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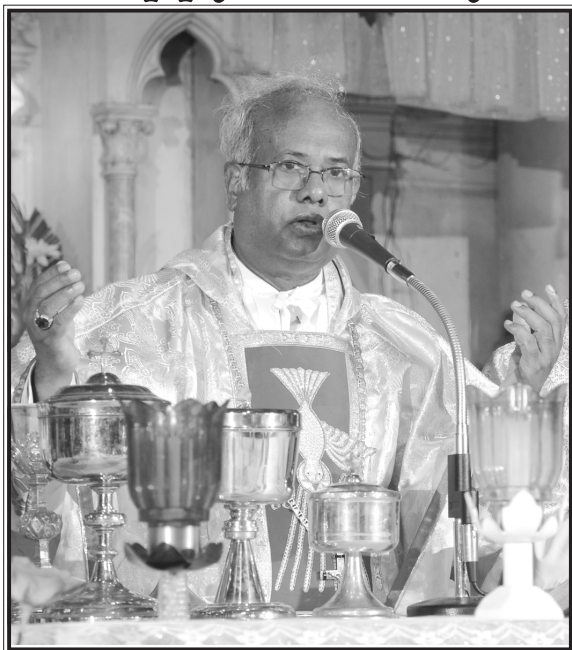
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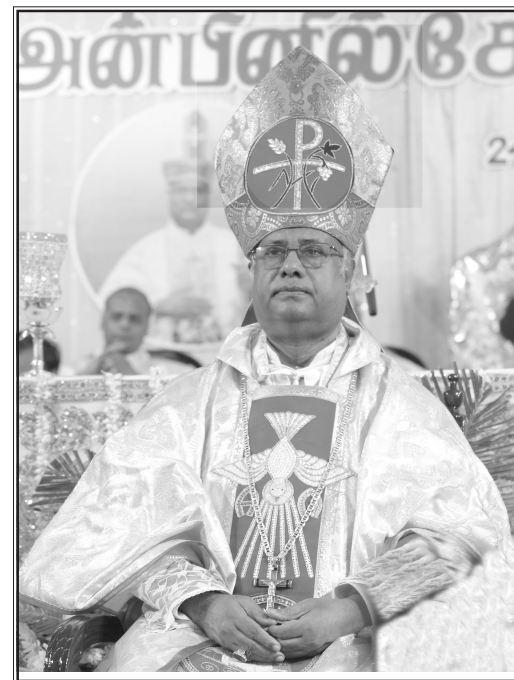
Happy Birthday



to Our Archbishop
Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy
01.10.2014

Many more Happy Returns of the Day


*Joyous Birthday Greetings to
our Archbishop
Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy
On 1st October 2014.*



*O. St. Teresa of Lissieux, The Patroness of
Archbishop's House, Madurai,*

*May your presence and intercession cover
our Archbishop with Love, Joy, Success,
Peace and Prosperity.*

Archbishop's Engagements - October 2014

01.10.14	Theni - Meeting the Priest	
02.10.14	Oriur - Diocesan Pilgrimage	
03.10.14	Palayakovil, Trichy - Eve - Mass	
04.10.14	Meeting at NPC Mor: TN Catholica Sangam Batlagundu - Eve : Mass	
05.10.14	W. Pudupatti Mor: Mass Youth Commission Eve: Mass at NPC	
07.10.14	GBM, Madurai Mor :MMSSS Eve: VSSS	
08.10.14	Velankanni, Nagai	
09.10.14	Velankanni, Nagai - Mass	
10.10.14	Sivakasi - Eve: School Blessing	
11.10.14	Poondi Basilica - Mor: Jubilee Mass	
12.10.14	MASHOT at NPC - Mor: Meeting Holy Rosary Church - Eve. Feast Mass	
14.10.14	Kavirayapuram - Eve: Feast Mass	
15.10.14	St. Paul's Seminary, Trichy - Mor: Mass, Meeting	
18.10.14	Schoenstatt Seminary, Madurai - Eve: Mass	
19.10.14	Servite Convent, Trichy - Mor: Feast Mass	
24.10.14	Sundaranachiyarpurm - Eve: Church Blessing Parish, Sethoor	
26.10.14	Women Commission, Trichy - One Day Meeting	
29.10.14	Pillar, Nagamalai - Mor: Meeting	
30.10.14	Pudukottai - Mor: Marriage Mass	
31.10.14	DMSSS, Dindigul - Mor: Meeting	

Pope's Prayer Intention for October: That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.

