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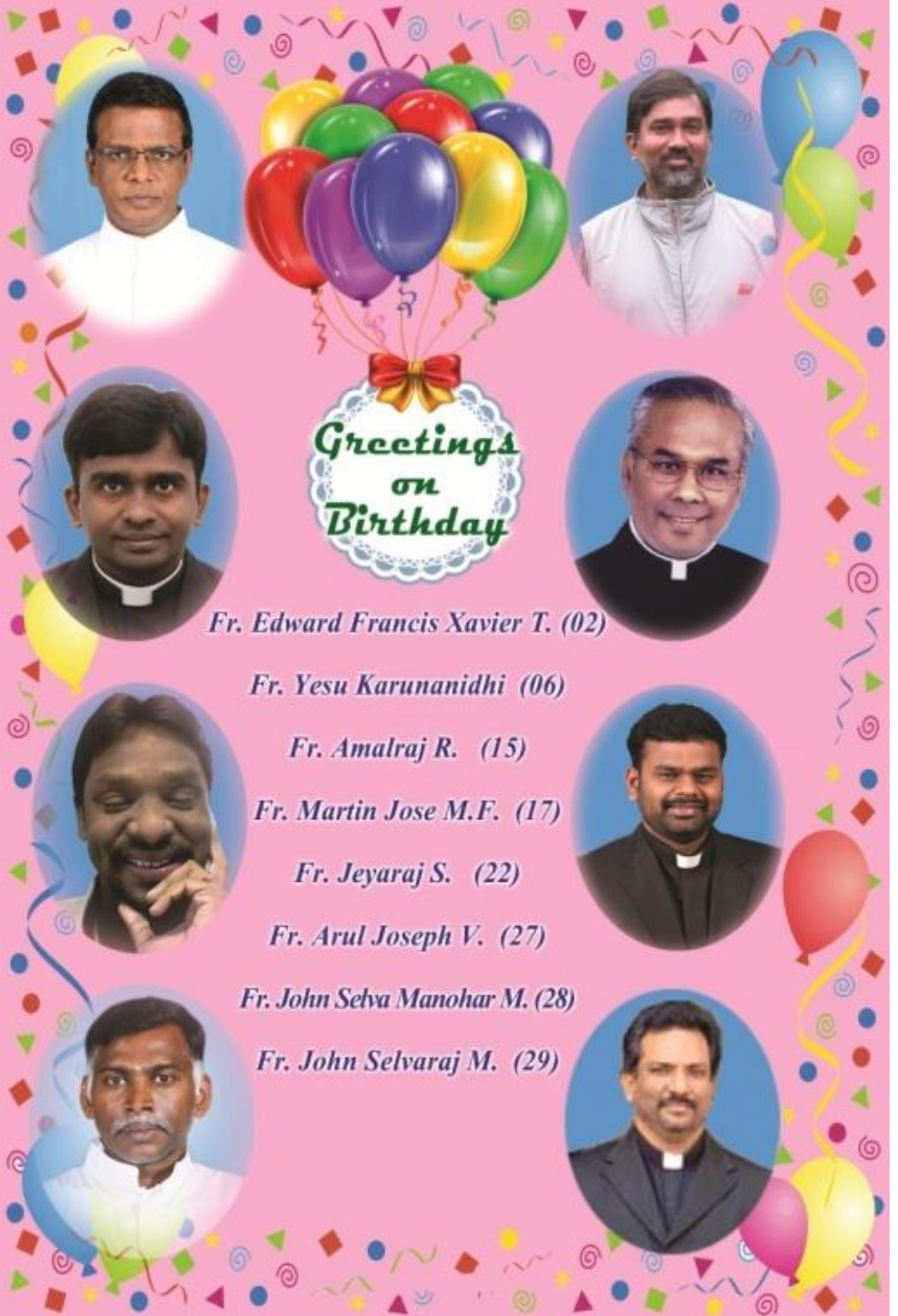
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## THE VOICE OF THE PASTOR

My Dear Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters,

In the Book of Genesis we read, "God created human being in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Gen 1:27). This verse wants us realize that God has called us for a noble vocation and we are called to be God-like and reflect him in our day-to-day life. We must bring to our mind that our destiny is to be aware of our God-likeness.



This divine-likeness can be blemished by our sinfulness and our turning away from God seeking worldly pleasures and comforts. We will also tarnish our God-likeness by our indifferent attitude to the hungry, sick, and the abandoned. By turning away from God we, of course, betray our destiny to be God-like and reject this great privilege and responsibility to act in a God-like manner.

But to live up to our destiny as God-like we must in our life be loving, merciful, serving others, and respond to the cry of the needy. There are also various other ways by which we manifest our God-likeness such as by showing our sympathy for the people in sorrow and distress and wipe away the tears of the people in agony. By being useful to others we implement our privilege and responsibility to act in a God-like manner.

Every day of our life is a challenge to live the God-likeness in us. Every day is an opportunity to overcome the hindrances that prevent us from mirroring forth of the God-likeness in us. Every day is an invitation extended to us by God to be like him by manifesting the divine in us.

Let us take this opportunity to realize in us the divineness and pursue to be truthful and good through which God will be manifested in and through us to others.

May the Joy of Christmas be with you all!

**Your Loving Archbishop,**

*+ Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy*  
(+Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy)

## இம்மாதம் விழா கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்

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இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும்,  
துறவறத்தாருக்கும் இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துகளும், ஜெபங்களும்.

