

## Archbishop's Engagements March - 2013

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| 2     | Requiem Syro Malabar Mass for Fr. Jude Vadakara<br><br>Bishop's House Chapel<br><br>General Body Meeting - MMSSS |
| 3     | Vicariate Celebration - Kodaikanal                                                                               |
| 9     | Jubilee Mass - St. Anne's of Trichy - Hanumanthampatti                                                           |
| 10.   | Vicariate Celebration Theni Vicariate - Kanavai -<br><br>Usilampatti                                             |
| 11-13 | St. John's Medical College Governing Body Meeting                                                                |
| 15    | Vicariate Celebration - Batalagundu - Kavirayapuram                                                              |
| 17    | Vicariate Celebration - Madurai South                                                                            |
| 19    | Melur - School day Celebration                                                                                   |
| 22    | Pillar                                                                                                           |
| 24    | Palm Sunday Mass - Cathedral                                                                                     |
| 25.   | Monthly Recollection for Priests & Chrism Mass -<br><br>Cathedral                                                |
| 28.   | Holy Thursday - Mass at Cathedral                                                                                |
| 29.   | Good Friday                                                                                                      |
| 30.   | Easter Vigil Mass - Cathedral                                                                                    |
| 31.   | Easter Sunday                                                                                                    |

### General Intention of the Pope for March 2013

**Respect for Nature:** That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility.

### Mission Intention of the Pope for March 2013

**Clergy:** That bishops, priests and deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

### Please Note

- 1. Chrism Mass:** As per the tradition the monthly recollection for March will be on 25<sup>th</sup> inst., Monday which will commence at 10:30 a.m. at Bishop's House Conference Hall followed by a talk, adoration and confession. The Chrism Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m.



at Our Lady of Cathedral Church officiated by our Archbishop in which mass the holy oils will be blessed for its distribution to the parishes. Kindly come with your containers for the oils. The parish priests in the city are requested to cancel their evening masses on this day so that the faithful would participate in the solemn episcopal high mass. Let us celebrate this

Priests Day in faith, hope and charity.

- 2. Birthday of the Archbishop:** DNL greets His Grace with the joyous hearts on his Birthday on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013. May Joy, Peace and Good Health adorn the life of His Grace during the years to follow.



- 3. The Sede vacante** (Holy See is vacant) period starts at 9:00 p.m., on 28<sup>th</sup> inst. From then on until the announcement of the new Pope priests are to omit, during the Eucharistic prayer, the sentence "for our Holy Father, \_\_\_\_\_name" and continue with the name of the diocesan bishop. - Chancellor.

**4. Congratulations:** DNL congratulates the efforts of Sathangai for bringing out a Lenten book containing the Way of the Cross and a Commentary on the Holy Week. The contributors are appreciated. The prize of the book is Rs. 40.



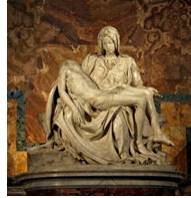
5. As we stand in the important historical era of Papal election, this issue contains exclusive articles on Papal elections.

6. **Maundy Thursday Collection:** A special collection for the campaign against hunger and disease is to be taken on Maundy Thursday, on 28<sup>th</sup> inst. Kindly distribute special envelopes to each family and procure a good collection which should be sent to Procurator's office at once. It will be handed over to MMSSS. Kindly exhort the faithful to contribute generously to eradicate poverty and alleviate suffering of the poor.



7. **Good Friday Collection** is taken on Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> inst., for the maintenance of sacred places in Holy Land. Rev. parish priests and heads of Institutions are requested to make a good collection for the protection and maintenance of the holy places. Kindly remit your collection at once at Procurator's office.

8. **Condolences:** DNL offers loving prayers for the soul of **Rev. Fr. Jude Vadakarai J.** who passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013 at Apollo Hospital during a treatment for heart disease. The funeral mass was celebrated by the Archbishop on 2<sup>nd</sup> at Nobili Pastoral Center and the deceased priest was buried in the cemetery which was allotted by the Holy see for the burial of diocesan priests. The Archdiocese really thanks the family of Fr. Jude for giving the Archdiocese a true missionary. May the soul of Fr. Jude rest in peace. A tribute follows at the end of the issue.



9. **Condolences:** DNL conveys its prayerful condolences to Rev. Fr. Maria Arul Selvam for the demise of his beloved father, Mr. Devasagayam V., aged 70, who passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The funeral mass was officiated by His Grace on 19<sup>th</sup> at Holy Rosary Church. May the soul of Mr. Devasahayam rest in peace.

10. **Priests - Religious Meeting:** a) Congratulations to Fr. Angel, the V.F of Madurai South, who arranged a meeting for priests and religious at Holy Rosary Church on 27th January 2013. Around 70 Priests and religious of Madurai South Vicariate Participated in the Sharing. The Jubilee committee members conducted the meeting.

b) **Priests - Religious Gathering Srivilliputhur:** Congratulations to Fr. Xavier Raj, the V.F. of Srivilliputhur, who had arranged a meeting for all the priests and religious of Srivilliputhur Vicariate on 17th Feb. 2013. Around 30 members participated in the sharing. I thank the Priests- Religious committee members and all the participants.

- **Fr. M. John Diraviam, Convenor, Episcopal Vicar for the Religious**

11. **தவக்கால திருயாத்திரை, தியானம் மற்றும் வட்டார பவளவிழா கொண்டாட்டங்கள் மதுரை வடக்கு மறைவட்டம்:** 17.02.2013 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மறைவட்டத் தவக்காலத் திருயாத்திரை பவளவிழா திருப்பலி கோபுதூர் லூர்தன்னை பங்கு, தலைமை: மேதகு பேராயர்.

**விருதுநகர் மறைவட்டம்:** 24.02.2013 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மறைவட்டத் தவக்காலத் திருயாத்திரை மற்றும் பவளவிழா ஒருநாள் தியான ஆன்மீக எழுச்சி கொண்டாட்டம் சிவகாசிப் பங்கு, தலைமை: மேதகு பேராயர்.

**கொடைக்கானல் மறைவட்டம் :** 03.03.2013 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மறைவட்டத் தவக்காலத் திருயாத்திரை மற்றும் அரைநாள் தியான ஆன்மீக எழுச்சிக் கொண்டாட்டம் சலேத்தமாதா திருத்தலம், தலைமை: மேதகு பேராயர்.

**தேனி மறைவட்டம்:** 10.03.2013 ஞாயிறு மறைவட்டத் திருயாத்திரை மற்றும் பவளவிழா திருப்பலி உசிலம்பட்டி கனவாய் மாதா ஆலய வளாகம், தலைமை: மேதகு பேராயர். மேலும் தேனி மற்றும் உத்தம்பாளையம் பங்குகளின் இரு மையத்தில் மறைவட்ட தியான ஆன்மீக எழுச்சி நாட்கள் வெவ்வேறு தேதிகளில் நடைபெற ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது.

**வத்தலக்குண்டு மறைவட்டம்:** 15.03.2013 வெள்ளிக்கிழமை மறைவட்டத் தவக்காலத் திருயாத்திரை மற்றும் பவளவிழா தியான ஆன்மீக எழுச்சிக் கொண்டாட்டங்கள். சாலக்குடி தியான மையத்தினர்; கவிராயபுரம் தலைமை: மேதகு பேராயர் மறைவட்டப் பவளவிழாத் திருப்பலியை சிறப்பிக்கின்றனர். அங்கு தொடர்ந்து 16-ம் தேதி ஆசிரியர்களுக்கும், 17-ம் தேதி பொதுமக்களுக்கும் என சிறப்புத் தியானம் நடைபெறுகிறது.

**மதுரை தெற்கு மறைவட்டம்:** 17.03.2013 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மறைவட்டத் தவக்காலத் திருயாத்திரை மற்றும் பவளவிழா ஒருநாள் தியான எழுச்சிக் கொண்டாட்டம் ஜெபமாலை அன்னை ஆலயம், தலைமை: மேதகு பேராயர்.

**திருவில்லிப்புத்தூர் மறைவட்டம்:** 17.03.2013 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மறைவட்டத் தவக்காலத் திருயாத்திரைத் திருப்பலி. வபுதுப்பட்டி பங்கு கிருஷ்ணன் கோவில் சிறுமலை ஆலயம், தலைமை: வட்டார அருட்தந்தையர்கள்

**21.04.2013** ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மறைவட்ட மைய பவளவிழா தியான ஆன்மீக எழுச்சிக் கொண்டாட்டம்: திருவில்லிப்புத்தூர் பங்கு ஆலய வளாகத்தில் பேராயர் தலைமையில் மாலைத் திருப்பலியுடன் கொண்டாடப்படுகிறது.

**அருட்தந்தை ஆ. ஜான் பிரிட்டோ பாக்சியராஜ்**  
பவளவிழாச் செயலர், பணிக்குழுக்களின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர்

## POPE RENOUNCES PAPAL THRONE



The Holy Father, at the end of consistory for causes for canonization on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2013, announced his resignation from ministry as Bishop of Rome to the College of Cardinals. Following is the Holy Father's complete declaration, which he read in Latin: "I have convoked you to this Consistory, not only for the three canonizations, but also to communicate to you a decision of great importance for the life of the Church. After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but no less with prayer and suffering. However, in today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the barque of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfil the ministry entrusted to me. For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the Cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a Conclave to elect the new Supreme Pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is."

