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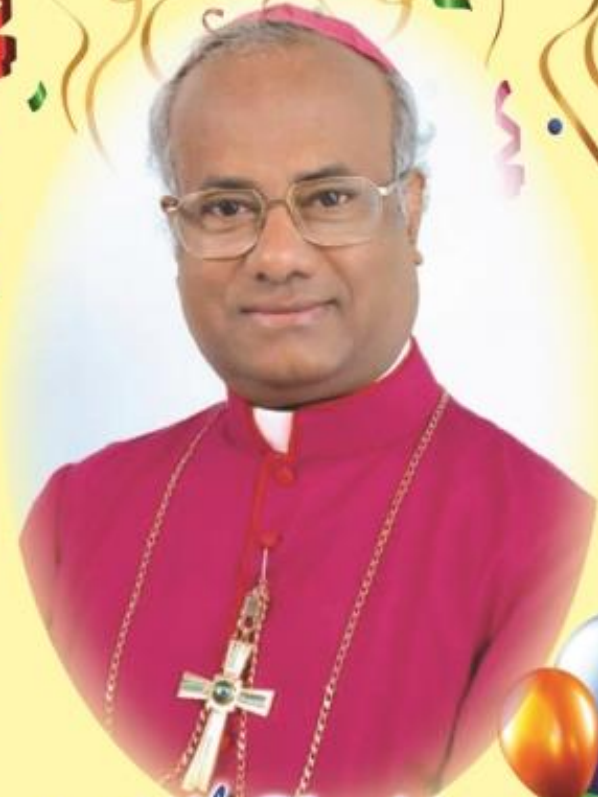
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*Joyous 70th Birthday
Greetings to
His Grace*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY





Happy Birthday

Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy (01)

Fr. Gandhi Savarimuthu P. (02)

Fr. Francis Borgia S. (10)

Fr. Vinod Mathias T. (11)

Fr. Maria Prabhu R. (13)

Fr. Arul Rayan S. (20)

Fr. Maria Arul Selvam D. (22)

Fr. David Arockiam A. (24)

Fr. Alex Gnanaraj A. (24)

The Voice of the Pastor

My dear fathers, brothers and sisters,

Love is beautiful. When we love others we experience not only joy but also hurt. Then we are tempted to think that it is better not to love. But when we reflect on the love-hurt it reminds us that we are made for love. We are to love God and human persons and the only way for us to grow is to love. In spite of the pain, hurts and wounds we are bound to love others if we want to grow and be happy. At times we may experience love-pain in an intensive way. But let us look at the example of Christ. He came to the world to love. He did not flinch nor revenge. He did not abandon loving when it was painful to do so. Here lies the beauty of his life. One thing we must remember that God did not spare His only Son but gave Him to the salvation of all of us only out of love. If such a gift of Jesus was given to us by God, He will never refuse anything he could give. If that is the case can anything come between us and the love of Christ even in the troubled times, or worries that bother us or lack of food and clothes or the times of persecution and attacks. Be sure that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ (cfr. Rom. 8/31-39). Hence let us make every effort to love others whatever pain or hurt that comes on our way in our experience of love.

May God bless you all abundantly.

Your loving Archbishop,



+ Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy
Archbishop of Madurai



Pope's General Prayer Intention

Evangelization: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.

பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

விதைக்க : சபா ஆர்வத்தையும், சபா இயக்கங்களையும் உருவாக்கி ஆன்மீக முழுமை காண.
வளர்க்க : கிறிஸ்து இயேசு கொண்டிருந்த மனநிலையை நம்மில் வளர்க்க. மிலி 2:5
வாழ்வாக்க : எதைச் சொன்னாலும் எதைச் செய்தாலும் அனைத்தையும் ஆண்டவர் இயேசுவின் பெயரால் செய்து வாழ. கொலோ 3:17

இம்மாதம் விழா கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்

1. செயமாலை மாதா ஆலயம், மதுரை - அக்டோபர் 07
2. செயமாலை மாதா ஆலயம், நிறைவாழ்வு நகர் - அக்டோபர் 07
3. குழந்தை இயேசு ஆலயம், உசிலம்பட்டி - அக்டோபர் 15
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5. புனித அந்தோனி மரிய கிளரட் ஆலயம், கருமாத்தூர் - அக்டோபர் 24

இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும், துறவறந்தாருக்கும் இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துகளும் ஜெபங்களும்.

