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Festal Greetings also to all our Rev. Sisters and Laity, having Patron's Day in August & September, 2016



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The diocese of Faridabad-Delhi remembers with gratitude Rev. Fr. Rajan Punnakkal, Rev. Fr. Joseph Muthuplackal MST, Rev. Fr. Mathew Paraplackal SAC, Rev. Fr. Alex Muttathu MCBS, Rev. Fr. Tiyo Kochukavumpurathu CST and Rev. Fr. Sinoj Jacob Pattathil CMF who returned to their home dioceses and provinces after having fulfilled their pastoral ministry in the diocese of Faridabad-Delhi. We appreciate their dedicated service in the diocese with gratitude and wish them all the best for their future ministry.





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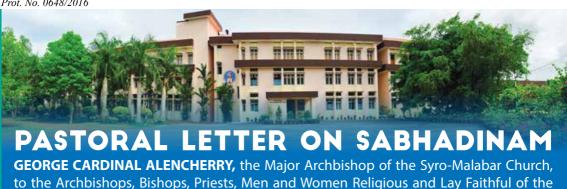


Fr. Robin Areeparambil



Fr. Shibu Kalassiyil

Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi extends a most cordial welcome to Rev. Fr. James Ezhanikkattu, Rev. Fr. Mathew Azhakanakunnel, Rev. Fr. Mathew (Benny) Akkoottu CST, Rev. Fr. Nixon Kottavil MCBS, Rev. Fr. Mathew (Manoj) Kollamparambil, Rev. Fr. Robin Areeparambil CST and Rev. Fr. Shibu Kalassiyil CMF who came to serve in the diocese and wishes them a fruitful pastoral ministry.



My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

This is the time when the Universal Church is Let me express my joy at the observance of this Year of Mercy by all our lay faithful, priests, the religious and bishops.

Syro-Malabar Church, May the Grace of the Lord be with you all!

Holy Father Pope Francis has published the Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love" in this Year of Mercy after the conclusion of the two synods on family life in Rome. Our faithful are receiving by now new directives and reflections through the writings of the bishops and of other members of our Church with regard to the renewal of family life.

The Holy Father sees the family as a field of activity of the Triune God. I would like to say that all the pastoral and missionary activities of the Church should be focused on families. There should take place a radical change in the mindset of the ministers of the Church while implementing the pastoral plans for the revitalization of family life. The perspective that should guide all our efforts of renewal in liturgy, faith formation, parish revitalization, evangelization, organizations of the parish etc should be aimed at the building up of families and of strengthening their stability and growth. Pastors are requested to convey this basic vision and programmes through family unit meetings, gatherings of Catholic Congress and seminars and meetings conducted under the auspices of parish organizations.

We are celebrating the feast of the Dukrana of St. Thomas, the Father of our Faith, on July 3rd. Since St Thomas is the Father of our Church, it is very appropriate for us to have the Church as the main theme for our reflections on this feast. The mission of the Church in this world is the same as the mission of Jesus Christ. Christian vocation involves proclaiming the love of God, bearing witness to that love and even sacrificing our lives for it as Jesus did.

I am sorry to note that we frequently hear about terrible acts of cruelty that are being perpetrated against Christians in Syria and other Middle Eastern countries. We shall offer those heroic lives to the Lord. Some of the Christian brethren in India too are experiencing violence and persecution in different parts of India. They too are ostracized and attacked because of their faith in the Lord. We have to pray constantly for the courage to bear witness to our faith. St. Thomas, the Apostle was martyred for his faith in the Lord. The children of St. Thomas should also be willing to bear witness to Jesus heroically through their lives.

We have to bear in mind that like St. Thomas who was an apostle, we too have to become apostles. St. Paul has echoed this sentiment beautifully when he said: 'Woe to me if I don't preach the Gospel "(1Cor 9:16). We should be willing to undertake the necessary sacrifices in spreading the Gospel



whether the circumstances are favourable or not. In today's context, evangelization involves translating the values of the Gospel into our lives and to align them with the values that are found in other religions and cultures. We have to collaborate in raising mankind to a common cultural humanism, in a spirit of brotherly love for all, irrespective of caste, creed or race. We have to build this culture where everyone is brother or sister to one another and not alien to them.

God loves every one of us without any personal predilections. God's love should become a model for our love. Jesus has told us that loving those who love us does not mean much. He wants us to love those who have burt us.

The catalytic force in all our endeavors, whether in the field of education, politics or culture, should be Christian love. We have to work in those areas with a great sense of justice, transparency and mercy. Christians have to create a society without corruption and injustice.

We have to be strong pillars of support to those who are suffering, poor and sick. The Church is teaching through the life and words of Pope Francis that God is mercy. Our daily life should reflect this style of life, of being merciful in words and life.

A way of life based on love and mercy is a reflection of real faith. St. Paul too demands from us a life of faith that is active through love (Gal.5:6). In that way, we can make our faith active and fruitful through love.

This is also a good time for us to remember the migrant Syro-Malabar faithful who are living in different parts of India and abroad. They should have the same privileges of practicing their faith without any restrictions just like the faithful who live in the proper territory of the mother Church. We have not reached any arrangement where we could provide proper pastoral care to our migrants. I would urge everyone to pray for the successful implementation of the necessary conditions to provide proper pastoral care to our migrant communities.

I don't have to emphasize the need to be attentive on the part of all for implementing a successful pastoral plan for the faith formation of the children and the youths of our communities. We have to work towards forming a proper mental and spiritual outlook in them so that they could respond to the challenges of the modern culture in a Christian way. Truthfulness, justice, chastity, love of the country and merciful attitudes should be fostered in their lives. They should also have moral capability, prudence and confidence to take upon these responsibilities at the regional as well as at the church levels. Those who are active in various Church ministries should motivate and train the young to follow them in these ministries.

St. John writes in the Gospel that Thomas doubted the Resurrection of Jesus. That doubt has become redemptive for us as it became a happy doubt like the Felix culpa of St. Augustine to express the joy of the Incarnation. Similarly, I would like to call the doubt of Thomas as happy doubt as it enabled him to address Jesus as "My Lord and My God." We have to be thankful to the Apostle for his doubt as it enables us to call Jesus as "My Lord and my God".

O, St. Thomas, now your proclamation has become our proclamation. Just as the faith of St. Peter has become the foundation of the universal Church, so the faith of St. Thomas has become a corner stone in the communion of churches which is the Universal church.

May the merciful Lord bless all of you! I bless you in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Lovingly in Christ Jesus,

+George Cardinal Alencherry

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad, on the 30th of May 2016.

Note: This pastoral letter is to be read out during the Holy Mass on the 26th of June 2016, in all churches and chapels of the Syro-Malabar Church where there is Sunday Mass for the public.

MY PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCES WITH A SAINT MOTHER THERESA OF CALCUTTA

Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara

At the Synod in Rome and in Africa



fter my first acquaintance, the most cherished meeting with Mother Theresa in Calcutta, the second one was in Cochin, in 1985. Having completed my journalism course, I was working as a freelance journalist and later as Associate Editor of Sathyadeepam, the largest circulated Church Weekly in Kerala. My chief editor Rev. Dr. Paul Thelakkat asked me to conduct an interview with Mother, who is visiting Kochi as a civic guest and as participant at the Kerala CRI meeting. She was staying at their Convent in S.R.M.Road, Ernakulam where they have a home for the poor children. That time, I had a two-wheeler - a red Kinetic Honda scooter - which helped a lot in my mobility and I still remember how I managed to pass through the narrow pocket roads leading to the Missionaries of Charity House. Since I was staying at my parish church in Tripunithura and had to go every day to the city, to the office of the Sathyadeepam Weekly, a means of transport was necessary.

The Interview was brief, but I was entirely enchanted by the spiritual personality of Mother Theresa (The contents of that interview can be read

in this issue). She underlined that we were living in a world that is suffocating with immoralities like illicit relations, abortions, sexual exploitations, brutal crimes, selfishness and so on. "This generation is incapable of discriminating between right and wrong; and even where they could, they are too weak mentally to react or to respond. The life perception of Mother Theresa as expressed through this interview would really be a revelation or eye opener for the humanity. During the interview with Mother the following thoughts developed in the deeper realms of my mind: the role of parents in the spiritual growth of children, the importance of prayer for the success of life and the blissful status when one is able to see Jesus in everything. With only belief in Jesus, starting with nothing, Mother started her mission of charity and arose to the status of Jesus' beloved daughter with the only weapon LOVE . Mother's talks about abortion, sexual exploitation, lack of spiritual vocation, inhuman activities, and acts of kindness in disgusting circumstances etc. make us feel how much Mother stood closer to Jesus. Seeing the reflection of Jesus in each and everything,

Mother talked for Jesus and acted for Jesus. Mother's reference towards the lack of divine vocation in Kerala is a pointer to the decreasing level of spirituality in Kerala. It is essential for each individual to strive for developing and sustaining the basic spirit of Divinity to live as a good individual. For a happy and peaceful life one should have fear of God, fellow feeling and a benign mind. Such a person will be a blessed one. Her view on the sanctity of priestly life, need of simplicity in life, etc. was impressive.

I had the fortune to live with Mother Theresa during the Synod of Bishops held in Rome in 1990. That was a a wonderful experience and unique transition for me.

During my service as assistant parish priest in Tripunithura and additional responsibility as Associate Editor of Sathyadeepam, Cochin, my Superiors selected

me for higher studies abroad – a great privilege and honor for junior priests. It was the time of Cardinal Antony Padiyara – a happy memory. I was called to the Archdiocesan Curia by the then Chancellor, now Bishop Jacob Manathodath. The then Vicar General, late Msgr. Abraham Karedan also was there. The initial proposal

was to send me to the USA for higher studies in printing technology and journalism. That time the Viani Press was still having manual composing and had a treadle printing press. In fact in my limited vision and young mindset I couldn't think of any need for such sophisticated latest technology and expertise of America for the situation of Kerala. I frankly shared this opinion to the Superiors, but leaving the final decision to them. My own parish priest Fr. Thomas Mulavarikal (of a happy memory) and some others blamed me for not having accepted the offer to study in the USA immediately and for having "lost my life". Besides - to be frank - I was afraid of losing my priestly vocation in the US, because two of our eminent priests sent to America for studies that time had left priesthood. Though I felt

little sad over their comments, I left everything to the providence of God. I was feeling content that I bluntly expressed my opinion to the Superiors. I have tried to keep up this habit always, which sometimes worked out positively while other times had negative impacts. Later I was summoned again to the Curia and was informed that they have selected me to be sent to Rome for Doctorate in Canon Law. That time the Archdiocese needed someone with Doctorate in Canon Law for the Ecclesiastical Tribunal, I was told. Fr. Jose Puthiedath, my classmate and ordination batchmate had also been selected for higher studies in Catechism.

Both of us together with other priests from SM church were staying at Collegio Damasceno at the beautiful hilltop of Gianicolo in Rome. We were about fifty priests from Kerala and a few student priests from

the Middle East. I enrolled at the Pontifical Lateran University from where I got my first Licentiate in Canon Law and then I changed over to the Pontifical Oriental Institute, where I did a Licentiate and Doctorate in Oriental Canon Law. That change was appropriate in the context of the promulgation of the oriental

code of canon law (CCEO) in 1990. I also did some foreign language courses as a part-time hobby.

