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May the departed Souls of the Prelates,  
Priests and Religious who laboured in the  
Vineyard of Madurai, Rest in Peace.





பிறந்தநாள் கொண்டாட்டம் - பள்ளி அடிக்கல் நாட்டுதல், பாத்திமா அன்னைக்கு அர்ப்பணம்



கால்பந்து போட்டி தொடக்கம் - தே நொயிலி



Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday  
Greetings on Birthday



Fr. Santhana Sahayam (03)

Fr. Charles Heston J. (08)

Fr. Jeyabalan T.R. (14)

Fr. Maria Raj M. (21)

Fr. Paul M. (22)

Fr. Amala Gnana Prabhu J. (22)

Fr. Ignaci Arputharaj P. S. (27)

Fr. Peter J. (27)



Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

## The Voice of the Pastor



*My dear Fathers, Sisters, and Brothers,*

Compassion is not a mere feeling of pity looking at the sad plight of the people. It is not soft-headed and soft-hearted. It means that we have the capacity to experience solidarity with others in their human condition of joy and suffering, success and failure, strength and weakness.

When we recognize our own needs, then we can more easily enter into the world of others by respecting their experience and lending our support to them in their hard-times and troubles.

To be compassionate first and foremost we must have real love for others avoiding our manipulation and self-interest. But we must be able to empty ourselves with the desire to learn and the openness to listen, thus we are able to become one with others. Then we must enter into the lives of the people understanding and accepting them with their rich potential and their struggles and failures in the realization of their potential. Our task here is to encourage the people to assume more responsibility for their lives. By entering into their lives we allow the people to explore their problems and encourage them to handle them in an effective way and we do not rob their identity in order to depend on us but make them independent and responsible for what they decide and act. Thus we are able to live and work with the people. We no longer become strangers to them but friends and co-workers in such a way that division between us and the people disappears and we have enriched each other.

This enrichment should lead us to be committed to the people and this commitment on our part involves giving time and attention to the people to the extent of liking for our people and a genuine interest in their growth which will result in emptying ourselves for the sake of our people in order to give ourselves fully to them. Thus we become sensitive listeners to our people manifesting the compassion of Christ to them.

Your Loving Archbishop,

*+ Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy*  
(+Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy)

## பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

- \* வாழ்வு என்ற கொடைக்காக நாம் நன்றி கூற...
- \* நம் நினைவில் வாழும் நம் நீத்தார்கள் இறைவனின் ஒளியைக் கண்டுகொள்ள.
- \* குழந்தைத் தொழிலாளர்கள், கொத்தடிமைகள் நிலை ஒழிய...

### இம்மாதம் விழா கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்

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|------------------------------------|---|------------|
| 1. க்ருஸ்து அரசர் ஆலயம், மேலூர்    | - | நவம்பர் 26 |
| 2. க்ருஸ்து அரசர் ஆலயம், தேனீ      | - | நவம்பர் 26 |
| 3. க்ருஸ்து அரசர் ஆலயம், வளாங்குடி | - | நவம்பர் 26 |

இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும், துறவறத்தாருக்கும்  
இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துகளும் ஜெபங்களும்.

+ பேராயர் அந்தோன் பாப்டாம

## HAPPY FEAST

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

- |  |   |                           |
|--|---|---------------------------|
| Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo (SCB)                  | - | 4 <sup>th</sup> November  |
| Sons of Merciful Love (FAM)                            | - | 20 <sup>th</sup> November |
| Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary (PBVM) | - | 21 <sup>st</sup> November |
| Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation of Mary (FSPM)  | - | 21 <sup>st</sup> November |



## ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

02	Thu M	Holy Mass, All Souls' Day, St. Mary's Cathedral
03	Fri M	Visitors by Appointment*
	E	Maria Ministries & CD Release, Gnanaolivupuram
04 – 05		Pastoral Visit, Tiruthangal
06	Mon	Visitors by Appointment*
07	Tue	Monthly Recollection and Mass for the Deceased
08 – 10		CCBI Meet, Sarvodaya, Mumbai
11 – 12		Leadership Lectures to Fusco's Team Leaders, Bangalore
12	Sun M	Legion of Mary Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Madurai
13	Mon	Visitors by Appointment*
14	Tue M	College of Consultors' Meet
15	Wed	Mid-Year Board Meet, St. Paul's Seminary, Trichy
17 – 19		CCI Meet, St. John's, Bangalore
20 – 25		Personal Retreat
26	Sun E	St. Mary's Cathedral 175 Years Celebrations, Madurai
27	Mon M	Secretaries' Meet, NPC, K. Pudur
28	Tue M	Pastoral Care for the Nomads, NPC, K. Pudur
29	Wed	Visitors by Appointment*
30	Thu M	New Bishop's House Blessing, Sultanpet

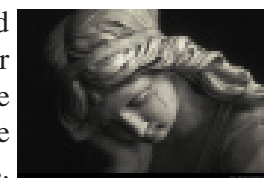
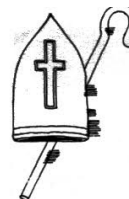
\* Appointments may be fixed by calling the Archbishop's Secretary at **+91 94433 86761** or by mailing to [abssecretarymdu@gmail.com](mailto:abssecretarymdu@gmail.com).