- Courtesy - Vatican.va

## CARDINAL SODANO EXPRESSES COLLEGE OF CARDINALS' NEARNESS TO POPE



"We have heard you," he said, "with a sense of loss and almost disbelief. In your words we see the great affection that you have always had for God's Holy Church, for this Church that you have loved so much. Now, let me say, on behalf of this apostolic cenacle, the College of Cardinals, on behalf of your beloved collaborators, allow me to say that we are closer than

ever to you, as we have been during these almost eight luminous years of your pontificate. On 19 April 2005, if I remember correctly, at the end of the conclave I asked: 'Do you accept your canonical election as Supreme Pontiff?' And you did not hesitate, although moved with emotion, to answer that you accepted, trusting in the Lord's grace and the maternal intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church. Like Mary on that day she gave her 'yes', and your luminous pontificate began, following in the wake of continuity, in that continuity with your 265 predecessors in the Chair of Peter, over two thousand years of history from the Apostle Peter, the humble Galilean fisherman, to the great popes of the last century from St. Pius X to Blessed John Paul II." Holy Father, before 28 February, the day that, as you have said, you wish to place the word 'end' to your pontifical service, conducted with so much love and so humbly, before 28 February, we will be able to better express our feelings. So too will the many pastors and faithful throughout the world, so too all those of good will together with the authorities of many countries. We are near to you, Holy Father, and we ask you to bless us."

- Courtesy: Vatican.va



## THE DAY POPE BENEDICT XVI WAS ELECTED



On 19 April 2005, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, dean of the College of Cardinals, was elected as Supreme Pontiff, the 264th successor of Peter and chose the name Benedict XVI. The cardinal proto-deacon, Jorge Arturo Medina Estevez, made the solemn announcement to the people at 6:43pm from the external loggia of the Hall of Blessings of the Vatican Basilica following the white smoke which occurred at 5:50pm. Following are the words of Cardinal Medina Estevez: Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum; habemus Papam; Eminentissimum ac Reverendissimum Dominum, Dominum Josephum, Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae Cardinalem Ratzinger Qui sibi nomen imposuit Benedictum XVI. (I announce to you with great joy; We have a Pope; The most eminent and most reverend Lord, Lord Joseph Cardinal of Holy Roman Church Ratzinger Who has taken the name Benedict XVI) The conclave that led to the election of Benedict XVI began on Monday, 18 April 2005, in the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican Apostolic Palace, with the "extra omnes" pronounced at 5:25pm by Archbishop Piero Marini, master of the Liturgical Celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff, following the taking of the oath by the 115 cardinal



electors. The first black smoke took place at 8:04pm the same day. On Tuesday, April 19, there was black smoke at 11:52am. On Tuesday, April 19, there was white smoke at 5:50pm. At 6:48pm, the Holy Father Benedict XVI, preceded by the Cross, appeared on the external loggia to greet the people and to impart the Apostolic Blessing “Urbi et Orbi” (to the city and to the world). Prior to the blessing, the new Pontiff addressed the faithful with the following words: “Dear Brothers and Sisters, “After the great Pope John Paul II, the Lord Cardinals have elected me, a simple and humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord. I am consoled by the fact that the Lord knows how to act, even with inadequate instruments and above all I entrust myself to your prayers. In the joy of the Risen Lord, trusting in His permanent help, as we go forward the Lord will help us, and His Mother, Mary Most Holy, will be at our side. Thank you.” – Courtesy: Vatican.va

### COMPOSITION OF THE CONCLAVE



The conclave to elect the successor of Benedict XVI will be regulated by the “Ordo Rituum Conclavis” established by John Paul II’s apostolic constitution “Universi Dominici Gregis”, para. 27. The Cardinal Camerlengo, who has a fundamental role during the Sede Vacante period, is Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, appointed by Benedict XVI on 4 April 2007. The Cardinal electors, by their continents of provenance, will be 61 Europeans, 19 Latin Americans, 14 North Americans, 11 Africans, 11 Asians, and 1 from Oceania. These figures may vary depending on the date that the conclave opens: for example, Cardinal Walter Kasper will turn 80 on 5 March. The country with the greatest number of Cardinal electors is Italy, with 21. Sixty-seven of the electors were created by Benedict XVI and the remaining 50 by John Paul II. One of John Paul II’s innovations regarding the period of conclave is that the Cardinal electors of whom there will be 117 on 28 February will be housed in the Vatican residence Casa Santa Marta, which is independent from the place where they vote, the Sistine Chapel. The Cardinal electors must remain in the Vatican during the entire period of conclave, and no one can approach them when they move from the Sistine Chapel to their place of residence or vice versa. All forms of communication with the outside world are prohibited. As in the past, the Sistine Chapel stove will be used to burn the ballots after each vote.

### Some Facts on Papal Election

- Pope Benedict XVI is 78 years old. The next pope will be 267<sup>th</sup> Pope.
- He was serving the Church as Pope for 8 years, from 2005 to 2013.
- The *sede vacante* administration of the Holy, Catholic Church rests with Cardinal Tarsiso Betrone, the Secretary of the State.
- The Cardinal Camerlengo who announces the election is also Cardinal Tarsiso Betrone. Can the announcer and the announced be the same! Let’s wait for March 19.
- The Dean of College of Cardinals is Cardinal Angelo Sodano who conducts the election of the new Pope around March 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The required vote for a new Pope is two third majority. It is 78 out to 117.
- It is significant that Pope Benedict XVI has renounced His Petrine Office on the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is related to the III secret of our Lady revealed at Fatima.
- An electro magnetic cap will cover the entire building of Domus Sancta Marta where the Cardinals reside and the Sistine Chapel where the consistory would be held. It would sabotage all communication waves electronic listening devices. During the Papal election, the vicinity of entire Apostolic Palace in particular the Sistine chapel and Domus Sancta Marta will come under special legislation of papal election. No communication and no one is allowed to contact the Cardinals and any form of influence or distraction is forbidden.
- The Papal election is conducted according to the General Norms of Canon Law on election and in particular by a special law given in Apostolic Constitution, *Universi Domini Gregis*, by John Paul II on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 1966.
- Following new amendments Pope Benedict XVI made on 25<sup>th</sup> on the above Constitution, the Conclave will begin only after 15 days of the canonical announcement of *sede vacante*.
- On 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2013 Pope Benedict XVI has made amendments in “*Universi Domini Gregis*”, a constitution for Papal election, which implements a very strict procedure for confidentiality and a spirit of loyalty to the magisterium. One who divulges any information of the papal election to the outside world, incurs *latae sententiae* excommunication reserved to the Apostolic See.



- Each Cardinal voter will be given 3 cards for voting in case he makes a mistake. Before voting, the Cardinal voter comes before the altar where a chalice and a paten is kept for the ballots. The Cardinal saying a prayer and reading an oath of confidentiality and trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit places his written ballot on the paten and then slides into the chalice.
- After singing *Veni Creator* song to the Holy Spirit, the Cardinals go in procession to the Sistine chapel and there starts the election process.
- Some chemicals will be added with the ballots in order to colour a smoke either black or white.
- In announcing the election of the Pope, the Church uses the same greetings of Angel Gabriel who announced the birth of Christ. "*Annuncio vobis gaudium magnum*".
- Only the Cardinals who have not completed 80 years of age will elect the Pope. Cardinals nominated *in pectore* will also vote not.
- From India the following four cardinals will vote: i) Card. Oswald Gracias, Mumbai; ii) Card. Telesphore Toppo, Ranji; iii) Card. George Alanchery, Major Archbishop of Syro Malabar church iv) Card. Cleemis Thottungal, Major archbishop of Syro Malankara Church. Cardinals Lourdasamy and Dias are above 80 years of age.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2013, Cardinal Betrone, the Secretary of the State has written to all the Cloistered Monasteries in the world to pray for the Papal Election and for the future Pope.



- Fr. M. John Diraviam, The Chancellor

### What happens at Sistine Chapel



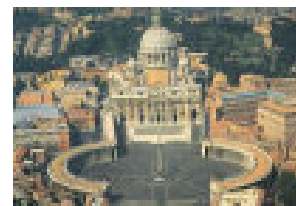
- ⇒ On the first morning, the voting cardinals hold Mass at St. Peter's Basilica and in the afternoon gather in their formal dress in the Pauline Chapel of the Apostolic Palace, then move to the Sistine Chapel. The chapel is locked and sealed, the senior cardinal administers an oath of secrecy, and the election begins.
- ⇒ One ballot may be conducted on the first day. If no candidate secures the necessary two thirds of the vote, the balloting continues the next day, with as many as four votes, two in the morning and two in the afternoon.

- ⇒ Benedict was elected after two days and four ballots in April 19, 17 days after the death of John Paul II.
- ⇒ Sixty-seven of the electors were created by Benedict XVI and the remaining 50 by John Paul II.
- ⇒ The voting process is lengthy. Electors write their votes on rectangular cards. The cardinals then cast their vote one at a time, each approaching the altar displaying his folded ballot. He kneels in prayer, then declares, "I call as my witness Christ the Lord who will be my judge, that my vote is given to the one who before God I think should be elected."
- ⇒ Afterward, votes are collected by scrutineers, cardinals designated daily to conduct the balloting. The names are read aloud and attached to a needle and thread, then tied at the ends. If the majority isn't reached, another vote is held.
- ⇒ The ballots are burned before the electors leave the chapel, giving the outside world a rare clue to the conclave's progress. If no candidate is selected, a chemical is added to produce black smoke that drifts out over St. Peter's square, signaling the balloting will continue. The famed white smoke is released when a new pope is selected.
- ⇒ Once a new pope is elected, he is asked if he accepts the position and then is asked what name he would like to use.
- ⇒ The dean of the college of cardinals will then present the new pope to the world, shouting in Latin from a balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square, "Habemus Papam!" — We have a pope! — and Benedict's successor will make his first appearance on the world stage to bless the crowd.



- Courtesy: Vatican.va

### Some FAQ's on the Pope's Resignation



Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Vatican press office, has given several press conferences since the Pope announced his resignation Feb. 11. The following is the questions and the answers concerning the resignation:

**1. What will be Benedict XVI's last public appearance as Pope?**

**A:** Benedict XVI's last public appearance as Pope will be the General Audience on February 27, 2013, in Saint Peter's Square. Exceptionally, the general audience will include a liturgy of the Word and moments of prayer. The next day, Thursday the 28th, there will be a private audience in the Clementine Hall of the Holy See with some cardinals. This will be the last audience of his pontificate.