+ பேராயர் அந்தோனி பப்பசாமி

HAPPY FEAST

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

Order of Friar Minors (OFM)	- 4 th October
Order of Friar Minor Capuchins (OFM- Cap)	- 4 th October
Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi (SFA)	- 4 th October
Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph (FSJ)	- 4 th October
Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM)	- 4 th October
Franciscan of St. Mary of the Angels (FSMA)	- 4 th October
Franciscan Sisters of the Destitute (FSD)	- 4 th October
Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi (OSF)	- 4 th October
Claretian Missionaries (CMF)	- 24 th October
Servants of Charity (SDC)	- 24 th October

Archbishop's Engagements

02	Wed	M	Diocesan Pilgrimage, Oriyur
06-11			Annual Clergy Retreat (Palayamkottai Diocese)
07	Mon	M	Silver Jubilee Mass, Gnanaolivupuram
12	Sat	M	Final Commitment (SJL), St. Mary's Cathedral State Level Workshop on Child Protection, Monfort School, Trichy
13	Sun	M	Mashot Meeting, Bishop's House
14	Mon	E	Feast Mass, Kavirayapuram
16	Wed	M	Housing Board- Opening Ceremony, Dindigul
18	Fri	E	Flag Hoisting & Church Blessing, Silkuvarpatti
19	Sat	M	Church Blessing, Panthalkudi
20	Sun		Pastoral Visit, Nagamalai
22	Tue	M	Senate Meeting, Bishop's House
		E	Church Blessing, K. Pudur
23	Wed	M	Deepavali Celebration, Meenakshi College
24	Thu	M	Nuptial Blessing, St. Mary's Cathedral
		E	Golden Jubilee, Claret Bhavan, Karumathur
26	Sat	M	Month's Mind Mass, Bastian Nagar
		E	Confirmation, Alangulam
27	Sun	M	Confirmation, Usilampatti
30	wed	M	Nuptial Blessing, Niraivazhvunagar

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

Please Note

1. Septuagenarian Birthday of our Archbishop:



His Grace **Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy** celebrates his 70th Birthday on the Feast Day of St. Teresa of Child Jesus, i.e., 1st October 2019.

Your Grace, the 70 Years of Milestone!

Your Life is a Beacon Light to so many faithful in Tamilnadu Church. Praise be to God!

We express Love, Gratitude and acts of co-operation to you!

May the good Lord shower upon you the choicest Blessings of Love, Service and Good Health, in the days to come.

- The Presbyterium, the Religious and the Laity,
The Archdiocese of Madurai.

2. Feast of St. Therese of Lissieux: DNL wishes all the Fathers, the Blessings from above on the feast day of the Patron Saint of Archbishop's House, St. Theresa of Child Jesus.

3. Annual Pilgrimage: Dear Fathers, the Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. John De Britto, (*PunithaArulanandar*), Oriyur will be held as usual on 2nd inst., Wednesday. Kindly bring the Parishioners in large numbers to this Annual Spiritual Exercise. The Penitential service will begin at 10.00 am., and the



Mass will be presided over by our **Archbishop** in concelebration with all our Priests of the Archdiocese at 11.00 am. Let us imitate the holy life of the Martyr who courageously announced the Gospel and lived for Christ (Gal 2,20) in the Marava land.

- Fr. Vicar General

It is to be noted that in order to receive **Plenary Indulgence** at such Pilgrimages the pilgrims should i) make a good **Confession** ii) pray for the **intention of the Pope** and iii) participate worthily in the holy Eucharist and **receive Holy Communion**.

4. As customary there will be no Monthly Recollection this month. The **Monthly Recollection for November** will be held on 5th

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. 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.

5. **Condolences:** i) DNL expresses its deep condolences to **Rev. Fr. Sahaya Ambrose Raja** for the demise of his beloved Father, Mr. Irudayam, aged 76, who passed away on 17.09.2019 at Madurai. The funeral Mass was officiated by Msgr. J. Jeyaraj together with the College of Consultors (The Presbyterium was in Annual Retreat) on 18.09.2019 at St. Paul's church, Bastian Nagar. May the soul of Mr. Irudayam rest in peace.

ii) DNL expresses its deep condolences to **Rev. Fr. Joachim I** for the demise of his beloved Brother, Mr. Pitchai Muthu, aged 64, who passed away on 9.9.2019 at Michaelpalayam. The funeral Mass was officiated by Msgr. J. Jeyaraj on 10-09-2019 at St. Michael's Church, Michaelpalayam. May the soul of Mr. Pitchai Muthu rest in peace.

