj (08)



Fr. Samuel A. (11)



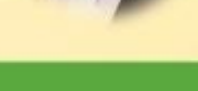
Fr. Irudhayaraj A. (14)



Fr. Jeevaraj L. (18)



Fr. Dhivyanandam M. (27)



The Voice of the Pastor

My dear Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters,

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says, “What is the price of five sparrows – two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid. You are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows” (Lk 12:6-7).



Reflecting on this passage, we have the fear of financial insecurity, the fear of not being accepted by others, the anxiety of handling an inevitable crisis, the fear of being rejected in love are some of worries and anxieties which really burden us along the path of life. During the course of our life encountering circumstances which can give rise to worry and anxiety is to be expected. Unnecessarily fearing of those worries and allow them to rob us of our basic peace of mind that we react to them incorrectly. If only we live by the words of Jesus then it is easy to face fears and worries with Christian courage and trust and thus we will be able to control them.

If our reaction to the fears and anxieties is incorrect then lot of problems like taking us away from our joy, stunting our personality growth lessening our attractiveness to others and disturbing our mental and physical health will occur. It will also prevent us from being witnesses to the good news of Jesus and make us go away from the fact that the truth of Jesus is meant to make us free from all sorts of enslavements including fears and worries.

So let us not hesitate to decide once and for all to take Jesus at his word who promises us not to worry and not to

be anxious as his love cuts through the bonds of any fear, any worry, and any anxiety.

May God bless you all.

Your Loving Archbishop,

+ Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy

Pope’s Intention for April 2018:

Universal: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

நல்லாயரோடு நாம்

சிந்திக்க: ‘விழிப்பாயிருந்து உன் இதயத்தைக் காவல் செய். ஏனெனில், அதனின்றி நிறப்பவை உன் வாழ்க்கையின் போக்கை உறுதிசெய்யும்.’ (நீமொ 4:28)

சொிக்க: எல்லோரையும் உள்ளடக்கிய பொருளாதாரக் கொள்கை ஏற்றம் பெற.

சொல்ல: இறையழைத்தலுக்கு ஊக்கம் பெற, ஊக்கம் தர.

இம்மாதும் விழா கொண்டாடும் பங்கு

புனித ஜெர்மேனம்மாள் ஆலயம், இராயபுரம் – 10 ஏப்ரல்

கப்பங்கல் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்திருக்கைக்கும், துறவறத்தாருக்கும்
கிறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துக்களும் ஜெபங்களும்.

+ பேராயர் அந்தோனி பாப்பசாமி

HAPPY FEAST

The Archbishop & The Archdiocesan Priests wish the
De La Salle Brothers (FSC) on 7th April, a blessed Feast Day.

Archbishop's Engagements

03	Tue	E	Laying of Foundation Stone, Virudhunagar
04	Wed	E	Sacerdotal Ordination, Ofm Cap, Tirumangalam
06	Fri	E	Diaconate Ordination, IVD, Anna Nagar
07	Sat	M	Final Profession, PBVM, Periakulam
08	Sun	E	Sacerdotal Ordination, Archdiocese of Madurai, Gnanaolivupuram
09	Mon	M	Commissions' Secretaries Meet, NPC, K. Pudur
10	Tue	M	Archdiocesan Consult Meet, K. Pudur
11 April to			
02 May			Mission Appeal, Europe
May 2018			
03	Thu	E	General Chapter Holy Spirit Mass, SAT, Trichy
04	Fri	E	Sacerdotal Ordination, Claretians, Kochadai
06	Sun	M	Confirmation, Shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Anna Nagar

* Appointments may be fixed by calling the Archbishop's Secretary at **+91 94433 86761** or by mailing to abssecretarymdu@gmail.com.

Please Note

1. DNL conveys joyous greetings of Easter to all its readers. May the Resurrection of Christ fill our hearts and minds with a renewed ***Joy and Vigour*** to build up God's Kingdom on earth based on the values of the Risen Jesus, namely ***Mastery over evil, Peace and Love***.
2. **Priestly Ordination** : The Archdiocese of Madurai is pleased to announce the good news about the Priestly Ordination of two of its Deacons, namely, **Rev. Vinoth Mathyas T. and Rev. Xavier Arul Rayan S.**, who will be ordained by our Archbishop, **Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy** at **5:30 pm., on 8th April 2018**(Sunday), at **St. Joseph's Church, Gnanaolivupuram, Madurai**.

Dear newly Ordained Brother priests, we, the **Presbyterium** of the Archdiocese of Madurai, congratulate you and cordially welcome you to minister together in our Archdiocese for all the people of God.
3. The Monthly Recollection of April will be Vicariate level.
4. Kindly remit Maundy Thursday Collections (**Hunger and Disease collection**) and Good Friday Collections (**Maintenance of Holy Places**) at Procurator's office at once.
5. **VBS Preparation Seminar**: Kindly send the Teachers and the candidates for the Seminar. Kindly see the Commission's message, published.
6. **Vocation** :During the Summer kindly identify good students and prepare them for priesthood or religious life. Let us sow the seed of vocation among good students.
7. **Educate the Poor through Admission**: The Archbishop once again invites all the parish priests and the Heads of Institutions to admit the rural and poor Catholic boys and girls in our Schools, Colleges and Institutions notwithstanding their marks. We have to educate our poor children for their self-dignity and future. Such children should

be admitted in our Orphanages, Matriculation Schools, Colleges and Technical Schools.