+ பேராயர் அந்தோனி பாப்டாமஸ்

## HAPPY FEAST

The Archbishop & the Archdiocesan Priests wish the following religious congregations, serving in our Archdiocese, a blessed Feast Day.

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|---|-----------------------------|
| Marians of Immaculate Conception                                  | - 8 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (MMI)                             | - 8 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Society of African Missions (SMA)                                 | - 8 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI)                               | - 8 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (SMMI)                   | - 8 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Secular Institute of Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (OMI) | - 8 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Congregation of Immaculate Conception (CIC)                       | - 8 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI)                                | - 8 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Daughters of Mary of Leuca (DML)                                  | - 8 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| Brothers of the Holy Family (FSF)                                 | - 30 <sup>th</sup> December |
| Holy Family of Bordeaux (HFB)                                     | - 30 <sup>th</sup> December |
| Sisters of the Holy Family of Spoleto (HSF)                       | - 30 <sup>th</sup> December |

## Archbishop's Engagements

01	Fri	M	Pastoral Care for the Nomads, NPC, Madurai
		E	Apostolic Carmel Convent Inauguration, Kavirayapuram
02	Sat	M	Chapel Blessing, Paatakulam, Srivilliputtur
04	Mon	M	St. Paul's Project Committee Meet, K. Pudur
05	Tue	M	Varusanadu Social Service Society Meet, K. Pudur
06	Wed	M	Nuptial Blessing, Kaatu Aranthangi
08	Fri	M	Feast Mass, CIC Generalate, Madurai
		M	Feast Mass, Leuca Convent, Moondrumavadi
		E	Eucharistic Adoration, CIC Provincialate, Madurai
09	Sat	M	Final Profession, Holy Family Sisters of Spoleto, New Ellis Nagar
		E	United Carols, Noyes School, Madurai
12	Tue	M	Monthly Recollection, Madurai
16	Sat	E	BC / MBC / DNC Scholarships Grant
		E	Thiruvavul Peravai Inauguration
17	Sun	E	Christmas Celebrations, Evang. Commission, NPC, Madurai
19	Tue	M	CIC Sisters' Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Nirmala School, Madurai
20	Wed	E	Christmas Celebrations, NPC, Madurai
21	Thu	M	Christmas Celebrations, MMSSS, Madurai
22	Fri	M	Archdiocesan Priests-Religious Meet
24	Sun		Christmas Vigil Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai
25	Mon	M	Visit to the Homes for the Aged
26	Tue	M	Seminarians' Meet

		E	KANI Sponsors' Meet, NPC, Madurai
27	Wed	M	First Holy Communion, Anna Nagar
28	Thu	E	Church Consecration, Christ the King Parish, Sengole Nagar
31	Sun	M	Confirmation, Christ the King Parish, Sengole Nagar
			New Year Vigil Mass, Lourdes' Church, K. Pudur

## January 2018

01	Mon		Grace Day, Archbishop's House, K. Pudur
02	Tue		Church Consecration, Coimbatore
05	Fri	M	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, ICM School, Srivilliputtur
07	Sun	M	First Holy Communion, Sengole Nagar

\* Appointments may be fixed by calling the Archbishop's Secretary at **+91 94433 86761** or by mailing to [abssecretarymdm@gmail.com](mailto:abssecretarymdm@gmail.com).



## Pope's General Intention for December 2017:

### The Elderly.

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



## பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

- ✧ வாழ்வுடன் மாலைப்பொழுதில் இருக்கும் முதியோர், நோயுற்றோர் “நம்மீக்கை” என்னும் வைகறை காண. . .
- ✧ மனித உரிமைகள் காக்கப்பட, மதிக்கப்பட . . .
- ✧ தீண்டாமை ஒழிய, தலித் மக்களின் விடுதலைக்காக . . .

**1. Christmas Greetings of the Archbishop:**



I greet all the Reverend Fathers, Sisters and Brothers who are ministering in our Archdiocese, a Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year 2018. May the good Lord bless you all and fill you all with his divine Joy and Love. Be assured of my loving prayers for you at these two vigil celebrations. May I also exhort each one of you to celebrate these two great events together with your people joyfully both in Parishes and Institutions. May the Lord be born at each one of our Parishes and Institutions during the New year 2018.

- Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy

2. The **ARCHDIOCESAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, Friday at NPC as last year. The Archbishop invites all the Diocesan Priests



and the Religious – both men and women, ministering in the Archdiocese to participate at this **Annual Family Get-Together** which will begin at 10:30 am., at the Tobili Pastoral Center. Kindly communicate the number of the participants of your community to the Director, NPC. No: 9943216050.

3. The monthly Recollection, December will be held at Bishop's house, at 10.30 am, on 12<sup>th</sup> inst.



4. The Anniversary of the **Dedication of our Cathedral Church** falls on 16<sup>th</sup> inst. Thursday. It is to be celebrated as a Feast throughout the Archdiocese. Availing this opportunity the parish priests are requested to recall to the faithful, the role of the Bishop and the importance of Bishop's Chair at the Cathedral.

5. Vedar Irudayaraj is willing and ready to do any Catechetical, Spiritual



or Preparatory Ministries in your parish. He will be preparing the children for First Holy Communion, Confirmation etc., young people for marriage and will assist the Parish Priest in whatever ministries you direct. If you need his service kindly contact me. - Vicar General.

6. Collection for **Opus Securitatis Fund** falls on first Advent Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. Kindly procure a good collection and remit it to Procurator's office.

