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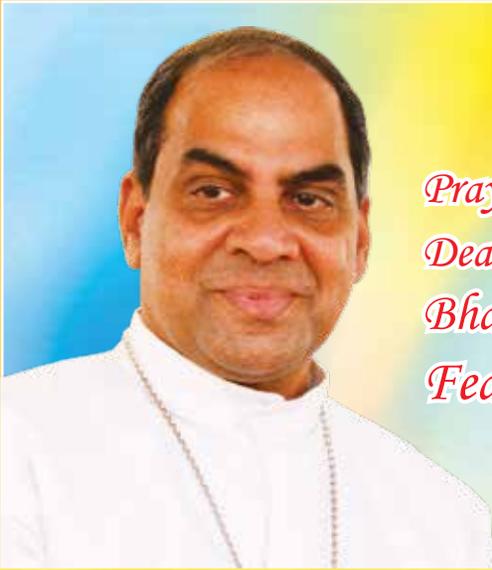
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MOTHER TERESA
SEPTEMBER 4, 2016





*Prayerful Greetings to our
Dearest Archbishop Kuriakose
Bharanikulanga for his forthcoming
Feast Day on 15th July*

Team Santhome Messenger

Festal Greetings to our Dear Pastors



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Kanjirathingal**
13th June



**Rev. Fr. Lijo
Thaliyath**
13th June



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Madassery**
29th June



**Rev. Fr. Paul Raj
Kodiyan**
29th June



**Rev. Fr. Peter
Kanjirakkattukari**
29th June



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Karukanthara**
3rd July



**Rev. Fr. Santo
Puthumanakunnath**
3rd July



**Rev. Fr. Sino
Pattathil**
3rd July



**Rev. Fr. Bobby Joseph
Kaiyalakakathu**
15th July



**Rev. Fr. Kurian
Kochettonnil**
15th July



**Rev. Fr. Alex
Muttath**
17th July



**Rev. Fr. Jackson
Puthenpura**
25th July



**Rev. Dr. Jacob
Nangelimalil**
25th July

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



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HALL OF MERCY AT THE BISHOP'S HOUSE



The new bishop's house was lacking an adequate space for conferences, seminars, departmental meetings, and get-together of pious associations. With the collaboration of generous supports from the diocese, an adequate facility is prepared adjacent to the office premises of the curia.

Designed with most modern amenities and communication techniques like centrally AC, Wi-Fi, power point presentation, video conference etc., the new hall can accommodate 150 persons. This new hall recently blessed by Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, is named "Hall of Mercy".

The construction and furnishing of the new hall have been supported by Mr. P.Z Thomas (St. Thomas Parish Janakpuri) in memory of his parents Late P.J. Thomas and Eathamma Thomas, Palathunkal Changanacherry).

The hall will be available for the use of parishes and pious associations with advance booking.

Condolences & Prayers



K. C. George

(Vakkachan) Kalluveliyil

Born: 30.07.1962 Died: 28.04.2016
St. Francis of Assisi Forane Church
Dilshad Garden



Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur CST

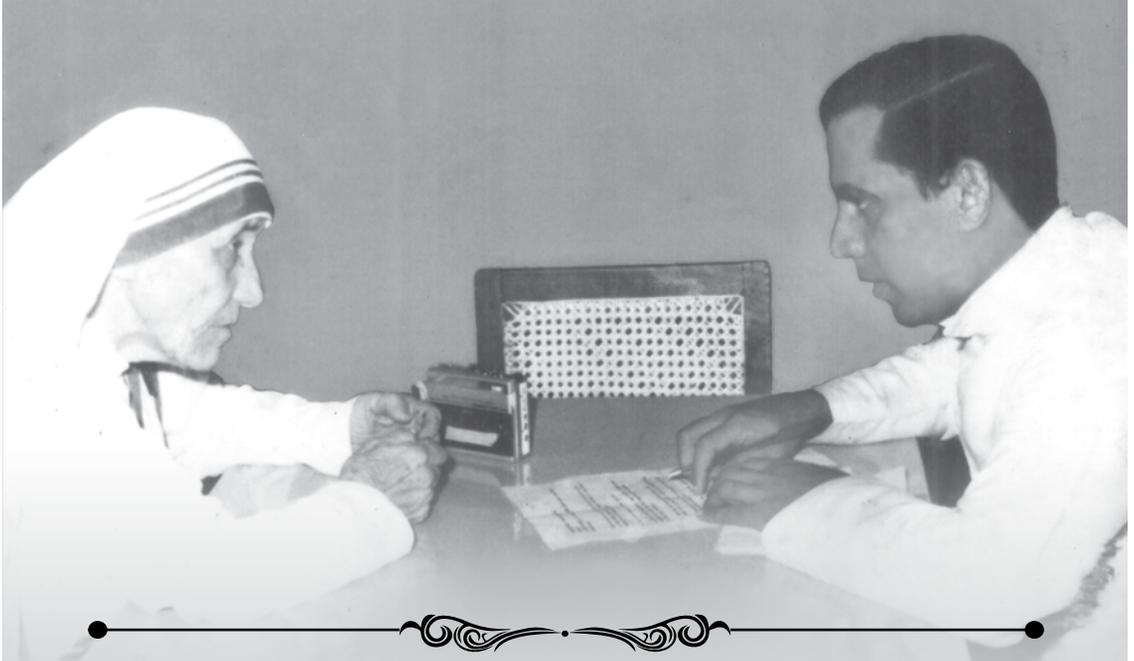
Born: 04.07.1956 Died: 10.05.2016
Little Flower Congregation (CST Fathers)
Khrist Jyoti Province
Punjab - Rajasthan



K. V. Pathrose

(Koottala Vareed Pathrose)

Born: 20.05.1945 Died: 11.05.2016
Bl. Mariam Thressia Church
Burari



MY PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCES WITH A SAINT MOTHER THERESA OF CALCUTTA

Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara

As we are preparing for the canonization of Mother Theresa, vivid memories of my personal acquaintances with the Saint pop up in my mind. My first meeting with Mother Theresa was in Calcutta, in 1984. As a young priest and a student of journalism, I had to make a news story about Mother Theresa institutions in Calcutta and an exclusive interview with Mother.

