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Deepavali Celebration, Meenakshi College



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Golden Jubilee, Claret Bhavan



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May the souls of the Prelates, Priests,  
Religious and the Faithful Departed  
Rest in Peace



Archbishop's Birthday



Diocesan Pilgrimage, Oriyur



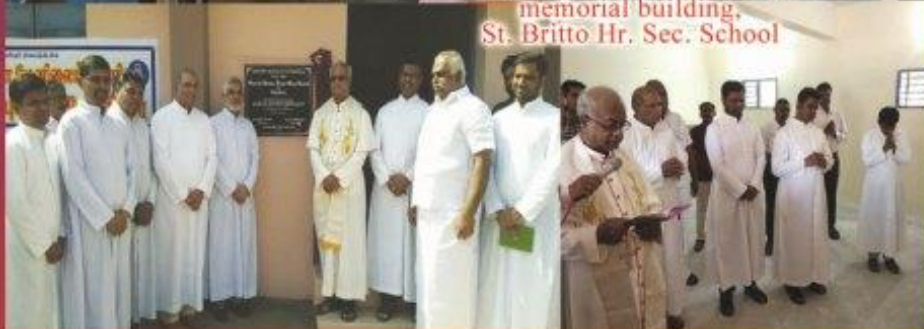
Workshop on Child Protection



Laying of the Foundation stone, Infant Jesus Shrine, Kavirayapuram



Blessing of Golden Jubilee memorial building, St. Britto Hr. Sec. School



# GREETINGS ON BIRTHDAY

Fr. Santhana Sahayam (03)

Fr. Charles Heston J. (08)

Fr. Jeyabalan T.R. (14)

Fr. Xavier Arul Rayan (18)

Fr. Maria Raj M. (21)

Fr. Amala Gnana Prabhu J. (22)

Fr. Ignaci Arputharai P. S. (27)

Fr. Peter J. (27)

The banner features a vibrant background of colorful balloons and confetti. It includes portraits of ten priests in circular frames, arranged in two columns. The text 'GREETINGS ON BIRTHDAY' is prominently displayed at the top in a stylized font.

# The Voice of the Pastor

My Dear Fathers, brothers and Sisters,

Today more than ever people want the priests to be witnesses of Christ in whose priesthood they share. They want the priests to be close to God and close to them. They expect a connectivity between what they do and what they say. There are a few elements which the priests must keep in mind:



First and foremost the priests are disciples of Jesus who called them to be with him like the Apostles who left everything behind and followed him. The priests are called to deny themselves and take up their daily cross and follow him (cfr. Lk 9:23) which means a journey to death that is certain. In the second place the priests are apostles who are sent on a mission. Like the twelve apostles who were sent to proclaim the good news to the whole creation (cfr. Mk 16/15) and especially like Paul the priests are sent to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus (2 Cor 4:5). In the third place the priests are elders who have certain traits : Responsible for the people entrusted to them, blameless, not to be arrogant, gentle, temperate, hospitable, good-loving, prudent, upright, devout and self controlled. They must have a firm grasp of the world that is trust worthy in accordance with the teaching, so that they may be able both to preach with sound doctrine and refute those who contradict it (cfr. Tit 1:6-9). They represent the church in the world and be a part of it and therefore they should avoid all their innovations and likes and dislikes. They should feel one with the church (Sentire cum Ecclesia).

In the fourth place, they preside over the Eucharistic celebration which is the source and summit of the life of the church. Though it is not merely their total task but it is central to the priesthood. As the Eucharist is the centre of the priestly ministry of the priests and the heart of their priesthood they gather the church in the name of Jesus to praise and thank God together in the Church.

The Priests should realize the truth that they take the place of Jesus Christ in the midst of the community, the church until Jesus comes and take to heart the specific and significant role they play in the church for the salvation of humankind. Then they will be able to face the challenges that come on this way.

May God bless you all,

Your loving Archbishop,

+ *Antony Pappusamy*

+ **Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy**

Archbishop of Madurai

## Pope's General Prayer Intention

Universal: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

## பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

- விதைக்க :** இறக்கும் வரை உன்மைக்காக பேராடு, கடவுளாகிய ஆண்டவர் உனக்காக போரிடுவார் சீரா 4:31
- வளர்க்க :** திருத்தூதர்களுக்கு முன் மாதிரியாக இயேசுவால் தரப்பட்ட குழந்தைகளை முழுநிறைவோடு வாழ்வதற்கு வளர்வதற்கு, கழல் உருவாக்கிட.
- வாழ்வாக்க :** இறந்தாலும் உயிர்வாழ இயேசுவை போல இது என் உடல் என உடல் உறுப்பு தானம் செய்து வாழ்வை நிலையானதாக மாற்றுவோம்.

## இம்மாதம் விழாக்கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்

1. க்ரீஸ்து அரசர் ஆலயம், மேலூர் - நவம்பர் 24
2. உலக மீட்பர் ஆலயம், தேனி - நவம்பர் 24
3. க்ரீஸ்து அரசர் ஆலயம், கீளாங்குடி - நவம்பர் 24

இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும், துறவறத்தாருக்கும்  
கூறாமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துகளும் ஜெபங்களும்.

