









# THE VOICE OF THE PASTOR

## Nilakandan to St. Devasahayam The First Indian Layman to be conferred Sainthood

The Church in India has today another cause to rejoice: Martyr Devasahayam is to be canonized on 15<sup>th</sup>May 2022, by Pope Francis, at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. He is the first Indian to obtain the crown of martyrdom on Indian soil and the first lay person in India to be canonized.

It is an inspiring story. **Nilakandan becoming Devasahayam.** He was a devout Hindu, mastering Tamil and Malayalam. Being a soldier, he also trained himself in the ancient Varma Sastra, archery and the use of weapons of war. De Lannoya, the Dutch naval commander became his friend and shared with

him his faith as a Christian. He also narrated to Nilakandan, the Old Testament story of Job, a personification of unconditional trust in God in the face of unbearable tragedies. It enkindled the fire of faith in him as he experienced the healing touch, and expressed his desire to become a Christian. Thus, he was baptized on 14th May 1745 and given the name 'Devasahayam' (Lazarus).

Leaving behind all worldly pleasures, wealth, status, name, fame and glory, Martyr **Devasahayam dedicated his life for the preaching of God's Kingdom;** began to evangelize others and brought some to the Christian faith, starting from his own wife, 'Theresa'. Gospel values became his life particularly equality and fraternity. Noticing the marked changes in Devasahayam, people accused him falsely and tortured him in all the ways possible. In spite of all the persecutions, he showed extraordinary fortitude in remaining firm in his decision to the point even to die for the sake of Christ.

During the years of his captivity, Devasahayam led a life truly worthy of a candidate for sainthood. Every morning and night he would spend a considerable time in contemplative prayer and followed mortification. Whenever a priest visited him, he would make his confession and receive the Holy Eucharist with utmost devotion. He always exuded deep joy and love and respect for everyone.

The people visiting Devasahayam in the prison kept increasing and the King ordered to execute him secretly. He was taken to Aralvaimozhi in the midnight of 14th January 1752, and he was shot. The dead body of Devasahayam was rolled down to the ground and that time a piece of rock came rolling down from the mountain top, making a bell-like sound at the time of his death as if announcing his death. Even now, when it is struck it produces a pleasant sound of a bell. His body is now at Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral in the Diocese of Kottar.

The Bishop of Cochin declared the death of Devasahayam as a martyrdom and exhorted the people to **celebrate the martyrdom** by ringing church bells and by singing the *Te Deum* in all the churches. In 1756, he submitted the documents to the Vatican. From the day of his death to this very day, **Blessed Devasahayam continues to live in the memory of entire South India.** Devasahayam is one of the most popular names among Catholics and non-Catholic Christians in Tamil Nadu.

He has left a marvelous legacy, as he patiently bore torments and tortures and willingly sacrificed his life for the love of Christ and thus obtained the joy of eternal life. We praise and thank God for him. Let us pray to God that he may help us to imitate him in leaving behind all worldly pleasures and help us to live as children of the Kingdom, putting into practice faithfully the values of the Gospel.

O! Blessed Devasahayam, Glorious Martyr! Pray For Us!

May God bless you! Your loving Archbishop,

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+ Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy

Archbishop of Madurai

# Archbishop's Engagements

01 5	Sun	Sacerdotal	Ordination,	Kuzhithurai
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02 Mon CCBI Executive Meeting

03 Tue M CIC Golden Jubilee

E Blessing of the Pearl Building at De Nobili School

04 Wed I - Year Requiem Mass for Archbishop Anandarayar,

Pondicherry

05 Thu Solemn Blessing of St. Thomas Chapel at Madha

TV, Chennai

06 Fri E Schoenstat Sacerdotal Ordination, Madha Maiyam

Madurai

07 Sat M Golden Jubilee, Annanagar

08-24 Canonisation of Martyr Devasahayam - Rome

25 Wed M Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Vedamanickam

26 Thu Confirmation, Gnanaolivupuram

27-31 Thanksgiving Masses for the Sainthood of

St. Devasahayam, Kuzhithurai & Kottar

#### **Pope's General Prayer Intention**

**For faith-filled young people** - We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



#### போயரோடு இணைந்து செபிப்போம்

இலக்கு : அன்பினில் வாழம் வாழ்வு, இறைனில் வாழம் வாழ்வு

நோக்கு : வேலை செய்யாத கை வறுமையை வருவிக்கும்; விடாமுயற்சியுடையோரின் கையோ செல்வத்தை உண்டாக்கும்.

### டும்மாதம் விழா கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்

. தூய வளனார் ஆமைம், ஞானஒளிவுபூரம் – ၆ம I 2. தூய வளனார் ஆமைம், சமயநல்லூர் – ၆ம I

3. நூய வளனார் ஆயைம், அருப்புக்கோட்டை – கேம் 1

4. நூய வளனார் ஆயைம், நிலக்கொட்டை – 6ம 1

5. அமல அன்னை ஆயைம், தேவதானம் - மே 13

6. உபகாரமாதா ஆயைம், மாதாங்கோவில்பட்டி – 6ம 22

7. சகாப அன்னை ஆலயம், பீ.பீ.குளம் – 6ம 24 8. சகாப அன்னை ஆலயம், இராജபாளையம் – 6ம 29

9. இறை இரக்க அன்னை ஆலயம், மாங்குடி ம்னாட்சிபுரம் – 6ம 29

10. ട്രെയ്ക്കെ ഷ്ടര്ക്ക് ക്യാന് പ്രത്യാക്കാര് - ട്രഹ്മ 29

இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும், துறவறத்தாருக்கும் இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வருழ்த்துகளும் ஒலுங்களும்.

### HAPPY FEAST

The Archbishop & the Archbicosson Priests wish the following Religious Congregations, serving in our Archbicosse, ablessed Rest Day.

Society of St. Eugene De Mazenod (SDM) - 21st May

Sisters of Our Lady of Fatima (FS) - 13 <sup>th</sup> May

Sisters of Charity of Saints Bartolomeo

Capitanio and Vincensa Gerosa - 18 th May

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

<sup>\*</sup> Appointments are subject to change as per Government's Regulations.

## **Please Note**

- 1. **Monthly Recollection:** Due to Transfers and Taking Charge of Offices, the monthly recollection for May is personal.
- 2. We, the Church of Tamilnadu, and in particular the Archdiocese of Madurai, rejoices over the historic moment of our Indian Church, the Canonisation ceremony of **Blessed Devasahayam**, an Official of the royal court of Trivancore who was killed for "hatred of faith" 270 years ago. He was imprisoned and subjected to harsh persecution. A Catholic for only seven years, he was shot dead in the Aralvaimozhy forest on January 14, 1752.

Blessed Lazarus Devasahayam and 6 others will be officially declared saints at a canonization Mass and ceremony in the Vatican on May 15, 2022. His Grace together with other bishops of TN will be present at the ceremony. Oh, *Saint Devasahayam*, pray for our Tamilnadu Church. Let us continue to pray to our first Indian lay Saint.