6. The **Mission Sunday** falls on 27th inst. Kindly announce the date on 20th inst., itself and focus on the importance of "**Announcing the Good News**" in India and in the world (Mt. 28: 19). Kindly procure a good collection from your parishes to be sent to the Pontifical Mission Societies for the cause of the Spread of the Gospel.

7. The **Quarterly Account** is to be submitted immediately to the Procurator. You are to activate immediately the accounting system which had been installed at your Parish, if you had not done so. All the accounts of the parish have to be entered into the **Parish Accounting System** which is connected with the Archdiocesan Accounting System and thus update your accounts accurately.

8. **Gratitude:** The Archbishop expresses his sincere appreciation and deep sentiments of gratitude to **Fr. Stephen CMI**, the Director of *Carmel Retreat Center, Sogathur*, who guided Annual Clergy Retreat - 2019 and to **Fr. Emmanuel SAC**, the Director of PILLAR Institute who is always generous and concerned for the success of such clergy retreats.

9. **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 these 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 30th of November 2019.

10. **Extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019:** Holy Father Francis has announced this October 2019, as the extraordinary Missionary Month. He explains in his Apostolic Letter on the importance of Evangelization in the following words:

"The Pontifical Mission Societies serve the Church's universality as a global network of support for the Pope in his missionary commitment by prayer, the soul of mission, and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world. Their donations assist the Pope in the evangelization efforts of particular Churches (the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith), in the formation of local clergy (the Pontifical Society of Saint Peter the Apostle), in raising missionary awareness in children (Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood) and in encouraging the missionary dimension of Christian faith (Pontifical Missionary Union). In renewing my support for these Societies, I trust that the extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019 will contribute to the renewal of their missionary service to my ministry."

**PRISON MINISTRY - ARCHDIOCESE OF MADURAI
UNIT – 16-09 -2019.**

REGULAR VISITS : (1) The volunteers of Madurai visited Central prison Madurai for women and men, weekly twice/once on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday depending on the possibility and Govt. holidays. (2) Thirumangalam sub-jail is visited on Wednesday. (3) Melur Borstal school was visited on Saturday. (4) Usilampatti sub-jail was visited on Friday. (5) Nilakottai sub-jail for women was visited on Sunday. (6) Virudhunagar Dt. Jail was visited on Saturday. (7) Theni Dt. Jail was visited on 2nd Aug. (July 19th visited for first time) for counseling inmates.

***MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS FRANCIS
FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2019***

Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the month of October 2019, I have asked that the whole Church revive her missionary awareness and commitment as we commemorate the centenary of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* of Pope Benedict XV (30 November 1919). Its farsighted and prophetic vision of the apostolate has made me realize once again the importance of renewing the Church's missionary commitment and giving fresh evangelical impulse to her work of preaching and bringing to the world the salvation of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again.

The title of the present Message is the same as that of October's Missionary Month: *Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World*. Celebrating this month will help us first to rediscover the missionary dimension of our faith in Jesus Christ, a faith graciously bestowed on us in baptism. Our filial relationship with God is not something simply private, but always in relation to the Church. Through our communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we,

together with so many of our other brothers and sisters, are born to new life. This divine life is not a product for sale – we do not practise proselytism – but a treasure to be given, communicated and proclaimed: that is the meaning of mission. We received this gift freely and we share it freely (cf. *Mt* 10:8), without excluding anyone. God wills that all people be saved by coming to know the truth and experiencing his mercy through the ministry of the Church, the universal sacrament of salvation (cf. *1 Tim* 2:4; *Lumen Gentium*, 48).

The Church is on mission in the world. Faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see all things in their proper perspective, as we view the world with God's own eyes and heart. Hope opens us up to the eternal horizons of the divine life that we share. Charity, of which we have a foretaste in the sacraments and in fraternal love, impels us to go forth to the ends of the earth (cf. *Mic* 5:4; *Mt* 28:19; *Acts* 1:8; *Rom* 10:18). A Church that presses forward to the farthest frontiers requires a constant and ongoing missionary conversion. How many saints, how many men and women of faith, witness to the fact that this unlimited openness, this going forth in mercy, is indeed possible and realistic, for it is driven by love and its deepest meaning as gift, sacrifice and gratuitousness (cf. *2 Cor* 5:14-21)! The man who preaches God must be a man of God (*Maximum Illud*).