During that time, the Synod of Bishops of the Universal Church was being organized by Pope John Paul II The Synod was on Religious Life and Witness. Our Rector, a Spanish Carmelite late Fr. Muguel Angel OCD, was asked by the Secretariat of the Synod for the services of a student preferably having good English language background. I was selected for that, which was a rare chance to attend the Synod, though in another capacity – not as a Synodal Father, but as a secretarial staff. It was a unique privilege for me to meet and interact with 400 delegates to the Synod of Bishops – Cardinals, Archbishops, religious representatives, theologians etc. Among others, there was also Mother

One day, as I was standing at the Lobby of the Synod Hall, I saw a few Sisters of Mother Theresa accompanying her into the Hall. Seeing her I rushed to her to greet and welcome her as a secretarial staff. They were happy to see an Indian priest there and the Superior told, "I entrust Mother to you. Please take care of her during the Synod". I was more than happy to do that "service"

Theresa as a special invitee.

Fr. Etienne Broccard, a French student priest, who was staying at the Collegio Damasceno and who has already worked at the Secretariat of the Synod, was also there to assist in the work. We were a team of 12 priests as secretarial staff. I was the only Indian and others were from different parts of the world. Others were permanent staff. Fr. Etienne joined later as permanent staff and is now a member there. My role was to assist the Synodal fathers in the Hall. I was put in charge of the distribution of presentations and of taking attendance of the participants.

For every common session Pope John Paul II was present in the Synod Hall, named the Aula Paulo VI. It is in this hall, public audiences of the Pope are held during the Winter. The Belgian Archbishop John Schotte, later Cardinal, was the Chief of the Synod Secretariat. He was known as a polyglot, very efficient in managing such an international event. After the initial public functions like formal inauguration, the whole assembly was divided into groups, known as *Circuli Minori*. That division is based on language and also on geographical origin. There were three Groups for English language and I was the Secretary of one of them. Mother Theresa was a member of that group.

One day, as I was standing at the Lobby of the Synod Hall, I saw a few Sisters of Mother Theresa accompanying her into the Hall. The MCs had a convent inside the Vatican and Mother was staying there. Seeing her I rushed to her to greet and welcome her as a secretarial staff. They were happy to see an Indian priest there and the Superior told, "I entrust Mother to you. Please take care of her during the Synod". I was more than happy to do that "service" and every day I used to escort Mother to her respective meeting hall and back to the Lobby from where the Sisters used to take her back to their home.

In Group B, where Mother was a member – it was a curious moment I remember, when I had to take attendance of each member. I used to call out among others, also "Mother Theresa" and she said "present" and I marked in the Register. There were some

prominent Cardinals and future Cardinals and Superior Generals in that group. With some still I cherish good contacts and some others I met in different parts of the world, where I went as a diplomat of the Holy See.

It is in the Group discussions, the real "business" of the Synod is taking place. The ideas are proposed there, details are deliberated in one's own language and context. The real propositions or resolutions are formed there. I remember some of the interventions of Mother Theresa on the need of simplicity and poverty of the religious; urgency of strengthening spiritual life and promoting spirit of denunciation. It was striking that when some of the "experts" came with systematically prepared presentations of theological papers with footnotes and references, this simple religious sister was talking about simple things, straight from her heart. No foot note, no reference and no quotations from big scholars and theologians. I recall, listening to her many were astonished on her sanctity and spiritual vision, but some were laughing at or making loose comments on her words.

Every day I had to receive Mother at the Lobby and escort her to her place in the room of English language group. And after the session accompany her to the place where her sisters were waiting for her. After weeks of "living together" with Mother Theresa, this rhythm of acquaintance changed, she moved to the main hall of the Synod.

After that I had various occasions to meet her and visit her houses in Cameroon, Iraq, Venezuela (where in Cocorotte, she had her first house outside India), Congo, New York etc. More reflections on that will be in another Issue.

With the first happy experience at the Synod (happy for me and also for the Superiors) I was selected for another Synod of Bishops on Church in Africa. There I came to know personally many prominent leaders of African Church, some of whom became Cardinals later. What a happy coincidence or divine providence that these contacts facilitated my subsequent seven years diplomatic service in Africa – in Cameroon, Guinea Equatorial, Congo and Gabon.

CURIA **NEWS**

APPOINTMENT AND TRANSFER OF PRIESTS

Rev. Fr. Babu Kattakayam, relieved from St Mary's Church Ayanagar and appointed as Spiritual Father, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara Minor Seminary, w.e.f. 10 July 2016.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Kannamthadam, relieved from Blessed Mariam Thressia Church, Burari and appointed as Parish Priest of St Mary's Church, Ayanagar, w.e.f. 01 July 2016.

Rev. Fr. Paul Raj Kodiyan, relieved from St. Pious Xth Church, Dwarka and appointed as Parish Priest of Blessed Mariam Thressia Church, Burari and as Director of Diocesan Social Services, w.e.f. 01 July 2016.

Rev. Fr. Benny Palatty, relieved from Amalolbhavamatha Church, Mahipalpur and appointed as Parish Priest of St. Pious Xth Church, Dwarka, w.e.f. 01 July 2016.

Rev. Fr. Mathew (Benny) Akkoottu CST, Priest in Charge of Amalolbhavamatha Church, Mahipalpur and Resident Priest at Little Flower Church, Lado Sarai, w.e.f. 23 June 2016.

Rev. Fr. George Thuppalanjiyil MST, relieved from St. Joseph's Church, Kalkaji and appointed as Parish Priest of Mary Matha Church, Ludhiyana, w.e.f. 15 June 2016.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Ayyamkolil, Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church, Kalkaji, w.e.f. 15 June 2016.

Rev. Fr. James Ezhanikkattu, Parish Priest of Kristhuraja Cathedral Forane Church, Faridabad, w.e.f. 28 May 2016.

Rev. Fr. Julius Karukanthara, Parish Priest of St. Alphonsa Church, Noida and Diocesan Vocation Promoter, w.e.f. 26 June 2016; Director of Altar Servers Association and Director of Holy Childhood Association, w.e.f. 15 July 2016.

Rev. Fr. Nixon Kottayil MCBS, Parish Priest of St. Padre Pio Church, Rohini, w.e.f. 30 May 2016.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Kochuveettil CFIC, relieved from St. Mary's Church, Mayur Vihar Phase –I and appointed as Parish Priest of Holy Family Church, Pushpvihar, w.e.f. 15 June 2016.

Rev. Fr. Mathew (Manoj) Kollamparambil, Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Mayur Vihar Phase – I, w.e.f. 15 June 2016.

Rev. Fr. Rony Thoppilan, Priest in Charge of Infant Jesus Mission Station, Mallewala, Punjab, w.e.f. 25 April 2016.

Rev. Fr. Robin Areeparambil CST, Priest in Charge of St. Joseph's Mission Station, Mudki, Punjab, w.e.f. 31 May 2016.

Rev. Fr. Saji George Valavil, Vice Rector and Procurator, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara Minor Seminary, Sanjopuram, w.e.f. 05 May 2016.

Rev. Fr. Shibu Kalassiyil CMF, Parish Priest of St. Claret Church, Gurgaon, w.e.f. 16 May 2016.

Rev. Fr. Vargehse Ithithara, Priest in Charge of St. George Church, Greater Noida, w.e.f. 01 March 2016.

Rev. Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, Asst. Parish Priest of Mary Matha Church, Ludhiyana, w.e.f. 15 July 2016.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Azhakanakunnel, Asst. Parish Priest of Assumption Forane Church, Mayur Vihar Phase – III w.e.f. 15 July 2016.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Paraplackal SAC, relieved from Mary Matha Church, Ludhiyana.

Rev. Fr. Rajan Punnakkal relieved from Kristhuraja Cathedral Forane Church, Faridabad and the Directorship of Diocesan Charismatic and Jesus Youth Movements.

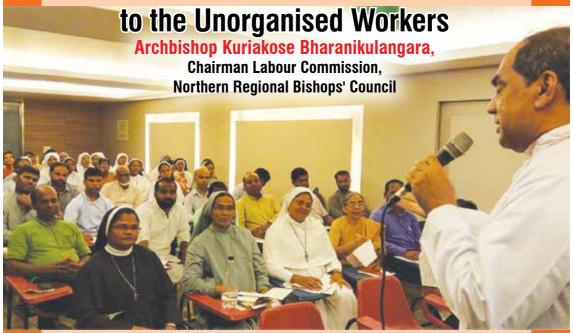
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ENSURE JUSTICE



It is an urgent need to ensure justice to the vast majority of the unorganised workers Lin India, requested Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, the Chairman of North Regional Labour Commission to the Government. His Grace inaugurated the one day seminar organised by CBCI Office for Labour in collaboration with the North Regional Labour Commission at Faridabad Bishop's House, Karolbagh, New Delhi. 94% of Indian workforces are unorganised workers and the Government of past or the present hardly do anything for the welfare and security of these poor workers in the metropolitan city like Delhi. Government has a bounden duty to these migrant unorganised workers to help them to have at least the minimum basic necessities met. It is an injustice when we enjoy their service done at various development areas and close the eyes conveniently neglecting their rights and basic needs. Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara reminded that the church must take extra steps in this year of Mercy to stand by these hand to mouth labourers who have no option other than to toil in spite of the freakish whether in an unfamiliar place. The plights of the unorganised migrant workers are unimaginable. Fr. Jaison Vadassery, Secretary, CBCI Office for Labour, Dr. Krishnakumar, Sri Venkatesware College, University of Delhi, Msgr. Jose Edassery, the Vicar General, Diocese of Faridabad, Sr. Rani HCM, Programme Manager, CBCI Office for Labour spoke on this occasion. 62 Representatives from Himachal, Hariyana, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Delhi participated in the seminar.

Sr. Rani HCM

Programme Manager, CBCI Office for Labour, Delhi

The Pastoral Care of the Syro-Malabar Faithful in The Latin Parishes

A Study on Recent Instruction From The Vatican

[Editorial Team]

fter the establishment of the Eparchy of Faridabad for the Syro-Malabar Church, Archbishop Anil T. Couto, Archbishop of Delhi and Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara of Faridabad had published a Joint-Pastoral Letter (JPL) in November 2013. It was meant for regulating the inter-ritual relations between the Archdiocese of Delhi and the Eparchy of Faridabad. Also to address the question of pastoral care of those Syro-Malabar faithful remaining with the Latin parishes. This joint Pastoral Letter had given "certain essential principles and a broad frame work for the priests, religious and the lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Delhi and the Eparchy of Faridabad to live in communion as members of two sui iuris churches, within One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, within the territory of the Archdiocese of Delhi." However, in the aftermath of the publication of that document, "some members of the Oriental Church, having lived for a long time in a Latin ecclesial context in Delhi felt a sense of disorientation" and had approached the Holy See for some guidance. Recently the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Churches has issued an Instruction

on the matter. (In the previous Number of SM that was published).

For better understanding and a correct application of the Instruction, we studied in depth that document and compared it with its precedent joint-Pastoral Letter. The Instruction states that the new Eparchy is created for all Syro-Malabar faithful living within its territory and they are members of the Eparchy of Faridabad. All Syro-Malabar faithful living in this territory come under the jurisdiction of its Bishop. The argument of some for 'freedom of choice' is flatly refuted by the Instruction stating that "there does not exist a general right to choose one's rite; rather there is a duty to follow one's own rite insofar as possible".