## Pope's General Intention for November 2017: Christians in Asia.

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

### Please Note

1. **The Monthly Recollection** for November will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, **Tuesday** at Archbishop's House as usual. In the evening, at 6:00 p.m. the **Annual Requiem Mass** will be offered at St. Mary's Cathedral by His Grace, **Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy** for all the deceased Prelates, Priests and Religious who ministered in our Archdiocese. At 5:30 p.m. the Archbishop will bless the cemeteries of the priests of the Archdiocese at St. Mary's. The Parish Priests of Madurai city are asked to cancel their evening masses and exhort their faithful to attend the Requiem Mass in good numbers. May the souls of the bishops, priests and religious departed rest in peace.



2. All the parish priests in our Archdiocese are asked to offer one Mass with the participation of the faithful for all the **deceased Prelates and Priests** who had ministered in our Archdiocese.
3. **Propaganda Fide** instructs that all the priests working in the Mission countries should celebrate one Mass every year **for the souls of the Benefactors**, preferably in November with the participation of the faithful.
4. **Condolences:** DNL expresses its deep condolences for the demise of **Fr. D. Gnanapragasam**, who was under a long term medical treatment in a hospital, passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2017 at his 63<sup>rd</sup> age and after 36 years of Ministry in the VINEYARD of the Lord as a holy priest. The funeral Mass was





celebrated at 3.00 p.m., on 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2017 by the Archbishop, Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy with the large number of the presbyterium and the faithful. The burial took place at our Bishop's house cemetery. Let us celebrate 3 masses for the repose of the soul of Fr. D. Gnanapragasam. The Eulogy is published in this issue.

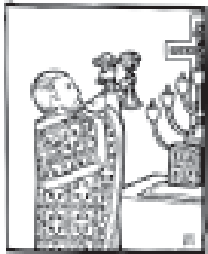
5 **Congratulations** to Fr. John Diraviam, the Judicial

Vicar of our Archdiocese, who has been elected by the members of Canon Law Society of India as the ***Executive Member*** of ***Canon Law Society of India*** during the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference held at PILLAR, Madurai last month.



6 **Gratitude:** Rev. Fr. V. Arul Joseph is thankfully acknowledged for the contribution of Rs. 1,25,000 towards the construction of ***Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel*** at Gurusamipallam of Packiapuram parish, Kodaikanal. – Rev. Fr. Adaikala Raja A.T. and parishioners.

7 **Pastoral Care to Oriental Catholics:** The Pope has authorized the Congregation for the Oriental Churches to provide for the pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar faithful throughout India by the erection



of two Eparchies (Dioceses), namely Shamshabad (Telangana) and Hosur (Tamilnadu) and by the extension of the boundaries of the two already in existence, namely Ramanathapuram and Thucalay. Earlier created Syro Malabar dioceses are Kalyan, from the Metropolitan of Mumbai – Pune region and Faridabad, from the Metropolitan of Delhi. In 2015

the boundaries of Eparchy of Mandya were extended for the pastoral care of the Orientals in the boundary of Metropolitan Bangalore.

8 **Holy Childhood and Propagation of Faith projects:** All the annual projects to be sent to the Pontifical Mission Societies are to reach the Procurator's Office in Triplicate before the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

9. We acknowledge the contribution, Rs. 1,35,000 by the parish community of ULMEN in the Diocese of TRIER, Germany through

the ministry of Fr. Paul Britto to the Archdiocese of Madurai, and the contribution of Fr. Paul Britto, Rs. 1,00,000 for the construction of Parish Church in Bibikulam.



## **Overlapping Jurisdiction of Oriental Churches in India**

In a historic move, Pope Francis has extended the administrative powers of the Syro-Malabar Church across India, removing restrictions imposed since the arrival of Portuguese missionaries in the 16th century. Announcing the establishment of two new dioceses for the Eastern-rite church in an Oct. 9 letter to all India bishops, Pope Francis also authorized it to have pastoral powers across India, a move resisted by the majority Latin-rite bishops in the past. "With this, the church gets the freedom and rights for pastoral care of its faithful anywhere in India and to engage in evangelization activities across the nation," Cardinal George Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar, said while announcing the papal decision.



The church of roughly 4 million Catholics based in the southern India Kerala state, will exercise these newly gained rights in unity with India's larger Latin-rite Church, and the smaller Eastern-rite Syro-Malankar Church, the cardinal said in a webcast from Rome. Two new Eastern-rite dioceses in India's south — Shamshabad in Telangana state and Hosur in Tamil Nadu — were also announced. The new diocese of Shamshabad covers all areas of India outside the existing Syro-Malabar dioceses, Cardinal Alencherry explained.

"This is a historic move," said Father Paul Thelakat, a senior priest of the church and its former spokesperson. "It removes administrative restrictions imposed on the church by Portuguese missionaries since the 16<sup>th</sup> century." The Church traces its faith back to St. Thomas the Apostle, who according to tradition evangelized the west Indian coast and maintained relations with churches in Syria. But Portuguese missionaries later "latinized" these Christians and restricted their activities to the Kerala region, Father Thelakat explained.

Emboldened by the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, which stressed the freedom and responsibility of Eastern-rite churches, the Kerala-based church's clergy began working in several places outside Kerala. They often faced resistance from Latin-rite bishops. The Latin rite bishops maintained that establishing Eastern-rite parishes and dioceses in their territory would confuse Hindus in northern India who would interpret it as division among Catholics. However, Pope Francis said in his letter that "overlapping jurisdictions should no longer be problematic, for the church has experienced them for some time, such as in Kerala."

Pope Francis said in a world where "large numbers of Christians are forced to migrate, overlapping jurisdictions have become customary and are increasingly effective tools for ensuring the pastoral care." The letter added that the smaller Eastern-rite Syro-Malankara church already had provisions to provide "pastoral care for its faithful throughout the territory of India."