7. **Congratulations to Fr. Benedict Ambrose Raj**, the Vicar Forane of Virudunagar and the Former Parish Priest of B.B. Kulam for the construction and renovation of a beautiful parochial church at B.B. Kulam, constructed within a limited space.



8. **Condolences:** DNL expresses its deep condolences for the demise of Fr. S. Rosario who passed away on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 after a period of nineteen years of priestly ministry in our Archdiocese. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 3.00 pm., on the same day, by our Archbishop, Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy together with Fr. Vianney, the priest-brother of Fr. Rosario and a large number of presbyterium and priests from Tanjore diocese and other dioceses. May the soul of Fr. Rosario rest in peace.

9. **Extraordinary Mission Month, Oct. 2019:** Pope Francis has announced that the Universal Church will celebrate an 'Extraordinary Mission Month', in October 2019 which is the centenary year of the Apostolic Letter "Maximum Illud" promulgated by Pope Benedict XV. Pope has expressed that this extraordinary year will create increased awareness on 'missio ad gentes' and will rekindle the missionary activities of the Church.



10. Sr. Rani Maria was beatified on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 2017. An article on the sanctity of Bl. Rani Maria has been published in this issue.



## A YOUNG MARTYR FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

- FRANCIS CHITTUPARAMPIL, O CD



The Servant of God Regina Maria Vattalil (née Maria Vattalil), professed sister of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation, will be beatified in Indore, India, on 4 November. This young Franciscan nun dedicated her missionary life to concretely sharing the ever glowing flame of Christian faith with the poor in order to enlighten the dark areas of the remotest villages of north India. Her presence itself was an eloquent proclamation of the power of the Word of God and of the closeness of the loving presence of God.

Rani Maria, known as Marykunj (Little Mary) to her family, was born on 29 January 1954, to Eleeswa and Paily Vattalil, the second daughter of seven children. Pulluvazhy, her birthplace in the Ernakulam district of Kerala state in India, was remote village consisting of both traditional Christian and non Christian families. Her parents and family members were traditionally rooted in the Christian faith. Saint Thomas Parish Church, belonging to the Syro- Malabar rite, was the centre of the faith for parishioners.

Her parents worked hard in the fields to feed and take care of their children, God's greatest gifts to them. The family prayer at the end of the day was a moment when the entire family gathered before the images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Blessed Virgin Mary to raise their hearts to God. Marykunj never failed to be present there and often led the daily family prayer. Besides attending daily Mass, she was also a member of Marian Sodality which was very active within the parish. Her parents taught her to love the poor and the regular workers in the fields. Rani Maria's selfless dedication in the remotest villages of central and northern India can be traced back to these lessons. It is of no doubt that the God-fearing and loving parents of the newly Blessed and their exemplary life played a great role in sowing and nurturing her ardent desire to offer herself courageously to the service of the Lord, even to the point of becoming a martyr of *social justice*.



Rani Maria entered the Clarist convent in Kidangoor on 3 July 1972, and made her first profession on 1 May 1974, at the age of 20. With an ardent wish to be a missionary witness to the poor, the young nun was happy when asked to go to the Bijnor Mission in Uttar Pradesh in December 1975, just one year after her religious profession.



She served different mission areas in a short span of time, all with her unique and creative ways of witnessing to the Lord. For eight years she lived and worked in the Diocese of Bijnor, where she found her own way to fulfill her mission, engaging in the specific apostolate of uplifting the poor and the marginalized. For the next nine years (1983-92), she was coordinator of the social apostolate of the Diocese of Satna, in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, organizing educational programs for children, young people and the aged, and working for the empowerment of the *Adivasis* (indigenous people). Her works attracted many to embrace Christianity.

Her final phase of missionary life was in the Diocese of Indore in the same state, from 1992-95. Here she came to be called by her admirers as *Indore Rani* (Queen of Indore). It was here that she became an enemy of the landlords who were exploiting poor workers, and of the money lenders who were extorting the income of the people in the form of exaggerated interest rates. Maria Rani sought earnestly to make the exploited conscious of their rights, by organizing study classes and forming self-help groups. The programmes and services that she carried out were a true fulfillment of her prophetic mission toward the poor. It gave

the exploited hope for a better future, as they fought for justice from their oppressors. Rani Maria argued in favour of those who were unjustly imprisoned and consoled them.

All these works infuriated the exploiters, as they challenged their vested interests. But she never stepped back from her initiatives in spite of their threats. While travelling by bus to Indore on 25 February 1995, fellow travellers witnessed the merciless attack on the nun by Samundher Singh, who had been hired by the exploiters. Sr Rani Maria

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was brutally stabbed to death in the attack, marking the end of her earthly life of bearing witness to Jesus Christ. Her martyrdom can be called “martyrdom for the social cause of the Church”, as it arose from her fight for the dignity and rights of the human person, created in the image of God.

Through the attention of the late Carmelite Fr Michael Porathukara, Singh repented his brutal acts and was ready to do penance and lead a good life if released from prison. Later, Michael’s suggestion, Rani Maria’s own blood sister Selmi, who belonged to the same province of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation as her sister, voluntarily visited Singh and forgave him. and brother Stephen Singh in prison and forgiveness. Together sisters and Fr Michael, approached the civil Singh’s release from freed in August 2006 and life.