**2. Does Benedict XVI have some serious illness in particular?**

**A:** No, Benedict XVI does not have a serious illness in particular.

**3. Is it true that Benedict XVI has a pacemaker?**

**A:** Yes, it is true that Benedict XVI has a pacemaker. He has had it since he was cardinal prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. A few weeks ago the batteries of his pacemaker were changed.

**4. Will the encyclical on faith be published that Benedict XVI has been writing?**

**A:** No, there is no plan to publish the encyclical, as Benedict XVI was unable to finish it. Eventually, if he decides to publish it, it will not be ranked as an "encyclical."

**5. Why did Benedict XVI choose 8:00 pm on February 28 to end his ministry as Pope?**

**A:** Because it is the time in which he usually ends his work day.

**6. Where will Benedict XVI live after he retires as Pope?**

**A:** Initially, for a period of two months, in the papal residence of Castel Gandolfo. Afterward he will return to the Vatican to live in the Mater Ecclesiae cloistered convent.

**7. Is it true that Benedict XVI decided to resign during his apostolic journey to Mexico?**

**A:** During his apostolic journey to Mexico and Cuba, Benedict XVI matured in the matter of his resignation as one more stage in his long process of reflection and discernment on this subject. However, the trip had no other particular relevance in this regard.

**8. What will Benedict XVI's name and title be after February 28?**

**A:** It is a matter that is still being reflected upon. There is a certain unanimity that he should keep the name Benedict XVI and that his title should be "Bishop Emeritus of Rome." In the Pontifical Yearbook Benedict XVI will continue to be the official name used.

**9. Will Benedict XVI take part in the Conclave to elect his successor?**

**A:** No, Benedict XVI will not take part in the Conclave to elect his successor and he will not be part of the College of Cardinals.

**10. How will Benedict XVI dress after February 28?**

**A:** It is not yet known how Benedict XVI will dress after February 28.

**11. Is provision made in the Church for a Pope's renunciation?**

**A:** Yes, a Pope's resignation is provided for and regulated by the Code of Canon Law.

**12. What will happen to Archbishop Georg Gänswein, Benedict XVI's private secretary and prefect of the Papal Household over the last few months?**

**A:** Archbishop Georg Gänswein will continue to be Benedict XVI's private secretary. He will accompany him to Castel Gandolfo (and later to the Mater Ecclesiae convent), and he will also continue to be prefect of the Papal Household. Similarly, it is possible that his second private secretary will go to Castel Gandolfo and accompany Benedict XVI for a time.

**13. Who will live with Benedict XVI in the Mater Ecclesiae convent inside the Vatican after his retirement?**

**A:** The Memores Domini (a group of consecrated women, who help the Pope in the ordinary needs of a home), and his private secretary, Archbishop Georg Gänswein, will live with and assist Benedict XVI after his retirement.

**14. Did the subject of the so-called Vatileaks scandal influence the Pope's decision?**

**A:** It had no relevance. If one wants to receive correct information, one must limit oneself to what the Pope has said about his renunciation.

**15. When, approximately, will the conclave begin?**

**A:** The most likely dates are that it will begin between March 15-20.

**16. Did Benedict XVI change the norms for the election of a Pope in the last weeks?**

**A:** No, Benedict XVI did not change recently the norms for the election of a Pope. He made a small change in 2007 to modify the system of voting. The modification of 2007 establishes that a two-thirds majority will always be necessary in the voting carried out in the Conclave. However, the rest of the norms in force continue to be those of the Apostolic Constitution *Universi Dominici Gregis*.

**17. Are there power struggles in the Vatican?**

**A:** In all institutions there is a dynamic that leads to different opinions, which is always good. The difference and diversity of opinions are positive if they lead to the good of the institution itself. However, such differences should not be given too much weight as they would not correspond to the reality or to persons' intentions. To say that there are power struggles does not correspond to the reality of what is happening in the Church at this time.

**18. Did journalist Peter Seewald interview Benedict XVI before his renunciation?**

**A:** German journalist Peter Seewald, who has interviewed Joseph Ratzinger-Benedict XVI several times in the past, interviewed Benedict XVI two and a half months ago. The interview is to be included in Benedict XVI's official biography, on which Seewald is working.

**19. Will Benedict XVI meet with the new Pope?**

**A:** There is no plan for Benedict XVI to meet with the new Pope.

**20. Why has Benedict XVI decided to stay in a convent in the Vatican, after his two months at Castel Gandolfo, and not return to his native Bavaria?**

**A:** Although Benedict XVI has not explained it clearly, his presence and prayer in the Vatican gives spiritual continuity to the papacy. Moreover, Benedict XVI has been living in the Vatican for more than three decades.

## **STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL**

### **Bringing HOPE to Urban Poor**

Any one oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them, To help poor is to honour God :*Proverb:14:31*

**URBAN POVERTY** in India is large and widespread. As per 2011 census, urban population is more than 31% of the 1.2 billion people in India . In 2004-2005, nearly,81 million people out of an estimated urban population of less than 310 million were below the poverty line; their per month consumption being less than Rs.539 only. The steady rise in the urban population between 1973-2004 lead to scarcity in sharing of resources allocated for the group. Therefore, the progress in reducing urban poverty in the country has been highly uneven. Slum settlements without any formal title to property represent the most visible manifestation of poverty in urban India. Although reportedly, there is a decline in India's urban poverty line over the last 20 years, much is required to be done in bringing basic facilities for overall and sustainable economic development of the urban poor in the country.

#### **EDUCATION**

Urban poor are vulnerable to lack of access to education services. In 2008, 18% of urban population aged 15 years and above were not literate. Out of those literate, 1% were without formal education, 34% had studied up to middle school, 28% studied up to high school/higher secondary, less than 12% had graduated and only 3.5% had completed post graduation. Lack of education results in lack of skills required for being employed.

#### **HEALTH**

Urban poor are vulnerable to various diseases brought by unhygienic conditions. Only 53% children are covered by Anganwadi Centres. 59% urban poor women and 71% urban poor children suffer from anaemia. There are significant number of stunted children among urban poor. Health expenditures push urban poor into extreme poverty. National Sample Survey in its 58<sup>th</sup> round report on India stated that while service deprivations are commonly observed in cities and towns, the extent of deprivation is higher in slums and squatter settlements. 26% of household living in slum settlement has no access to any arrangement of garbage collection and 18% suffer from lack of drinking water supply. Remarkably, 75% household in slums have not received any of the



Government programme designed to alleviate poverty, only 16% households received land related benefits and the 9% received other miscellaneous benefits. Significantly, NSSO data shows that 55% of slum dwellers have been living in the area for 15 years and 12% between 10 to 15 years. Slum as an integral part of the phenomenon of urbanisation is contributing significantly to the economies of cities by being source of affordable labour supply for production, both in the formal and informal sector of the economy. On the other hand, they also are a reflection of the exclusionary socio-economic policies and planning in the country.

#### **GENDER AND URBANISATION**

The urbanization process itself was shaped by gender roles and relations. In developing countries, single male migration is more common. The effects of this on family structure, decision making and women's autonomy and well being are varied. Where family relations are strained by male absences and remittances are irregular or non-existent, it may lead to increased female poverty. Gender equality perspective of urban poverty is important because men and women experience and respond to poverty in different ways.

#### **FINANCIAL EXCLUSION**

Lack of education and health among the urban poor is compounded by lack of access to finance which is a prerequisite for employment, poverty reduction and in the long run, sustained economic growth. However formal financial sector serves only a minority while most households lack financial services. Only 48% of citizens have accesses to financial services. Large scale conventional finance institutions are not significant players in low-end financial markets because their business model does not cater to the urban poor.

#### **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES**

Caritas India deeply understands the misery of this unnoticed reality and wants to bring hope in the life of urban poor. They are deprived with the basic amenities of Nutrition, Housing, Education, Health and Sanitation. This makes them particularly vulnerable to other health related diseases. It is a right of every human being to live life with dignity. Caritas India prioritized this issue to take proactive measures to alleviate the sufferings of the urban poor.

2013 Lenten Campaign focuses on the theme of Urban Poverty. Caritas India along with its partner organizations, through this campaign, aims to mobilize awareness among people of different communities on

the gravity of the issue. In this regard we intend to take definite actions to improve the living conditions of those dwelling in urban slums through the following concrete actions:

- ® Enhance the capacity of the urban poor through awareness building programmes to take part in development arena.
- ® Networking with likeminded NGOs to assist the government for the better implementation of the approved programmes for urban poor.
- ® Make strong advocacy for implementation of innovative supplementary development programmes for urban poor by GOs.
- ® Enabling government for upgradation of urban poverty reduction strategies including, livelihood programme and skill training.
- ® Strengthening of pro-urban poor decentralized governance for improving their living conditions.
- ® Provision of required guidance for tapping and effective use of social security schemes of government.
- ® Assisting the government for implementation of different schemes/ programmes through convergent approaches.

Let us join our hands together to enable urban poor bring hope and prosperity in the days to come!