While I was a seminarian, I used to write poems, articles, and other literary items which used to get published in the Church related publications as well as in secular publications like Mathrubhoomi etc.. That literary taste prompted me to do some courses in journalism and I was very much thrilled when my Superiors happily encouraged me to go ahead with my plan without affecting my role as the Parish Priest. At that time I was the Assistant parish priest at St. Mary's Forane Church, Tripunithura. The friction between the Vicars and the Assistant priests was notorious those days; and I was just in my first year of priesthood. How can I present my wish to do Journalism course to my Vicar – who was known to be strict and stringent - was a matter of big tension and uncertainty for me. Without much hope I discussed the matter with the Forane Vicar, Rev. Fr. Thomas Mulavarikal, of happy memory. He bluntly told me, "You are appointed principally for the duties of the parish and if your plans do not disturb your services in the parish, you may do". Fr. Thomas was a very strict, but fraternal parish priest, with whom I could associate hardly for three years. With his permission I opted for an evening course in Journalism, in

Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan at Ernakulam, which was closer to my parish.

As a part of my internship in Journalism course, I was assigned to make a news coverage of all the institutions of Mother Theresa in Calcutta. With the excitement of my maiden assignment I set out to Calcutta -my first train journey to outside Kerala! Electric trains were unknown those days, and I was in a train that was running on coal and fire. The scorching heat waves through the open windows of the compartments and the dirt and dust outside and inside the train really exhausted and sickened me. Though AC coaches were there, general compartments were the affordable ones for poor priests like me. Bearing all the discomforts, on the third day I reached Calcutta. The dirt and dust had totally soiled my clothes and made my complexion black. I doubted whether the whole water in the holy Ganges could be able to clean me up.

I can never forget my first meeting with Mother Theresa, one of the great saints of 20th century. As I reached in front of the House of Mother, there was a long queue of people from different walks of life waiting patiently without any discrimination of status or profession. As a priest or a journalist I had no priority. I too joined the long queue in a disciplined way. I was told that I had to wait long because the Sisters were in prayer and adoration, during which no one will attend the doorbell or telephone – landline telephones. When my turn came, one sister escorted me to Mother Theresa, who was busily indulged in nursing the sick. The meeting was brief, but very cordial. Mother was very much interested to hear about my activities in Kerala. I was amazed while listening to Mother talking about the importance of sanctity of priestly life and the need of helping the poor. I could experience a mother's affection and care, and a Sister's genuine heart for priests while interacting with Mother. After the warm interaction Mother made arrangements for me to go around and personally witness the activities

going on in the Charity House. I was aware about a few Houses of Missionaries of Charity by Mother Theresa in Kerala, especially at Ernakulam, but the genuine concern with which a nun was talking about the priesthood really impressed me.

My first station was Nirmalhriday in Kalighat. Though the name meant “pure heart”, it was a Home for the Dying Destitutes, a hospice for the dying patients whom Mother picked up from the streets of Calcutta. It is really amazing to know that Nirmalhriday was an old abandoned Hindu temple for Goddess Kali. Mother Theresa found that abandoned temple on her 42nd birthday in 1952 and converted that into a shelter for the sick and the dying fulfilling all the legal requirements from the concerned authorities. Then it started functioning almost like a palliative care center managed by the Missionaries of Charity. I went around inside the halls where I saw hundreds of skinny human beings looking like frightening skeletons. They reminded me of the living dead in the Nazi camps. Some were lying on low cots and some on the floor on mats - almost all without any bystander or “relatives”. They were destitute, and were attended by nuns and volunteers. Men and women were kept separate. Some were struggling to breathe, while some others were screaming with pain. I was told that there were among them refugees, lepers, mentally sick people, aged and convalescent persons. Among the children there were abandoned ones, children of lepers, handicapped ones, and a few dying ones. Another section, comparatively smaller, was with patients, young and old, with horrible wounds. The smell from the infectious wounds and of the medicines they used to clean (Dettol) filled the whole atmosphere. I was wondering how the sisters spend the whole day there, caring for the dying persons in such a suffocating environment!

There I saw a few foreigners also. Some of them were students from Germany, I remember. They were spending three months there as part of

their university program. I also met an American journalist who had come with heavy photographic equipments. Video was not common those days, and cell-phones almost did not exist.

I was told that the inmates were either picked up by the sisters from the streets of the city, or brought to them by others who knew about the House. The patients received medical attention from the Missionaries of Charity. Mother told me that the nuns give them love - make the dying destitute experience love at least once before they die. The nuns make them feel that they are loved and cared by someone in the moments of their distress and despair. That care and feeling give them hope and make them happy. Through such loving care and attention of the Missionaries of Charity, they were given the opportunity to die with dignity. I read later Mother saying that they give "a beautiful death ... for people who lived like animals to die like angels—loved and wanted." Sisters told me that each inmate was treated according to the rituals of their faith. For example, Catholics received the Last Rites, Hindus received water from the Ganges, Muslims listened to the readings of the Quran. Each one was given a chance to die happily in his/her own religious faith. In Mother Teresa's own words, her mission is for "the hungry, the naked,

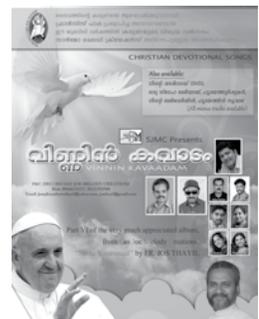
the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for in the society, and people those have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone." Once when we see the service done by these sisters of charity, we'll wonder how people can ever dare to accuse these sisters with the charge of 'conversion'. Of course, they do convert the abandoned dying destitute to feel dignified by experiencing love.