- 3. Most Rev. Dr. Francis Kalist, the new Archbishop of Pondichery Cuddalore was installed on 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 at the Petit Seminary Campus, Ponidcherry. DNL offers its cordial and prayerful felicitations to the new Archbishop of Pondichery & Cuddalore. Ad multos annos.
- 4. **Congratulations**: DNL congratulates the following priests for their construction contribution to the Archdiocese.
  - i) **Fr. Sebastian Chinnadurai** for the construction of Bell Tower, Saints park and Our Lady of ArockiaAnnai Church, Bodi which were blessed by His Grace on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
  - ii) **Fr. John Britto Packiaraj** for the renovation of a Church at Uppu Parai Mettu, on its Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Msgr. Jerome Eronimus blessed the Church on 22nd April 2022.
  - iii) **The Golden Jubilee celebrations** of **Fr. Vedamanickam** will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May at PILLAR at 10.30 a.m. Once again the Archdiocese offers its felicitations to Fr. Vedamanickam for the various

ministries that he exercised in the Archdiocese of Madurai. Ad multos annos.

- 5. The Transfer and Appointment list is published.
- 6. **Adieu & Welcome:** I thank all of you, the DNL Readers, cordially and sincerely, as I complete my term of Office, Chancellor and the



Editorship of DNL for the past five years (2017-2022). I thank His Grace **Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy** for entrusting this ministry to me which I have fulfilled, having before my mind always, the *common good* of the Church, furnishing vital and current ecclesial documents and information about our Archdiocese of Madurai; I also thank you, the Vicar Generals,

Fr. J. Jeyaraj and Fr. Jerome Eronimus and all the Presbyterium for your support. I recorded, together with the early ecclesiastical history of *Madura Mission*, the ancient apostolate and ministry of our Jesuit forefathers, of the pioneers, and more so of the present priestly life and ministries of our elder brothers at the Series of *Madura Mission* with the pen name, jodir. This series comes to its completion by this issue.

Now may I cordially welcome Rev. Fr. Alex Gnana Raj, a young and energetic priest whom His Grace has appointed as my Successor. DNL offers its cordial welcome to Rev. Fr. Alex Gnanaraj.

- Fr. M. John Diraviam.

### 7. Metropolitan Tribunal Report:

The following marriage cases are processed at the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese:

The Cases pending (Jan.	021)	-	4	
Cases introduced	,,	,,	-	11
Case completed	"	,,	-	12
Case introduced in 2022			_	6
Pending in May 2022			_	3

### The cases are the following:

Prot. No.01/2021 AndrewsAmalan Vs Felcy Diana

Prot. No.02/2021 EmmanuelGeethan Vs Antony Margaret Sharmila

Prot. No.03/2021 Mr. SebastyRajan Vs Mrs. Lumine Jenita Pillai

Prot. No.04/2021 Josephine Steffi Sujitra Vs Irudaya PremVivek

Prot. No.05/2021 Angeline John Famila Vs Solaimalai @ Daniel

Prot. No.06/2021 Pradeep Kevin Vs Sanchi Nihariha

Prot. No.07/2021 Ani Rose Sangeetha Vs Poondi Jothimani

Prot. No.08/2021 Angeline Flora Vs Mrs. Noel Anderson

Prot. No.09/2021 Francis Rajesh Vs Chrispin Steffi

Prot. No. 10/2021 Infanta Monisha Vs Celestine Joseph Rinald

Prot. No.11/2021 Joseph Raj Vs Dhivya

Prot. No.01/2022 Celestina Amirtha Vs Pathamuthu

Prot. No.02/2022 Mrs. Josephine Nalina Vs Mr. Vimal Antonyraj

Prot. No.03/2022 Mr. Vijai Rajan Vs Mrs. Hepzibah Rajam

- Fr. M. John Diraviam, Judicial Vicar

## Welcome to the New Archbishop

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Most Rev. Francis Kalist (64) Bishop of Meerut, Uttar Pradesh as the new Metropolitan Archbishop of Pondicherry-Cuddalore in Tamilnadu. This provision was made public on Saturday 19 March, 2022.

Bishop Francis Kalist was born on 23 November, 1957 in Reethapuram, in the district of Kanyakumari, Diocese of Kottar. He attended elementary school in Reethapuram and then entered the minor seminary of St. John's, Sardhana, Meerut. He continued his training at St. Albert's major seminary, Ranchi, for philosophy and theology studies. He was ordained priest on 30 December 1982, in Meerut, and incardinated in the same Diocese.

After ordination he held the following positions: 1982-1984: Vicar, Sacred Heart Church, Roorkee; 1984-1986: Vicar, St. Pius Church, Bachraon; 1986-1989: Pastor, St. James Church, Sirsanal Village; 1989-1995: Pastor, St. Paul's Church, Christnagar; 1995-1999: Pastor, St. Francis Church, Swar; 1999-2002: Rector, St. John's Minor Seminary and Administrator of the Basilica Shrine of "Our Lady of Graces", Sardhana; 2002-2008: Rector, St. Francis Xavier Regional Philosophate, Etmadpur, Archdiocese of Agra. From 1992 to 2002 he was also diocesan director of evangelization.

Pope Benedict XVI appointed him at the age of 51 as the third Bishop of Meerut on 3 December 2008 and was ordained Bishop on 8 February 2009. He is currently the Chairman of the CCBI Commission for Women and the Episcopal Advisor of National Charismatic Service Team. Patron Bishop of the DMI & MMI Religious Congregations.

Archdiocese of Pondicherry-Cuddalore became vacant on 27 January, 2021 by the resignation of late Archbishop Antony Anandarayar, who passed away on 4 May 2021 due to covid related illness. Bishop Peter Abir Antonysamy of Sultanpet, Kerala was appointed the Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese on 27 January 2021.

Archdiocese of Pondicherry has a history of more than 400 years. The "Sui Iuris" of Karnatic Mission (Pondicherry) was established in 1776 and in 1836 it became Vicariate Apostolic of Pondicherry. It was elevated to Archdiocese of Pondicherry in 1886 and the name was changed into Archdiocese of Pondicherry-Cuddalore in 1953.

There are 3,99,461 Catholic faithful, 105 parishes, 187 diocesan clergy, 84 religious priests, 1,035 religious sisters and 311 educational institutions in the Archdiocese. Dioceses of Dharmapuri, Kumbakonam, Salem and Tanjore are the suffragan dioceses of Archdiocese of Pondicherry-Cuddalore.

Rev. Dr. Stephen Alathara Deputy Secretary General, CCBI

# TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS – 2022

#### Office - Bearers

1. PP & V. F. Munjikal - Fr. John Diraviam M 2. PP &V.F. Virudhunagar - Fr. Arul Rayan

3. PP & V. F.Srivilliputhur
4. Procurator
5. Chancellor and Judicial Vicar
Fr. SandanaSahayam
Fr. Alvares Sebastian A
Fr. Alex Gnana Raj A