This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn; they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love. Even if parents can betray their love by lies, hatred and infidelity, God never takes back his gift of life. From eternity he has destined each of his children to share in his divine and eternal life (cf. *Eph* 1:3-6).

This life is bestowed on us in baptism, which grants us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the conqueror of sin and death. Baptism gives us rebirth in God's own image and likeness, and makes us members of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. In this sense, baptism is truly

necessary for salvation for it ensures that we are always and everywhere sons and daughters in the house of the Father, and never orphans, strangers or slaves. What in the Christian is a sacramental reality – whose fulfillment is found in the Eucharist – remains the vocation and destiny of every man and woman in search of conversion and salvation. For baptism fulfils the promise of the gift of God that makes everyone a son or daughter in the Son. We are children of our natural parents, but in baptism we receive the origin of all fatherhood and true motherhood: no one can have God for a Father who does not have the Church for a mother (cf. Saint Cyprian, *De Cath. Eccl.*, 6).

Our mission, then, is rooted in the fatherhood of God and the motherhood of the Church. The mandate given by the Risen Jesus at Easter is inherent in Baptism: as the Father has sent me, so I send you, filled with the Holy Spirit, for the reconciliation of the world (cf. *Jn* 20:19-23; *Mt* 28:16-20). This mission is part of our identity as Christians; it makes us responsible for enabling all men and women to realize their vocation to be adoptive children of the Father, to recognize their personal dignity and to appreciate the intrinsic worth of every human life, from conception until natural death. Today's rampant secularism, when it becomes an aggressive cultural rejection of God's active fatherhood in our history, is an obstacle to authentic human fraternity, which finds expression in reciprocal respect for the life of each person. Without the God of Jesus Christ, every difference is reduced to a baneful threat, making impossible any real fraternal acceptance and fruitful unity within the human race.

The universality of the salvation offered by God in Jesus Christ led *Benedict XV* to call for an end to all forms of nationalism and ethnocentrism, or the merging of the preaching of the Gospel with the economic and military interests of the colonial powers. In his Apostolic Letter, *Maximum Illud*, the Pope noted that the Church's universal mission requires setting aside exclusivist ideas of membership in one's own country and ethnic group. The opening of the culture and the community to the salvific newness of Jesus Christ requires leaving behind every kind of undue ethnic and ecclesial introversion. Today too, the Church needs men and women who, by virtue of their baptism, respond

generously to the call to leave behind home, family, country, language and local Church, and to be sent forth to the nations, to a world not yet transformed by the sacraments of Jesus Christ and his holy Church. By proclaiming God's word, bearing witness to the Gospel and celebrating the life of the Spirit, they summon to conversion, baptize and offer Christian salvation, with respect for the freedom of each person and in dialogue with the cultures and religions of the peoples to whom they are sent. The *missio ad gentes*, which is always necessary for the Church, thus contributes in a fundamental way to the process of ongoing conversion in all Christians. Faith in the Easter event of Jesus; the ecclesial mission received in baptism; the geographic and cultural detachment from oneself and one's own home; the need for salvation from sin and liberation from personal and social evil: all these demand the mission that reaches to the very ends of the earth.

The providential coincidence of this centenary year with the celebration of the *Special Synod on the Churches in the Amazon* allows me to emphasize how the mission entrusted to us by Jesus with the gift of his Spirit is also timely and necessary for those lands and their peoples. A renewed Pentecost opens wide the doors of the Church, in order that no culture remain closed in on itself and no people cut off from the universal communion of the faith. No one ought to remain closed in self-absorption, in the self-referentiality of his or her own ethnic and religious affiliation. The Easter event of Jesus breaks through the narrow limits of worlds, religions and cultures, calling them to grow in respect for the dignity of men and women, and towards a deeper conversion to the truth of the Risen Lord who gives authentic life to all.