8. **Attack on Christian Worship Places and our Response:** On 11-3-2018, Sunday, some fanatic members of Hindu Munnani and RSS entered violently into the prayer houses of Rhema Church and Pentecostal churches near KudalPudur abusing the members of the Church and the women in particular. They beat the pastor and abused the wives of the pastors verbally and ransacked the church and finally grabbed the Bible and burnt on the road.

Inviting all the Minority leaders, the noble-minded Hindus, Human rights activists, Forum against religious fanaticism etc., both the Archbishops (our Archbishop and CSI) called for a Protest Meeting at the campus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Anjalnagar on 19-3-2018 in which the Protest Forum condemned the atrocities against the Christians of Madurai. The Forum passed resolutions to stop violence on humanity in the name of religion. The protest meeting was attended by five thousand Christians. The political effect of the protest meeting was echoed in the Lok Shaba house the next days and the culprits were arrested.

9. **ST. PAUL'S BOYS HOME, KRISHNAPERI.** May I request all the parish priests to send the poor boys of our diocese to our Diocesan Home where admission from IV std. to X Std. is available. For further clarification contact Fr. S. Periyanyaga Samy, 9444499021

Commission for Vocation

1. Vocation camp for those who like to become a priest for Madurai Archdiocese will be held in Nobili Pastoral Centre from 14th April – 16th April. The Participants should have completed XII std or college studies. Parish priests are kindly requested to identify the candidates and encourage them to participate in this camp.

2. 'COME AND SEE' programme will be held in pastoral centre from 28th April 4.00 p.m. to 29th April 4 p.m. The students who are studying 9th std and above, are invited to participate in this programme.

3. Maduri Diocesan Seminarians will have a gathering in pastoral centre from 14th April 4.p.m – 17th April 2018.

Commission for Dialogue

The public meeting demanding the rights of the Christians, held near Jeyam theatre, Palanganatham, organised by Tamilnadu Minorities Welfare Committee, Madurai unit, headed by Thiru Nanmaran Ex MLA on 03.03.2018 was grand and successful. Dialogue Commission expresses its thanks to all the Parish Priests and the Superiors of the various religious communities for their generous cooperation.

Similarly the public meeting condemning the violence and atrocities unleashed by Hindu Munnani fundamentalists upon the pastors and the individual churches on 11.3.2018 in Koodal Nagar area was organised by federation against Religious Fanaticism and violence and it was held in Anjal Nagar church campus on 19.3.2018 evening.

In his special address, Archbishop Antony Pappusamy asked the government to challenge the Christians, if it wants, in educational, medical and health services to the humanity and demanded the government authorities to arrest the culprit involved in violent activities against the pastors and their families and the individual churches. Let us thank our Archbishop for encouraging such a vital event.

Bishop Joseph from the Church of South India, in his speech, asked the Government to give protection to the Christians as ensured by the Constitution of India. Thiru Vijayakumar who presided over the meeting explained the purpose of the meeting and he stressed that the Federation against Religious Violence and Fanaticism will focus its activities mainly on safeguarding the rights of the minorities, ensured by the Indian constitution.

Various personalities like Henry Dephane, Murali, Retired principal of Madura College and other eminent speakers from various political parties and movements vehemently condemned the inhuman and barbaric activities, unbridled by the fundamentalist forces and demanded the police to take speedy action against the intruder and invader of the constitution.

Mr. Rajan, Secretary thanked all those who worked for the success of this public meeting. That around 10,000 people turned up for the meeting implies the success of the meeting. The impact of the meeting was explicit and the culprits were arrested in the following days.

I thank Msgr. J. Jeyaraj who called for the meeting of local priests immediately and I thank all the local parish priests and the religious who came to the venue with their parishioners in numbers. Let this unity & solidarity be a grand beginning for all the priests, people & minorities to proclaim what we are going to achieve in the future.