#### Parish Priests

1. Anna Nagar - Fr. Edwin Sahayaraj S

2. B. B. Kulam - Fr. Cypriyan S

3. Gnanaolivupuram - Fr. Joseph Arockiaraj4. Kathaikinaru - Fr. David Dharmaraj

5. R. R. Nagar - Fr. Peter Roy

6. Shenbaganur - Fr. Appoline Claret Raj 7. Ravappanpatty - Fr. Gnanapragasam 8. Periyakulam - Fr. Louis A 9. Hanumanthampatty - Fr. Francis Xavier - Fr. Thomas Edison 10. Aruppukottai 11. Kariyapatti - Fr. Pappuraj V 12. Uthamapalayam - Fr. Joseph Antony 13. Kottur - Fr. Arockiyam Y 14. Rajapalayam - Fr. SiluvaiMichaelrai P 15. Meenampatty - Fr. Paulrai - Fr. Eddy Francis Dharmanand S 16. Chinnamanur 17. Niraivazhunagar - Fr. Antonysamy A - Fr. Sebastian Chinnadurai S 18. Perumal Malai 19. W. Pudupatty - Fr. David Sahayaraj S 20. Thiruthangal - Fr. Benedict Ambrose Raj A 21. Bodi - Fr. Angel Raj S C. Pastoral commissions 1. SC/ST Commission - Fr. Santhiyagappan M - Secretary

2. Evangelization and Charismatic Renewal

- Fr. Vinod Mathyas

- Additional Charge

3. Christian Life Commission

- Fr. Thomas Venish

- Secretary

4. MMSSS

- Assistants to Fr. Gabriel

1. Fr. Rajan A 2. Fr. Ignatius Stalin

D. Ministry Abroad

1. Diocese of La Crosse, USA - Fr. Fr. Sebastian S

2. Radio veritas, Manila - Fr. Fr. Anbu Selvam A

E. Regional Centre

TNBCLC, Tindivanam - Fr. Fr. John Britto Packiaraj A

F. Higher Studies

01. M.Th., (St. Paul's Seminary, Trichy) - Fr. Britto G. Manger & Editor

CatholicuSevai & Kristhava

Vazhvurimai Iyakkam - Fr. Lawrence S

H. Teaching Faculty

1. St. Paul's Seminary - Fr. Valentine Joseph - Fr. John Selvaraj 2. Arul Anandar College

I. Assistant Parish Priests

1. Shenbaganur - SHS

2. Gnanaolivupuram - Fr. Christian Anand

3. Annanagar - SHS

4. Samayanallur - Fr. Chinnadurai 5. Munjikkal - Frs. Devaraj + MMI

6. Srivilliputhur - Fr. James S

7. Theni - MMI 8. Virudhunagar - MMI 9. Holy Rosary Church - CSC 10. Sengole Nagar - Fr. MMI 11. Batlagundu - Fr. Amalrai 12. W. Pudupatty - MMI + SHS

13. Sattur - SDM 14. R. R. Nagar - SDM 15. Usilampatty - SDM 16. Sindalaicherry - MSFS

#### N.B.

- 1. The Parish Priests and the Priests appointed for Commissions are to take Charge of the New Parishes and Commissions on or before 31stMay, 2022.
- 2. The Assistant Parish Priests are to take charge of the respective parishes either on or before 15th May, 2022.
- 3. The transferred priests are to submit the accounts due in the presence of the Vicar General and the Procurator to the Succeeding priests. Only on submission of the accounts the priests will be installed at the respective new parishes.

4. The transferred priests who have not finished and submitted the accounts at the said date are obliged to reside at the Bishop's House until the due completion and submission of the accounts.

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

Madurai, 19th April2022.



## May the soul of Rev. Fr. L. M. JEGANIVASAGAR Rest in Peace

1956 - 2022

I. Bio-Data

Date of Birth - 19-08-1956

Place of Birth - K. Pudur, Madurai

Ordination - 10-04-1983, Gnanaolivupuram

II. The Family

Father - Mr. Lourdusamy

Mother - Mrs. Mary Theresa Christina

Brother - Mr. Jesuraja

Sister - Mrs. Pushpa Jegathambal Brother - Mr. Joseph Fatimanathan

Sister - Mrs. Angela Baby Priest - Fr. Jeganivasagar

Brother - Mr. Sartho



#### III. The Study – Secular

Secular study - R.C. Middle School, Pudur

High School - 1970-1973, St. Britto Hr. Sec. School,

Gnanaolivupuram

#### **Ecclesiastical Studies**

Preparatory Seminary - St. Pius X Preparatory Seminary,

Gananolivupuram

Latin Studies - St. Peter's Seminary, Pudur

Philosophy - 1974 – 1977, Christ Hall Seminary, Karumattur Theology - 1979 – 1983, St. Paul's Seminary, Trichy

#### IV. Clerical Ministries

Assistant Parish Priest (2 years) - 1983-1985, Rayappanpatti Parish Priest, Nanakudi - 1985- 1986 (1½ Years)

Parish Priest, Michaelpalayam - 1986- 1989 (3) Parish Priest, Sattur - 1989- 1995 (5 ½ ) Vicar Forane & pp, Palanaganatham - 1995 - 1997 (2) Vicar Forane & pp, H.Rosary Church - 1997- 2004 (7) Parish Priest, R. R. Nagar - 2004 - 2009 (5) Parish Priest, Aruppukottai - 2009 - 2015 (6) Parish Priest, Bastian Nagar -2015 -2020 (5) Parish Priest, Kottur - 12 - 04 - 2021

#### V. Other Ministries

Secretary, Ecumenism Commission - 1997 - 2003 (6) Spiritual Director, Legion of Mary, Madurai - 1997 - 2003 Spiritual Director, Catholic Association - 1997 (1)

Managing Director, MARIAGRACE Benefit Fund Limited- 1998 - 2013 (5)

#### VI. Construction Contribution to the Archdiocese

Compound Wall

Chapel

Grotto, O.L. of Veilankanni - R. R. Nagar

Renovation of parish Church,

Tower and Jesus statue - Aruppukottai

R.C. Primary School - Pandalkudi, Aruppukottai

Heavenly Journey -- 2022

''நன்று, நம்பிக்கைக்குரிய நல்ல பணியாளரே, சிறிய பொறுப்புகளில் நம்பிக்கைக்கு உரியவராயிருந்தீர். எனவே பெரிய பொறுப்புகளில் உம்மை அமர்த்துவேன்.

உம் தலைவனாகிய எம் மகிழ்ச்சியில் நீரும் வந்து பங்குகொள்ளும்"(மத் 25, 21).

"எங்கே போகின்றோம்"— சதங்கையின் தவக்கால சிறப்பு நிகழ்ச்சி

"கலை வழி இறைமொழி"என்ற இலக்கோடு செயல்படும் சதங்கை கலை தொடர்பு மையம் கடந்த தவக்காலத்தில் "எங்கே போகின்றோம்" என்கின்ற தவக்கால சிறப்பு மேடை நாடகத்தை தயாரித்து நமது மறைமாவட்டத்திலும் நம் அருகில் உள்ள சிவகங்கை, திண்டுக்கல், திருச்சிமற்றும் தஞ்சை மறைமாவட்ட பங்குகளிலும் அரங்கேற்றியது. 45 நிமிட இந்த சிறப்பு மேடை நாடகம் நவீன உலகில் கத்தோலிக்க கிறிஸ்தவ குடும்பங்கள் சந்திக்கின்ற சவால்களை எடுத்து கூறி உண்மையான தவக்காலம் மற்றும் ஆரோக்கியமான கத்தோலிக்க கிறிஸ்தவ வாழ்க்கையை வாழத் தூண்டியது. அனைத்து இடங்களிலும் அநேக இறைமக்கள் கண்டு பயன் பெற்றனர். இரவுபகல் பாராதுதம்முடையநேரத்தையும் திறமைகளையும் இந்தகலை வழி நற்செய்தி பணிக்காக தாராளமாய் வழங்கிய சதங்கை கலைஞர்களுக்கு நமது பாராட்டுகளும் நன்றிகளும்.