+ பேராயர் அந்தோன் பாப்டுசா

## Archbishop's Engagements

02	Sat	M	All Souls Day, St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai
03	Sun	M	Confirmation, Anjal Nagar
04	Mon	M	Blessing of St. Joseph's Primary School, Gnanaolivupuram
05	Tue	M	Monthly Recollection, Bishop's House
		E	Mass for the deceased, St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai
06	Wed	M	CHAT Meeting, Bishop's House, Madurai
07	Thu		Monthly Recollection, Palayamkottai
08	Fri		Emmaus Trust Meeting
09	Sat	E	Counsellors Meeting, Bishop's House, Madurai
10	Sun	M	Confirmation, Alangulam
11	Mon	M	VSSS- General Body Meeting
12	Tue		Minor Seminary Rectors Meeting, St. Paul's Seminary
13	Wed		Mid-Year Board Meeting, St. Paul's Seminary
15	Fri	M	Feast Mass, Auxilium Convent, Suriya Nagar
17	Sun	M	Confirmation, Lourdupuram
19	Tue	M	Commission Secretaries Meeting, Bishop's House, Madurai
20	Wed		Palayamkottai
22	Fri	E	Marriage Reception, Patrick Home
23	Sat	M	RIP Mass, De La Salle House, Nagamalai
		E	Feast Mass, Christ the King Church
24	Sun	M	Platinum Jubilee, St. Thomas Church, Batlagundu
		E	Silver Jubilee, Christ the King Church
26	Tue		Regional Secretaries Meeting, Pratiyur
28	Thu	M	Desk for Nomads Meeting, Pillar
29	Fri		Palayamkottai
30	Sat	E	Confirmation, Chinnamanur

### December

01	Sun	M	Nuptial Blessing, Marambady
03	Tue		Feast Mass, St. Xavier's Cathedral Church, Palayamkottai



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

## 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

### Please Note

1. The **Monthly Recollection for November** will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday at Archbishop's House as usual. At 6:00 pm., the **Annual Requiem Mass** for all the *deceased Prelates, Priests and the Religious* who ministered in our Archdiocese will be offered by our Archbishop in the concelebration of all the priests of the Archdiocese. At 5.30 pm., the cemetery at St. Mary's parish, where the priests and the religious are buried, will be blessed by the Archbishop. All the city parish priests are asked to cancel the evening masses and invite the faithful to participate in the annual requiem mass for the deceased Prelates, Priests and the Religious. May the souls of the Bishops, Priests and the Religious departed rest in Peace. 
2. All the reverend Fathers are asked to celebrate one Mass with the participation of the faithful for all the **deceased Prelates and Priests of the Archdiocese**.
3. The **Congregation for the Evangelization of the Peoples** instructs all the priests of the mission countries to celebrate one Mass every year in November for the 

**souls of the Benefactors.** Kindly fulfil this obligation and offer Mass for the souls of Benefactors.

4. **Month of Souls:** All the Priests, in November, are exhorted to teach the faithful on the importance of Eternal Life and praying for the souls in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. Kindly enlighten the faithful to visit the cemeteries and pray for the souls throughout this month. A plenary indulgence is obtained by one who during the first nine days of November visits the cemetery and prays for the souls fulfilling the three usual conditions, namely Confession, participation in Holy Mass and prayer said for the Holy Father. On 2nd inst., a Priest can celebrate three masses: one for the faithful departed; another for priest's intention and the third for the intentions of the Holy Father.
5. **World Day of the Poor is celebrated** on 17th inst., the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Parish priests are exhorted to preach against the evil of social injustice and inequality that result in poverty and misery to the simple people. The rich and the middle class are to be taught to share their wealth with the poor and the suffering in order to be a true Christian.
6. **Condolences:** DNL expresses its deep condolences to **Rev.Fr. Thiruthuva Raj** for the demise of his beloved Mother, Mrs. German Mary, aged 70, who passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019. The funeral Mass was officiated by Msgr. J. Jeyaraj together with the Presbyterium the same day at St. Michael's Church, Michaelpalayam. May the soul of Mrs. German Mary, the Mother of Fr. Thiruthuva Raj rest in peace.
7. Kindly remit the **Mission Sunday** Collection as early as possible at Procurator's Office.
8. **Projects of Holy Childhood and Propagation of Faith** will be scrutinized by the Vicar Foranes in their Vicariates. The Vicar Foranes are invited to consult with the Vicariate priests on the dire need of 2 particular parishes to be allotted to 2 Projects per Vicariate.



The Directors / In-charge of Orphanages and the Boardings are to submit their Reports of their Previous Projects with vouchers and bills and are to submit this year's application by the end of November 2019. All the Projects in Triplicate are to be submitted to the Project Coordinator, Fr. Secretary before 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

9. **Congratulations:** At the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Canon Law Society of India held in Pune from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, **Fr. John Diraviam** was elected again as the *Executive Member* of Canon Law Society of INDIA.



- ii) Congratulations to **Fr. Paul Raj** for the renovation of the parochial church at *Silukkuvarpatti* which was blessed by His Grace on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2019.
- iii) Congratulations to **Fr. Cyprian** for the renovation of the Church and the erection of a Flag Mast at *Panthalkudi*, Aruppukottai Parish which were blessed by His Grace on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2019.
10. **Excardination:** Fr. Arul Valan (2018) and Fr. M. Paul (2018), as per their request, after the excardination of the Archdiocese of Madurai, were *incardinated* into the respective Dioceses in United States of America. The Archdiocese of Madurai thanks them for their whole hearted and dedicated service and contribution to the Archdiocese of Madurai for so many years and in various capacities, and wishes them all the best in their ministries at their respective Dioceses in US.
11. **Discussion and Deliberation at the Senate on 22-10-2019:**  
The following are the discussions and deliberations that took place at the Senate:  
**A. Action Plan for the previous Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018.**
  - a) A common Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese for a period of five years should be prepared taking into account the "Synodal Resolutions and Constitutions - 2000" and "The Archdiocesan Survey - 2007". The three member committee comprising of the

