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Pope's General Intention for June 2013: *Mutual respect* : That a culture of dialogue, listening, and mutual respect may prevail among peoples.

Pope's Mission Intention for June 2013: *New Evangelization* : That where secularization is strongest, Christian communities may effectively promote a new evangelization.

PLEASE NOTE

1. **Platinum Jubilee of the Archdiocese:** With great joy and gratitude to God, we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the Archdiocese of Madurai on **7th July 2013**. A solemn thanksgiving Eucharist will be celebrated by the Bishops of Tamilnadu at 5:30 p.m. at St. Britto School Ground, Gnanaolivupuram. All the parish priests are requested to bring the parishioners to this historical celebration in big numbers. Official information and invitation will follow as per protocol. By this all the religious both men and women and all the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Madurai are invited. Let us thank God for His guidance in the course of ecclesiastical history of this important Metropolitan See. - **Msgr. Z. Joseph Selvaraj, Fr. John Britto Packiaraj**
2. The Souvenir Committee brings out on the Jubilee Day the following Books. 1. An edited Tamil book, "Palastheenam mudal Paandi Naadu varai", containing deep scientific and thoroughly scholarly articles on the History of the Archdiocese of Madurai. It will be a scientific tool for all the ecclesiastical researchers to have access on the wider information on the said history. Kindly reserve your order for this book. 2. A well designed Platinum Jubilee Souvenir 3. A book in English on the Ecclesiastical history of the Archdiocese of Madurai. - **Rev. Dr. L. Anandam, the Chairman, Souvenir Committee.**
2. **Congratulations to our Deacons: Rev. Dinakaran and Rev. Dn. Richard** were ordained Deacons by His Grace, Most Rev. Peter Fernando D.D., Ph.D in a solemn mass on 15th of May 2013

the Provincial (Malabar) to Nobili	- 1610	
Support of Archbishop Rose, Goa to Nobili	- 1610	
Trial of Nobili; Inculturation method	- 1617	
Establishment of the Congregation, <i>Propaganda Fidei</i>	- 1622	
Pope Gregory XV's Recognition of INCULTURATION of NOBILI	- 1623	
Bull, " <i>Romanae sedis antistes</i> " recognizes Nobili's Method	- 1623	
Establishment of " <i>Pandaraswami mission</i> " for low caste people by Nobili	- 1640	
Balthazar Da Costa, the pioneer of <i>Padaraswamigal model</i>	- 1640	
Mission of Nobili at Trichy and Tanjore areas	- 1640-1647	
Mission of Nobili at Yazhpanam, Ceylon	- 1645	
The end of the saga of Nobili in Madura Mission	- 1656	
Arrival of St. John De Britto to Marava Nadu, in Madura mission	- 1673	
Ministry of Arulanandar at Palakad, Coimbatore, saveriarpalayam, sathayamanagalam, andiyoor, Konur, Nerunjipettai, Dharmapuri, Athoor, Valikondapuram, Thiruvannamalai, Thirukovilur, Viruthasalam, Thathuvancheri, Varatharajapettai, Mannarkudi, Vedaranyam, Tirunelveli, Kamanayakkanpatti, Selam, Madurai, Pudukottai, Kumbakonam, Thanjai, chengi, Marva Nadu	- 1673-1686	
Appointment of Arulanandar as Mission Superior of Madurai	- 1684	
Expelled by Marava king to Lisbon, Portugal	- 1687	
Return of Arulanandar with 24 new		

Missionaries to Marava country	- 1890	
Martyrdom of St. John De Britto, the Patron Saint of Archdiocese Madurai	- 1693, 4 th Feb.	
Arrival of Veeramamunivar		
(Constantine Joseph Beschi) to Madurai	- 1711	
Mission of Beschi at Elakurichi and Vadukapatti	- 1717-20	
Saving the lives of Christians through friendship with SANDA SAHIB	- 1735	
Contribution of Beschi to Tamil literature	- 1720 – 1745	
Demise of Beschi (The Apostle of Tamils)	- 1747	
Ban on the Jesuit Order by Pope Clement XIV	- 1773	
Restoration of the Jesuit Order by Pope Paul VII	- 1814	
First Four Missionaries of New Madura Mission: Alexander Martin; Louis Garnier; Louis du Ranquet; Joseph Betrand	- 1825	
John Baptist Trincol S.J. in Watrap Mission center	- 1845 – 1892	
Adrian Causanal S.J. in Trinelvei Mission center	- 1910	
Leiveau S.J. in Sarugani Mission center	- a. 1910	
Montaud S.J. in Kallar Mission Center	- a. 1920	
Madurai Mission was elevated into a Apostolic Vicariate	- 1846	
Msgr. Canos S.J., the first Apostolic Vicar of Madurai	- 1846	
Creation of Ecclesiastical hierarchy in India	- 1886	
Madurai Vicariate Apostolic became Diocese of Trichinopally	- 1887	
Trichy as suffragan diocese to Bombay	- 1887	
Msgr. Canos S.J., 1 st Bishop of Trichy	- 1887	
Msgr. Barthe S.J., 2 nd Bishop of Trichy	- 1890	
Msgr. Faisandier S.J., 3 rd Bishop of Trichy	- 1914	
Creation of Tuticorin diocese	- 1923	
Msgr. Leonard S.J., 4 th Bishop of Trichy	- 1936	
Msgr. Mendonca, 5 th Bishop of Trichy	- 1938	