#### துவக்காலசிறப்புநாடகம் நடைபெற்ற,நாள் பங்குமற்றும் மறைமாவட்டம்

ฌ.ส.	நாள் - கிழமை - நேரம்	பங்கு	மறைமாவட்டம்
1	04.03.2022 -வெள்ளி-மாலை	அஞ்சல்நகர்	மதுரை
2	06.03.2022 -ஞாயிறு-மாலை	கிராப்பட்டி	திருச்சி
3	11.02.2022 -வெள்ளி-மாலை	நிலக்கோட்டை	மதுரை
4	12.03.2022 -சனி-மாலை	வாடிப்பட்டி	மதுரை
5	18.03.2022 -வெள்ளி-மாலை	துரைசாமிபுரம்	திருச்சி
6	19.03.2022 -சனி-மாலை	கத்திட்ரல்	திண்டுக்கல்
7	25.03.2022 -வெள்ளி-மாலை	எல்லீஸ்நகர்	மதுரை
8	26.03.2022 -சனி-மாலை	லூர்துபுரம்	மதுரை
9	27.03.2022 -ஞாயிறு-காலை	முஞ்சிக்கல்	மதுரை
10	27.03.2022 -ஞாயிறு-மாலை	பெருமாள்மலை	மதுரை
11	01.04.2022 -வெள்ளி-மாலை	தேவகோட்டை	சிவகங்கை
12	02.04.2022 -சனி-மாலை	சிந்தலச்சேரி	மதுரை
13	03.04.2022 -ஞாயிறு-காலை	ஒத்தையால்	மதுரை
14	03.04.2022 -ஞாயிறு-மாலை	மரியநாதபுரம்	திண்டுக்கல்
15	05.04.2022 -செவ்வாய்-மாலை	ஆலங்குடி	த <b>ஞ்</b> சாவூர்
16	05.04.2022 -செவ்வாய்-மாலை	கும்மங்குளம்	தஞ்சாவூர்
17	08.04.2022 -வெள்ளி-மாலை	அண்ணாநகர்	மதுரை
18	10.04.2022 -ஞாயிறு-மாலை	முத்துப்பேட்டை	சிவகங்கை
19	12.04.2022 - செவ்வாய்-காலை	கவிராயபுரம்	மதுரை

கலைப்பணியில்,

அருட்தந்தை. மரியமிக்கேல் இயக்குநா், சதங்கை.

### பல்சமய உரையாடல் / கிறிஸ்தவ ஒன்றிப்பு பணிக்குழு

மதுரை மாநகர் சித்திரை திருவிழா நீர்மோர் பந்தல்

14.4.2022 **வியாழக்கீழமை** மரியன்னை பேராலய நுழைவு வாசலில் சிறுபான்மை நலக்குமு, ஜனநாயக வாலிப சங்கம் இணைந்து நடத்திய நீர்மோர் வழங்கும் விழாவில் பல்சமய உரையாடல் செயலர் தந்தை பெனடிக்ட பர்னபாஸ் மரியன்னை பேராலய பங்குத் தந்தை அருட்பணி மரியநாதன் அவர்கள், கிறிஸ்தவ ஒன்றிப்பு உறுப்பினர் மனுவேல் ஜெயராஜ், பணியாளர் பத்மா ஜேம்ஸ் ஆகீயோர் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்பித்தனர்.

15.4.22 வெள்ளிக்கிழமை: புதூர் சக்தி பேக்கரி முன் திருவருட்பேரவை பல்சமய உரையாடல் பணிக்குழு சார்பில் நீர் மோர் வழங்கப்பட்டது. இந்நிகழ்வில் திருவருட்பேரவை பொருளாளர் திரு. விஜயராகவன், செயலாளர் டாக்டர் அமானுல்லா, பல்சமய உரையாடல் பணிக்குழு செயலர் அருட்தந்தை பெனடிக்ட பர்னபாஸ் புதூர் பங்குத்தந்தை தாஸ் கென்னடி, காந்தி மியூசியம் நண்பர்கள், பணிக்குழு உறுப்பினர்கள், பணியாளர் மற்றும் புதூர் பக்த சபை மக்களும் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

### கிறிஸ்தவ ஒன்றிப்பு

14.4.2022 வியாழக்கிழமையன்று காலை 11. மணி முதல் 1.00 மணி முடிய திருப்பரங்குன்றம் சாலோம் சபையில் மதுரை மாவட்ட கிறிஸ்தவ ஐக்கிய கூடுகை நடைபெற்றது. இக்கூட்டத்தில் சபை பாஸ்டர்கள் மற்றும் ஊழியர்கள் என 500க்கும் மேற்பட்டோர் கூடியிருந்தனர். இக்கூட்டத்தில் கிறிஸ்தவ ஒன்றிப்பு செயலர் அருட்தந்தை பெனடிக்ட பர்னபாஸ் வாழ்வுரிமை இயக்க செயலர் அருட்தந்தை பெனடிக்ட பர்னபாஸ் வாழ்வுரிமை இயக்க செயலர் அருட்தந்தை பெனடிக்ட பர்னபாஸ் அவர்கள் கிறிஸ்தவ ஒன்றிப்பின் அவசியம் இன்றைய கூழ்நிலையில் காலத்தின் கட்டாயம் பற்றிய கருத்துக்களையும், அரசியல் சட்டமும் மன நல்லிணக்கம், மற்றும் அணுகுமுறைகள் பற்றிய கருத்துக்களை அருட்தந்தை பால்பிரிட்டோ அவர்களும் வழங்கினார்கள். இக்கூட்டத்தில் சிறுபான்மை நலக்குமுவின் சார்பில் திரு. அலாவுதீன், திரு. ஜான்சன், பணியாளர் பத்மா ஜேம்ஸ் ஆகியோர் கலந்து கொண்டனர். கூடுகையை திரு. மனுவேல் ஜெயராஜ் அவர்கள் கொங்கிணைக்கார்கள்.

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# Synod 2021 – 2023: Its Significance and Implications

In the following two-part interview, Indian theologian explains the serious structural changes that should be effected in the Catholic Church to make it truly owned by the "people of God." Father Wilfred, a former secretary of the theological advisory committee of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC), advocates that the Church become an inverted pyramid with the laity actively involved in its decision-making process. In the second part of the interview, the 74-year-old priest also speaks about the problems challenging the Asian Church, its leadership and ailments of Asian theology and the Asian bishops' federation.

#### Part 1

During a recent seminar, you said the upcoming synod on synodality will be meaningless unless the Church undergoes serious structural changes. What changes you are suggesting?

Primarily, a theological question needs to be addressed. It is about the transition of the Church from the Synod of Bishops to the Synod of the Church.

The idea of the Synod of Bishops was first expressed in 1965, after the Second Vatican Council, through the apostolic letter *Apostolica Sollicitudo* of Pope Paul VI. It meant a certain synod, or a permanent body of bishops, to assist the pope in exercising his authority. Until then collegiality was exercised only when the bishops came for the ecumenical councils. The Synod of Bishops was a whole new idea. The pope was in it to exercise the power and all bishops were part of that exercise of power.