Director of Pastoral Center, Senate Secretary and Fr. Antony Packiam, is mandated to do this work in consultation with the Archbishop.

b) The Roles and Functions of Ecclesiastical Offices in the Archdiocese will be completed soon under the leadership of Vicar General.

c) A separate meeting for the Diocesan Clergy alone will be convened.

d) The members of Diocesan CDPI will share the decisions of the regional CDPI Meeting at Monthly recollection.

e) The Archdiocese will follow all the norms in bifurcating new parishes.

f) The religious priests notwithstanding their exercise of long term ministry in the Archdiocese, will not be incardinated.

g) Discussion on exchanging campus between Britto Matric and R. C. Primary is closed. It is not viable.

h) Archbishop informs the floor that a particular Congregation has volunteered to enter into a contract with the Archdiocese to take up the special Ministry to the Handicapped and Mentally Challenged at the diocesan property (9.32 acres) at Alagarkoil.

i) In future, Extraordinary Administration such as construction of R.C. Mahal need to obtain the consent of the Senate and the College of Consultors.

j) Action is initiated to transfer the Titles of individual priests on diocesan property to the Archdiocese of Madurai.

k) The Education commission would implement the decision of 2011.

l) It was confirmed that minimum Rs.6000 should be paid to the consolidated pay Teachers at our diocesan Schools.

#### ***B. Discussions and Deliberations of Senate : 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019***

i) Archbishop informed that the Loretto Project has come to the final stage. A Contract between the Archdiocese (A) and a Chennai based businessman (B) will soon be entered. As per the Contract five acres of prime land will be given to B, who will put

up a huge Mall-Shopping Complex at the tune of seventy five crores. B will give A five crores refundable deposit. A will enter into a Contract with B for the period of first ten years, then another ten years and at the completion of twenty years, another ten years, amounting to thirty years. B will complete construction suitable to his business within two years. All the works of obtaining approval and registration belong to B. A will put up a Grotto at the site.

The whole floor appreciated the final decision of the Archdiocese on this huge project and gave certain suggestions: a) We need to fence the other two acres of land b) Instead of a Grotto, a small chapel for the people and commuters around the area could be constructed. c) We should get in writing from B that no other religious symbol or statue or temple should be constructed at the campus of the Complex.

ii) The Archdiocese could give a report about the Projects to the Senate every year. Details such as the sanctioned amount, to which parishes or institutes, by which Agencies, the amount of local contribution etc., should be submitted.

iii) Commission reports should be submitted at the Reunion every year. The Co-ordinator of Commission should publish in DNL, the Commission's reports once in three months. In order to know about the works of the Commissions in parishes, the V.F-s have to be invited to attend the Commission Secretaries Meetings.

iv) Instead of offering Gifts to the *Ordinandi*, which has become the latest custom, the Archbishop will help a particular *Ordinandi* in his financial constraints.

v) All the parish priests should encourage Vocations, and more so, it is the duty of the Vocation Promoter to concentrate on vocations. In this connection, as per the suggestion of the Senate, Archbishop has announced that we would once again start the APOSTOLIC SCHOOL for boys to be trained from VI or IX Standard.

vi) The Congrua will be increased as per the suggestions of the Fathers and the financial status of the Archdiocese.

vii) "KirithavaVazhvurimai Iyakkam" has to be rejuvenated at all the parishes of the Archdiocese.

viii) Procurator could initiate monitoring of Security Measures and Health safeguards in all the Parish Church campus.

ix) Packianathapuram parochial church and the rectory will soon be constructed taking into account the current financial situation and the number of other rectories to be completed in the Archdiocese. It was suggested that before erecting a new parish, the basic structure of Presbytery and the church have to be constructed.

x) Archbishop said that he had initiated action against those who had sold the diocesan property. He warned strictly that penal actions would be initiated on those who had sold diocesan property or changed pattah in their own name.

xi) Archbishop said that the Bishop's house Chapel would be extended in order to accommodate diocesan level liturgical celebrations and functions.

xii) Archbishop informed the floor that eighty lakhs has been spent to complete the construction of Working Women Hostel. It was discussed whether we could change the project since such Hostels would be a perennial head-ache to the Archdiocese in the future.

xiii) The Chancellor has to submit a detailed Report on how many Religious Congregations entered into a Contract with the Archdiocese; whether they are renewed at the lapse of years; whether any congregation has breached the Agreement and what should be the response of the Archdiocese on those Congregations etc.

xiv) The Excardinated priests' information has to be published in DNL.  
- *Chancellor*

**PRISON MINISTRY- ARCHDIOCESE OF MADURAI.  
GANDHI JEYANTHI- PRISONERS' DAY ON 2<sup>ND</sup>  
OCTOBER 2019 IN CENTRAL PRISON MADURAI**

We, the volunteers of Madurai unit helped the staff in Central prison, Madurai to conduct various competitions for the convicts, Borstal Boys and the remanded persons from 20<sup>th</sup> Sep

- 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. Volley Ball, Throw Ball Teams played, Kabadi, Carrom, singing, dance, drama, drawing, painting, 100 mts. 200 mts. Run etc., were held and they show cased their talents. On 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9 am a function was held in the middle of prison ground, **Mr. Palani, DIG, Mrs.Urmila, Superintendent, Addl. Jailors, Volunteers of prison ministry** paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi. Special speakers highlighted the value based life. Prizes were distributed to winners. Boys from Britto Hr.Sec.School gave cultural programme with patriotic songs and enthused the inmates.