Here I am reminded of the words of Pope Benedict XVI at the beginning of the meeting of Latin American Bishops at Aparecida, Brazil, in 2007. I would like to repeat these words and make them my own: "Yet what did the acceptance of the Christian faith mean for the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean? For them, it meant knowing and welcoming Christ, the unknown God whom their ancestors were seeking, without realizing it, in their rich religious traditions. Christ is the Saviour for whom they were silently longing. It also meant that they received, in the waters of Baptism, the divine life that made them children of God by

adoption; moreover, they received the Holy Spirit who came to make their cultures fruitful, purifying them and developing the numerous seeds that the incarnate Word had planted in them, thereby guiding them along the paths of the Gospel... The Word of God, in becoming flesh in Jesus Christ, also became history and culture. The utopia of going back to breathe life into the pre-Columbian religions, separating them from Christ and from the universal Church, would not be a step forward: indeed, it would be a step back. In reality, it would be a retreat towards a stage in history anchored in the past”

We entrust the Church’s mission to Mary our Mother. In union with her Son, from the moment of the Incarnation the Blessed Virgin set out on her pilgrim way. She was fully involved in the mission of Jesus, a mission that became her own at the foot of the Cross: the mission of cooperating, as Mother of the Church, in bringing new sons and daughters of God to birth in the Spirit and in faith.

I would like to conclude with a brief word about the Pontifical Mission Societies, already proposed in *Maximum Illud* as a missionary resource. The Pontifical Mission Societies serve the Church’s universality as a global network of support for the Pope in his missionary commitment by prayer, the soul of mission, and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world. Their donations assist the Pope in the evangelization efforts of particular Churches (the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith), in the formation of local clergy (the Pontifical Society of Saint Peter the Apostle), in raising missionary awareness in children (Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood) and in encouraging the missionary dimension of Christian faith (Pontifical Missionary Union). In renewing my support for these Societies, I trust that the extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019 will contribute to the renewal of their missionary service to my ministry.

To men and women missionaries, and to all those who, by virtue of their baptism, share in any way in the mission of the Church, I send my heartfelt blessing.

From the Vatican, 9 June 2019, Solemnity of Pentecost

POPE FRANCIS

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.09.2019

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	Aruppukottai	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 25.09.2019							
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
1							
2	500	500					
3	900	900					
4	1500	1500	2000				
5	6500	9110	9230				
6	1000	1000					
7	2450	2500	2530				
8	8000	12000	18000				
9	2700	3000					
10	4250	3960					
11	500	500					
12	500	500	500				
13	1000	1000	1500				
14							
15	12180	12372	10541				
16							
17	1200	1150	1250				
18							
19	350	350	400				
20	13860	9060	18000				
21	2000	2000	2000				
22		1000					
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24	1000	1000	1000	1000			
25	500	500					
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27	1200	1400					
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30	500	500					
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32	500	530					
33	1000	1000	1000				
34	2040	2000	1600				
35	1200	1300	1000				

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.09.2019						
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					
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	Palanganatham	6000	5000	150000	25000	5000
46	Pandian Nagar					
47	Periyakulam	1100	500	21000		
48	Perumalmalai	1500	1500			
49	R.R. Nagar	3000	3000	35000	6500	2000
50	Railway Colony	2600	1200	5100	4100	1100
51	Rajapalayam	1500	1200	18200	3400	1400
52	Rayappanpatti	6000	3500	30000	25000	3500
53	Rayapuram			10200	3350	
54	Samayanallur	3000	3300	50000	11000	4000
55	Sattur					
56	Shenbaganur	3000	3200	11000	3500	2000
57	Sengole Nagar	2000	2000	60000	43500	2500
58	Silukkuvarpatty	1000	1000	10000	5000	
59	Sivakasi	11500	12500	116200	50200	10500
60	Srivilliputhur			15000	40000	
61	St. Mary's Cathedral	10000	5000	60000	50000	5000
62	Sundaranatchiapuram					
63	T. Sindalacherry	3000	1000	19400	20600	1000
64	T. Vadipatti Shrine	1100	1000	10500	16300	1500
65	Theni	4200	3600	42015	19043	3722
66	Thirumangalam	1600	1100	3600	6010	1450
67	Thirunagar	1500	2000	7500	21000	1500
68	Thiruthangal	3800	2200	25000	9000	3000
69	Thummuchinampatty	750	570	820	1000	850
70	Ugarthe Nagar	2000	2000	25000	15000	2000

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.09.2019

	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
36								
37								
38								
39	3000							
40								
41	700	1000						
42								
43	320	200						
44	5206	3976	5021					
45								
46								
47			1200					
48								
49								
50								
51								
52	3500	3500						
53								
54	3000	3100	3000					
55								
56	1000	1000	1000					
57								
58								
59	15000	12000	12100	12500				
60								
61								
62								
63	1000	1000	1000					
64								
65	4200	3300	3800					
66								
67	1500	1500						
68								
69	900	900						
70	2000	2000	2000	3000				