The document refers to the possibility of passing/ changing over to another sui iuris Church and states that if both the concerned Pastors are in agreement, the permission of the Holy See for that is presumed. The communication upholds that one's inherited rite can be changed through a proper canonical procedure. In the context of Delhi, both the bishops have agreed to facilitate such moves of changing the rite for

those who opt for it. The Synod of the Syro-Malabar Church has also endorsed this type of change of rite.

However, the Instruction understands perfectly the particular pastoral predicament of some faithful who "experience difficulties participating in the parish of their own Church sui iuris". They do not wish to pass over to the Latin Church, but at the same time would like to exercise the right to participate in the Liturgical functions of any sui iuris Church. In fact, this has been emphasized in the JPL that

"the faithful of any sui iuris Church are certainly welcome to participate actively in the liturgical celebrations of any other sui iuris Church. Our faith must be practiced in peace and serenity and without any tension".

A Syro-Malabar faithful, in force of law itself, is a member of the Syro-Malabar parish where he has domicile. Their legitimate parish priest is that of the Syro-Malabar parish of the region. Nevertheless the Latin parish priest can be a substitute for that legitimate

SM parish priest. The Instruction emphasizes that the faithful ascribed to the SMC residing in the territory of the Eparchy of Faridabad are subject to the Eparchial bishop of Faridabad, even if, in practice, they frequent Latin parishes. However, if some faithful wish so, they can get fully involved in the life and activities of the parish of the Latin Church. This arrangement requires that each one should know which are the Syro-Malabar parishes near to their domicile. Besides, this requires also a register in the Syro-Malabar parishes about such people and such persons must be enrolled in the parish registers. In practice, the Latin parish is required to compile a list of such persons and inform the respective Syro-Malabar parish priests. This kind of documentation

is important because certain sacraments of the Syro-Malabar faithful practicing in the Latin parish are to be registered in the Church books. If such proper documentation is maintained in each parish – both Latin and Syro-Malabar – issuing of subsequent certificates will be easier.

The Instruction gives clear norms - "within the framework of existing laws" and "observing the current canonical norms" about the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and marriage. The

> document states for these sacraments of Syroauthorization

> Malabar faithful in Delhi that require jurisdictional or legal - Baptism, confirmation and marriage -they have to approach the Syro-Malabar Church. The Instruction obliges the Latin Parish Priest who substitutes for the faithful's legitimate pastor to "fulfill what is established by law for these sacraments." "For Baptism, the Latin pastor will request permission from the Oriental Pastor (cfr. CCEO 677,1; 683)

moreover, the Latin pastor will send to the Oriental Pastor a certificate of baptism for notification. The same process regards confirmation. Instead, for marriage of two Orientals the Latin pastor will request delegation ad validitatem from the Oriental pastor. Accordingly, for baptism and confirmation of these oriental faithful, the Latin Parish Priest needs the permission from the Oriental Pastor.

registration of such baptism The confirmation has to be recorded in the Latin as well as in the Oriental parishes "specifying the membership in the SMC". Regarding marriage, the Latin pastor is the competent minister if one of the parties is Latin. If both parties are Orientals, the Latin pastor will have to request delegation ad validitatem from the oriental

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bishop of Faridabad, even if, in practice,

they frequent Latin parishes. However, if

some faithful wish so, they can get fully

involved in the life and activities of the

parish of the Latin Church.

pastor. In such cases, a notification is to be sent to the Oriental pastor. The Instruction calls for interecclesial collaboration based on respect, solicitude and promptitude from both Churches.

When these sacraments of such faithful are to be administered in Kerala, the Instruction calls for same spirit of "willing collaboration" from all concerned – both priests and the Synod. The "free status" certificate will be accepted either from the Syro-Malabar parish* or the Latin Pastor of the place of baptism. It may be noted that since such persons names will be already enrolled in the respective parish register of the Syro-Malabar parish (of domicile), one is free to get it from that Syro-Malabar parish (*) or from the Latin parish if she/he is baptized there. The latter case presupposes also a baptism certificate from the Latin parish. It may be noted not from "any" Latin parish, but from the Latin parish where she/he is baptized. This excludes those recent arrivals in Delhi. The Instruction further specifies that if other attestations are needed, these should be given by the Latin pastor of the parish frequented by the individual.

The Instruction is concluded stating that since this situation can be managed in the current canonical framework, no special and general permission – Indult is needed at present. We understand the "demand"
 of the mass petition submitted to the Holy See was for such an Indult in the model of Kalyan Indult.

As it was stated in the JPL that "it is our ardent hope and prayer that we will always live in a spirit of love, mutual respect and cooperation eschewing from our life all feelings of conflict, competition or rivalry and what is most important to our Christian life is our common witness to the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to our unity in the Church." The Instruction also calls for mutual understanding and respect and invites all to facilitate the tranquil and serene prosecution of their life of faith. All such faithful are requested to accept joyfully this ecclesiastical norm and "to foster the harmonious coexistence of the faithful of the various sui iuris Churches in India".

As pastors concerned with the salus animarum of the faithful in this capital city and urged by the pastoral solicitude, we exhort you that there is no room for triumphalism or defeat in this matter. We all are sons and daughters of the same Father Almighty and members of the one and same Universal Church under the Petrine authority of the Holy Father. Each Church has got its own venerable liturgical and canonical practices which should be respected by all.

സാന്തോം ബൈബിൾ കൺവെൻഷന്റെ വിജയത്തിനായുളള പ്രാർത്ഥന

പിതാവും പുത്രനും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവുമായ ദൈവമേ, / അങ്ങയെ ഞങ്ങൾ ആരാധിക്കുകയും സ്തുതിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. / അങ്ങയുടെ കരബലത്താൽ / ഈ ലോകത്തെയും അതിലെ ചരാചരങ്ങളെയും / താങ്ങിനിറുത്തുന്ന / കരുണാമയനായ ദൈവമേ, / സാന്തോം ബൈബിൾ കൺവെൻഷനെ / ഞങ്ങൾ / പരിശുദ്ധ അമ്മയുടെ വിമലഹ്യ ദയം വഴി / ഈശോയുടെ തിരുഹൃദയത്തിന് സമർപ്പിച്ചു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. ആയിരങ്ങൾ ഒരുമ്മിച്ചുകൂടി ദൈവവചനം ശ്രവിക്കുവാനും / അതുവഴി എല്ലാ വ്യക്തികളും കൂടുംബങ്ങളും / ദൈവത്തിന്റെ പരമമായ ശക്തി മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാനും / അങ്ങനെ ഞങ്ങളുടെ രൂപത പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ അഭിഷേകത്താൽ ശക്തിപ്പെടുവാനും /ഈ ധ്യാനം ഒരു നിമിത്ത മാക്കണമേ. / ഞങ്ങളുടെ രൂപതാദ്ധ്യക്ഷനായ കുര്യാക്കോസ് പിതാവിനെയും / രൂപതയിലെ എല്ലാ വൈദികരെയും, സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സിനെയും / ഈശോയുടെ സൗഖ്യദായകമായ തിരുരക്തത്തിൽ കഴുകി / വിശുദ്ധീകരിക്കുകയും നവീക രിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണമെ./കൺവെൻഷൻ നയിക്കുന്ന ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വൈദികരെ / ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ശക്തിയുടെയും കരുണയുടെയും ഉപകരണങ്ങളാക്കണമേ. / ധ്യാനവുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് ഓരോ ശുശ്രൂഷയും / അഭിഷേകം കൊണ്ട് നിറയ്ക്കുവാനും /ഓരോ വ്യക്തിയും / തങ്ങൾ ചെയ്യുന്ന ശുശ്രൂഷകൾ / ദൈവമഹത്വത്തിനായി മാത്രം ചെയ്യുവാനുമുള്ള പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ പ്രേരണ നൽകുകയും ചെയ്യണമേ. യേശുക്രിസത്ുവിലൂടെ ആഴമായ മാനസാന്തരങ്ങളും / അത്ഭുതരോഗശാന്തികളും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ ദാനങ്ങളും / കൺവെൻഷനിൽ സംബന്ധി ക്കുന്നവരിൽ ചൊരിയണമേ. / കൺവെൻഷന്റെ സംഘാടകരെയും ശുശ്രുഷകരെയും / കൺവെൻഷനിൽ നിയോഗം വച്ച് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നവരെയും/ സമൃദ്ധമായി അനുഗ്രഹിക്കണമേ. / പരി.അമ്മേ, ദൈവമാതാവേ, കൺവെൻഷന്റെ വിജയത്തിനായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കണമേ. ആമ്മേൻ. 1 സ്വർഗ്ഗ 1 നന്മ 1 ത്രിത്വ.

IFJ DWARKA **NEWS**

INAUGURATION AND BLESSING OF

INFANT JESUS PRESCHOOL — AN EXTENSION OF INFANT JESUS SCHOOL, DWARKA



Blessing of Infant Jesus School's Extention

Blessing of Infant Jesus School's extension has been done in communion and gratitude by Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara on 25th April, 2016. Presence of Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar General, Rev. Fr. Davis Kalliyathuparambil, Manager, Rev. Fr. Benny Palatty, Director and Rev. Sr. Annie, Principal Rev. Fr. Anoop Narimattathil, Vicar, Infant Jesus Forane Church, Palam, Rev. Fr. Paul Raj Kodiyan, Vicar, St. Pius X Church, Dwarka and school community expressed the Diocesan togetherness and communion in the mission of educating the future generation. While delivering message, Archbishop has reiterated Diocesan plans about the vision and mission in the field of education.





Website launching at IJS, Dwarka.

Infant Jesus school's e-portal for communication with parents and public has been officially launched by Archbishop Bharanikulangara during the meeting held at school. Esteemed presence of Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Rev. Fr. Davis Kalliyathuparambil, Manager, Rev. Fr. Benny Palatty, Director and Rev. Sr. Annie, Principal along with school community were there.



Pastoral Letter PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY

Please read the pastoral letter in all the churches on 14th August, 2016, in connection with Prison Ministry Sunday

Bishop Peter RemigiusPatron of Prison Ministry India



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ.

On this Prison Ministry Sunday the Church asks us to make a journey, a journy to meet the prisoners and prisons with the theme, "Prisoners no more but brothers and sisters". The gospel of today is a reflection on the adulterous woman and Jesus' Mercy upon her. On Monday, April 7th, 2014 during Pope's Mass at the Vatican City, he reflected on the same biblical scene in which Jesus prevents the stoning of the adulterous woman, observing how the Lord's forgiveness extends even beyond what is considered just. "So Jesus was left alone with the woman before him and said to her: 'woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

When the woman replied to Jesus saying "No one, sir," she did not say, it was a false accusation: neither did she say 'I have not committed adultery," the Pope explained, emphasizing: "she recognizes her sin". "Mercy goes beyond in such a way that sin is put to the side:

"We look at the sky, there are many, many stars; but when the sun rises in the morning, the light is such that we can't see the stars," the Holy Father reflected, highlighting that "God's mercy is like that: a great light of love and tenderness."

Jesus does not humiliate her but says: 'Go and do not sin again!". Jesus' mercy is great. It forgives us and heals us!"