at Archbishop's House chapel. May the ministry of newly ordained Deacons bear much fruits in the archdiocese.

3. **The Monthly Recollection** for June will be held on 11th June at Archbishop's House Conference Hall as usual. The Meeting will begin at 10:30 am., followed by a talk, adoration, confession and an afternoon session. All the new religious parish priests are cordially invited to participate in the Monthly Recollection without fail.
4. DNL wishes all God's blessings to all the reverend fathers who assume a **new office** in the Archdiocese of Madurai. Let us, together, build up the Kingdom of God in our Archdiocese. The list of Transfer and Appointment – 2013 is published in this issue.
5. All newly appointed **religious parish priests** should obtain a *celebret* from the Chancellor's Office. Kindly report to the office of Episcopal Vicar for the Religious, your appointment Decree issued by the Archbishop of Madurai. You could contact the Vicar for the Religious for further information.
6. As the Solemnity of St. Peter's and Paul (29th June 2013) falls on Saturday, the customary collection for the **"Society of St. Peter the Apostle"** is to be taken on 30th of inst., the 13th Ordinary Sunday of the year. Kindly announce it on 23rd June and enhance a good collection for the maintenance of Seminaries and Seminarians throughout the world. DNL appreciates those parishes which regularly contribute towards this fund.



ONE AFTER ANOTHER....
THE FEET OF THE EVANGELIZERS (Is. 52:7)
PLATINUM JUBILEE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MADURAI

Arrival of the First Missionary,
 St. Francis Xavier to Fishery coast - 1542
 5 Jesuit Missions: Goa, Malabar, Madura,



Mysore and Karnatic Mission - 1542
 2 Jesuit Provinces: Goa and Malabar - 1542
 Madura Mission was under
 Malabar Province, seated at Cochin - 1542

Elevation of Goa as the Archdiocese - 1557

Arrival of Henri Henriques S.J.,
 the Missionary of Fishery Coast - 1570



Arrival of Dominican and
 Franciscan monks as Missionaries to Goa - 1577

Arrival of Augustinian Monks to Goa - 1572

The First printed Tamil book,
 "Thambiran Vanakkam" by Henri Henriquez - 1578
 -First printed book on Catechism and saints history-



Arrival of Gonsalves Fernandez S.J.,
 the first missionary to Madura - 1580

Creation of Mylapore Diocese - 1606

Appointment of Robert De Nobili as
 Madura Mission Superior - 1606

Mission of Nobili's Assistant,
 Fr. Vico S.J. at Madurai - 1610

INCULTURATION method initiated by
 Nobili, **the Apostle of Madurai** - 1606-1656

Destruction of Paranghi ideology by Nobili - 1606-1656

Flourish of Madura Mission - 1606-1656

Ministerial support of Laercio,

Creation of Madurai diocese through
Papal bull: *Si inter infidels* by Pope Pius IX. -8th Jan. 1938
Elevation of Madurai as the Archdiocese
through a Papal Bull "*Mutant res*"
by Pope Pius XII - 19th Sept. 1953
Kottar becomes suffragan of Madurai - 1963



The Six Pillars of the Archdiocese of Madurai

1. Most Rev. John Peter Leonard S.J. - 1938 – 1967
2. Most Rev. Justin Diraviam - 1967 – 1985
3. Most Rev. Casimir Gnanadickam S.J. - 1985 – 1987
4. Most Rev. Marianus Arockiasamy - 1987 – 2003
5. Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy (Auxiliary Bishop)- 1998 – 2003
6. Most Rev. Peter Fernando - 2003 –