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.09.2019

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	Usilampatti	3000	1000	25000	6000	1000
72	Uthamapalayam					
73	Virudhunagar	9500	9500	130000	70000	9500
74	Vadapatti Mission	200	300	400	600	245
75	W. Pudupatti	1000	1000	9468	10956	1000
76	Y. Othakadai	2000	1022	16141	19725	1830
	Fr. Lourduraj Arockia Illam			1400	1000	
	Holycross Convent, Pambarpuram	10000				
	Fouriere Home, Pambarpuram	10000				
	Total	212135	151720	2101979	956254	143876

நொபிலி அருள்பணி கையம்

புதிய கட்டிடம் மலர்வுதற்காக 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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.09.2019

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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
1000	1200						
9500	8700	6700					
1000	1000						
120156	115008	106372	16500				

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

Total 27,93,471.58

Mass Received From Parishes

Virudhunagar (200 Masses)	20,000.00
Packiapuram (158 Masses)	15,800.00
Total	<u><u>35,800.00</u></u>

KANI (Seminarians Fund)

Opening Balance as on 26.08.2019 **34,94,691.77**

Irudaya Mary, Gnanaolivupuram	12,000.00
Mr. V.F. Amal Raj, Kochadai, Madurai -16	10,000.00
Mr. Lawrence MTA, New Ellis Nagar	10,000.00
Mr. Juli Benjamin, Bastin Nagar	10,000.00
Mr. Ambrose Jeyaraj, Bastin Nagar	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Anna Nagar	10,000.00
G. Mary, Gnanaolivupuram	5,000.00
Mr. Arumainathan, Gnanaolivupuram	5,000.00
Rev. Dr. M. Arul, Counsellor, Palayamkottai	5,000.00
Sr. Superior, St. Mary's of Leuca Convent, K. Pudur	5,000.00
Mrs. Kalaiarasi Faul, Gnanaolivupuram	4,000.00
Mrs. Viyakula Selvi, Gnanaolivupuram	4,000.00
Mr. Y. Kumanan, Gnanaolivupuram	4,000.00
Mr. Amaladass, Bastin Nagar	4,000.00
Mr. Michael Arul Rayan & Packia Selvi, Gnanaolivupuram	3,000.00
Maria Arputhammal, Gnanaolivupuram	2,000.00
Mr. M. Amaladass, Nadaraj Nagar, Madurai	2,000.00
Fr. Ambrose S.J., Christ Hall Seminary, Karumathur (16 Bination Masses)	1,600.00
G. Usha Bernadett	1,000.00
Fr. Rector, St. Pius X Seminary, NPC, Madurai	600.00
P. Gnanapackiam, Arasaradi, Madurai	500.00

36,03,391.77

Less: SMS Alart Charge - 15.00 15.00

Closing Balance as on 25.09.2019 **36,03,376.77**

Cash in Hand	: 49,000.00
Cash at Bank	: <u>35,54,376.77</u>
	<u><u>36,03,376.77</u></u>

As per the direction of our Archbishop, we are pleased to sketch out the works accomplished during the years 2017 to 2019

Archbishop's House and Presbyteries Renovation

1. Archbishop's House and its entire total drainage system renovation
2. St. Joseph's Home complete renovation
3. Arockia Illam renovation
4. Fr. Procurator's office and living room renovation
5. Fr. Chancellor's office and living room renovation
6. Fr. Secretary's room minor renovation
7. Vicar General's living room minor renovation
8. A watchman booth at Archbishop's House
9. Carpentry workshop renovation
10. New Gen-set for Archbishop's House
11. R.R. Nagar presbytery renovation and new guest room
12. W.Pudhupatti presbytery renovation
13. Sirumalai presbytery renovation
14. Renovation of PP's room at Srivilliputhur
15. Aruppukottai presbytery renovation
16. Usilampatti presbytery renovation
17. Uthamapalayam presbytery renovation
18. Kadachanandal presbytery renovation
19. Kadachanandal Fr.Lucas' room renovation
20. Chinnamanur presbytery renovation
21. Palanganatham presbytery minor renovation
22. Meenampatti presbytery minor renovation
23. Madan kovilpatti presbytery minor renovation
24. Bodi presbytery minor renovation
25. Murugathuranpatti (Fr.Britto's house) white washing and basic works
26. Kalladipatti shed work
27. Marianusnagar PP's rented house expenses
28. Railway Colony parish church compound wall and rest room
29. Bibikulam presbytery rest room
30. Rayappanpatti rest room