The Prison Situation

Who are there in the prisons? Are the prisons

filled with the violent, the organized gangsters and racketeers? Hardly! They are filled with the poor, socially, accused of petit offences and the mentally ill. Under trial prisoners numbering 282879 prisoners form an overwhelmingly large portion of the total prison population of 418536 prisoners as per the Government record of 2014. The under trial population has been increasing over the years and came to 67.6 percent and the convicted prisoners being just 31.4 percent.

Again, most of the under trials are people who cannot pay the money for bail and do not have sufficient proof of residence. They cannot assure the court that they will turn up for the next date of hearing. **Ministry of the presence.**

The volunteers walk with the forgotten and despised of our society. They are with them to listen to their story, their spiritual needs, their hopes and dreams, regardless of their culture and creed. The volunteers' day is unpredictable as they never know from one moment to the next what they will have to face. It could be a death or the death of a family member or an attempted suicide in a family. There may be persons weeping in the corners of prison, because being the first time in jail they are in great fear of their safety. They are angry and revengeful. They speak ill of everyone. What the volunteers can do, is to sit in silence, place them in the hands of our loving God and pray that peace will soften their murderous mind, give them hope and solace and

that the Great Lover of all humanity will touch their souls and heal their tortured minds.

One of the volunteers shared her experience. Not so long ago she met a man who had just murdered his mother. He was shaking from head to foot, a body riddled with the effects of alcohol. He sat in front of her, a broken man trying to come to terms with what had happened that fateful night. Although he appeared to be a gentle person, a person who had cared for his mother but circumstances had led to explode in anger. He spoke how angry his family was with him and how they did not want anything to do with him. He felt isolated and alone, staying with him, gave him time to tell his story. He himself felt horrified by his action. In his agony she was able to be with him in an unconditional concern to help him to prevent from a further decline of his dignity of a human person.

The year of Mercy and Prison Ministry Sunday In this holy year of mercy Prison Ministry Sunday has got a special importance. On the 1st September 2015 Pope Francis wrote to Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of Pontifical Council for the Promotion of New Evangelization and the details of the opening of the Holy Doors in the Jubilee Year that "the imprisoned may obtain the indulgence in the chapel of the prisons; May they all be touched in a tangible way by the mercy of the Father who wants to be close to those who have the greatest need of His forgiveness; May the gesture of directing their thoughts and prayers to the Father each time they cross the threshold of their cell signify for them their passage through the Holy Door, because the mercy of God is able to transform hearts, and is also able to transform the bars into an experience of freedom". So in this Holy Year of Mercy you can participate in the various programmes of Prison Ministry India such as in the release of innocent prisoners, participating in victim and offender reconciliation programme, visiting families of victims, helping prisoners' children, helping rehabilitation of prisoners, arranging visit of family members in prisons and so on.

Faith and Spirituality of Christians towards the prisoners

Compassion is a core virtue of our faith and as volunteers, these qualities need to be evident to the prisoners. The nature of prisons deepens their worthlessness and our interaction and reflection with them enables them to increase their self worth, dignity and identity to crawl back into their lives. The spirituality of prison ministry is based on this Faith. Faith helps us to be listeners. Faith helps us to cross the borders on the seemingly inaccessible shores. Faith illumines us and helps us to see the reality as God sees. Faith helps us to be merciful to the prisoners. Faith does not depart us from the world but make us socially responsible on what is believed to the social dimension of Christian charity.

Conclusion

It is a fact that the various activities of the prison ministry do not make any enriching relationship with the outside world. Most often volunteers are not able to take any one to the place where they are working. People at the gate of the prison may not show any familiarity towards them. They are always treated as unwelcome guests. Even after a tiresome time spent in prison they have to make phone calls to relatives and advocates. Always they get the answer from the family members," let him or her be there. Don't bother about him or her". They are not entertained. Volunteers are in need of perseverance in all their endevours of helping a person in prison. They are at the mercy to make some assistance for a person in prison. So I would like to call all the volunteers of prison ministry as hidden heroes of the Church. I appreciate you for your generous contribution that you make every year. St. Maximilian Kolbe, the patron saint of Prison Ministry India may guide you. "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples" says Bl.Mother Theresa. Let us do our might. May God bless you and be with you.

Yours devotedly in Christ, **Bishop Peter Remigius** Patron of Prison Ministry India



DIOCESAN CATECHISM ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-17



Inaugural function of Faridabad Diocese's Catechetical year 2016-17 was held on Sunday, the 10th July 2016 at Christ Hall, Sanjoepuram, Faridabad. The program started with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Karunakontha). Children of Sanjoepuram Children's village presented a Prayer dance.

The Bishop of Faridabad Diocese, His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, inaugurated the Catechism Academic year 2016-17 and urged the Catechism Teachers to be the role models for the children and the society. His Grace released the logo of this year's motto and distributed the prizes of the last year's Rank Holders of Scholarship Examination and Trophies to the Model Sunday Schools.

St. Padre Pio, Rohini, St. Jude Thaddeus, Ashok Vihar and St. Augustine's Forane, Karol Bagh (North Zone), St. Joseph's Kalkaji, Our Lady of Fatima Forane, Jassola and St. Peter's Faridabad (South

Zone), St. Mary's, Mayur Vihar –1, Assumption Forane, Mayur Viahr-3 and Mary Matha, Mayur Vihar-2 (East Zone), Infant Jesus Forane, Palam, St. Chavara Kuriakose Elias, Hari Nagar and St. Thomas, Janakpuri (West Zone) were selected as model Sunday Schools for the year 2015-16.

The Catechism Diary was released by the Vicar General of Faridabad Diocese, Msgr. Jose Edassery by giving a copy to Ann Theresa Saji, Class-1, First Rank Holder and the Academic Calendar was released by Rev. Fr. Peter, Kanjirakkattukari, Executive Director of Sanjoepuram Children's village by giving a copy to Rev. Fr. John Kapyarumalayil C.S.T.

Rev. Fr. Francis Karthanam, V.C. took an orientation class for the teachers on this year's motto i.e. "Faith Formation to live out God's Mercy". He explained that a catechism teacher should be well prepared to be a Catechist and should be aware about the background of each child. •

RANK HOLDERS

SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION 2015-16



ANN THERESA SAJI CLASS -I, 1ST RANK PUSHP VIHAR



CLASS-1, 2ND RANK R.K. PURAM



ADDON SEBY CLASS-1,3RD RANK HARINAGAR



RIYU SHEELU CLASS-2 1ST RANK VIKAS PURI



ABIN PRINCE CLASS-2, 2ND RANK R.K. PURAM



AUSTIN S. GEORGE CLASS-2, 3RD RANK MAYUR VIHAR-3



LAYONA ANNA BINU CLASS-3, 1ST RANK FARIDABAD



NIA STEPHAN CLASS-3, 2ND RANK MAYUR VIHAR-3



MARIA MONICA PHILIP CLASS-3, RANK-3 JASOLA, OKHLA



IVIN B MATHEW CLASS-4, 1ST RANK GURGAON S.H



DONA ELIZABETH THOMAS CLASS-4, 2ND RANK HARINAGAR



S RIYA VARGHESE CLASS-4, 3RD RANK MOTIAKHAN(PAHARGANJ)



ALINA MATHEW CLASS-5, 1ST RANK PALAM



ATHIRA ANN. M. JOS, CLASS-5, 2ND RANK DILSHAD GARDEN



BENNET JOY, CLASS-5, 3RD RANK MOTIAKHAN(PAHARGANJ)



AMAL MATHEWS TOM CLASS-6, 1ST RANK BURARI



ALANA SEBY CLASS-6, 2ND RANK HARI NAGAR



JULIA MARY THOMAS CLASS-6, 3RD RANK HARI NAGAR



ANANYA JAISON CLASS-7, 1ST RANK KALKAJI



JEROME SHIJO CLASS-7, 2ND RANK MAYUR VIHAR-3



ASMITA KS CLASS 7, 3RD RANK DILSHAD GARDEN



REMYA SAJI CLASS-8 1ST RANK PALAM



SHALET JAYAN CLASS-8, 2ND RANK HARINAGAR



JOMLIN JOHN CLASS-8, 3RD RANK LADO SARAI



ASHITA SIBICHAN CLASS-9, RANK-1 JASSOLA, OKHLA



ELIZABETH BENNY CLASS-9 2ND RANK KAI KAIT



ANGELA THOMAS CLASS-9, 3RD RANK DILSHAD GARDEN



DIVYA M.S. CLASS-10, 1ST RANK JANAKPURI



ARSHA LIZ M. JOS CLASS-10, 2ND RANK DILSHAD GARDEN



ANJALI ELEZABETH JOY CLASS-10, 3RD RANK PUSHP VIHAR



ASHLY SIBICHAN CLASS-11, 1ST RANK JASOLA, OKHLA



NEHA MARIA BENNY CLASS 11, RANK 2 JASOLA, OKHLA



LEAH JOBY CLASS-11, 3RD RANK MAYUR VIHAR-3



NIKHILA MATHEW CLASS-12, 1ST RANK MAYUR VIHAR-3



RASIL SABU CLASS-12, 2ND RANK PALAM



JACQUELINE JOSEPH CLASS-12, 3RD RANK JASSOLA, OKHLA

FAMILY APOSTOLATE **NEWS**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE



Marriage Preparation Courses for the month of July was conducted from 1st July to 3rd July, 2016 at Alphonsa Pastoral Centre, Okhla Vihar and 42 persons participated. As usual group activities, individual counselling sessions and confessions made the preparation more effective. Rev.Fr.Jose Edassery Vicar General of Faridabad

Diocese addressed the participants for a brief time. The whole hearted support from the director of Alphonsa Pastoral Centre Rev.Fr.Jacob Nangelimalil and the youth volunteers of Jasola Parish under the leadership of Dn.Joseph made this event in the new Pastoral Centre, a pleasant experience.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES (MPC) FOR THE YEAR 2016

Venue : Alphonsa Pastoral Centre, Okhla Vihar , Course dates for the year 2016:

(Course begins at 9 A.M. on Day 1 (Friday) and ends at 5 P.M. on Day 3 (Sunday)

August	5,6 & 7
September	2, 3 & 4
October	7,8 & 9
October	21,22 & 23
November	4,5 & 6
December	2, 3 & 4

How to book:

Online: www.familyapostolatefaridabad.com

SMS : 7838567767

Email: mpcfaridabad@gmail.com

Number of seats for each course is limited t. Advance booking is compulsory. Booking closes when the seats are full. Therefore book your seats well in advance (2 months to 1 week)

Information required for booking:

- 1) Course date you are planning to attend 2) Your name 3) Male or female
- 4) Mobile No. 5) Email ID & 6) Parish (place).

Instructions: Please bring along 1) The registration form(can be downloaded from the website"www. familyapostolatefaridabad.com") duly signed by the parish priest or a letter for the purpose 2) Two passport size photos 3) Personal care things for 3 days' stay and 4) The course fee Rs.1600/-.

MATHRUJYOTHIS **NEWS**

GENERAL BODY MEETING



General Body Meeting (GBM) of the Syro-Malabar Mathruvedhi was held on 12 &13 July 2016 at Mount St. Thomas, Kakanad, Kerala. The GBM was well participated by 80 representatives of 19 Dioceses from Kerala & also from outside Kerala. Mrs. Molly Louis, Mathrujyothis Diocesan Senate member & President of Assumption Forane Church Mayur Vihar III was represented for Faridabad-Delhi Diocese.