*(Courtesy: Caritas India, Tasoss and MMSSS)*

### **Madha TV shares from the Parishes/ Institutions -**

#### **II Phase**

<b>Name of the Parish / Institution</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>as on 22/01/2013</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>6,37,000.00</b>
Anna Nagar (142,000)	114	1,14,000.00
Rosary Church (8,000)	21	21,000.00
Aruppukottai	30	30,000.00
Michael Palayam	17	17,000.00
Rev. Fr. Antony Samy	5	5,000.00
Ved. Michael	1	1,000.00
<b>as on 22/02/2013</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>8,25,000.00</b>



## Fr. Jude Vadakarai J. R.I.P.

Birth place : Chemmamalamattam, Kottayam  
Born on : 11-03-1940  
Ordination : 20-09-1968

### MINISTRIES

Assistant, Gnanaolivupuram  
& Prefect, St. Pius X Seminary - 1973  
Assistant, Irudayapuram - 1973 – 1974  
Assistant, Gnanaolivupuram - 1974 - 1978  
Diocesan Builder, Bishop's House  
& Secretary for Labour Commission - 1978 - 1980  
Parish Priest, Aandichoorani - 1980 - 1983  
Parish Priest, Puliyaal - 1983 - 1985  
Parish Priest, Karankadu - 1985 – 1989  
Parish Priest, Gnanaolivupuram - 1989 - 1990  
Spiritual Father, St. Peter's Seminary - 1990 - 1996  
Parish Priest, Kadamalikundu Mission - 1996 – 2001  
Medical Leave, Halcyon Home - 2001 - 2002  
Parish Priest, Kalladipatti - 2002 - 2005  
Spiritual Father, Holy Cross Hospital - 2005 – 2010  
Retired Priests Home - 2011-2012  
Private Ministry, Aandichoorani - 2012 – 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2013.

- Fr. Chancellor

## May the soul of Jude Vadakarai J.

### Rest in Peace

Rev. Fr. Jude Vadakarai, aged 73, a former Capuchin, is a diocesan priest of Archdiocese of Madurai. He was born in Kerala, Chemmamalamattam, near Irignalakuda having siblings, 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Fr. Jude knows seven languages: Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Hindi, English, Latin and Syriac. He was specialized in counseling, music, medicines, snake catching and rearing etc. Special training had he in carpentry and masonry as well.

He was instrumental in constructing the following churches or presbyteries: St. Joseph- Gnanaolivupuram, O.L. of Veilankanni - Anna Nagar, Sacred Heart - Thiruvaramangam, St. Peter's - C.K. Mangalam, Sacred Heart - W. Pudupatti, Sahaya Annai - Rajapalayam, Our Lady of Queen of

Heaven - Uthamapalayam, St. Thomas - Butlagundu, St. Antony - Karisalpatti, Pius X Seminary I floor, Presbytery - Perumalmalai, Presbytery - Michael palayam, Presbytery – Savariarpattinam, St. Antony's Shrine – Karimedu, De Nobili Chapel – Kilaneri, Chapel – Narikudi and Veilankanni Shrine at Andichiorani road.

The tremendous love, Father Jude had for the Catholic Church, was felt by everyone in his various ministries in the Archdiocese. His ardent love for the Eucharist and Marian Devotion are inexplicable. A tangible expression is the present Veilankanni Shrine of Aandichioorani, Sivaganga Diocese where thousands of people flock for spiritual solace and inner healing. A priest, remaining always in his priestly attire, communicated God's love and compassion to all the sick and the suffering.

As a spiritual father, he formed hundreds of Seminarians and the religious. In short, the faithful flocked to him for spiritual guidance and God experience. Though he was a builder and is gifted with the skills of construction, he was, *par excellence*, building the people of God through his simple blessings, prayers and counseling. Surely the Archdiocese thanks one of its veteran sons for having labored in the vineyard of the Lord so effectively for 44 long years.

He had no attachment with his family. Though from a different culture and language he hailed, Fr. Jude Vadakarai, as a true missionary, transcending his own culture and language, identified himself with the local people of Tamilnadu and ministered in the cultural set up of the wider Archdiocese of Madurai. May the good Lord reward Rev. Fr. Jude Vadakarai with the blessings of His heavenly light. May the soul of Fr. Jude rest in Peace.

- Rev. Dr. M. John Diraviam

## Mission Sunday Collection for the year 2012

Sivakasi	2,00,100.00
Srivilliputhur	1,40,000.00
Gnanaolivupuram	1,35,500.00
K. Pudur	1,00,000.00
Virudhunagar	70,000.00
Rayappanpatti	55,000.00
W. Pudupatti	51,398.00
Bibikulam	48,000.00
Palanganatham	45,150.00

Ellis Nagar	45,000.00
Anna Nagar	41,000.00
Thiruthangal	36,000.00
St. Mary's Church	30,500.00
Batlagundu	30,000.00
Munjikkal	30,000.00
Bastin Nagar	30,000.00
Sundaranatchiapuram	27,150.00
Hanumanthanpatti	25,000.00
Samayanallur	23,000.00
Ugarthe Nagar	18,700.00
Anjal Nagar	17,100.00
Silukkuvarpatti	17,000.00
Nagamalai	16,000.00
Sattur	15,400.00
Holy Rosary Church	15,250.00
Meenampatti	15,069.00
A. Nathampatti	15,000.00
Kadachanendal	15,000.00
Shenbaganur	15,000.00
Michaelpalayam	12,500.00
Y. Othakadai	11,758.00
Aruppukottai	11,000.00
Usilampatti	10,300.00
R.R. Nagar	10,150.00
Periyakulam	10,000.00
Railway Colony	10,000.00
Packiapuram	6,500.00
Melur	6,000.00
Bodinayakanur	6,000.00
Uthamapalayam	5,600.00
Pandian Nagar	5,500.00
Thirumangalam	5,020.00
Thirunagar	5,000.00
Perumalmalai	5,000.00
Chinnamanur	4,585.00
Kalladipatti	4,485.00
Kadamalaikundu	4,260.00
Lourdupuram	4,030.00
Rajapalayam	3,490.00

Manalar	3,100.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	3,000.00
Rayapuram	2,700.00
T. Sindalacherry	2,500.00
Iyyampalayam	2,100.00
Othyal	2,004.00
Kavirayapuram	2,000.00
Kottur	2,000.00
Nilakottai	1,500.00
Thummichinampatti	1,250.00
Alangulam	1,000.00
Karumathur	850.00
Mathankovilpatti	800.00
	<b>14,88,299.00</b>

#### **Institutions**

S.F.S. Matric School, Pandian nagar	25,000.00
Christ Hall Seminary	24,258.00
Holy Cross Hr. Sec. School Batlagundu	15,000.00
St. Britto Hr. Sec. School	5,000.00

**Collection as on 25/02/2013**

**15,57,557.00**

#### **Bible Sunday Collection**

<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>	<b>90,507.00</b>
Packiapuram	2,000.00

**Collection as on 25/02/2013**

**92,507.00**

#### **African Mission**

<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>	<b>45,485.00</b>
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Packiapuram	1,000.00
Kalladipatti	150.00

**Collection as on 25/02/2013**

**51,635.00**

## St. Peter the Apostle

<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>	<b>28,301.00</b>
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Ellis Nagar	3,000.00
Kadachanendal	1,000.00
Packiapuram	1,000.00
Usilampatti	650.00
Lourdupuram	616.00
Kalladipatti	150.00

<b>Collection as on 25/02/2013</b>	<b>39,717.00</b>
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## Opus Securitatis Fund

<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>	<b>36,978.50</b>
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Ellis Nagar	4,000.00
Kadachanendal	1,300.00
Packiapuram	1,000.00
Usilampatti	650.00
Kalladipatti	200.00

<b>Collection as on 25/02/2013</b>	<b>49,128.50</b>
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## Seminarians Fund

Sattur	5,000.00
Mr. A.M. Cruz Jesu Palanganatham	1,000.00

## Adoration Sunday

### March

03 Silukkuvarpatti  
10 Rajapalayam  
17 Kalladipatti  
24 Thirunagar  
31 Mangalamkombu



### April

07 Meenatchiapuram  
14 Kalladipatti  
21 Thirunagar  
28 Michaelpalayam

## Greetings on Happy Birthdays

<b>Most. Rev. Peter Fernando</b>	<b>on</b>	<b>22.03.1939</b>
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	...	09.03.1975
Fr. G. Gabriel		13.03.1973
Fr. J. Jeyaraj		20.03.1958
Fr. Jerome Sebastine		20.03.1983
Fr. Joseph Amalan		20.03.1977
Fr. M. John Diraviam		24.03.1968
Fr. Soosai P. Visuvasam		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

<b>Archbishop Arockiasamy</b>	<b>on</b>	<b>22.03.2007</b>
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



