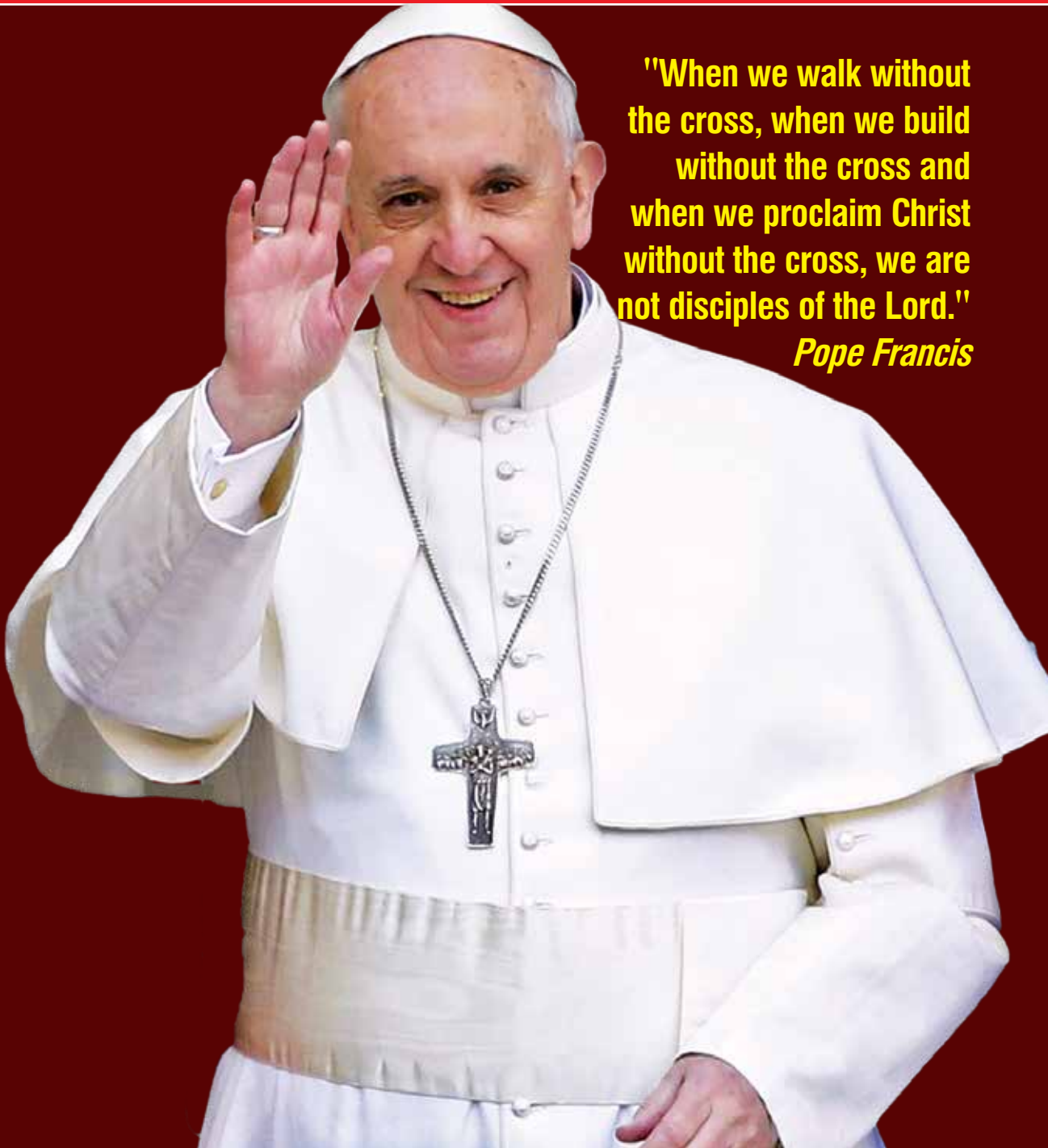




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**"When we walk without  
the cross, when we build  
without the cross and  
when we proclaim Christ  
without the cross, we are  
not disciples of the Lord."**

***Pope Francis***

**"I thank the Lord for the gift of the new priest, who has been given to us as the first-born on the tenth month of the creation of the diocese".**

**From the Homily of Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara during the Priestly Ordination of Fr. Roni Thoppilan.**





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# Events of Previous Month

- 11.02.13 pm Archbishop celebrated Mass on the Feast of Vibhoothi at Karol Bagh Parish
- 12.02.13 pm Visited Mayur Vihar II Parish and met with Parish representatives
- 13.02.13 am Participated in the Monthly Recollection of Priests and guided the discussions
- 14.02.13 pm Received Cardinal Fernando Filoni, Prefect of the Congregation of Propaganda Fide at Okhla Parish with Cardinal George Alencherry
- 15.02.13 am Meeting of all Priests of the Diocese with Cardinal George Alencherry
- pm Participated in the Reception Mass for Cardinal Filoni at Goldakhana Cathedral
- Dinner in honor of the Cardinal at Latin Archbishop's House
- 16.02.13 pm Visited Gurgaon Claret Parish and met Parish representatives
- 17.02.13 pm Presided over the evaluation meeting of Convention 2012
- 18.02.13 pm Visited Burari Parish and met Parish representatives
- 21.2-2.3.13 Kuwait: visited all Syro-Malabar communities; attended SMCA and KMCA celebrations
- 03.03.13 am Inaugurated South Extension Parish
- pm Holy Mass at Burari Charismatic Convention
- 04.03.13 pm Visited Burari Parish and met Parish representatives
- 05.03.13 pm Visited Dehradun CMC Provincial House
- 06.03.13 am Met Provincial Team and inmates of the Provincial House; Met Bishop Patrick Nair
- 07.03.13 am On the death of Hugo Chavez, President of Venezuela, Archbishop had been interviewed by many News Channels like BBC, Manorama, Indian Express etc.
- pm Visited Geetha Colony Parish and met Parish representatives
- 08.03.13 am Blessed the new school of CMC Sisters of Faridabad; Celebrated the inaugural Mass and gave a message at Divine Bible Convention, Faridabad
- pm Visited Venezuela Embassy to write condolence on the death of Mr Hugo Chavez; to Jammu Diocese
- 09.03.13 am Met with the Priests of the Jammu Diocese at Bishop's House, Jammu; Met the Religious of Jammu Diocese. Preached monthly recollection.
- 10.03.13 am Celebrated Mass at Cathedral, Jammu; Back to Delhi
- 11.03.13 am Participated in the Caritas Planning Meeting at CBCI
- pm Visited Mayur Vihar – I Parish and met Parish representatives
- 12-19.03.13 To Gauhati
- 19.03.13 pm Participated in the Thanksgiving Mass for New Pope organized by Apostolic Nuncio at Goldakhana Cathedral
- 21.03.13 pm Celebrated Mass at the end of the Superiors' meeting at SD Provincial House, Najafgarh
- 22.03.13 pm Participated in the Requiem Mass for Hugo Chavez at the Apostolic Nunciature
- 24.03.13 am Celebrated Mass on the Palm Sunday at Cathedral, Faridabad
- 25.03.13 am Presided over the Monthly Recollection of Priests and celebrated Chrism Mass and blessed Holy oils at Cathedral, Faridabad
- 28.03.13 Participated at the lunch offered by the Apostolic Nuncio on the Day of Priests; Maundy Thursday celebration and washing the feet of 12 people at Faridabad Cathedral.
- 29.03.13 Presided over the Good Friday celebrations at Faridabad Cathedral; participated at the Good Friday procession of Mayur Vihar III and Phase II
- 30.03.13 Celebrated solemn Holy Mass at Faridabad Cathedral
- 01-5.04.13 Visited Kalyan Diocese and Sangli Mission
- 06.04.13 Celebrated Solemn Holy Mass at Malayattoor Parish Church in connection with the Feast of St Thomas
- 07.04.13 Celebrated Holy Mass at International Shrine of St Thomas – Kurisumudi Malayattoor ; Said office for the deceased Rev. Sr. Liswin SD at the Generalate House, Aluva; attended Faith Fete of Christeans at Nirmala School, Angamaly; presided Bharanikulangara Family Trust anniversary.
- 08.04.13 Meeting of Souvenir Committee
- 14.04.13 am Participated at the Reception given to His Eminence Cleemis ..
- pm Priestly Ordination of the first Diocesan Priest of Faridabad, Rev. Roni Thoppilan at St. Pius X Church Dwaraka
- 16.04.13 Visited Infant Jesus School, Dwaraka
- 19.04.13 Catechism Headmasters and Headmistresses meeting
- 20.04.13 am DSYM Programme (QUO VADIS) at Karol Bagh
- pm Parish Day Celebrations at Ashok Vihar Parish
- 21.04.13 am DSYM General Body Meeting and Mass at Lado Sarai; Blessed the Statue of Resurrection of the parish
- pm Inauguration of the St. Alphonsa Parish Noida
- 23-25.04.13 Visit to the Diocese of Rajkot; participated at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Mar Gregory Karotempreyil



Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara  
Bishop of Faridabad

## Viva il Papa! Pope Francis

**T**he TIME Magazine had recently prepared a list of 100 most influential people in the world. Pope Francis has been one among them. Within a short span of time, the first ever South American Jesuit Pope has caught the attention of the whole world. Commenting on the “influential Pope” Cardinal Dolan, Metropolitan Archbishop of New York remarked: “We’ve got a simple, uncomplicated, sincere shepherd, like Jesus, like St. Francis. Just what we needed! Viva il Papa!”

The papal motto in Latin is “Miserando atque eligendo,” which means “because he saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him.” (Mt 9:9-13). The pope’s coat of arms is a blue shield with the official seal of the Society of Jesus on top in yellow and red, representing the religious order in which the pope was ordained as a priest in 1969. Below the seal on either side are, in white, a solid five-pointed star, which often symbolizes the Nativity, and a cluster of grapes, which designates the Eucharist. The colors and the sun motif of the coat of arms are reminiscent of the Argentine flag’s blue and white colors, with a blazing yellow sun in the center.

Explaining the reasons for selecting the name of “Francis” the Pope stated that three “Ps” associated with St. Francis of Assisi

prompted him for that: Peace, Poverty and Protection of the Environment. As Cardinal Dolan echoed earlier, the modern world and the Church are very much in need of peace, poverty eradication and environmental protection. Every word and action of Pope Francis reflect his ardent desire for ministry to the poor and marginalized.

In my opinion, seeing from my diplomatic and United Nations background there is no other agenda so “international” as this. All these three objectives sound so similar to that of the United Nations Organization. The ultimate aim of the UN is to maintain international peace and security as well as development, including poverty eradication and environmental protection. The UN gives great priority for climate change concerns and global warming issues. Coming from the South American background, where a lot of inequalities and social exploitation exist, the new Pope is concerned about social equity and economic opportunities for all. Interestingly, in the past, for example, at the Fifth General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean in Aparecida, Brazil (2007) the then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, in charge of the final document echoed these three themes: “the personal encounter

with Christ, the option for the poor and stewardship of creation". During his installation Mass 19 March 2013, the pope reiterated his call for "respecting "each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live."

