



Diocesan News Letter Madurai

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Self sacrifice
in Service



The Passion of
the Lord



*Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and
dies, it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies it bears much fruit (Jn. 12:24).*

Pope's General Prayer Intention for March 2015: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Pope's Mission Intention for March 2015: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

Please Note

1. **Birthday Greetings:** The Archbishop and the presbyterium greet the Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Peter Fernando a very happy Birthday on 22nd March. May the good Lord bless our Archbishop Emeritus with good health, Peace and Joy.
2. **Chrism Mass:** As per our tradition the Monthly Recollection for March will be held on 30th March, Monday at 10:30 am. at Bishop's House with Bishop's Talk, Adoration and Confession. The Chrism Mass will begin at 6:00 pm. at Cathedral Church presided by the Archbishop who will bless the holy oils. The city parish priests are to cancel their evening Masses and are to exhort their faithful to attend in large number the Chrism Mass. It is **PRIESTS DAY**. Let this **PRIESTS DAY** unite all the priests with Christ and with one another.
3. **Hunger and Disease Collection:** A special collection for the campaign against hunger and disease is to be taken on Maundy Thursday, 2nd of April. Special envelopes should be distributed in order to procure a good collection which will be sent to the concerned Pontifical Society through MMSSS. It is a special collection to eradicate poverty and the sufferings of the poor. The Superiors and Heads of religious communities and institutions are also requested to procure and submit the collection to the Procurator.
4. **Good Friday Collection:** This collection is to be taken on Good Friday, 3rd April for the maintenance of the sacred places in Holy Land. Kindly procure a good collection. The Superiors and Heads of religious communities and institutions are also requested to procure and submit the collection to the Procurator.

Archbishop's Engagements March - 2015

01.03.15	First Holy Communion Mass, Anna Nagar
02.03.15	Mor: Secretaries Meeting, NPC Eve: Confirmation Mass, Ammapatti
07.03.15	CRI, Meeting, Kodaikanal
08.03.15	Mor: St. Joseph's - Mass, Trichy Eve: Church Blessing, Pandiannagar, Virudhunagar
11.03.15	Sacristy Meeting, NPC
12.03.15	Eve: Silver Jubilee Celebration, Aruppukottai
14.03.15	Mor: Anugraha Silver Jubilee Laity Commission Meeting
15.03.15	Pastoral Visit & Confirmation, Rosary Church, Madurai Eve: Theni Vicariate - Pilgrimage
19.03.15	Mor: NPC Platinum Jubilee Inauguration, Madurai Eve: St. Joseph's ITI Mass, Didigul
20.03.15	Eve: Arulanandar College Day, Karumathur
21.03.15	Mor: St. Joseph's Convent Mass, Madurai DPC Meeting, NPC Eve: Confirmation, Sivakasi
22.03.15	Madurai South Vicariate Pilgrimage, Madurai
29.03.15	Palm Sunday Mass, Madurai
30.03.15	Recollection, Bishop's House Chrism Mass, Cathedral

5. **Submission of Accounts:** Parish priests who have not submitted annual accounts are to submit it to the Procurator at once.

From the Archbishop

To constitute our new diocesan pastoral council there will be an one day seminar on Saturday 21st March at our Nobili Pastoral Centre from 9.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m

All the parish priests are obliged to send one male member and one female member elected from your parish council or from your parish welfare committee to attend this one day Seminar. The Vicars Forane are also asked to participate along with two other priests who are elected from your Vicariate. Other participants from the commissions, CRI, Sodalties and Associations will be intimated rightly.

Diocesan Pastoral Council is the principal form of the collaboration, Dialogue and of discernment and decision making body in the particular church (ch L 25).

It is highly desirable and every diocese should establish this council for better co-ordination of the pastoral activity and to formulate practical conclusions concerning them (CD 27; AG.30; CC.511).