I visited all the houses of Mother in Calcutta in one week. Surely, I also made notes for my journalistic report. My heart was full of picturesque images of that mega Metropole and especially of the missionary work of the Sisters of Mother Theresa.

My second meeting with Mother Theresa was in Cochin, in 1985. By that time, I had finished my journalism course and had been appointed as Associate Editor of Sathyadeepam, the largest circulated Church Weekly in Kerala. My second meeting with Mother Theresa was for an Interview in Cochin. Next remarkable meeting was in Rome, during the Synod of Bishops (by that time, I had moved to Rome as a research student). 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. ■

The Reflections will continue in next issue.

Congratulations



Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara releasing "**Vinnin Kavaadam**" Christian devotional songs audio CD produced & written by Rev. Fr. Jose Thayil, Vicar, St. Thomas Church, Janakpuri for San Joe Melody Creations.

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ഡൽഹിയിൽ സ്ഥിരതാമസമാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്ന ചില സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭാ വിശ്വാസികൾ ലത്തീൻ സഭയിൽ നിന്നും കുദാശകൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നതിനായുള്ള അനുവാദത്തിനായി നൽകിയ അപേക്ഷയിൽ പൗരസ്ത്യതിരുസംഘത്തിന്റെ നിർദ്ദേശം.

ഡൽഹി അതിരൂപത തങ്ങളുടെ രൂപതാതിർത്തിക്കുള്ളിൽ അധിവസിക്കുന്ന സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭാ വിശ്വാസികൾക്കായി വളരെ വർഷങ്ങളായി അജപാലന ശ്രദ്ധ നൽകി വരികയായിരുന്നല്ലോ. തത്ഫലമായി വളരെകാലം ലത്തീൻ സഭാ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ ജീവിച്ച ഈ പൗരസ്ത്യസഭയിലെ ചില അംഗങ്ങൾക്ക് സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭാ വിശ്വാസികൾക്കായി ഫരീദാബാദ് രൂപത നിലവിൽ വന്നശേഷം ഒരു വിധത്തിലുള്ള ലക്ഷ്യബോധമില്ലായ്മ അനുഭവപ്പെടുന്നതിൽ അത്ഭുതപ്പെടാനില്ല. എന്നിരുന്നാലും ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട എല്ലാവരും പരസ്പരധാരണയോടും ബഹുമാനത്തോടും കൂടെ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചാൽ നിലവിലുള്ള നിയമത്തിന്റെ ചട്ടകൂട്ടിൽ നിന്നുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ ഈ സാഹചര്യം തൃപ്തികരമായി കൈകാര്യം ചെയ്യുവാൻ സാധിക്കും.

പ്രഥമമായി ഇതു സംബന്ധിച്ച ചില നിയമ വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ ഓർമ്മിക്കുന്നത് നല്ലതായിരിക്കും. ഒരു വ്യക്തിക്ക് തന്റെ റീത്ത് സ്വമേധയാ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള പൊതുവായ അവകാശം നിലവിലില്ല. പ്രത്യേക സാധ്യമാകുന്നിടത്തോളം തന്റെ സ്വന്തം റീത്ത് പിൻതുടരുന്നതിനുള്ള കടമയുണ്ട്. (cfr.CCEO can. 40 § 3 and can. 35) എന്നിരുന്നാലും ഒരു വ്യക്തിക്ക് മറ്റൊരു സ്വയാധികാര സഭയിലേക്ക് മാറുന്നതിനുള്ള അപേക്ഷ നൽകുന്ന സാഹചര്യങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാവുന്നത് മനസ്സിലാക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. റീത്തുമാറ്റം ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്ന ആർക്കും അതിനുള്ള നടപടികൾ സുഗമമാക്കുന്നതിന് ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട മെത്രാന്മാർ തയ്യാറാകുമ്പോൾ പരിശുദ്ധ സിംഹാസനത്തിന്റെ സമ്മതം അനുമാനിക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. (cfr.CCEO can.32 § 2). CCEO can.37 അനുസരിച്ച് ഇത്തരം മാറ്റങ്ങൾ രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്യുന്നതിന് പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

തങ്ങളുടെ സ്വന്തം വ്യക്തി സഭയുടെ കീഴിലുള്ള ഇടവകയിലെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിൽ പങ്കുചേരുന്നതിനു ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾ അനുഭവിക്കുന്ന ചില സീറോ-മലബാർ വിശ്വാസികൾ ലത്തീൻ സഭയിലേക്ക് റീത്ത് മാറുന്നതിന് ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നില്ല. മേൽ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചതിന്റെ വെളിച്ചത്തിൽ പ്രസ്തുത ആഗ്രഹം വളരെ ശ്ലാഘനീയവും മനസ്സിലാക്കാവുന്നതുമാണ്. അത്തരം വ്യക്തികൾക്ക് ഏത് സ്വയാധികാരസഭയുടെയും ആരാധനാക്രമശുശ്രൂഷകളിൽ പങ്കുചേരുന്നതിനുള്ള അവരുടെ അവകാശം വിനിയോഗിക്കാവുന്നതാണ് (cfr.CCEO can.403 § 1, CIC Can.923). ഒരു സ്വയാധികാര സഭയിൽ നിന്ന് കുദാശകൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നതു കൊണ്ട് പ്രസ്തുത സഭയിൽ അംഗത്വം ലഭിക്കില്ല എന്ന വസ്തുത ലത്തീൻ കാനൻ നിയമം ഊന്നിപ്പറയുന്നുണ്ട് (CIC can. 112 § 2).