His preferential option for the poor and the marginalized is reflected in his decision for celebrating the Maundy Thursday ceremonies in a prison and for washing the feet of the prisoners. Pope Francis stated that the Church needed to reach people on the periphery", where people lack proper housing, clean water and sanitation facilities. As Archbishop of Buenos Aires he often visited the slums of the city.

There is no doubt that the Argentine pope's pastoral style is highly influenced by his experience in Latin America. Commentators have already opined that if Blessed John Paul II was a pilgrim pope and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI an intellectual pope, Pope Francis is a pastoral pope. Pope Francis had once stated that pastors have to have the smell of sheep, they have to be close to the people. He also warned the priests of the danger of "worldly spirituality" which is a temptation for the priests living in the modern world. In order to keep up better pastoral relationship, the role of small ecclesial communities is very important.

Much has been discussed about the reform agenda of Pope Francis. Reform of the Curia cannot be seen as reform of a political institution. It is to be seen in relation to the Petrine ministry. The communion of the apostolic college and with the mystical body of Christ cannot be reformed like any other organization. How can his primary role confirming others in faith be reformed? Of course the modalities

of conveying the gospel message and witnessing the person of Jesus Christ can be different. In the words of the Pope himself, it is "important to present such an event in the light of Faith. "The Church "does not respond to an earthly logic" and "the nature of the Church is spiritual, not political". In the context of new evangelization and the year of faith, keeping up the "hermeneutics of continuity", a theme very much dear to the Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, is very important. It is true that in the functioning of the Curia, new methods of management and communication should be introduced so as to improve the quality of administration in the Vatican. One may be surprised to know that even today the offices of the Curia are not equipped with internet facility, which is limited to only some common places!

As per apostolic constitution, Pastor Bonus (1988) the Roman Curia is "the complex of dicasteries and institutes which help the Roman pontiff in the exercise of his supreme pastoral office for the good and service of the whole Church and of the particular Churches". The Curia is consisted of the Secretariat of State, the nine congregations, three tribunals, 12 pontifical councils and a variety of other offices situated in and around the Vatican. Every Pope has taken initiatives to make some way of reform of the Curia, and more can be expected of the current Pope.

Pope Francis is known for his simplicity and austere way of life. Instead of the wonderful Archbishop's house, he preferred to live in a downtown building; he took public transportation around the city, and cooked his own meals. Also at the Vatican, now he stays at the Casa Santa Marta, where the Cardinals used to stay

during the Conclave and so far he has not moved in to the Apostolic Palace.

As I had mentioned in one of my interviews immediately after the Conclave, Pope Francis had, among others, also the function of “Ordinary of the Orientals in Argentina” and it gives new hopes for the Catholics in India living in a pluri-ritual context. On the second day of his election, Pope Francis met with a diverse group of religious leaders from Orthodox Churches, including Bartholomew I, representatives from different Protestant denominations; Jewish and Muslim leaders and advocates; there were also representatives of the Buddhist, Sikh, Hindu and Jainist faiths. Pope Francis underlined that we should maintain friendship, respect and continued dialogue with other religious leaders. “The Catholic Church is aware of the importance of the promotion of friendship and respect between men and women of different

religious traditions,” the pope said. If this is the mind of the Holy Father about other Christian denominations how much more he ardently wishes that this respect and recognition be fostered among the different Catholic Churches? In India we have three Catholic Churches and we are a single family – we are all brothers and sisters. We are also called to render a common witness to Christ in this great capital city. We are called to interact with respect and recognition of our respective identity and traditions. Thank God, in Delhi there exists this mutual respect and recognition, thanks to the good will and cooperation of all concerned. The experience of the new Diocese of Faridabad has been an example for this peaceful ecclesial coexistence. Under the guidance of Pope Francis, this ecclesial co-existence should be strengthened and enhanced. ●

† **Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara**

### Lucky Draw Coupon

ഫരിദാബാദ് രൂപതയുടെ പ്രഥമവാർഷികത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് മതബോധന വകുപ്പിന്റെയും, DSYM ന്റെയും നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ഭാഗ്യക്കുറി നടത്തുന്നു. 25/- രൂപ വിലയുള്ള കുപ്പണുകൾ ഒക്ടോബർ 6, 2013 നു നറുക്കെടുക്കുമ്പോൾ, ആകർഷണീയമായ നിരവധി സമ്മാനങ്ങൾ ലഭിക്കുന്ന വിധത്തിലാണ് ഈ ഭാഗ്യക്കുറി ക്രമീകരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്. ഈ ഭാഗ്യക്കുറിയുടെ ഉദ്ഘാടനം ഔദ്യോഗികമായി രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ കുര്യാക്കോസ് ഭരണികുളങ്ങര മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്ത കഴിഞ്ഞ 20 -ാം തീയതി DSYM സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച യൂത്ത് കൺവെൻഷനിൽ വെച്ച് നിർവ്വഹിച്ചു. നമ്മുടെ രൂപത സ്ഥാപിതമായി വർഷം തിയകയുന്നതിനു മുൻപുതന്നെ രൂപതാസ്ഥാനത്തിനുവേണ്ടി സ്ഥലം വാങ്ങിക്കുവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞത് ദൈവകൃപകൊണ്ടുമാത്രമാണെന്നും, അതിന്റെ ആവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കായി ഇത്തരത്തിലുള്ള സംരംഭം വിജയം കാണുമെന്നുള്ളതിൽ ഒരു സംശയവും ഇല്ലായെന്നും ഇതിനുവേണ്ടി സഹകരിക്കുകയും പ്രവർത്തിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന എല്ലാവരെയും ദൈവം സമൃദ്ധമായി അനുഗ്രഹിക്കുമെന്നും, തുടർന്നുള്ള പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ പിതാവ് പറഞ്ഞു.

രൂപതയുടെ എല്ലാ ഇടവകയിലെയും മതാധ്യപകർ വഴി വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളിലേയ്ക്കും, DSYM യൂണിറ്റുകൾ വഴി ഇടവകയിലെ യുവജനങ്ങളിലേയ്ക്കും കുപ്പൺ ബുക്കുകൾ വിതരണം ചെയ്യണമെന്നും രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ ഇതിന്റെ സംഘാടകരെ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിച്ചു.

## Planning Session for Priests

The Diocese of Faridabad is conducting a Planning Session Darshan 2013 “on 6,7 and 8 May 2013 in a Retreat Center in Missouri. This over-all policy making session will give shape to the pastoral, social, educational and financial planning of the new Diocese. Resource persons and leaders from among the priests will lead the discussions. A team of priests have been preparing for this important event since some months and an orientation paper (Lineamenta) has already been circulated. Under the leadership of Fr. Nideesh Njanakal, the preparations are in full swing.

Please pray for the success of the session.

## Religious Koinonia 2013

As part of the celebration of the Year of Faith, a meeting of representatives of all religious communities is scheduled for 11 May 2013 at the Bishop’s House in Karol Bagh. Almost all members of the religious present in the Diocese have registered. Rev. Fr. Michael SDB will animate the session. Our Diocese is blessed with a great number of men and women religious. They are the missionary face of the Diocese. Let us join our hands together and celebrate the Year of Faith.

## Pray for Priestly Vocation – Vocation camp

Our Diocesan Vocation Promoter has been visiting different Vocation Camps in Kerala and making contacts with various Minor Seminaries. This four weeks Vocation Tour has brought in some candidates to priesthood. Since we do not have an own Minor Seminary, these candidates will be hosted by some Seminaries of our mother Church. We thank God for this great gift of priestly vocation in our diocese.

## Do You want to speak for the Diocese during the Vacation?

*Summer vacation is drawing nearer and you are scheduling your travel plans. The Diocese is offering for those volunteers to introduce our new Diocese in your home diocese. You will be assigned a particular parish in your home diocese and there you will introduce Diocese of Faridabad on behalf of your Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, our Bishop. Interested persons, including the religious will be give adequate formation. For details, please contact*

*Very Rev. Fr. Chancellor (Tel. 09654142787) or the Diocesan Curia.*

*- Vicar General*





# Know **JESUS** OUR FRIEND



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**A**fter the last supper, when Jesus knew he was going to offer his life for the disciples, he told them with much love and affection: “I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from the Father” (Jn. 15,15). Before calling them ‘friends’ Jesus revealed to them the nature of this friendship: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for his friends” (Jn. 15,13). This is the kind of friendship which Jesus was offering to his disciples. This is the novelty of the New Testament: We have a friend who lays down his life for us. What I am trying to do is to introduce this friend to all who would like to know more about him and accept this offer of friendship.

This article is the first in a series of articles to help to know Jesus, and to

develop a lasting friendship with him. I hope this attempt will be beneficial to all look forward to know the truth about Jesus, especially to the youth, catechism teachers, and bible study groups and to all search for truth. As you read this article you may note that Jesus on the one hand is so human, poor, weak, and vulnerable and so expresses his solidarity with us, on the other he is all powerful, divine, the Son of God, and Savior of man. This the greatest paradox in the history of man. He is also a perfect human being, and a model for us to imitate and to follow.

## Jesus, the human and the divine

The birth of Jesus, his life among us, and his death on the cross are unique events in the history. Unique in the sense that there is no man who can be compared with him. There are two elements in his life. One is human and visible to all: History gives

witness to this man without parallels. In the human evaluation he was born as a poor, frail human being, who he was opposed by his compatriots during his earthly life, he was crucified and died a miserable death. The fullness of humanity appeared in him. He was a man who loved God and man. He showed solidarity with all – the poor, the sick, the sinners he forgave his enemies, he forgave his enemies and prayed for them. The perfection of human nature was found in him.

At the same time he was all powerful, he was God's presence among us. We would not have known his divine nature unless God himself, in his loving kindness made it known to us. "The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory" (Jn 1, 14). No science, however advanced, would have arrived at this truth. Two elements are here which are beyond the reach of science: The revelation from the part of God, and faith on the part of man. Man empowered by God explores the universe on the one hand, yet is not able to listen to the Almighty and his creator. It is important to know that all that happened with Jesus, happened for us. Jesus was God's plan for our salvation. We can know more about him because God has revealed him as our Savior, and Jesus has revealed to us through his words and deeds the Father in heaven. We can grow in friendship with him because God, the loving Father has made him available to us. Academic knowledge alone will not suffice. Faith is needed to have personal acquaintance and friendship with him. Jesus wants to make us his friends. Let us recognize this friend and respond to this loving offer.. It is with this purpose that I am trying to present Jesus,

our friend, as he is revealed by the Father and by himself in the Gospels.