**Women prison:** Volunteers of prison ministry had organized celebration in women prison at 11 am. Games were conducted for the prisoners and the staff. Prizes were distributed. Cultural was the high light of the day wherein both visitors and the prisoners all jointly performed and gave joy for the incarcerated. With national anthem the day ended.

- *Sr. Fatima, SJL, Prison Ministry*

**MEENAKSHI GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR  
WOMAN: BRIMMED WITH JOY AND GUST ON 23<sup>RD</sup>  
OCTOBER MORNING!**

The speciality of the day is the celebration of inter religious Deepawali celebration organised by Thiruarutperavai, Madurai and presided over by The Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy, Archbishop of Madurai in the august presence of Dr. Vanathi, principal and Smt. Santhikumara Swamigal, Dvaraga peedam.

It started with chanting of songs and readings from Holy Scriptures namely Bible, Tiruvasagam and Quran. After the welcome address given by Dr. Amanullah, Fr. Arul introduced and explained about the various activities of Tiruarutperavai. Dr. Vanathi, the principal Prof. Nawaz Banu of Meenakshi College, Brahma kumari Asha felicitated the initiative of Tiruarutperavai. The quiz programme was conducted by prof. Vijayakumar, Secretary, Indian school of social sciences and Fr. Lawrence made the participants alive and interesting. The winners of the competition received the prizes from the president. In his special

address, Smt. Santhikumara Swamigal emphasised on the inner change of every person and such change for humanness will illuminate Deepavali.

In his presidential address, Archbishop brought out well and explained about three features of light. Light contains power and this deepavali should empower the people especially the poor and the marginalised with strength and courage. Light, in order to function, depends on the flick, oil etc. Light brings out changes in the surrounding. The darkness is removed because of the presence of the light. By celebrating Deepavali, there should be a change in a person.

The stage was honoured by other dignitaries like Karhikeyan Manimozhian, John Moses, Mohan Gandhi, Nanmaran (Ex. M.L.A), Msgr. Jeyaraj, Rev. Kanagu Nelson and Yakobu. Thiru. Vijayaragavan, the treasurer, proposed the vote of thanks.

The participants, numbering around 1200 holding a lighted candle, took resolution to be human, lovable, and to avoid hatred and division on the basis of religion. The celebration came to an end with National anthem and distribution of sweets.

Fr. A. Arul,  
Organising secretary, Thiruarutperavai.

### **THIRD WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

**17 November 2019**

#### **The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever (Excerpt from Pope's Message)**

1. "The hope of the poor will not perish for ever" (Ps 9:19). These words of the Psalm remain timely. They express a profound truth that faith impresses above all on the hearts of the poor, restoring lost hope in the face of injustice, sufferings and the uncertainties of life.

The Psalmist describes the condition of the poor and the arrogance of those who oppress them (cf. 10, 1-10). He invokes God's judgment to restore justice and overcome evil (cf. 10, 14-15). In his words, we hear an echo of age-old questions. How can God tolerate this disparity? How can he let the poor be humiliated without coming to their aid? Why does he allow oppressors to prosper instead of condemning their conduct, especially in the light of the sufferings of the poor?

The Psalm was composed at a time of great economic development that, as often happens, also led to serious social imbalances. The inequitable distribution of wealth created a significant number of poor

people, whose condition appeared all the more dramatic in comparison with the wealth attained by a privileged few. The Psalmist, observing the situation, paints a picture as realistic as it is true.

It was a time when arrogant and ungodly people hounded the poor, seeking to take possession even of what little they had, and to reduce them to bondage. The situation is not much different today. The economic crisis has not prevented large groups of people from accumulating fortunes that often appear all the more incongruous when, in the streets of our cities, we daily encounter great numbers of the poor who lack the bare necessities of life and are at times harassed and exploited. The words of Book of Revelation come to mind: "You say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing. You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked" (Rev 3:17). The centuries pass, but the condition of rich and poor remains constant, as if history has taught us nothing. The words of the Psalm, then, are not about the past, but about our present, as it stands before God's judgement.

2. Today too, we must acknowledge many new forms of bondage that enslave millions of men, women, young people and children.

Daily we encounter families forced to leave their homeland to seek a living elsewhere; orphans who have lost their parents or were violently torn from them by brutal means of exploitation; young people seeking professional fulfilment but prevented from employment by shortsighted economic policies; victims of different kinds of violence, ranging from prostitution to the narcotics trade, and profoundly demeaned. How can we overlook, too, the millions of immigrants who fall victim to any number of concealed interests, often exploited for political advantage, and are refused solidarity and equality? And all the homeless and ostracized persons who roam the streets of our cities?

How many times do we see poor people rummaging through garbage bins to retrieve what others have discarded as superfluous, in the hope of finding something to live on or to wear! They themselves become part of a human garbage bin; they are treated as refuse, without the slightest sense of guilt on the part of those who are complicit in this scandal. Frequently judged parasites on society, the poor are not even forgiven their poverty. Judgment is always around the corner. They are not allowed to be timid or discouraged; they are seen as a threat or simply useless, simply because they are poor.

To make matters worse, they can see no end to the tunnel of extreme poverty. We have come to the point of devising a hostile architecture aimed at ridding the streets of their presence, the last places left to them. They roam from one end of the city to the other in the hope of



getting a job, a home, a sign of affection... The least offer becomes a ray of light; yet even where justice might be expected to prevail, they meet with violence and abuse. Forced to work endless hours under a burning sun to gather seasonal fruits, they receive ridiculously low pay. They labour in unsafe and inhuman conditions that prevent them from feeling on a par with others. They lack unemployment compensation, benefits, or even provision for sickness.