തത്ഫലമായി തനിക്ക് സ്ഥിരവാസമുള്ള സീറോ-മലബാർ ഇടവകയിൽ അംഗമായ ഒരു സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭാവിശ്വാസികൾ നിയമപരമായിതന്നെ ലത്തീൻ സഭയുടെ കീഴിലുള്ള ഇടവകയിലെ ദൈനംദിന പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിൽ പൂർണ്ണമായും പങ്കുചേരാവുന്നതാണ്. അത്തരം വ്യക്തികളുടെ പ്രത്യേക സാഹചര്യങ്ങൾ ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട അജപാലകർ (സീറോ-മലബാർ, ലാറ്റിൻ) മനസ്സിലാക്കുകയും അവരുടെ വിശ്വാസ ജീവിതം ശാന്തമായും, സമാധാനപരമായും മുന്നോട്ടു കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നിനാവശ്യമായ നടപടികൾ സുഗമമാക്കുകയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണ്.

പ്രായോഗികമായി, ലത്തീൻ ഇടവകകളിൽ കഴിയുന്ന സീറോ-മലബാർ വിശ്വാസികളുടെ മാമ്മോദീസ, സൈമ്ര്യലേപനം, വിവാഹം എന്നീ കുദാശകളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം നിയമം അനുശാസിക്കുന്നവ നിറവേറ്റാൻ ലത്തീൻ അജപാലകന് കടമയുണ്ട്. അങ്ങനെയുള്ള സീറോ മലബാർ വിശ്വാസികളുടെ മാമ്മോദീസയ്ക്ക് ലത്തീൻ വികാരി സീറോ-മലബാർ വികാരിയുടെ അനുവാദത്തിനായി അപേക്ഷിക്കണം (cfr. CCEO can. 677 § 1, 678 and 683). ലത്തീൻ പള്ളിയിലെ മാമ്മോദീസ രജിസ്റ്ററിൽ

മാമ്മോദീസ സ്വീകരിച്ച വ്യക്തി സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭാംഗമാണ് എന്ന് പ്രത്യേകം സൂചിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് രേഖപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടതാണ്. അതിനു പുറമെ ലത്തീൻ വികാരി മാമ്മോദീസാ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ് സീറോ-മലബാർ വികാരിക്ക് പ്രസ്തുത പള്ളിയിൽ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനായി അയച്ചുകൊടുക്കണം. ഇതേ നടപടിക്രമം സ്ഥൈര്യലേപനം എന്ന കുദാശയുടെ കാര്യത്തിലും പാലിക്കപ്പെടേണ്ടതാണ്. വിവാഹത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം രണ്ട് വ്യക്തികളിൽ ഒരാൾ ലത്തീൻ റീത്തിൽ അംഗമാണെങ്കിൽ ലത്തീൻ വികാരി ആയിരിക്കും വിവാഹം ആശീർവ്വദിക്കാൻ അർഹതയുള്ള കാർമ്മികൻ. എന്നാൽ വിവാഹം സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭയിൽ അംഗങ്ങളായ രണ്ടു വ്യക്തികൾ തമ്മിലാണെങ്കിൽ പ്രസ്തുത വിവാഹത്തിന്റെ സാധുതയ്ക്കായി (*ad validitatem*) ലത്തീൻ വികാരി സീറോ-മലബാർ വികാരിയുടെ പക്കൽ അനുവാദത്തിനായി (*delegation*) അപേക്ഷിക്കണം. മിശ്രവിവാഹം (*mixed marriage*) അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അക്രൈസ്തവരുമായുള്ള (*disparity of cult*) വിവാഹങ്ങളിൽ (*competent Hierarchy*) അർഹതയുള്ള അധികാരി സീറോ മലബാർ ബിഷപ്പ് ആയിരിക്കും. ഇത്തരം കേസുകളിലെല്ലാം ലത്തീൻ വികാരി സീറോ-മലബാർ വികാരിക്ക് അറിയിപ്പ് (കുറി) (*notification*) അയച്ചുകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. ഇത്തരം സഭാന്തരസഹകരണം പരസ്പരബഹുമാനത്തോടെയും ആദരവോടെയും വിശ്വാസികളുടെ ആത്മീയനന്മ ആത്യന്തികമായി ലക്ഷ്യം വെച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ളതും ആയിരിക്കണം.