Pope's Mission Intention for October: That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world.

Please Note

- Birthday Greetings to our Archbishop:** We, the presbyterium, the religious and the laity of the Archdiocese of Madurai offer our prayerful greetings to you, Your Grace, on your Birthday, 1st of October 2014, which is also celebrated on the Feast Day of *St. Teresa of Child Jesus*, who is the *Patron Saint of Madurai Archbishop's House*. May the Saint intercede for the growth of the Archdiocese at your sheperding.
- We thank:** DNL thanks the Retreat Preacher, Fr. Maria Doss CMF who guided the Archdiocesan Clergy Annual Retreat 2014 at Pillar from 15th to 19th September 2014. DNL thanks as well the Director of PILLAR for the place and all the facilities that enhanced a fruitful retreat.
- Annual Pilgrimage :** As customary we go on our Annual Pilgrimage to the **Shrine of St. John De Britto, Oriyur on 2nd inst.** The Penitential Service will start at 10:00 am. and kindly motivate the faithful to participate in this penitential service. The Annual Pilgrim Holy Mass will begin at 11:00 am. During such annual pilgrimage one may obtain special plenary indulgence by fulfilling the following requirements: i) Confession ii) worthy reception of Holy Communion after the sacramental confession iii) prayer for the intention of the Pope. His Grace celebrates together with the Presbyterium his **first Episcopal Solemn Mass** at the Shrine as the Archbishop of Madurai.

May the courageous witness of our Patron Saint inspire and strengthen us to bear witness to Christ courageously in our day today lives.

4. As customary there will not be monthly recollection in October which is the month of Archdiocesan Annual Pilgrimage.
5. **Mission Sunday:** The Mission Sunday falls on **19th inst.**, 29th Sunday of Ordinary Year. Kindly enlighten the faithful on the importance of Evangelization and Missionary Life during this month. Kindly inform about the special Mission Sunday collection to be procured on 19th, well in advance, during the previous Sundays, *i.e.*, 5th and 12th *inst.* The M.S. calendars and the M.S. envelopes could also be distributed well in advance, and special stalls could be arranged to procure a good collection which will be sent to Pontifical Mission Societies.
6. **Holy Childhood and Propagation of Faith Projects:** The Vicar Foranes are invited to discuss with priests on the projects for *propaganda Fide* and *Holy Childhood* to be allotted to the needy parishes.
7. **Month of Rosary:** All the priests are encouraged to lead the faithful in praying rosary during this special month. A plenary indulgence may be obtained by one by the prayerful recitation of rosary in Church, as a family at home, as religious community, or in general wherever several persons are gathered together for a good purpose.
8. **Extraordinary Synod of Bishops:** The Extraordinary Synod of Bishops will be held on 5-19 on the theme “Pastoral challenges of the Family in the context of Evangelization.” The Ordinary Synod of Bishops will be held in 2015 on the theme of Family. Let us pray for the successful outcome of the Synod.

An extraordinary synod is convoked by the Pope to discuss urgent matters, and so it does not undergo the procedure of selection of its members which characterizes the ordinary synod of bishops. Presidents of bishops’ conferences, as well as the heads of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia, are ‘*de officio*’ appointed as members of the synod, while there are also members directly chosen by Pope Francis.

Despite it is a “smaller assembly,” 253 persons will take part to the extraordinary synod for the family. The list is composed of 114 presidents of bishops’ conferences; 13 heads of Eastern Catholic Churches; 25 heads of dicasteries of the Roman Curia; nine members of the Ordinary Council of the Secretariat; the general secretary; the undersecretary; the religious elected by the Union for General Superiors; and 26 members appointed by the Pope.

In addition to these, there are 8 fraternal delegates, 38 auditors – among them 13 married couples – and 16 periti, or experts.



**BLESSED JOSEPH VAZ, THE INDIAN PRIEST WILL BE THE FIRST
INDIAN (MALE) SAINT**

Pope Francis signed on 17th Sept. 2014 decrees clearing the way for the canonization of an Indian priest and an Italian religious sister. He also confirmed miracles attributed to the intercessions of an Italian bishop and a Canadian religious sister, pointing to their beatification in the near future.