Couples Enrichment Programme

An one day seminar on the theme, "Called to be Shepherds" was organized for the marriage Encounter Couples of Madurai North - South vicariates on 7.2.2015 at Nobili Pastoral Centre at 10.00 a.m. Rev. Fr. John Britto Packiaraj, the Secretary of the Family Welfare commission welcomed and inaugurated the seminar. The ME team of Tuticorin, Rev. Fr. Rupert Arulalan RET Team - Priest, Mr. Britto - Mrs. Vinipridal and Mr. Rogan - Mrs. Amirthamary were the resource persons of the programme.

14 couples and 2 priests from the parishes of St. Mary's, K. Pudur, Gnanaolivupuram, Palanganatham, Sengole Nagar, Kadachanendal and Bibikulam attended the seminar. The programme helped us to love, to understand and to accept each other more. "We are enthused and encouraged to live the commandment of love amidst our daily trials and

difficult moments. We wish that this kind of programmes be conducted often and extended to other vicariates also” remarked the participants.

Diocesan Me co-ordinating, Secretary and Treasurer couples were selected. The seminar ended with the evaluation, planning prayers service and with a small tea at 5.00 p.m. Let us all pray and extend our co-operation for the spreading and strengthening of Me in our Archdiocese.

- Fr. A. Maria Louis, Me Team Priest, Madurai Unit

From the Desk of Secretary, Commission for Evangelisation

Training on personality development for Evangelisation and sharing of village evangelization ministry was given to 40 evangelisation team members of Madurai on 20-22nd February in life centre, Nochiodaipatty. Fr. Johnson, Agra diocese, Fr. Augustin Sivagangai Diocese, Sr. Miriam CIC and Fr. A. Arul were the resource persons. Members were well motivated to do the village evangelization ministry. During this lent 2015 they are going to Hanumanthanpatty, Virudhunagar, Sindalachery (Thevaram) Aruppukottai, Sundaranachiapuram, W. Pudupatty, Melur and Shenbaganur Parishes. I appreciate the parish priests of the above parishes. I invite other parish priests to make use of the team members for such ministry.

In Pastoral Centre

On 14th March at pastoral centre, there will be a seminar for leaders of anbiams in parishes of Madurai north, Madurai south and Batlagundu Vicariates on vibrating and living anbiyam through christian family. Fr. sebastian TNBC will animate session. The Most. Rev. Antony Pappusamy, Archbishop will preside over. Letter and form to be filled up has been sent to parish priests of above vicariates. Fathers are kindly requested to send the list of participants from their parishes before march 9.3.2015.

It is true that minorities in India, specially Christians are persecuted. Churches are attacked and desecrated in the rule of BJP Government. Christians feel insecure in the rule of the present central Government. At this moment, we have to seek God's power and protection. We have to also pray for Good Rule of the Government.

With this view, 72 hour intercessory Prayer is being held all over India from 3rd evening to 6th March evening by all the churches in India. Madurai christians gather in CSI Cathedral Narimedu. All are welcome to participate in the intercessory prayer.