New Presbyteries and School buildings

1. Cumbum new presbytery
2. Sempatti new presbytery
3. Devaram new church - Major financial contribution
4. Nilakottai new church - Partial financial contribution
5. Christ the King church - Partial financial contribution
6. Silukkuvarpatti new presbytery- Major financial contribution
7. Melur convent converted into presbytery - Major renovation
8. Sattur presbytery new kitchen, guest rooms and new rest rooms
9. Little Flower House for watchman, Kadachanandal
10. St. Britto Hr.Sec.School stage, basketball court, smart class room and open auditorium
11. Christ the King Matric School new school buildings
12. Annai Vailankanni Matric Hr. Sec School Jubilee Memory Hall and a shed for school buses
13. Samayanallur Matric. School first floor building and second floor shed
14. De Nobili Matric. Hr. School basketball court
15. De Nobili Boys' Hostel complete renovation
16. St. Britto Matric Hr. Sec. school paver block
17. Sempatti school rest rooms
18. School bus for Kadachanandal School
19. Vadugapatti land fencing
20. Uppukottai cemetery land fencing
21. Kadamalaikundu cemetery - Partial financial contribution

New Shopping Complex and Hostel

1. R.C. Mahal at Gnanaolivupuram
2. Thomas Complex at Batlagundu
3. Archbishop Antony Complex at Kadachanandal
4. Arul Anandar Complex at EMG Nagar, near K.Pudur
5. Shopping complex opp.to St. Joseph's Church at Gnanaolivupuram
6. St. Mary's working women hostel, Loretto Campus

Registration

1. Servite Sisters' House at Lourdupuram- Registered
2. 22 Cents land of Mr. JC at Adukkam in Perumalmalai - Registered
3. A land at Mangudi Meenachiyapuram - Registered
4. A land with a house at Sundaranatchiyapuram - Registered

New Works Initiated

1. Theni New Church building work - going on
2. Devathanam new presbytery work - going on
3. Ayyampalayam presbytery work - going on
4. New Home for Retired Priests - got started
5. Little Flower College Compound wall work - got started
6. Compound wall for Jubilee Town Church Premise - going on
7. New Nobili Pastoral Centre - to be begun very soon

Others

1. Complete maintenance of Nobili Pastoral Centre taken up since April 2018
2. Installation of computers in all parishes and 8 schools with account software
3. Rs.70 lakhs is paid as Service Tax with interest for the year 2013 -2014 (unexpected expense).

I express my gratitude to our archbishop, the presbyterorum, and our office staff for the help and encouragement in up-building our Madurai Archdiocese by these works.

NB: The details of the properties that we have redeemed will be published in the next Diocesan News Letter.

Fr. S. Peter Roy
Procurator

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 separately 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.

- Fr. Procurator

குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும் திருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடவடிக்கை நாள்கள்

05,06.10.2019	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
12,13.10.2019	உத்தமபாளையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
19,20.10.2019	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
26,27.10.2019	விருதுநகர்	சனி, ஞாயிறு

அருட்தந்தை. ஜோசப், செயலர்



Happy Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Lucas Maria Gnanam on 18.10.1980

Adoration Sunday

October	November
06 Alangulam	04 Periakulam
13 Kavirayapuram	11 Nilakottai
20 Gnaaolivupuram	18 Samayanallur
27 T. Vadipatti	25 Aruppukottai



Necrology

Fr. Alphonse N.P.	03.10.2006
Fr. D. Gnanapiragasam	06.10.2017
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
Fr. S. Rosario	30.10.2017



MADURA MISSION - HISTORICAL NOTES

XXIX. The Other Apostles of Ministry in the New Mission

In the last ten issues we went back through the annals of history of Madura Mission and in particular of the *Old Mission* in which our Patron Saint lived and exercised his priesthood. It would not be unfair that the apostolic zeal and courageous ministries of other great luminaries are recorded as well in the annals of the Archdiocese of Madurai. Such missionary luminaries and the contemporaries of our Patron Saint were Robert de Nobili (1577 – 1656), Constantine Joseph Beschi (1680-1747) about whom volumes were written and their ministries were well recorded. There had been other hosts of cohorts who had shouldered the responsibility of bringing Good News to our land but who were in less limelight. To mention the few are the following: Fr. J.B. Trincal SJ (Watrap Mission), Fr. Clement Montaud SJ (Kallar Mission), Fr. Leveille SJ (Sarugani Mission) (whose initiation of diocesan cause of canonisation is over), Fr. Causanal SJ (Trinelveli Mission) and Mother Rose SJL.