The secretary of the Synod of Bishops, Cardinal (Jan Pieter) Schotte, was present at the meeting of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences in Tokyo in 1986. I asked him why we didn't have a synod of laypeople and allow a lot more Christian faithful in the synod? His response was this: it is the Synod of Bishops. He was technically right.

There is indeed a theological problem of transition from this concept of the Synod of Bishops to the Synod of the Church. That's what Pope Francis wants. It's a big step, a huge thing. Pope Francis has opened Pandora's box. He projects it as a program for the millennium of the Church. It is not a program for the next 10 or 100 years but another 1,000 years, and he is projecting a grand vision.

The vision envisages a real theological transition from a strongly hierarchical church to a synod of all Catholic people. Here is precisely where the structural changes are required. If no structural changes are effected, all efforts of the two years of preparations, the colossal exercises and rhetoric would be wasted. The talks should result in fundamental structural changes.

#### Can you elaborate on the structural changes you are suggesting?

We must understand that it was the Second Vatican Council that developed the concept of "people of God," stressing the need to put people first. It was like a Copernican revolution. The "people of God" concept stressed the equality of all Christians based on the sacrament of baptism. It stressed that by baptism all Catholics — without any distinction of laity, clergy, religious or bishops — are equal, and they equally participate in the three roles of Christ: king, prophet and priest. But there has been a whole trend to eclipse this ecclesiology of the "people of God," especially during the previous pontificates.

Despite the Church teaching that all Catholics are equal, the canon law (Canon 129) reserves the governing power of the Church only to those who are ordained. The Christian faithful, the so-called laity (I don't like to use the word "laity" for its obvious degrading meaning) are only invited to cooperate. This law is a major hurdle, and it needs to be revised.

The governing power is exclusively reserved for ordained people. That is precisely why some of the participatory structures introduced by the Second Vatican Council — such as the parish council, pastoral council and finance council — didn't work out as desired. Yes, they did some good. They made people aware of their rights to some extent. But the systems are limping and unable to deliver because of certain hurdles. The reservation of governing power to the clergy is one such hurdle that needs to be phased out.

Another legal anomaly is that church laws do not separate the power of the legislative, executive, and judiciary. All three are concentrated in the same office. Law has two purposes — defending and ensuring the common good. The law will not serve its purpose when the lawmaker becomes the enforcing authority of the law and the judge to decide on the injustice in its implementation. In church law, the same ordained person is the legislator, executive and judge. There is no separation of powers.

Nevertheless, there are some clauses in the canon law that could be expanded. For example, a bishop cannot alienate church property beyond certain amounts that the bishops' conferences fix. To alienate, he has to get the mandatory consent of the council of priests or consulters. His failure would make his act null and void. There are also clauses that stress the consent of consultors. For example, mandatory consent of the consulters is a must to erect a parish. Church laws (Canon 1215) have established procedures making consultors' consent a must for the building of churches and establishing parishes. My suggestion is to expand these areas to include wider sections in the various areas of administration so that the Church does not become autocratic or monarchical. It will help the faithful feel they are all part of the Church. Then there is the real Church of the people of God.

Here there are two points. Pope Paul VI himself in *Apostolica Sollicitudo* says something interesting, but it is often not noticed. The Synod of Bishops is consultative, it says. However, in one point it also says that the Synod of Bishops can be empowered to make decisions which can be ratified by the pope. Why don't we use this mechanism to empower the people of God? We can extend this model to the entire Church to include all members of the Church in decision-making. Then the sense of belonging will improve. The synodal Church should be an inverted pyramid, as Pope Francis has suggested. The weighty masses of people should form the top decision-makers.

## Is that possible?

I live in India and speak from here. Autonomous local churches already exist within Catholic Church, and I'm saying it should happen at a global level. Look at the canon law of the Eastern churches which allows them to have their own synodal structures. That means these *sui juris* (self-governing) churches are autonomous and have the freedom to decide on their liturgical and administrative matters. That includes even the election of their bishops, major archbishops and even patriarchs. Of course, these elections need to be ratified by the pope.

These local churches are autonomous and major decisions are taken fully in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council. Here in India, we have two Oriental churches — Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara — that enjoy such an autonomous system. We can critique how well they function, but then an established structure is there. We have the Latin Church in India, where such decisions are made in the Vatican. Why do

we have two systems for Catholics in the same country who share the same socioeconomic and cultural situation? Why can't the Latin Church also have a synodal structure? Is not the Latin Church, which is four times more populous than the Syro-Malabar Church, discriminated?

It is feasible and viable that the Latin Church adopt a synodal structure, not only in India or in Asia but in every part of the globe. We can empower the provincial council and regional council, and even the national council, to be able to perform in a synodal way. If you do not envisage these changes, people can be disappointed after all these exercises over two years for the synod on synodality.

#### But doesn't the Latin Church have similar bodies?

Yes, we do. We have provincial and regional councils of bishops, and also a national conference of bishops. But these bodies are generally inspirational in nature but have no implementing capacity or authority in dioceses. What happens very often is that when a decision is made in these bodies, a bishop could easily ignore implementing it in his diocese. This is a betrayal of the principle of collegiality and co-responsibility. When you decide on something together, it is your moral obligation to execute it in your diocese. These bishops' bodies need to be strengthened. Of course, there is a larger problem with theological and juridical status of the bishops' conferences because they have no juridical power in dioceses. It needs to be sorted out.

In countries with bigger geographical areas, such as India or Brazil, it is not possible to run the Church with one single bishops' conference, so they can have several empowered regional bodies. This is doable. But we need a basic, fundamental law in the Church (*lex ecclesiae fundamentalis*) like nations having a constitution. It was Pope Paul VI who for the first time proposed that the Church should have a fundamental law. However, it was put in cold storage. We need to bring it back, especially in light of events such as clerical sexual abuse. We do not have a proper criminal law in the Church. Clerical offenses like sex abuse are not just sins but also crimes to be punished. Such crimes have serious social complications, and you cannot reduce them to a moral issue alone.

# Does the modern generation care about the Church, with or without these changes?

Modernity demands synodal practices because it is a world of freedom. Modernity means autonomy, freedom, dignity and subjectivity. Modernity says people are not objects but subjects. These modern values belong to the core of the Gospel. The Second Vatican Council document *GaudiumEtSpes* (No. 17) clearly speaks about how people of our times value freedom, which is a core of the Gospel. Therefore, there must be sufficient freedom in the Church and attention should be paid to people as subjects, which means listening to their voices. The Church's life and mission essentially require listening and respecting those in the margins.

I have heard many bishops say that the Church is not a democracy. Yes, that's right. But the Church is also not a monarchy. When saying that the Church is not a democracy, they mean the majority voice should not become the yardstick of making decisions. Precisely. But in the political world of democracy, we see a brute majority dominating decisions and putting down the thin voice of a minority, who may be closer to the truth.

The Church is not a democracy and should not become one if it means that what we believe is to be decided by the majority. However, it has an obligation to listen to everybody, including the last and the least because even the weakest voice can be sensible and closer to the truth. This is what we call the process of discernment. This is precisely what the early Church did when there was a complaint about Hellenistic widows being neglected in food distribution. They got together and instituted a ministry — the ministry of deacons. The crisis brought out the solution.