Fr. A.Arul, Secretary, Commission for Evangelisation

சக்கரீஸ்தர்களுக்கான பயிற்சிப்பாசறை

நாள் : மார்ச் 11, 2015 புதன்கிழமை காலை 9.00 மணி முதல் மாலை 5.00 வரை

இடம் : ஷார்பி அருள்பணி மையம், மதுரை

அன்புள்ள பங்குப் பணியாளர்களுக்கு,

கிறிஸ்தவ வாழ்வுப் பணிக்குழுவின் சார்பாக வணக்கம்

நமது மதுரை உயர்மறைமாவட்ட அளவில் சக்கரீஸ்தர்களுக்கான பயிற்சிப் பாசறையானது வருகின்ற மார்ச் 11-ஆம் நாள் புதன்கிழமை மேதகு பேராயர் டாக்டர் அந்தோணி பாப்பசாமி அவர்கள் தலைமையில், தூய பவுல் இறையியல் கல்லூரி திருவழிபாடு பேராசிரியர் அருட்பணி. S. ஆரோக்கியராஜ் அவர்கள் வழிநடத்த உள்ளார்கள். இச்சிறப்பு பயிற்சிப் பாசறையில் சக்கரீஸ்தர்களின் ஆலயம் மற்றும் பீடப்பணி, திருவருட்சாதனக் கொண்டாட்டங்களில் அவர்கள் ஆற்றவேண்டிய பணிகள் பற்றி எடுத்துரைக்கப்பட்டு அவர்கள் தங்களது பணியை ஆர்வத்துடன் சிறப்பாகச் செயலாற்ற நடைமுறைப் பயிற்சியும் அளிக்கப்படவுள்ளது.

தங்களது பங்கிலிருந்து ஒரு சக்கரீஸ்தரையும் கிளைப்பங்குகளிலிருந்து இரண்டு சக்கரீஸ்தர்களையும் உற்சாகப்படுத்தி அனுப்பிவைக்கவும். சக்கரீஸ்தர் இல்லாத பங்குகளிலிருந்து ஆர்வமுள்ள இரண்டு நபரை அனுப்பிவைக்கவும்

அருள்தந்தை பீட்டர் ராய், கிறிஸ்தவ வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு

Martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero

The first Martyr of Contemporary Time

On February 03, 2015 Pope Francis approved the promulgation of the martyrdom of Servant of God, Oscar Arnulfo Romero Galdamez (El Salvador, 1917-1980), Archbishop of San Salvador, El Salvador, killed in hatred of the faith on March 24, 1980. The Pope said: "I offer the following brief biography of this great witness of the Gospel.

Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdamez was born in 1917 in the town of Ciudad Barrios, in the mountains of El Salvador near the border with Honduras. Leaving school at twelve he began an apprenticeship as a

carpenter, showing promise as a craftsman, but soon thought about ordination, although his family was not keen. He was trained at San Miguel and San Salvador, before completing his theological studies in Rome. Because of the war in Europe there was no member of his family at his ordination in 1942. Returning to San Salvador in 1944, he served as a country priest before taking charge of two seminaries. In 1966 he became secretary to the El Salvador Episcopal Conference - a post he held for 23 years. He earned a reputation as an energetic administrator and his inspirational sermons were broadcast across the city of San Miguel by five radio stations.

Oscar became bishop in 1970, serving first as assistant to the aged Archbishop of San Salvador and from 1974 as Bishop of Santiago de Maria. Within three years he was Archbishop of San Salvador. At that time there was growing unrest in the country, as many became more aware of the great social injustices of the peasant economy. His pulpit became a font of truth when the government censored news. He risked his own life as he defended the poor and oppressed. He walked among the people and listened, "I am a shepherd," he said, "who, with his people, has begun to learn a beautiful and difficult truth: our Christian faith requires that we submerge ourselves in this world."

Killed by an assassin's bullet as he celebrated Mass on March 24, 1980, *his last words in the sermon just minutes before his death reminded his congregation of the parable of the wheat. "Those who surrender to the service of the poor through love of Christ will live like the grain of wheat that dies. It only apparently dies. If it were not to die, it would remain a solitary grain. The harvest comes because of the grain that dies... We know that every effort to improve society, above all when society is so full of injustice and sin, is an effort that God blesses; that God wants; that God demands of us"*. He is buried in the cathedral of San Salvador where he had preached justice. People from many nations come to his tomb to find strength in their struggle.