Jubilees and Mile stones

1. Silver Jubilee of the Archdiocese,
by Archbishop Leonard - 1963
2. Golden Jubilee of the Archdiocese
by Archbishop Diraviam - 1988
3. Creation of Palayamkottai - 1973
4. Creation of Sivagangai - 1987
5. Diamond Jubilee of the Archdiocese
by Archbishop Arockiasamy - 1998
6. Diocesan Synod of the Archdiocese
by Archbishop Arockiasamy - 2000
7. Platinum Jubilee of the Archdiocese
by Archbishop Peter Fernando - 2013



- Fr. M. John Diraviam, The Chancellor.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS – 2013

10TH MAY 2013

Vicar Forane, Srivilliputhur - Fr. G. Antony Raj

Parish Priests

Michaelpalayam - Fr. Antony Samy V.
Sattur - Fr. Xavier Raj



Thiruthangal
Kalladipatti
Airavathanallur
Hanumanthampatti
Packiapuram
A. Nathampatti
W. Pudupatti
Lourdipuram
Mangalamkombe
Thummuchinampatti
St. Mary's



- Fr. Peter Sahayaraj
- Fr. Irudayaraj
- Fr. M. John Diraviam
- Fr. Antony Samy A.
- Fr. Maria Arul Selvam
- Fr. Arputha Samy
- Fr. Wilfred S.J.
- Fr. Pappu Raj
- Fr. Arockiam SDM
- Fr. Berchmans Aruldas OCD
- Fr. Arockiaraj S.J.

Secretaries

Youth Commission
Legal Cell

- Fr. Martin Jose
- Fr. Pari Valan



Additional Office

MBC - BC Commission & Anbiam - Fr. Arul
Family commission - Fr. John Britto Packiaraj
Project In-Charge - Fr. V. Joseph
Asst. Principal, Britto Mat. School (ENG) - Rev. Fr. K. Sahayaraj
Asst. Principal, De Nobili Mat. School - Rev. Fr. S. Sebastine

Other

Studies, Bangalore
Studies, Bangalore
Studies, Mangalore
On Leave



- Fr. Varan Vardhan
- Fr. Alex Gnana Raj
- Fr. Maria Louis
- Fr. D. Gnanapragasam

Assistants

Anna Nagar
Batlagundu
Holy Rosary
Virudunagar
Shenbaganur
Rajapalayam
Sundaranachiapuram
Srivilliputhur
Munjikal



- Fr. Jerome Sabastian
- Fr. Maria Prabhu
- Fr. Thomas Edison
- Fr. Francis Xavier
- Fr. Amalan
- Fr. Sandana Sahayam
- Fr. Pothakar Michael
- Fr. Paul
- Fr. Panneer Raja
- Fr. Sylvester HGN

Kariapatti
Periakulam
Samayanallur
Theni
W. Pudupatti
St. Mary's



- Fr. James Kulandai Raj HGN
- Fr. Vincent Raja
- Fr. Peter
- Fr. Murali Anand
- Fr. Thomas Venish
- Fr. Victor Roche S.J.

+Most Rev. Peter Fernando
(Archbishop of Madurai)

The Obelisk in St Peter's Square

- In St Peter's Square, in Rome, there stands an ancient Egyptian obelisk that illustrates this truth.
- It is a single block of marble almost 100 feet high.
- It is in the shape of the Washington Monument and weighs 330 tons.
- Originally, it was erected as a monument to the Pharaoh around the year 1850 B.C., and it watched over two thousand years of the history of Egypt's Empire.
- It stood there when Abraham heard his call, when Joseph was viceroy of Egypt, when Moses led his people out of Egypt.
- At the time of Christ, the Roman Emperor Caligula brought it to Rome as a sign of Rome's superiority to Egypt.
- There it stood for four more centuries, a symbol of the Roman Empire, one of the largest empires in human history.
- A golden urn with Julius Caesar's ashes was placed on top of it.
- It stood in the arena where St Peter himself was martyred, crucified upside down, as Christ predicted in today's Gospel passage, and where hundreds of other Christians were martyred through centuries of persecution.
- Then the barbarians sacked Rome, and the obelisk fell. Ivy grew around it. It was half-buried near the old basilica.
- But the Church converted the barbarians, and when Christian Europe flourished, and St Peter's Basilica was rebuilt and expanded, Pope Sixtus V erected the obelisk in the center of the square.
- No longer is it a reminder of the long-perished empires of Egypt and Rome and the barbarian hordes.

- Now it stands as a symbol of the universal Kingdom that has outlasted them all and that will continue to outlast those of the future, the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, embodied in his Church.

Now it is topped with a bronze cross, and inside that bronze cross is a small fragment of the true cross, the cross on which Christ was crucified - the throne from which he continues to reign, and will continue to reign, until he comes again and his Vicar hauls the bulging net to the shores of eternity.