The papal announcement, made at the plenary of the heads of Eastern Churches, comes on the silver jubilee of Syro-Malabar Church becoming *sui iuris*, or self-governing, in 1992. The church was given powers to decide on its liturgy and administration, including the election of bishops and establishment of dioceses.

Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, secretary general of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, which covers all three rites, said the papal letter stressed the unity bishops needed to show. "The bishops are of course happy because it is all done for the growth and mission of the church," said Bishop Mascarenhas. — *Courtesy: UCAN News.*



### **Some salient features of the Papal Decree on Oriental Pastoral care**

1. The Universal Catholic church comprises of 23 churches not one. They are called 23 sui iuris churches. Of course the Roman Catholic Church is the biggest in comparison to the other 22 sui iuris Catholic churches.
2. The criteria for being a Catholic church, as per Canon 205, are three, namely, the same faith, the same sacraments and the same ecclesiastical governance (obedience to the authority of the Pope).

As long as a self governing church fulfills the three conditions it is called the Catholic church which can have its own different rite from that of Latin rite.

3. The rite differentiates the Catholic churches. Roman Catholic church is the Western Church and all the 22 churches are called Oriental Churches. Example: Greek Orthodox Church, Maronite Church, Bello Russian Church, Coptic church etc.
4. In India we have three Catholic Churches, namely Roman Catholic church, Syro Malabar church and Syro Malankara Church, the last two follow Antiochan tradition and Chaldean tradition respectively.
5. Out of 180 Catholic dioceses of India 132 belong to the Latin rite; 34 of Syro Malabar rite and 14 of Syro Malankara rite.
6. The Syro Malankara diocese had already been given jurisdiction throughout India for its pastoral care. Now the major Oriental Church, Syro Malabar is given overall jurisdiction throughout India by which the S. Malabar church can exercise overlapping jurisdiction over its oriental church members.



7. As per CCEO 280§1, and as per the Decree of the Pope, while an Eastern Catholic is the member of Syro Malabar parish where he or she is domiciled, yet at the same time, he or she can remain fully involved in the life and activities of the parish of the Latin Church.
8. No dispensation is required from the current law in force for the faithful to practise their faith and can obtain pastoral care either from Latin or Syro Malabar pastors. It is not yet clear whether the marriage between Latins and Orientals without permission is possible!.
9. The Syro Malabar Christians are required to receive three Sacraments, namely, Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony in their rite. Other sacraments such as attending mass, confession or Anointing of the sick could be practised in any Latin church, if they wished. A Latin Parish Priest can conduct Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony for the Orientals only with permission sought from the oriental Eparch (Bishop). He has to record them noting as Syro Malabar Catholics and should send them to Syro-Malabar pastor.

10. The Decree states “The Latin rite church can continue to generously offer hospitality to members of the Syro Malabar communities who do not have church buildings of their own.
11. It continues “The cooperation among all the sui iuris Churches should continue, for example in the area of retreats and seminars for clergy, Bible conferences, celebrations common feast days and ecumenical endeavours.
12. The Holy Father wishes, “ with the growth of spiritual friendship and mutual assistance any tension or apprehension should be swiftly overcome”. “ May this extension of the pastoral area of the Syro - Malabar Church in no way be perceived as a growth in power and domination, but as a call to deeper communion which should never be perceived as uniformity. -The Editor.



May the soul of  
**Rev. Fr. D. Gnanapiragasam**  
Rest in Peace



#### **I. Bio-Data**

Date of Birth	-	23-10-1954
Baptism	-	20-05-1955
Confirmation	-	1967
<b>Ordination</b>	-	<b>10-05-1981</b>
Place of Birth	-	Melmangalam, Periakulam

#### **II. The Family**

Late Mr. Devasahayam	-	The Father
Late Mrs. Saleth Mary	-	The Mother
Brothers	-	4
Sisters	-	2



#### **III. The Study**

Primary Education	-	Periakulam (PKM) – 1959-1964
Middle School	-	St. Patricks, PKM – 1964 - 1967
High School	-	St. Britto, Gnana. – 1967 - 1969
Hr. Secondary - PUC	-	De la Salle College – 1969 – 1970
M.A. English	-	Correspondence in M.K. University

#### **Ecclesiastical Studies**

St. Peter's Seminary	-	1972-1973
Christ Hall Seminary	-	1973 – 1977
St. Paul's Seminary	-	1977 – 1981

#### **IV. Clerical Ministries**

Diaconate Ministry - Gnana.,	-	1981 - ———
Secretary to the Archbishop	-	1981 – 1984
M.A. Philosophy, Chennai	-	1984 – 1986
Professor, Christ Hall Seminary	-	1986 – 1990
Parish Priest, Athur	-	1990 – 1991
Parish Priest & Professor	-	1991 – 1996
Nagamalai Pudukottai		
Parish Priest, T. Sindalacherry	-	1996 – 1997
Professor, Arulanandar College	-	1997 – 1998
P.P. & Vicar Forane, Virudunagar-		1998 – 2003
Procurator of the Archdiocese	-	2003 – 2007
Parish Priest, Anna Nagar	-	2007 – 2012
Parish Priest, Thiruthangal	-	2012 – 2013
Parish Priest, Railway Colony	-	2013 – 2014
Medical Rest, ArockiaNilayam	-	2015 – 2017
Died in the Lord	-	06-10-2017



#### **V. Special Charism**

##### **A. Construction**

Church	-	R.R. Nagar
R.C. Hr. Sec. School	-	Virudunagar
Rectory	-	NagamalaiPudukkottai
Chapel	-	Burma Colony, Virudunagar
St. Xavier's Church	-	Annanagar
Grotto	-	Annanagar
Chapels, Buildings, Rectories	-	As a Procurator