Therefore, the Church should be in line with modern times, with the aspirations of the people. People want to express themselves through social media. They want to share immediately. They want to say "I am here" and "I think like this." In this world, the Church cannot act in a pre-modern fashion, and its actions must correspond to the signs of times.

What holds back the Church from changing to a truly inclusive or synodal church that Pope Francis envisions?

The Church is a huge apparatus. There can be many reasons for the Church being still centralized and not wanting to change. These need to be contextualized. We can look at some broad things.

If we look at it in the context of the Church in Asia, and also in some other places, there has been a lot of focus on devotionality, pietism and

sacramentalism. There is a failure to cultivate mature and adult faith. Mature faith does not mean developing intellectual Catholics but even a simple lady can have deep faith without being a victim of ritualism and popular piety. The three theological virtues of faith, hope and love are the foundations of the Christian life. But we have placed sacraments at the center of Catholic life and made them the expressions of the three realities. We forgot the primary realities. Even sacraments, or whatever the priest officiates, need to become expressions of these primary realities.

There has been so much cultivation of infantile faith — lots of devotionalism and charismatic movements. I am not completely against them because we need emotions. Nevertheless, the attempts for proper catechesis, inserting people in the real deep faith, what I call adult faith, are required.

Then there is a whole lot of triumphalism. Although we are a minority in Asia, we want to show off as being part of a bigger, richer entity. We want to build a big Church and show various kinds of external marks. The pope has been invited to India. We will be happy if Pope Francis comes to India. It is not desirable that our triumphalist celebrations forget important issues challenging the Church and society.

Thirdly, the Church in our region is more middle-class and upper-class oriented and is not sufficiently rooted in the pain and sufferings of ordinary people. It came out clearly when the pandemic started. The priests and bishops didn't know what to do when Covid-19 hit us. They are used to celebrating Eucharist in the churches, and they were clueless as to what to do when the churches were closed. It was a time for soul searching, and we should pursue this search. We should not get back to the old models of developing infantile faith again. It is time for us to think about what is wrong with us and make amends.

The diocesan phase for the 2023 synod on synodality is underway. What blocks Asian bishops from listening to the laity and including their concerns for a synodal church?

I have been to some of the dioceses to facilitate the synodal process. I found a lot of enthusiasm. But I doubt if the laity will be able to play their role properly. One reason is the clericalism that Pope Francis denounces time and again. Another thing, about which I wish I was wrong, is a doubt if our leaders are convinced about the process. Of course, there are very good bishops and priests, but generally speaking, the conviction

seems to be lacking. The pope is saying all must follow his directions on the synod, but our leaders, by and large, are not doing it.

They are not convinced this is the future of the Church. But we have a dissonance between the views of the pope and church leadership in our countries. We see fewer and fewer leaders telling us to follow the pope. Maybe the pope has become a threat! Some of his reforms as the recent one on the Roman Curia have unsettled many people and they seem to be praying for the quick end of his papacy. Not a few in the Roman Curia think he is like the pharaoh who did not know Joseph! They would like to consider him as a transitory pope and wait for things to get back as before. He unsettles with his words and actions.

Those who observe the spirit of Pope Francis will definitely be convinced about this move to involve all Catholics in the life of the Church. The laity are enthusiastic to see their bishops move, convinced about the collaboration of all in the Church. It gives them a sense of hope, and they want to cooperate. But when they see the ritual meetings and celebrations in the name of the synod, they feel discouraged. So, the real point is the conviction of the leadership.

One more reason that might block the bishops and clergy from listening adequately to the faithful is a sense of threat. They feel the clerical control of the Church will be reduced. This fear is also linked to the fear of Catholics seeking accountability from clergy.

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 07,08.05.2022
 நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்
 சனி, ஞாயிறு

 14,15.05.2021
 நிலக்கோட்டை
 சனி, ஞாயிறு

 15,16.05.2021
 நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்
 சனி, ஞாயிறு

 21,22.05.2021
 விருதுநகர்
 சனி, ஞாயிறு

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	SPECIAL COLLE	ECTION	S - 01.0	2.2021 -	26.04.20	22
S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 07/02/21	Holy See 14/03/21	Hunger Disease 01/04/21	Good Friday 02/04/21	Vocation Sunday 25/04/21
1	A. Nathampatti	300	250	1500	1000	300
2	Alankulam	700	1000	2500	2500	600
3	Ammapatty	500	500	4000	4600	500
4	Anjal Nagar	2000	1500	76222	49165	
5	Anna Nagar	13000	7950	87600	34300	
6	Aruppukottai	1500	1000	15000	5000	
7	Ayravathanallur	5340	3400	24840	8111	1070
8	Bastin Nagar	15000	10000	106050	45200	10000
9	Batlagundu	7220	3440	42000	10700	4100
10	Bibikulam	15000	3800	51640	16480	3800
11	Bodinayakanur	500	500	10000	3500	500
12	Chinnamanur	500	500	500	500	500
13	Cumbum	500	500	6230	4220	
14	Devadanam	4000	2000	32000	5270	1500
15	Ellis Nagar	10170	6526	120192	24797	
16	Gnanaolivupuram	5412	4998	79549	35818	
17	Hanumanthanpatty	500	600	1000	1200	600
18	Holy Rosary Church	3500	3000	30000	15000	2000
19	lyyampalayam	400	400	6000	3000	
20	K. Pudur	21290	2000	101820	80050	2000
21	Kadachanendal	2300	2300	32000	20000	2400
22	Kadamalaikundu			4200	5000	
23	Kalladipatti	2000	1000	2300	2000	1000
24	Kariapatty	1200	1200	8450	5550	1200
25	Karumathur	1500	500	2000	3000	500
26	Kavirayapuram	800	1000	12630	11200	1000
27	Kottur	1500	800	10000	2000	900
28	Lourdupuram	500	500	3500	2000	400
29	Megamalai	200	200	200	200	200
30	Mangalamkombu	500	500	4500	3000	500
31	M. Meenatchiapuram	1000	1000	8000	2500	500
32	Mathankovilpatti	1000		5000	2000	
33	Marianus Nagar	2500	2000	15000	5000	2000
34	Meenampatti	2100	1600	13300	4600	2100
35	Melur	3000	1000	33333	16666	800