The Psalmist describes with brutal realism the attitude of the rich who rob the poor: "They lie in wait that they may seize the poor... and drag them off in their net" (cf. Ps 10:9). As in a hunt, the poor are trapped, captured and enslaved. As a result, many of them become disheartened, hardened and anxious only to drop out of sight. In a word, we see before us a multitude of poor people often maligned and barely tolerated. They become for all effects invisible and their voice is no longer heard or heeded in society. Men and women who are increasingly strangers amid our houses and outcasts in our neighborhoods.

3. The setting of the Psalm is tinged with sadness at the injustice, the suffering and the disappointment endured by the poor. At the same time, it offers a touching definition of the poor: they are those who "put their trust in the Lord" (cf. v. 10), in the certainty that they will never be forsaken. In the Scriptures, the poor are those who trust! The Psalmist also gives the reason for this trust: they "know" the Lord (cf. *ibid.*). In the language of the Bible, such "knowledge" involves a personal relationship of affection and love.

Impressive and completely unexpected as this description is, it simply expresses the grandeur of God, as shown in the way he relates to the poor. His creative power surpasses all human expectations and is shown in his being "mindful" of each individual (cf. v. 13). It is precisely this confidence in the Lord, this certainty of not being forsaken, that inculcates hope. The poor know that God cannot abandon them; hence, they live always in the presence of the God who is mindful of them. God's help extends beyond their present state of suffering in order to point out a path of liberation that profoundly strengthens and transforms the heart.

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



09,10.11.2019	நிலக்கோட்டை	சனி, ஞாயிறு
16,17.11.2019	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
23,24.11.2019	திருவில்லிபுத்தூர்	சனி, ஞாயிறு

**அருட்தந்தை. ஜோசப், செயலர்**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.10.2019**

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 10/02/19	Holy See 31/03/19	Hunger Disease 18/04/19	Good Friday 19/04/19	Vocation Sunday 12/05/19
1	A. Nathampatti	300	300	3000	1000	400
2	Alankulam	1000	1000	9000	9000	1000
3	Ammapatty	800	800	8300	4200	1000
4	Anjal Nagar	6080	5672	70938	45470	2000
5	Anna Nagar	10360	9810	130000	20000	8453
6	Arupukottai	1500	1000	15000	5000	1500
7	Ayravathanallur	4500	2450	15000	15000	2000
8	Bastin Nagar	12000	8000	130300	31000	8500
9	Batlagundu	2600	3000	40000	10000	3000
10	Bibikulam	5000	3140	40580	12580	3330
11	Bodinayakanur	500	500	10000	3000	400
12	Chinnamanur	500	500	10000	1000	500
13	Cumbum	1550	1450	20250	4550	1600
14	Devadanam	2000	1500	24500	4500	1500
15	Ellis Nagar	9845	10534	101192	22510	5984
16	Gnanaolivupuram	7500	7000	125000	45000	6500
17	Hanumanthanpatty	1300	1500	15000	8000	1600
18	Holy Rosary Church	4500	4500	45000	10000	3500
19	Iyyampalayam	1120	328	1050	1510	300
20	K. Pudur	8370	2000	73870	71780	3000
21	Kadachanendal	2000	2000	30000	20000	2000
22	Kadamalaikundu			4500	4000	
23	Kalladipatti	500	500	4000	1000	
24	Kariapatty	1000	1000	8140	5380	1000
25	Karumathur	1450	750	2020	5050	500
26	Kavirayapuram			7100	7140	
27	Kottur	1100	1200	14500	13800	1500
28	Lourdupuram	1500	1000	6795	6100	1000
29	Megamalai	300	200	300	1000	200
30	Mangalamkombu	500	500	4330	2670	500
31	M. Meenatchiapuram	1410	1630	6800	5210	1690
32	Mathankovilpatti	600	500	620	2300	600
33	Marianus Nagar	500	500	8000	6000	1000
34	Meenmpatti	3100	2064	35000	5000	1952
35	Melur	1350	1000	25000	10000	1500

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.10.2019**

	St. Peter's Pence	Communication Day 14/07/19	Prision Ministry 11/08/19	Bible Sunday 29/09/19	Mission Sunday 20/10/19	African Mission 03/11/19	Peter the Apostle 24/11/19	Opus 02/12/19
1								
2	500	500	500	1500				
3	900	900						
4	1500	1500	2000					
5	6500	9110	9230	9864				
6	1000	1000						
7	2450	2500	2530	3145				
8	8000	12000	18000					
9	2700	3000	3200	3000				
10	4250	3960						
11	500	500	500	700				
12	500	500	500					
13	1000	1000	1500					
14	1500	1500	1500	1500				
15	12180	12372	10541					
16								
17	1200	1150	1250					
18								
19	350	350	400					
20	13860	9060	18000					
21	2000	2000	2000					
22		1000						
23								
24	1000	1000	1000	1000				
25	500	500						
26								
27	1200	1400	1300	1000				
28								
29								
30	500	500						
31								
32	500	530						
33	1000	1000	1000					
34	2040	2000	1600	2050				
35	1200	1300	1000	1000				