## The Manger

The manger in Bethlehem, becomes the attention of the whole universe: "You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger" (Lk.2,12). This is the message the shepherds received from the angel at the time of Jesus' birth. In fact at his birth we can see the convergence of the whole universe around the manger: the angels, the shepherds, the wise men from the East, and the star.

Jesus was born in a manger because there was no place for them (Mary and Joseph and the child to be born) in the inn. This non availability in the inn however made him available to all, starting from the poor shepherds, to the wise men from the East, and to everyone who searches for him throughout the ages. After all he came as the Saviour of the whole mankind and of the whole universe. God made the manger the attention of the whole universe. This is God's solidarity with humanity. During Christmas season the manger draws the attention of everone, not only children, but young and old alike, Christians and non Christians.

When God appeared to Moses in the burning bush he expressed his steadfast love for his people. The Lord said to him: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their task masters. Indeed I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, ...." (Ex. 3,7-8). God was concerned about his people. However Moses could not approach God. Out of the burning bush God called Moses



The good news of Jesus' birth was first announced to the shepherds, poor and simple people who were watching over their sheep.

and said to him: "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground" (Ex. 3,5). God, however, did not want to keep him in fear. He wanted to make himself accessible to him. This is what happened in the manger. For this purpose the Son of God assumed our human nature and the God who saw the miseries of man became incarnate in a miserable situation and dwelt among us. Thus He eliminated the distance between God and man. This is the mystery of incarnation.

### The heavenly hosts

Even when the Son of God was born in the misery of a manger, identifying himself with the poor and the marginalised, God, at the same time, put the heavenly hosts at the service of the new born child. This birth, so insignificant in the worldly perspective, was announced by an angel to the shepherds. The heavenly hosts sang his glory (Lk. 2,8-14). This is what an angel of the Lord announced to the shepherds: "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the

city of David a Savior who is the Messiah, the Lord"(Lk.2,11). This announcement was immediately followed by a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all in whom he delights" (Lk. 2, 14). God was revealing the divine origin of the new born child. Heaven is reaching out to the earth, in order to relate us to the heavenly Father who is unfolding his plan of salvation for us. The manger at Christmas reminds us of the availability of the Son of God to us. If it were not for us, the incarnation of the Son of God would have had no purpose. Our acquaintance with Jesus begins at the manger as a weak and frail fellow human being. When we stand in front of the crib, we are reminded that we are standing before a divine mystery, the mystery of our salvation. God has taken special care to reveal to us the divine glory of his son at the time of his birth itself.

### The shepherds

The good news of Jesus' birth was first announced to the shepherds, poor and simple people who were watching over



their sheep. This was God's preferred way of revealing the divine mysteries, for which Jesus himself praised his Father: "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants" (Mt. 11,25). Pope Benedict XVI observes: "Jesus is born among the shepherds. He is the great shepherd of mankind" (Pope Benedict XVI, in 'Jesus of Nazareth, - The Infancy Narratives', p.73). God revealed to the shepherds who were not counted among the wise and intelligent, one of the greatest messages which have reached mankind, namely, the birth of the Savior among men: "To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (Lk.2,11). The simple shepherds who received the message of God through the angel, responded to it immediately: "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has already taken place, which the Lord has made known to us (Lk. 2,15). The shepherds teach us how to respond to the divine prompting. It is the testimony of these shepherds that is behind the making of the crib at Christmas. It is because of their testimony that standing

in front of the crib we recognize the divine in the human, namely, the *Savoir*, who is the Messiah, the Lord". It will be tragic if the modern man well versed in science and technology miss this all important truth, the divine in the human, the mystery of the incarnation of the son of God who came to establish friendship with us, while at the same time, being our Saviour.

## The Wise Men

The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?" (Mt.2,1-2). As in the case of the shepherds the wise men from the East also, were guided to Bethlehem by a special star, which can be explained only as God's providence. They were people who were searching for truth and the truth which they were searching was revealed to them. They represent people of all ages who search for the truth. Whatever be their origin, whether Persian priests or astronomers, something has happened which is beyond any astronomical knowledge. There appeared a star guiding them to Bethlehem: "For we observed his star at its rising and

have come pay him homage”(Mt.2,2). It is interesting to note that when they set out from Jerusalem after getting the information from Herod that the king of the Jews was to be born in Bethlehem of Judah, the star which had guided them upto Jerusalem and the disappeared, appeared again, and guided them to the place where the child was: “There ahead of them went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. The wise men were overwhelmed with Joy (Mt.2,9-10). These men were not Jews, but Gentiles. Hence the child in God’s plan was born not only for the Jews, but for the whole of mankind. The wise men knelt down before the child and paid him homage and offered him gifts. Their gesture shows that they recognized the divine in the human

## His Star

The presence of the star at the birth of Jesus has a special significance in the entire revelation. We have observed that God set on motion the shepherds to the manger, and that the angels were put at the service of the child. All these show the revelatory nature of the information we have about the child in the manger. The coming of the wise to Bethlehem searching for the child who is born ‘king of Jews’, indicates that the child will be king and Savior, not only of the Jews, but also of the gentiles. The expression used by the wise men, namely, ‘his star’ indicates that the star belongs to the child. Thus not only men and angels, but also the cosmic powers are placed at his service. Jesus is revealed right from his birth, as king and Lord of the entire universe. This is what St. Paul says when he speaks about the cosmic redemption in Rom. 8,19-23.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the city of David. The mention of the place of Jesus’ birth has its own significance. A small village, though, it was the city where King David was born. Bethlehem as the birth place of his Son was not by a coincidence but specific choice of God, The words of the angel to the shepherds indicate this divine purpose: “To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Messiah, the Lord” (Lk. 2,11). The wise men from the East came in search of the child who has been born king of the Jews’. When king Herod heard about it, he was frightened and all Jerusalem with him. The king called together all the chief priests and scribes of the people and enquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “in Bethlehem of Judah” It is interesting to note that the same thing happened when Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly: “When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking ‘who is this?’ (Mt. 21,10).

Why should the Jews be frightened on these two occasions? The meaning of all this was missed by the Jews who were expecting the Messiah. They could not see in him the Messiah of their expectation. Since their interests were fulfilled, they were not willing to accept the Messiah sent by God. When Herod and the Jewish leadership rejected him, the shepherds, the wise, and the common people at Jerusalem, including both Jews and Gentiles accepted him as the Messiah. Jesus’ prayer to the Father is revealing in this context: “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants” (Mt. 11,25).



## Jesus, a real Jew

The circumcision and the naming of the child, and his presentation in the temple: These two events make clear that the child Jesus, in God's plan had to be brought up as a real Jew, fulfilling all the requirements of the Mosaic Law, namely, circumcision and naming of the child on the eighth day, and the presentation in the temple on the fortieth day.

### The circumcision and the naming of the child:

“After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb” (Lk.2,21). There are two traditions about naming the child ‘Jesus’, one Mathean and the other Lucan. In the Gospel of Luke the angel asks Mary to name the child ‘Jesus’ (Lk.1,31). In the Gospel of Mathew the angel entrusts Joseph with right of naming the child: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and

you are to name him Jesus” (Mt. 1,20-21). In both cases the name given by the angel is the same. In fact there seems to have been an understanding between Mary and Joseph in naming the child ‘Jesus’, an understanding prompted from above. Very similar is the case between Elizabeth and Zechariah in naming John the Baptist (see Lk. 1,57-66). God preplans the minute details of the salvific plan. At this moment Jesus became legally a member of the Jewish community. Circumcision was the sign of the covenant which God made with Abraham: “This is my covenant with you that you will keep between me, you and your descendents after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised” (Gen. 17, 10). This what the evangelist Mathew hints at when he begins his Gospel with words: “An account of the Genealogy of Jesus, the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham” (Mt.1, 1). So as far as child Jesus is concerned he is in full solidarity with the people of God. But he was much more than that.

At the time of the announcement of Jesus' mysterious birth, the greatness of

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# ST JOSEPH'S SERVICE SOCIETY

Activities of March- April

## St Joseph's Day

St Joseph's day was celebrated on March 19th in Sanjoepuram. The day started with solemn High mass offered at Vinayalaya chapel. All the members of Sanjopuram children's village actively took part in the day's celebration. There was a common gathering at Christ hall presided by Fr Sebastian Vadakumpadan, Vicar General of Faridabad Diocese and Director of Sanjoepuram Children's Village. Fr Varghese Moonjely gave the message of the day. Fr Varghese Palatty was given a warm welcome. He took charge as the new Director of St Joseph's Service Society. Cultural programmes were staged by the children of Sanjoepuram.

## 'A Day for Water' March 22

St Joseph's Service Society celebrated "A day for water" in Pochanpur NFE centre on March 22. The project coordinator took a class about important of the water and use of the safe water in day to day life. 35 children of the NFE centre participated in the programme.

## HOLI CELEBRATION

Pochanpur and Jassola NFE centres celebrated holy. As the part of the Holy celebration teachers shared to the children the history behind the holy. It is the success of the truth on the evil. So that the people enjoying the holy and celebrating it. In the centre children colored each other and shared sweets for Laddu as the part of the calibration. ●

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# Department of Family Apostolate

## Diocese of Faridabad



### Family-to witness and to be saved

**G**OD unites both man and woman in marriage for three things:

- 1) For participating fully in his love
- 2) For being faithful unto death and
- 3) For being co creators with Him for the sustenance of the humanity.

This communion of man and woman gives birth to a family which stands as the witnessing factor in the society and this formation gives them a special grace to be the heirs of the kingdom of God.

Those who see them together praise the lord for seeing a small form of the church (Ecclesia) moving in front of them. This life is a proclamation of the gospel of love of the lord. LOVE never fails. Love is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. The communion is also a gift from the Holy Spirit. There will be differences of opinions and views and also quarrels. There will be always a room for dialogue and improvement. But it becomes a bad example and opposite witnessing when differences are taken in to public. Every individual on this earth must try for his or her own salvation. This life is a gift from the Heavenly Father. The real home is above. Unless and until one reaches the purpose of his life is not fulfilled and he will not be saved. The family life is the

call to reach heaven through the love and communion they share with each other.

This relationship is a call to faithfulness unto death (Mt.19:6). You are participating in the love and fidelity of God which he showed to his own people Israel. Israel was not faithful to the Lord and the Lord sent them to the captivity. He then again emancipated them from the slavery and finally by sending his only begotten son saved them from the bondage of sin and death. His love was everlasting His faithfulness was unshaken (IS. 43:1). The promise made by the couples on the day of marriage keeping their hands on the Holy Bible is for a life time not for the next season.

Let our families be filled with love, unity and trust.

### Marriage Preparation Course Schedule 2013

(Friday 9 A.M. to Sunday 5 P.M.)