The programme was inaugurated by His Grace Cardinal Mar George Allencherry. The meeting

was chaired by Mrs. Delcy Luckachan, President of Syro-Malabar Mathruvedhi. Introductory Talk was given by Rev. Fr. Joseph Kochuprampil, Director of Syro-Malabar MV. His Grace Cardinal Mar George Allencherry spoke about the important role of a "Mother" in the Church & family. Each Diocese presented their report for the 6 Months. Mrs. Molly Louis presented the Report of Faridabad diocese. There were Panel Discussions regarding Family, leadership, Nursing care, Waste managements, educational help. His Excellency Bp. Joseph Perumthottam, Diocese of Manathavadi gave concluding message of GBM.

Festal Greetings: The Mathrujyothis Diocesan executives went to wish His Grace, Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara on his Feast day on 15th July.

ST. ALPHONSA PASTORAL CENTRE DIOCESE OF FARIDABAD-DELHI

Retreats for Elders

St. Alphonsa Pastoral Centre of the Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi offers two retreats every month. Second week-end (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) retreat is preached by Rev. Fr. Mathew Kochuveetil and team (Navekarana Dhyanam) and fourth week-end (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) retreat is preached by Rev. Fr. James Ezhanikattu and team (Kripamari Dhyanam). Registrations for retreats in August second week (12, 13, 14) and fourth week (26, 27, 28) are already started. All are cordially invited to participate in the retreat. Please register the names in advance. First 40 will be admitted to the retreat. Retreats are preached in Malayalam.

Retreat for Children

St. Alphonsa Pastoral Centre of the Diocese of Faridabad also gives One Day Retreat from 5th standard to 8th standard students on 18th of August from 9.00 am to 4.pm. Retreat is preached in Malayalam, English or Hindi. Please register the names in advance. First 40 will be admitted to the retreat.

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കേരള കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയിൽ ആത്മീയ നവീകരണരംഗത്ത് കഴിഞ്ഞ 25 വർഷമായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു പോരുന്ന ഒരു പ്രസ്ഥാനമാണ് സ്പിരിറ്റ് ഇൻ ജീസസ്. ഈ പ്രസ്ഥാനം ശ്രീ ടോം സഖറിയായുടെ നേതൃ ത്വത്തിൽ ഇടുക്കി ജില്ലയിലെ സൂര്യനെല്ലിയിൽ ആരംഭിച്ച് ക്രമേണ മറ്റു രൂപതകളിലേക്കും സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളിലേക്കും വ്യാപിച്ചു. കത്തോലിക്കർക്കു പുറമേ ഇതരസഭാംഗങ്ങളും ഈ പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ ചേർന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇപ്പോൾ ഒരു സഭയുടെയും പ്രത്യേക നിയന്ത്രണത്തിന് വിധേയമാകാതെ സ്വതന്ത്രമായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നതും അല്മായർ നേതൃത്വം കൊടുക്കുന്നതുമാണ് ഈ പ്രസ്ഥാനം. ഇവർ പരിശുദ്ധ കുർബാനയോടും ദൈവ മാതാവിനോടുമുള്ള ഭക്തി പരിപോഷിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിലും കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ അടിസ്ഥാനപരമായ വിശ്വാസവിഷയങ്ങളിൽ വി. ഗ്രന്ഥത്തിനും, സഭാപ്രബോധനങ്ങൾക്കും പാരമ്പര്യങ്ങൾക്കും നിരക്കാത്ത ചില പ്രബോധനങ്ങൾ വച്ചുപുലർത്തുന്നുണ്ട്. പ്രസംഗങ്ങളിലൂടെയും പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ ജിഹ്വയായ "ഇതാ നിന്റെ അമ്മ" എന്ന മാസികയിലൂടെയും അവരുടെ ആശയങ്ങൾ പ്രചരിപ്പിക്കുകയാണ്. സ്വകാര്യവെളി പാടുകൾക്കാണ് സഭയുടെ ഔദ്യോഗികപ്രബോധനങ്ങളെക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ പ്രധാന്യം നല്കുന്നത്.

സ്പിരിറ്റ് ഇൻ ജീസസ് പ്രസ്ഥാനക്കാർ അബദ്ധജടിലമായ ചില ഉപദേശങ്ങൾവഴി വിശ്വാസികളെ വഴിതെറ്റിക്കുന്നത് കേരളമെത്രാൻ സമിതി അതീവഗൗരവത്തോടെയാണ് വീക്ഷിക്കുന്നത്. പലരും വിശ്വാ സവൈപരീതൃങ്ങളിൽ ചെന്നു പതിക്കാനിടയുള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് വിശ്വാസികൾക്ക് മുന്നറിയിപ്പു നല്കേണ്ട ത് ഇടയന്മാർ എന്ന നിലയിൽ ഞങ്ങളുടെ കടമയാണ്. മരണാനന്തരജീവിതം, ഇതര മതങ്ങളോടും സാംസ്കാരികാനുരൂപണങ്ങളോടുമുള്ള സമീപനം, വേദപുസ്തക വ്യാഖ്യാനം എന്നിവ സംബന്ധിച്ചാണ് കൂടുതൽ അബദ്ധോപദേശങ്ങളും. അതിനാൽ ഇത്തരം വിഷയങ്ങളിൽ സഭയുടെ നിലപാടു വ്യക്തമാക്കാൻ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു.

1. തനതുവിധി

തനതുവിധിയില്ല, പൊതുവിധി മാത്രമേയുള്ളൂവെന്നാണ് സ്പിരിറ്റ് ഇൻ ജീസസ് പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. അതി നാൽ നരകത്തിൽ പോയവർക്കും നിതൃവിധിയുടെ സന്ദർഭം വരെ മാനസാന്തരത്തിന് സമയമുണ്ടെന്ന് അവർ പ്രബോധിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. എന്നാൽ കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ പ്രബോധനം ഇതാണ്: "ക്രിസ്തുവിൽ വെളിവാക്കപ്പെട്ട കൃപാവരത്തെ സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നതിനോ തിരസ്കരിക്കുന്നതിനോ സാദ്ധ്യമായ സമയം എന്ന നിലയിലുള്ള മനുഷ്യജീവിതത്തിന് മരണം അന്ത്യം കുറിക്കുന്നു" (CCC 1021).

ഒരാൾ മരിച്ചാൽ ഉടൻതന്നെ സ്വർഗ്ഗത്തിനോ, നരകത്തിനോ, ശുദ്ധീകരണ സ്ഥലത്തിനോ അർഹനാ യിത്തീരുമെന്നാണ് കത്തോലിക്കാസഭ പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. "ഓരോ മനുഷ്യനും തന്റെ മരണത്തിന്റെ നിമിഷ ത്തിൽതന്നെ സ്വജീവിതത്തെ ക്രിസ്തുവിനോടു ബന്ധപ്പെടുത്തി തന്റെ അമർത്യമായ ആത്മാവിൽ ശാശ്വത പ്രതിഫലം സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നു: ഒരു ശുദ്ധീകരണപ്രക്രിയയിലൂടെയോ നേരിട്ടോ സൗഭാഗ്യത്തിലേക്കുള്ള പ്രവേശനം, അല്ലെങ്കിൽ നേരിട്ടുള്ളതും ശാശ്വതവുമായ ശിക്ഷയിലേക്കുള്ള പ്രവേശനം" (CCC 1022).

2. നരകം നിത്വമല്ല?

പൊതുവിധിവരെ നരകം നിത്യമല്ല; മാനസാന്തരത്തിനും ദൈവകൃപയിലേക്ക് തിരികെ വരുന്നതിനും അവസരമുണ്ട് എന്നിങ്ങനെ സ്പിരിറ്റ് ഇൻ ജീസസ് പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ പ്രബോധനം വളരെ വ്യക്തമാണ്: "മനസ്തപിച്ച് ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കരുണാർദ്ര മായ സ്നേഹം സ്വീകരിക്കാതെ മാരകപാപത്തിൽ മരിക്കുക എന്നതിന്റെ അർത്ഥം, നമ്മുടെ സ്വതന്ത്രമായ തീരുമാനപ്രകാരം എന്നേക്കുമായി ദൈവത്തിൽനിന്ന് വേർപെട്ടുനില്ക്കുക എന്നതാണ്. ദൈവത്തോടും വാഴ്ത്തപ്പെട്ടവരോടും ഉള്ള സംസർഗത്തിൽ നിന്ന് സുനിശ്ചിതമായി നമ്മെ വേർപെടുത്തി നിറുത്തുന്ന അവസ്ഥയെ 'നരകം' എന്നു വിളിക്കുന്നു" (CCC 1033).

നരകത്തെ പല സംജ്ഞകൾകൊണ്ടാണ് വി. ഗ്രന്ഥം വിവക്ഷിക്കുക. 'നിത്യാഗ്നി' (മത്താ 25:41), 'നിതൃശിക്ഷ' (മത്താ 25:46), 'ലജ്ജയും നിതൃനിന്ദയും' (ദാനി 12:2), 'അഗ്നിജ്ജ്വാലയും യാതനയും' (ലൂക്കാ 16:23-24), 'നിതൃനാശം' (2 തെസ്സ 1:9), 'ഒരിക്കലും അവസാനിക്കാത്ത പീഡനം' (വെളി 14:11), 'എരിഞ്ഞു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ഗന്ധകത്തടാകം' (വെളി 20:10) എന്നിവയെല്ലാം നിതൃനരകത്തിന്റെ പ്രതീകങ്ങളാണ്. ബുദ്ധിഹീനകളായ കന്യകകൾക്കും (മത്താ 25:11-13) നിരുത്തരവാദിത്വപരമായി പെരുമാറിയ ഭൃത്യനും (മത്താ 24:51) വിവാഹവസ്ത്രം ധരിക്കാതെ വിരുന്നുശാലയിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ചവനും (മത്താ 22:13) വേറൊര വസരം കിട്ടിയില്ല എന്നോർക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്.

ലാസറിന്റെയും ധനവാന്റെയും ഉപമയിൽ, ധനവാന്റെ യാചനയ്ക്ക് അബ്രഹാം നല്കുന്ന ഉത്തരവും പ്രസക്തമാണ്: "ഞങ്ങൾക്കും നിങ്ങൾക്കുമിടയിൽ ഒരഗാധമായ ഗർത്തവും സ്ഥാപിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇവിടെ നിന്നു നിങ്ങളുടെ അടുത്തേക്കോ അവിടെ നിന്ന് ഞങ്ങളുടെ അടുത്തേക്കോ വരാൻ ആഗ്രഹിക്കു ന്നവർക്ക് അതു സാധിക്കുകയില്ല." (ലൂക്ക 16:26)

3. നരകവും പാതാളവും തമ്മിലുള്ള അന്തരം

സ്പിരിറ്റ് ഇൻ ജീസസ് പ്രസ്ഥാനക്കാർ നരകത്തെയും പാതാളത്തെയും സമമായി കാണുന്നതുകൊ ണ്ടാണ് "യേശു മരിച്ച് പാതാളത്തിലിറങ്ങി" എന്ന പ്രയോഗത്തെ അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കി യേശു നരകം സന്ദർശിച്ചു എന്നു വാദിക്കുന്നത്. ആദ്യ നൂറ്റാണ്ടുകളിൽ ചെറുതും വലുതുമായ പല വിശ്വാസപ്രമാണങ്ങളും രൂപ പ്പെട്ടു. 'അപ്പസ്തോലന്മാരുടെ വിശ്വാസപ്രമാണം,' അല്ലെങ്കിൽ 'ജ്ഞാനസ്നാന വിശ്വാസ പ്രമാണം' (Baptismal Creed) എന്നറിയപ്പെടുന്ന വിശ്വാസപ്രമാണത്തിലാണ് ഈ പ്രയോഗം കാണുന്നത്. എന്നാൽ, നിഖ്യാവിശ്വാസപ്രമാണത്തിൽ ഈ പ്രയോഗം കാണുന്നില്ലായെന്നുള്ളതും സ്മർത്തവ്യമാണ്.

