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தந்தை, மகன்,
தாய் ஆவி,
திருக்கும்பத்தின்
ஆசீர் உங்கள்
மேல் இருப்பதாக.

எழுச்சி மிகு இளையோரின் புத்தாண்டு [தி.பா. 103, 5]



Prayerful Felicitations

to His Grace

**ON THE FEAST DAY OF
ST. ANTONY, THE HERMIT,
THE 17TH INST.**

May the good Lord bless our
Archbishop with deeper experiences
and divine wisdom to animate,
lead and shepherd the flock of the
Faithful in the Archdiocese.

*- The Presbyterium, the Religious and the Laity,
Archdiocese of Madurai.*

CIC Sisters' Jubilee Celebration



Confirmation at Chinnomanur



CIC Feast Day



Greetings on Birthday



Paul Raj I. (04)



Fr. Anbu Selvam A. (06)

Fr. Benedict Ambrose Raj (10)



Fr. Antony Packiam A. (14)

Fr. Vincent Madhan Babu (22)



Fr. Jeganathan S. (23)

Fr. Gnana Sandanam M. (25)

Fr. Xavier Raj A. (25)



Fr. Pappuraj (28)

Fr. Arulanandam B. (29)



The Voice of the Pastor

My dear Fathers, brothers and sisters,

Jesus in his farewell discourse to his disciples at the Last Supper gives his final testament of love and the passage from St. John 15/ 1-8 reveals this precious treasure. He wants us to bear fruit and fruit in abundance that will last.

Left to ourselves however we may try we may not be able to do anything. But the only successful way for our life is what Jesus tells us: "Abide in me as I abide in you" (Jn. 15:5). He wants us by all means that we live in Him and this relationship is very intimate. As disciples of Christ our way of life does not consist merely in following certain rituals, set of prayers, dress code and diet, but a life with him in close and warm intimacy. By our living with Him we share our life together, our joys and sorrows, tragedies and triumphs which indicate that in everything we are together and one. This is the desire of Jesus Christ. Even though we do not see him with our physical eyes he wants us to be one in love with each of us by our faith.

We know that we are living in Christ by keeping his commandments. Hence Jesus says "whoever keeps my commandments lives in God and God lives in him" (Jn. 15: 10). Thus we experience his presence in us. By keeping his commandments we love him and He also will love us (cfr. Jn. 14:21).

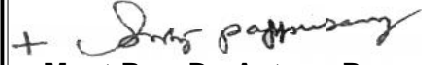
We should have an intimate and personal relationship with Jesus in Faith. We should never be satisfied merely with reciting certain prayers and observing certain rituals to a God who is beyond our reach while we live our own life here below. To meet Jesus let us abide in Him and put aside time everyday to



read and pray the Word of God and listen to Jesus speaking to us and respond by speaking to Him.

May God bless you abundantly not only on the First day of the year 2020 but throughout your life.

May God bless you all,
Your loving Archbishop,

+ 
+ **Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy**
Archbishop of Madurai

பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

- இலக்கு :** அன்பற்ற வாழ்க்கை என்பது ஒரு வறண்ட வெறுமையான வாழ்க்கை என்பதை நினைவுப்படுத்த (கி.வா 197)
- நோக்கு :** மூத்தோருடன் உறவாடும் இளைஞராக (கி.வா 187-191)
- சீர்தூக்கு :** இளைஞர்களும் முதியோரும் இணைந்து பயணித்தால், நிகழ்காலத்தில் ஓர் சிறந்த எதிர்காலத்தை உருவாக்க முடியும். (கி.வா 199)

HAPPY FEAST

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

Order of Mother of God (OMD)	-	1 st January
Society of the Divine Word (SDV)	-	15 th January
Society of the Catholic Apostolate (SAC)	-	22 nd January
Pallottine Missionary Sisters (SAC)	-	22 nd January
Congregation of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS)	-	24 th January
Congregation of Samaritan Sisters (CSS)	-	25 th January
Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB)	-	31 st January
Montfort Fathers (SVM)	-	31 st January

Archbishop's Engagements

01	Wed	Grace Day
02	Thu	M Golden Jubilee, Mother Teresa House, Sengole Nagar
03	Fri	M First Friday Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Railway Colony
04	Sat	M Silver Jubilee Celebration, Tenkasi
05	Sun	E Silver Jubilee Celebration, Gnanaolivupuram
07	Tue	M Education Council Meeting, Archbishop's House
10	Fri	M Blessing, St. Joseph's Hospital, Dindigul
13-14		Mass, Karumathampatty, Coimbatore
16	Thu	E Flag Hoisting, Marambady
17	Fri	Archbishop's Feast Day
	E	Blessing of Flag Pole, New Elis Nagar
18	Sat	M Inter-Sem Colloquium, St. Paul's Seminary, Tiruchirappalli
		Month's Mind Mass, Manikandam
19	Sun	E Thiruvartupravai Pongal Celebration, Gnanaolivupuram
20-22		TNBC Half Yearly Meeting, Thuckalay
23	Thu	M Seminar, Kamaraj University
	E	Flag Hoisting and Blessing of Grotto, Surya Nagar
24	Fri	M Consult Meeting, Archbishop's House
27-28		Inauguration of Associates of Mary Immaculate (AMI), Chennai
30	Thu	E Flag Hoisting, Puliampatty

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

Pope's General Prayer Intention

Prayer intention for World Peace

Promotion of World Peace. We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



இஸ்ரேலும் விஜயா கொண்டாநூல் பங்குகள்

1.	மூன்று ஞானியர் ஆலயம், வ. புதுப்பட்டி	-	ஜனவரி 6
2.	குழந்தை இயேசு ஆலயம், உகார்த்தே நகர்	-	ஜனவரி 15
3.	புனித செபஸ்தியார் ஆலயம், எல்லீஸ்நகர்	-	ஜனவரி 20
4.	வின்சென்ட் பல்லோட்டி ஆலயம், திருநகர்	-	ஜனவரி 22
5.	குழந்தை இயேசு ஆலயம், ஒத்தையால்	-	ஜனவரி 30
6.	தொன்போஸ்கோ ஆலயம், ஆலங்குளம்	-	ஜனவரி 31

இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும், துறவறத்தாருக்கும்

இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துக்களும் ஜெபங்களும்.