Fr. Arul, Dialogue Commission

**37ஆண்டு கால வரலாற்றுப் பெருமைகொண்ட நம்
சதங்கையின் 32வது
கோடைக்கால கலைப் பயிற்சிகள் - 2018**

அன்பு பங்குப்பணியாளர்களே, அருட்பணியாளர்களே, அருட்சகோதரிகளே, **கோடைக்கால கலைப் பயிற்சிகள்-2018 ஏப்ரல் 23ஆம் தேதி** முதல் **மே 16ஆம் தேதி** வரை நம் சதங்கை கலைமைய வளாகத்தில் நடைபெறுகின்றன. கோடை காலத்தின் பொழுதுகளைப் பயனுள்ளதாக்கி, கலைகளின் வழியாக இளம் உள்ளங்களின் திறமைகளை வளர்த்தெடுக்கவும், பங்கேற்போரின் உள்ளங்களில் தன்னம்பிக்கையை வளர்க்கும் நோக்குடனும் நடத்தப்படும் இந்தச் சிறப்பு வகுப்புக்களில் ஆர்வமுள்ள பெரியவர்கள் முதல் சிறியவர்கள் வரை அனைவரையும் கலந்து கொள்ள ஊக்கப்படுத்துமாறு அன்போடு கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறேன். தாங்கள் அனுப்பும் நபர்கள் தங்கள் **பங்கில் உள்ள ஆலயங்களில் இசைக்கருவி மீட்டும் நோக்கத்திற்காக** என்றால் தங்கள் கடிதத்தில் குறிப்பிட்டு அனுப்பவும். அவர்களுக்குச் சிறப்புச் சலுகை உண்டு. இச்செய்தியை அனைவருக்கும் ஞாயிறு திருப்பலிகளிலும் முக்கிய நிகழ்வுகளிலும் தொடர்ந்து அறிவித்து தங்களின் முழு ஒத்துழைப்பையும் ஆதரவையும் நல்குமாறு அன்புடன் வேண்டுகின்றேன். **Keyboard பிரிவு** கத்தோலிக்க மாணவ மாணவியருக்கு வகுப்பு பாடம் தவிர 50க்கும் மேற்பட்ட ஆலயப்பாடல்களுக்குக் கருவி இசைக்க சிறப்பு பயிற்சி வழங்கப்படும். விடுதியில் தங்கிப் படிக்கும் அனைவருக்கும் வகுப்பு நேரம் போக மீதியுள்ள நேரம் முழுவதும் சிறப்புப் பயிற்சி செய்து கொள்ள வாய்ப்பளிக்கப்படும். வகுப்புகள் மற்றும் கட்டணங்கள் பற்றிய விவரங்கள் தங்களுக்கு அனுப்பப்படும் கடிதத்தில் காணப்படும். மேலும் விவரங்கள் தேவைப்பட்டால் 0452-2660926, 9443481039, 8122336779, 9790646321 போன்ற எண்களுக்கு தொடர்புகொள்ளவும்.

அருட்பணி. B. அருளானந்தம்
இயக்குநர், சதங்கை கலைமையம்

The Statement, CBCI Biennial Meeting 2018

The 33rd General Body Meeting of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India held at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences inaugurated on 2nd February, 2018 ended today, 9th February, 2018 with a solemn thanksgiving mass presided over by the New President, Cardinal Oswald Gracias and a Valedictory Function which followed. The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro, was present at this concluding event. The Theme of the General Body Meeting was: "I am with you always to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20) - "United in Diversity for a Mission of Mercy and Witness".

The members elected Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay as the New President, Most Rev. Joshua Mar Ignathios Metropolitan Bishop of the Eparchy of Mavelikkara as the First Vice President and Most Rev. George Mar Njaralakatt Metropolitan Archbishop of Tellicherry as the Second Vice President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India for a period of two years. Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas SFX continues his three year term as the Secretary General of CBCI.

The Bishops following Jesus their master rededicated themselves to their mission of service and witness: feeding the hungry, comforting the disturbed, promoting the dignity of the marginalized, healing the sick, giving hope to the hopeless, freedom to the captives, forgiveness to the sinners, and justice to the poor.

Given that Christianity came to India over two thousand years ago, the Bishops underlined the contribution of the Church in India to nation building and service to all Indians irrespective of religion, region, culture, race or language. According to the Bishops, India needs the Church and the Church needs India. No one should doubt our loyalty or our commitment to the nation. They appealed for true nationalism that can lead our motherland to genuine peace, harmony, progress and prosperity. Authentic nationalism respects the human dignity of every citizen and calls for integral and inclusive development that percolates to every strata of our society.

The Catholic Bishops wish to urgently call all people of goodwill to uphold the rule of law guaranteed by our Indian Constitution. In a climate of violence, they appealed to all fellow citizens to shun mob culture and vigilantism in favour of peace.

The Bishops desire to continue and intensify their collaboration and partnership with the Government at the Centre and in the States to reinforce our work of nation-building through educational, healthcare and social upliftment activities.

In service to the nation, especially to the Dalits, Tribals and other backward classes, the Christians will join hands with all men and women of goodwill, to ensure the integral and holistic human development of our beloved country which is measured by the scale of human index, and not merely by economic statistics.

The Bishops urged all Indians, to resolve to go beyond narrow domestic walls of every kind in order to establish a truly secular, socialist and democratic nation as is enshrined in the Constitution of India. Dialogue with followers of other religions and with ecumenical groups is the need of the hour.

The General Assembly resolved to promote transparency and accountability in society. They plan to encourage and train lay people and youth for involvement in vitally important areas of our national life such as politics, civil services, defense, law and judiciary.

The Catholic Church will ensure the implementation of the CBCI Policy of Dalit Empowerment in every diocese, work for the protection and integral development of the Tribals and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and take special initiatives for the relief and welfare of farmers, fisher folk, migrants and other deprived and exploited communities by providing care, comfort and hope to them in their distress.

An important mission to be undertaken by the Church is to work towards increasing the awareness about ecological issues and protection of the environment according to the teachings of Laudato Si, the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis.

The Bishops reaffirmed the love of all Christians for our beloved country as we continue to pray constantly for it and its wellbeing. They pointed out that the Christian faith gives us hope to move ahead to continue our work for unity in diversity so as to establish peace and harmony and make our country live up to its exalted calling.

The Members of the 33rd General Body Meeting of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India entrusted themselves in all that they do for the Church and society, to the loving care of Mary, Mother of Mercy.

Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, SFX
Secretary General, CBCI

உறவாகும் VBS – 2018

இவ்வாண்டு VBS பயிற்சிப் பாசறையானது ஏப்ரல் மாதம் 14-15 சனி – ஞாயிறு நாட்களில் நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையத்தில் நமது பேராயர் தலைமையில் நடைபெறவுள்ளது.

VBS க்குரிய ஆசிரியர் கையேடு, மாணவர் – பயிற்சியோடு, பாடல்கள் அடங்கிய ஒலிக்குறுந்தகடு, நாடக நூல் ஆகியவை தங்கள் பங்கின் தேவைக்கு ஏற்ப பெற்றும், பயிற்சிக்கு, ஒவ்வொரு பங்கிலிருந்தும் குறைந்தது நான்கு நபர்களை அனுப்பி வைக்கவும். எல்லாப் பங்கிலும் விடுமுறை விவிலியப் பயிற்சியைச் சிறப்புடன் நடத்தி, நிறைவுவிழா புகைப்படங்களை 'வாட்ஸ் அப்' மூலம் செயலரின் 7598165989 என்ற எண்ணிற்கு அனுப்ப கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

ஆ. அந்தோனிசாமி, செயலர்
கிறிஸ்தவ வாழ்வுப் பணிக்குழு

Felicitations on Ordination Anniversary Day

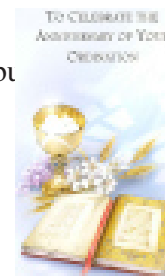
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Fr. Antony Packiam A.	on	06.04.1986
Fr. James Paul Raj S.	on	06.04.1986
Fr. Jerome Eronimus J.R.	on	06.04.1986
Fr. John Britto Packiaraj A.	on	06.04.1986
Fr. Soosai P. Visuvasam	on	06.04.1986
Fr. Jerome Patric M.F.	on	06.04.1997
Fr. Francis Borgia S.	on	06.04.1997
Fr. Maria Louis A.	on	06.04.1997
Fr. Peter Roy S.	on	06.04.1997
Fr. Angel Raj S.	on	07.04.1991
Fr. Arockiam Y.	on	07.04.1991
Fr. Arulanandam B.	on	07.04.2002
Fr. Joseph Arockia Raj A.	on	07.04.2002



Fr. Rex Peter N.	on	07.04.2002
Fr. Jeganivasagar L.M.	on	10.04.1983
Fr. Charles Heston J.	on	10.04.1994
Fr. David Arockiam A.	on	10.04.1994
Fr. Edward Francis Xavier T.	on	10.04.1994
Fr. George Stephen R.P.	on	10.04.1994
Fr. Gandhi Savarimuthu P.	on	11.04.1999
Fr. Jeyabalan T.R.	on	11.04.1999
Fr. Sahaya Ambrose Raja I.	on	11.04.1999
Fr. Alvarez Sebastian	on	11.04.2010
Fr. John Selvaraj M.	on	14.04.1996
Fr. Joachim I.	on	14.04.1996
Fr. Amal Raj R.	on	14.04.1998
Fr. Antony Rajan I.	on	14.04.1998
Fr. David Dharmaraj I.	on	14.04.1998
Fr. Joseph Antony	on	14.04.1998
Fr. Antony Irudaya Raj D.	on	15.04.2007
Fr. Daniel Jai Joseph I.	on	15.04.2007
Fr. Devadoss P.	on	15.04.2007
Fr. Sebastian S.	on	15.04.2007
Fr. Jeganathan S.	on	16.04.1978
Fr. Joseph Selvaraj Z.	on	16.04.1978
Fr. Maria Raj M.	on	16.04.1978
Fr. John Martin M.	on	16.04.1989
Fr. Peter Sahaya Raj I.	on	16.04.1989
Fr. Arul A.	on	18.04.1982
Fr. Cyprian S.	on	18.04.1982
Fr. Xavier Raj A.	on	18.04.1982
Fr. Adaikala Raja A.T.	on	18.04.2004
Fr. Antony Raj G.	on	18.04.2004
Fr. David Sahaya Raja S.	on	18.04.2004
Fr. Eddy Dharmanand S.	on	18.04.2004



Fr. Jeyaseelan Y.	on	18.04.2004
Fr. Maria Michael M.	on	18.04.2004
Fr. Paul Britto S.	on	18.04.2004
Fr. Lawrence S.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Ignaci Arputha Raj P.S.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Prince Amala Jesuraja J.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Sebastian Titus A.P.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Thiruthuva Raj J.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Vincent Madhan Babu	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Varan Vardhan P.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Yesu Karunanidhi	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Dhivyanandam M.	on	21.04.1974
Fr. Jeevaraj L.	on	22.04.2001
Fr. Jeya Raj S.	on	22.04.1990
Fr. Siluvai Michal Raj P.	on	22.04.1990
Fr. Xavier Raj S.	on	22.04.1990
Fr. John Diraviam M.	on	23.04.1995
Fr. Antony Samy A.	on	23.04.2006
Fr. Alex Gnanaraj A.	on	23.04.2006
Fr. Maria Arul Selvam D.	on	23.04.2006
Fr. Ilangovan Arpudaraj K.	on	24.04.2016
Fr. Amalraj A.	on	26.04.1987
Fr. Iruthaya Raj A.	on	26.04.1987
Fr. Antony John Kennedy I.	on	26.04.1992
Fr. Benedict Barnabas	on	26.04.1992
Fr. Edwin Sahayaraj S.	on	26.04.1992
Fr. Louis A.	on	26.04.1992
Fr. Paul M.	on	26.04.1992
Fr. Britto Raja Suresh	on	27.04.2003
Fr. Gabriel G.	on	30.04.2000