Romero the Pastor: "Romero believed in his role as a bishop and primate of his country, and he considered himself responsible for the population, especially the poorest. Therefore, he took upon himself the bloodshed, pain and violence, denouncing their causes in his

charismatic Sunday preaching that was listened to on the radio by the entire nation. We might say that it was a 'pastoral conversion', with the assumption by Romero of a strength that was indispensable in the crisis that beset the country. He transformed himself into a *defensor civitatis* following the tradition of the ancient Fathers of the Church, defending the persecuted clergy, protecting the poor, and affirming human rights". "The climate of persecution was palpable. However, Romero clearly became the defender of the poor in the face of cruel repression. After two years as archbishop of San Salvador, Romero counted thirty lost priests - killed, expelled or forced to flee from death. The death squads killed scores of catechists from the base communities, and many faithful disappeared from these communities. The Church was the main target of accusation and therefore the hardest hit. Romero resisted and accepted giving his life to defend his people".

Assassinated at the Altar during Mass: "He was killed at the altar. Killing him was intended to strike at the Church that flowed from Vatican Council II. His death - as the detailed documentary examination clearly showed - was not only politically motivated, but due also to hatred for a faith that, combined with charity, would not stay silent when faced with the injustices that implacably and cruelly afflicted the poor and their defenders. His assassination at the altar - without doubt a more uncertain death as it meant shooting from a distance of thirty metres rather than an attempt from a shorter range - had a symbolic nature that resounded as terrible warning for whoever wished to follow the same route. John Paul II himself - who was well aware of the other two saints killed at the altar, St. Stanislaus of Krakow and St. Thomas Becket of Canterbury - noted effectively, 'they killed him precisely at the most sacred moment, during the highest and most divine act. ... A bishop of God's Church was assassinated while he exercised his sanctifying mission, offering the Eucharist'. On a number of occasions he repeated forcefully, 'Romero is ours, Romero is of the Church!'".

Romero and the Poor : "Romero had always loved the poor. As a very young priest in San Miguel he was accused of communism because he asked the rich to give a fair salary to the peasant coffee cultivators. He told them that not only did they act against justice, but also that they themselves opened the doors to communism". "Romero understood

increasingly clearly that being a pastor to all meant starting with the poor. Placing the poor at the centre of the pastoral concerns of the Church and therefore of all Christians, including the rich, was the new pastoral way. His preferential love for the poor not only did not attenuate his love for his country, but on the contrary supported it. In this sense, Romero was not partisan, although to some he appeared that way; rather, he was a pastor who sought the common good of all, starting however with the poor. He never ceased to seek out the way for the pacification of the country.

Romero, Man of God and of the Church: Romero was a man of God, a man of prayer, of obedience and love for the people. He prayed a lot ... and he was harsh on himself, a severity linked to an old-fashioned spirituality made up of sacrifices. He had a 'linear' spiritual life, in spite of having a character that was not always easy – rigorous with himself, intransigent, tormented. But in prayer he found rest, peace and strength. When he had to make complicated or difficult decisions, he withdrew in prayer”.

“He was a bishop faithful to the magisterium. From his papers there clearly emerges his familiarity with the documents of Vatican Council II, Medellin, Puebla, the social doctrine of the Church and other pontifical texts in general. ... It has often been said that Romero was suborned by liberation theology. Once, a journalist asked him, ‘Do you agree with liberation theology?’. He answered, ‘Yes, of course. But there are two forms of liberation theology. There is the one that sees liberation solely as material liberation. The other is that of Paul VI. I am with Paul VI”

- Courtesy: Zenit.org.



CBCI denounces the statement on Mother Teresa

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India notes with concern and distress the statement made by the RSS Chief, Shri Mohan Bhagwat, as it appeared in the Media, casting aspersions on the saintly person of Mother Teresa and attributing ulterior motives to her life-long humanitarian services to the poor and the sick, to the abandoned and the destitutes. It is quite unfortunate that the services of such a world renowned Nobel Prize laureate and Bharat Ratna awardee be dragged into such unwarranted controversies.