Rani Maria’s mother Vattalil also visited assured him of their with the Franciscan the family authorities to request confinement. He was now leads a simple

A still greater stunned the whole was heartily welcomed native family, in act of forgiveness world, when Singh into Rani Maria’s Pulluvazhy on 13 January 2007. Accompanied by Fr Michael, Singh arrived at Rani Maria’s family home and fell prostrate at the feet of her mother and ailing father, asking for pardon. Her mother Eleeswa embraced Samunder and with motherly tenderness kissed his hands, which had once been stained with the blood of her own daughter. Fr Michael’s suggestion, Rani Maria’s own blood sister Selmi, who belonged to the same province of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation as her sister, voluntarily visited Singh and forgave him. Rani Maria’s mother and brother Stephen Vattalil also visited Singh in prison and assured him of their forgiveness.

Together with the Franciscan sisters and Fr Michael, the family approached the civil authorities to request Singh’s release from confinement. He was freed in August 2006 and now leads a simple life in his village, working in the fields and regularly visiting Sr Rani Maria’s

tomb. Lending further credibility to his conversion, he wishes to be instrumental in the conversion of this young nun from Kerala, who went to the extreme point of giving her life in order to bear witness to the Gospel through her social activities, is a great example for the world, especially for the youth. Her life and witness exhorts the youth and missionaries to courageously get involved in eliminating corrupt and unjust social evils from the face of the earth. The great instance of forgiveness practiced by Sr Rani Maria and her family members is a challenge to the whole world in which the manufacturing and trading of weapons grow against charity, and walls are built in the place of bridges. (Author is the Professor at Pontifical Theological Faculty Teresianum, Rome)

(-courtesy L’Osservatore Romano, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 2017)



## இளைஞர் இயக்கம்

### 1. தமிழகக் கத்தோலிக்க இளைஞர் இயக்கம்

நவம்பர் 19 அன்று மதுரை அண்ணாநகர் அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி திருத்தலத்தில் மதுரை வடக்கு மறைவட்ட இளைஞர்களுக்கு மென்திறன்கள் வளர்ப்பு பயிற்சியும், சிவகாசி லூர்தன்னை கோயிலில் விருதுநகர் மறைவட்ட இளைஞர்களுக்கு அரசு போட்டித் தேர்வுகளை அறிமுகப்படுத்தும் பயிற்சியும் நடைபெற்றன. பயிற்சிக்கு அனைத்து உதவிகளையும் நல்கிய அண்ணாநகர் வேளாங்கண்ணி அன்னை திருத்தல அதிபர் அருட்பணி. லூயிஸ், சிவகாசி லூர்தன்னை பங்குத்தந்தை அருள்பணி. ஜோசப் செல்வராஜ் மற்றும் மதுரை வடக்கு மறைவட்ட இளைஞர் இயக்குனர் அருள்பணி. பீட்டர், விருதுநகர் மறைவட்ட இளைஞர் இயக்குனர் அருள்பணி. பாலராஜ் அவர்களுக்கும் நன்றிகளைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறோம்.

### 2. இளம் மாணாக்கர் இயக்கம்

நவம்பர் 8,9,10,15,16,17 ஆகிய நாட்கள் முறையே மதுரை தெற்கு, வடக்கு விருதுநகர் திருவில்லிபுத்தூர், தேனி, கொடைக்கானல், வத்தலக்குண்டு ஆகிய மறைவட்டங்களில் நிறுவனர் வாரத்தை முன்னிட்டு கலைவிழாவானது கொண்டாடப்பட்டது.

– செயலர், இளைஞர் பணிக்குழு

### 3. தொழிலாளர் இயக்கம்

கிறித்தவ தொழிலாளர் இயக்கம் நவம்பர் 12 அன்று மதுரை நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையத்தில் கிறித்தவ தொழிலாளர் இயக்கத்தின் முதல் பொதுக்குழு கூட்டமானது நடைபெற்றது. உடல் உழைப்போர் நலவாரியம்

தொடர்பான செய்திகளை மதுரை தொழிலாளர் துறை துணை ஆய்வாளர், திருமிகு. டோமினிக் அவர்கள் விளக்கினார். சிறுபான்மையினர் ஆணையத்தின் மூலம் வழங்கப்படும் பொருளாதார திட்டங்கள் குறித்து ம.ப.ச.சே.ச. செயலர், அருள்பணி. லாரன்ஸ் அவர்கள் விளக்கினார்கள். உயர்மறைமாவட்ட முதன்மைக்குரு, பேரருள்பணி. முனைவர். ஜெயராஜ் அவர்கள் ஆசிரியரை வழங்கினார்கள். புதிய பொறுப்பாளர்கள் தேர்வுடன் கூட்டமானது நிறைவுற்றது. - செயலர், தொழிலாளர் பணிக்குழு



### Dialogue and Ecumenism

On 9<sup>th</sup> December, at 6.00 p.m. there will be a united carols service at Noyes School campus near CSI cathedral. Parish priests of the town parishes are kindly requested to announce this and send people for this united carol service. Archbishop Antony Pappusamy and Bishop Josep, CSI will give Christmas message on this occasion.

On 16.12.2017, at 6.00 p.m. there will be an interreligious Christmas celebration preside over by Archbishop Antony Pappusamy in pastoral centre. Let us try to participate and enhance the celebration.

- Fr. Arul, Secretary

### Commission for Vocation

There will be a 'COME AND SEE' programme in Nobili Pastoral Centre from 26-27<sup>th</sup> December. It will start at 4.00 p.m. on 26 the December. I request the parish priests to encourage the boys studying IX<sup>th</sup> std onwards to participate in this needed programme. Letter has been sent to all the parish priests. If parish priests are able to inform the number of participants for the above programme, before 12<sup>th</sup> December, it will be helpful for the commission.