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.10.2019**

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 10/02/19	Holy See 31/03/19	Hunger Disease 18/04/19	Good Friday 19/04/19	Vocation Sunday 12/05/19
36	Melakovilpatti			5000	2200	
37	Michaelpalayam	750	750	*10,000	1500	750
38	Munjikkal					
39	Nagamalai	4000	2000	90000	20000	3000
40	Nakkaneri	1000	1000	11500	2000	1000
41	Nilakottai	1000	500	6400	4200	1000
42	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)	1000	1000	10000	10000	1000
43	Othaiyal	300	200	700	1100	400
44	Packiapuram	2350	2250	25350	10220	2370
45	Packianathapuram					
46	Palanganatham	6000	5000	150000	25000	5000
47	Pandian Nagar					
48	Periyakulam	1100	500	21000		
49	Perumalmalai	1500	1500			
50	R.R. Nagar	3000	3000	35000	6500	2000
51	Railway Colony	2600	1200	5100	4100	1100
52	Rajapalayam	1500	1200	18200	3400	1400
53	Rayappanpatti	6000	3500	30000	25000	3500
54	Rayapuram			10200	3350	
55	Samayanallur	3000	3300	50000	11000	4000
56	Sattur					
57	Shenbaganur	3000	3200	11000	3500	2000
58	Sengole Nagar	2000	2000	60000	43500	2500
59	Silukkuvarpatty	1000	1000	10000	5000	
60	Sivakasi	11500	12500	116200	50200	10500
61	Srivilliputhur			15000	40000	
62	St. Mary's Cathedral	10000	5000	60000	50000	5000
63	Sundaranatchiapuram					
64	T. Sindalacherry	3000	1000	19400	20600	1000
65	T. Vadipatti Shrine	1100	1000	10500	16300	1500
66	Theni	4200	3600	42015	19043	3722
67	Thirumangalam	1600	1100	3600	6010	1450
68	Thirunagar	1500	2000	7500	21000	1500
69	Thiruthangal	3800	2200	25000	9000	3000
70	Thummuchinampatty	750	570	820	1000	850

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.10.2019**

	St. Peter's Pence 30/06/19	Communi- cation Day 14/07/19	Prison Ministry 11/08/19	Bible Sunday 29/09/19	Mission Sunday 20/10/19	African Mission 03/11/19	Peter the Apostle 24/11/19	Opus 02/12/19
36								
37					7500			
38								
39	3000	3000	3000					
40								
41	700	1000	600	2000				
42								
43	320	200						
44	5206	3976	5021					
45				1654				
46				5000				
47								
48			1200					
49								
50	1000	1000	5000	3000				
51	1330	1040	1120	2010	18100			
52	1200	1500	1500	1800				
53	3500	3500	3500	3500				
54								
55	3000	3100	3000	3400				
56								
57	1000	1000	1000					
58	2000	2000	2000	2000				
59								
60	15000	12000	12100	12500				
61								
62								
63								
64	1000	1000	1000					
65								
66	4200	3300	3800	4000				
67								
68	1500	1500						
69	2200	2100	2200	3000				
70	900	900	850	820				

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.10.2019**

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 10/02/19	Holy See 31/03/19	Hunger Disease 18/04/19	Good Friday 19/04/19	Vocation Sunday 12/05/19
71	Ugarthe Nagar	2000	2000	25000	15000	2000
72	Usilampatti	3000	1000	25000	6000	1000
73	Uthamapalayam					
74	Virudhunagar	9500	9500	130000	70000	9500
75	Vadapatti Mission	200	300	400	600	245
76	W. Pudupatti	1000	1000	9468	10956	1000
77	Y. Othakadai	2000	1022	16141	19725	1830
	Fr. Lourduraj Arockia Illam			1400	1000	
	Holycross Convent, Pambarpuram	10000				
	Fouriere Home, Pambarpuram	10000				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>212885</b>	<b>152470</b>	<b>2111979</b>	<b>957754</b>	<b>144626</b>

**NB:** \* Michaelpalayam Parish Rs. 10,000/- for Hunger & Disease collection paid directly to MMSSS.

**From the Procurator's Desk**

Dear Rev. Fathers,

- ✪ Kindly verify the above statement and confirm the remittances. If any discrepancy is found, you are welcome to correct the same with the receipt available with you.
- ✪ Kindly remit all the Diocesan Collections (13 Nos) and the DMF (1%) Collections seperatly by Cheque or Bank Draft favouring **The R.C. Diocese of Madurai** to the Procurator's Office. This is in accordance with Government norms for restricting cash transactions.
- ✪ **NEW ADDRESS BOOK** is available in the Diocesan Office & Nobili Book Center. It costs Rs. 110/- only.
- ✪ The Parishes having Surplus masses are kindly asked to remit those masses to the diocese, and thus help the other priests to offer it.
- ✪ My special thanks to all the parish priests, correspondents and directors of our diocesan institutions for submitting the quarterly accounts regularly. **All are requested to submit the accounts till September 2019 as we have half - yearly auditing in the beginning of the month November - 2019.**

- Fr. Procurator

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.10.2019**

St. Peter's Pence 30/06/19	Communi- cation Day 14/07/19	Prision Ministry 11/08/19	Bible Sunday 29/09/19	Mission Sunday 20/10/19	African Mission 03/11/19	Peter the Apostle 24/11/19	Opus 02/12/19
2000	2000	2000	3000				
1000	1200						
9500	8700	6700					
1000	1000	1000	1000				
<b>129386</b>	<b>127148</b>	<b>134142</b>	<b>73443</b>	<b>25600</b>			