Matha TV shares from the Parishes \ Institutions \ Individuals IV Phase

Name of the Parish \ Institution \ Individuals	No. of Shares at present	Amount
Op.bal. As on 30.04.2013		21,48,000.00
Batlagundu (54,000)	3	3,000.00
Virudhunagar(1,23,000)	22	22,000.00
Michaelpalayam(17,000)	16	16,000.00
Lourdhpuram(16,000)	4	4,000.00
Packiapuram	50	50,000.00
Munjikal	16+8	24,000.00
Aruppukkottai(30,000)	8	8,000.00
Othayal	8	8,000.00
St.Mary's(7,000)	26	26,000.00
BB Kulam(52,000)	12	12,000.00
Bastin Nagar(25,000)	10	10,000.00
Nagamalai Pudukkottai(64,000)	32	32,000.00
K.Pudur(2,47,000)	36	36,000.00
Usilampatti(11,000)	4	4,000.00
Fr. D. Maria Arul Selvam	10	10,000.00
Fr. A.T. Adaikala Raja	5	5,000.00
St. Britto Hr. Sec. School - Staff	75	75,000.00
Mr. Ravindran Gomez	10	10,000.00
Vdr. Sebastian	2	2,000.00
Vdr. Chinnappan	2	2,000.00

Cl.bal. As on 31.05.2013 **25,07,000.00**

The amount given within brackets are remitted in previous months

Holy See Collection -2013

Anjal Nagar	4,747.00
Virudhunagar	4,000.00
Thiruthangal	3,000.00
Bastin Nagar	2,500.00
Bibikulam	2,000.00
Holy Rosary Church	2,000.00
St. Mary's Church	2,000.00
K. Pudur	2,000.00
Meenampatti	1,500.00
Kadachanendal	1,300.00
Michaelpalayam	1,000.00
Munjikkal	1,000.00
Packiapuram	1,000.00
Lourdupuram	940.00
Hanumanthanpatti	750.00
Batlagundu	700.00
Usilampatti	700.00
Silukkuvarpatti	600.00
Y. Othakadai	504.00
Kavirayapuram	500.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	500.00
Palanganatham	500.00
Pandian Nagar	500.00
Perumalmalai	500.00
Shenbaganur	500.00
Uthamapalayam	500.00
R.R. Nagar	380.00
Kottur	300.00
Mathan Kovilpatti	250.00
Melur	250.00
Karumathur	250.00
Othayal	200.00
Alangulam	200.00
Ammampatti	200.00
Kalladipatti	150.00
Thummichinampatti	130.00

Collection as on 27/05/2013

38,051.00

Holy Childhood Collection -2013

St. Mary's Church	15,000.00
Anjal Nagar	6,025.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Thiruthangal	5,000.00
Ellis Nagar	4,000.00
Virudhunagar	4,000.00
K. Pudur	3,000.00
Bastin Nagar	2,500.00
Holy Rosary Church	2,500.00
Nagamalai	2,500.00
Silukkuvarpatti	2,100.00
Melur	2,000.00
Meenampatti	1,500.00
Usilampatti	1,500.00
Batlagundu	1,300.00
Kadachanendal	1,300.00
Bibikulam	1,000.00
Hanumanthanpatti	1,000.00
Michaelpalayam	1,000.00
Munjikkal	1,000.00
Packiapuram	1,000.00
Pandian Nagar	1,000.00
Lourdupuram	965.00
Kalladipatti	863.50
R.R. Nagar	750.00
Uthamapalayam	700.00
Alangulam	500.00
Kavirayapuram	500.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	500.00
Palanganatham	500.00
Perumalmalai	500.00
Shenbaganur	500.00
Karumathur	500.00
Y. Othakadai	495.00
Chinnamanur	480.00
Kottur	300.00
Mathankovilpatti	300.00

Rayapuram	300.00
Ammappatti	200.00
Othayal	200.00
Thummichinampatti	120.00

Collection as on 27/05/2013	74,398.50
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Good Friday Collection -2013