+ பேராயர் அந்தோனி பாப்பசாஹ்



Please Note



1. **New Year 2020 Greetings and Blessings:** Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I wish you all a Blessed New Year 2020, a New Year which is unique and different from other New Years. A lot of visionaries and luminaries in the word had planned for this special year 2020. It is the start of the New Decade, *Twenties*. I wish that all of you work out a renewal of your priestly and religious lives and ministries; and work out an Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan for the next ten years

starting from this 2020. Hence on this New Year Day I pray for all of you and offer all of you at the Holy Eucharist, and with the intercession of our Blessed Mother, I pray that God may bless you abundantly with good health and joy of the ministry.

- Archbishop Antony Pappusamy

Year of Youth 2020: We start the New Year

with special blessings and prayers for our young people in Tamilnadu Church. We have announced to all the faithful of Tamilnadu that the focal point of our Ministries in Tamil Church in 2020 is the young people in our parishes and institutions. I wish you all the necessary grace and wisdom from the Holy Spirit so that all of you will concentrate on and dedicate your ministries fully to the young people in the Archdiocese. All of you know that the future Church in Tamilnadu will be well founded only with the vitality and energy of the young people who are beset with so many issues in the modern world. Let us build our young people and protect them from all the snares of modern electronic gadgets. Let us raise young people for Christ in our Churches and Institutions of the Archdiocese.

– **Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy, Archbishop of Madurai.**

2. **பொங்கல் நல்வாழ்த்துகள்:** தைத்திருநாளாம் பொங்கல் திருநாளில், மதுரை உயர்மறைமாவட்ட செய்திமடல், வாசகர் அனைவருக்கும் இனிய, உளங்கனிந்த தமிழர் திருநாள் வாழ்த்துகளை தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கின்றது. தமிழர் அனைவரும் தம் அறத்தில் வளர்ந்து, மறத்தால்



சிறந்து, மொழி-பண்பாட்டு-கலைகளில் செழித்து அன்புடனும் அறத்துடனும் வாழவும், குறிப்பாக தமிழ் உழவர்கள், தொழிலாளர்கள் நலம் உயரவும், விவசாயம் செழிக்கவும், தமிழர் தம் தொண்மை மரபுபோல் இயற்கையோடு இணைந்து வாழவும் அனைவரையும் வாழ்த்தி மடல் மகிழ்கின்றது. இவ்வாண்டு நம் பங்கில்

உள்ள இளையோர் வாழ்வு சிறக்க, படிப்பு, வேலைவாய்ப்பு, திருமணவாழ்வு ஆசிர பெற்றிட மடல் வாழ்த்துகின்றது.

3. **Adoration Sunday:** Dear Fathers, I inform you, all the Parish Priests, that the Adoration Sunday marked at DNL should be observed strictly by every parish priest. After the Sunday Mass, Blessed Sacrament should be exposed. The Religious in the parishes, Abiamps and various association etc., should spend before Bl. Sacrament 1 hour and pray for the parish and the Archdiocese; and with the Benediction in the evening, the Adoration Sunday should be closed.

– **Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy**



4. **The Reunion** is postponed to March and therefore the Monthly Recollection for January will be Vicariate level.



5. For his **Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving celebrations**, **Fr. John Diraviam** invites all the *Presbyterium* and the Religious to participate in the Holy Eucharist to be held at 5:30 p.m., on 5th January (Sunday) at St. Joseph's Church, Gnanaolivupuram, Madurai.

6. **Church Unity Octave:** As customary we celebrate Unity Octave from 18^{th inst} to 25^{th inst}. It is a time of cherishing our union with other brethren of different churches who enrich us

with their special charism and worship. Kindly arrange ecumenical celebrations during this Octave thus collaborating with protestant and mainline churches who do not deviate from the fundamental Christian faith.

7. **Address of New Communities of Sisters of St. Joseph Vaz.** Archbishop, through his Decree, has erected the new communities of Sisters of St. Joseph Vaz at Unjapatti - Theni Parish, Pallangi Kombai- Lourdupuram Parish, Murugathooranpatti parish and Observatory Road. Contact Address: Rev. Sr. Mary Dalar SJV, The Superior General, Sisters of St. Joseph Vaz, Paalam Matric Hr. Sec. School, Unjampatti, Theni

– **Msgr. Jeyaraj, the Episcopal Vicar for the Religious.**

8. **The Archdiocesan unit of the CDPI** (Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India) in its meeting held on 10.12.2019 has elected Rev. Fr. L. Anandam as its president. Rev. Fr. Alex Gnanaraj, the Secretary of the Senate is its secretary.

The Archdiocesan unit of the CDPI invites as many diocesan priests as possible to attend the CDPI National conference at Vailankanni from 28 to 31 January 2020. Conveyance will be arranged by the Archdiocese. Please give your names to Fr. Alex Gnanaraj.

9. **Congratulations to:** i) **Fr. Edward Francis** for the *construction of School building, Samayanallur*, which Msgr. Jeyaraj, the Vicar General blessed on 16th December 2019.
- ii) **Fr. Gabriel** for the renovation of *St. Antony's Church, Palanganatham*, which His Grace blessed on 17th December 2019.
- iii) Thanks to **Fr. Paul Britto** for his *Contribution* of Rs. 2,74,927 to the Archdiocese through his pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Trier, GERMANY.
10. **Condolences:** DNL expresses its deep condolences to Fr. Jeevaraj over the demise of his beloved Mother, **Mrs. Lourdammal**, aged 86 who passed away on 13th December 2019. The Funeral Mass was officiated by Msgr. J. Jeyaraj with the participation of a large number of priests on 14th at Holy Magi Church, W. Pudupatti. May the soul of the Mother of Fr. Jeeva rest in peace.