- Fr. A. Arul, Vocation promoter



### Prison Ministry

**Regular visits to Central prison Madurai for men and women, Melur Borstal school, Thirumangalam sub-jail, Virudhunagar Dt. Jail, Nilakottai sub-jail, Usilai sub-jail** were made once/twice a week by pmi volunteers. One to one counseling and group counseling was given to the remanded and convicted inmates. Same day their families were contacted/visited to give information to bail out, pursue case and counseled children. Advocates

were also contacted to get/give information regarding their case.

**Celebrations:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> October Dept. of Prison had organized Prisoners' welfare Day. We extended our help to add Pattimandram as one of the item. Professors from Senthamil college trained 6 convicts as speakers in Pattimandram. Cultural was given by the convicts' children and the convicts. Patriotic songs, speeches and poems were showcased by the convicts. They paid homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. In appreciation PMI distributed prizes to the speakers. Convicts' families were allowed inside the prison to spend some time with him. Sweets were distributed to family members.

**Deepavali festival** was celebrated in Central prison Madurai for women. We prayed with them, wished and distributed new dresses to 5 kids in the prison and shared sweets with women and 57 depressed men convicts. On 20<sup>th</sup> October PMI volunteers met in St. Mary's church to plan for future course of action. We decided dates for X-Mas celebration from 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December in all prisons of our diocese.

On 28<sup>th</sup> the Co-Ordinator attended the Half yearly Meet of the Executives in St. Paul's Seminary, Trichy. As per the request of AGDP, Chennai PMI is programming special sessions for first time offenders remanded in sub-jails. We have contacted Clinical psychologists, therapists from De-addiction centre and counselors. This effort can motivate the offender and a crime free society can be achieved. We continue to follow the children of the convicts not to drop out but pursue their studies in schools and colleges. Concessions obtained for hostel accommodation.

**Christmas celebration** in Central prison will be on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017. We humbly request your generous contribution for the same. We celebrate Mass in the prison; our most beloved Archbishop will give X-Mas message and we provide one meal to all convicts.

Our heartfelt thanks to our beloved Archbishop for his guidance and support. We thank all our Parish priests, religious congregations and individuals for your encouraging co-operation and financial support to reach out the incarcerated and his family.

- Sr. Fatima Antony SJL, Secretary for prison ministry



## அருட்தந்தை S.A. ரோசாரியோ

இறைவனது அழைப்பை ஆழமாக உணர்ந்ததால், தான் பணியாற்றிய பள்ளியில் அரசப்பணியை துறந்துவிட்டு, குருமடத்தில் சேர்ந்து துறவுபூண்டார். தனது சித்தப்பா அருட்பணி சம்மனசு, தனது சகோதரன் அருட்பணி வியான்னி அவர்களோடு இணைந்து விவிலிய ஆரோன் மரபுபோல குருத்துவப் பணியை நேசிக்கும் குடும்பத்தில் உருவாகி, இறைவனை உள்ளார்ந்த அன்போடு மகிமைப்படுத்தினார்.

### ஆன்மீகம்

மரியாளின் பக்தர் – பெயருக்கேற்றபடியாக ஜெபமாலை மாதத்தில் பிறந்தார். ஜெபமாலை மாதத்திலே இறையன்னை மடி சேர்ந்தார். நாங்கள் மாலை வேளை ஜெபமாலை இணைந்து ஜெபித்திருக்கிறோம். ஆபரணமாதாவுக்குத் தனியாக ஒரு கெபியை பாஸ்டின் நகரில் உருவாக்கினார். தன் தனியறையில் ஒரு மாதா சுருபம் எப்போதும் வைத்து வணங்கும் பக்தர் Miraculous Mother Mary each day எனும் படம் ஏறத்தாழ 365 மரியன்னை காட்சிகளை உள்ளடக்கிய படத்தை வாங்கி குருக்களுக்கு பங்குகளுக்கு கொடுத்து உற்சாகப்படுத்தினார். மறையுரைகளில் அன்னை குறித்த செய்திகளுக்கு அழுத்தம் கொடுத்தார்.

### உறவு – தோழமை

எல்லோரிடமும் எதார்த்தமாக பழகினாலும் ஒரு சிலரிடம் மிக ஆழமான உறவு கொண்டிருந்தார். அந்த உறவை மதித்து அவர்களைச் சந்திக்கும் பழக்கம் கொண்டிருந்தார். தனது சிறு பருவத்தில் பாடம் சொல்லிக்கொடுத்த தன் மனம் கவர்ந்த ஆசிரியரை அவரது முதுமையில் 5 மணிநேர பயணம் செய்து சந்தித்து உதவினார். குருக்களிடம் உங்களைப் பார்த்துவிட்டுப் போக வந்தேன் என்பார். நீங்கள் என்னிடம் வந்தால் அடுத்து நான் வருவேன் என உரிமையுடன் அழைப்பார். தான் நம்பும் நட்பை மதிப்போடு நடத்துவார்.

### பங்குப்பணி

19 ஆண்டு துறவறத்தில் 5 பங்குகளின் தந்தையாக, எளியோரிடம் நேசம், உரிய நேரத்தில் மக்களின் தேவைகளைச் சந்தித்தல் திருச்சபை வரையறைகளை சட்டதிட்டங்களை குறையின்றி கடைபிடித்தல், திருச்சபை தலைகுனியக்கூடாது என்பதில் கருத்தாய் பணியாற்றல். மறைமாவட்ட நிகழ்வுகளில் தவறாது பங்கேற்றல், கணக்கு மற்றும் நிர்வாக செயல்பாடுகளில் முன்மாதிரி வாழ்வு. கட்டுமானப்பணியிலும் அதிக ஆர்வம்.