Mother Teresa never had any hidden agenda nor did she ever use her services as a cover up for conversion. She always maintained that her main concern was to ease the suffering of people and to help the poor and the suffering to lead a life of relief and self-respect. To the repeated questions, as to what was her motive for such a self-effacing service to the poor and to the suffering, her consistent reply was to help the Hindu, live a better Hindu, the Muslim, a better Muslim and the Christian, a better Christian with proper human dignity. Eminent people like Mr. Navin Chawla, who closely watched her life and activities, has testified to the world who Mother Teresa really is. He has written an authorized biography, describing Mother Teresa's mission of faith, labour of love and the principles that guided her humanitarian services to the mankind, regardless of caste, creed or colour. Mother Teresa has become a symbol of love, care and compassion for the world, a legacy that will be carried on for ages to come.

While upholding the freedom of speech of every citizen of India, the CBCI would wish that our nation's age-old passion for truth, unbiased support for the humanitarian works and compassion for the poor and the suffering may not be jeopardized by any cynical motive or intolerant gesticulations. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India once again renews the fond memories of Mother Teresa, one of the greatest humanitarians of the 20th century.

-Courtesy: CBCI.com



CATHOLIC BISHOP'S CONFERENCE OF INDIA (CBCI) PASTORAL LETTER

Your Eminence/Beatitude/Grace/Excellency/
Rev. Father/Sister/Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Greetings of Peace and Joy in the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

We have just celebrated the 66th Republic Day of our beloved Nation. The presence of the American President as the Chief Guest for the Republic Day Celebrations has added to the solemnity of the celebrations. On this auspicious occasion, I am pleased to share with you some of the thoughts that emerged in the recent Special Consultation held by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India at the CBCI Centre, New Delhi on January 20, 2015. It was attended by the four Cardinals of India, Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Cardinal George Alencherry, Cardinal

Telesphore Toppo, and myself with the CBCI Office-Bearers, representatives of the Catholic Council of India (CCI), the Conference of Religious India (CRI), All India Catholic Union (AICU), Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM), Legal Experts, Human Rights and Social activists. This was followed by a Meeting with the leaders of other Christian Churches (ICCI&EFI), based in Delhi.

We strongly felt that the untoward incidents that happened in the past few months in various parts of our country have wounded the sentiments of the minority community especially the Christian community and has shaken the faith in the secular fabric of our Nation. The shocking incidents that have taken place against Churches, clergy and laity in Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi have caused great concern for the Christian community. The recent controversies in the name of religious reconversions portray a negative image of India. Communal polarization and the bid to homogenize India are posing threat to all minorities – women, dalits, and all linguistic, cultural and religious minorities.

The Ghar Wapsi programmes, the ‘saffronisation’ of education and culture, and the demands for a Hindu Rashtra are again posing challenges to the secular ethos of our beloved country. “Saffronisation” is an intellectual threat to the coming generation. Conversions of a religious nature are an exercise of one’s free will and one’s constitutional/fundamental right and freedom of conscience and of religion. Ghar Wapsi is a political process, carried out by the powerful exponents of religious nationalism – much against the principle of Secularism. We are afraid that the Bills and Ordinances that have been recently enacted would weaken the poor farmers, fishermen, workers, dalits, tribal’s and other marginalized communities of their legitimate right to life and livelihood.

The Constitution of India guarantees that all the citizens of our country can profess, practise and propagate a religion of one’s choice. India is a land where different religious faiths have long since flourished and our founding fathers made special efforts to ensure that the rights of all are safeguarded, irrespective of our religious beliefs, gender or caste. Freedom of religion is a basic right, constitutional right, fundamental right and a democratic value. Christianity has its roots in Indian soil for almost 2000 years. The Christians in India believe in God and believe in the goodness of people and have been selflessly

care, community development etc. Without any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or religion.