Blessed Joseph Vaz, an Indian priest of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, was founder of the Oratory of the Holy Cross of Miracles in Goa (1651-1711). Known as the “Apostle of Ceylon” on account of his evangelization of the Asian island, he was beatified by St. John Paul II in 1995.

The Pope approved the votes of the Ordinary Session of the Cardinal and Bishop Fathers in favour of the canonisation of Blessed Joseph Vaz, the Vatican said. He also decided that a consistory will be convoked shortly for his canonisation and that of Blessed Maria Cristina.

– *Courtesy: vatican.va.*



Beatification of Pope Paul VI

The Vatican has announced that Pope Paul VI will be beatified this October at the conclusion of the synod of bishops on the family. A statement from the Holy See's press office on May 10 read, "the Holy Father has authorised the dicastery to communicate that the rite of beatification of the Venerable Servant of God Paul VI will take place, in the Vatican, on October 19, 2014."

The beatification ceremony will take place just as the world's bishops conclude their meetings regarding matters related to marriage and family life.

Paul VI is particularly well-known for his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, which spoke about the importance of generosity in married love and the principles of responsible parenthood.

The late Pontiff was born in the Lombardi region of Italy in 1897 and given the baptismal name Giovanni Battista Montini. Ordained a priest in 1920 and consecrated as a bishop in 1954, he was appointed to the college of cardinals in 1958. At the age of 66 he was elected Pope and chose the name Paul VI in reference to the missionary spirit of the Apostle Paul.

He re-convoked the second Vatican council, which had automatically closed with the death of his predecessor, John XIII, and improved ecumenical relations with the Orthodox Church. In a historic move in December of 1965, Pope Paul VI and the Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople mutually lifted the excommunications that had been leveled against the leaders of both churches in 1054.

– *Courtesy: vatican.va.*

Pope's Message for Mission Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission ad gentes continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born "to go forth". World Mission Day is a privileged moment when the faithful of various continents engage in prayer and concrete gestures of solidarity in support of the young Churches in mission lands. It is a celebration of grace and joy. A celebration of grace, because the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, offers wisdom and strength to those who are obedient to his action. A celebration of joy, because Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, sent to evangelize the world, supports and accompanies our missionary efforts. This joy of Jesus and missionary disciples leads me to propose a biblical icon, which we find in the Gospel of Luke.

1. The Evangelist tells us that the Lord sent the seventy-two disciples two by two into cities and villages to proclaim that the Kingdom of God was near, and to prepare people to meet Jesus. After carrying out this mission of preaching, the disciples returned full of joy: joy is a dominant theme of this first and unforgettable missionary experience. Yet the divine Master told them: "Do not rejoice because the demons are subject to you; but rejoice because your names are written in heaven. At that very moment Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said: 'I give you praise, Father...' And, turning to the disciples in private he said, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see'".

Luke presents three scenes. Jesus speaks first to his disciples, then to the Father, and then again to the disciples. Jesus wanted to let the

disciples share his joy, different and greater than anything they had previously experienced.

2. The disciples were filled with joy, excited about their power to set people free from demons. But Jesus cautioned them to rejoice not so much for the power they had received, but for the love they had received, "because your names are written in heaven". The disciples were given an experience of God's love, but also the possibility of sharing that love. And this experience is a cause for gratitude and joy in the heart of Jesus. Luke saw this jubilation in a perspective of the trinitarian communion: "Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit", turning to the Father and praising him. This moment of deep joy springs from Jesus' immense filial love for his Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who hid these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to the childlike. God has both hidden and revealed, and in this prayer of praise it is his revealing which stands out. What is it that God has revealed and hidden? The mysteries of his Kingdom, the manifestation of divine lordship in Jesus and the victory over Satan.

God has hidden this from those who are all too full of themselves and who claim to know everything already. They are blinded by their presumptuousness and they leave no room for God. One can easily think of some of Jesus' contemporaries whom he repeatedly admonished, but the danger is one that always exists and concerns us too. The "little ones", for their part, are the humble, the simple, the poor, the marginalized, those without voice, those weary and burdened, whom Jesus pronounced "blessed". We readily think of Mary, Joseph, the fishermen of Galilee and the disciples whom Jesus called as he went preaching.