11. Youth Year இளைஞர் ஆண்டு 2020

இந்த அடையாளம் கிறிஸ்துவைச் சூட்டுகிறது. கிறிஸ்துவில் இணையும் இளைஞர்கள் அவரைப் போன்று இறை, மனித உறவில் ஒன்றிணைக்கின்றனர். ஆண், பெண் இளைஞர்கள் இருவரும் கிறிஸ்துவில் சமமானவர்கள் என்பதைச் சூட்டுகிறது. **பச்சை நிறம்** வாழ்வைச் சூட்டுகிறது. கிறிஸ்து வாழ்வை வழங்குபவர் என்பதை உணர்த்துகிறது. **நீல நிறம்** மரியன்மையைச் சூட்டுகிறது. அன்னை மரியா போன்று இளைஞர்கள் தங்களுடைய அழைப்பினைத் தெளிந்து தேர்ந்து, ஆம் என பதில் நல்குவதைச் சூட்டுகிறது. **சிகப்பு நிறம்** ஈகத்தைச் சூட்டுகிறது. கிறிஸ்து தமது இரத்தத்தைச் சிந்தி, நமக்கு மீட்பினை வழங்கியுள்ளார். **மஞ்சள் நிறம்** விளிம்பு நிலையைச் சூட்டுகிறது. சாதி, மதம், சமூக, பொருளாதார நிலையினால் நிலவும் ஏற்றத் தாழ்வுகளால் புறக்கணிக்கப்பட்டோரைக் குறிக்கிறது. **ஆரஞ்சு நிறம்** இளமையின் சிறப்பினை, ஆற்றலை, வலிமையைச் சூட்டுகிறது.

1. பங்குகளில் இளைஞர் ஆண்டினை 2020 சனவரி முதல் நாளான, 'அன்னை



- மரியா: இறைவனின் தாய்' பெருவிழா அன்று தொடங்குவோம்.
2. மறைமாவட்ட அளவிலும் தொடக்க விழாவினைக் கொண்டாட வழிமுறைகளைத் திட்டமிடுவோம்.
3. பங்குகள், கிளைப்பங்குகள் ஆகியவற்றில் 13 வயது தொடங்கி 17 வயதிற்குட்பட்ட (09 முதல் 12 முடிய பயிலும்) மாணாக்கரை ஒருங்கிணைத்து இளம் கத்தோலிக்க மாணாக்கர் இயக்கத்தினைத் (YCS) தொடங்குவதற்கு முயற்சி செய்வோம்.
4. இளைஞர் ஆண்டினை முன்னிட்டு ஒவ்வொரு மாதத்தின் முதல் ஞாயிறு அன்று பங்கு அளவில் இளைஞர்களுக்கான தனித்திருப்பலியினை அந்தந்த மாதத்திற்கான நோக்கத்தை மையப்படுத்திச் சிறப்பிப்போம்.
5. இளைஞர்கள், இளைஞர் இயேசுவைத் தங்களது அன்றாட வாழ்வில் சந்தித்து, அவரோடு உறவில் வளர, நற்கருணை ஆராதனைகள், தியானங்கள், திருப்பயணங்கள் ஆகியவற்றை ஏற்பாடு செய்து, அருள்வாழ்வில் வளர உதவுவோம்.
6. இளைஞர்கள் தங்களை ஆற்றல்படுத்திக்கொள்ள மறைமாவட்டம், மறைவட்டம், பங்கு, கிளைமையம் எனப் பல நிலைகளில் வழங்கப்படும் பயிற்சிகளிலும் சிறப்பு நிகழ்வுகளிலும் முழுமையாகப் பங்கேற்க இளைஞர்களுக்கு வழிகாட்டுவோம்.
7. பங்கு அருள்பணிப் பேரவை, திருத்தூதுக் கழகங்கள் (பக்த சபைகள்), அன்பியங்கள், ஊர் நிர்வாகம் ஆகியவற்றில் உள்ள உறுப்பினர்கள் நலமான உரையாடலை இளைஞர் இயக்க உறுப்பினர்களோடு மேற்கொள்வது காலத்தின் கட்டாயத் தேவை. நிர்வாகப் பொறுப்பினை இளைஞர்களுடன் பகிர்ந்து, தலைமைத்துவப் பண்புகளில் வளர இளைஞர்களை ஆற்றல்படுத்துவோம்.
8. பங்குகள், மறைமாவட்ட அளவில் இளைஞர்களுக்கான ஆய்வு மையங்களை உருவாக்கி, அறிவுசார் பங்களிகளாக இளைஞர்களை உருவாக்க முயற்சிப்போம்.
9. நற்செய்திக்கான எண்மின் ஊடகங்களைத் தொழில்சார் நேர்த்தியோடு இளைஞர்கள் உருவாக்கிட வாய்ப்புகளும் வழிகாட்டுதல்களும் வழங்குவோம்.
10. இளைஞர்கள் அரசின் நிர்வாகத் துறையில் பங்கெடுப்பதற்கு ஏதுவாக, தகுந்த விழிப்புணர்வினை ஏற்படுத்தி, போட்டித் தேர்வுகளை எழுதி, வெற்றி பெறுவதற்கு ஏற்றச் சூழல்களை உருவாக்குவோம்.

கிறிஸ்தவ வடிவப் பணிக்கு

மதிப்பிற்குரிய பங்குத்தந்தையரே,

நமது மதுரை உயர்மறைமாவட்ட பங்குகளில் உள்ள பாடகர் குழுவினர்க்கு திருவழிபாட்டுப் பயிற்சி வழங்க ஒருநாள் கருத்தமர்வு ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது. இந்த பயிற்சிக்கு தங்களது பங்கிலிருந்து மூன்று நபர்களை (இரண்டு பாடகர்கள், ஒரு இசைக்கருவி மீட்டுபவர்) அனுப்பி வைக்கவும்.

தலைப்பு- **திருவழிபாட்டில் திருநீசை : இன்றைய திருஅவையின் எதிர்பார்ப்பு**
கருத்தமர்வை வழிநடத்துபவர் : **அருள்பணி. அற்புதராஜ்**, செயலர், தமிழக திருவழிபாட்டுப் பணிக்குழு

நாள் : **18.01.2020 (சனிக்கிழமை)**

நேரம் : **காலை 9.00 - பிற்பகல் 1.30 மணிவரை**

இடம் : **தே நொபிலி மெடரிக் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி**, கோ. புதூர் (பேராயர் இல்ல வளாகம்)

குறிப்பு: தங்களது பங்கிலிருந்து பங்குபெறுவோர் எண்ணிக்கை மற்றும் அவர்களின் பெயர், தொலைபேசி எண் ஆகியவற்றை கீழ்க்கண்ட செயலரின் எண்ணிற்கு வாட்ஸப் அல்லது குறுஞ்செய்தி மூலம் 12.01.2020க்குள் தெரிவிக்க கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

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செயலர், கிறிஸ்தவ வாழ்வுப் பணிக்குழு.