We, the Christians of this Country, need an assurance from the Government that we are protected and secure and safe in our motherland. We express our strong concern on the aforementioned issue. Putting an end to such dangerous tendencies is inevitable for the growth and progress of our great nation. This great secular nation has to remain as a place where people of all religious and of different cultural backgrounds should live freely, practising their faith without fear or threat and in harmony. While we recommit ourselves for the progress and development of our nation, we strongly urge the Honorable Prime Minister, to intervene urgently and take appropriate action to stop incidents that pose a big threat to the unity of this secular nation and put end to the statements made by the responsible persons in the central ministry and of the party.

I wish to bring to your attention some of the proposals and recommendations that evolved during our Consultation.

1. The Church has always been compassionate to the poor and the suffering. We need to even more visibly concretize this attitude of ‘preferential option for the poor’ in all our ministry and apostolate, so emphatically be more vigilant in our responsibility to protect and promote our brothers and sisters of the Dalit/Backward Tribal communities who have embraced the Catholic faith.
2. The current socio-political situation in the Country calls for better unity and collaboration among the various Christian Churches at the Parish Diocesan/Regional and National level.
3. We need to empower our laity to critically evaluate the threats and challenges posed to the Church and Society and to evolve appropriate short term and long term strategic plans. Special efforts must be made to empower our women and youth in this regard.
4. The values enshrined in our Constitution such as unity, fraternity, secularism, tolerance, peace and justice have to be inculcated in the mind of the youth through education and other social involvement, in view of preparing them to be committed citizens of India and loyal sons and daughters of the Church.
5. We should recognize our journalists, activists and other experts and promote them to respond to these threats in local basis in accordance

with the mind of the Church. We need to create pressure against human rights violations jointly with other like minded people.

6. We should have at the Diocesan/Regional and national levels a demographic data bank of Christian population, human and institutional resources for effectively channelizing them for the growth of the Church and the nation.
7. It is good to form a 'think tank group' at the Parish/Diocesan/Regional and National level to effectively analyze the social political situation and the challenges involved and to non-scientist the church leadership about the issues involved. Equally important is to have a spokesperson / PRO at the Diocesan, Regional and National levels to articulate our stand, comment on the current issues and to cultivate a healthy relationship with all sections of society.
8. We should organize a united Christian prayer campaign at the parish, diocesan, regional and national levels.

These and several other suggestions were purposed by the participants during the consolation. We should try our best put into practice whatever we can do. The main thrust of the Consolation was for constant vigilance, united action to deep faith in the providence of God and in the divine assistance of Our Lord who founded the Church against which no evil will prevail.

The catholic Bishops' conference of India wishes to assure all the members of the church throughout India that we are with those brothers and sisters of our's who are in one way or other subject to suffering, just because we are a believing people in Jesus Christ and because we are a minority in this country'.

We are the citizens of this great country. We shall continue to work for the integral development of country. Due to threats and violence we cannot escape from our baptismal duty of spreading of kingdom of God. We need to strengthen our faith untimely. We are not fighting against any political party but for sacred ideals of our nation like freedom of religion, freedom of conscience fundamental rights and democracy as guaranteed by our noble constitution. We are ready to sacrifice our life for our faith and for the unity and progress of our country, as responsible members of the church and citizens of our nation. We should resolve, relying on the divine assistance, that we will not succumb

to any pressure or be threatened by any force in upholding our faith and in upholding the secular democratic nature of our country.

May God who created all of us in his image and likeness continue to bless us and strengthen us through the gift of the Holy spirit to continue the mission of the beloved son our lord Jesus Christ. May our blessed mother intercede for dear Nation.

With Prayer and best wishes.