ഹീബ്രുഭാഷയിൽ 'ഷെയോൾ' എന്നും ഗ്രീക്ക് ഭാഷയിൽ 'ഹാദെസ്' എന്നുമുള്ള സംജ്ഞകളാണ് പാതാളത്തെ വിവക്ഷിക്കുവാൻ ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നത്. ഭൂമിക്കടിയിലുള്ള അന്ധകാരാവൃതവും ശൂന്യവുമായ ഒരു സ്ഥലമായി പാതാളത്തെ ഇസ്രായേൽ ചരിത്രത്തിന്റെ പ്രാരംഭദശയിൽ കരുതിയിരുന്നു (ജോബ് 10:21-22). എന്നാൽ, പില്ക്കാലത്ത് ഗ്രീക്കുചിന്താധാരകളുമായുള്ള പാരസ്പര്യം വഴി, നന്മചെയ്തവർക്കും തിന്മ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചവർക്കും ഒരേ ഫലമാണ് ലഭിക്കുന്നതെങ്കിൽ, അതു ദൈവനീതിക്ക് നിരക്കാത്തതാണെന്ന നവീനചിന്ത ഉദ്ഭവിച്ചു. ബി.സി രണ്ടാം നൂറ്റാണ്ടിൽ എഴുതപ്പെട്ട ദാനിയേലിന്റെ പുസ്തകത്തിൽ നാം ഇപ്ര കാരം വായിക്കുന്നു: "ഭൂമിയിലെ പൊടിയിൽ ഉറങ്ങുന്ന അനേകർ ഉണരും; ചിലർ നിതൃജീവനായും; ചിലർ ലജ്ജയ്ക്കും നിതൃനിന്ദയ്ക്കുമായും. ജ്ഞാനികൾ ആകാശവിതാനത്തിന്റെ പ്രഭ പോലെ തിളങ്ങും. അനേകരെ നീതിയിലേക്കു നയിക്കുന്നവർ നക്ഷത്രങ്ങളെപ്പോലെ എന്നുമെന്നും പ്രകാശിക്കും" (ദാനി 12:2-3). മരിച്ച നീതിമാന്മാരുടെ സ്ഥിതി ജീവനോ സന്തോഷമോ ദൈവസ്തുതിപ്പോ ഇല്ലാത്ത ഇരുട്ടറയിൽ (സങ്കീ 88:5-12) അല്ല, പ്രത്യുത ഭൂമിയിൽ നന്മ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചവർ 'അബ്രഹാമിന്റെ മടിത്തട്ടിൽ വിശ്രമിക്കുന്നു' എന്ന ആശയത്തിലേക്ക് പുതിയനിയമകാലത്ത് വളർച്ച ഉണ്ടായി (ലൂക്കാ 16:22-23). നിതൃനരകത്തെ സൂചി പ്പിക്കുവാൻ 'ഗേഹന്നാ' എന്ന പദമാണ് ഉപയോഗിച്ചിരുന്നത് (സീയോന്റെ തെക്കുപടിഞ്ഞാറു ഭാഗത്തുള്ള അഗാധമായ ഒരു താഴ്വരയാണ് 'ഗഹിന്നോം'). യേശു പാതാളത്തിൽ ഇറങ്ങി എന്ന പ്രയോഗം കൊണ്ട് നാം അർത്ഥമാക്കേണ്ടത് യേശു യഥാർത്ഥത്തിൽ മരിച്ചുവെന്നാണ്, അല്ലാതെ യേശു നരകം സന്ദർശിച്ചുവെന്നല്ല. •



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renewed interest and a hot discussion about the posture of the celebrant during the Mass ignited by the statement made by Cardinal Robert Sarah recently have drawn the attention of International media. The Holy See has clarified that "new liturgical directives are not expected from next Advent, as some have incorrectly inferred from some of Cardinal Sarah's words"

The Vatican press office released a clarification regarding media presentations of an address given July 5 in London by Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship. The cardinal spoke about Masses celebrated 'ad orientem,' that is, with the priest facing away from the people (to the east, if the church was built with that traditional layout). The Vatican's statement clarifies that the cardinal's address was not an announcement of new directives for the celebration of Mass. Here is the text of the statement, with the English translation provided by the press office.

Some clarifications on the celebration of Mass

It would appear opportune to offer clarification in the light of information circulated in the press after a conference held in London a few days ago by Cardinal Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship. Cardinal Sarah has always been rightly concerned about the dignity of the celebration of Mass, so as to express appropriately the attitude of respect and adoration for the Eucharistic mystery. Some of his expressions have however been incorrectly interpreted, as if they were intended to announce new indications different to those given so far in the liturgical rules and in the words of the Pope regarding celebration facing the people and the ordinary rite of the Mass.

Therefore it is useful to remember that in the

Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani (General Instruction of the Roman Missal), which contains the norms relating to the Eucharistic celebration and is still in full force, paragraph no. 299 states that: "Altare extruatur a pariete seiunctum, ut facile circumiri et in eo celebratio versus populum peragi possit, quod expedit ubicumque possibile sit. Altare eum autem occupet locum, ut revera centrum sit ad quod totius congregationis fidelium attentio sponte convertatur" ("The altar should be built separate from the wall, in such a way that it is possible to walk around it easily and that Mass can be celebrated facing the people, which is desirable wherever possible. Moreover, the altar should occupy a place where it is truly the centre toward which the attention of the whole congregation of the faithful naturally turns".)

Pope Francis, for his part, on the occasion of his visit to the Dicastery for Divine Worship, expressly mentioned that the "ordinary" form of the celebration of the Mass is that expressed in the Missal promulgated by Paul VI, while the "extraordinary" form, which was permitted by Pope Benedict XVI for the purposes and in the ways explained in his Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum, must not take the place of the "ordinary" one. Therefore, new liturgical directives are not expected from next Advent, as some have incorrectly inferred from some of Cardinal Sarah's words, and it is better to avoid using the expression "reform of the reform" with reference to the liturgy, given that it may at times give rise to error. All the above was unanimously expressed during a recent audience granted by the Pope to the same Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship.

PUNJAB **NEWS**.

FREE MEDICAL CAMP AT MUDUKKI, PUNJAB



A free medical camp for the people of the locality was arranged by Rev. Fr. Robin Areeparambil CST on 24th July, 2016 at local Dharamsala (inn for the villagers). The purpose of the camp was mainly to help the poor people to have a free check up and medication free of cost and to introduce ourselves to the locals that we have started our mission in this area. Fr.Robin with the help of local administration announced the programme in almost 40 nearby villages and through public announcement system and through Gurudwars of the villages.

The medical team, consisting of 6 doctors and 7 Rev. Sisters and Nurses, led by Rev. Sr. Grace SABS, the Administrator of Sacred Heart Hospital, Jalandhar conducted the free medical camp. It began at 10.30 a.m onSunday,24th July and concluded by 04.30 p.m. Apart from free medical checkups medicines were also freely provided to all the patients who turned up for the camp. A total of 562 patients participated and received free medicines.

Rev. Fr. Saji Nellikunnel CST, the Provincial Superior and the Municipal Chairman along with Municipal Councillors and arrived for the concluding programme. Mr. Sukhwinder Singh, the SSP of Ferozepur, who sponsored the mementos for the Dignitaries was expected to arrive but due to some urgent administrative meeting could not arrive. Rev. Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal CST, the Mission Coordinator of Faridabad for Punjab, thanked one and all for their support and collaboration. All the Dignitaries and the Medical team were honoured by Rev. Fr. Saji Nellikunnel CST and Rev. Fr. Robin. They were all given mementos and garlanding them with notemaalas.

We specially congratulate Rev. Fr. Robin Areeparambil CST for his first major initiative after his ordination in April and taking charge of the station on 28th May, 2016. Within a short span of two months he has arranged such a well arranged and successful programme. Congratulations!!

With this free medical camp, our presence was made known to almost 40 nearby villages. We thank the Good Lord for the wonders.

Assumption Forane Church

Mayur Vihar III



The new Parish Council took charge on 3rd July for the tenure 2016-18. Mr K.M. Babu and Mr Joby Joseph have been elected as the Kaikkarans of the parish.

St. Thomas Day (Dukrana) was celebrated in the parish, on 3rd July with the Solemn Holy Mass by Vicar Rev. Fr. Renson Thekkinezhath, followed by a procession and Nercha Distribution.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Azhakanakkunnel took charge as Asst. Vicar of the Church on 11th July. Vicar Fr.



Renson, Rev. Sisters, Trustees, Catechism Teachers and the parishioners were present to receive him.

The Catechism year of the Assumption Forane Church was inaugurated on 17th July with lighting of the lamp and oath taking by the Catechism teachers. Fr. Vicar, Rev. Mother Liz Maria CMC, Trustees, Teacher's Rep., PTA Rep., Students Rep. were present in with lighting of the lamp ceremony. Rank holders & newcomers (Std. KG& I) received attractive gifts.

Mary Matha Church

Mayur Vihar Phase -2 & IP Extn



Dukrana Celebrations: A silent refrain, My Lord and my God, rose from the single soul of Marymatha family assembled at Blessed Mother Teresa Church, I.P. Extension, to remember the martyrdom of St. Thomas on Sunday, the 3rd of July. The serene air echoed with

devotion as Rev. Fathers Finil Ezharath CMI, Rev. Fr. Francis Chenginiyadan and Rev. Fr. Prince Parathanal CMI, the beloved Vicar, assisted by Deacons Ruble Martin Kurien S.J and Bro. Mithun Kochukallan concelebrated the Most Solemn RAZA, the first of its kind in the Parish. Deacon Rubil Martin Kurian S J was presented a big bouquet of gratitude for his yearlong service to the Parish. The new academic year of the Sunday school was inaugurated. Toppers of the Catechism Examinations were awarded and those with full attendance rewarded. The commendable performance of the parish youth at the CBSE examinations was lauded. Couples who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary were felicitated with Mementos. The festivities concluded with a palate-pampering dinner.

Nirmal Hriday Church

Tagore Garden



Catechism Inauguration: Catechism for 2016-17 scholastic year was launched through an inauguration ceremony on 3rd July 2016 along with the feast of St. Thomas by lighting of lamp by Rev. Fr. Sebastian, Director – Little Flower Hospital, Angamally, Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Lijo Antony Thaliyath, Catechism Principal Mr. Sunny Thomas and Children's representatives Abin Baby & Josmi K. Joji. Trophies were given to First and Second Rank holders in each class and to students & teachers who secured full attendance for Catechism for the year 2015-16.

Food for poor at streets: Under the leadership of Mathrujyothis food collection was conducted on 9th July 2016. They contributed around 545 food packets for the poor at the streets. Family members who can't prepare food at home, contributes money for buying food for the poor. There are thousands of people at the streets who is not able afford one meal every day. It's an excellent act of charity and can be initiated at parish levels.