Commission for Ecumenism and Dialogue

United Carol service by various churches in Madurai, held in Chandler Matriculation School on 14.12.2019 presided over by Rev. Bishop Dr. Joseph CSI was successful. Though incessant downpour of rain prevented the celebration in the open ground, generous cooperation from the part of school management, helped the function to be a noteworthy one.

Tiruvarutperavai members met the Archbishop on 3.1.2020 at 5 pm to get the new year blessings. During the meeting, they planned for the inter-religious pongal celebration to be held in Gnanaolivupuram on 19.01.2020 at 6.30 pm. Parish Priests of town parishes are requested to inform the parishioners and send some people to spice the celebration.

January 18-25, 2020 is the unity octave week. Parish Priests are kindly asked to encourage the people to recite special prayers, and take some initiatives to hold meeting with the local pastors of other churches and deepen the spirit of Christian Unity. - **Fr. A. Arul**, Secretary

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 53rd WORLD DAY OF PEACE 1 JANUARY 2020

PEACE AS A JOURNEY OF HOPE: DIALOGUE, RECONCILIATION AND ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION

1. Peace, a journey of hope in the face of obstacles and trial

Peace is a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family [. . .] Hope is the virtue that inspires us and keeps us moving forward, even when obstacles seem insurmountable.

Our human community bears, in its memory and its flesh, the scars of ever more devastating wars and conflicts that affect especially the poor and the vulnerable. Entire nations find it difficult to break free of the chains of exploitation and corruption that fuel hatred and violence. Even today, dignity, physical integrity, freedom, including religious freedom, communal solidarity and hope in the future are denied to great numbers of men and women, young and old. Many are the innocent victims of painful humiliation and exclusion, sorrow and injustice, to say nothing of the trauma born of systematic attacks on their people and their loved ones.

The terrible trials of internal and international conflicts, often aggravated by ruthless acts of violence, have an enduring effect on the body and soul of humanity. Every war is a form of fratricide that destroys the human family's innate vocation to brotherhood.

War, as we know, often begins with the inability to accept the diversity of others, which then fosters attitudes of aggrandizement and domination born of selfishness and pride, hatred and the desire to caricature, exclude and even destroy the other. War is fueled by a perversion of relationships, by hegemonic ambitions, by abuses of power, by fear of others and by seeing diversity as an obstacle. And these, in turn, are aggravated by the experience of war [. . .]

Peace and international stability are incompatible with attempts to build upon the fear of mutual destruction or the threat of total annihilation. They can be achieved only on the basis of a global ethic of solidarity and cooperation in the service of a future shaped by interdependence and shared responsibility in the whole human family of today and tomorrow".

Every threatening situation feeds mistrust and leads people to withdraw into their own safety zone. Mistrust and fear weaken relationships and increase the risk of violence, creating a vicious circle that can never lead to a relationship of peace. Even nuclear deterrence can only produce the illusion of security [. .]

2. Peace, a journey of listening based on memory, solidarity and fraternity

The Hibakusha, the survivors of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, are among those who currently keep alive the flame of collective conscience, bearing witness to succeeding generations to the horror of what happened in August 1945 and the unspeakable sufferings that have continued to the present time. Their testimony awakens and preserves the memory of the victims, so that the conscience of humanity may rise up in the face of every desire for dominance and destruction. “We cannot allow present and future generations to lose the memory of what happened here. It is a memory that ensures and encourages the building of a more fair and fraternal future” [. .]

What is more, memory is the horizon of hope. Many times, in the darkness of wars and conflicts, the remembrance of even a small gesture of solidarity received can lead to courageous and even heroic decisions. It can unleash new energies and kindle new hope in individuals and communities [. .]

Peace emerges from the depths of the human heart and political will must always be renewed, so that new ways can be found to reconcile and unite individuals and communities.

The world does not need empty words but convinced witnesses, peacemakers who are open to a dialogue that rejects exclusion or manipulation. In fact, we cannot truly achieve peace without a convinced dialogue between men and women who seek the truth beyond ideologies and differing opinions [. .]

The peace process thus requires enduring commitment. It is a patient effort to seek truth and justice, to honour the memory of victims and to open the way, step by step, to a shared hope stronger than the desire for vengeance [. .]

In our Christian experience, we constantly remember Christ, who gave his life to reconcile us to one another (cf. Rom 5:6-11). The Church shares fully in the search for a just social order; she continues to serve the common good and to nourish the hope for peace by transmitting

Christian values and moral teaching, and by her social and educational works.

3. Peace, a journey of reconciliation in fraternal communion

The Bible, especially in the words of the Prophets, reminds individuals and peoples of God’s covenant with humanity, which entails renouncing our desire to dominate others and learning to see one another as persons, sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters. We should never encapsulate others in what they may have said or done, but value them for the promise that they embody. Only by choosing the path of respect can we break the spiral of vengeance and set out on the journey of hope.

We are guided by the Gospel passage that tells of the following conversation between Peter and Jesus: “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven” (Mt 18:21-22). This path of reconciliation is a summons to discover in the depths of our heart the power of forgiveness and the capacity to acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters. When we learn to live in forgiveness, we grow in our capacity to become men and women of peace.

What is true of peace in a social context is also true in the areas of politics and the economy, since peace permeates every dimension of life in common. There can be no true peace unless we show ourselves capable of developing a more just economic system [. .]

4. Peace, a journey of ecological conversion

Faced with the consequences of our hostility towards others, our lack of respect for our common home or our abusive exploitation of natural resources – seen only as a source of immediate profit, regardless of local communities, the common good and nature itself – we are in need of an ecological conversion. The recent Synod on the Pan-Amazon Region moves us to make a pressing renewed call for a peaceful relationship between communities and the land, between present and past, between experience and hope.

This journey of reconciliation also calls for listening and contemplation of the world that God has given us as a gift to make our common home. Indeed, natural resources, the many forms of life and the earth itself have been entrusted to us “to till and keep” (Gen 1:15), also for future generations, through the responsible and active participation of everyone [. .]

All this gives us deeper motivation and a new way to dwell in our common home, to accept our differences, to respect and celebrate the life that we have received and share, and to seek living conditions and models of society that favour the continued flourishing of life and the development of the common good of the entire human family.