മുകളിൽ പ്രതിപാദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന കുദാശകൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുവാനോ അവയിൽ പങ്കുചേരുവാനോ കേരളത്തിലെ തങ്ങളുടെ സീറോ-മലബാർ ഇടവകയെ സമീപിക്കുന്ന ഡൽഹിയിലുള്ള ലത്തീൻ ഇടവകയിൽ പോകുന്ന സീറോ-മലബാർ വിശ്വാസികളോട് ഇപ്രകാരമുള്ള സഹകരണ മനോഭാവത്തോടെ പെരുമാറുവാൻ കേരളത്തിലെ തങ്ങളുടെ വൈദികരോട് സീറോ-മലബാർ ബിഷപ്പ് സിനഡിലെ അംഗങ്ങൾ ആവശ്യപ്പെടേണ്ടതാണ്. ഇടവകയിലുള്ള രജിസ്റ്റർ അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കി സീറോ-മലബാർ വികാരിയോ ഒരു സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭാവിശ്വാസി മാമ്മോദീസാ സ്വീകരിച്ച ലത്തീൻ പള്ളിയിലെ വികാരിയോ നൽകുന്ന ഔദ്യോഗിക രേഖകൾ (*eg: സ്വതന്ത്ര സ്ഥിതി സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ് - Free State Certificate*) സ്വീരിക്കപ്പെടേണ്ടതാണ്. മറ്റൊന്നെങ്കിലും ഔദ്യോഗിക എഴുത്തുകൾ (*attestations*) ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ (ഉദാഹരണമായി, ഒരു വ്യക്തി ഇപ്പോൾ വിശ്വാസം അനുസരിച്ച് ജീവിക്കുന്നു എന്ന സാക്ഷ്യപത്രം) അവ നൽകേണ്ടത് ആ വ്യക്തി സ്ഥിരമായി പോകുന്ന ലത്തീൻ പള്ളിയിലെ വികാരി ആയിരിക്കും.

ചുരുക്കത്തിൽ ഫരീദാബാദ് രൂപതാതിർത്തിയിൽ താമസിക്കുന്ന സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭയിൽ അംഗങ്ങളായിട്ടുള്ള എല്ലാ വിശ്വാസികളും അവർ ലത്തീൻ ഇടവകകളിൽ സ്ഥിരമായി പോവുകയും സഹകരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നവരാണെങ്കിൽ പോലും ഫരീദാബാദ് രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷന്റെ അജപാലനാധികാരത്തിന് കീഴിലായിരിക്കും. എന്നിരിക്കലും അവരുടെ അവസ്ഥയെ മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നതായും അവരുടെ ഉദ്ദേശ്യങ്ങളെ ആദരിക്കുന്നതായും അവർക്ക് ഉറപ്പ് നൽകേണ്ടതാണ്. ലത്തീൻ ഇടവകയിൽ പൂർണ്ണമായി സഹകരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് തങ്ങൾ അവഗണിക്കപ്പെടുന്നതായോ, സീറോ-മലബാർ ഇടവകയിൽ നിന്ന് തങ്ങൾ വിച്ഛേദിക്കപ്പെടുന്നതായോ ഉള്ള അനുഭവം അവർക്ക് ഉണ്ടാകാതിരിക്കാൻ എല്ലാവരും ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം. അവരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം, അവരെല്ലാവരും സഭയുടെ ഈ നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങളും, കല്പനകളും സന്തോഷപൂർവ്വം സ്വീകരിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. കാരണം ഇവയെല്ലാം ഇന്ത്യയിലെ വിവിധ വ്യക്തിസഭകളിലെ വിശ്വാസികൾ തമ്മിലുള്ള പരസ്പര സഹവർത്തിത്വം വളർത്തുന്നതിനു ഉപയുക്തമാകും.

ഈ തിരുസംഘം വിശ്വാസികളുടെ ആവശ്യങ്ങൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കിക്കൊണ്ടും നിലവിലുള്ള കാനോനിക നിയമങ്ങൾക്കനുസൃതമായും സീറോ-മലബാർ രൂപതയിലെയും, ലത്തീൻ രൂപതയിലെയും മെത്രാന്മാരുടെ അജപാലനാപരമായ ഔത്തുകൃതതയും ശ്രദ്ധയെയും കുറിച്ച് പൂർണ്ണബോധ്യം ഉള്ളതുകൊണ്ടും പൊതുസ്വഭാവമുള്ള പ്രത്യേകമായ *indults* എന്തെങ്കിലും അനുവദിക്കുന്നത് ആവശ്യമാണെന്നോ, അനുയോജ്യമല്ലെന്നോ കരുതുന്നില്ല. ■

വത്തിക്കാൻ സിറ്റി 28 ജനുവരി 2016

VOCATION PROMOTION NEWS

The last phase of the vocation promotion this year, 2016-2017 was prolifically carried out by the regents of the Faridabad-Delhi diocese. It was focused in Trichur, Idukki and Thalassery, Ernakulam. After the consultation of the respective authorities the regents visited the houses of the students, different schools and institutions. Prior to this, there were two preparatory camps conducted particularly in Trichur and Idukki whence there were about 25 participants.

MAJOR SEMINARIANS CONFERENCE AND VOCATION CAMP

The major seminarians conference plus the vocation camp, credited as the first program of the Faridabad Diocese conducted this year at Karukutty, Kolbe Ashram, Kerala was a unique experience. The full time presence of Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara highlighted the day's activities, abundant with blessings. It was he who interviewed and made the selection of the candidates followed by classes taken for both the major seminarians also to the candidates. The program leadership was offered by Rev. Fr. Peter Kanjirakatukary the minor seminary rector and also by Rev. Fr. Julias mulakumthara the vocation promotion in- charge of the diocese, where Dn. Matthew Thumbulil was program animator. It was really an enriching experience for our brothers. It was an occasion for them to interact with each other. They shared the experiences of various seminaries where they are studying.

MINOR ORDERS AND VESTITION

The year 2016-17 was indeed a blessed one especially for the Faridabad-Delhi Diocese! The minor orders and vestition was held at Karukutty, Kolbe Ashram, on April 14th Sunday at 3.00pm. The main celebrant was Mar. Kuriakose Bharanikulangara whence Rev.