**Congratulation to all the priests
on your Ordination Anniversary Day**

The Madura Mission – Historical Notes

X. The Old Madura Mission – ii. Political background

As we noted earlier, during the inception period of the Madura Mission under the then Superior, Fr. Gonzalvo Fernandes (1595 a.d), there was not even one conversion from Hinduism. It is because the majority Hindus loathed the converts who were also derided as Paranghis for their sacrilegious activities such as dress code and food habits about which Nobili painfully laments in his letter to the provincial superior of Malabar province. Hence came forth the pioneering ministry of inculturation. Through this method the missionaries contributed to the wealth and growth of local language, Tamil and to its literature. Among them, three shine like bright stars in the Tamil literary sky. They are De Nobili, Provenca and Beschi. They were able to master local language and to make a closer contact with the people and thus they made great impact in their socio-cultural-political and spiritual lives. Many superstitious beliefs of the people such as sati and sorcery were destroyed; the slavery mentality was overthrown; they asserted themselves against the oppressors of caste system; learnt new things in life; freed themselves from inhuman bondages that the society laid upon them; empowered themselves and their families through education; started living happy and dignified lives etc. – All these miracles happened due to the dynamic ministry of the first missionaries in Madurai.

Now let us go to the period of the first mission centre in Madurai planted in 1596. What was the political scenario of Tamil Nadu during that period? Where did the Old Madura Mission missionaries begin their apostolate? It is the Fishery Coast. The Fishery Coast was the field of action for the Jesuit missionaries. Missionaries like St. Francis Xavier and Peter Martin laboured much at fishery coast. They also involved themselves politically in order to shield the poor fisher folk from the aggressive colonizers. Against the invasion of Muslim Arab Traders into the Fishery Coast, the Portuguese, responding to the plea of the missionaries, sent their naval troops and saved the Paravas from genocide and

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (01.02.2017 TO 27.03.2018)

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood	Holy See	Hunger Disease	Good Friday	Vocation Sunday
1	A. Nathampatti	250	250	2000	2000	250
2	Alankulam	600	600	2230	2220	600
3	Ammapatty	1050	540	10050	5125	420
4	Anjal Nagar	7150	3000	63257	40351	2500
5	Anna Nagar	5000	5000	51000	14000	5000
6	Aruppukottai	500	500	5250	4250	500
7	Ayravathanallur	2200	1000	10000	8500	1000
8	Bastin Nagar	12000	8000	140000	25000	8000
9	Batlagundu	2500	2000	50000	10000	2500
10	Bibikulam	1800	2800	41500	10000	2800
11	Bodinayakanur	200	200	2600	2000	200
12	Chinnamanur	150	150	905	1300	150
13	Cumbum	1450	1200	16000	3600	1500
14	Devadanam	4000	1200	26000	3000	1500
15	Ellis Nagar	9250	9341	92501	27107	8357
16	Gnanaolivupuram	2000	2000	30000	10000	3000
17	Hanumanthanpatty	4490	2500	13500	10500	2850
18	Holy Rosary Church	5000	3000	50000	10000	3000
19	Ayyampalayam	200	200	1300	1200	200
20	K. Pudur	Nil	Nil	Nil	25000	Nil
21	Kadachanendal	2500	1500	50000	40000	Nil
22	Kadamalaikundu	200	200	3000	2000	200
23	Kalladipatti	600	600	3100	700	600
24	Kariapatty	900	900	5200	3100	900
25	Karumathur	530	500	600	3512	350
26	Kavirayapuram	1000	326	2785	3210	325
27	Kottur	1000	1000	15005	12820	1000
28	Lourdipuram	101	101	31147	4830	101
29	Megamalai	200	200	200	200	200
30	Mangalamkombu	300	300	2200	1500	300
31	M. Meenachiapuram	835	1160	3314	3601	1080
32	Mathankovilpatti	500	400	4000	1300	400
33	Meenampatti	500	500	500	500	500
34	Melur	800	500	7000	3000	500
35	Michaelpalayam	2600	2200	14000	10000	2050

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (01.02.2017 TO 27.03.2018)