The ecological conversion for which we are appealing will lead us to a new way of looking at life, as we consider the generosity of the Creator who has given us the earth and called us to a share it in joy and moderation [. .]

For Christians, it requires that “the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them”.

5. “We obtain all that we hope for”

The journey of reconciliation calls for patience and trust. Peace will not be obtained unless it is hoped for.

In the first place, this means believing in the possibility of peace, believing that others need peace just as much as we do. Here we can find inspiration in the love that God has for each of us: a love that is liberating, limitless, gratuitous and tireless.

Fear is frequently a source of conflict. So it is important to overcome our human fears and acknowledge that we are needy children in the eyes of the One who loves us and awaits us, like the father of the prodigal son (cf. Lk 15:11-24). The culture of fraternal encounter shatters the culture of conflict. It makes of every encounter a possibility and a gift of God’s generous love [. .]

For the followers of Christ, this journey is likewise sustained by the sacrament of Reconciliation, given by the Lord for the remission of sins of the baptized. This sacrament of the Church, which renews individuals and communities, bids us keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, who reconciled “all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross” (Col 1:20). It requires us to set aside every act of violence in thought, word and deed, whether against our neighbours or against God’s creation [. .]

May the God of peace bless us and come to our aid.

May Mary, Mother of the Prince of Peace and Mother of all the peoples of the earth, accompany and sustain us at every step of our journey of reconciliation.

And may all men and women who come into this world experience a life of peace and develop fully the promise of life and love dwelling in their heart.

From the Vatican, 8 December 2019

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 20.12.2019

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 10/02/19	Holy See 31/03/19	Hunger Disease 18/04/19	Good Friday 19/04/19	Vocation Sunday 12/05/19
1	A. Nathampatti	300	300	3000	1000	400
2	Alankulam	1000	1000	9000	9000	1000
3	Ammapatty	800	800	8300	4200	1000
4	Anjal Nagar	6080	5672	70938	45470	2000
5	Anna Nagar	10360	9810	130000	20000	8453
6	Aruppukottai	1500	1000	15000	5000	1500
7	Ayravathanallur	4500	2450	15000	15000	2000
8	Bastin Nagar	12000	8000	130300	31000	8500
9	Batlagundu	2600	3000	40000	10000	3000
10	Bibikulam	5000	3140	40580	12580	3330
11	Bodinayakanur	500	500	10000	3000	400
12	Chinnamanur	500	500	10000	1000	500
13	Cumbum	1550	1450	20250	4550	1600
14	Devadanam	2000	1500	24500	4500	1500
15	Ellis Nagar	9845	10534	101192	22510	5984
16	Gnanaolivupuram	7500	7000	125000	45000	6500
17	Hanumanthanpatty	1300	1500	15000	8000	1600
18	Holy Rosary Church	4500	4500	45000	10000	3500
19	Iyyampalayam	1120	328	1050	1510	300
20	K. Pudur	8370	2000	73870	71780	3000
21	Kadachanendal	2000	2000	30000	20000	2000
22	Kadamalaikundu	300	250	4500	4000	300
23	Kalladipatti	500	500	4000	1000	
24	Kariapatty	1000	1000	8140	5380	1000
25	Karumathur	1450	750	2020	5050	500
26	Kavirayapuram			7100	7140	600
27	Kottur	1100	1200	14500	13800	1500
28	Lourdupuram	1500	1000	6795	6100	1000
29	Megamalai	300	200	300	1000	200
30	Mangalamkombu	500	500	4330	2670	500
31	M. Meenatchiapuram	1410	1630	6800	5210	1690
32	Mathankovilpatti	600	500	620	2300	600
33	Marianus Nagar	500	500	8000	6000	1000
34	Meenmpatti	3100	2064	35000	5000	1952
35	Melur	1350	1000	25000	10000	1500

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	St. Peter's Pence 30/06/19	Communi- cation Day 14/07/19	Prision Ministry 11/08/19	Bible Sunday 29/09/19	Mission Sunday 20/10/19	African Mission 03/11/19	Peter the Apostle 24/11/19	Opus 02/12/19
1								
2	500	500	500	1500	7100	600	1000	1000
3	900	900	1300	1000	13000	1000		
4	1500	1500	2000	1500	38060	2000		
5	6500	9110	9230	9864	56900	14070	5140	5400
6	1000	1000						
7	2450	2500	2530	3145	20515	5085	2835	
8	8000	12000	18000	12000	140000	8000	8000	8000
9	2700	3000	3200	3000	29000	3000	3000	3500
10	4250	3960	3780	3420	80500	3400		
11	500	500	500	700	25140	500	500	500
12	500	500	500	500	8000	1000	500	500
13	1000	1000	1500	1200	30600	1300	1400	1200
14	1500	1500	1500	1500	23000	1700	1600	1500
15	12180	12372	10541	9880	270835	11350	13350	13440
16								
17	1200	1150	1250	1400	48000	1450	1490	1380
18	3000	4500	3000	4500				
19	350	350	400	500				
20	13860	9060	18000					
21	2000	2000	2000	2000	50500	2000	2000	
22	200	1000	250	1500	5500			
23		620	700	680				
24	1000	1000	1000	1000	27000	1000		
25	500	500	500	600	4800	800		
26	550	580	600	650	6080	680	620	
27	1200	1400	1300	1000	25000	1500	1500	1500
28				2100				
29	200	200	200	200	3500	200	200	200
30	500	500	500	500	7720	580		
31	1650	1710	2210	2180	21650	2100		
32	500	530	500	600	4200	550	550	600
33	1000	1000	1000	2000	32000	500	500	500
34	2040	2000	1600	2050				
35	1200	1300	1000	1000	22222	1110	1040	1070