6	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2021 - 26.04.2022							
	St. Peter's	Communi-	Prision	Bible	Mission	African	Peter the	
	Pence	cation Day	Ministry	Sunday	Sunday	Mission	Apostle	Opus
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1						250		
2	500	500	500	1000	3300	600	600	1000
3	500	500	500	500	7500	500	500	500
4		1500	1500	2000	21160	1500	2000	
5				3050	70000	7940	8030	9160
6					14000	1000	1000	2000
7	1000	800	800	2000	16000	1500	1000	2000
8	3000	3000	3000	5400	230000	5000	5000	5000
9	3000	3320	3280	3740	50030	3400	3200	3000
10	4000	2000		2000	64020	2100	3800	3300
11	500	500	500	500	9500	500	500	500
12	500	500	500	500	8000	500	600	600
13					8500	1000	1000	1000
14			1300	1300	11000	1300	1300	1300
15	2000	8420	2000	7280	202380	7040	7060	7020
16				4500	315525	6500	6000	7200
17					49250	550	480	500
18	3000	2000	2000	3000	50000	2000	3000	2000
19	400	400	400	400	10000	400	400	400
20	2000	5650	2000	3810	83700	8400	2000	2000
21					30000	2000	2000	2000
22					4000			
23	400	400	400	1500	9000	800	500	500
24	500	500	500	500	10000	1000	1000	1000
25	500	500	500	500	5000	600	500	500
26	800	600	500	500	3830	500	500	500
27	900	1000	700	800	10100		750	750
28	350	400	350	500	5200	280	340	480
29	200	200	200	200	1500	200	200	200
30	500	500	500	500	8220	500	500	500
31	500	500	500	500	12500	500	500	500
32		500	500	500	10000	500	500	500
33	2000	2000	1000	2000	30000	1000	1000	1000
34				1500	31111	1510	1630	1930
35	750	700	700	1000	31113	800	800	1000
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	SPECIAL COLLE		- 01.02		26.04.202	
S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood	Holy See 14/03/21	Hunger Disease	Good Friday	Vocation Sunday
26	Malakavilnatti	07/02/21		01/04/21	02/04/21	25/04/21
36	Melakovilpatti	2000	500	3000	1000	500
37	Michaelpalayam			7000		
38	Munjikkal	2000	2000	15000	10000	
39	Murugathuranpatti	1121		32000	4727	
40	Nagamalai	10000	3000	105000	20000	
41	Nakkaneri	1000	1000	14000	4250	
42	Nilakottai	1500		13000	5000	
43	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)	1500	500	1000	1000	1000
44	Othaiyal	700	500	5000	1500	500
45	Packiapuram	11111	4060	60120	20655	3340
46	Packianathapuram	1900	1500	10000	3500	1020
47	Palanganatham	12500	11200	130000	30000	10000
48	Pandian Nagar	3100	1200	6100	4050	1000
49	Periyakulam	500	500	15000	5000	500
50	Perumalmalai	1000	1000	15000	10000	1000
51	R.R. Nagar	1500	600	6000	1500	600
52	Railway Colony	1500	1400	8000	4000	1000
53	Rajapalayam	1300	1200	12600	3400	1000
54	Rayappanpatti	8500	4000	35000	30000	3500
55	Rayapuram			4040	2810	
56	Samayanallur	8000	2000	68140	16915	2000
57	Sattur					
58	Shenbaganur	2000	1100	4000	2500	750
59	Sengole Nagar	7060	6630	71585	13421	2000
60	Sempatti Mission			1100	700	
61	Silukkuvarpatty	1000	1000	5000	5000	
62	Sivakasi	7429	8292	50264	32451	4861
63	Srivilliputhur			20000	50000	
64	St. Mary's Cathedral	10000	4000	45000	40000	4000
65	Sundaranatchiapuram					
66	T. Sindalacherry	4100		11000	17000	2000
67	T. Vadipatti Shrine	1000	1000	10000	15500	1000
68	Theni	4000	1000			1000
69	Thirumangalam	6240	1500	2500	7040	1000
70	Thirunagar	4340	4090	27080	22410	3630
	5	13.10		2,000	22710	3030

(	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2021 - 26.04.2022							
ĺ	St. Peter's	Communi-	Prision	Bible	Mission	African	Peter the	Onus
		cation Day	•	Sunday	Sunday	Mission	Apostle	Opus
ŀ	04/07/21	11/07/21	15/08/21	26/09/21	17/10/21	01/11/21	21/11/21	08/12/21
36	400	450	400	500	2300	450	400	450
37								
38			2000	2000	15000	2000	2000	2000
39								
40				2000		2000	1500	1500
41	500	500	500	500	13000	500	500	500
42					15000			
43	500	500	500	500	10000	500	500	1000
44	500	500	700	500		500	200	400
45	2000	2000	1000	2000		2000	2000	2000
46	500	1000	1000	1500		1500	1500	1500
47	11500	10500	10300	10800	1	10800	11500	10100
48	800	750	750	1450		1480	1000	1420
49	500	500	500	500	20000	1000	1100	900
50	1000	1000	1000	1000		1000	1000	1000
51	600	1500	600	3300		1500	600	600
52	1000			1500		1000	1000	1000
53	1000	1000	1000	1000	18000	1000	1000	1000
54	3500				160100	3500	3500	3500
55					6080			
56	2000	2000	2000	3000	40600	2000	1000	1000
57								
58	715	650	700	750	15000	600	650	800
59	2000	3000	2000	4000	123767	5700	7830	6620
60								
61	1270	1074	1134	1277	21859	1584	2121	1912
62		5361		2726		3726	5300	1200
63			7300	6500		7500	5500	6000
64	5000	4000	3000	5000		4000	3000	4000
65			1000	1000	35000	1000	1000	1000
66	1500	2000	1500	4000	72200	1500	1500	1500
67	1000	1000	1500	1500	18500	1500	1000	
68								
69	1500	1000	1200	1500	17380	1500	2100	2900
70	1100	3470	1320	2280	35430	2100	4250	3150
				2	7			

	SPECIAL COLLE	CTIONS	S - 01.02	2.2021 -	26.04.20	22
S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 07/02/21	Holy See 14/03/21	Hunger Disease 01/04/21	Good Friday 02/04/21	Vocation Sunday 25/04/21
71	Thiruthangal	2600	2500	21000	10500	
72	Thummuchinampatty			1000	2500	
73	Ugarthe Nagar	1500	1500	15000	10000	
74	Usilampatti	8850	1000	42584	7390	1500
75	Uthamapalayam					
76	Virudhunagar	7500	8600	165000	71260	
77	Vadapatti Mission	250	200	350	1100	
78	W. Pudupatti	1000	1000	2200	2500	
79	Y. Othakadai	4000	1400	8000	12000	1000
	J.A. College Periyakulam					
	Fr. Xavier Arul Rayan					
	Christ Hall Seminary Karumathur					
	Total	278633	143636	2020719	937706	85871

## <u>நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்</u> புதிய கட்டிடம் மலர்வதற்காக தாரான மனதுடன் இதுவரை உதவிய உள்ளங்கள்

**Collection as on 26.04.2022** 

39,27,855.58

## Adoration Sunday

28

## May

- 01 Cumbum
- 08 Devadanam
- 15 Ellisnagar

## June

- 05 Holy Rosary Church
- 12 Iyyampalayam
- 19 K. Pudur
- 26 Kadachanendal

22 Gnanaolivupuram 29 Hanumanthampatti

1	SI	PECIAL	COLLE	CTION	S - 01.02	2.2021 -	26.04.20	22
	St. Peter's Pence 04/07/21	Communication Day 11/07/21	Prision Ministry 15/08/21	Bible Sunday 26/09/21	Mission Sunday 17/10/21	African Mission 01/11/21	Peter the Apostle 21/11/21	Opus 08/12/21
71	2000				103000	2050	2100	2200
72		1500		1000	11000			
73	1500	1500		2000	50000	1500	1500	1500
74	1100	1050	2000	1000	8865	1000	1000	1000
75								
76					175000	10000	10000	10000
77								
78					50757	1287	1295	1191
79	1000	1000	1000	1000	10000	1500	1485	1000
					50000			
					2000			
					85000			
	73785	85695	70534	119063	3805644	142947	140121	135683

## Felicitation on Ordination Anniversary

29

Fr. Jeyaraj J.

Fr. Benedict Ambrose Raj

Fr. Valentine Joseph G.