May	: 24th to 26th
July	: 19th to 21st
August	: 30th to Sept.01st
October	: 11th to 13th
December	: 06th to 08th
Venue	: Navinta Retreat House, Okhla
Contact	: Fr. Varghese Moonjely, (Director)
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(The participants have to bring a letter from their Parish priests. The course is valid for one year)



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പ്രിയ ബഹു. വൈദികരെ, സന്യാസിനി സന്യാസികളെ,  
മിശിഹായിൽ പ്രിയ സഹോദരീ സഹോദരന്മാരെ, വന്തല മക്കളേ,

നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയുടെ സ്ഥാപനത്തിന്റേയും എന്റെ സ്ഥാനാരോഹണത്തിന്റേയും ആദ്യവാർഷികം (മെയ് 26,27) അടുത്തുവരികയാണ്. ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹങ്ങളുടെ ആദ്യവർഷം; നല്ലവനായ തമ്പുരാൻ കൃതജ്ഞതയർപ്പിക്കുവാനുള്ള അവസരം. ഈയവസരത്തിൽ നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയിലെ എല്ലാ അംഗങ്ങളും ഒന്നുചേർന്നുനിന്ന് ദൈവത്തിനു നന്ദി പറയാം.

ഒന്നാം വാർഷികം ആചരിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി രൂപതയിലെ വിവിധ വിഭാഗങ്ങൾ - കുട്ടികൾ, യുവജനങ്ങൾ, മുതിർന്നവർ, നേഴ്സുമാർ - വിവിധങ്ങളായ പദ്ധതികളുമായി മുന്നോട്ടുവന്നിരിക്കുന്നത്, ഈ രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷനെന്ന് നിലയിൽ അതീവ സന്തോഷത്തോടെയാണ് ഞാൻ കാണുന്നത്. നമ്മുടെ മതബോധന കുട്ടികളുടെയും, മതാദ്ധ്യാപകരുടേയും, യുവജന സംഘടനയായ DSYM - ന്റെയും പദ്ധതിയായി **'First Annual Day Lucky Draw'** - യ്ക്ക് രൂപം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. കുട്ടികൾക്ക് എളുപ്പത്തിൽ സഹകരിക്കാവുന്ന രീതിയിൽ 25 രൂപയുടെ കൂപ്പണുകളാണ് തയ്യാറാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളത്. **"നമ്മുടെ രൂപത നമുക്കു സ്വന്തം"** എന്ന രീതിയിൽ അവർക്ക് "Ownership Feeling" വളർത്തിയെടുക്കുവാനുള്ള ഒരവസരമായി ഇതിനെ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കണമെന്ന് സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

ഒന്നാം വർഷത്തിൽ തന്നെ രൂപതാകേന്ദ്രത്തിനായി സ്വന്തമായി ഒരു കെട്ടിടം വാങ്ങുവാൻ സാധിച്ചു എന്നത് വലിയ ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹമാണ്. നിങ്ങളുടെ ഓരോരുത്തരുടെയും സഹായ സഹകരണത്തിലും ഉദാരമനസ്ഥിതിയിലും പൂർണ്ണമായി വിശ്വസിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഇത്രയും വലിയ ഒരു സാമ്പത്തിക ഉത്തരവാദിത്വം നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയ്ക്കുവേണ്ടി ഏറ്റെടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. സാധിക്കുന്നവരെല്ലാം കടമായി സഹായിച്ച് യഥാസമയം തന്നെ ആധാരം നടത്തുവാൻ സാധിച്ചതും നന്ദിപൂർവ്വം സ്മരിക്കുന്നു. രൂപതാകേന്ദ്രപദ്ധതിക്കുവേണ്ടി ഫണ്ടുശേഖരിക്കുവാൻ തവണകളായി പണമടച്ച് വീട്ടുസാമഗ്രികൾ സ്വന്തമാക്കുവാനുള്ള ഒരു **സ്കീം (ജ്യോതിർ ഗമയ)** നമ്മുടെ വൈദിക ഇടവക പ്രതിനിധികളടങ്ങുന്ന ഒരു സമിതി ആവിഷ്കരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. വിദഗ്ദ്ധവിവരങ്ങൾ ബഹു. വികാരിയച്ചനിൽ നിന്നും ലഭിക്കുന്നതാണ്. ഓരോ ഇടവകയിലേയും എല്ലാ കുടുംബ യൂണിറ്റുകൾ വഴി കഴിയുന്നിടത്തോളം അംഗങ്ങളെ ഈ പദ്ധതിയിൽ ചേർക്കുമല്ലോ. നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകകളിലുള്ള എല്ലാ അവിവാഹിതരായിട്ടുള്ള യുവതി യുവാക്കളുടെയും സഹായ സഹകരണം ഈ പദ്ധതി വിജയിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ അനിവാര്യമാണ്.

നമ്മുടെ സമുദായത്തിൽ നിന്നും പുറമേയുള്ളവരേയും അക്രൈസ്തവരേയും ഇതിൽ ചേർക്കുന്നതുവഴി നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയെ പറ്റിയും സഭയെ പറ്റിയും മറ്റുള്ളവരോടു പറയുവാനുള്ള ഒരവസരമായി ഇത് മാറും. ചില ഇടവകകളിൽ സ്വന്തമായ സ്കീമുകൾ നടക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നിയാം. എങ്കിലും രൂപതാകേന്ദ്രത്തിന്റെ കാര്യാലയത്തുകൊണ്ട് എല്ലാവരും കഴിവതും ഇതുമായി സഹകരിക്കണമെന്ന് അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

മെയ്-ജൂൺ മാസങ്ങളിൽ പലരും അവധിക്കു നാട്ടിൽ പോകുന്നതുകൊണ്ട്, **വാർഷികദിനാഘോഷം ജൂലൈയിൽ** നടത്താമെന്നാണ് കരുതുന്നത്. വിദഗ്ദ്ധവിവരങ്ങൾ പിന്നീട് അറിയിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

മേൽ സൂചിപ്പിച്ച രണ്ടു പദ്ധതികൾക്കും നിങ്ങളുടെ സഹായ സഹകരണങ്ങൾക്ക് മുൻകൂട്ടി നന്ദിപറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ടും, നിങ്ങൾക്കേവർക്കും ധാരാളമായ ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹം നേർന്നുകൊണ്ടും,

സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം, നിങ്ങളുടെ പിതാവ്  
*+ Beharakulamy -*

† ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് കുര്യാക്കോസ് ദരണികുളങ്ങര  
ഫരിദാബാദ് രൂപതയുടെ മെത്രാൻ

# Syro - Malabar Mission in Chandigarh

In view of organizing communities and opening parishes in the unreached areas of the new Eparchy of Faridabad, Fr. Mathew Moothasseril, (Pro Vicar General) started staying at Zirakpur near Chandigarh (from November 2012) in a house purchased by the Diocese of Faridabad. After initial surveys and searches we came to know that there are almost 100 families and a good number of nurses in this area. Since many of the families are members of the Latin parish, and attached to schools and other institutions of the Latin Church, it will take some time to organize them. However majority of the people are happy about the Syro-Malabar parish.

They live in Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula and Zirakpur. We have started saying Saturday and Sunday masses at Don Bosco Church, Sec 24, Chandigarh. Now we are looking for places in the other three towns. Meanwhile we have started saying Sunday mass at Ludhiana (CMC, Chapel).

We are coming across a number of families living in the nearby small towns. We are visiting them and saying mass for them occasionally. Our plan is to reach out to our people living in isolated places and far flung areas. We will start ministries for our faithful and services open for all in the near future.

Chandigarh is a world class city. Syro-Malabar church needs to have some base in this "city beautiful" from where we can reach out to the countryside and villages with the Good News. There is ample scope for mission among people of other religions. We look forward to the collaboration and partnership of religious communities in developing our 'million square kilometer' mission area.

Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara will be visiting Chandigarh community on Sunday, 7th July 2013 and will be formally inaugurating St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Parish Chandigarh. ●

## Do you want to become a priest?

### FARIDABAD DIOCESE WANTS CANDIDATES FOR PRIESTHOOD

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## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI PARISH, DILSHAD GARDEN-DILSHAD COLONY

ST. JOSEPH'S UNIT		
1	P. P. Joy	300
2	P. P. Paulose	2000
3	Jijo Kuriakose	500
4	Mathukutty Joseph	3000
5	Shiju John	100
6	Saji Mathew	200
7	Jiji Antony	500
8	Reji Emmanuel	250
9	P. F. Jose	1500
<b>Unit Total</b>		<b>8350</b>
ST. PAUL UNIT		
1	Jose Abraham	500
2	Dennis Mathew	1000
3	Jerry Das	300
4	T. J. Joseph	5000
5	Johny P. P.	1000
6	Thomas K. George	500
7	John Varghese	500
8	Jince Thomas	500
9	Thomaskutty N. C.	500
10	Jose Joseph K	1000
11	Jose Joseph	500
12	Sabu K. A.	1000
13	Mathew Jacob	500
14	Noble John	200
15	Georgekutty J. J.	250
<b>Unit Total</b>		<b>13250</b>
ST. STEPHEN UNIT		
1	Johnson V. P.	1000
2	Jomon John	500
3	P. T. James	200
4	Chacko Antony	500
5	Sunny Johnny	500
6	George Joseph	500
7	Joseph PM	300
8	Delphia Alexander	500
9	T. M. George	500
10	Joy Joseph	500
11	Jose Augustine	500
12	Shaji Luckose	100
13	Joy Augustine	100
14	K. V. Mathew	500
<b>Unit Total</b>		<b>6200</b>

ST. SEBASTIAN UNIT		
1	P. J. Benny	200
2	Sebastian M. A.	1500
3	Siby Joseph	100
4	Wilson Philip	500
5	Jeromy Mathew	1000
6	Joseph K. V.	600
7	Joshi Joseph	500
8	Shaji Mathew	300
9	Sabu P. C.	500
10	Siby Antony	500
<b>Unit Total</b>		<b>5700</b>
ST. THOMAS UNIT		
1	Molly Ajari	100
2	Binoy K. V.	1000
3	K. J. Joseph	4000
4	Joby Joseph	500
5	Bijesh Antony	500
6	Sunny Thattil	10000
7	Shiby Mathew	500
8	Babu George	500
9	Xavier Thomas	3000
10	Jordy Joy	100
11	Siby Vinoj	200
12	Stephen Manual	100
13	Chinju Baby & Anisha	500
14	Pappachan C. D.	1000
<b>Unit Total</b>		<b>22000</b>
ST. BENEDICT UNIT		
1	Milda/Jitha	500
2	Rejimon K. Joseph	1500
3	T. K. Paul	2000
4	Varghese T. J.	1000
5	Aju James	100
6	Mathew Jose	500
7	A. C. Jose	500
8	K. T. Kuruvila	300
9	Raju P. J.	500
10	Tito Dominic	300
11	Tijo	300
12	Joseph Parakadan	500
13	James V. Alex	200
14	T. J. Saji	200
15	V. K. Mathew	500
16	Devasia Thomas	200
17	Sebastian Joseph	500
18	Sunny Xavier	1000
<b>Unit Total</b>		<b>10600</b>