3. "Yes, Father, for such has been your gracious will". These words of Jesus must be understood as referring to his inner exultation. The

word "gracious" describes the Father's saving and benevolent plan for humanity. It was this divine graciousness that made Jesus rejoice, for the Father willed to love people with the same love that he has for his Son. Luke also alludes to the similar exultation of Mary: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit exults in God my Savior". This is the Good News that leads to salvation. Mary, bearing in her womb Jesus, the evangelizer par excellence, met Elizabeth and rejoiced in the Holy Spirit as she sang her Magnificat. Jesus, seeing the success of his disciples' mission and their resulting joy, rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and addressed his Father in prayer. In both cases, it is joy for the working of salvation, for the love with which the Father loves his Son comes down to us, and through the Holy Spirit fills us and grants us a share in the trinitarian life.

The Father is the source of joy. The Son is its manifestation, and the Holy Spirit its giver. Immediately after praising the Father, so the evangelist Matthew tells us, Jesus says: "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light". "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew".

The Virgin Mary had a unique experience of this encounter with Jesus, and thus became "causa nostrae laetitiae". The disciples, for their part, received the call to follow Jesus and to be sent by him to preach the Gospel, and so they were filled with joy. Why shouldn't we too enter this flood of joy?

4. "The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet

covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience". Humanity greatly needs to lay hold of the salvation brought by Christ. His disciples are those who allow themselves to be seized ever more by the love of Jesus and marked by the fire of passion for the Kingdom of God and the proclamation of the joy of the Gospel. All the Lord's disciples are called to nurture the joy of evangelization. The Bishops, as those primarily responsible for this proclamation, have the task of promoting the unity of the local Church in her missionary commitment. They are called to acknowledge that the joy of communicating Jesus Christ is expressed in a concern to proclaim him in the most distant places, as well as in a constant outreach to the peripheries of their own territory, where great numbers of the poor are waiting for this message.

Many parts of the world are experiencing a dearth of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. Often this is due to the absence of contagious apostolic fervour in communities which lack enthusiasm and thus fail to attract. The joy of the Gospel is born of the encounter with Christ and from sharing with the poor. For this reason I encourage parish communities, associations and groups to live an intense fraternal life, grounded in love for Jesus and concern for the needs of the most disadvantaged. Wherever there is joy, enthusiasm and a desire to bring Christ to others, genuine vocations arise. Among these vocations, we should not overlook lay vocations to mission. There has been a growing awareness of the identity and mission of the lay faithful in the Church, as well as a recognition that they are called to take an increasingly important role in the spread of the Gospel. Consequently they need to be given a suitable training for the sake of an effective apostolic activity.

5. "God loves a cheerful giver". World Mission Day is also an

occasion to rekindle the desire and the moral obligation to take joyful part in the mission ad gentes. A monetary contribution on the part of individuals is the sign of a self-offering, first to the Lord and then to others; in this way a material offering can become a means for the evangelization of humanity built on love.

Dear brothers and sisters, on this World Mission Day my thoughts turn to all the local Churches. Let us not be robbed of the joy of evangelization! I invite you to immerse yourself in the joy of the Gospel and nurture a love that can light up your vocation and your mission. I urge each of you to recall, as if you were making an interior pilgrimage, that "first love" with which the Lord Jesus Christ warmed your heart, not for the sake of nostalgia but in order to persevere in joy. The Lord's disciples persevere in joy when they sense his presence, do his will and share with others their faith, hope and evangelical charity.

Let us pray through the intercession of Mary, the model of humble and joyful evangelization, that the Church may become a welcoming home, a mother for all peoples and the source of rebirth for our world.

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குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும் தீருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்



அக்டோபர்	3,4.10.2014	நொபிலி மறைப்பணி நிலையம்	வெள்ளி, சனி
	11,12.10.2014	உத்தமபாளையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
	17,18.10.2014	நொபிலி மறைப்பணி நிலையம்	வெள்ளி, சனி
	25,26.10.2014	வத்தலக்குண்டு / நிலக்கோட்டை	சனி, ஞாயிறு
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Holy Childhood Collection - 2014

Collection as on 29/08/2014	1,18,005.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
T. Vadipatti	3,500.00
Srivilliputhur	1,000.00
Collection as on 26/09/2014	1,27,505.00

Holy See Collection - 2014

Collection as on 29/08/2014	54,245.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
T. Vadipatti	3,000.00
Kadachanedal	1,500.00
Srivilliputhur	1,000.00
Collection as on 26/09/2014	64,745.00