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S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 10/02/19	Holy See 31/03/19	Hunger Disease 18/04/19	Good Friday 19/04/19	Vocation Sunday 12/05/19
36	Melakovilpatti			5000	2200	
37	Michaelpalayam	750	750	*10,000	1500	750
38	Munjikkal	3000	3000	10000	5000	3000
39	Murugathuranpatti					
40	Nagamalai	4000	2000	90000	20000	3000
41	Nakkaneri	1000	1000	11500	2000	1000
42	Nilakottai	1000		6400	4200	1000
43	Niravazhvu Nagar (VNR)	1000		10000	10000	1000
44	Othaiyal	300		700	1100	400
45	Packiapuram	2350		25350	10220	2370
46	Packianathapuram					
47	Palanganatham	6000		150000	25000	5000
48	Pandian Nagar	2000		3000	4500	2000
49	Periyakulam	1100		21000		
50	Perumalmalai	1500				
51	R.R. Nagar	3000		35000	6500	2000
52	Railway Colony	2600		5100	4100	1100
53	Rajapalayam	1500		18200	3400	1400
54	Rayappanpatti	6000		30000	25000	3500
55	Rayapuram			10200	3350	
56	Samayanallur	3000		50000	11000	4000
57	Sattur					
58	Shenbaganur	3000		11000	3500	2000
59	Sengole Nagar	2000		60000	43500	2500
60	Sempatti Mission	200		200	200	200
61	Silukkuvarpatty	1000		10000	5000	1000
62	Sivakasi	11500		116200	50200	10500
63	Srivilliputhur			15000	40000	
64	St. Mary's Cathedral	10000		60000	50000	5000
65	Sundaranatchiapuram					
66	T. Sindalacherry	3000		19400	20600	1000
67	T. Vadipatti Shrine	1100		10500	16300	1500
68	Theni	4200		42015	19043	3722
69	Thirumangalam	1600		3600	6010	1450
70	Thirunagar	1500		7500	21000	1500

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36					10490			
37					7500			
38	3000	3000	3000	3000		3000		
39					12121			
40	3000	3000	3000		100000	3000	5000	2000
41	1000	1000	1000	1000	12000	500	500	500
42	700	1000	600	2000	20400	600		
43								
44	320	200	800	1000	5200	750		
45	5206	3976	5021	5300	85701	3947	3338	5168
46				1654	32520	1325	1320	1410
47				5000				
48	2000	2000	2000	2000	41000			
49			1200					
50								
51	1000	1000	5000	3000	20000	3000		
52	1330	1040	1120	2010	18100	1310	1290	1200
53	1200	1500	1500	1800	30800			
54	3500	3500	3500	3500	160000	3500	3500	3500
55								
56	3000	3100	3000	3400	130000	3000	3100	3000
57								
58	1000	1000	1000					
59	2000	2000	2000	2000	125000			
60	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
61	1000	1000	1000	1000		1000	1000	1000
62	15000	12000	12100	12500	450000	10000	10000	11500
63								
64	5000	3000	4000	6000	73000	5000		
65								
66	1000	1000	1000	1000	96410	1000	1000	1000
67	2000	2000	1000	3000	18250	1000	1000	
68	4200	3300	3800	4000	110500	3500	4400	2600
69	1100	1000	1200	1500				
70	1500	1500	1200	1300	30040	1000	1500	1000

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S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 10/02/19	Holy See 31/03/19	Hunger Disease 18/04/19	Good Friday 19/04/19	Vocation Sunday 12/05/19
71	Thiruthangal	3800	2200	25000	9000	3000
72	Thummuchinampatty	750	570	820	1000	850
73	Ugarthe Nagar	2000	2000	25000	15000	2000
74	Usilampatti	3000	1000	25000	6000	1000
75	Uthamapalayam					
76	Virudhunagar	9500	9500	130000	70000	9500
77	Vadapatti Mission	200	300	400	600	245
78	W. Pudupatti	1000	1000	9468	10956	1000
79	Y. Othakadai	2000	1022	16141	19725	1830
	Fr. Lourduraj Arockia Illam			1400	1000	
	Holycross Convent, Pambarpuram	10000				
	Fouriere Home, Pambarpuram	20000				
	St. Agnes Home for Children, Rayappanpatti	10000				
	St. Aloysius Instituion Rayappanpatti	10000				
	Mariamalkulam School, T. Vadipatti	10000				
	HolyCrosss Convent Batlgundu					
	Holy Cross Convent M. Vadipatti					
	Angelo Provinciale, Trichy					
	Total	258385	157920	2125179	967454	151726
NB: * Michaelpalayam Parish Rs. 10,000/- for Hunger & Disease collection paid directly to MMSSS.						

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St. Peter's Pence 30/06/19	Communi- cation Day 14/07/19	Prision Ministry 11/08/19	Bible Sunday 29/09/19	Mission Sunday 20/10/19	African Mission 03/11/19	Peter the Apostle 24/11/19	Opus 02/12/19
2200	2100	2200	3000				
900	900	850	820	3500	500	650	750
2000	2000	2000	3000	50000	2000	2000	2000
1000	1200			15020			
9500	8700	6700	9600	205000	9300	9300	8900
400	300	250	300	13500	450	400	
1000	1000	1000	1000				
1436	1591	1510	1357				
				22000			
				5000			
				10000			
152122	149849	164842	159910	2914074	124361	94723	86018

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<u>KANI (Seminarians Fund)</u>	
Opening Balance as on 25.11.2019	40,56,438.77
Fr. Parish Priest, Palanganatham	25,000.00
Sr. Superior General, CIC Generalate, Madurai	20,000.00
Sr. Provincial Superior, Meghizhur, Viraganur	10,000.00
Mr. M.A. Jerom Raj & J. Preethika, Marambady, Dindigul	10,000.00
Parishioners, Melakovilpatti	5,705.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Smayanallur	5,000.00
Mr. Kumanan, Gnanaolivupuram	5,000.00
Mr. Arumainathan, Gnanaolivupuram	5,000.00
Asha Savari Antony, Gnanaolivupuram	5,000.00
Mrs. Viyakula Selvi, Gnanaolivupuram	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Chinnamanur	5,000.00
St. Mary of Leuca Convent, Bastin Nagar	5,000.00
Fr. Jeyaraj, Melakovilpatty	5,000.00
Sr. Superior, St. Mary of Leuca, Moondrumavadi	5,000.00
Mr. Michael Arulrayan, Gnanaolivupuram	4,000.00
Mrs. Mary, Gnanaolivupuram	4,000.00
Mrs. Kalaiarasi Paul, Gnanaolivupuram	4,000.00
Mr. Amaladoss, Bastin Nagar	3,000.00
Christ Hall Seminary, Karumathur	3,000.00
Mrs. Maria Arputhammal, Gnanaolivupuram	2,000.00
Son of Merciful Love, St. Pius Boys Town, Nagamalai	2,000.00
Narchaithi Panikuzhu, Nagamalai	2,000.00
Parishioners, Chinnamanur	1,100.00
Mr. Jesudasan & Josephine Daicy, Nagmalai	1,000.00
G. Usha Bernadett	1,000.00
St. Thomas Anbiam, Palanganatham	700.00
Sr. Manohari, Melakovilpatti, Batlagundu	500.00
Savariammal, Bibikulam	200.00
Mr. K. Maria Muthu, Archbishop's House, Madurai	200.00
Amali Theresa, Bibikulam	100.00
	42,00,943.77
Less: Payment for Sacred Heart Seminary - 14,674.00	14,674.00
Closing Balance as on 20.12.2019	41,86,269.77
Cash in Hand : 45,700.00	
Cash at Bank : <u>41,40,569.77</u>	
41,86,269.77	