Catechism Parents formation class: A special class was conducted for the parents of Catechism



students on 10th July 2016 by Rev. Fr. Santo Puthumanakunnath who insisted on the roles of parents in the spiritual development of the children. Almost all the parents attended the class and vowed to make a difference in giving special attention to their kids for spiritual formation.

DSYM visit to Orphanage: On 14th July DSYM members of Nirmal Hriday Parish along with Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Lijo Thaliyath visited Deepti Ashram, an orphanage which takes care of children under the age group of 18 in Najafgarh. DSYM members had collected money & groceries from all the houses of our parish through a door to door visit for the children. They first visited Sisters of Destitute Provincial House at Najafgarh. After having spent some time with Sisters, they went to Deepti Ashram Orphanage. The Father introduced them to the children. They played musical chair & football with them. They also danced and sang with them cheerfully. They had a great inspiring time with the children. DSYM members expressed their gratitude before leaving, for allowing them to spend quality time with the children.

Sacred Heart Forane Church

Gurgaon



ഗുഡ്ഗാവ് Sacred Heart Forane Church-ന്റെ ഭാഗമായ Sector 55- Religious Institution വേണ്ടി ഹരിയാന സർക്കാർ അനുവദിച്ച സ്ഥലം ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് കുര്യാക്കോസ് ഭരണികുളങ്ങര സന്ദർശിച്ചു. സന്ദർശനത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി Sehion Chapel-ൽ വി. കുർബാന അർപ്പിക്കുകയും വിശ്വാസികളുമായി കൂടികാഴ്ചയും നടത്തി. തദവസരത്തിൽ ഈ പ്രദേശത്തെ ക്രിസ്തീയ സമൂഹത്തെ വളർത്തുവാൻ എല്ലാ സഹായ

St. John Paul II Church

Vaishali



Parish Level Inauguration: "Catechism is to know and experience God, to know about the Church

and to know the Sacraments and the teachings of the Church." Said Rev. Prince Parathinal, CMI while inaugurating the Catechism of St. John Paul II Parish, Vaishali. He further said that 'Dukraana', the feast of St. Thomas was a very grace filled and auspicious day to inaugurate Catechism, as it was he who sowed the seeds of Christianity in India. He also gave away the prizes to the toppers of each class and to students who achieved full attendance last year.

Little Flower Church

Ladosarai

Christeen Retreat: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matt. 19:14), the whole parish community responded to the call of Jesus on 24, 25 and 26 of June, conducting a Christeen retreat for the Catechism students from 5th to 12th classes. More than 150 children from the parish attended the retreat led by Rev. Sr. Vandana MSMI, Rev. Sr. Mariett MSMI and Mr. Jomon. We thank sincerely Rev. Fathers who came for hearing the confession, Rev. Sisters who came for counselling, Rev. Sisters of MSMI convent and the whole Catechism staff for organizing the retreat, our beloved parents who worked hard in these days to prepare food and to serve the children and the members of Mathrujyothis who were present in these days for intercessory prayers.

DSYM unit of the parish was celebrated Youth Day on 10 July. It was a memorable day for the youth of the Parish. Rev. Fr. Benny Akkoottu was the main celebrant of the day. Youth representatives made offering at the beginning of the Holy Mass and they led the choir and served at the Altar on this day. After the Holy Mass there was a youth seminar led by Fr. Benny Akkoottu. More than 70 youth members participated in the seminar. The seminar was concluded with the Eucharistic Blessing.

On the youth day a new team has been elected to lead the DSYM unit. The following are the

new office bearers: President - Shiny Sunil, Vice President - Jino Varghese, Secretary - Vincent Thomas, Joint Secretary - Sonia, Treasurer - Ebin, Joint Treasurer - Binsha, Youth representatives - Bivin and Swarna. Rev. Sr. Princy MSMI and Mr. Justin are the new animators of DSYM.

New Catechetical Year and Greetings to New Priest: The new Catechetical Year was inaugurated on 17 July after Holy Mass at St. Antony's School, Hauz Khas. On that day the Parish community welcomed and greeted Rev. Fr. Saji Valavil, who did his Deacon Ministry in the parish and who serves at present as the Vice Rector and Procurator of the Diocesan Minor Seminary. Rev. Fr. Saji was the main celebrant of the day. After the Holy Mass the new Catechetical Year was inaugurated by lighting the lamp. The Parish Priest introduced Mr. Mathew Mathai, who is appointed as the new Catechism Head Master. It was followed by welcoming the new comers (1st Std students), who participated in the Holy Mass together with their parents. Rev. Fr. Saji blessed them and their parents.

Orientation Class for Parents: In the beginning of the new Catechetical Year we arranged an orientation class for the parents of all Catechism students. Rev. Fr. Benny Akkoottu celebrated the Holy Mass and led the class. It was very helpful for the parents as they were awakened and convinced of their role in the faith formation of their children.

St. George's Church

Greater Noida



Blessing of Euphrasia Bhavan: On 6th of July, at 5.30 pm the newly started Convent of C.M.C. Congregation of Vimala province, Ernakulam, Euphrasia Bhavan, was blessed by His Grace Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara in the gracious presence of Rev. Msgr Jose Edassery, Rev. Fr. Renson, Rev. Sr Subha Maria C.M.C, the Provincial Superior of C.M.C. Vimala Province, Ernakulam and Rev. Provincials of F.C.C. and Ursuline Congregations. The esteemed presence of priests and religious from neighbouring parishes and congregations were present to make the event more blessed and colourful. Rev. Sr Subha Maria C.M.C. expressed vote of thanks to everyone present there.

Inauguration of the Catechism in the parish

The formal inauguration of catechism classes for

the students of St George's Church, Greater Noida, was conducted on 6th of July. Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara lighted the lamp together with Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Rev Fr Jiju Thuruthikara, the Diocesan Catechism Director, Rev Fr Varghese, the Parish Priest and representatives of Catechism teachers and students. Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, while addressing the gathering, emphasized the need and relevance of the faith formation in the modern world. Rev. Fr Jiju Thuruthikara led the oath taking ceremony for the Catechism teachers. As a token of love and encouragement, Archbishop distributed gifts to the Catechism teachers and Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery to the Catechism Students. After the function,

Parish Day Celebration: St. George's Church Greater Noida celebrated the Parish day on 6th of July. Archbishop Kuriakose was the main celebrant. Rev. Msgr Jose Edassery, Rev. Fr Renson, Rev. Fr Jiju, Rev. Fr. Mathew, the Vicar, St Joseph's Parish Greater Noida, Rev Fr. Sebastian, Principal, Jesus and Mary School, Rev Fr. Jacob Njangelimalil and many priests, sisters were present. Around 200 parishioners took part in the parish day celebration. Archbishop during the sermon highlighted the need for attending the liturgical celebrations and appreciated in the growth of this parish under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Varghese.

St. Mary's Church

Ludhiana



For the first time in the history of St. Mary's Church, Ludhiana, an Assistant Vicar has been appointed here to mark the beginning of the expansion of the Syro-Malabar Mission in and around Jalandhar

in the days to come. Rev. Fr. George Thuppalanjiyil MST, the Vicar extended a warm welcome to Rev. Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, the Assistant Vicar on 17 July, 2016 at the beginning of the Holy Mass, of which Fr. Biju was the main celebrant. There is a new opening at Sacred Heart Hospital, Maqsuda in Jalandhar, where there are almost 40 sisters and a few families, for whom Rev. Fr. Biju will be celebrating the Sunday Mass from 24 July 2016, at 5 p.m on a regular basis. At the same time, under the solid leadership of Rev. Fr. George, St. Mary's Church is likely to resume the IELTS and Spoken English Courses soon.



St. Peter's Church

R.K. Puram



St. Antony's Feast: St. Peter's Church celebrated St. Antony's Feast on Sunday 19th June 2016. Rev. Fr. Joy Karayampuram was the main Celebrant and Rev. Dr. Pius Malekandathil, the Parish Priest and Fr. Jose Vattakuzhiyil were the co-celebrants. All parish members participated in the Holy mass and Ladheenj with due devotion and reverence and prayed to the Patron Saint of lost items.

Farewell: The Syro-Malabar parishioners of St. Peter's Church R.K. Puram organized a send-off meeting on 26.06.2016 after Holy Mass to express their gratitude and indebtedness towards the Parish Priest of St. Thomas Church, Very Rev. Dr. George Manimala and Assistant Vicar Rev. Fr. Suman. Fr. Dr. Pius Malekandathil extended heartfelt gratitude and presented gifts to both as a token of love and gratitude on behalf of St. Peter's church community. Fr. George was the Episcopal Vicar and in charge of Syro-Malabar community of Delhi for years. The parish wishes and prays for the abundant blessings of the Lord in their new ministry in the Shrine of our Lady of Health, Okhla.

Catechetical Year 2016-17: Inauguration of Catechetical year 2016-17 was held on Sunday 3rd July 2016 at 10 a.m. followed by Holy Qurbana. Dr. Pius Malekandthil conducted special prayers for the catechism teachers and introduced the

newly joined teachers. All teachers took a pledge in front of the altar and promised to fulfil their duties sincerely by leading an exemplary life with fidelity to the word of God and to the traditions of the Church.

Parish feast of St. Peter and St. Thomas: The celebration of the main feast of the parish of St. Peter's Church, commenced on Wednesday 13th July 2016 with Holy Qurbana, Ladheenj and Novena. Main Celebrant was very Rev. Dr. Joseph Puthenkulam, Professor, Vidya Jyothi, Delhi. The festal programme of the day was led by St. Dominic family unit of Arjun Nagar, St. Mary's family Unit of Mohammad Pur & St. Peter's family unit of Motibagh, & Nanak Pura.



On Sunday 17th July 2016 for the Main feast day, Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar General of Faridabad-Delhi Diocese, was the main celebrant for the Holy Qurbana and delivered a spiritually elevating message. Dr. Pius Malekandthil blessed the statues and crowned the Presudentis. Very Rev. Fr. Jose Vattakuzy led the prayerful Procession accompanied by bandmelam & singarimelam. It was followed by a Ganamela. The meritorious students of class X & XII, including Ashna Joseph who got full A pluses for class X and Christy Cyriac who got full marks for class XII, were awarded with cash prizes. The programme culminated with fellowship meal.

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St. Thomas's Feast Day Celebrations: The celebrations on 1st July 2016 at. 6.00 PM began with the hoisting of the flag by Rev. Fr. Reji Tom Antony, the director of Don Bosco Navjeevan, followed by the holy Eucharistic celebration and Novena. Rev. Fr. Jakson Puthanpura, Vicar and Rev. Fr. James SDB concelebrated the Holy Mass. The second day's celebration was animated by Rev. Fr. Jose Kaduvanal CMI.

3rd July 2016 At 4.30 pm Holy Eucharistic celebrations began with solemn offertory and made a special prayer and blessings given to the Presidenthies by His Grace Arch Bishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara. There after Mr. Siby Josephkaikarn gave a cordial welcome to His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara.