Fr. Paul Madassery, the Pro-Vicar general and Rev. Fr. Peter Kanjirakatukary, Minor Seminary Rector were the concelebrants'. About 40 Priests and 50 sisters were the participants besides the parents with whom the Bishop shared his views of the diocese as well as of the seminarians. The awesome function was concluded with the brother's pilgrim tour to Malayatoor. Truly, the function was a validation of the Divine Providence over the diocese!

These are the brothers who received various orders and vestition.

DIACONATE

Bro. Anoop Madathiparmbil, Trichur
Bro. Dilt Thomas Chilambikunnel, Palai
Bro. Ginto K. Tom Kottakkakathu, Idukki

SUB- DIACONATE

Bro. Arun Madathumpady, Trichur
Bro. Abin Xavier Kunnapillil, Kothamangalam
Bro. Jomy Vazhakkala, Kothamangalam
Bro. Joseph Dennis, Maliyammavu, Irinjalakuda

KAROYA

Bro. Jomon Kappalumakkal, Idukki
Bro. Freddy Porathoor, Trichur
Bro. Jomy George Kalaparamban, Ekm-Angamlay

VESTITION

Bro. Alwin Alukkal, Trichur
Bro. Arun Arakkal, Kothamangalam
Bro. Ajeesh Paalamattathu, Ekm-Angamlay
Bro. Frijio Tharayil, Trichur
Bro. Jitho Arakkal, Eranamkulam Angamlay
Bro. Joice Thattumkal, Thalassery
Bro. Jihin Muttath, Trichur
Bro. Litto Cheruvallil, Idukki

PRE-MINOR SEMINARY

From May 1st onwards the new candidates of the diocese began their seminary experience on a rented facility at Malayatoor. These days are occupied with Holy mass, and classes on spirituality, Bible, music, sports etc. The nearby house "Devdan" has more



than 200 men and women from the various realms of the society. During these days the candidates will help the inmates of the “Devadahana Ashram.” By the end of June this seminarians will be taken to the new minor seminary in “Sanjoepuram”.

ST. CHAVARA KURIAKOSE MINOR SEMINARY FARIDABAD

The HRDC (Human Resource Development Centre) in Sanjoepuram children’s village is getting ready for hosting the first batch of minor seminary of the diocese of Faridabad. We have recruited many seminarians. Since we don’t have a minor seminary, they are studying in the different diocesan seminaries in Kerala. But now we remodel an existing building in Sanjoepuram by making one more floor with a dormitory, classrooms and study hall for the students. Having seminary there, the students can also study and play in the school nearby. Besides, they will grow in humanitarian

aspects by caring the disabled children there.

This year we are very happy to have 20 minor seminarians (Fresher’s) as the first batch. Besides 10 Philosophy students are also staying there for their graduation. These 30 students are coming from the various parts of Kerala and even from Delhi. This is only a starting. It is sure that in the coming years we will have many good vocations even from Delhi.

STAFF OF THE SEMINARY

Rev. Fr. Peter Kanjirakatukary is appointed as the new and first rector of the minor seminary of Faridabad-Delhi diocese. As mentioned before this year onwards we will have philosophy students in our seminary. Rev.Fr. John Kapyarumalayil CST will be Director of the philosophy students. The newly ordained priest of our diocese, Rev. Fr. Saji Valavil will be the vice rector and procurator of the seminary. Rev. Fr. Babu Kattakayam MSP is the spiritual director of the seminary. ■

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NEW LABORERS TO THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD...

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha (Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi)

As the fruit of the vocation promotion, carried out by our brothers across the state of Kerala, the diocese of Faridabad-Delhi has now been blessed with 25 new seminarians from different parts of Kerala this year. Having conducted five days of vocation camp at Karukutty in Kerala, His Grace Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara together with the Vocation Promoters personally selected 25 candidates to join the minor seminary of our diocese, which is in Sanjoepuram. Among these aspirants, 6 of them have completed their graduation, 5 of them have completed plus two and the rest are after SSLC.

To provide the 18 boys with a pre-taste of a minor seminary formation for the diocese of Faridabad-Delhi, our diocese has initiated a “come and see” program in a rented facility both in the Pilgrim Centre and Deivadan Centre at Malayatoor for a couple of months. Archbishop Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara paid a visit to the Centers at Malayatoor on 2 May 2016 and inaugurated the official beginning of the functioning of the minor seminary formation there

under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Biju Kannampuzha and Rev. Deacon Mathew Thumullil for the time being. Some of the major seminarians also accompanied the freshers.

The boys spend the whole day in Deivadan Centre, where they have their Spiritual exercise like “Canona Namaskaram”, Meditation, Holy Mass, Rosary, Examination of Conscience, Spiritual Reading and the Academic training like: Regular classes on English Language, the Holy Bible, Music, time for Study, News Paper Reading. Sufficient time is also set apart for Physical Exercise like: Washing and Cleaning as well as cooking, along with the 200 old age inmates over there. They make the best use of the High School Ground for Sports activities like; coaching in Basketball and Cricket from 4 pm to 5.30 pm.

They stay in the dormitory at the Pilgrim Centre, where each one is provided with a coat to sleep and space to keep their things. After sports in the evening, they go to the Pilgrim Centre to take bath before coming to Deivadan Centre for evening Study, supper and Prayer. Once the Evening prayer is over, the Meditation points for the next day are given and then, all go back in silence to the Pilgrim Centre to sleep. On Sundays, they go to Parish Church for the Holy Mass.

In the first week of June, all new Philosophy students will also join. They are eleven in number. Philosophy for this batch will be in the OCD Faculty in Pali, where they will frequent as day scholars.