St. Mary's Church	35,000.00
Virudhunagar	30,000.00
Anjal Nagar	27,063.00
Bastin Nagar	15,000.00
Munjikkal	15,000.00
Palanganatham	15,000.00
Nagamalai	14,500.00
Ellis Nagar	12,000.00
Sundaranatchiapuram	10,130.00
Batlagundu	10,000.00
Thiruthangal	10,000.00
Silukkuvarpatti	9,940.00
Y. Othakadai	9,077.00
Bibikulam	9,000.00
Michaelpalayam	9,000.00
Packiapuram	9,000.00
Kadachanendal	8,000.00
Holy Rosary Church	7,000.00
Periyakulam	7,000.00
Ugarthe Nagar	6,110.00
Thirunagar	5,000.00
Kavirayapuram	4,000.00
Shenbaganur	4,000.00
Usilampatti	4,000.00
Uthamapalayam	3,500.00
Pandian Nagar	3,000.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	3,000.00
Meenampatti	2,985.00
Lourdu Puram	2,882.00
Alangulam	2,000.00
Bodinayakkanur	2,000.00
Hanumanthanpatti	2,000.00

Aruppukottai	2,000.00
R.R. Nagar	1,800.00
Chinnamanur	1,420.00
Melur	1,200.00
Karumathur	1,100.00
Kottur	1,080.00
Kalladipatti	1,059.00
Mathan Kovilpatti	1,000.00
Rayapuram	1,000.00
Thummichinampatti	700.00
Othayal	504.00
Perumalmalai	500.00
Ayyampalayam	425.00
Ammappatti	300.00
Cheshire Home	250.00

Collection as on 27/05/2013	3,20,525.00
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Hunger & Disease Collection - 2013

Holy Rosary Church	40,000.00
Virudhunagar	40,000.00
Thiruthangal	32,000.00
Bastin Nagar	30,000.00
Anjal Nagar	25,581.00
St. Mary's Church	25,000.00
Palanganatham	24,000.00
Nagamalai Pudukottai	22,500.00
Silukkuvarpatti	21,984.00
Sundaranatchiapuram	21,450.00
Kadachanendal	20,000.00
Meenampatti	20,000.00
Batlagundu	18,000.00
Ellis Nagar	15,000.00
Shenbaganur	13,500.00
Munjikkal	12,370.00
Lourdipuram	11,344.00
Bibikulam	9,000.00
Aruppukottai	9,000.00
Usilampatti	8,500.00
Ugarthe Nagar	5,210.00

Bodinayakkanur	5,000.00
Packiapuram	5,000.00
Michaelpalayam	4,500.00
Pandian Nagar	4,500.00
Periyakulam	4,000.00
Melur	4,000.00
Thirunagar	3,000.00
St. Annes Convent, Mapalayam	2,500.00
Kavirayapuram	2,500.00
Uthamapalayam	2,100.00
R.R. Nagar	2,100.00
Y. Othakadai	2,078.00
St. Joseph's for the Blind, Paravai	2,000.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	2,000.00
Kalladipatti	1,555.00
Alangulam	1,500.00
Kottur	1,255.00
Ayyampalayam	1,200.00
Kadamalaikundu	1,150.00
Perumalmalai	1,000.00
Hanumanthanpatti	1,000.00
Mathankovilpatti	750.00
Chinnamanur	613.00
Rayapuram	500.00
Othayal	428.00
Ammappatti	300.00
Karumathur	300.00
Thummichinampatti	200.00

Collection as on 27/05/2013 **4,81,468.00**

Vocation Sunday Collection

Anjal Nagar	5,180.00
Thiruthangal	3,000.00
Bastin Nagar	2,500.00
Batlagundu	1,500.00
Meenampatti	1,500.00
LourduPuram	1,015.00
Packiapuram	1,000.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	600.00

Y. Othakadai	520.00
Pandian Nagar	500.00
Karumathur	250.00
Mathan Kovilpatti	250.00
Othayal	200.00
Ammappatti	200.00

Collection as on 27/05/2013 **18,215.00**

Seminarrians Fund

Meenampatti	2,000.00
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Greetings on Happy Birthdays

Fr. Rex Peter	on	10.06.1973
Fr. Britto Suresh	on	11.06.1975
Fr. John Martin	on	11.06.1963
Msgr. Joseph Selvaraj	on	12.06.1948
Fr. Antony Irudhayaraj	on	12.06.1978
Fr. Arockiam Y.	on	13.06.1965
Fr. Pari Valan	on	22.06.1973
Fr. Joseph Antony	on	23.06.1968

Adoration Sunday

June	July
02 Munjikkal	07 Virudhunagar
09 W. Puduppatty	14 Thirumangalam
16 Ayravathanallur	21 Kadachanendal
23 Sindalacherry	28 Nagamalai
30 Srivilliputhur	

Necrology

Fr. Maria Pancras	-	01.06.1992
Fr. Irudayam	-	06.06.1969
Fr. Arulanandam M.A.	-	06.06.1966
Fr. Manuvel N.A.	-	12.06.2003
Fr. Susai R.	-	13.06.1979