Feast day Holy Mass offered by His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara along with Rev. Fr. Jakson Puthanpura – Vicar. Fr. Sebastian Jose SDB, Fr. James Pazhayampallil SDB, Rev. Fr. Reji Tom SDB, Rev. Fr. Binny Isaac SDB, and Rev. Fr. Sajin Varghese SDB, Rev. Fr. Thomas Anchanical, Rev. Fr. James CMI, Fr. Jose CMI Fr. Tony CMI and Fr. Jose MST. His grace in his homily pointed out that St. Thomas as the revealer of important mysteries of faith. Hence forth we have not only the duty to live the faith but also to transmit it to the coming generations.

During the feast day mass the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation were bestowed on 3 children from the parish and they were blessed by Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara. After the mass, the Vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. Fr. Jakson Puthanpura who thanked Archbishop for his valuable presence, enriching words and constant support to the St. Thomas the Apostle Family, Chandigarh. This was followed by a prize distribution ceremony where students who performed well in Sunday catechism, Bible Quiz (for both Youth and Kids Category) and Malayalam class were felicitated. Certificates of Holy Communion and Conformation were given to the children and Mementoes were presented to the old kaikarans. After the mass there was a prayerful procession which concluded with the final blessing given by Rev. Fr. Reji Tom Antony SDB.



Cultural Programme: The programme was anchored by Alan Siby and Divya Prakash who kept the audience entertained with their jokes and puns throughout. Programme started by welcoming the Archbishop, Priests, Sisters and all present. The show saw many great enthusiastic performances especially youngsters who performed the traditional dance – Margamkali, duet dance performed by catechism students followed by a skit reflecting the life and death of St Thomas in India. Songs were presented by the choir group of the parish. The cultural programme ended on a high note when the young brigade of the parish came forward and surprised everyone with their enigmatic Flash Mob. The feast day dinner was organized which was relished by one and all present for the occasion.

Holy Family Church

Pushp Vihar



July 10 ഞായറാഴ്ച ഇടവകയിലെ 1 മുതൽ 12 വരെയുള്ള മതബോധന വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കായി സെമിനാർ നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. രൂപതയിലെ ജീസസ്സ് യൂത്ത് ആണ് സെമിനാർ നയിച്ചത്. സിസ്റ്റർ സുമ, ശ്രീ. തോമസ് & ടീം ക്ലാസ്സുകൾക്ക് നേതൃത്വം നല്കി.

അന്നേദിവസം തന്നെ മാതാപിതാക്കന്മാരുടെ സെമിനാറും നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. ഇടവക വികാരി ഫാ. മാത്യു കൊച്ചുവീട്ടിൽ സെമിനാർ നയിച്ചു. വസ്തുനി ഷ്ഠയും, താർക്കീകവുമായ ദൈവശാസ്ത്ര പഠനം ആധുനിക ക്രൈസ്തവന് ഭൗതീക വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തേക്കാൾ ഉപരിയെന്ന് ആവശ്യമായി തീർന്നിരിക്കുകയാണെന്ന ബോധ്യത്തിലേക്ക് മാതാപിതാക്കളെ എത്തിക്കുവാൻ അച്ചന്റെ ക്ലാസ്സുകൾ സഹായിച്ചു. ഇടവക ജനങ്ങളുടേയും കുട്ടികളുടേയും പങ്കാളിത്തം കൊണ്ട് സെമിനാർ വളരെയധികം വിജയകരമായിരുന്നു. ●

St. Mother Teresa Church

South Extension



St. Thomas and St. Alphonsa Feast, Parish General Body Meeting, Catechism Inauguration, Blood Donation Camp: On 10th July 2016, Mother Teresa Parish celebrated the Feast of St. Thomas and St. Alphonsa at Fr. Agnel School starting with a procession. Main celebrants for the feast were Rev. Fr. Joby Thonakkara VC and Rev. Fr. Thomas Pallath along with our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Johnson Palatty VC. The new Catechism year was inaugurated by the celebrants, parish representatives and catechism principal. After the mass, Parish General Body Meeting was conducted where Parish Representatives (Kaikaaran) Mr.



Varkey P.M. welcomed the gathering and Mrs. Darly Antony read the report for the year 2015-2016. Account report was also read for the same year. DSYM Unit, Mathrujyothis and Catechism Department also read their reports. After lunch, a Blood Donation Camp was organized under the coordination of AIIMS Staff of our parish.

Visits to Charity Institutions: In light of Blessed Mother Teresa being canonized this year, Mother Teresa Parish has planned many initiatives like the Blood Donation Camp and visits by family units of the parish to various charity institutions throughout Delhi. On 3rd July 2016, St. Joseph



Visit to Deepti Ashram by Alter Boys: In connection with Year of Mercy, Altar Boys of our parish collected nine thousand five hundred rupees to be distributed among needy children. On June 30, 2016 a visit to the Deepti Ashram Najafgarh was organised. The ashram is a home for HIV Infected Children' run by MST Priests. 32 Boys participated in the programme. Rev. Sr. Rosly the in charge of the Altar Boys and Parish priest were with the children. Rev. Fr. Boby and Rev. Fr. Joseph gave an introduction about the children and their lifestyle. All of them are HIV infected and many of them are orphans. They are all going to the school. Our boys had interaction with the children and played and danced and enjoyed with the children. There were some cultural programmes performed by both groups. We donated the money for the educational needs



of the children. Our children had brought some gifts for the children and were handed over to them with love and joy.

St. Thomas Day: This year July 3rd was celebrated with all solemnity. This is our Sabadinam. Rassa was celebrated at 10 am. Rev. Fr. Jimmy from Satna Diocese was the main celebrant. Rev. Fr. Ebin preached a sermon on the life and missionary work of St. Thomas the Apostle our Father in faith.

Inauguration of the Catechism Day: Our parish level inauguration of the Catechism for the year 2016-2017 was done on 3rd July 2016. On this occasion Rev. Fr. Kurian, parish priest spoke on the importance of faith formation. After the inauguration the teachers took the oath before the faithful. This year four children from our parish received the awards for the Catechism Scholarship examination conducted in the diocesan level. 2015-16.

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family unit and St. Peter family unit visited the Missionaries of Charity, Jeevan Jyoti, Jangpura. On 13th July 2016, Sacred Heart family unit, St. George family unit and Little Flower family unit also visited the Missionaries of Charity Home.

Youth Celebration Day: The DSYM Unit celebrated Youth Day on 17th July 2016. Seminars were conducted by The Jesus Youth Delhi Coordinator Jim Issac for the youth from class 8th onwards. Almost 80 youth attended the seminar

which talked about the issues faced by the youth in today's world like internet addiction and media usage. After lunch, DSYM Director Rev. Fr. Lijo Thaliyath honoured us with his presence and interacted with the gathering. The youth conducted General Body Meeting where annual reports were read. Agendas for the upcoming year were discussed and suggestions from the general body were acknowledged. Registrations were also held to include new members into the DSYM unit.

Infant Jesus Forane Church

Palam



Catechism Academic Year Inauguration: The catechetical year of 2016-17 was inaugurated on 3rd July 2016 along with the celebration of the feast of Dukhrana. The Holy Qurbana was offered by Rev. Fr. Thomas Pallath and in the homily, father acknowledged the importance of a Catechist and to make the children to grow in faith by inculcating the spirit of love towards God and Church. During the Holy Mass teachers took the pledge to remain

in faith, to obey the respective authorities and to be role models to the students. This was followed by the lighting of the lamp by Rev. Fr. Thomas Pallath- the Guest of Honour, Rev. Fr. Anoop Narimattathil C.S.T. - Parish Priest followed by the inaugural speech of Rev. Fr.Thomas Pallath. Very Rev. Fr. Anoop Narimattathil delivered the presidential address. The Staff Secretary Ms. Rasil Sabu presented the Catechism Annual Report of the academic year 2015-16. Fr. Thomas Pallath, Fr. Anoop Narimattathil and Rev. Sr. Wilsy, F.C.C., the Provincial of Delhi St. Paul Province distributed the prizes and Cash awards to the Rank Holders of each class, the students who had full attendance, the Catechism Scholarship Rank Holders and the Toppers of Classes X and XII in the School.

New Parish Council took charge in the parish on 17th July for the tenure 2016-18. Mr. T.L. Pyli and Mr. Kuruvilla Thomas have been elected as the Kaikkarans of the parish.

Our Lady Of Fatima Forane Church

Jasola

Feast Day to you dear Father: The Feast of St. Jacob was commemorated in the parish on 25th July 2016. We also celebrated Feast Day of our dear Fr. Vicar, Rev. Dr. Jacob Nagelimalil on this special occasion.

It's Time to Start Learning My God My Lord: We have inaugurated our Catechism Academic Year of 2016-2017 on 3rd July, on the Feast Day of St. Thomas the Apostle, by lighting the lamp. We have 35 new children to 1st standard and all together 450 students for the catechism.

We are Proud Again: We are happy to inform that our Catechism School is selected as one of the Model Catechism School of the Diocese. We thank Rev. Fr. Jiju Thuruthikkara and the Diocesan Catechism Team for their encouragement and support, also we congratulate and appreciate our Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, Catechism Head Master Mr. Jacob Thomas and all the Catechism

Teachers and our Students for this achievement.

Jasola Youth say "YES": Our Lady of Fatima Forane Church DSYM unit organizes a Half Day "Youth Empowerment Programme" (YES) on August 14 led by of Rev. Fr. Pious Malekandathil. Its moving ahead under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Vicar, Fr. Vinod, Dn. Joseph, Sisters, DSYM members and Parish Council Members. Thank you all for your valuable co-operation.

Hallo we are at Our Lady of Fatima Forane Church, Jasola-Okhla: We were happy to have our Faridabad-Delhi Diocesan Brothers for their Monthly Recollection in our parish. They were guided by His Grace Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, Rev. Fr. Davis Kalliyathuparambil (Procurator, Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi), Rev. Dr. Jacob Nagelimalil, Vicar. Thank you His Grace, Rev Fathers and our dear future diocesan priests for visiting our parish and making us cherished.

Santhome Fest 2016 1st Prize winners



George Jibin Verghese, Burari, solo Song, Sub Jr Male



Anagha Thomas RK PURAM, Solo Song Sub Jr Female



Aswin S Thomas Shahibabad Solo Song Jr Male



Mettilda Thomas Mayur Vihar Phase III Solo Song Jr Female



Sijo Chelakatt RK PURAM, Solo Song Sr Male



Sudhi, E. T S H Gurgaon Solo Song, Senior



Siby Varghese Jasola, Solo Song Super Sr Male



Lincy E J Jasola, Solo Song Super Sr Female



Grace Mary John South Extension, Speech South Extension, English Sub-Junior



Akhila S. Koovackal Speech English, Jr



Archana Jose South Extention, Speech Malayalam-Senior Female



Arun Thomas RK PURAM, Speech Malayalam, Senior



Joshyboy M.C. Mayur Vihar Phase III Speech Malayalam Super Senior



Sheeba Joseph Pushp Vihar, Speech Malayalam Super Senior

Congratulations & Prayerful Greetings

to Rev. Sisters who made final profession



Sr. Rachana CHF



Sr. Sharon Varghese HF



Sr. Reeta Rose CHF

CHF Shantidhara Province, Burari, Delhi



15.10.2016 (ശനിയാഴ്ച) വൈകീട്ട് 4.30 ന് ഡൽഹി സീറോ-മലബാർ മിഷൻ രജതജൂബിലി ആഘോഷങ്ങളുടെ സമാപനം 04.00 p.m ദിവ്വകാരുണ്യ പ്രദക്ഷിണം

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