St. Peter's Pence	Communi- cation Day	Prision Ministry	Bible Sunday	Mission Sunday	African Mission	Peter the Apostle	Opus	Ockhi
300	300	300	300	1500	250	250	250	2500
600	600	600	600	4500	600	600	600	8200
430	470	520	1193	3792	782	630	620	1480
7200	2600	2400	3100	80000	2500	3200	2600	19685
5000	5000	6745	6780	60000	8460	8570	6400	35000
1000	1000	1000	1500	9000	1000	1000	1500	1500
1000	1000	1000	1000	35000	1000	1000	1000	Nil
8000	15000	21000	20000	164380	8000	8000	8000	32000
2000	2000	2700	6290	59000	2500	2900	3500	5000
2500	2500	2500	3230	29130	2870	2870	2800	20000
Nil	Nil	600	500	10000	300	300	400	1000
150	150	150	150	6020	150	150	150	2160
1400	1700	1400	2500	21500	1650	1490	1610	3000
1000	1000	1000	1500	24000	1500	1500	1300	7500
9504	9827	9351	8950	220799	9190	10202	12041	40000
4000	4000	4000	5000	362600	4000	4000	5000	32000
1900	2150	1750	1550	46000	1900	2000	1920	1000
3000	4500	3000	5000	50000	5000	5000	4000	25000
200	200	200	200	14500	200	200	200	1200
2000	2000	2000	2000	85000	1000	1000	1000	25000
2100	2050	2000	2000	65250	2000	2100	2000	6500
200	200	200	200	5000	200	200	200	4000
Nil	600	800	850	30000	1000	650	900	2000
1000	1000	1000	1000	19000	1000	1000	1000	5200
320	450	330	520	2770	990	520	530	1300
470	420	285	423	2508	310	350	420	1400
1000	1000	1000	1000	52850	1000	1000	1000	5000
Nil	Nil	Nil	1000	8876	1000	1000	1000	1000
200	200	200	200	3200	200	200	200	2300
300	300	300	300	4200	400	300	415	1165
1420	1460	1660	1720	12530	1240	2160	1760	6500
500	500	500	500	4500	500	500	500	1500
2057	2018	2219	2170	31050	2130	2027	1870	5100
500	400	500	400	7000	1000	500	500	1000
2300	2200	2300	2250	27500	2300	2100	2400	2200

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (01.02.2017 TO 27.03.2018)

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood	Holy See	Hunger Disease	Good Friday	Vocation Sunday
36	Munjikkal	11500	7500	20000	11000	7500
37	Nagamalai	3000	2000	30000	15000	1500
38	Nakkaneri					
39	Nilakottai	1000	500	5500	4000	600
40	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)					
41	Othaial	200	200	700	650	200
42	Packiapuram	2360	2620	20150	5050	2580
43	Palanganatham	6000	4000	105000	20000	3000
44	Pandian Nagar	550	717	4213	5070	510
45	Periyakulam	630	550	21470	3560	1210
46	Perumalmalai	1200	1000	20000	4000	1200
47	R.R. Nagar	3000	2000	20000	5000	1000
48	Railway Colony	4000	1000	3000	6800	1200
49	Rajapalayam	1000	1000	Nil	1000	1000
50	Rayappanpatti	3200	3500	28500	25600	3500
51	Rayapuram	1000	Nil	1000	1500	Nil
52	Samayanallur	4500	3000	45000	15000	4000
53	Sattur	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
54	Shenbaganur	5000	1000	8000	4000	1000
55	Sengole Nagar	2000	1750	50000	20000	3100
56	Silukkuvarpatty	1000	1000	10000	5000	1000
57	Sivakasi	15000	10100	93630	45400	16900
58	Srivilliputhur	1000	1000	15000	5000	1000
59	St. Mary's Cathedral	15000	2000	30573	42552	5000
60	Sundaranatchiapuram	3000	3000	73000	16000	3000
61	T. Sindalacherry	1000	1000	81000	19000	1000
62	T. Vadipatti Shrine	1500	1000	9000	14500	1000
63	Theni	3800	2200	33516	18565	3500
64	Thirumangalam	4818	1000	5300	5550	1000
65	Thirunagar	7000	2000	17000	11500	1500
66	Thiruthangal	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
67	Thummuchinampatty	230	220	320	360	240
68	Ugarthe Nagar	1300	1200	6550	8150	1400
69	Usilampatti	6770	250	18100	4050	700
70	Uthamapalayam	1000	1000			