After the restoration of the Jesuit Orders the first four missionaries, Rev. Alexander Martin (buried in Rajakembeeram), Rev. Louis Garnier (buried in Trichy), Rev. Louis Du Ranquet (buried in Srivaikundam) and Rev. Joseph Bertrand (buried in France) – all these foreign missionaries died at their early forties due to their strenuous hard work under a very hot climatic condition and contaminated water. The united Archdiocese of Madurai now gratefully remembers these soldiers of God for rejuvenating the once dead *Madura* mission after the suppression of the Jesuit Order.

Let us go back to the Old Mission to record the contribution of a Star of the Coast! No one will object to say that the roots of faith of Christianity, for the most part, can be found at the coastal regions of Tamilnadu. Here Madura mission gratefully remembers a valiant son of Christ, Fr. Henry Henriquez, who was called the Apostle of the Coast. From 1542 to 1545 St. Francis Xavier had baptized thousands and thousands of people and liberated them from the social oppression of Moslems who already in 1516 controlled the pearl fishing trade subjugated the paravas by killing them en masse. After the “ear-lobe war”, in which the Portuguese naval power through the intercession of St. Francis Xavier, empowered the paravas and restored their rightful power over the seas, the missionaries had a huge harvest of souls at the

shore. Thousands and thousands accepted Christ at the coast en masse.

In 1548 Francis Xavier, before embarking to the Far East, appointed Venerable Antony Criminale as the superior of the Mission. But he was killed within a year at Vedalai, opposite Pamban Island in a raid by the soldiers of the Nayakka King of Madurai. He was only 29 years old and he is the first Martyr of the Society of Jesus.

In 1549, his successor, **Fr. Henry Henriquez** (1520-1600) became the superior of the mission. His contribution to Tamil literature is praiseworthy. After mastering the ancient Tamil language he found the translators’ prayers with mistakes. Meanwhile the Jesuit Provincial Council in 1575 convened a conference in which it researched into the difficulties of mission in Tamilnadu. When it identified the ‘language barrier’ as the cause, Msgr. Alexander Vallignani, the Provincial Superior asked Fr. Henriquez to translate the prayers into Tamil. Fr. Henry is the one who first elevated the letters of Tamil language into Print medium. He is rightly called the ‘அச்சுதந்தை’ of Tamil language. He published i) தம்பிரான் வணக்கம் in 1578, கிறிஸ்தியானிவணக்கம் in 1579, iii) கொம்போசியனாரு (Confessionary) in 1586 and iv) அடியார் வரலாறு (Flos Sanctorum). No sooner the first Spanish book, ‘*Flos Sanctorum*’ on Saints Life was published than it was published in Tamil. All these books educated the neophytes on Christian faith, sacraments and saints’ life. It contained basic prayers.

Before the book on confessions the Christians did not know how to make confession. It is due to the pioneering work of Fr. Henriquez the neophytes made their first confession after thirteen years. Up to that time no one was able to administer the sacrament of confession to the neophytes. In 1550 Fr. Henriquez began to explain to them the mystery about the Trinity and of Incarnation, the meaning of cross, the explanation on the prayer “Our Father”, the Saints life etc. The Catholic doctrine was translated by this veteran apostle of the coast. He spent thirty five years in the Fishery Coast administering the sacraments and composing the first Catholic books in Tamil. Rev. Houppert SJ, in his book “*A South Indian Mission*” quotes the 1600 Annual Letter sent on the demise of Fr. Henriquez saying the following: “In our church at Tuticorin lies buried the good Father Henriquez, who may truly be called the Apostle of the Coast. So great is the devotion of the Christians to him that it is difficult to express it enough... Even for pagans and Moslems the most solemn form of oath is to swear by the name of Fr. Henriquez”.

(to be continued)

- Fr. Jodir.