Fr. J. Amala Gnana Prabhu

Fr. A. Anbu Selvam

Fr. J. Peter

Fr. A. Samuvel



on	06.05.1984
on	01.05.1985
on	06.05.1984
on	10.05.2015

#### **KANI (Seminarians Fund)**

Opening Balance as on 24.03.2022 36,35,308.17

Fr. Parish Priest, Bastin Nagar 41,300.00
Christobel 40,000.00
Rev.Fr. Parish Priest, St. Mary's Church, Madurai 20,000.00
The Superior, Queen of Peace Illam, Thirumangalam 10,000.00
John Kennedy 10,000.00
Mr. M. Amaladass, Bastin Nagar 5,000.00
Rev. Fr. Ambrose S.J., St. Mary's Church (Bination Mass) 1,000.00

37,62,608.17

Add:

Bank Interest - 26,456.00

26,456.00

26,456.00

Closing Balance as on 26.04.2022

37,89,064.17

Cash in Hand - Nil

Cash at Bank - 37,89,064.17

37,89,064.17

## <u>Necrology</u>

Fr. Antonysamy P.S.

Fr. Visuvasam K.S.

Fr. Arulanandam R.S.

Fr. Savarimuthu M.

Fr. Jeganather K.

Fr. V. Antony Samy

Fr. Dairiam M.A.

Fr. Maria Selva Rayan

Fr. Chacko P.C.



01.05.1992 03.05.1995 07.05.1971 07.05.2009 17.05.1969 19.05.2015 20.05.1967 20.05.1968 24.05.1981

	SPECIAL COLL		IS - 01.0	2.2022 -	26.04.20	22
S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 13/02/22	Holy See 27/03/22	Hunger Disease 14/04/22	Good Friday 15/04/22	Vocation Sunday 08/05/22
1	A. Nathampatti					
2	Alankulam					
3	Ammapatty	500	500	4500	4500	
4	Anjal Nagar	2500	2000			
5	Anna Nagar	15890		116400	37040	
6	Aruppukottai					
7	Ayravathanallur	8440	2000			
8	Bastin Nagar	16020	5000	110000	40000	
9	Batlagundu	31100		50060	20560	
10	Bibikulam	10100	3925	51250	12050	
11	Bodinayakanur					
12	Chinnamanur					
13	Cumbum					
14	Devadanam	3000				
15	Ellis Nagar					
16	Gnanaolivupuram	5300	6212	124447	50753	
17	Hanumanthanpatty			13110	9500	
18	Holy Rosary Church	10000	3000	35000	18500	
19	Iyyampalayam	500				
20	K. Pudur					
21	Kadachanendal	2000				
22	Kadamalaikundu					
23	Kalladipatti	500	500			
24	Kariapatty	1200	1100	8000	6000	
25	Karumathur	1600	600			
26	Kavirayapuram					
27	Kottur			3320	3081	
28	Lourdupuram					
29	Megamalai					
30	Mangalamkombu	500				
31	M. Meenatchiapuram					
32	Mathankovilpatti	500				
33	Marianus Nagar	1000	1000			
34	Meenmpatti	2300	1700			
35	Melur	2200	1150	51115	18188	

	SPECIAL COLLE	ECTIONS	6 - 01.02	.2022 -2	6.04.202	2
S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 13/02/22	Holy See 27/03/22	Hunger Disease 14/04/22	Good Friday 15/04/22	Vocation Sunday 08/05/22
36	Melakovilpatti	2500	500			
37	Michaelpalayam					
38	Munjikkal	2000	2000			
39	Murugathuranpatti					
40	Nagamalai	27000				
41	Nakkaneri					
42	Nilakottai					
43	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)	500	500			
44	Othaiyal					
45	Packiapuram	2500				
46	Packianathapuram					
47	Palanganatham	10500	10500			
48	Pandian Nagar	1470	1180			
49	Periyakulam	1000				
50	Perumalmalai	1000	1000			
51	R.R. Nagar					
52	Railway Colony					
53	Rajapalayam	1200	1000			
54	Rayappanpatti	4000	4000			
55	Rayapuram			4060	2880	
56	Samayanallur			74700	14900	
57	Sattur					
58	Shenbaganur			4250	2500	
59	Sengole Nagar	7120	6150			
60	Sempatti Mission					
61	Silukkuvarpatty	3368	786	14892	12199	
62	Sivakasi	8601	5600			
63	Srivilliputhur					
64	St. Mary's Cathedral					
65	Sundaranatchiapuram	12500	1000			
66	T. Sindalacherry	4100				
67	T. Vadipatti Shrine			İ	İ	
68	Theni					
69	Thirumangalam	8034	1881	13462	11393	
70	Thirunagar	4750	4600	20.02		
1		7/30	<del></del>	<u> </u>		

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2022 -26.04.2022						
S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 13/02/22	Holy See 27/03/22	Hunger Disease 14/04/22	Good Friday 15/04/22	Vocation Sunday 08/05/22
71	Thiruthangal					
72	Thummuchinampatty	4000				
73	Ugarthe Nagar	2000	1500	15000	10000	
74	Usilampatti					
75	Uthamapalayam					
76	Virudhunagar	10750	10500			
77	Vadapatti Mission					
78	W. Pudupatti					
79	Y. Othakadai					
	Carmel Sisters, Shenbaganur				4132	
	Total	234043	81384	693566	278176	

# <u>Historical Notes – Madura Mission</u> LIV. At the Footsteps of our Elder Brothers ...

Fr. M. Savarimuthu: Fr. M. Savarimuthu, who was called as 'Thottakara Savarimuthu' was native of Aryanallur from an agrarian family. After his ordination he ministered in Aandavooranni and later he was working in Keelamudi Mannarkottai. Then he became the parish priest of Melur from 1958-1960. He was the parish priest of W. Pudupatti from 1984 – 1988. Then he was became the parish priest in Usilampatti from 1988-1994. Later he was transferred to Bodi and was the parish priest of Bodi from 1994-2000. When he retired he was staying in a separate Thotta house in Aryanallur. Fr. Vedamanickam remembers that the *Presbyterium* went and celebrated his Golden Jubilee at that Rest House. Later Fr. Savarimuthu suffered with paralysis and therefore he came to Halcyon Home, the Retired Priests House. Since most of the inmates of Halcyon Home felt that the retired home was away from the city and causes

medical inconveniences and facilities, it was shifted to Arockia Illam, the Retired Priests Home. At this home Fr. Savarimuthu passed away.

Fr. Vedamanickam shares the memoir that Fr. Savarimuthu was another priest who was always in cassock throughout his life. Here is one of our elder brothers who had been living like St. Benedict following the great *ora et labora*. Wherever he was appointed, Fr. Savarimuthu would go to fields ploughing through the sand and weeds and would raise paddy field and other vegetable gardens. For this purpose he had also stitched a rough Kakki Cassock and used it at paddy fields and vegetable gardens.

He was also a regular Confessor to St. Anne's Sisters of Cumbum valley, i.e., Hanumantanpatti, Periakulam and Rayappanpatti. The good Lord took himself to become a Gardener of the Heavenly Royal Garden on 7-5-2009. Long live the golden name of Fr. Savarimuthu.

(Completed) – Fr. Jodir



புனித தேவசகயாம் பிள்ளையே எங்களுக்காக வேண்டிக் கொள்ளும்