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (01.02.2017 TO 27.03.2018)								
St. Peter's Pence	Communion Day	Prision Ministry	Bible Sunday	Mission Sunday	African Mission	Peter the Apostle	Opus	Ockhi
2000	1500	1500	2500	101000	4500	4500	5000	20000
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	11573	Nil	Nil	Nil	8000
		1000	1000	14000	2000	1000	500	Nil
500	1000	500	1500	8100	600	600	600	Nil
				10000	1000	1000	1000	Nil
250	200	200	300	2500	200	300	200	500
2520	2460	2371	2350	25510	2520	2550	2370	3000
3000	3000	3000	4000	110000	3000	3000	4000	10000
510	510	525	515	13030	520	520	530	3050
520	2510	2150	1500	19550	960	610	650	3500
1500	1200	1500	1000	20500	1500	1500	1500	2500
1000	1000	1000	3000	20000	2500	Nil	Nil	Nil
2000	1000	1000	1500	21200	1300	1300	1400	5100
1400	1000	1800	1800	30000	1500	1500	1000	3500
3000	3000	3000	3100	101111	3000	3000	3000	17500
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	9000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3000	3300	3000	3500	158500	3000	2900	3100	33000
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
700	750	665	600	30000	750	750	750	1500
2350	1500	1750	2000	2500	2000	2300	2000	15000
1000	1000	1000	1000	16500	1000	1000	1000	5000
17140	13010	12650	10050	461000	12250	15000	15000	55000
1000	1000	1000	1000	Nil	1000	1000	1000	7000
5000	3000	5000	5000	65500	1000	1000	Nil	35870
3000	3000	3000	3500	167000	3500	3500	3500	12000
1000	1000	1000	1000	130000	1000	1000	1000	3500
1000	1000	300	300	13200	200	2000	2000	20000
3800	3600	3500	4500	203005	3500	3000	2800	5000
1000	500	1000	1000	12585	1000	480	520	3366
2000	2500	2000	3500	32000	1500	1000	1000	8031
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
260	150	300	200	2310	400	300	300	1000
1000	1000	1000	1000	20000	1000	1000	1000	Nil
250	250	250	300	8630	250		Nil	17560
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (01.02.2017 TO 27.03.2018)						
S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood	Holy See	Hunger Disease	Good Friday	Vocation Sunday
71	Virudhunagar	4000	2800	75000	45000	3000
72	W. Pudupatti	1000	1000	30000	5000	1000
73	Y. Othakadai	710	682	14200	6504	825
	Principal St. Francis Assisi Mt.Hr.Sc.Chinn.					
	Others	10000		2000	1000	
				1000	22000	
		10000		5000	2000	
		10000		1000	5000	
		10000		3000	9000	
	Total	230624	117657	1656866	743787	127998
<u>KANI (Seminarians Fund)</u> Fr. Corres., De Nobili Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Mdu. 20,000 Mr. Sahayaraj A., Nagamalai 13,500 Mr. John Kennedy 12,000 Mr. Suresh Maria Selvam, Madurai 10,000 Fr. Parish Priest, Gnanaolivupuram 10,000 Sr. Administrator Damion Center, Nilakottai 10,000 Fr. Parishioners, Usilampatti 7,800 Mr. Antony Jude, Bastin Nagar 8,000 Sivagnanapuram 6,000 Mr. Voice Christo, Bastin Nagar 5,000 Lenten Pilgrimage, North Vicariate 5,000 Mr. Yogam S towards 3,000 Bro. Amalraj 1,000 Fatima Madha Anbiam, Bibikulam 500 <div> Total <u>1,11,800</u> </div>						

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (01.02.2017 TO 27.03.2018)

St. Peter's Pence	Communi-cation Day	Prision Ministry	Bible Sunday	Mission Sunday	African Mission	Peter the Apostle	Opus	Ockhi
4500	4500	4500	6000	120000	6000	6000	7800	20000
1000	1000	1000	1000	35000	1000	1000	1000	5000
789	1102	1181	1582	18525	Nil	Nil	Nil	7500
								10000
500				20000				50000
				71000				2000
				10000				2000
				10000				
				57010				
				26000				
132040	130337	139152	156973	3770294	133572	134079	135106	705367

Mass Received From Parishes

Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti (200 Masses)	2,00,000
Fr. Parish Priest, Sivakasi (300 Masses)	30,000
Fr. Parish Priest, Kavirayapuram (300 Masses)	30,000
Fr. Administrator, Usilampatti Kanavai Pilgrimage (84 Masses)	8,400
Fr. Parish Priest, Rayappanpatti (50 Masses)	5,000

Total **2,73,400**

From the Procurator's Desk

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Kindly verify the above statement and confirm the remittances. If any discrepancy is found, you are welcome to correct the same with the receipt available with you.

This is a gentle reminder that some parishes are yet to remit a few special collections for the year 2017-2018. Kindly remit the collections at the earliest.

- Fr. Procurator

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood	Holy See	Hunger Disease	Good Friday	Vocation Sunday
1	A. Nathampatti					
2	Alankulam	600				
3	Ammapatty	1180	1280			
4	Anjal Nagar	6125				
5	Anna Nagar	12530	10360			
6	Aruppukottai					
7	Ayravathanallur	2000	2000			
8	Bastin Nagar					
9	Batlagundu	2600	2400			
10	Bibikulam	4500				
11	Bodinayakanur	500				
12	Chinnamanur	460				
13	Cumbum	1600	1270			
14	Devadanam					
15	Ellis Nagar	11917	7560			
16	Gnanaolivupuram					
17	Hanumanthanpatty					
18	Holy Rosary Church	5000				
19	Iyyampalayam					
20	K. Pudur					
21	Kadachanendal	1500				
22	Kadamalaikundu	200				
23	Kalladipatti					
24	Kariapatty					
25	Karumathur	630	510			
26	Kavirayapuram	350	350			
27	Kottur	1000	1000			
28	Lourdupuram					
29	Megamalai					
30	Mangalamkombu	400				
31	M. Meenachiapuram					
32	Mathankovilpatti					
33	Meenampatti					
34	Melur					
35	Michaelpalayam	2100				