ST. GEORGE UNIT		
1	Thomas Sebastian	2000
2	Monson Abraham	200
3	Biju Thomas	500
4	Sunny Sebastian	200
5	Joseph K. P.	1500
6	Joseph K. C.	300
7	Joy Jacob	2000
8	Raju Thomas	2000
9	Jijo John	200
10	Ajith T. Cherian	200
11	Peter	200
<b>Unit Total</b>		<b>9300</b>
ST. JOHN'S UNIT		
1	Lijo Varghese	200
2	Joseph Chacko	200
3	Thomas Devasia	500
4	Sebastian K. Jacob	500
5	Jino Paul	500
6	R. A. Jimmy	200
7	Biju Mathew	1000
8	Paul Joseph	500
9	Collins Joseph	1000
10	Jancy Sunny	100
11	Shibu Mathew	300
12	Shaji Thomas	500
13	Thomas Joseph	1000
14	Jackson K. Antony	500
15	Antony P. J.	500
16	Gigi P. L.	200
17	Shibu Joseph	100
18	Saji Abraham	300
<b>Unit Total</b>		<b>8100</b>
ST. CLARE UNIT		
1	M. C. James	500
2	K. M. Thankachan	500
3	Jacob P. J.	1000
4	Joseph John	500
5	Shaji Augustine	1000
6	Leo K Thomas	500
7	Johnson K. Joseph	1000
8	Biju Abraham	500
9	K. J. Thomas	300
10	Shaji Philip	500
11	Austin Jose	200
<b>Unit Total</b>		<b>6500</b>

ST. VINCENT UNIT		
1	Varghese Thomas	1000
2	Johnson Fernandez	1000
3	Joseph Gopinathan	10000
4	P. T. Mathew	500
5	Sebastian Mathews	500
6	Babu K. A.	500
7	Simon K. Paul	500
8	Baby Joseph	1000
9	Simon	100
10	George Marattukalam	500
11	Jain Joseph	100
12	Roychan Mathew	500
13	Roy Joseph	1000
14	Jacob Simon	100

15	Joy P. Maliakkal	1000
16	Shaji K. A.	200
17	Saji Idicula	300
18	Johny Jacob	500
19	A. R. Francis	500
20	Thomas Antony	1000
	<b>Unit Total</b>	<b>20800</b>
ST. MICHAEL'S UNIT		
1	Tomy Abraham	1000
2	Chacko Varghese	500
3	Shaji Sebastian	500
4	John Joseph	500
5	Shibu Jacob	6000
6	Joseph Varghese	1000
7	Francis Xavier	1000

8	Joseph M Augustine	1000
9	Monachan C	1000
10	Matthew C. J.	200
11	Manoj Matthew	500
12	Abraham Mathew	200
13	K. M. Mathew	200
14	K. R. Biju	101
15	Rajan K. K.	2000
16	Sunny Joseph	500
17	T. C. Francis	500
18	Thomas Mathew	1000
19	M. A. Joseph	1000
20	K. S. Thomas	1000
	<b>Unit Total</b>	<b>19701</b>
	<b>Grant Total</b>	<b>312874</b>

## ST. JUDE THADEUS CHURCH - ASHOK VIHAR

ST. ALPHONSA UNIT		
1	Samuval V. M.	100
2	Varghese M. D.	2000
3	Mery George	500
4	K. V. Thankachan	500
5	M. M. George	500
6	Antony P.	500
7	Jacob Devasia	300
	<b>Unit Total</b>	<b>4400</b>
ST. THOMAS UNIT		
1	Vinod Joseph	500
2	Jojo V Mathew	100
3	Thresiamma M. T.	600
	<b>Unit Total</b>	<b>1200</b>
ST. SEBASTIAN UNIT		
1	Johny V. V.	500
2	Kurian K Abraham	500
3	Soji	200
4	Lali Mathew	200
5	Bijoy P Joseph	100
6	Thomas	100
7	Sebastian	100
8	P. V. James	100
	<b>Unit Total</b>	<b>1800</b>
ST. JOSEPH UNIT		
1	N. C. Joseph	500
2	M. P. Joseph	250

3	Joy Sebastian	100
4	Kuncheria Thomas	100
	<b>Unit Total</b>	<b>950</b>
ST. MARY'S UNIT		
1	Jose Kunnel	500
2	Jose K Thomas	500
3	Joseph	500
4	Benny Mathew	200
5	Sibi	200
6	Sebastian	100
7	R. O. Augustine	100
	<b>Unit Total</b>	<b>2100</b>
SACRED HEART UNIT		
1	P. J. Jose	500
2	C. D. Jose	500
3	T. R. Joseph	300
4	E. P. Wilson	200
5	Sunny Joseph	200
6	Jacob	200
7	Antony Joseph	100
	<b>Unit Total</b>	<b>2000</b>
BL. MOTHER TERESA UNIT		
1	Mrs Philip	500
2	Thomas Mathew	200
3	Rafi Jose Kunneth	100
	<b>Unit Total</b>	<b>800</b>

ST. ANTONY'S UNIT		
1	Johnson V	200
2	Jaimon	100
	<b>Unit Total</b>	<b>300</b>
JIVODAYA		
1	Sreeja Joy	100
2	Neethu Kuriakose	100
3	Julie Antony	100
4	Beena M	50
5	Linto Jose	50
6	Mintu Varghese	50
7	Alphonsa Joseph	50
8	Ancil Mathew	50
9	Meenu Thomas	50
10	Alby Thomas	50
11	Riya Mol Augustine	50
12	Maymol Thomas	50
13	Tinumol Thomas	50
14	Jofin Thomas	50
15	Snophy Thomas	50
16	Jincy Mol Joseph	50
17	Beetha Mol Kuriyan	50
18	Raimy Annie Francis	50
19		100
	<b>Unit Total</b>	<b>1150</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>14700</b>

## BLESSED KURIAKOSE ELIAS CHURCH - HARI NAGAR

ALPHONSA UNIT		
1	George K.K.	1000
2	Lukose	200
3	Thomas Mathew	100
4	George M.J.	100
5	James Kuriakose	500
6	Saji Joseph	200
7	Sebastian P.S.	100
8	Simon George	100
9	Biju Chacko	100
10	Shaji A.M.	200
11	George Mani	100
12	Babu Mathew	100
13	Ciriack Kurian	100
14	Cherian Kunju	500
15	Thomas T.V.	500
16	Joy Mathew	200
17	Roy N.A.	100
18	Saji Thomas	200
ANTHONY UNIT		
19	Chinnamma K.L.	200
20	Sunny Jacob	100
21	Annamma Jacob	100
22	Punnoose C.C.	500
23	Joseph Antony	120
24	Mathews V.P.	500
25	Shinu P.A.	500
26	Jacob Thomas	100
27	Mini Varghese	50
28	Stephen P.G.	200
CHAVARA UNIT		
29	Joseph A.J.	500
30	Babu Joseph	500
31	Antony George	100
32	Ligimon	200
33	Shaju David	500
34	Paul M.O.	100
ST. GEORGE UNIT		
35	Mathew Joseph	1000
36	Jacob John	1000
37	Twinkle Mathew	150
38	John Daniel	100
39	Zacharias Mathew	500
40	Roy John	500
41	Francis Joseph	500
42	Babu M.K.	200
43	Tomy Joseph	500
44	Davis M.K.	100
45	Antony Joseph	500
ST JOSEPH UNIT		
46	Alex Thomas	200
47	Jacob Philip	100

ST JUDE UNIT		
48	Thankachan Joseph	100
49	Joy M.M.	500
ST MARY UNIT		
50	Babu Xaviour	200
51	Biju K.V.	100
52	Sebi P.V.	100
53	Mathew Varghese	100
54	Shoji Chacko	500
55	Ashish Thomas	100
56	C.L. Thomas	500
57	Antony V.J.	500
58	Jose Kappil	1000
59	Thankachan Jose	1000
60	Thomas P.V.	100
61	Victor P.M.	500
62	Jijo	500
63	Jimmy	200
64	Baby Joseph	500
65	Mathew Varghese	500
66	Tijo Joseph	500
67	Johny K.Z.	500
68	Lukose Peter	500
69	Sajan George	500
70	Mathew Stephen	100
71	Saji Punnen	500
72	Binoy K Baby	500
73	Mathew C.L.	100
74	Sabu Jose	100
75	Joemon K.A.	500
76	Shinoj A. K.	200
77	Joy Mathew	100
78	Shibu Antony	100
79	George K.V.	100
80	Shaji Joseph	500
81	John M.O.	200
82	James Varghese	100
83	Shaju K.K.	100
84	Charles Joseph	500
85	Biju Varghese	250
86	Sunny Joseph	100
87	Johnncy Varghese	500
88	Johnson Antony	500
89	Shinu Sebastian	50
90	Jayan T. K.	500
91	Sunil Varghese	100
92	Rosily	100
93	Sijo Thomas	150
94	Diny Mathew	100
95	Sinu Thomas	100
96	Kuruvila Abraham	500
97	Reji Joseph	200

98	Tresa Thomas K.	200
ST SEBASTIAN UNIT		
99	Roy V.T.	100
100	Saji Mon Joseph	500
101	Jose Thomas	100
102	Babu M.O.	100
103	Thampi Philip	500
104	Salju Kuriakose	200
105	Jomon Mathew	200
106	Varghese K.M.	100
107	Reji Joseph	200
108	Johnson P.J.	1000
109	Shaji Antony	100
110	Thomas George	150
111	Sajimon Joseph	500
112	Jose Antony	200
113	Thomas Joseph	500
114	Royas Jose	150
115	Shaji K Joseph	300
116	Gibu Joseph	500
ST THERESA UNIT		
117	Mathew E.J	100
118	Biji John	100
119	Shijo George & Renish	200
120	Johnson Joseph	500
121	Job C Thomas	500
122	Antony Abraham	500
123	Manoj K Abraham	100
124	Jose Steve	200
125	Benny V.V.	1000
126	Thomas Paikada	500
127	Shaji Kuriakose	250
128	Vinoy Varghese	100
129	Biju Varghese	100
130	Johnncy	100
131	Paulose T.O.	250
132	Paulose T.R.	100
133	George Thomas	100
134	Antony T.M.	500
135	Jose Joseph	100
136	Binish K.V.	100
137	Shibu Xaviour	500
138	Rejin(Antony Joseph)	100
139	Jacob Paul	1000
140	Jenuvin T. John	500
141	Joseph K.V.	1000
142	M.D. George	500
143	Josy Antony	1000
144	Biju T.V.	1000
145	Shiju Joseph	500
146	Vinu Paul	500
	<b>Grant Total</b>	<b>47470</b>