By the end of June, they will go home for a few days before they make their way to Sanjoepuram at Faridabad for the formal and official minor seminary formation under the Rectorship of Rev. Fr. Peter Kanjirakattukari and Rev. Fr. Sagi George (Vice Rector). Let’s keep all these 18 boys in our special prayer that they may excel in the basic formation, they get here to lay a firm foundation in their way to priesthood in the years to come. ■

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വിറന്ന മണ്ണിലേക്ക് പറന്നിറങ്ങിയപ്പോൾ അതൊരു ഉയർത്തെഴുന്നേൽപ്പായാണു സിസ്റ്റർ സാലിക്കു തോന്നിയത്. 2016 മാർച്ച് നാലിന് ഏഡനിൽ മിഷനറീസ് ഓഫ് ചാരിറ്റി സന്യാസിനി സമൂഹം നടത്തി വന്ന വയോജനസേവകേന്ദ്രം ആക്രമിച്ച ഭീകരർ, നാലു സന്യാസിനീമാർ ഉൾപ്പെടെ 16 പേരെ വധിക്കുകയും സലേഷ്യൻ സഭാ വൈദികനായ റവ. ഫാ. ടോം ഉഴുന്നാലിനെ തട്ടിക്കൊണ്ടു പോവുകയും ചെയ്ത സംഭവത്തിൽ രക്ഷപ്പെട്ട ഏക വ്യക്തിയാണ് മദർ സുപ്പീരിയർ കുടിയായ റവ. സിസ്റ്റർ സാലി. തൊടുപുഴ ഇളം ദേശം പുൽപറമ്പിൽ ജോസഫ് വർഗ്ഗീസിന്റെയും റോസമ്മയുടെയും മകളാണ് സിസ്റ്റർ. കന്യാസ്ത്രീകൾ ഉൾപ്പെടെ 16 മനുഷ്യരെ കൊന്നുതള്ളിയതിന് സാക്ഷിയായതിന്റെ വേദനയും നടുക്കവും ഇനിയും ഈ സമർപ്പിതയുടെ കണ്ണുകളിൽ നിന്ന് വിട്ടുമാറിയിട്ടില്ല.

റവ. ഫാ.ടോം ഉഴുന്നാൽ ഇപ്പോഴും ഭീകരരുടെ തടങ്കലിലാണ്. കേന്ദ്രമന്ത്രി ശ്രീ വി. കെ സിംഗ് ഈ ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ ഇപ്രകാരം അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. യെമനിൽ ഐ.എസ് ഭീകരർ തട്ടിക്കൊണ്ടു പോയ റവ. ഫാ. ടോം ഉഴുന്നാലിനെപ്പറ്റി വിശ്വസനീയമായ വിവരങ്ങൾ ഒന്നും ലഭിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. നല്ലതോ മോശമോ ആയ വാർത്തകൾ ഇതുവരെയും ഇല്ല. അതിനാൽ ജീവിച്ചിരിപ്പുണ്ടോ മരിച്ചോ എന്നു സ്ഥിരീകരിക്കാൻ കേന്ദ്രത്തിനു കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല. ഇക്കൂട്ടത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹം കുട്ടിച്ചേർത്തു - ഐ. എസ് ഭീകരരുടെ പിടിയിലുള്ള പഞ്ചാബ് സ്വദേശികളെക്കുറിച്ചും വ്യക്തമായ വിവരങ്ങൾ ഇല്ല. തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പിന്റെ ചുടടുത്ത ഈ സമയത്ത് തിരച്ചിലുകൾക്ക് ശൈത്യമേറുന്നോ എന്നത് ഒരു ചോദ്യചിഹ്നമാണ്. സി.ബി.സി.ഐ തുടങ്ങി ലോകത്തിന്റെ വിവിധഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും ഈ വിഷയത്തോട് പ്രതികരണം ഉയരുമ്പോഴും എല്ലാറ്റിന്റേയും ഉത്തരം എങ്ങുമെത്തിയില്ല എന്നതുതന്നെ. യെമനിൽ നിന്നു യാത്രപറഞ്ഞു പോരുമ്പോൾ അമ്മേ ഞങ്ങളെ ഉപേക്ഷിച്ചുപോകരുതേ എന്നു കരഞ്ഞു പറഞ്ഞ രോഗിയുടെ തേങ്ങലടികൾ ഈ കന്യാസ്ത്രീയുടെ കർണപുടങ്ങളിൽ ഇപ്പോഴും അലയടിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. രോഗികളെ സർക്കാർ ഏറ്റെടുത്തെങ്കിലും അവർക്കിന്ന് സന്തോഷമില്ല. ആരുമില്ലാത്ത അവസ്ഥ. ഈ അനാഥ ജീവിതങ്ങൾക്ക് സന്തോഷത്തിന്റെ അനുഭവം പകർന്നിരുന്ന ഈ ക്രിസ്തുമണവാട്ടികളെ കൊന്നുതള്ളിയാൽ ക്രൈസ്തവസഭ ഇല്ലാതാകും എന്ന് ഐ.എസ് പോലുള്ള ഭീകരസംഘടനകൾ കരുതുന്നെങ്കിൽ അവർക്ക് വലിയ തെറ്റ് പറ്റിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ആരും കൊലനടത്തിയാൽ തകർന്നുതീരുന്നതാണ് സഭയെങ്കിൽ അതെന്നേ ശിഥിലമായേനെ. രക്തസാക്ഷികളുടെ ചുടുനിണത്താൽ കുതിർന്നാണ് സഭാതരു തഴച്ചുവളർന്നത്. വരും കാലങ്ങളിൽ യെമനിൽ ക്രിസ്തുവിൽ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്ന ആയിരക്കണക്കിന് മനുഷ്യർ ഉണ്ടാകും എന്നതിന് സംശയമില്ല. ഇന്ത്യയിലെ ഒറീസയിലുള്ള കാണ്ടമാൽ അതിന്റെ ഏറ്റവും വലിയ ഈ കാലഘട്ടത്തിന്റെ സാക്ഷ്യമാണ്.