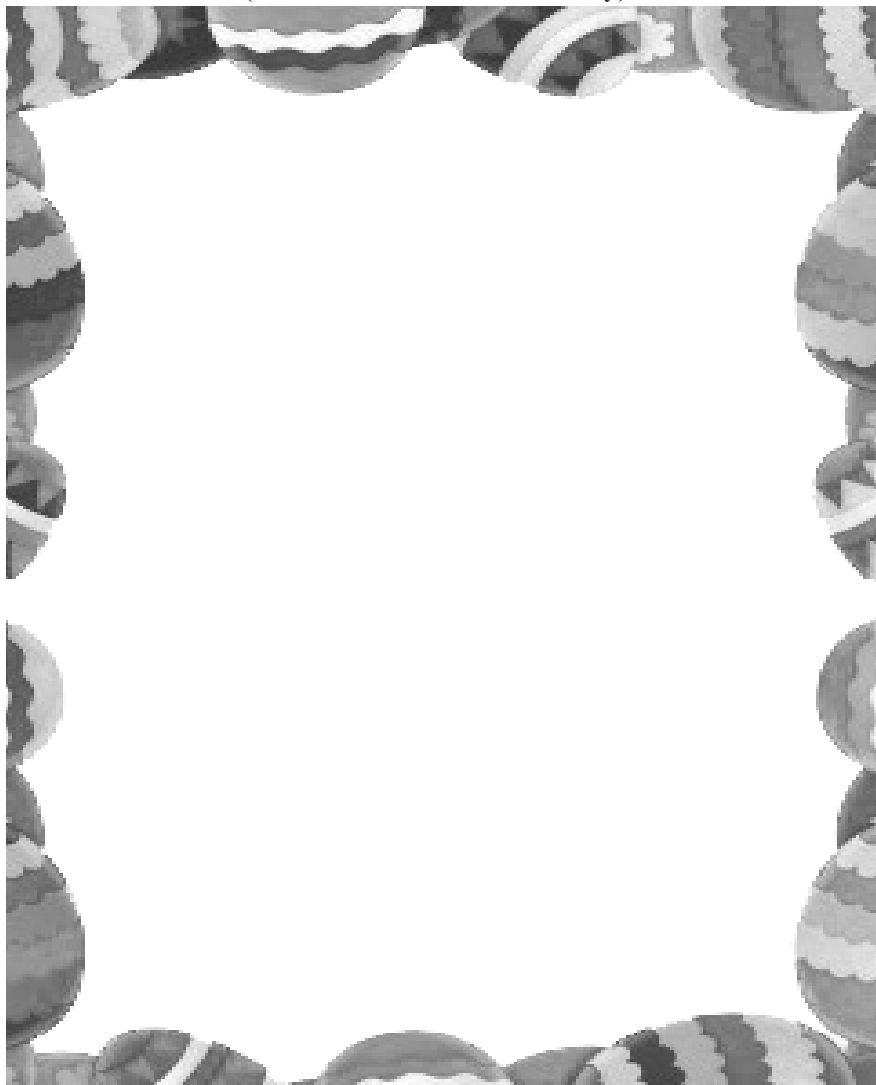


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## Archbishop's Engagements March - 2013

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| 2     | Requiem Syro Malabar Mass for Fr. Jude Vadakara<br><br>Bishop's House Chapel<br><br>General Body Meeting - MMSSS |
| 3     | Vicariate Celebration - Kodaikanal                                                                               |
| 9     | Jubilee Mass - St. Anne's of Trichy - Hanumanthampatti                                                           |
| 10.   | Vicariate Celebration Theni Vicariate - Kanavai -<br><br>Usilampatti                                             |
| 11-13 | St. John's Medical College Governing Body Meeting                                                                |
| 15    | Vicariate Celebration - Batalagundu - Kavirayapuram                                                              |
| 17    | Vicariate Celebration - Madurai South                                                                            |
| 19    | Melur - School day Celebration                                                                                   |
| 22    | Pillar                                                                                                           |
| 24    | Palm Sunday Mass - Cathedral                                                                                     |
| 25.   | Monthly Recollection for Priests & Chrism Mass -<br><br>Cathedral                                                |
| 28.   | Holy Thursday - Mass at Cathedral                                                                                |
| 29.   | Good Friday                                                                                                      |
| 30.   | Easter Vigil Mass - Cathedral                                                                                    |
| 31.   | Easter Sunday                                                                                                    |

### General Intention of the Pope for March 2013

**Respect for Nature:** That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility.

### Mission Intention of the Pope for March 2013

**Clergy:** That bishops, priests and deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

### Please Note

- 1. Chrism Mass:** As per the tradition the monthly recollection for March will be on 25<sup>th</sup> inst., Monday which will commence at 10:30 a.m. at Bishop's House Conference Hall followed by a talk, adoration and confession. The Chrism Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m.



at Our Lady of Cathedral Church officiated by our Archbishop in which mass the holy oils will be blessed for its distribution to the parishes. Kindly come with your containers for the oils. The parish priests in the city are requested to cancel their evening masses on this day so that the faithful would participate in the solemn episcopal high mass. Let us celebrate this

Priests Day in faith, hope and charity.

- 2. Birthday of the Archbishop:** DNL greets His Grace with the joyous hearts on his Birthday on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013. May Joy, Peace and Good Health adorn the life of His Grace during the years to follow.



- 3. The Sede vacante** (Holy See is vacant) period starts at 9:00 p.m., on 28<sup>th</sup> inst. From then on until the announcement of the new Pope priests are to omit, during the Eucharistic prayer, the sentence "for our Holy Father, \_\_\_\_\_name" and continue with the name of the diocesan bishop. - Chancellor.

**4. Congratulations:** DNL congratulates the efforts of Sathangai for bringing out a Lenten book containing the Way of the Cross and a Commentary on the Holy Week. The contributors are appreciated. The prize of the book is Rs. 40.



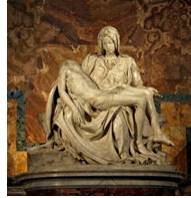
5. As we stand in the important historical era of Papal election, this issue contains exclusive articles on Papal elections.

6. **Maundy Thursday Collection:** A special collection for the campaign against hunger and disease is to be taken on Maundy Thursday, on 28<sup>th</sup> inst. Kindly distribute special envelopes to each family and procure a good collection which should be sent to Procurator's office at once. It will be handed over to MMSSS. Kindly exhort the faithful to contribute generously to eradicate poverty and alleviate suffering of the poor.



7. **Good Friday Collection** is taken on Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> inst., for the maintenance of sacred places in Holy Land. Rev. parish priests and heads of Institutions are requested to make a good collection for the protection and maintenance of the holy places. Kindly remit your collection at once at Procurator's office.

8. **Condolences:** DNL offers loving prayers for the soul of **Rev. Fr. Jude Vadakarai J.** who passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013 at Apollo Hospital during a treatment for heart disease. The funeral mass was celebrated by the Archbishop on 2<sup>nd</sup> at Nobili Pastoral Center and the deceased priest was buried in the cemetery which was allotted by the Holy see for the burial of diocesan priests. The Archdiocese really thanks the family of Fr. Jude for giving the Archdiocese a true missionary. May the soul of Fr. Jude rest in peace. A tribute follows at the end of the issue.



9. **Condolences:** DNL conveys its prayerful condolences to Rev. Fr. Maria Arul Selvam for the demise of his beloved father, Mr. Devasagayam V., aged 70, who passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The funeral mass was officiated by His Grace on 19<sup>th</sup> at Holy Rosary Church. May the soul of Mr. Devasahayam rest in peace.

10. **Priests - Religious Meeting:** a) Congratulations to Fr. Angel, the V.F of Madurai South, who arranged a meeting for priests and religious at Holy Rosary Church on 27th January 2013. Around 70 Priests and religious of Madurai South Vicariate Participated in the Sharing. The Jubilee committee members conducted the meeting.

b) **Priests - Religious Gathering Srivilliputhur:** Congratulations to Fr. Xavier Raj, the V.F. of Srivilliputhur, who had arranged a meeting for all the priests and religious of Srivilliputhur Vicariate on 17th Feb. 2013. Around 30 members participated in the sharing. I thank the Priests- Religious committee members and all the participants.

- **Fr. M. John Diraviam, Convenor, Episcopal Vicar for the Religious**

11. **தவக்கால திருயாத்திரை, தியானம் மற்றும் வட்டார பவளவிழா கொண்டாட்டங்கள் மதுரை வடக்கு மறைவட்டம்:** 17.02.2013 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மறைவட்டத் தவக்காலத் திருயாத்திரை பவளவிழா திருப்பலி கோபுதூர் லூர்தன்னை பங்கு, தலைமை: மேதகு பேராயர்.

**விருதுநகர் மறைவட்டம்:** 24.02.2013 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மறைவட்டத் தவக்காலத் திருயாத்திரை மற்றும் பவளவிழா ஒருநாள் தியான ஆன்மீக எழுச்சி கொண்டாட்டம் சிவகாசிப் பங்கு, தலைமை: மேதகு பேராயர்.

**கொடைக்கானல் மறைவட்டம் :** 03.03.2013 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மறைவட்டத் தவக்காலத் திருயாத்திரை மற்றும் அரைநாள் தியான ஆன்மீக எழுச்சிக் கொண்டாட்டம் சலேத்தமாதா திருத்தலம், தலைமை: மேதகு பேராயர்.

**தேனி மறைவட்டம்:** 10.03.2013 ஞாயிறு மறைவட்டத் திருயாத்திரை மற்றும் பவளவிழா திருப்பலி உசிலம்பட்டி கனவாய் மாதா ஆலய வளாகம், தலைமை: மேதகு பேராயர். மேலும் தேனி மற்றும் உத்தம்பாளையம் பங்குகளின் இரு மையத்தில் மறைவட்ட தியான ஆன்மீக எழுச்சி நாட்கள் வெவ்வேறு தேதிகளில் நடைபெற ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது.

**வத்தலக்குண்டு மறைவட்டம்:** 15.03.2013 வெள்ளிக்கிழமை மறைவட்டத் தவக்காலத் திருயாத்திரை மற்றும் பவளவிழா தியான ஆன்மீக எழுச்சிக் கொண்டாட்டங்கள். சாலக்குடி தியான மையத்தினர்; கவிராயபுரம் தலைமை: மேதகு பேராயர் மறைவட்டப் பவளவிழாத் திருப்பலியை சிறப்பிக்கின்றனர். அங்கு தொடர்ந்து 16-ம் தேதி ஆசிரியர்களுக்கும், 17-ம் தேதி பொதுமக்களுக்கும் என சிறப்புத் தியானம் நடைபெறுகிறது.

**மதுரை தெற்கு மறைவட்டம்:** 17.03.2013 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மறைவட்டத் தவக்காலத் திருயாத்திரை மற்றும் பவளவிழா ஒருநாள் தியான எழுச்சிக் கொண்டாட்டம் ஜெபமாலை அன்னை ஆலயம், தலைமை: மேதகு பேராயர்.