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, KALKAJI

DDA FLATS KALKAJI		
1	P S George	1500
2	SHAJI JOSEPH	500
3	GEORGE JOSEPH	100
4	SIBICHAN CJ	500
5	VARGHESE PO	500
6	MATHEW THOMAS	5000
7	JOLLY JOSEPH	200
8	SAJI JOSEPH	500
9	SHIJO	500
10	NIRMALA SALICHAN	500
ESI HOSPITAL		
1	PV JOHN	500
2	GEORGE & FAMILY	1000
3	JOHNSON & FAMILY	500
4	BENNY SEBASTIAN	2000
5	BENNY THOMAS	500
GOVINDPURI		
1	ANTONY K C	350
2	AJ JOSEPH	300
3	O G JOHN	150
4	JANCY ANTONY	300
5	JOSE K PAUL	2500
6	SEBASTIAN V G	300
7	BIJU GEORGE	6000
8	JOSE KA	300
TUGLAKABAD EXTN		
1	Alex Joseph	200

2	CMC Convent	1000
3	James K M	500
4	Chacko Antony	250
5	VINOJ MATHEW	500
6	SEBASTINA LAZER	1000
7	JOSEPH KURIAN	300
8	JOSHY JOSEPH	500
9	JOHN FRANCIS	250
10	RAJU PJ	500
11	KUNJUMON JOSEPH	500
12	JOSE MATHEW	1500
13	PA YESUDAS	500
14	GEOPHY PHILIP	500
15	BABY GEORGE	500
16	SUNNY MATHEW	500
17	BIJU JOHN	200
18	PIOUS JOSEPH	100
19	JOSE THOMAS	200
20	TOMY N. T	1500
21	ABY KURIAN	500
22	SIBI VELIATH	500
23	JAMES VELIATH	500
24	SAJI AUGUSTIAN	500
25	DAVIS PAULOSE	1000
26	RAJESH GEORGE	2000
27	MICHEAL TT	1000
28	JOSE SEBASTIAN	1000
29	WILLINGTON GEORGE	500

30	ABY JOSEPH	500
31	SHIBI ABHRAHAM	1000
32	NIXION CHUMMAR	2000
33	TOM JOSEPH	250
34	JOY ISSAC	1000
35	AGNES DEVASIA	2000
36	JOMON JOSEPH	500
37	NP KUNJUMON	500
38	JOSE PHILIP	1000
39	JOSEPH KURIAN	100
40	Madan Thomas	1500
41	JOMIMOL JOHN	1000
KALKAJI		
1	SABU C JACOB	500
2	JOMON K.J	200
3	V P JOY	2000
4	JAMES AP	600
1	JOBY SEBASTIAN	500
2	MATHAI YOHANAN	500
3	ANIYAN KUNJU	101
4	NO NAME	100
5	KJ ABRAHAM	500
6	THOMAS K C	500
7	NO NAME	500
8	DENNY	500
9	BINU MON PHILIPHOSE	500
<b>Grant Total</b>		<b>61351</b>

## NIRMAL HRIDAY CHURCH - TAGORE GARDEN

1	Sasi K Antony	200
2	Parishner	500
3	Parishner	100
4	Thomas Michael	500
5	Mathew Chacko	200
6	Abraham K.U	500
7	Johny Joseph	500
8	George Joseph	100
9	Santhosh K.V	250
10	Jose	150
11	Philip Mathew	500
12	Sunny P.J	100
13	Thomas K.M	100
14	Thomas O.V	200
15	K.K.John	500
16	Raju Thomas	300
17	Sebastian Zacharia	500
18	Kuriakose V.K	300
19	Biju Joseph	500
20	Vinumon M.T	100
21	Raju C.V	100

22	Joseph Thomas	100
23	Shaji K.J	300
24	Mathew Abraham	1000
25	Baby Mathew	250
26	Jomon C.J	200
27	Sunil Kurian	100
28	Tomy Thomas	1000
29	Joy P.M	250
30	Shinoj	100
31	Joseph Antony	200
32	Sajimon M	100
33	A.M.Robert	100
34	K.K.Mathew	201
35	T.M.Thomas	500
36	Sebastian Thomas	500
37	Rosamma Reji	100
38	Antony K.F	200
39	Mariamamma Yohannan	200
40	Thomas K.E	500
41	George Joseph	500
42	George Francis	100

43	Sebastian K	1000
44	Jerome Fernandes	500
45	Varkey Francis	100
46	Johny Thomas	100
47	M.J.Johnson	500
48	Rajumon C.A	1000
49	K.M.Joswin	500
50	Joji Joseph	1000
51	P.L.Lukka	500
52	Philip M.M	200
53	Shaji Philip	200
54	Tomy Tharayil Chacko	200
55	Boben Job	500
56	Mathew Baby	500
57	Jismal Joseph	200
58	Rajesh George Jacob	1000
59	E.S.Benny	100
60	Joseph P.G	300
61	Sonichen P.S	200
62	Joseph Chacko	1000
63	Soni Mathew	100

64	Johnson Joseph	202
65	Saji Philip	100
66	jose Sebastian	200
67	Joseph Mathew	100
68	Joby John	200
69	sebin Thomas	100
70	Jestin Sebastian	100
71	Biju mon Joseph	200
72	Reji John	250
73	Raju Thomas	500
74	Joy Mathew	500
75	Sebastian George	200
76	Tomy Thomas	500
77	Santhosh K.V	500
78	Sebastian Joseph	200
79	Siby Joseph	1500
80	Biju Scaria	200
81	Lincy Jose	500

82	Jaicy Jose	500
83	Liz Maria	200
84	Nissi Mathews	1000
85	Gibin Jose	200
86	Sibi Joseph	100
87	Joseph Chacko	1000
88	P.A.John	500
89	Jose Thomas	500
90	Joseph P.A	200
91	Rajan Abraham	500
92	Saji Kurian	200
93	Sanju C	1000
94		150
95	Varghese Thomas	200
96	Biju P C.	300
97	Ulahannan N. M. (Baby)	100
98	Saji Abraham	200
99	Binu Joseph	200

100	Tony V Chacko	100
101	Reji Joseph	200
102	Thomas K K	100
103	Pritty Joseph	100
104	V. C. Joseph	500
105	Shijo	1500
106	Bijoy Kolengadan	200
107	Baby P Raphel	500
108	Jameskutty A. J.	200
109	Bobby Cyriac	100
110	Saji C. C.	500
111	Francis V. A.	500
112	Anil Nicholas	1000
113	Biju Scharia	200
114	Shiju Mathew	500
115	Babu Kuruvilla	500
116	Annamma	500
	<b>Grant Total</b>	<b>42703</b>

## CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION, MAYUR VIHAR I & I.P EXTENSION PARISH

MAYUR VIHAR II		
1	Moncy Abraham	1,000
2	V.D. Jose	1,500
3	V.J. Jacob	5,000
4	P.A. Paul	5,000
5	Jose Thomas	500
6	Lonappan P.K.	1,000
7	Antony Job	2,000
8	Saji Kuriakose	1,000
9	James P.P	2,000
10	Francis P.T.	5,000
11	T.V. Mathew	600
12	K.A. Thomas	1,000
13	P.V. Mathai	5,000
14	Marijan K.J.	300
15	Thomas Zecharias	500
16	K.C Thomas	500
17	Jacob	500
18	Joji Jose	2,000
19	George K.J	2,000
20	Mary Varghese	5,000
21	P.C Jose	10,000
22	P. D Francis	4,000

23	K.S Jose	500
24	Antony C.J	5,000
25	Santhosh Sebastian	500
26	Jacob Xavier	1,500
27	Saji K Joseph	1,000
28	Antony Tharakan	500
29	Jose Xavier	500
30	A.J. Joseph	5,000
31	Tomy Joseph	2,000
32	K.J. Thankachan	500
33	D.M.A. Rappai	500
34	Mathew Augustine	5,000
35	Manoj	1,000
36	M.D. Joseph	500
37	K.M. Chacko	1,000
38	Vincent Jose	2,000
I.P. EXTENSION		
39	Jaise Mathew	5,000
40	C.A. Inasu	5,000
41	T.V. Thomas	3,000
42	V.M. Thomas	3,000
43	P.L. Jose	2,000
44	K.L. Francis	1,000

45	George Joseph	5,000
46	Wilson V.V	10,000
47	Paul Antony	500
48	Sibichan K. Mathew	7,600
49	Toby Thomas	12,000
50	Jose Kavi	10,000
51	P. J Mathew	1,000
52	M.V Jojo	1,500
53	K.M Chacko	5,000
54	Bennet Rodinguez	300
55	Thomas John	1,000
56	Roger John	5,000
NIRMAN VIHAR		
57	Louis Paul	1,000
58	Debina	1,000
59	Anupe Francis P.	1,000
PREET/MADHU VIHAR		
60	Jose Raj Palathingal	1,000
61	K.V. Lalson	1,000
62	Unknown	500
	<b>Grant Total</b>	<b>165,800</b>

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# മേജർ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് പിതാവോ തലവനോ?

**പ**ൗരസ്ത്യ പാശ്ചാത്യ ദൈവശാസ്ത്രത്തിലും പദപ്രയോഗങ്ങളിലും വ്യത്യാസങ്ങളുണ്ട്. പൗരസ്ത്യ വീക്ഷണത്തിലും പാരമ്പര്യത്തിലും മെത്രാന്റെ ഇടയദൗത്യത്തെ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്ന 'പിതാവ്' എന്ന അഭിസംബോധനയാണ് ഉപയോഗിച്ചുവരുന്നത്. മെത്രാന്റെ അധികാരത്തേയും പദവിയേയും സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്ന 'തലവൻ', 'മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ' എന്നീ സംജ്ഞകളേക്കാൾ പൗരസ്ത്യ പാരമ്പര്യത്തിൽ 'പിതാവ്' എന്ന പദവിയാണ് സ്വീകരിച്ചു വരുന്നത്. അതുകൊണ്ടാണ് കാനൻ നിയമത്തിൽ 'പിതാവും തലവനും' (Pater et Caput) എന്ന പ്രയോഗമുള്ളത് (Can 55), അതുകൊണ്ട് ഇനിമുതൽ വി. കുർബ്ബാനയിൽ നമ്മുടെ സഭാ-രൂപതാ അധികാരികളെ അനുസ്മരിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുമ്പോൾ സഭയുടെ - രൂപതയുടെ 'പിതാവും തലവനും / മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷനും' എന്നാണ് ഉപയോഗിക്കേണ്ടത്.