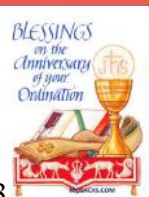
**Mass Received From Parishes**

Annanagar (400 Masses)	40,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>

***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 K.	on	18.11.2007



**KANI (Seminarians Fund)**

**Opening Balance as on 25.09.2019**

**36,03,376.77**

Franciscan Sist.of the presentation of Mary, Nagamalai Pudukottai	1,00,000.00
Pillar Pallottine Community, Nagamalai	25,000.00
Parish Priest, Nagamalai	23,000.00
Mr. Paul Sengole Raj, Gnanaolivupuram	15,000.00
Parishioners, Kavirayapuram	10,000.00
Parish Priest, Holy Rosary Church	10,000.00
The Provincial Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyons, Madurai	10,000.00
Parishioners, Pandalkudi	10,000.00
Sirumalar Girls Hr. Sec. School, Nagamalai	10,000.00
Mashot, NPC, Madurai	5,000.00
Servite Convent, Nagamalai	5,000.00
St. Joseph's Nursery & Primary School, Nagamalai	5,000.00
St. Valan Hostel, Nagamalai	5,000.00
Parish Priest & Parishioners, Silukkuvarpatti	5,000.00
Pallottine Missionary Sisters, Rajambodi	5,000.00
Parish Priest, Anna Nagar (Binaton Mass)	3,700.00
De Lasalle Brothers Boy's Town, Pulluthu, Madurai	3,000.00
Social Centre, Nagamalai	3,000.00
R.C. Primary School, Pandalkudi	3,000.00
Holy Family Brothers, Nagamalai	2,500.00
Mr. V. Arockia Raja & Sahaya Geetha, Pandalkudi	2,000.00
Narcheithi Paniyalargal, Nagamalai	2,000.00
School Canteen, Nagamalai	2,000.00
Presentation Convent, Postulants House, Madurai	2,000.00
Mr. James, Press, Gnanaolivupuram	1,000.00
CIC Sisters, St. Joseph's Carmel Convent, Aruppukottai	1,000.00
Sr. S. Shanthi, Superior & Community, Madurai	1,000.00
Mr. S. Yesudasan & Josephin Daicy, Madurai	1,000.00
G. Usha Bernadett	1,000.00
Fr. Arul, Archbishops House	500.00

**38,75,076.77**

Add: Bank Interest	- 30498.00	30498.00
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**Closing Balance as on 25.10.2019**

**39,05,574.77**

Cash in Hand	: 500.00
Cash at Bank	: 39,05,074.77
	<b>39,05,574.77</b>

## நொபிலி அருள்பணி மெயம்

புதிய கட்டிடம் மலர்வதற்காக தாராள மனதுடன் உதவும் உள்ளங்கள்

Diocese of Venice in Florida, U.S.A. (Through Fr. T.R. Jayabalan)	14,40,699.96
Saint Alphonsus Congregation, U.S.A. (Through Fr. Britto Raja Suresh)	6,15,616.62
Fr. Valentine Joseph, USA	1,65,504.00
Fr. Britto Raja Suresh, USA	1,39,835.00
Fr. Arul Joseph, USA	1,04,816.00
Fr. G. Lourdu Raj, Arockia Illam	55,000.00
Fr. Dhivyanandam	50,000.00
Fr. Arul, Secretary, Dialogue Commission	50,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Irudaya Raj - Lilly Rose, Annanagar	50,000.00
Fr. A. Antony Samy, Secretary, C.C.L	25,000.00
Fr. Vincent Mathan Babu	20,000.00
Fr. M. John Diraviam, Chancellor	15,000.00
Fr. A. Vedamanickam, Palanganatham	10,000.00
Fr. I. Maria Arul Selvam	10,000.00
Mr. Arulanandam, Rtd., H.M, Annanagar	10,000.00
Amaladass Nithya, Annanagar	10,000.00
Mr. Jeevanandam & Elizabeth Mary, K. Pudur	10,000.00
The Teachers, R.C. Mid.Sch. P. Chettiapatti, Usilampatti	5,000.00
Fr. Gnanasandanam, Arockia Illam	5,000.00
Nazrane Isabella Family, Usilampatti	1,000.00
Mrs. Badma James, Kadachanendal	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,93,471.58</b>

## Adoration Sunday

November		December	
03	Periakulam	01	Kariapatti
10	Nilakottai	08	Ellis Nagar
17	Samayanallur	15	Railway Colony
24	Aruppukottai	22	Sattur
		29	Silukkuvarpatti

## Necrology

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

## MADURA MISSION - HISTORICAL NOTES

### XXX. Madura Mission – Historical Notes

Before focussing on the other great missionaries of new *Madura Mission* we need to understand the ecclesiastical background of this mission. During the period of St. John de Britto and other missionaries, the Missions of Madura, Malabar, Carnatic etc., were under Padroado system, meaning under the patronage of Portugal king who exercised authority over the mission affairs. Already in 1493, Pope Alexander VI and his successors granted Portugal the right of *Patronage* to be exercised over all the territories they conquered, or to be conquered or discovered by Portugal. Thus Portugal had the monopoly of missions and trade simultaneously. In other words the universal and holy and Catholic Church granted Portugal the right of foundation and endowment of episcopal sees, of parishes and of seminaries. It means Portugal obtained the power to establish dioceses, parishes and seminaries in mission land.

The King had the privilege of appointing and assigning the missionaries and defining the mission area. In 1600 the Bishop of Goa had the jurisdiction over all the south Indian Missions including the Madura mission. But the Church paid its prize through the latter kings of Portugal for mixing God's work with temporal power. Due to anticlerical and free-Masonic governments of Portugal, the missions supported by Portugal were abandoned by her new rulers, and the Society of Jesus itself was suppressed. In 1833 Portugal expelled all the religious men and women from Portuguese India. She wilfully neglected the missions which caused a diplomatic rupture between Portugal and Rome. This came to an end by the timely intervention of Pope Gregory XVI. By the Bull *Multa Praeclare* the Pope abolished the *Padroado* system and thus annihilated Goan jurisdiction over the mission areas in south India.