##### **B. Charism**

Marian Devotion & Mariology  
Preaching the Word of God  
Evangelization  
Interest in audio-visual





07.10.2017 அடக்கத் திருப்பலியில் வழங்கிய இரங்கல் அஞ்சலி

## அருட்தந்தை D. ஞானப்பிரகாசம்

மதுரை உயர்மறைமாவட்டத்தின் மாணிக்கம் ஒன்று 06.10.2017 அன்று மறைந்து போனது. என்றும் மறையாத ஆதவன் இயேசு ஆண்டவரைத் தன் வார்த்தையாலும் வாழ்வாலும் அறிவித்துக் கொண்டிருந்த பிரகாசக் கீற்று ஒன்று காணாமல் போனது. அது தன் மூச்சாலும் பேச்சாலும் விசுவசித்த இறைப் பேரொளியோடு கலந்து போனது.

தந்தை ஞானத்திற்கு உடல் வயது 62. குருத்துவ வயது 36. “நமது வாழ்வைப் பிறர் கொண்டாடும் அளவிற்கு நாம் வாழ வேண்டும். அதை அவர்கள் சகித்துக் கொள்ளும் அளவிற்கு அல்ல” என்றார் காந்தியடிகள். மதுரை மறைமாவட்டத்தாலும், மக்களாலும், நண்பர்களாலும் கொண்டாடப்பட்ட வாழ்வு, நண்பர்கள் ‘ஞானம்’ என்று அன்பொழுக அழைத்த தந்தை D. ஞானப்பிரகாசம் அவர்களின் வாழ்வு. அவர் எதற்காக எல்லோராலும் கொண்டாடப்படுகிறார்?

1. சிலர் வாழ்வில் தேய்பிறையாக தேய்ந்து போகும் விசுவாச வாழ்வு. இவர் வாழ்வில் வளர்பிறையாக சிறுவனாக, குருமாணவனாக, குருவாக வளர்ந்து பரிணமித்துக் கொண்டே வந்தது. பெரியகுளம் பங்குக் கோயிலைக் கோயில் பணியாளர் திறக்கும் முன்னே அதிகாலையில் பெய்யும் மழையிலும் கோவில் சுவர் பக்கம் நின்று, கோவில் திறந்தவுடன் கோவிலுக்குச் சென்ற அவர் கோவில் மனிதராகவே உயர்ந்தார். குருமடத்தில் பிற குருமாணவர்கள் இவரை ‘புனிதர்’ (saint) என்றே அழைத்தனர். குருமடத்தில் காணப்பட்ட புனிதம் குருத்துவ வாழ்வு முழுவதும் நின்று நிலைத்தது, பிற குருக்களுக்கு முன்மாதிரிகையாக அமைந்தது.

2. இரண்டு கண்கள், இரண்டு கால்கள், இரண்டு கைகள், ஒரு மூக்கு, ஒரு வாய் என்ற தோற்றம் உடையவர்கள் எல்லோரும் மனிதர்கள் அல்ல. ‘பிறருக்காக எவன் கண்ணீரும், செந்நீரும், சிந்துகிறானோ அவனே மனிதன், மனிதன்’. இரக்கம், கருணை, ஈகை ஆகிய மனித குணங்களை எப்பொழுதும் சுமந்து சென்றவர் தந்தை ஞானப்பிரகாசம். மெய்யியல் பேராசிரியராக அவருடைய மாணவர்களிடம் அவர் காட்டிய பாசம், பரிவு, புரிந்துணர்வு ஆகியவை எல்லா முன்னாள் மாணவர்களாலும் நினைவு கூறப்படுகிறது.

3. நாகமலை புதுக்கோட்டை, விருதுநகர், சிந்தலச்சேரி, திருத்தங்கள், அண்ணாநகர் ஆகிய பங்குகளில் அவர் வழங்கிய ‘தந்தை’ பிம்பம் என்றும் நினைவு கூறத்தக்கது.

மனைவி பெயரில் வீட்டை வாங்கி

மகன் பெயரில் நிலத்தை வாங்கி

மகள் பெயரில் நகையை வாங்கி

கடனை மட்டும் தம் பெயரில்

வாங்கிக் கொள்ளும் தந்தையார்கள் தெய்வங்களே! என்ற ‘தந்தையர் தின’க் கவிதை ஒன்று நினைவுக்கு வருகிறது. தன்னைச் சார்ந்தவர்கள் எந்தத் துன்பமும் அனுபவிக்கக் கூடாது என்பதற்காக அவர்களுடைய துன்பங்களை எல்லாம் தன் தோள்களில் போட்டு சுமப்பது; அவர்களுக்குப் பாதுகாப்பு, தஞ்சம் வழங்குவது ஒரு நல்ல தந்தையின் பண்பு. அத்தகைய பங்குத் தந்தை அருள்பணியாளர் D. ஞானப்பிரகாசம்.

4. ‘பொன்னேதும் பொருளேதும் புகழேதும் வேண்டேன். நிற்பாதம் சரணன்றி பிறிதொன்றும் வேண்டேன்’ என்பதே ஒரு நல்ல சீடத்துவப் பண்பு. அவருடைய உணவில் ஏழ்மை, உடையில் ஏழ்மை, வாழ்வில் ஏழ்மை! குருத்துவத் துறவுக்கு அவர் ஒரு நல்ல உதாரணம்.