Hunger & Disease Collection - 2014

Collection as on 29/08/2014	8,02,191.00
Anna Nagar	51,000.00
T. Vadipatti	19,000.00
Srivilliputhur	11,000.00
Collection as on 26/09/2014	8,83,191.00

Good Friday Collection -2014

Collection as on 29/08/2014	4,60,996.00
T. Vadipatti	24,000.00
Anna Nagar	14,000.00
Srivilliputhur	5,000.00
Collection as on 26/09/2014	5,03,996.00

Vocation Sunday Collection - 2014

Collection as on 29/08/2014	58,676.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
T. Vadipatti	4,000.00
Kadachanedal	2,000.00
Srivilliputhur	1,000.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	600.00
Collection as on 26/09/2014	71,276.00

St. Peter's Pence Collection -2014

Collection as on 29/08/2014	47,308.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Bastin Nagar	3,000.00
T. Vadipatti	3,000.00
Srivilliputhur	2,000.00
Kadachanedal	1,500.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	600.00
W. Pudupatti	500.00
Collection as on 26/09/2014	62,908.00

Bibile Sunday Collection -2014

Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Bibikulam	2,600.00
Collection as on 26/09/2014	7,600.00

Mass Received From Parish

Bibikulam (100 Mass)	7,000.00
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Seminarians Fund -2014

Mr. R. Vallal Sebastian, Bastin Nagar	20,000.00
Mrs. Sheela Vincent, Iravathanallur	10,000.00
St. Charles Society, Thanakkankulam	10,000.00
Malayadipatti	5,000.00
CIC Provincial House, Viraganur	5,000.00
Kovilpillai Lourduraj, Iravathanallur	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Silukkuvarpatti	5,000.00
Parish Priest, Iravathanallur	4,000.00
Teachers from Marampadi, Samiputhanpatti, Undanpatti	2,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Anjal Nagar	2,000.00
Peoples, Virudhunagar	1,000.00
Mary Grace, Silukkuvarpatti	500.00
Mr. Santhose Raja Pandian, Chockanathanpudur	500.00
Mr. Robert Bellarmin, Trichy	500.00

Total - 70,500.00

Archbishop Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy Installation Collection

Collection as on 29/08/2014	11,49,100.00
Archbishop Antony Installation dumb box collection	42,059.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Theni	25,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Srivilliputhur	15,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Bastin Nagar	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Anjal Nagar	5,000.00
SFS Matric Hr.Sec.School, Pandian Nagar	5,000.00
Fr. Edward Francis Suptd.	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Nagamalai	2,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Kadachanendal	2,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Meenatchiapuram	2,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Aruppukottai	1,500.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Pandian Nagar	1,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, W. Pudupatti	1,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Kavirayapuram	1,000.00

Collection as on 26/09/2014 12,61,659.00

Greetings on Birthday

Fr. Gandhi Savarimuthu P.	02.10.1969
Fr. Francis Borgia S.	10.10.1961
Fr. Rosario	11.10.1961
Fr. Jeyaseelan A., msfs	13.10.1974
Fr. R. Maria Prabhu	13.10.1982
Fr. Arul Rayan S.	20.10.1979
Fr. Maria Arul Selvam D.	22.10.1978
Fr. D. Gnanapiragasam	23.10.1954
Fr. David Arockiam	24.10.1966
Fr. Alex Gnanaraj A.	24.10.1979



Felicitations On Ordination Anniversary Day

Fr. Lucas Maria Gnanam on 18.10.1980

Adoration Sunday

October	November
05 Usilampatty	02 Theni
12 A. Nathampatty	09 Christ the King Church, Madurai.-18.
19 Y. Othakkadai	16 K. Pudur
26 Karumathur	23 Melur
	30 Alangulam

Necrology

Fr. Alphonse N.P.	03.10.2006
Fr. Santiago G.	09.10.1969
Fr. Benedict Michael	10.10.1977
Fr. Maria Susai S.S.	15.10.1979
Fr. Michael T.A.	21.10.1981
Fr. Packiar G.	22.10.1992
Fr. Irudayam V.M.	23.10.2002
Fr. Antonysamy S.M.	24.10.1970
Fr. Amalorpavam D.	28.10.1982



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