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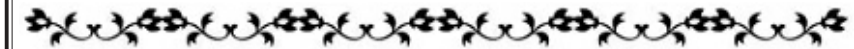
St. Thomas, the Apostle of India
 Pray for us

Pope's General Intention for July: That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

Pope's Mission Intention for July: That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

Please Note

1. PRIESTS RE-UNION: The reunion of Priests will be held on 21st and 22nd of July 2015 (Tuesday and Wednesday) in the Nobili Pastoral Centre, Madurai. The sessions on the first day will be held on "The Life and Message of Pope Francis" by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Michael Selvaraj, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Palayamkottai. The sessions on the second day will be held on the theme of the "Policies of the Archdiocese". All the Diocesan Priests and the Religious Priests working in the parishes are requested to attend all the sessions on both the days without fail. Reunion will start at 9.30 a.m. on 21st July and it will be over at 4.30 p.m. on 22nd July, 2015. Priests are requested to cancel the evening masses in the parishes on 21st July and morning masses on 22nd July and attend all the sessions of the re-union fully.



Archbishop's Engagements July- 2015

- 06 - Marriage Mass at Virudhunagar
- 09 - Secretaries Meeting
- 11 M Final Profession at Holy Family Brother, Nagamalai
- 11-16 - TNBC
- 19 - Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
- 21-22 - Priests Reunion
- 21 - General Body Meeting at Sathangai
- 22 M - Mass at Ananda Illam

POPE FRANCIS
MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF
THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE

Wealth and poverty
Tuesday, 16 June 2015

(by L'Osservatore Romano, Weekly ed. in English, n. 25, 19 June 2015)

The focus of Pope Francis' homily during Mass at Santa Marta on Tuesday was the "theology of poverty". The Pontiff's reflection began from the passage of the Second Letter to the Corinthians (8:1-9), in which St Paul "is organizing, in the Church of Corinth, a collection for the Church of Jerusalem, which is experiencing difficult times of poverty". To prevent the collection from being done in a wrongful way, the Apostle offers "several considerations", a sort of "theology of poverty". These clarifications were necessary because, Francis explained, "poverty" is a word "which is always embarrassing". Indeed, how often have we heard: "This priest talks too much about poverty, this bishop speaks of poverty, this Christian, this nun speaks of poverty.... They are rather communistic, no?". But instead, the Pope underscored, "poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel", such that "if we were to remove poverty from the Gospel, nothing would be understood of Jesus' message".

Thus, St Paul explains the catechesis "on charity and on poverty and on wealth", beginning with an example taken from the experience of the Church of Macedonia. There, "in a severe test of affliction — for they suffered greatly through persecutions — their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part". In other words, "in giving, in enduring afflictions, they were enriched, they became joyous". And, Francis added, it is found in one of the Beatitudes: "Blessed are you when they insult you, when they persecute you ...".

After giving this example, Paul turns back to the Church of Corinth: "as you are rich, think of them, of the Church of Jerusalem". But, the Pope asked, of which richness is Paul speaking? The answer immediately follows in the text: "you excel in everything: in faith, in utterance, in knowledge, in all earnestness", and in the love that we taught you. This is followed by an exhortation: "Now, as you excel, see that you

excel in this gracious work also". In other words, Francis explained, act in order that your "great wealth — zeal, charity, the Word of God, the knowledge of God — reaches the pocket". Because, he added, "when the faith doesn't reach the pocket, it is not a genuine faith"; and this is "a golden rule" to remember.

Thus, from the Pauline passage emerges a "juxtaposition between wealth and poverty. The Church of Jerusalem is poor, she is in financial difficulty, but is rich because she has the treasure of the Gospel message". And it is "this poor Church of Jerusalem", which enriched the Church of Corinth "with the Gospel message: they gave her the treasure of the Gospel". Those who are financially wealthy are poor in reality, "without the Gospel message". There is, said the Pontiff, "a mutual exchange" and thus, "from poverty comes wealth".

It is at this point, the Pope explained, that "Paul, with his thoughts, reaches the bedrock of what we can call 'the theology of poverty' and why poverty is at the heart of the Gospel". The Epistle reads: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich". Thus, "it was the very Word of God made flesh, the Word of God in this condescendence, in this humbling himself, in this impoverishing himself, for us, to make us rich in the gifts of salvation, of the word, of grace". This "is the very core of the theology of poverty", which, after all, is seen again in the first Beatitude: "Blessed are the poor in spirit". Francis emphasized: "being poor is allowing yourself to be enriched by the poverty of Christ and not wanting a wealth of other treasures which are not those of Christ, it is doing what Christ did". It is not only becoming poor, but is going "even a step further", because, he said, "the poor enrich me".