மேகங்கள் மோதி வானங்கள் காயமடைவதில்லை

அலைகள் மோதி பாறைகள் காயமடைவதில்லை

வண்டுகள் மோதி மலர்கள் காயமடைவதில்லை

பனித்துளிகள் மோதி புட்கள் காயமடைவதில்லை

அந்தோ பரிதாபம் மனித மனத்தை

ஆசைகள் மோதும் போது

மனிதன் காயப்பட்டுப் போகிறான்!

தான் சென்ற பங்குகளுக்கெல்லாம் வளம் சேர்த்தவர். தான் பொருளார் பதவி ஏற்றபோது கொண்டுவிந்த பழைய துணிகளடங்கிய சூட்கேசோடு அப்பதவியை விட்டுச் செல்லும்போதும் சென்றவர்.

5. I am, as I am before God.

Nothing more, nothing less!

என்ற பிரான்சிஸ் அசிசியார் போன்று தன்னை தனது பலம், அதன் எல்லைகள் ஆகியவற்றை உணர்ந்தவராய் தன்னை இறைவனிடம் முழுமையாக வழங்கியவர். தன்னை இறைவனுக்கு முன்பும், மனிதருக்கு முன்பும் எளியவராகவே இருத்திக் கொண்டவர்.

**செபம்:** ‘கள்ளமற்ற இஸ்ராயேலன்’ இதோ வருகிறான் என்று விண்ணகத் தந்தாய், நீர் அக மகிழ்வது எங்கள் காதுகளில் ஒலிக்கிறது. இருப்பினும் எங்கள் மறைமாவட்டத்தின் பிரகாசத்தின் மறைவு, எங்களுக்கு மாபெரும் இழப்பு. நல்ல ஊழியருக்கான பரிசை அவருக்கு இறைவா வழங்கியருளும். முடிவில்லாத ஒளி அவர்மேல் ஒளிர்வதாக!

- அருள்பணி மதுரை ஆனந்த்



### Commission for Dialogue

This year inter religious Deepavali Celebration was held in Lourdes Church Campus, K. Pudur on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7 p.m . It was presided over by Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy, Archbishop of Madurai. It began with a prayer song by CEPCHIRA (Centre for promotion of communal harmony and inter Religious Amily) Gandhi Museum followed by lighting Kuthuvilakku by various religious heads. Fr. A. Arul welcomed the dignitaries, Rev. Solomon Victus, Vice Principal, TTS, Thiru Mohan Gandhi, Vijayarahavan, Prof. Bhasheer Ahamed, John Moses and Dr. Amanullah. Amalullah gave a short but thought provoking felicitation message. Shri Santhikumaraswamy Dwaraga Peedam, in his address, invited the participants to initiate individual and personal conversion in order to foster religious harmony. Archbishop Antony Pappusamy in his presidential address explained how three religions speak about the importance of light. In order to promote Religious harmony he insisted about the need of change in one's thought, word, action and God experience. It was well appreciated by the dignitaries and the audience. Fr. Doss Kennedy. SDB, parish priest extended the vote of thanks. More than 750 people attended the programme and it came to end at 9.00 p.m with national anthem.

- Fr. A. Arul, Secretary

### இளைஞர் பணிக்குழு

சதங்கை கலைத்தொடர்பு மையம், கிறித்தவ வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு, நற்செய்திப் பணிக்குழு, இளைஞர் பணிக்குழு ஆகிய பணிக்குழுக்கள் இணைந்து நடத்தும் மறைவட்ட அளவினை கிறித்து பிறப்பு பாடல் போட்டி 2017

நாள்	நேரம்	போட்டி நடைபெறும் இடம்	மறைவட்டம்
25.11.2017	மாலை 5 மணி	தூய பேட்ரிக் ஆலயம், பெரியகுளம்	தேனி, வத்தலக்குண்டு
26.11.2017	மாலை 3 மணி	ஆரோக்கிய அன்னை ஆலயம், பாக்கியபுரம்	கொடைக்கானல்
02.12.2017	மாலை 6 மணி	இடைவிடா சகாய அன்னை ஆலயம், அஞ்சல் நகர்	மதுரை வடக்கு
03.12.2017	மாலை 5.30 மணி	லூர்தன்னை ஆலயம், சிவகாசி	விருதுநகர், திருவில்லிபுத்தூர்
03.12.2017	மாலை 6 மணி	புனித செபஸ்தியார் ஆலயம், எல்லிஸ்நகர்	மதுரை தெற்கு