സഭയിൽ പ്രത്യേക ശുശ്രൂഷകളിലുള്ളവരെ പ്രാർത്ഥനയിൽ അവരുടെ പദവികളോടുകൂടി ഓർക്കുകയാണ് എല്ലാ ആരാധനാക്രമങ്ങളുടെയും രീതി. അതിനാൽ മാർപ്പാപ്പ, മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ്, മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്താ, മെത്രാൻ എന്നീ ശുശ്രൂഷാപദവികൾ പ്രാർത്ഥനാനിയോഗത്തിൽ ചേർത്തുവേണം ചൊല്ലുവാൻ. മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പിനും പകരമായി സഭയിൽ ഇന്ന് ഉപയോഗിച്ചുവരുന്ന ശ്രേഷ്ഠ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്ത എന്ന പദപ്രയോഗം ആ ശുശ്രൂഷാ പദവിയുടെ അർത്ഥം വ്യക്തമാക്കുവാൻ പര്യാപ്തമല്ല. 'ശ്രേഷ്ഠ' എന്ന വിശേഷണം ഏതു വ്യക്തിയെക്കുറിച്ചും ഉപയോഗിക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. ശ്രേഷ്ഠാചാര്യൻ, ശ്രേഷ്ഠ കത്തോലിക്കാബാവാ എന്നീ പദപ്രയോഗങ്ങൾ ഇപ്പോൾ തന്നെ നമ്മുടെ ഭാഷയിലുണ്ടല്ലോ. സാർവ്വത്രികസഭയുടെ തലവനായ മാർപ്പാപ്പയെ അനുസ്മരിക്കുന്നതുപോലെ നമ്മുടെ സഭയുടെ തലവനേയും മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് എന്നു പറഞ്ഞ് അനുസ്മരിക്കുന്നതാണ് യുക്തം. തന്മൂലം മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് എന്ന ശുശ്രൂഷാ പദവി ഉപയോഗിച്ചുതന്നെ വേണം പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുവാൻ.

സഭയുടെ പിതാക്കന്മാർക്കും, വൈദികർക്കും വേണ്ടി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നതോടൊപ്പം സന്യസ്തരേയും അല്മായ പ്രേഷിതരേയും ഓർത്ത് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കണമെന്ന് നിർദ്ദേശമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതിൻപ്രകാരം അവരേക്കൂടി കുർബാന മദ്ധ്യേയുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥനയിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടതാണ്.

## XX Synod August 2012 നിശ്ചയപ്രകാരം തയ്യാറാക്കിയ സീറോ-

**മലബാർ കുർബാനയിൽ മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പിനെയും മെത്രാന്മാരെയും സമർപ്പിതരെയും അല്മായരെയും പ്രേഷിതരെയും അനുസ്മരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാർത്ഥന**

കാർമ്മി. കർത്താവേ, ശക്തനായ ദൈവമേ, പ്രധാനാചാര്യനും സാർവ്വത്രികസഭയുടെ തലവനും ഭരണാധികാരിയുമായ റോമിലെ മാർ (പേർ) പാപ്പായ്ക്കുവേണ്ടിയും, ഞങ്ങളുടെ സഭയുടെ പിതാവും തലവനുമായ മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ (പേർ) മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായ്ക്കുവേണ്ടിയും ഞങ്ങളുടെ രൂപതയുടെ പിതാവും മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷനുമായ മാർ (പേർ) മെത്രാനുവേണ്ടിയും/ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായ്ക്കുവേണ്ടിയും പുരോഹിതന്മാർ, സമർപ്പിതർ, അല്മായ പ്രേഷിതർ എന്നിവർക്കുവേണ്ടിയും, വിശുദ്ധ കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭ മുഴുവനുവേണ്ടിയും ഭരണകർത്താക്കൾ, മേലധികാരികൾ എന്നിവർക്കുവേണ്ടിയും . . . . . ●

† ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് കുര്യാക്കോസ് ഭരണികുളങ്ങര  
ഫരിദാബാദ് രൂപതയുടെ മെത്രാൻ



## THE CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY FAMILY AT THE BRIM OF CENTENARY CELEBRATION



Blessed Mariam Theresia  
CHF Foundress

Blessed Mariam Theresia, the Saintly Woman of Puthenchira was specially called and sanctified by the Heavenly Father to begin a new Congregation in the name of the Holy Family in the year 1914, May 14. She is the pioneer in the Church of India to start a revolutionary ministry – FAMILY APOSTOLATE to build up healthy families in the Society. She is the stigmatic of Indian Church and the patroness of families who incessantly intercede for the broken families of the world.



Servant of God  
Joseph Vithayathil  
CHF Co-Founder

Rev. Fr. Joseph Vithayathil - a man of vision, the custodian of the Holy Eucharist, a man of compassionate heart empowered Theresia to realize her vision of Christianizing the families; to reach out the families with her prophetic courage; to renew the persons and families with the compassionate love of the Crucified Lord and to re-unite the broken family relationships. He, the spiritual guide of Blessed Mariam Theresia and the CHF Co-founder nurtured the Congregation after the death of its foundress. He was called by the CHF daughters and all the people of the locality with the name 'Pithavu' (an endearing term for a loving father of the family).

Today as we stand at the threshold of the centenary, there are around 2000 Sisters of 9 Provinces and 2 Regions serving in 54 Dioceses and 4 continents. Realizing the call within the call and reading the signs of the times, CHF Sisters – according to their heritage and charism, serve zealously in the field of Family apostolate, education, healing ministry, works of Mercy, Counselling (Individual & Family), etc. using innovative methods.

The centenary lamp will be lit on May 14, 2013 at 7.00 am, at Forane Church Puthenchira (where Blessed Mariam Theresia made her Profession) in the Diocese of Irinjalakkuda, with the solemn Holy Eucharist officiated by Mar Andrews Thazhath the Arch Bishop of Thrissur and in the presence of Bishops, priests, religious and laity. In this year of graces and abundant blessings of God, the congregation has planned various activities oriented towards the Church and the people of God. On this occasion we expect the valuable prayers, presence and co-operation of everyone

Mother Prasanna Thattil CHF  
Superior General  
Congregation of the Holy Family

# ഫരിദാബാദ് രൂപത ഇടവക വാർത്തകൾ

## St. Peter's Parish, R K Puram



A seminar on Personality Development was held on 21.04.2013 at St. Peter's Bhawan, Mohmadpur, R.K. Puram for the children between the age of 14-21. Fr. George Manimala, Vicar, St. Thomas Church, R.K. Puram, Fr. Benny Issac and Fr. Mathew PJ conducted classes on different angles of Personality development and its applicability in the daily life of children. Shri Liju Joseph, Coordinator of the seminar has welcomed the participants. The seminar was inaugurated by Fr. Pious Malekandathil, Vicar, St. Peter's Church Mohmadpur. The coordinators informed that such seminars would be conducted regularly for upbringing of our children. ●

## St Augustine Parish, Karol bagh

### QUO VADIS 2013 YOUTH CONVENTION



DSYM St Augustine Church, Karol bagh successfully completed the second Youth Convention, QUO VADIS on Saturday 20th April 2013 at the Hall of Faith

Academy School, Prasad Nagar. Above 300 youth were registered and above 200 participated in it. The convention was begun with Holy Mass and the Main Celebrant was Fr John Mylamvelil, the Chancellor. And it was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Kurian Joseph, Judge, Supreme Court of India along with our Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, Rev. Msgr Sebastian Vadakumpadan, Fr Denny Kattayil and DSYM Central committee. Justice Kurian Joseph attracted all the youth with his thought provoking talk that "If you want be happy, you should be holy" and Archbishop Kuriakose encouraged all the youth to protect the entire world. After Lunch, Fr Rajan Punnackal interacted with the youth and gave a strong message of moral life. Fr Joby Kachappilly VC with his inspiring talk and adoration raised all youth to a divine experience at the end of the convention and the convention came to an end by taking oath with lighted candles. ●

# ഫരിദാബാദ് രൂപത ഇടവക വാർത്തകൾ

## Holy Week at Diocese of Faridabad



Assumption Parish, Mayur Vihar - I



St. Augustine Parish, Karol Bagh



St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Dilshad Garden



St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Dilshad Garden



Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Okhla



Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Okhla



St. Peter's Parish, R K Puram



St. Thomas Parish, Janakpuri

## St. Alphonsa Parish, Noida



**T**he much awaited dream of every Syro Malabar faithful in Noida has come true on 21 Apr 2013. After around five months of preparations St. Alphonsa Church has come into existence. His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulagara inaugurated the parish and declared Rev. Fr Varghese Moonjely as the first parish Priest.

This is the first parish of the Diocese of Faridabad in the Gautam Budh Nagar District, U.P. Under the great leadership of Arch Bishop Kuriakose and by the timely intervention of Rev. Msgr. Sebastian Vadakkumpadan the initial works of the formation of the parish has been completed and Rev. Fr. Varghese Moonjely was appointed as the 1st Syro Malabar priest in charge for Noida parish. He has initiated to start Holy Mass and Marian Novena at Assisi Convent School, Noida. The first Holy mass was attended by more than 200 people on 10th Nov 2012. His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose has named the Noida mission after St. Alphonsa the first saint from India. After continuous visits to the faithful around 17 family units have been already formed covering different sectors of Noida and some more prayer units are still in formation. Delhi Syro Malabar Youth Movement (DSYM) Noida Unit was started

and that made the youth to be more active in the parish. Alphonsa Bhawan, the priest's residence, was blessed by Msgr. Sebastian on 13th January 2013.

On the Inauguration day The Holy Mass was celebrated by His Grace arch Bishop Kuriakose. Msgr. Sebastian Vadakkumpadan, Vicar General, Faridabad Diocese Rev. Fr. John Fr. John Mylanvelil, Chancellor, Faridabad Diocese and many other priests were concelebrants. Very many religious sisters were also present. The function was attended by more than 1500 people. Justice Kurian Joseph was present for the Holy mass. Followed by the Holy Mass there was public meeting. Shri. Dr. Mahesh Sharma MLA, Noida, Shri Priteinder Singh, IPS, SSP, Gautam Budh Nagar, Shri. Sube Yadav, SP Leader, Shri. N.P Singh, President , Welfare Association federation, Noida Sr. Terese Porathur, FCC, Vice Provincial, San Damiano Province Noida, Sr. Clarelit, Principal, Assisi convent School, Shri Reji Thomas , Secretary, catechism, Department, Faridabad diocese, and many other dignitaries participated in the function. Parish bulletin "Snehadeepam", has been released on this auspicious occasion. Thanking each and every one who made this day a wonderful one and interceding the blessings of St. Alphonsa. ●

## **Know Jesus Our Friend** *(from...page no.12)*

the child was also revealed to Joseph and to Mary, separately, a revelation which is complimentary. It is only through revelation that we have access to the mystery of our salvation. We could never, by ourselves find out in Jesus the person who he really was, and what was the role entrusted to him by the Father. Joseph was asked by the angel to give the child the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins, and that he is Emmanuel which means God with us. (Mt. 1,21-23). Mary was also asked to give the child the name Jesus, and it was revealed to her that "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign in the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Lk. 1,31-32). Jesus from Nazareth is for the world, the son of Joseph, the carpenter, and of Mary. To those who believe, Jesus is the Saviour, the Lord, the Son of God. They can see the revelations made to Joseph and Mary fulfilled in Jesus, during his birth, life among us, in his death, and resurrection.