**திருவில்லிபுத்தூர் மறைவட்டம்:** 17.03.2013 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மறைவட்டத் தவக்காலத் திருயாத்திரைத் திருப்பலி. வபுதுப்பட்டி பங்கு கிருஷ்ணன் கோவில் சிறுமலை ஆலயம், தலைமை: வட்டார அருட்தந்தையர்கள்

**21.04.2013** ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை மறைவட்ட மைய பவளவிழா தியான ஆன்மீக எழுச்சிக் கொண்டாட்டம்: திருவில்லிபுத்தூர் பங்கு ஆலய வளாகத்தில் பேராயர் தலைமையில் மாலைத் திருப்பலியுடன் கொண்டாடப்படுகிறது.

**அருட்தந்தை ஆ. ஜான் பிரிட்டோ பாக்சியராஜ்**  
பவளவிழாச் செயலர், பணிக்குழுக்களின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர்

## POPE RENOUNCES PAPAL THRONE



The Holy Father, at the end of consistory for causes for canonization on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2013, announced his resignation from ministry as Bishop of Rome to the College of Cardinals. Following is the Holy Father's complete declaration, which he read in Latin: "I have convoked you to this Consistory, not only for the three canonizations, but also to communicate to you a decision of great importance for the life of the Church. After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but no less with prayer and suffering. However, in today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the barque of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfil the ministry entrusted to me. For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the Cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a Conclave to elect the new Supreme Pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is."

- Courtesy - Vatican.va

## CARDINAL SODANO EXPRESSES COLLEGE OF CARDINALS' NEARNESS TO POPE



"We have heard you," he said, "with a sense of loss and almost disbelief. In your words we see the great affection that you have always had for God's Holy Church, for this Church that you have loved so much. Now, let me say, on behalf of this apostolic cenacle, the College of Cardinals, on behalf of your beloved collaborators, allow me to say that we are closer than

ever to you, as we have been during these almost eight luminous years of your pontificate. On 19 April 2005, if I remember correctly, at the end of the conclave I asked: 'Do you accept your canonical election as Supreme Pontiff?' And you did not hesitate, although moved with emotion, to answer that you accepted, trusting in the Lord's grace and the maternal intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church. Like Mary on that day she gave her 'yes', and your luminous pontificate began, following in the wake of continuity, in that continuity with your 265 predecessors in the Chair of Peter, over two thousand years of history from the Apostle Peter, the humble Galilean fisherman, to the great popes of the last century from St. Pius X to Blessed John Paul II." Holy Father, before 28 February, the day that, as you have said, you wish to place the word 'end' to your pontifical service, conducted with so much love and so humbly, before 28 February, we will be able to better express our feelings. So too will the many pastors and faithful throughout the world, so too all those of good will together with the authorities of many countries. We are near to you, Holy Father, and we ask you to bless us."

- Courtesy: Vatican.va



## THE DAY POPE BENEDICT XVI WAS ELECTED



On 19 April 2005, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, dean of the College of Cardinals, was elected as Supreme Pontiff, the 264th successor of Peter and chose the name Benedict XVI. The cardinal proto-deacon, Jorge Arturo Medina Estevez, made the solemn announcement to the people at 6:43pm from the external loggia of the Hall of Blessings of the Vatican Basilica following the white smoke which occurred at 5:50pm. Following are the words of Cardinal Medina Estevez: Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum; habemus Papam; Eminentissimum ac Reverendissimum Dominum, Dominum Josephum, Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae Cardinalem Ratzinger Qui sibi nomen imposuit Benedictum XVI. (I announce to you with great joy; We have a Pope; The most eminent and most reverend Lord, Lord Joseph Cardinal of Holy Roman Church Ratzinger Who has taken the name Benedict XVI) The conclave that led to the election of Benedict XVI began on Monday, 18 April 2005, in the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican Apostolic Palace, with the "extra omnes" pronounced at 5:25pm by Archbishop Piero Marini, master of the Liturgical Celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff, following the taking of the oath by the 115 cardinal



electors. The first black smoke took place at 8:04pm the same day. On Tuesday, April 19, there was black smoke at 11:52am. On Tuesday, April 19, there was white smoke at 5:50pm. At 6:48pm, the Holy Father Benedict XVI, preceded by the Cross, appeared on the external loggia to greet the people and to impart the Apostolic Blessing “Urbi et Orbi” (to the city and to the world). Prior to the blessing, the new Pontiff addressed the faithful with the following words: “Dear Brothers and Sisters, “After the great Pope John Paul II, the Lord Cardinals have elected me, a simple and humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord. I am consoled by the fact that the Lord knows how to act, even with inadequate instruments and above all I entrust myself to your prayers. In the joy of the Risen Lord, trusting in His permanent help, as we go forward the Lord will help us, and His Mother, Mary Most Holy, will be at our side. Thank you.” – Courtesy: Vatican.va

### COMPOSITION OF THE CONCLAVE



The conclave to elect the successor of Benedict XVI will be regulated by the “Ordo Rituum Conclavis” established by John Paul II’s apostolic constitution “Universi Dominici Gregis”, para. 27. The Cardinal Camerlengo, who has a fundamental role during the Sede Vacante period, is Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, appointed by Benedict XVI on 4 April 2007. The Cardinal electors, by their continents of provenance, will be 61 Europeans, 19 Latin Americans, 14 North Americans, 11 Africans, 11 Asians, and 1 from Oceania. These figures may vary depending on the date that the conclave opens: for example, Cardinal Walter Kasper will turn 80 on 5 March. The country with the greatest number of Cardinal electors is Italy, with 21. Sixty-seven of the electors were created by Benedict XVI and the remaining 50 by John Paul II. One of John Paul II’s innovations regarding the period of conclave is that the Cardinal electors of whom there will be 117 on 28 February will be housed in the Vatican residence Casa Santa Marta, which is independent from the place where they vote, the Sistine Chapel. The Cardinal electors must remain in the Vatican during the entire period of conclave, and no one can approach them when they move from the Sistine Chapel to their place of residence or vice versa. All forms of communication with the outside world are prohibited. As in the past, the Sistine Chapel stove will be used to burn the ballots after each vote.

### Some Facts on Papal Election

- Pope Benedict XVI is 78 years old. The next pope will be 267<sup>th</sup> Pope.
- He was serving the Church as Pope for 8 years, from 2005 to 2013.
- The *sede vacante* administration of the Holy, Catholic Church rests with Cardinal Tarsiso Betrone, the Secretary of the State.
- The Cardinal Camerlengo who announces the election is also Cardinal Tarsiso Betrone. Can the announcer and the announced be the same! Let’s wait for March 19.
- The Dean of College of Cardinals is Cardinal Angelo Sodano who conducts the election of the new Pope around March 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The required vote for a new Pope is two third majority. It is 78 out to 117.
- It is significant that Pope Benedict XVI has renounced His Petrine Office on the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is related to the III secret of our Lady revealed at Fatima.
- An electro magnetic cap will cover the entire building of Domus Sancta Marta where the Cardinals reside and the Sistine Chapel where the consistory would be held. It would sabotage all communication waves electronic listening devices. During the Papal election, the vicinity of entire Apostolic Palace in particular the Sistine chapel and Domus Sancta Marta will come under special legislation of papal election. No communication and no one is allowed to contact the Cardinals and any form of influence or distraction is forbidden.
- The Papal election is conducted according to the General Norms of Canon Law on election and in particular by a special law given in Apostolic Constitution, *Universi Domini Gregis*, by John Paul II on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 1966.
- Following new amendments Pope Benedict XVI made on 25<sup>th</sup> on the above Constitution, the Conclave will begin only after 15 days of the canonical announcement of *sede vacante*.
- On 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2013 Pope Benedict XVI has made amendments in “*Universi Domini Gregis*”, a constitution for Papal election, which implements a very strict procedure for confidentiality and a spirit of loyalty to the magisterium. One who divulges any information of the papal election to the outside world, incurs *latae sententiae* excommunication reserved to the Apostolic See.





- Each Cardinal voter will be given 3 cards for voting in case he makes a mistake. Before voting, the Cardinal voter comes before the altar where a chalice and a paten is kept for the ballots. The Cardinal saying a prayer and reading an oath of confidentiality and trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit places his written ballot on the paten and then slides into the chalice.
- After singing *Veni Creator* song to the Holy Spirit, the Cardinals go in procession to the Sistine chapel and there starts the election process.
- Some chemicals will be added with the ballots in order to colour a smoke either black or white.
- In announcing the election of the Pope, the Church uses the same greetings of Angel Gabriel who announced the birth of Christ. "*Annuncio vobis gaudium magnum*".
- Only the Cardinals who have not completed 80 years of age will elect the Pope. Cardinals nominated *in pectore* will also vote not.
- From India the following four cardinals will vote: i) Card. Oswald Gracias, Mumbai; ii) Card. Telesphore Toppo, Ranji; iii) Card. George Alanchery, Major Archbishop of Syro Malabar church iv) Card. Cleemis Thottungal, Major archbishop of Syro Malankara Church. Cardinals Lourdasamy and Dias are above 80 years of age.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2013, Cardinal Betrone, the Secretary of the State has written to all the Cloistered Monasteries in the world to pray for the Papal Election and for the future Pope.



- Fr. M. John Diraviam, The Chancellor

### What happens at Sistine Chapel



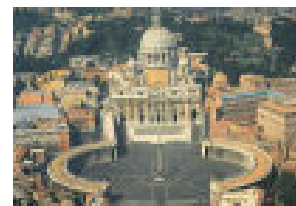
- ⇒ On the first morning, the voting cardinals hold Mass at St. Peter's Basilica and in the afternoon gather in their formal dress in the Pauline Chapel of the Apostolic Palace, then move to the Sistine Chapel. The chapel is locked and sealed, the senior cardinal administers an oath of secrecy, and the election begins.
- ⇒ One ballot may be conducted on the first day. If no candidate secures the necessary two thirds of the vote, the balloting continues the next day, with as many as four votes, two in the morning and two in the afternoon.