முதல் பரிசு: ரூ.5,000/-

இரண்டாம் பரிசு: ரூ. 3,000/-

ஆறுதல் பரிசு ரூ. 1,000/-

### பாடல் போட்டிக்கான விதிமுறைகள்

1. பாடகர் குழுவினர் பெயர்ப் பட்டியலுடன் பங்குத்தந்தையின் அனுமதிக்கடிதம் பெற்று வர வேண்டும்.
  2. குழுவில் பங்குபெறுவோர் 12 (பாடுவோர் இசைக்கருவிகள் மீட்டுவோர் உட்பட) நபர்களுக்கு மிகாமல் இருக்க வேண்டும். அந்தந்த பங்கைச்சார்ந்த கத்தோலிக்க கிறித்தவராக இருத்தல் வேண்டும். வேறு பங்கிலிருந்து இசைக்கருவிகளை மீட்டவோ, பாடவோ, நபர்களை அழைத்து வரக்கூடாது.
  3. கத்தோலிக்க கிறித்தவ கிறிஸ்மஸ் பாடல்கள் மட்டுமே பாடவேண்டும். பாடல்கள் 05-07 நிமிடங்களுக்குள் அமையவேண்டும்.
  4. முன்னரே பதிவு செய்த (Pre - recorded) இசைக்குறுந்தகடு (CD) I- pod, Floppy, Pen drive போன்றவற்றைப் பயன்படுத்தக்கூடாது.
  5. குழுவில் இளம் ஆண்கள், இளம் பெண்களுக்கு (18-28 வயதிற்குட்பட்டோர்) முக்கியத்துவம் கொடுக்கப்பட வேண்டும் (குறைந்தது 3 இளம் ஆண்கள் (அல்லது) இளம் பெண்கள் இடம்பெற வேண்டும்)
  6. இசைக்கருவிகளின் ஒலி பாடல்களைத் தெளிவாகக் கேட்கச் செய்வதாக அமைய வேண்டும்.
  7. தாளம், இராகம், குரல் ஒருங்கமைவு போன்ற பொதுவான அம்சங்களும் கருத்தில் கொள்ளப்படும்.
  8. ஒரு பங்கிலிருந்து ஒரு குழு மட்டுமே பங்கேற்க வேண்டும்.
  9. பாடகர் குழுக்கள் தங்களின் பங்கேற்பை 15.11.2017க்குள்ளாக உறுதிப்படுத்த வேண்டும்.
  10. Key board (yamaha PSR - I 425) Rythm -pad, தபேலா, சித்தார் போன்ற இசைக்கருவிகள் தங்களின் பயன்பாட்டிற்காக தயாராக இருக்கும். தங்களின் சொந்த கருவிகளைப் பயன்படுத்த விரும்புவோர் பயன்படுத்திக்கொள்ளலாம். தயாரிப்பிற்கு இரண்டு நிமிடங்கள் மட்டுமே வழங்கப்படும்.
  11. நடுவர்களின் தீர்ப்பே இறுதியானது.
  12. அனுமதி இலவசம்
- தங்கள் பங்கிலிருந்து பங்கேற்போரின் பட்டியலை நவம்பர் 15க்குள்ளாக செயலர், இளைஞர் பணிக்குழு, நொபிலி வளாகம், கோ. புதூர், மதுரை - 625 007 என்ற முகவரிக்கு அனுப்பி வைக்க வேண்டுகின்றோம்.
- பணி. அருளானந்தம் பணி. அந்தோனிசாமி பணி. இன்னாசி பணி. மார்ப்பின்  
இயக்குனர் செயலர் செயலர் செயலர்
- சதங்கை கலைத்தொடர்பு மையம் கிறித்தவ வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நற்செய்திப் பணிக்குழு இளைஞர் பணிக்குழு

**Below are the Action Plan to be followed in our  
Archdiocese deliberated at National Catechetical  
Conference held in September 2017, in  
Nadiad – Ahmedabad on Family Catechesis.**

**1. Family Prayer:** Every family in our Archdiocese has to set aside a few moments as a family to pray together. This is a sacred time for the family. If any member of the family is out of station, let he/she be united to the family in prayer wherever he/she is (by using social media). Moments of family prayer and acts of devotion can be powerful means for evangelization than any catechism class or sermon. (Amoris laetitia 227-228)”. The Rosary can be said slowly meaningfully and meditatively and each decade of the Rosary could be offered for the good health of body and mind of the father, mother, children, old parents and the parish priest etc.

**2. Moral Formation:** Parents have to observe, accompany and educate their children concerning their moral life. Parents need to educate them on the responsible use of media, especially social media. (Amoris laetitia 260).

**3. Sacred Space:** Each family has to assign a space in the home for sacred articles like sacred images, the Altar, the Bible, Rosary and so on. This space is to be revered with the utmost devotion and sacredness. This space should invite members of the family to raise their hearts to God at various moments of the day (Amoris laetitia 15).

**4. Domestic Church:** A family is a mini Church where there is the celebration of sacraments, life, love and prayer. Let the family participate together in the Sunday mass at the parish church. Let the whole family regularly participate in the sacrament of reconciliation and be actively involved in catechesis and other ministries of the parish (Amoris laetitia 87).

**5. Family Saint:** Choose a saint as a patron of the family. Read and learn about the saint from books and the internet. Let the family imitate him/her in some of his/her words and deeds. Place an image/ statue of that saint in the sacred space. Make that saint a protector/patron of that

family. Let the family be united in prayer with that saint during various moments of their life (Amoris laetitia 257).

**6. Family faith traditions:** Have specific family faith traditions. Go on a pilgrimage/outing together once a year to visit a shrine near or far, in order to pray. Have specific prayer/ gesture for grace before and after meals. Initiate family members to wearing or carrying sacred images/ articles (Amoris laetitia 29). Make the sign of the cross and say a short prayer before leaving the house. Exchange peace after family prayer e.g. “Jai Yesu” (Praise the Lord).

**7. Family Visits:** It is only through family visits that a parish priest can know the bruised, wounded, abandoned, and marginalized faithful in the parish. Therefore utmost care need to be invested in doing family visit by the parish priest and the religious in the parish.

Note: I request all the parish priests and Heads of the Institutions to make efforts in your place of ministry.