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நொயிலி அருள்பணி மையம்

புதிய கட்டிடம் மலர்வதற்காக தாராள மனதுடன் உதவும் உள்ளங்கள்

Diocese of Venice in Florida, U.S.A.	
(Through Fr. T.R. Jayabalan)	14,40,699.96
Saint Alphonsus Congregation, U.S.A.	
(Through Fr. Britto Raja Suresh)	6,15,616.62
Fr. Valentine Joseph, USA	1,65,504.00
Fr. Britto Raja Suresh, USA	1,39,835.00
Fr. Arul Joseph, USA	1,04,816.00
Fr. G. Lourdu Raj, Arockia Illam	55,000.00
Fr. Dhivyanandam	50,000.00
Fr. Arul, Secretary, Dialogue Commission	50,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Irudaya Raj - Lilly Rose, Annanagar	50,000.00
Fr. A. Antony Samy, Secretary, C.C.L	25,000.00
Fr. Vincent Mathan Babu	20,000.00
Fr. M. John Diraviam, Chancellor	15,000.00
Fr. A. Vedamanickam, Palanganatham	10,000.00
Fr. I. Maria Arul Selvam	10,000.00
Mr. Arulanandam, Rtd., H.M, Annanagar	10,000.00
Amaladass Nithya, Annanagar	10,000.00
Mr. Jeevanandam & Elizabeth Mary, K. Pudur	10,000.00
Fr. Xavier Arul Rayan, Packiapuram	5,500.00
The Teachers, R.C. Mid.Sch. P. Chettiapatti, Usilampatti	5,000.00
Fr. Gnanasandanam, Arockia Illam	5,000.00
Nazrane Isabella Family, Usilampatti	1,000.00
Mrs. Badma James, Kadachanendal	1,000.00

Total 27,98,971.58

Mass Received From Parishes

Sivakasi (600 Masses)	60,000.00
Sengole Nagar (150 Masses)	15,000.00
Ayravathanallur (55 Masses)	5,500.00
Kadamalaikundu (20 Masses)	2,000.00

Total 82,500.00

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.
- ✳ Kindly remit all the Diocesan Collections (13 Nos) and the DMF (1%) Collections separately by Cheque or Bank Draft favouring **The R.C. Diocese of Madurai** to the Procurator's Office. This is in accordance with Government norms for restricting cash transactions.
- ✳ **NEW ADDRESS BOOK** is available in the Diocesan Office & Nobili Book Center. It costs Rs. 110/- only.
- ✳ **NEW ORDO** is available in the Diocesan Office & Nobili Book Center. It costs Rs. 70/- only.
- ✳ The Parishes having Surplus masses are kindly asked to remit those masses to the diocese, and thus help the other priests to offer it.

We appreciate and thank the following parishes for having computerized their accounting system and come into one diocesan accounting purview.

Sl No.	Name of the Parish	Account updated till (Data Collected on 20/12/2019)
1	Ellis Nagar	20/12/2019
2.	Chinnamanur	19/12/2019
3.	Bodinayakkanur	13/12/2019
4.	Samayanallur	30/11/2019

5.	Muruguthoornpatti	29/11/2019
6.	Cumbum	26/11/2019
7.	Kadamalaikundu	01/11/2019
8.	Anna Nagar	30/09/2019
9.	Kottur	30/09/2019
10.	Mangalamkombu	30/09/2019
11.	Mathankovilpatti	30/09/2019
12.	Melur	30/09/2019
13.	Palanganatham	30/09/2019
14.	Virudunagar	30/09/2019
15.	Thummuchinampatti	30/06/2019
16.	Packiapuram	01/06/2019
17.	Anjal Nagar	31/05/2019
18.	Kadachanendal	31/03/2018
19.	Meenampatti	31/03/2019
20.	Railway Colony	31/03/2019
21.	Theni	31/03/2019

Fr. S. Peter Roy, Procurator

***Felicitations On Ordination
Anniversary Day***

Fr. M. Santhiyagappan on 04.01.2019



Conference of Catholic Bishops of India
Circular on the New English Lectionary
To All Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons,
Religious, Catechists and Lay Faithful of the Latin
Catholic Church in India

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God honours and blesses those who respect and love His precious Word. It is the most valuable possession we own, because it is His written message to us. From Genesis to Revelation, God reveals His mind and heart. Everything else will pass away, “but the word of God stands forever” (Is. 40:8). The Lord is still on His throne and continues doing what He has promised in His Word. When we believe and obey it, our lives are transformed. The Word of God brings us to salvation, guides our steps, directs us to wisdom, lifts our burdens and brings us joy.

After a long wait, we are happy to announce the arrival of the New Lectionary to be used in all English language liturgical celebrations in our country. The Church in India will begin to officially use this Lectionary in liturgical celebrations from 5th April 2020, Palm Sunday.

It may be recalled that the Bishops of India had commissioned the work on an English Translation of the Holy Bible consistent with the teaching of the Church and according to the norms laid down in the 2001 Instruction *Liturgiam Authenticam*. They were aware that the Bible version presently in use needed improvement for proclamation in the Liturgy, especially from the viewpoint of the more modern and common usage of the English language.

The Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) during its Plenary Assembly in February 2017 approved the English Standard Version Catholic Edition (ESVCE) of the Holy Bible for use in the Liturgy. The ESVCE is considered one of the most accurate English translations of the Holy Bible from the original manuscripts.