Yours Lovingly in our Lord

Baselios Cardinal Cleemis

Major Archbishop – Catholicos & President Catholic Bishops' conference of India

**குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும்
திருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்**

மார்ச்	28.2.2015, 1.3.2015	உத்தமபாளையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
	6,7.03.2015	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	வெள்ளி, சனி
	14,15.03.2015	விருதுநகர்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
	20,21.03.2015	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	வெள்ளி, சனி
	28,29.3.2015	வத்தலக்குண்டு	சனி, ஞாயிறு
அருட்தந்தை. முனைவர் ஜான் பிரிட்டோ பாக்கியராஜ், செயலர்			

Holy Childhood Collection-2014

Collection as on 31/12/2014	1,31,355.00
Pambarpuram convent	10,000.00
St. Aloysius Institution, Rayappanpatti	10,000.00
Gnanaolivupuram	3,000.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015 **1,54,355.00**

Holy See Collection

Collection as on 27/01/2015	71,995.00
Gnanaolivupuram	3,000.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015 **74,995.00**

Hunger & Disease Collection

Collection as on 31/12/2014	8,84,391.00
Gnanaolivupuram	20,000.00
K. Pudur	20,000.00
Kariapatti	1,000.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015	<u>9,25,391.00</u>
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Good Friday Collection

Collection as on 31/12/2014	5,04,996.00
K. Pudur	25,000.00
Gnanaolivupuram	10,000.00
Kariapatti	1,000.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015	<u>5,40,996.00</u>
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Vocation Sunday Collection

Collection as on 27/01/2015	81,626.00
Gnanaolivupuram	3,000.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015	<u>84,626.00</u>
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St. Peter's Pence Collection

Collection as on 27/01/2015	78,508.00
Gnanaolivupuram	3,000.00
Palanganatham	500.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015	<u>82,008.00</u>
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Bible Sunday Collection

Collection as on 27/01/2015	85,120.00
Gnanaolivupuram	3,000.00
Palanganatham	500.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015	<u>88,620.00</u>
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Communication Day Collection

Collection as on 27/01/2015	14,130.00
Gnanaolivupuram	3,000.00
Silukkuvarpatti	1,000.00
Usilampatti	750.00
Palanganatham	500.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015	<u>19,380.00</u>
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Mission Sunday Collection

Collection as on 27/01/2015	17,53,248.00
K. Pudur	1,10,000.00
Christ Hall Seminary	30,866.00
Y. Othakadai	6,300.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015	<u>19,00,414.00</u>
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St. Peter the Apostle Collection

Collection as on 27/01/2015	55,745.00
Gnanaolivupuram	3,000.00
Usilampatti	750.00
Palanganatham	500.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015	<u>59,995.00</u>
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African Mission

Collection as on 27/01/2015	70,415.00
Gnanaolivupuram	3,000.00
Palanganatham	500.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015	<u>73,915.00</u>
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Opus Securitatus

Collection as on 27/01/2015	33,897.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Gnanaolivupuram	3,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Nagamalai	3,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Usilampatti	750.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Palanganatham	500.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015	41,147.00
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KANI (Seminarians Fund)

Fr. Parish Priest, Gnanaolivupuram	33,000.00
Miss. Josphine Lucia, Gnanaolivupuram	22,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, & Various Anbiyam, Bibikulam	16,961.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Theni	16,500.00
Mr. Germanus, Germanus Construction, Madurai	10,000.00
Dr. Julie Benjamin, Bastin Nagar	10,000.00
Mr.M.Joseph Sahayaraj, Michaelpalayam	10,000.00
Mr. Amalraj & Family, Kochadai	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Ayravathanallur	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Kariapatti	5,000.00
Sr. Superior, Presentation Srs Convent, Theni	5,000.00
Sr. Superior, Seva Missionary, Andipatti	5,000.00
Fr. Correspondent St. Britto Hr.Sec.School	5,000.00
Fr. Rector, St. Paul's Seminary, Trichy	3,000.00
Sons of Merciful love fathers, Pulluthu	3,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Packiapuram	2,650.00
Mr.N. Savarinathan, Theni	2,500.00
Fr. Joseph Selvaraj, Vicar General	2,000.00
St. Xavier's Evangelisation Commission, Theni	2,000.00
Sr. Superior, Presentation Convent, Kodaikanal	1,000.00
Mrs. Adaikala Mary, Kadachanendal	1,000.00
Theni Anbiyams	1,000.00
Mr.A. Prakash, GH Road, Theni	500.00
S. Stella, Theni	500.00
S. Gnanaprakasam, Theni	500.00