*-Fr. Antony Samy, Secretary, Commission for Christian Life*

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**Holy See - 2017**

<b>Collection as on 23/08/2017</b>	<b>1,07,831.00</b>
Kavirayapuram	326.00

<b>Collection as on 24/10/2017</b>	<b>1,08,157.00</b>
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**Vocation Sunday - 2017**

<b>Collection as on 23/09/2017</b>	<b>1,13,923.00</b>
Y. Othakadai	825.00

<b>Collection as on 24/10/2017</b>	<b>1,14,748.00</b>
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### St. Peter's Pence - 2017

<b>Collection as on 23/09/2017</b>	<b>74,511.00</b>
Bastin Nagar	8,000.00
Theni	3,800.00
Railway Colony	2,000.00
Hanumanthanpatti	1,900.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	1,420.00
Rajapalayam	1,400.00
Y. Othakadai	789.00
Othayal	250.00

<b>Collection as on 24/10/2017</b>	<b>94,070.00</b>
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### Communication Day - 2017

<b>Collection as on 23/09/2017</b>	<b>68,605.00</b>
Bastin Nagar	15,000.00
Theni	3,600.00
Hanumanthanpatti	2,150.00
Y. Othakadai	1,102.00
Rajapalayam	1,000.00
Railway Colony	1,000.00
Othayal	200.00

<b>Collection as on 24/10/2017</b>	<b>92,657.00</b>
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### Prison Ministry - 2017

<b>Collection as on 23/09/2017</b>	<b>57,022.00</b>
Bastin Nagar	21,000.00
Theni	3,500.00
Rajapalayam	1,800.00
Hanumanthanpatti	1,750.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	1660.00

Y. Othakadai	1,181.00
Railway Colony	1,000.00
Nilakottai	500.00
Thummichinampatti	300.00
Othayal	200.00

<b>Collection as on 24/10/2017</b>	<b>89,913.00</b>
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### Bible Sunday - 2017

<b>Collection as on 23/09/2017</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>
Bastin Nagar	20,000.00
Virudhunagar	6,000.00
Theni	4,500.00
Palanganatham	4,000.00
Samayanallur	3,500.00
Batlagundu	3,145.00
Packiapuram	2,350.00
Rajapalayam	1,800.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	1,720.00
Y. Othakadai	1,582.00
Hanumanthanpatti	1,550.00
Railway Colony	1,500.00
Nilakottai	1,500.00
Ammapatti	1,193.00
Kalladipatti	850.00
Bodinayakanur	500.00
Kavirayapuram	423.00
Othayal	300.00
Thummichinampatti	200.00

<b>Collection as on 24/10/2017</b>	<b>59,013.00</b>
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### Mission Sunday - 2017

Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	12,530.00
Ammapatti	3,792.00

**Collection as on 24/10/2017** **16,322.00**

### KANI (Seminarians Fund )

Fr. Parish Priest, St. Mary's Cathedral	20,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Gnanaolivupuram	19,000.00
Anna Nagar Tuticorn	15,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest & Parishnors, Bibikulam	13,400.00
The Provincial, Capuchin Friar, Thirumangalam	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Virudhunagar	10,000.00
Mashat, Madurai	10,000.00
Sr. Superior, Holy Cross Convent, Kudal Nagar	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Anna Nagar	3,500.00
CRI Unit, Madurai	2,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Pandian Nagar, Virudhunagar	1,000.00

**Collection as on 24/10/2017** **1,08,900.00**

### Mass Received From Parishes

Anna Nagar (500 Masses)	50,000.00
Fr. Michael McMahon USA	10,236.00
Bodi (100 Masses)	10,000.00
Hanumanthanpatti (60 Masses)	6,000.00

**Collection as on 24/10/2017** **76.236.00**

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

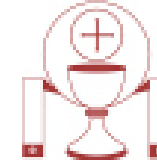


4,5.11.2017	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
11,12.11.2017	திருவில்லிப்புத்தூர்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
18,19.11.2017	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
25,26.11.2017	வத்தலக்குண்டு	சனி, ஞாயிறு

**அருட்தந்தை. ஜோசப், செயலர்**

### *Felicitations On Ordination Anniversary Day*

Fr. Sebastine Chinnadurai	on	10.11.2013
Fr. Arul Rayan	on	18.11.2007
Fr. Muthu M.S.	on	18.11.2007
Fr. Sahayaraj A.	on	18.11.2007



### *Adoration Sunday*

November		December	
05	Melur	03	T. Vadipatti
12	Alangulam	10	Periakulam
19	Kavirayapuram	17	Nilakottai
26	Gnanaolivupuram	24	Samayanallur
		31	Aruppukottai



### *Necrology*

Archbishop Casimir Gnanadickam s.j	-	10.11.1993
Soosai Michael Raj D.	-	26.11.2007





May the soul of  
**Rev. Fr. S. Rosario**  
Rest in Peace



**I. Bio-Data**

Date of Birth - 11-10-1961  
Place of Birth - Madurai  
Ordination - 14-04-1998, Palanganatham

**II. The Family**

Late Mr. Sengole - The Father  
Late Mrs. Adaikala Mary - The Mother  
Brothers (4) - Rev. Fr. SJM. Vainney  
- Mr. S. Xavier  
- S. Arul  
- S. John  
Sisters (1) - S. Sirumalar

**III. The Study – Secular**

B.A. - 1980-1983  
M.A. - 1983-1985

**Ecclesiastical Studies**

Christ Hall Seminary - M.A. philosophy  
St. Paul's Seminary - B.Th.

**IV. Clerical Ministries**

Assistant Parish Priest,  
Rayappanpatti - 1998 – 1999  
Asst. P.P., Srivilliputhur - 1999 – 2000  
Asst. P.P., Gnanaolivupuram - 2000 – 2001  
Parish Priest, Melur - 2001 – 2004



Parish Priest, Sattur - 2004 – 2009  
Parish Priest, Bastian Nagar - 2009 – 2015  
Parish Priest, Aruppukottai - 2015 – 2017  
Parish Priest, Nagamalai  
Pudukottai - 2017 – 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2017.