This ESVCE has been used throughout the new Lectionary, with the exception of the Psalms and Canticles, for which the Revised Grail Psalms version has been used. The Lectionary has been prepared in accordance with the *Ordo Lectionum Missae, Editio Typica Altera*

of 1981, with the additions authorized by the Holy See up to the present day, including the new Votive Masses and Masses for Saints.

Encouraging active participation in the Liturgy, the Second Vatican Council, in its Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, reminds us that in celebrating the Liturgy on earth, “we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly Liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem towards which we journey as pilgrims” (SC 8).

The New English Lectionary is prepared according to the Indian Liturgical Calendar, incorporating special readings for the Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials of Indian Saints and votive Masses for our country. We earnestly request you to use the New English Lectionary for Holy Mass from Palm Sunday, 5th April 2020 onwards. Hence the English Lectionaries that are currently in use in India should be set aside and replaced with the New Lectionary.

This new Lectionary is an invitation for each of us to deepen our understanding of the Word of God and thereby participate in the liturgy actively, fully and consciously, lifting ourselves up to the Lord. Let us welcome the new Lectionary as a sign of a powerful instrument of God’s grace in our lives.

Dated the 1st of January, 2020, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God.

† Filipe Neri Ferrão

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

† George Antonysamy

Vice President, CCBI
Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore

† Anil Joseph Thomas Couto

Secretary General, CCBI
Archbishop of Delhi

This Circular should be read and explained on any convenient Sunday during the month of February 2020 in all parishes, religious communities and institutions of the dioceses of the Latin Catholic Church in India.

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



04,05.01.2020	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
11,12.01.2020	விருதுநகர்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
18,19.01.2020	கொடைக்கானல்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
25,26.01.2019	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு

அருட்தந்தை. ஜோசப், செயலர்

Adoration Sunday

January	February
05 St. Mary’s Cathedral	02 Anjal Nagar
12 Alangulam	09 Aruppukottai
19 Ammapatti	16 Ayravathanallur
26 Anna Nagar	23 Ayyampalayam



Necrology

Archbishop Justin Diraviam on	25.01.1991
Fr. Alexis Diamond Raj on	01.01.1997
Fr. Savarimuthu V.A. on	08.01.1982
Fr. Ignatius I. on	08.01.1986
Fr. Balthasar A. on	16.01.1986
Fr. Peter Roy on	29.01.1964



XXXII. MADURA MISSION - HISTORICAL NOTES

A Founder and a Visionary

In the last issue we recorded the ministry of a Madura Prophet for Social Justice, Fr. John Baptist Trincal, who founded a great mission of Pudupatti which became later a Vicariate in the Archdiocese of Madurai. As the new Bishop, Most Rev. Antony Samy S., has taken the rein of Palayamkottai it is fitting that we pay our tribute to another visionary who awakened the poor souls to God and stood by his flock at difficult times in Palayamkottai region. It is Father Adrien Caussanel who tirelessly worked in Trinaveli Mission for thirty years. He started his mission at the North of Tuticorin under the jurisdiction of Fr. Louis Verdier, the superior of Palayamcotta. As a young missionary he worked tirelessly for his people. He was a hunter of souls for 42 years. He was a parish priest at Tuticorin and Palayamkottai. He established Missions at veeravanallur, kallikulam, anaikaraipatti, vadakankulam, sendamaram, tuticorin and palayamkottai.

From 1983 Fr. Caussanel was the district superior of Trinaveli for 12 years. Once when he lost a law suit as a missionary, he decided to learn the nuances of law in order to help the poor Christians in law suits. Soon he became well versed in law and he guided many advocates and judges to solve legal issues. His arguments and legal points won many cases and thus he emerged as a defence for the poor Catholics. Well known case are two; One is 1895 Kalugumalai riot where ten people were brutally murdered. It was a riot between Chanars who became Christians and the high caste Hindu Maravars. Fr. Caussanel welcomed so many Chanar persons from the oppressed group; baptized them and built a chapel for them at the main street of Kalugumalai. When the famous annual festival of Hindus was on, the Hindu Maravas demanded the Christians to remove the portico of the church at the main street where their car procession was taking place though there were enough place for the car to pass by. This resulted in riot and ten were murdered. Police arrested thousands and many Christians were sent to jail and sentenced to death. Fr. Caussanel with his self-possessioned knowledge

and wisdom he wrote tirelessly Memorandums to the Viceroy, High Court, Secretary of the State of India etc., until justice was done for his flock. The High court condemned the action of the local court which did not accept the pleas and arguments of the thin and powerless group, the new Christians. He won the case and obtained acquittal for 2 Christians who were condemned to death and another 34 who were sentenced to prison. The second case was the riot of Sivagasi where a 5000 maravars ransacked Sivakasi and surrounding ten villages of Nadars against their attempt to enter into Hindu temple. It resulted 23 murders, 102 decoities and innumerable arsons. Fr. Caussanel helped many to get acquitted and helped two sentenced to death to die as Christians. Many conversions took place after these two riots at these places. There was a mass conversion to Christianity at those places. In 1899 Fr. Causanel made friendship with the Maravas too and many of them embraced Christianity. Fr. Caussanel is a well known savior and prophet among the Christian Nadars in the early nineteenth century.

Later (after 1905) when he was a pastor at Vadakankulam for 12 years there arose a caste conflict among his flock itself, between vellalas and nadars, in regard to the seat at the church of Vadakankulam. Fr. Caussanel, who did not want to lose any one of the soul from his flock, just obeyed as his superiors ordered him to do in order to establish social justice among the new converts.

All his social ministries were geared towards the winning of souls for Christ. His indomitant spirit urged and led him to found an indigenous congregation of Brothers who dedicate themselves totally now to educate the poor children of Tamilnadu. It is the Congregation of Sacred Heart Brothers. It was founded by Fr. Caussanel on 31st December 1899 with the community of three young men with the goal of evangelization through education. In 1903 the indigenous congregation of the Brothers was erected canonically which has spread now in 8 dioceses and enjoys 104 members. The dream of Fr. Caussanel is being actualized now through his valiant sons who administer so many renowned High Schools, Higher secondary schools, schools of business management, agricultural dairy farms, social service centers etc. Hats off to the valiant man of God, Fr. Caussanel S.J. *(to be continued)* - Fr. Jodir.