In 1836 in order to free the missions from the clutch of *Padroado* system, Pope Gregory XVI elevated Pondicherry Mission, as a Vicariate of Coromandal coast. At this time only the four pioneers of New Madura Mission arrived at Madura mission. They found the mission almost in ruin. The Methodists and Lutherans had a great harvest during the period of suppression of the Order. Moreover, the caste system and the village leaders had destroyed the faith of the new converts and many had returned to their old religion or were pulled by the Lutherans and the Anglicans.

In 1847, Fr. Alexis Canoz was appointed as the Vicar Apostolic and was consecrated a Bishop of Trichinopoly, who in his career of forty one

years of episcopacy paved the way for the Mission to become a local church. So many institutions were established in order to educate and liberate the Indians. In 1848, St. Joseph's College was founded at Nagapattanam and later it was shifted to Trichinopoly (in 1883). In 1849 the congregation of Brothers of the Seven Dolours was born in Dindigul in order to train local catechists. In 1888, the Jesuit Novitiate was founded first in Trichy and later in Dindigul, which formed many religious. In 1857 an Orphanage was opened at Adaikalapuram with a grant from Holy Childhood society. In 1860 the Sisters of Mary, the Repairer came to Trichinopoly and established two indigenous congregations, eg., the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. In 1876 a School for Catechists were started at Palayamcotta which gave so many Catechists to the missions. In the same year indigenous women congregations such as Sisters of Our Lady of Dolours and Sisters of St. Anne of Trichy were founded who were also trained by the French nuns, the Sisters of Mary, the Repairer (Reparation Nuns).

It was 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1886! A day of great blessing to the Indian Church. It is the day that witnessed a new Concordat between Rome and Portugal being signed by which the INDIAN HIERARCHY was established. All the structures of Vicariates were abolished and in their places the local churches (Dioceses) were established. Goa was elevated to the status of Patriarchate and three bishoprics of Daman, Cochin and Mylapore were attached to it. However, in light of this Concordat, the king of Portugal had the right of Presentation (naming a Bishop) to the sees of Bombay, Mangalore, Quilon and Trichinopoly. This particular Concordat (Agreement between the Holy See and the sovereign countries) was the daring and courageous outcome of the Petrine ministry of Pope Leo XIII. It liberated all the mission countries from the confusion of padroado system.

Immediately in 1887, by the Apostolic Constitution, *Humanae Salutis* Pope Leo XIII raised all the Vicar Apostolics into Bishops and Archbishops. This Constitution was proclaimed in South Indian Bishops Synod held in Bangalore in the same year. Thus Trichinopoly became the suffragan of Bombay Archdiocese. In 1890 Bishop John M. Barthe succeeded Bishop Alexis Canoz. Meanwhile the shift of separation took place between the Jesuit mission and a diocese. During the missionary period of Bishop Barthe, the local church also built sacred edifices with the generous donation from France, since most of the missionaries of the new mission were from France in comparison to the fact that most of the missionaries

of the Old Mission were Portuguese. To name the few, the church of Kuthalur was built by an English lady; La Salette of Kodaikanal was built by the countess d' Oultremont and the church of Pudukottai was built by a French benefactress.

In 1893 by a Papal Decree, all the stations of Madura Mission in the Tanjore district (36 churches and 94 chapels with 21,200 Catholics) were handed over to the Diocese of Mylapore, the newly erected diocese which had personal jurisdiction over fourteen churches in Trichinopoly diocese.

In 1895 Sacred Heart College was opened at Shenbaganur which trained Novices, Juniors and students of Philosophy for the Jesuit missions in India and Ceylon. In 1909 Bishop Barthe received a Co-adjutor Bishop Augustine Faisandier who succeeded Bishop Barthe in 1914. In 1921 Most Rev. Faisandier, the Bishop of Trichinopoly opened St. Paul's Seminary for the training of secular priests of various dioceses in southern India. In 1936 St. Paul's had already 70 students and almost 103 new missionaries had passed from the portal of St. Paul's already then to work in different dioceses. 2021 is the Centenary Jubilee year of St. Paul's Seminary, Trichy.

Now the land which we were talking about was no more a mission land. The erudite Scholar Fr. Huppert SJ says "the end and the aim of Missions is to establish the Catholic Church on a permanent basis" in a particular land. He continues: "after four centuries of labour the Madura mission was deemed to have reached that stage of maturity when the local clergy could be entrusted with all the pastoral care of the diocese."

Thus the coastal area was culled out from Trichinopoly and in 1923 the Diocese of Tuticorin was erected by Pope Pius XI, and Msgr. Francis T. Roche SJ., became its first bishop. As per the new policy of separation between the mission and the diocese, Madura mission retained the high school at Tuticorin and founded Loyola College in Mylapore, Madras. The Mission opened St. Xavier's College at *Palamcotta* in the same year. In 1932 Bishop Faisandier opened St. Augustine Junior Seminary for Minor Seminary formation. In view of what is going to happen to Madurai in 1938, part of Ramnad District with 60,000 Catholics were formed into one unit with 20 parish centers and they were confided to secular clergy. After a missionary episcopal ministry of twenty three years, Bishop Augustine Faisandier died in May 1936, and his successor Peter Leonard SJ became the bishop of Trichinopoly. Here a new epoch and a new horizon began to simmer out in the sky of the Archdiocese.

(to be continued)

- Fr. Jodir.