Turning to the concrete nature of everyday life, the Pope explained that "when we give help to the poor, we do not do acts of charity in a Christian manner". This is a "good" act, a "human" act, but "this is not the Christian poverty that Paul wants, that Paul preaches". Because Christian poverty means "that I give of my own and not from excess", even from my basic necessities, "to the poor, for I know that they enrich me". And why do the poor enrich me? "Because Jesus said that he himself is in the poor".

Paul alludes to the same concept when he writes: “Our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich”. This happens “each time I strip myself of something, but not only of the excess, to give to a poor person, to a poor community, to so many poor people who lack everything”, because “the poor enrich me” inasmuch as “it is Jesus who acts in him”.

This is because, Francis concluded, poverty “is not an ideology”. Poverty “is at the heart of the Gospel”. In the “theology of poverty” we find “the mystery of Christ who lowered himself, humbled himself, impoverished himself, to enrich us”. Thus it is understood “why the first of the Beatitudes is: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit’”. And “being poor in spirit”, the Pontiff continued, means “going on this path of the Lord”, who “so humbled himself” as to become “bread for us” in the Eucharistic sacrifice. Jesus “continuously lowers himself in the history of the Church, in the memorial of his passion, in the memorial of his humiliation, in the memorial of his lowering, in the memorial of his poverty, and of this ‘bread’, he enriches us”.

The Pope then prayed: “That the Lord enable us to understand must have when



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- 5) Why are you looking at the monkeys outside when I am inside?
- 6) All of you stand in straight circle.
- 7).I have two daughter both are girls.

குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும் திருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்

3,4.07.2015	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	வெள்ளி, சனி
11,12.07.2015	கொடைக்கானல்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
17,18.07.2015	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	வெள்ளி, சனி
25,26.07.2015	வத்தலக்குண்டு	சனி, ஞாயிறு

அருட்தந்தை. ஜோசப், செயலர்

10 Facts about you

- 1: You r reading this right now
- 2: You r realizing that is a stupid fact
- 3: You didn't notice I skipped three
- 4: You r checking now
- 5: You r smiling
- 6: You r still reading this even thought its stupid
- 7: You didn't realize I skipped eight
- 8: You r checking again and smiling about how u fell for it again
- 9: You r enjoying this
- 10: You didn't realize there's only supposed to be ten facts.

In the name of all the readers of DNL, I thank Rev. Fr. John Diraviam, the outgoing Chancellor, for his service for the past six years. I earnestly request all the readers for your kind co-operation in publishing this newsletter. Kindly submit your materials to be published in the newsletter, before 23rd of every month.

- Rev. Fr. Angel Raj, The Chancellor.

Holy Childhood Collection - 2015

Collection as on 27/05/2015	1,43,584.00
Sengole Nagar	4,500.00
Thirunagar	2,000.00
W. Pudupatti	1,000.00
A. Nathampatti	1,000.00
Thummichinampatti	520.00
T. Sindalacherry	500.00

Collection as on 25/06/2015	1,53,104.00
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Holy See Collection - 2015

Collection as on 27/05/2015	37,980.00
Sengole Nagar	4,500.00
Hanumanthanpatti	2,900.00
Meenampatti	2,257.00
Thirunagar	2,000.00
Kadachanendal	1,500.00
Y. Othakadai	1,028.00
W. Pudupatti	1,000.00
Nagamalai	1,000.00
T. Sindalacherry	500.00
Thummichinampatti	420.00
A. Nathampatti	200.00

Collection as on 25/06/2015	55,285.00
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Good Friday Collection - 2015

Collection as on 27/05/2015	4,62,368.00
Sengole Nagar	19,000.00
Nagamalai	13,000.00
Thirunagar	7,000.00
Y. Othakadai	5,341.00
W. Pudupatti	4,000.00
A. Nathampatti	2,000.00
Meenampatti	1,000.00

T. Sindalacherry	1,000.00
Thummichinampatti	530.00

Collection as on 25/06/2015	5,15,239.00
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Hunger & Disease Collection - 2015

Collection as on 27/05/2015	7,27,258.00
Sengole Nagar	45,000.00
W. Pudupatti	23,000.00
Nagamalai	23,000.00
Thirunagar	14,000.00
Y. Othakadai	7,718.00
A. Nathampatti	2,000.00
Meenampatti	2,000.00
T. Sindalacherry	1,000.00
Thummichinampatti	430.00

Collection as on 25/06/2015	8,45,406.00
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Vocation Sunday Collection - 2015

Collection as on 27/05/2015	23,950.00
Sengole Nagar	4,500.00
Hanumanthanpatti	3,500.00
Meenampatti	2,427.00
Thirunagar	2,000.00
Arupukottai	1,500.00
Kadachanendal	1,500.00
Nagamalai	1,500.00
Rosary Church	1,500.00
Y. Othakadai	1,263.00
Shenbaganur	1,000.00
W. Pudupatti	1,000.00
T. Sindalacherry	500.00
Mathankovilpatti	400.00
Thummichinampatti	320.00
A. Nathampatti	200.00