## தூய்மை

வெள்ளை நிற உடைகளை தேர்ந்து அணிவார். இருக்கும் இடம் சுத்தமாகப் பேணுவார். உள்ளமும் செயலும் சுத்தமாக இருக்க வேண்டும் என நினைப்பார். எதற்கும் சோரம் போக விரும்பாத கொள்கை. சிறு குறைபாடு என்றாலும் உடனடியாக சரிசெய்ய நினைப்பார். தூய உள்ளம் பேறுபெற்றதால் இறைவனைக் காண விரைந்து செல்கிறார்.

இறைவன் இரக்கம் நிறைந்தவர் என்பதை அதிகமாக சொல்வார். சிறிய காயத்திற்கும் அதிகமாக அக்கறை காட்டுவார். ஆனால் இரக்கம் நிறைந்த இறைவன்தாமே இவரிடம் இருந்து பெரிய நோய் தாக்காதபடி அதற்கான அடையாளமே. இவர் அறியாதபடி காத்துவந்தார். சாவின் விளிம்பில் இருப்பதை உணர்ந்து இறுதி அருட்சாதனம் பெற்று எல்லாவற்றையும் இயேசுவின் கரங்களில் இறையன்னையின் திருமடியில் ஒப்படைத்தார். தொ.நா. 5:24 ஏனோக்கு கடவுளோடு நடந்து கொண்டிருந்தார். பின்பு அவரைக் காணவில்லை. கடவுள் அவரை எடுத்துக்கொண்டார் என்ற இறைவாக்கின்படி அருட்பணி ரோசாரியோ கடவுளோடு நடந்தார், இனி நாம் அவரை காண இயலாது இறைவன்தாமே அவரை நிறைவாழ்வுக்கு எடுத்துக்கொண்டார்.

ஆண்டவரே நித்திய இளைப்பாற்றியை அவருக்கு அளித்தருளும் முடிவிலா ஒளி அவர்மேல் ஒளிர்வதாக. – அருட்பணி. அடைக்கல ராஜா



## Vocation Sunday - 2017

Collection as on 24/10/2017

Thirunagar  
Alangulam



1,14,748.00

1,500.00

600.00

Collection as on 23/11/2017

1,16,848.00

## St. Peter's Pence - 2017

Collection as on 24/10/2017

Anjal Nagar  
Thirunagar



94,070.00

7,200.00

2,000.00

Perumalmalai	1,500.00
Kariapatti	1,000.00
Aruppukottai	1,000.00
Shenbaganur	700.00
Usilampatti	250.00



**Collection as on 23/11/2017** **1,07,720.00**

### Communication Day - 2017

<b>Collection as on 24/10/2017</b>	<b>92,657.00</b>
Thirunagar	2,500.00
Perumalmalai	1,200.00
Kariapatti	1,000.00
Aruppukottai	1,000.00
Silukkuvarpatti	1,000.00
Shenbaganur	750.00
Pandian Nagar	510.00
Usilampatti	250.00



**Collection as on 23/11/2017** **1,00,867.00**

### Prison Ministry - 2017

<b>Collection as on 24/10/2017</b>	<b>89,913.00</b>
Anna Nagar	6,745.00
Thirunagar	2,000.00
Perumalmalai	1,500.00
Cumbum	1,400.00
Aruppukottai	1,000.00
Silukkuvarpatti	1,000.00
Kariapatti	1,000.00
Shenbaganur	665.00
Alangulam	600.00



Pandian Nagar	525.00
Mathakovilpatti	500.00
Vadipatti	300.00
Usilampatti	250.00



**Collection as on 23/11/2017** **1,07,398.00**

### Bible Sunday - 2017

<b>Collection as on 24/10/2017</b>	<b>59,013.00</b>
Ellis Nagar	8,950.00
Anna Nagar	6,780.00
Virudhunagar	6,000.00
St. Mary's Church	5,000.00
Palanganatham	4,000.00
Thirunagar	3,500.00
Bibikulam	3,230.00
Batlagundu	3,145.00
Rayappanpatti	3,100.00
R.R. Nagar	3,000.00
Aruppukottai	1,500.00
Devadanam	1,500.00
Kariapatti	1,000.00
Silukkuvarpatti	1,000.00
Perumalmalai	1,000.00
Shenbaganur	600.00
Alangulam	600.00
Karumathur	520.00
Pandian Nagar	515.00
Mathakovilpatti	500.00
T. Vadipatti	300.00
Usilampatti	300.00