**V. Special Charism**

Reading Books



**VI. Contribution to the Archdiocese**

Construction of a Stage - Melur  
Building a new Rectory - Sattur  
Renovation of Parish church – Sattur  
Extension & Renovation of Parochial Church – Bastian Nagar



**Madura Mission**

**V. Capuchins in Pondi and Tamilnadu**

The clock has been reversed now. The "pain" and "ecclesial burdens" seemed to have caused to the two Oriental Churches in India during the sixteenth century by the Portuguese ecclesiastics through the Synod of Diamper are addressed with concern now by the Pope himself who has issued a document to all the Indian Bishops on 9th Oct. 2017 on the "Pastoral Care of Syro Malabar Faithful in India". Through this letter the pastoral care of Syro Malabar Christians are given much importance so as to make them true to their Chaldean and Antiochan traditions in worship and administration. At Diamper the Oriental life was forced to follow Latin tradition and liturgy but now the Syro Malabar church is given juridical authority throughout India in order to exercise its pastoral care to all the Orientals of India. As we have mentioned earlier the Indian ecclesial history between the third and the fifteenth century needs a serious study and research. It is a dormant period. Now let us travel to the sixteenth century in order to place it on record the history of Capuchins in Tamilnadu.

In 1625 the Capuchins opened their first French Capuchin mission in Aleppo, Syria. In 1632 the French opened a Factory for trade and commerce in Pondicherry. The French Capuchins came with them to India as Chaplains. This is the first landing of the Capuchins in India in Paracherry, which is called now as Puducherry in 1632. Due to the Dutch hegemony at Coramandal coast the French had to leave Pondi and therefore the Capuchins also had to leave Puducherry. **Francoise Martin**, the founder of Puducherry invited the Capuchins to come over to Madras in order to care for the pastoral need of French Christians there. In 1634, the Capuchins opened the first mission in Pondicherry. They were the pioneers of implanting the faith in Pondicherry. They worked among the French, the Creyol, the Euracians and the Tamil. The magnificent Church, *Notre Dame des Anges*, sitting on the Seashore is popularly known as “Cups Koil”. It is the Capuchins church which was called Cups by the local people. In 1680 the first Church was constructed in the land donated by Danappa Mudaliar of Madras who was a convert. It was destroyed by the British in 1784. In 1680 the Capuchins concentrated on the area of Marakanam and built a church dedicated to “Our Lady of Mercy”. Later it was given to the pastoral care of the Jesuits and later reverted to the Capuchins.

At Chengalpat area the Capuchins extended their mission in Cheyyur, Valajapat and Kadappakkam during the eighteenth century. Cheyyur which is the Fort city of Hayidar Ali had the Jesuits mission. At Alambaram, Hydar Ali persecuted the Christians and destroyed the Capuchin Church. Those Christians fleeing from persecutions found shelter with the Capuchins in Cheyyur. Here with the help of the British the Capuchins built a church, Our Lady of Good Voyage in 1810.

The Capuchins are the only missionary chaplains to all the French colonies of India. The Capuchins worked in **Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe, Yanam, Masulipattanam, Bimilipattanam, Vishakapattanam and Guntur** ( Andhra). In 1776 Pondichery Mission was elevated into an **Apostolic Prefecture**. Fr. Sebastian was appointed as the first Prefect Apostolic of Pondicherry. Till 1828 the Prefecture was functioning at Cups Church and later the church was handed over to the Holy Spirit Fathers and the MEP. Due to the French Revolution which made

impossible to send personals for the Mission, the mission was handed over to other religious.

In 1639 the English purchased a small hamlet near Mylapore for the King of Chandragiri. It was a fisherman village. St. John’s company of England developed this village and put up huge buildings and thus paved the creation of city of Madras. There were white towns and Black towns, the former meant for the Europeans and the later for the Indians. The British built St. George Fort around the white town. Fr. Ephraim a Capuchin was sailing from Surat to Burma and on his way came to Madras. He was commissioned to take care for the pastoral need of the Portuguese Christians around Madras. Thus the Capuchin mission got rooted in Madras. In 1642, Pope Urban VIII raised this mission into an **Apostolic Prefecture** appointing Fr. Ephraim De Navrre, the first Apostolic Prefect of Madras. This Prefecture was to remain independent of Madras-Mylapore padroado diocese. He put up a Church dedicated to St. Andrew in St. George Fort. He opened a first School for the English in India. The English later, suspecting treason, destroyed the Church in 1752. Then the Capuchins constructed in 1682 St. Mary’s Anglican Church at the southern side of St. George Fort which stands as the oldest church in Chennai now.

To the local Christians Fr. Ephraim built a church dedicated to Our Lady of Angels at Arminian Street which is now known as the Shrine of St. Antony of Padua. After the destruction of St. Andrews church this church served as the Prefecture Church and of the Curia. The Capuchins toiled to spread the Gospel at the entire North Chennai. In 1746 a rich Armenian merchant built a chapel and handed over to the Capuchins. The church was dedicated to Our Lady of Miracles. The growing animosity of the English made the French to hand over this church and the adjacent garden to the English who handed over to the Danish missionaries. Today there sits St. Matheas CSI Cathedral church.

When the Capuchins were ousted from St. George Fort in 1759 the English settled them at Rayapetta. The Capuchins converted Gurugula Mudaliar and his clan whose are fishermen. Here a church was built dedicated to St. Peter. In Sindadiri Pet and in Pudupet the Capuchins built churches and ministered in these areas. (to be continued)

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