### **Jesus presented in the temple**

Another interesting feature about child Jesus is his presentation in the temple by the parents on the fortieth day, in order to fulfill the prescriptions in the Law of Moses concerning the firstborn son. As first born son he was designated as holy to the Lord. The evangelist, Luke does not say anything about redeeming the child and restoring it to the parents, but only that the child was completely given over to God (cf. Ex.13,13). His parents offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the Law of the Lord: a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons. (Lk. 2,24).

This was the offering of the poor who could not afford to offer a sheep: "If she cannot afford a sheep, she shall take two turtle doves or two pigeons..."(Lev. 12, 8). This was an indication of Jesus' attitude towards the Law of Moses and to the Old Testament. Later we will see that Jesus was very keen to fulfill the law. He told John the Baptist whom he approached to be baptized by him: "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way, to fulfill all righteousness" (Mt. 3,15).

At the time when Jesus was presented in the temple together with an offering of the poor something happened, similar to what happened when he was born poor, in the manger. At that time the angels proclaimed the glory of this poor child: a Savior Who is the Messiah, the Lord(Lk. 2,11). We have discussed it above. At the time of Jesus' presentation in the temple, we see two people, the old Simeon and prophetess Anna, inspired by the Spirit of God coming to the temple to greet the child.

The old Simon was a righteous and devout person who was waiting for the consolation of Israel, namely, to see the redeemer of Israel (Lk. 2,25). Even when Jesus was fulfilling the law of Moses in the temple, according to what is prescribed for the poor, the words of the old Simeon reveals Jesus to be far superior to Moses. He took the child in his hands and praised God: "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel" (Lk. 2, 29-32). The mention of 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles' is certainly a reference to the suffering

servant's mission in Is 49,6: "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth".

Simeon then turned his attention to Mary and said to her: "This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed". He is a sign of contradiction, compelling people to take a decision for against him. John says it clearly: "And this is judgment that light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil" (Jn.3, 19). Jesus takes upon himself this contradiction, all the way to the cross, where the Son of God was being crucified. We will see later how this humiliation of the cross will be turned into glory in the events which took place at the time of his death of Jesus, and in his resurrection.

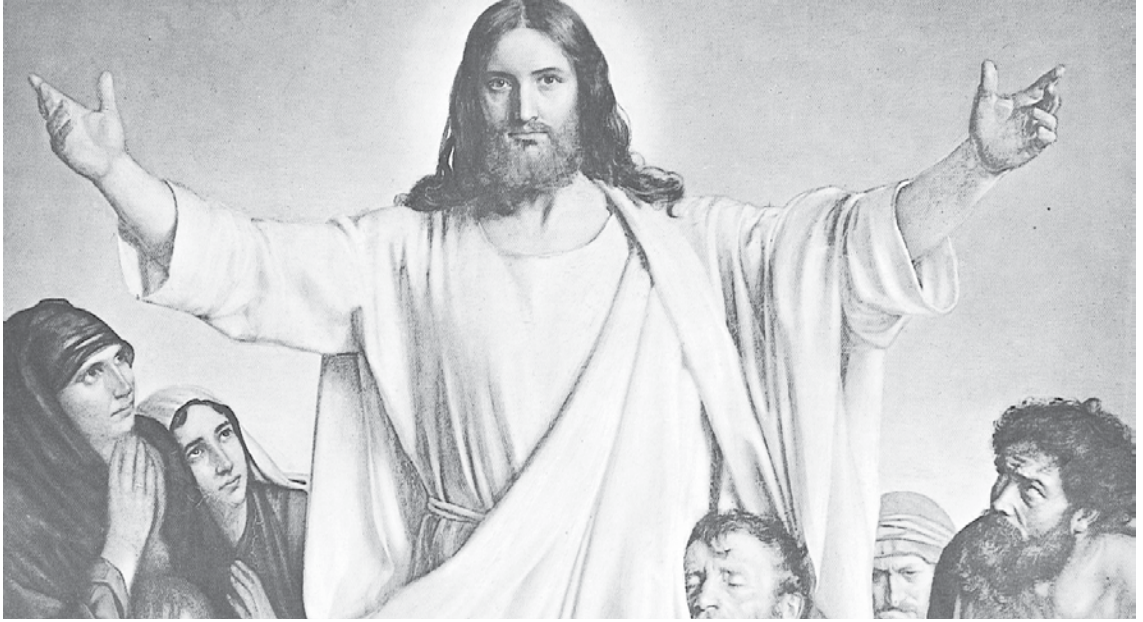
Prophetess Anna, eighty four years old, a totally devout woman, also came to the temple praising God, and speaking about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem (Lk.2, 36-38). It is evident that the old Simeon and prophetess Anna see in Jesus the savior, the fulfillment of centuries of expectation for the coming of the Saviour of the whole mankind, both of the Gentiles and the Jews.

In this scene also Jesus is presented small and poor and at the same time great; 'small' because as a firstborn male, the parents made in the temple the offering of the poor, as per the Law of Moses; great because the Father reveals at that time itself his greatness through old Simeon and prophetess Anna, as the savior of the whole mankind. He became small and humble, on this occasion, again to show his solidarity with man.

## The flight to Egypt

Jesus is now a vulnerable child, defenseless before the tyranny of Herod. His heavenly Father had to protect him. In order to escape death from the hands of Herod he had to flee to Egypt: "Get up, take the child and his mother and escape into Egypt, ..... Herod will soon be looking for the child to kill him" (Mt.2,13). Joseph and Mary had to flee with the child Jesus in order to escape the murderous attempt. However this flight to Egypt and his coming back to Nazareth in Canaan are highly symbolic as far as the mission of the child was concerned. The comparison with what happened at the time of the birth of Moses is quite natural to any one who is familiar with the Pentateuch. Moses was born at a time when Pharaoh had given an order: "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into Nile" (Ex. 1,22). But Moses escaped this attempt of murder through providence. But many male children were thrown into Nile and were killed. Moses was brought up in the Palace of Pharaoh himself, without Pharaoh knowing that he was a Jewish child. Later when Moses tried to help his people, and the matter was brought to the notice of Pharaoh, he had to flee to Midian, to escape death from the hands of Pharaoh (Ex. 2,11-22). God called him back to Egypt to deliver his people from the slavery (Cf. Ex chapter 4).

It is significant that Jesus fled to the land where Israel found safety during a severe famine which threatened their existence. But later it turned out to be a land of slavery. God had to deliver them from slavery and lead them through Moses to the land flowing with honey and milk, namely to the promised land, the land of Canaan. Jesus was repeating



symbolically this entire journey of Israel. He is the real Saviour of mankind from the slavery of sin. And his return from Egypt reminds of the way Israel was led by Moses to the promised land: “So come, I will send you to Pharaoh, to bring my people, the Israelites out of Egypt” (Ex. 3, 10)

Jesus who came to deliver his people from the slavery of sin, goes through all the places related to the slavery and liberation of Israel: “You will call him Jesus for he will save his people from their sins” (Mt.1,21).

We can see in the events referred to above Jesus’ two natures, his humanity and his divinity. As a human being with a rational soul and a mortal body, he is part of history, in full solidarity with mankind except in Sin. Yet he is beyond history. The Jews thought they knew the origin of Jesus: “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, I have come down from heaven?” (Jn 6,42). This knowledge of the Jews was very limited and imperfect. Jesus told them: “I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from and where I am

going” (Jn.8,14). John puts it beautifully in the prologue: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (Jn.1, 1). It was this God that became man: “And the Word became flesh and lived among us” (Jn. 1,14). the Christmas we are celebrating the presence of our friend, Jesus, who is God among us in a very tangible way. The son of God assumed human nature in order to make his friends, his brethren and to elevate them to the status of the children of God: “To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or the will of flesh or of the will of man, but of God”(Jn. 1,12).

In all the incidents which we have examined above, we can see the solidarity of Jesus, the Son of God, with man. It is journey of love and solidarity which will lead to the extreme act of love, namely, laying down one’s life for his friends. That seems to be also the reason why Jesus likes to call his disciples friends. We will examine this aspect further in the rest of the Gospel in the next articles. ●



# PHOTO SPEAKS



Justice Kurian Joseph visited Faridabad Diocese Bishop's House



SD Sisters' Superiors meeting at Pushpadham Provincial House, Najafgarh, Delhi



Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara inaugurating Diocese's First Annual Day Lucky Draw Coupon



Archbishop blesses Chrism during the Chrism Mass



CMC Sisters welcoming Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara at Provincial house, Dehradun



Installation ceremony of the new Executive Director of Sanjopuram, Fr. Sebastian Theckanath

# Archbishop in search of a mission model for the new Diocese: visit to MST Sangli Mission of the Diocese of Kalyan, Mumbai



Aakshadeep Special School and  
Family Counselling Centre Sangli



Blessing of Divyajyothi School Banda, Border to Goa



Jeevandhan Special School, Zarap



St. Joseph's Church, Kodoli, Kolhapur



Visiting Dilasa House of Hope for aids children, Meeraj, Sangli



# *Festal Greetings to our Dear Fathers*



**Fr. Jose Cholikkara**  
19th March



**Fr. Joseph Kulathumkal MST**  
19th March



**Fr. Joseph Pullattu CMF**  
19th March



**Fr. Renson Thekkinezath**  
23rd April



**Fr. Varkey S.J.**  
23rd April



**Fr. Varghese Moonjely**  
23rd April



**Fr. Varghese Palatty**  
23rd April



**Fr. Antony Moothedan**  
13th June



**Fr. John Mylanvelil**  
24th June



**Fr. Tijo Painumoottil**  
24th June



**Fr. Paul Madassery**  
29th June



**Fr. Peter  
Kanjirakkattukari**  
29th June



**Fr. Sajo Padayattil**  
29th June

*Festal Greetings to all our Rev. Sisters and Laity,  
having Patrons' Day in March to June, 2013*



*"Hearty Welcome" to the Benjamin Priest!*  
Newly ordained Fr. Roni Thoppilan with his brother priests and Bishop



Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara visited the Embassy of Venezuela to sign the Book of Condolence on President Hugo Chavez's death