Mr. Sahayaraj & Mrs. Sujatha Family, Nagamalai	500.00
Vincent de Paul Society, Theni	500.00
Mrs. Mary Grace, Silukkuvarpatti	200.00
L.Jega & Jensi, Theni	200.00
Sr. Superior, Pambarpurn	140.00
Mr. M. Packiaraj & Reka, Pudupatti	100.00
Parishiner, Theni	100.00

Total	1,69,851.00
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Holy Childhood Collection - 2015

Munjukkal	11,000.00
Usilampatti home	10,000.00
Anjal Nagar	5,130.00
Ellis Nagar	4,000.00
Kadachanendal	2,500.00
Meenampatti	2,353.00
Thirumangalam	2,265.00
Sundaranatchiapuram	2,110.00
Usilampatti	2,000.00
Palanganatham	500.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015	41,858.00
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Mass Received From Parishes

Fr. Parish Priest, T. Vadipatti (1936 Mass)	1,93,600.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Anna Nagar (400 Mass)	20,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Munjikkal (300 Mass)	15,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Nagamalai (100 Mass)	5,000.00

Collection as on 25/02/2015	2,33,600.00
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From the desk of Fr. Procurator

Dear Rev. Fathers,

- Since March is our accounting closing month, you are requested to claim all your medical, allowance and mass bills before 15th of March 2015.
- Those priests, having F.C. transactions are requested to submit the bills and vouchers and account statements for the F.C. amount claimed so far for the respective projects.
- Those who have received allocations for specific purposes in the parishes are requested to submit the accounts along with bills and vouchers arranged datewise.
- Since the cheque and cash transactions are to be closed by 15th of march to enable the finalization of accounts before 31st March 2015, you are requested to finish your transactions before 15th March. New transactions will begin from 2nd April 2015 onwards.
- Those who have not submitted their annual account ending with december 2014 are requested to submit the accounts at an early date.

Fr. Y. Arockiam
Archdiocesan Procurator

Adoration Sunday

March	April
01 Silukkuvarpatti	05 Meenatchiapuram
08 Rajapalayam	12 Kalladipatti
15 Kalladipatti	19 Thirunagar
22 Thirunagar	26 Michaelpalayam
29 Mangalamkombu	

Greetings on Happy Birthdays

Most. Rev. Peter Fernando	on	22.03.1939
Fr. R.P. George Stephen	on	02.03.1967
Fr. I. Arpudasamy	on	02.03.1980
Fr. A. Antonysamy	on	04.03.1979
Fr. S. James Paulraj	on	06.03.1960
Fr. J. Paul Ignatius	on	09.03.1975
Fr. G. Gabriel	on	13.03.1973
Fr. J. Jeyaraj	on	20.03.1958
Fr. Jerome Sebastine	on	20.03.1983
Fr. Joseph Amalan	on	20.03.1977
Fr. Britto Gerald Dhinakaran	on	22.03.1984
Fr. M. John Diraviam	on	24.03.1968
Fr. Soosai P. Visuvasam	on	26.03.1959
Fr. J. Benedict Barnabas	on	27.03.1963
Fr. Y. Jeyaseelan	on	28.03.1975
Fr. Vincent Raja	on	28.03.1983
Fr. Varan Vardhan	on	31.03.1979



Necrology

Archbishop Arockiasamy	on	22.03.2007
Fr. Asirvatham	on	01.03.2013
Fr. Saldana	on	03.03.1973
Fr. Antony Nair	on	03.03.1982
Fr. Savariraj	on	15.03.1977
Fr. Alexis S.A.	on	16.03.1998
Fr. Lawrence Xavier P.	on	19.03.2006