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood	Holy See	Hunger Disease	Good Friday	Vocation Sunday
36	Munjikkal	11000	6000			
37	Nagamalai					
38	Nakkaneri					
39	Nilakottai	1100				
40	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)	500				
41	Othaial	250	250			
42	Packiapuram	3020	2350			
43	Palanganatham	6000				
44	Pandian Nagar	1020	530			
45	Periyakulam	800	600			
46	Perumalmalai					
47	R.R. Nagar					
48	Railway Colony	2100				
49	Rajapalayam					
50	Rayappanpatti	6000	3000			
51	Rayapuram					
52	Samayanallur	3000	3100			
53	Sattur					
54	Shenbaganur	750	750			
55	Sengole Nagar					
56	Silukkuvarpatty					
57	Sivakasi	15500	12900			
58	Srivilliputhur					
59	St. Mary's Cathedral					
60	Sundaranatchiapuram					
61	T. Sindalacherry	2000	1000			
62	T. Vadipatti Shrine	3000	2000			
63	Theni	4100	3400			
64	Thirumangalam					
65	Thirunagar					
66	Thiruthangal					
67	Thummuchinampatty	630	370			
68	Ugarthe Nagar					
69	Usilampatti	1100	1000			
70	Uthamapalayam					

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood	Holy See	Hunger Disease	Good Friday	Vocation Sunday
71	Virudhunagar	6000				
72	W. Pudupatti	1000				
73	Y. Othakadai					
	St. Agnes Home for Children, Rayappanpatti	10000				
	Holycross Convent, VNR				5000	
	Total	134062	63980		5000	

Adoration Sunday

April

- 01 Kalladipatti
08 A. Nathampatti
15 Hanumanthanpatty
22 Munjikkal
29 W. Pudupatty



May

- 06 Ayravathanallur
13 Sindalacherry
20 Thirumangalam
27 Kadachanendal

Necrology

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Fr. Visuvasam R. | 05.04.2006 |
| Fr. Jesudasan | 08.04.2014 |
| Fr. Francis Britto S.K. | 13.04.2014 |
| Fr. Victor J. | 18.04.1986 |
| Fr. Arulsamy S.M | 19.04.1984 |
| Fr. Thomas P.C. | 19.04.2001 |
| Fr. Zacharias K.G. | 21.04.1997 |



established Paravas' rights over pearl fishing at their area; in gratitude the whole community of Paravas in this region embraced Christianity in 1517.

St. Francis Xavier established a commanding influence with the indigenous rulers. "He was considered the political and spiritual agent of the Portuguese on the Fishery Coast", says T. Sundaraj in his article, "The Relation between Jesuit Missionaries and the Native Powers". When Ramaraya of Vijayanagar sent his troops to the South to persecute Christians, it was the Saint who made peace with the Emperor at Arambolic Pass and brought peace to the Christians. The influence of the Saint was so well known that he was not hindered in his missionary activities throughout the sixteenth century in Ramaraya's kingdom. History places it on record that the Saint could command a fleet of naval power to rush to the protection of the Paravas, the new converts.

The ruling power at this time was Vijayanagar dynasty during which period Christianity enjoyed a peaceful time. The close ties between the Portuguese and Vijayanagar Empire in the sixteenth century assured the Jesuit missionaries a missionary freedom. As the Portuguese were militarily powerful, the Cross was established both in the West and the East Coasts. But upon the decline of the Portuguese the missionaries were left to the mercy of the local rulers. One such benevolent ruler was King Venkatta I (1580 – 1614) who permitted the missionaries to stay at his Capital, Madurai and start a mission. It is said that when Fr. Pimenta from Chandragiri visited King Venkatta I, he presented to the king a portrait of the Pope; the king was taken up by the white garb of the Pope. "The hint was taken and in due course the white cassock was adopted as Indian clerical dress", says Feroli in his book "Jesuits in Malabar" – vol. I. Well accepted by the King in his court, the Jesuits, with the patronage of Venkatta, wrote to the Nayak of Madurai in 1595 requesting him to protect the missionaries. It was granted and thus the Jesuit residence was started in Madurai in 1595.

The first mission superior who stayed in Madurai was Gonsala Fernandez. He served as an agent of Paravas and an interpreter of the

Portuguese Government in the court of Nayak of Madurai. Having been blessed by this proximity to the king the missionaries got obtained permission from Muthuveerappa Nayak of Madurai to build a church in Madurai for the paravas of Madurai who were mostly fish traders. One could verify this fact by seeing the parava Christians living for centuries around the present Cathedral Church, Our Lady of Dolores, Madurai.

The earlier missionary activities were not carried out in a peaceful and congenial atmosphere. On the contrary Christendom was built brick by brick with the sweat and spilling of blood of the pioneering missionaries amidst war and turmoil of the country. The missionaries toiled at the period of political turmoil. The three Nayaks revolted against the Vijayanagar Empire and established their own petty kingdoms respectively in Madurai, Tanjore and Gingee. The one who aligned the three power centers was none other than Thirumalai Nayak of Madurai, a benevolent King. King Thirumalai was a close friend of Nobili. In a situation of persecution of Christians, King Thirumalai favoured the missionary activities of Christian missionaries in order to receive benefits of education, health care and political strength for him and for his kingdom.

Why did King Venkatta I allow the missionaries to build a church for worship in a Brahmin center like Madurai? There are political reasons behind it.

(to be continued)

– Jodir.

குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும் திருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்



07,08.04.2018	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
14,15.04.2018	உத்தம்பாளையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
21,22.04.2018	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
28,29.04.2018	விருதுநகர்	சனி, ஞாயிறு

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