- ⇒ Benedict was elected after two days and four ballots in April 19, 17 days after the death of John Paul II.
- ⇒ Sixty-seven of the electors were created by Benedict XVI and the remaining 50 by John Paul II.
- ⇒ The voting process is lengthy. Electors write their votes on rectangular cards. The cardinals then cast their vote one at a time, each approaching the altar displaying his folded ballot. He kneels in prayer, then declares, "I call as my witness Christ the Lord who will be my judge, that my vote is given to the one who before God I think should be elected."
- ⇒ Afterward, votes are collected by scrutineers, cardinals designated daily to conduct the balloting. The names are read aloud and attached to a needle and thread, then tied at the ends. If the majority isn't reached, another vote is held.
- ⇒ The ballots are burned before the electors leave the chapel, giving the outside world a rare clue to the conclave's progress. If no candidate is selected, a chemical is added to produce black smoke that drifts out over St. Peter's square, signaling the balloting will continue. The famed white smoke is released when a new pope is selected.
- ⇒ Once a new pope is elected, he is asked if he accepts the position and then is asked what name he would like to use.
- ⇒ The dean of the college of cardinals will then present the new pope to the world, shouting in Latin from a balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square, "Habemus Papam!" — We have a pope! — and Benedict's successor will make his first appearance on the world stage to bless the crowd.



- Courtesy: Vatican.va

### Some FAQ's on the Pope's Resignation



Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Vatican press office, has given several press conferences since the Pope announced his resignation Feb. 11. The following is the questions and the answers concerning the resignation:

**1. What will be Benedict XVI's last public appearance as Pope?**

**A:** Benedict XVI's last public appearance as Pope will be the General Audience on February 27, 2013, in Saint Peter's Square. Exceptionally, the general audience will include a liturgy of the Word and moments of prayer. The next day, Thursday the 28th, there will be a private audience in the Clementine Hall of the Holy See with some cardinals. This will be the last audience of his pontificate.

**2. Does Benedict XVI have some serious illness in particular?**

**A:** No, Benedict XVI does not have a serious illness in particular.

**3. Is it true that Benedict XVI has a pacemaker?**

**A:** Yes, it is true that Benedict XVI has a pacemaker. He has had it since he was cardinal prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. A few weeks ago the batteries of his pacemaker were changed.

**4. Will the encyclical on faith be published that Benedict XVI has been writing?**

**A:** No, there is no plan to publish the encyclical, as Benedict XVI was unable to finish it. Eventually, if he decides to publish it, it will not be ranked as an "encyclical."

**5. Why did Benedict XVI choose 8:00 pm on February 28 to end his ministry as Pope?**

**A:** Because it is the time in which he usually ends his work day.

**6. Where will Benedict XVI live after he retires as Pope?**

**A:** Initially, for a period of two months, in the papal residence of Castel Gandolfo. Afterward he will return to the Vatican to live in the Mater Ecclesiae cloistered convent.

**7. Is it true that Benedict XVI decided to resign during his apostolic journey to Mexico?**

**A:** During his apostolic journey to Mexico and Cuba, Benedict XVI matured in the matter of his resignation as one more stage in his long process of reflection and discernment on this subject. However, the trip had no other particular relevance in this regard.

**8. What will Benedict XVI's name and title be after February 28?**

**A:** It is a matter that is still being reflected upon. There is a certain unanimity that he should keep the name Benedict XVI and that his title should be "Bishop Emeritus of Rome." In the Pontifical Yearbook Benedict XVI will continue to be the official name used.

**9. Will Benedict XVI take part in the Conclave to elect his successor?**

**A:** No, Benedict XVI will not take part in the Conclave to elect his successor and he will not be part of the College of Cardinals.

**10. How will Benedict XVI dress after February 28?**

**A:** It is not yet known how Benedict XVI will dress after February 28.

**11. Is provision made in the Church for a Pope's renunciation?**

**A:** Yes, a Pope's resignation is provided for and regulated by the Code of Canon Law.

**12. What will happen to Archbishop Georg Gänswein, Benedict XVI's private secretary and prefect of the Papal Household over the last few months?**

**A:** Archbishop Georg Gänswein will continue to be Benedict XVI's private secretary. He will accompany him to Castel Gandolfo (and later to the Mater Ecclesiae convent), and he will also continue to be prefect of the Papal Household. Similarly, it is possible that his second private secretary will go to Castel Gandolfo and accompany Benedict XVI for a time.

**13. Who will live with Benedict XVI in the Mater Ecclesiae convent inside the Vatican after his retirement?**

**A:** The Memores Domini (a group of consecrated women, who help the Pope in the ordinary needs of a home), and his private secretary, Archbishop Georg Gänswein, will live with and assist Benedict XVI after his retirement.

**14. Did the subject of the so-called Vatileaks scandal influence the Pope's decision?**

**A:** It had no relevance. If one wants to receive correct information, one must limit oneself to what the Pope has said about his renunciation.

**15. When, approximately, will the conclave begin?**

**A:** The most likely dates are that it will begin between March 15-20.

**16. Did Benedict XVI change the norms for the election of a Pope in the last weeks?**

**A:** No, Benedict XVI did not change recently the norms for the election of a Pope. He made a small change in 2007 to modify the system of voting. The modification of 2007 establishes that a two-thirds majority will always be necessary in the voting carried out in the Conclave. However, the rest of the norms in force continue to be those of the Apostolic Constitution *Universi Dominici Gregis*.

**17. Are there power struggles in the Vatican?**

**A:** In all institutions there is a dynamic that leads to different opinions, which is always good. The difference and diversity of opinions are positive if they lead to the good of the institution itself. However, such differences should not be given too much weight as they would not correspond to the reality or to persons' intentions. To say that there are power struggles does not correspond to the reality of what is happening in the Church at this time.

**18. Did journalist Peter Seewald interview Benedict XVI before his renunciation?**

**A:** German journalist Peter Seewald, who has interviewed Joseph Ratzinger-Benedict XVI several times in the past, interviewed Benedict XVI two and a half months ago. The interview is to be included in Benedict XVI's official biography, on which Seewald is working.

**19. Will Benedict XVI meet with the new Pope?**

**A:** There is no plan for Benedict XVI to meet with the new Pope.

**20. Why has Benedict XVI decided to stay in a convent in the Vatican, after his two months at Castel Gandolfo, and not return to his native Bavaria?**

**A:** Although Benedict XVI has not explained it clearly, his presence and prayer in the Vatican gives spiritual continuity to the papacy. Moreover, Benedict XVI has been living in the Vatican for more than three decades.

**STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL**

**Bringing HOPE to Urban Poor**

Any one oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them, To help poor is to honour God :*Proverb:14:31*

**URBAN POVERTY** in India is large and widespread. As per 2011 census, urban population is more than 31% of the 1.2 billion people in India . In 2004-2005, nearly,81 million people out of an estimated urban population of less than 310 million were below the poverty line; their per month consumption being less than Rs.539 only. The steady rise in the urban population between 1973-2004 lead to scarcity in sharing of resources allocated for the group. Therefore, the progress in reducing urban poverty in the country has been highly uneven. Slum settlements without any formal title to property represent the most visible manifestation of poverty in urban India. Although reportedly, there is a decline in India's urban poverty line over the last 20 years, much is required to be done in bringing basic facilities for overall and sustainable economic development of the urban poor in the country.

**EDUCATION**

Urban poor are vulnerable to lack of access to education services. In 2008, 18% of urban population aged 15 years and above were not literate. Out of those literate, 1% were without formal education, 34% had studied up to middle school, 28% studied up to high school/higher secondary, less than 12% had graduated and only 3.5% had completed post graduation. Lack of education results in lack of skills required for being employed.

**HEALTH**

Urban poor are vulnerable to various diseases brought by unhygienic conditions. Only 53% children are covered by Anganwadi Centres. 59% urban poor women and 71% urban poor children suffer from anaemia. There are significant number of stunted children among urban poor. Health expenditures push urban poor into extreme poverty. National Sample Survey in its 58<sup>th</sup> round report on India stated that while service deprivations are commonly observed in cities and towns, the extent of deprivation is higher in slums and squatter settlements. 26% of household living in slum settlement has no access to any arrangement of garbage collection and 18% suffer from lack of drinking water supply. Remarkably, 75% household in slums have not received any of the

Government programme designed to alleviate poverty, only 16% households received land related benefits and the 9% received other miscellaneous benefits. Significantly, NSSO data shows that 55% of slum dwellers have been living in the area for 15 years and 12% between 10 to 15 years. Slum as an integral part of the phenomenon of urbanisation is contributing significantly to the economies of cities by being source of affordable labour supply for production, both in the formal and informal sector of the economy. On the other hand, they also are a reflection of the exclusionary socio-economic policies and planning in the country.

#### **GENDER AND URBANISATION**

The urbanization process itself was shaped by gender roles and relations. In developing countries, single male migration is more common. The effects of this on family structure, decision making and women's autonomy and well being are varied. Where family relations are strained by male absences and remittances are irregular or non-existent, it may lead to increased female poverty. Gender equality perspective of urban poverty is important because men and women experience and respond to poverty in different ways.

#### **FINANCIAL EXCLUSION**

Lack of education and health among the urban poor is compounded by lack of access to finance which is a prerequisite for employment, poverty reduction and in the long run, sustained economic growth. However formal financial sector serves only a minority while most households lack financial services. Only 48% of citizens have accesses to financial services. Large scale conventional finance institutions are not significant players in low-end financial markets because their business model does not cater to the urban poor.

#### **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES**

Caritas India deeply understands the misery of this unnoticed reality and wants to bring hope in the life of urban poor. They are deprived with the basic amenities of Nutrition, Housing, Education, Health and Sanitation. This makes them particularly vulnerable to other health related diseases. It is a right of every human being to live life with dignity. Caritas India prioritized this issue to take proactive measures to alleviate the sufferings of the urban poor.