**Collection as on 23/11/2017** **1,15,053.00**



## Mission Sunday - 2017

Ellis Nagar	2,20,799.00
Theni	2,03,005.00
Samayanallur	1,58,500.00
Palanganatham	1,10,000.00
Rayappanpatti	1,01,111.00
Anjal Nagar	80,000.00
Annai Valankanni Hr. Sec. School, Batlagundu	71,000.00
St. Mary's Church	65,500.00
Anna Nagar	60,000.00
Batlagundu	59,000.00
Hanumanthanpatti	46,000.00
Ayravathanallur	35,000.00
Thurunagar	32,000.00
Shenbaganur	30,000.00
Bibikulam	29,130.00
Packiapuram	25,510.00
Devadanam	24,000.00
Cumbum	21,500.00
Railway Colony	21,200.00
R.R. Nagar	20,000.00
Holy Cross Convent, Batlagundu	20,000.00
Kariapatti	19,000.00
Y. Othakadai	18,525.00
Silukkuvarpatti	16,500.00
T. Vadipatti	13,200.00
Pandian Nagar	13,030.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	12,530.00
Bodinayakanur	10,000.00
St. Agnes HSS, Rayappanpatti	10,000.00
St. Britto Hr.Sec.School, Madurai	10,000.00
Usilampatti	8,630.00
Nilakottai	8,100.00
Melur	7,000.00
Alangulam	4,500.00
Mathakovilpatti	4,500.00



Ammapatti	3,792.00
Karumathur	2,770.00
Thummichinampatti	2,310.00



**Collection as on 23/11/2017**

**15,79,642.00**

## African Mission - 2017

Ellis Nagar	9,190.00
Anna Nagar	8,460.00
Theni	3,500.00
Bibikulam	2,870.00
Packiapuram	2,520.00
R.R. Nagar	2,500.00
Batlagundu	2,500.00
Hanumanthanpatti	1,900.00
Cumbum	1,650.00
Devadanam	1,500.00
Perumalmalai	1,500.00
Railway Colony	1,300.00
St. Mary's Church	1,000.00
Aruppukottai	1,000.00
Kottur	1,000.00
Melur	1,000.00
Ammapatti	782.00
Alangulam	600.00
Nilakottai	600.00
Pandian Nagar	520.00
Karumathur	510.00
Mathakovilpatti	500.00
Usilampatti	250.00
T. Vadipatti	200.00



**Collection as on 23/11/2017**

**47,352.00**

### Peter the Apostle - 2017

Packiapuram	2,550.00
St. Mary's Church	1,000.00

**Collection as on 23/11/2017 3,550.00**

### KANI (Seminarians Fund )

Suvidya College, Bangalore	20,000.00
Sr. Superior, Srs of St. John the Baptist, Bangalore	20,000.00
Sacred Heart Sisters, Vellore	10,000.00
Mr. John, Pudur, Uthamanur	10,000.00
Mr. Uni Joseph, Gnanaolivupuram	10,000.00
Fathima Matha Ambiam, Bibikulam	500.00

**Collection as on 23/11/2017 70,500.00**

### Mass Received From Parishes

Ellis Nagar (590 Masses)	59,000.00
Palanganatham (200 Masses)	20,000.00
Munjikkal (200 Mass)	20,000.00

**Collection as on 23/11/2017 99,000.00**



#### **December**

03	T. Vadipatti
10	Periakulam
17	Nilakottai
24	Samayanallur
31	Aruppukottai

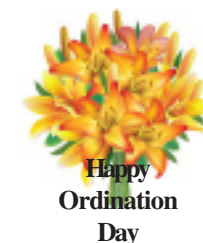


#### **January**

07	Kariapatti
14	Ellis Nagar
21	Railway Colony
28	Sattur



Fr. Augustine Prabhu A.	on	08.12.2013
Fr. Rajan A.	on	08.12.2013
Fr. Francis Xavier	on	09.12.2012
Fr. Joseph Amalan	on	09.12.2012
Fr. Panneer Raja	on	09.12.2012
Fr. Thomas Edison	on	09.12.2012
Fr. Thomas Venish	on	09.12.2012
Fr. Vincent Raja X.	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Pothakar Michael Raj	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Arputha Samy	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Sebastian Jerome	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Maria Prabhu R.	on	11.12.2011
Fr. MuraliAnand R.	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Paulraj B.	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Santhana Sahayam S.	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Joseph V.	on	12.12.2002
Fr. Vedamanickam A.	on	13.12.1971
Fr. Appolin Claret Raj M.	on	30.12.2000
Fr. Parivalan S. A.	on	30.12.2000



Fr. Vedamuthu S.	01.12.1984
Fr. Arulsamy R.	01.12.2001
Archbishop Peter Leonard	05.12.1985
Fr. Benedict Pinto	06.12.1975
Fr. Savarimuthu V.M.	06.12.1997
Fr. Maria Diraviam	26.12.1989
Fr. Arulrayan	31.12.2004





## Madura Mission

### VI. Capuchin Mission in Southern Part of Tamilnadu



Before venturing into the missionary activities of the Jesuits who again rekindled the faith that St. Thomas brought to India, we will see at this series how the Capuchins, the contemporary missionaries, evangelized the whole of Tamilnadu. Again we bring to our memory that the Capuchins opened their first mission in 1632 in Pondicherry and remained there for more than hundred and fifty years. Similarly more than one hundred and eight years they had been working in Madras Mylapore diocese.

When Rt. Rev. Peter Francis, the Bishop of Kumbakonam, asked the Capuchins to start a house in his diocese, Fr. Urban, the Commissary Provincial of India accepted this and they bought a land adjacent to the bank of Cauvery near Srirangam in 1942. In 1943 Amalashram was constructed at this site; thus a new mission started centering around Srirangam, southern Tamilnadu. Amalashram became the Seat of Commissary Provincialate and Theologate from 1943 to 1949. It functioned as a Latin School from 1955 to 1956. In 1957 the Seraphic School or the Assisi School was started for the Tamil candidates. In par with their focus on formation they also entered into pastoral ministry. They established churches at Thiruvalarcholai and constructed Schools at Pallivilai near Samayapuram. In 1994 Amalashram was erected into a new parish. They also started the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) in order to nourish the spiritual lives of the lay people who would manifest the values of St. Francis to the world. Notable members are Servants of God, “*Paradeshi Peter*”, “*Joseph Thambi*” etc. A new magazine ‘Franciscan Oli’ spreaded the values of St. Francis and built up the local church in Tamilnadu.