Collection as on 25/06/2015	47,060.00
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The following parishes have remitted the previous year collections

1. Samayanallur

(2014) Mission Sunday	Rs. 27,520.00
(2013) Hunger & Disease	Rs. 5,000.00
(2013) Good Friday	Rs. 3,000.00
(2014) Hunger & Disease	Rs. 9,000.00
(2014) Good Friday	Rs. 4,000.00
(2013-2014) Bible Sunday	Rs. 2,000.00
(2013-2014) Communication Sunday	Rs. 2,000.00
(2013 -2014) Peter the Apostles	Rs. 2,000.00
(2013- 2014) Vocation Sunday	Rs. 2,000.00
(2013 -2014) Holy See	Rs. 1,000.00
(2013 -2014) Peter Pence	Rs. 1,000.00

2. Sindalacherry

(2014) Mission Sunday	Rs. 3,000.00
(2014) Hunger & Disease	Rs. 1,000.00
(2014) Holy Childhood	Rs. 500.00
(2014) Holy See	Rs. 500.00
(2014) Good Friday	Rs. 500.00
(2014) Vocation Sunday	Rs. 500.00
(2014) Peter Pence	Rs. 500.00
(2014) Bible Sunday	Rs. 500.00
(2014) Communication Sunday	Rs. 500.00
(2014) Peter the Apostles	Rs. 500.00
(2014) African Mission	Rs. 500.00

3. Sengole Nagar

(2014) Holy Childhood	Rs. 4,000.00
(2014) Holy See	Rs. 4,000.00
(2014) Vocation Sunday	Rs. 4,000.00
(2014) Peter Pence	Rs. 4,000.00
(2014) Bible Sunday	Rs. 4,000.00
(2014) Communication Sunday	Rs. 4,000.00
(2014) Peter the Apostles	Rs. 4,000.00
(2014) African Mission	Rs. 4,000.00

Wishing Happy Birthday

Fr. Antony Rajan	02.07.1972
Fr. Vedamanickam A.	05.07.1947
Fr. Murali Anand	05.07.1981
Fr. Peter Sahayaraj I.	06.07.1962
Fr. Devadoss P.	07.07.1978
Fr. Joseph Arockiaraj A.	09.07.1973
Fr. Jerome Patrick M.F	12.07.1967
Fr. Jerome Eronimus JR	20.07.1960
Fr. Antony Raj G.	20.07.1974
Fr. Panneer Raja	30.07.1984



Adoration Sunday

July		August	
05	Srivilliputhur	02	Chinnamanur
12	Virudhunagar	09	Uthamapalayam
19	Thirumangalam	16	Karumathur
26	Kadachanendal	23	Kadachanendal
		30	Anna Nagar

Necrology

Fr. M.A. Thamburaj	09.07.2001
Msgr. S. Irudayam	10.07.1980
Fr. T.A. Soosai	11.07.2001
Fr. S.P. Arulsamy	13.07.1938
Fr. Francis Xavier A.	19.07.2003



R.C. DIOCESE
RECEIPT AND PAYMENT STATEMENT OF
FROM 01.07.2014

OF MADURAI
DIOCESAN MAINTENANCE FUND FOR THE PERIOD
TO 30.06.2015

RECEIPTS	Amount Rs. P.	Amount Rs. P.	PAYMENT	Amount Rs. P.	Amount Rs. P.
<u>Opening balance as on 01.07.2014</u>					
Fixed Deposits	1100000.00		Maintenance of Schools, Churches, Chapels, Presbyteries, Scholarship, Charity		
Cash at Bank	887829.54			3353422.00	
Cash in hand	24081.00				3353422.00
<u>Schools under Diocesan Management</u>		2011910.54			
a) Higher Secondary Schools	372278.00				
b) High Schools	428802.00		Bank Charges		207.00
c) Middle Schools	810258.00				
d) Primary Schools	755516.00				
e) T.T.I	27000.00				
		2393854.00			
<u>Schools under Religious Management</u>					
a) Higher Secondary Schools	16634.00		<u>Closing Balance (as on 30.06.2015)</u>		
b) High Schools	53520.00		Fixed Deposit	1100000.00	
c) Middle Schools	218736.00		Cash at Bank	696446.54	
d) Primary Schools	423018.00		Cash in hand	841.00	
		711908.00			1797287.54
<u>Bank Interest</u>	33244.00	33244.00			
TOTAL		5150916.54		TOTAL	5150916.54

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Fr. Procurator
R.C. Diocese of Madurai