2013 Lenten Campaign focuses on the theme of Urban Poverty. Caritas India along with its partner organizations, through this campaign, aims to mobilize awareness among people of different communities on

the gravity of the issue. In this regard we intend to take definite actions to improve the living conditions of those dwelling in urban slums through the following concrete actions:

- ® Enhance the capacity of the urban poor through awareness building programmes to take part in development arena.
- ® Networking with likeminded NGOs to assist the government for the better implementation of the approved programmes for urban poor.
- ® Make strong advocacy for implementation of innovative supplementary development programmes for urban poor by GOs.
- ® Enabling government for upgradation of urban poverty reduction strategies including, livelihood programme and skill training.
- ® Strengthening of pro-urban poor decentralized governance for improving their living conditions.
- ® Provision of required guidance for tapping and effective use of social security schemes of government.
- ® Assisting the government for implementation of different schemes/ programmes through convergent approaches.

Let us join our hands together to enable urban poor bring hope and prosperity in the days to come!

*(Courtesy: Caritas India, Tasoss and MMSSS)*

### **Madha TV shares from the Parishes/ Institutions -**

#### **II Phase**

<b>Name of the Parish / Institution</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>as on 22/01/2013</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>6,37,000.00</b>
Anna Nagar (142,000)	114	1,14,000.00
Rosary Church (8,000)	21	21,000.00
Aruppukottai	30	30,000.00
Michael Palayam	17	17,000.00
Rev. Fr. Antony Samy	5	5,000.00
Ved. Michael	1	1,000.00
<b>as on 22/02/2013</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>8,25,000.00</b>



## Fr. Jude Vadakarai J. R.I.P.

Birth place : Chemmamattam, Kottayam  
Born on : 11-03-1940  
Ordination : 20-09-1968

### MINISTRIES

Assistant, Gnanaolivupuram	
& Prefect, St. Pius X Seminary	- 1973
Assistant, Irudayapuram	- 1973 – 1974
Assistant, Gnanaolivupuram	- 1974 - 1978
Diocesan Builder, Bishop's House	
& Secretary for Labour Commission	- 1978 - 1980
Parish Priest, Aandichoorani	- 1980 - 1983
Parish Priest, Puliyaal	- 1983 - 1985
Parish Priest, Karankadu	- 1985 – 1989
Parish Priest, Gnanaolivupuram	- 1989 - 1990
Spiritual Father, St. Peter's Seminary	- 1990 - 1996
Parish Priest, Kadamalikundu Mission	- 1996 – 2001
Medical Leave, Halcyon Home	- 2001 - 2002
Parish Priest, Kalladipatti	- 2002 - 2005
Spiritual Father, Holy Cross Hospital	- 2005 – 2010
Retired Priests Home	- 2011-2012
Private Ministry, Aandichoorani	- 2012 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb. 2013.

- Fr. Chancellor

## May the soul of Jude Vadakarai J.

### Rest in Peace

Rev. Fr. Jude Vadakarai, aged 73, a former Capuchin, is a diocesan priest of Archdiocese of Madurai. He was born in Kerala, Chemmamattam, near Irignalakuda having siblings, 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Fr. Jude knows seven languages: Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Hindi, English, Latin and Syriac. He was specialized in counseling, music, medicines, snake catching and rearing etc. Special training had he in carpentry and masonry as well.

He was instrumental in constructing the following churches or presbyteries: St. Joseph- Gnanaolivupuram, O.L. of Veilankanni - Anna Nagar, Sacred Heart - Thiruvaramangam, St. Peter's - C.K. Mangalam, Sacred Heart - W. Pudupatti, Sahaya Annai - Rajapalayam, Our Lady of Queen of

Heaven - Uthamapalayam, St. Thomas - Butlagundu, St. Antony - Karisalpatti, Pius X Seminary I floor, Presbytery - Perumalmalai, Presbytery - Michael palayam, Presbytery – Savariarpattinam, St. Antony's Shrine – Karimedu, De Nobili Chapel – Kilaneri, Chapel – Narikudi and Veilankanni Shrine at Andichiorani road.

The tremendous love, Father Jude had for the Catholic Church, was felt by everyone in his various ministries in the Archdiocese. His ardent love for the Eucharist and Marian Devotion are inexplicable. A tangible expression is the present Veilankanni Shrine of Aandichiorani, Sivaganga Diocese where thousands of people flock for spiritual solace and inner healing. A priest, remaining always in his priestly attire, communicated God's love and compassion to all the sick and the suffering.

As a spiritual father, he formed hundreds of Seminarians and the religious. In short, the faithful flocked to him for spiritual guidance and God experience. Though he was a builder and is gifted with the skills of construction, he was, *par excellence*, building the people of God through his simple blessings, prayers and counseling. Surely the Archdiocese thanks one of its veteran sons for having labored in the vineyard of the Lord so effectively for 44 long years.

He had no attachment with his family. Though from a different culture and language he hailed, Fr. Jude Vadakarai, as a true missionary, transcending his own culture and language, identified himself with the local people of Tamilnadu and ministered in the cultural set up of the wider Archdiocese of Madurai. May the good Lord reward Rev. Fr. Jude Vadakarai with the blessings of His heavenly light. May the soul of Fr. Jude rest in Peace.

- Rev. Dr. M. John Diraviam

## Mission Sunday Collection for the year 2012

Sivakasi	2,00,100.00
Srivilliputhur	1,40,000.00
Gnanaolivupuram	1,35,500.00
K. Pudur	1,00,000.00
Virudhunagar	70,000.00
Rayappanpatti	55,000.00
W. Pudupatti	51,398.00
Bibikulam	48,000.00
Palanganatham	45,150.00

Ellis Nagar	45,000.00
Anna Nagar	41,000.00
Thiruthangal	36,000.00
St. Mary's Church	30,500.00
Batlagundu	30,000.00
Munjikkal	30,000.00
Bastin Nagar	30,000.00
Sundaranatchiapuram	27,150.00
Hanumanthanpatti	25,000.00
Samayanallur	23,000.00
Ugarthe Nagar	18,700.00
Anjal Nagar	17,100.00
Silukkuvarpatti	17,000.00
Nagamalai	16,000.00
Sattur	15,400.00
Holy Rosary Church	15,250.00
Meenampatti	15,069.00
A. Nathampatti	15,000.00
Kadachanendal	15,000.00
Shenbaganur	15,000.00
Michaelpalayam	12,500.00
Y. Othakadai	11,758.00
Aruppukottai	11,000.00
Usilampatti	10,300.00
R.R. Nagar	10,150.00
Periyakulam	10,000.00
Railway Colony	10,000.00
Packiapuram	6,500.00
Melur	6,000.00
Bodinayakanur	6,000.00
Uthamapalayam	5,600.00
Pandian Nagar	5,500.00
Thirumangalam	5,020.00
Thirunagar	5,000.00
Perumalmalai	5,000.00
Chinnamanur	4,585.00
Kalladipatti	4,485.00
Kadamalaikundu	4,260.00
Lourdupuram	4,030.00
Rajapalayam	3,490.00

Manalar	3,100.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	3,000.00
Rayapuram	2,700.00
T. Sindalacherry	2,500.00
Iyyampalayam	2,100.00
Othyal	2,004.00
Kavirayapuram	2,000.00
Kottur	2,000.00
Nilakottai	1,500.00
Thummichinampatti	1,250.00
Alangulam	1,000.00
Karumathur	850.00
Mathankovilpatti	800.00
	<b>14,88,299.00</b>

#### **Institutions**

S.F.S. Matric School, Pandian nagar	25,000.00
Christ Hall Seminary	24,258.00
Holy Cross Hr. Sec. School Batlagundu	15,000.00
St. Britto Hr. Sec. School	5,000.00

**Collection as on 25/02/2013**

**15,57,557.00**

#### **Bible Sunday Collection**

<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>	<b>90,507.00</b>
Packiapuram	2,000.00

**Collection as on 25/02/2013**

**92,507.00**

#### **African Mission**

<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>	<b>45,485.00</b>
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Packiapuram	1,000.00
Kalladipatti	150.00

**Collection as on 25/02/2013**

**51,635.00**

## St. Peter the Apostle

<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>	<b>28,301.00</b>
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Ellis Nagar	3,000.00
Kadachanendal	1,000.00
Packiapuram	1,000.00
Usilampatti	650.00
Lourdipuram	616.00
Kalladipatti	150.00

<b>Collection as on 25/02/2013</b>	<b>39,717.00</b>
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## Opus Securitatis Fund

<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>	<b>36,978.50</b>
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Ellis Nagar	4,000.00
Kadachanendal	1,300.00
Packiapuram	1,000.00
Usilampatti	650.00
Kalladipatti	200.00

<b>Collection as on 25/02/2013</b>	<b>49,128.50</b>
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## Seminarians Fund

Sattur	5,000.00
Mr. A.M. Cruz Jesu Palanganatham	1,000.00

## Adoration Sunday

### March

03 Silukkuvarpatti  
10 Rajapalayam  
17 Kalladipatti  
24 Thirunagar  
31 Mangalamkombu



### April

07 Meenatchiapuram  
14 Kalladipatti  
21 Thirunagar  
28 Michaelpalayam

## Greetings on Happy Birthdays

<b>Most. Rev. Peter Fernando</b>	<b>on</b>	<b>22.03.1939</b>
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	...	09.03.1975
Fr. G. Gabriel		13.03.1973
Fr. J. Jeyaraj		20.03.1958
Fr. Jerome Sebastine		20.03.1983
Fr. Joseph Amalan		20.03.1977
Fr. M. John Diraviam		24.03.1968
Fr. Soosai P. Visuvasam		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

<b>Archbishop Arockiasamy</b>	<b>on</b>	<b>22.03.2007</b>
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