In Kanyakumari District, Asisi Ashram was started at Pambanvilai in 1979. In 1985 this house became the Novitiate for the Province. Anugraha Counselling programme was initially conducted here.



In 1949 the Capuchins opened their foundation at Kotagiri of OotyDiocese purchasing a hotel which later became the Theologate and Novitiate till 1984. In 1985 Philosophate came to Kotagiri. Capuchins also started a school for the tribal children and handed over to Sisters of St. Teresa. The brothers engaged themselves in pastoral ministry in the diocese of Ooty. St. Francis Home was started to educate the poor tribal children in the hill area.

Rt. Rev. Francis Xavier Savarimuthu, the Bishop of Coimbatore, in 1956 gave Fatima parish to the Capuchins to animate. Thus many parishes were erected by the hard work of the Capuchins and in Pattukottai alone the Capuchins were working for thirty one years. At Veerakurichy the Capuchins spreaded the devotion to St. Francis.

Rt. Rev. Thomas Fernando the then Bishop of Tuticorin invited Capuchins and handed over the newly created parish of Amali Nagar, Tiruchendur, a coastal parish in 1967. Fr. Eusebius constructed a huge church here in 1970. Paduvai Ashram was also founded by him at Amalinagar which was shifted later to Tuticorin in 1971. The friars built a shrine dedicated to St. Jude which attracts a lot of faithful. Millarpuram with many substations were entrusted to the Capuchins. St. Jude’s church became a parish in 1992. The Capuchins also constructed a Retreat Center which was entrusted to the Diocese later.

In 1983 the Provincialate house, Gnanalaya was opened in Trichy. In 1995 Fatima parish was handed over to the Capuchins. The Capuchins were also animating the FST sisters at Fatima Nagar until 2005. In 2001 a legal assisting Unit named CLARES was opened at Amlashram, Trichy which was transferred later to Karumandapam. This center offers service of legal awareness, legal assistance, arbitration, negotiation reconciliation etc. to the ordinary poor people. A long cherished dream of the Capuchins came true by opening a Theologate, FRANCESCO, at Vengangudi near

Samayapuram in 2008 by shifting the Theological College from Amalashram.

Arulaham was opened in Vikiramasingapuram of Palayamkottai diocese in 1987 for the aspirants to complete their higher secondary education. This was created into a new parish in 1994.



In 1991 the then Bishop of Sivagangai, Rt. Rev. Edward Francis offered land at OkkurPudur and invited the Capuchins to start their mission in particular to the Sri Lankan Tamils. The Friars started Francis Anbagam which hosted post novitiate programme until 2007. In 1996 the capuchins opened a mission at K.M. Kottai of Sivaganga Diocese. They also run two Poor students home at the campus. Udhayam is the social service center of capuchins in Tamilnadu established in 1996. In 2006 a Provincial Technical Education Center and Karunaikadal Friary was opened at a Tsunami hit area of Thenkuda of Sivaganga diocese. Udhayam Polytechnic College was started in 2007. In 2008 Udhayam De-addiction center was also started in the campus.

After a century the Capuchins once again opened their foundation in Thyagadurgam in the Archdiocese of Pondicherry in 2007 and erected st. Francis Ashram. This mission functions as a spiritual center for all the priests, religious and the lay people.

Arunodhaya at Vannampatti was established in 1996. In 1999 the parish was established and handed over to the Capuchins. St. Pio Home functions at the Priary for the poor children. Anugraha was founded in 1998 at Nochiodaipatti. It is a Capuchin center for on-going formation in spirituality, counselling and research. In 2005 NochiOdaipatti became a parish and was handed over to the Capuchins.



A friary Vidivelli was opened at Sundampatti by the invitation of Bp. Antony Irudayaraj, the bishop of Dharmapuri in 1998.

The then Archbishop of Madurai invited

the Capuchins to start their ministry in the Archdiocese of Madurai in 1970. Fr. Mathiaas was sent to Kalladithidal and Usilampatti to start the mission and in the same year he came to Thirumangalam to start the

mission. Nirmala Ashram was established in 1971. St. Francis English Medium School was started later by Bro. Nicholas. Balwadi schools were opened by the Capuchins in Sathankudi, Melakkottai, Nadukottai and Keezhaurappanur. The parish church was consecrated to Our Lady of Immaculate Conception in 1974. Social work centers were opened at T. Kallupatti and Nadukottai where poor women were taught skills and given job opportunities. The social work center at T. Kallupatti was later handed over to the Sisters of Immaculate Conception. Chapels were built in Sathankudi, T. Kallupatti and Odaipatti. A School was started at Sathankudi which was later handed over to Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Friars also offer spiritual assistance to Sri Lankan Tamils at Uchapatti camp. Thirumangalam became a parish in 1986 with Fr. Benjamine as the first parish priest. In 2004 a new Friary was built in 2004. In 2008 Sacred Heart Primary School at Kallikudi was purchased by the Friary. From 2009 a social service project called RTU, established by a De le Salle Brother Kimpton at G. Kallupatti, was entrusted to the administration of the Capuchins. ( to be continued)

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