വെടിവെയ്പ്പിനും ബഹളങ്ങൾക്കുമൊടുവിൽ പുറത്തെത്തിയപ്പോൾ റവ. സിസ്റ്റർ കണ്ടത് റവ. ഫാ. ടോമിനെ തട്ടിയെടുത്ത് ഭീകരർ പോകുന്നതാണ്. സിസ്റ്റർ പറയുന്നു, 2015 ജൂലൈയിലായിരുന്നു റവ.

ഫാ. ടോം ആശ്രയഭവനിലെത്തുന്നത്. ആത്മീയതയുടെ നിറകൂടമായിരുന്നു ഈ വൈദികൻ എന്ന് സിസ്റ്റർ ഓർക്കുന്നു. അതിലുപരി തന്റെ ആത്മീയതയുടെ വഴിവിളക്ക് മറ്റുള്ളവർക്കുവേണ്ടി പ്രകാശിപ്പിക്കാൻ അച്ചൻ മറന്നിരുന്നില്ല. ഞങ്ങൾക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും അച്ചൻ ഒരു ശക്തിയായിരുന്നു. മണിക്കൂറുകൾ സ്കാരികു മുന്നിൽ മുട്ടിൽ ചിലവഴിക്കുന്ന അച്ചന്റെ രൂപം മനസ്സിൽ എപ്പോഴും നിറഞ്ഞു നിൽക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. നാം രക്തസാക്ഷികളാകാൻ ഒരുങ്ങിയിരിക്കണമെന്ന് അച്ചൻ പ്രാർത്ഥനമദ്ധ്യേയും സംസാരമദ്ധ്യേയും പറയുമായിരുന്നു. ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യത്തിനു മുന്നിൽ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്ന, ജീവിക്കുന്ന ഈ വൈദികനെ കാറിൽ കയറ്റി അവർ കൊണ്ടുപോകുമ്പോൾ അദ്ദേഹം ശാന്തനായിരുന്നു. അദ്ദേഹം ഇപ്പോഴും ജീവനോടെ ഉണ്ടെന്നു വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു. കൂടുതലൊന്നും അറിയില്ല. ഒരു നിമിഷം സിസ്റ്റർ സാലി നിശബ്ദമായി.

വെള്ളിയാഴ്ച തന്നെ ഭീകരർ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തതിന് ഒരു കാരണമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. എല്ലാവരും പ്രാർത്ഥനയ്ക്ക് പോകുകയും പ്രദേശം വിജനമാകുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന ഈ സമയമാണ് ആക്രമണത്തിനായി അവർ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തത്. അവരുടെ പ്രധാനലക്ഷ്യം കന്യാസ്ത്രീകളും അവരെ സഹായിക്കുന്ന മുസ്ലീം സഹോദരങ്ങളും തന്നെയായിരുന്നു. ജനങ്ങളുടെ നിർബന്ധപ്രകാരം ശക്തമായ സുരക്ഷകൾപോലും ഇവിടെ ഒരുക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇവിടെയുള്ള രോഗികളും വൃദ്ധരും മുസ്ലീം സഹോദരങ്ങളാണ്. തെരുവിൽ കഴിയുന്നവരാണ് ഇവരിൽ മിക്കവരും. രോഗം മാറിയാൽ ഇവർ തെരുവിലേക്കു തന്നെ തിരികെപോകും. പതിവിൽ കവിഞ്ഞ എന്തോ സംഭവിച്ചു. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അവർ ഭയന്നിരുന്നത് നടന്നു എന്ന് തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ ജനം അവിടേക്ക് ഒഴുകുകയായിരുന്നു. ഇത് കണ്ട ഭീകരർ സിസ്റ്റർ സാലിയെ ഉപേക്ഷിച്ച് കടന്നുകളഞ്ഞു. ഭീകരർ ഒരിക്കലും ഞങ്ങളെ ആക്രമിക്കുമെന്ന് ഞങ്ങൾ കരുതിയിരുന്നില്ല. കാരണം അവിടെയുള്ള മുസ്ലീം സഹോദരങ്ങൾ നൽകിയിരുന്ന പിന്തുണയും ശക്തിയും സംരക്ഷണവും അത്രമാത്രം വലുതായിരുന്നു. അത്രമാത്രം ബഹുമാനത്തോടെ തിരിച്ചു ഒന്നും പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കാതെയാണ് കന്യാസ്ത്രീകൾ സഹോദരങ്ങളെ ശുശ്രൂഷിക്കുന്നതെന്ന് അവർ നമ്മളേക്കാൾ അധികമായി മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിരുന്നു. സിസ്റ്ററുടെ വാക്കുകൾക്ക് ശക്തി ഏറെയായിരുന്നു. അതിലുപരി കരളുരുക്കുന്ന വേദനകളും.

എങ്കിലും വീണ്ടും യമനിലേക്കുണ്ടോ എന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിന് ഉത്തരം വൈകിയില്ല. എവിടെയാണെങ്കിലും അധികാരികൾ ഏൽപ്പിക്കുന്ന ദൗത്യം ഏറ്റെടുക്കുക എന്നതുമാത്രമാണ് എന്റെ കടമ. യമനിലേക്കു പോകണമെന്നു സഭ കൽപ്പിച്ചാൽ അനുസരിക്കും. എവിടെയാണെങ്കിലും പാവങ്ങളോടു കരുണ കാണിക്കാനും സ്നേഹിക്കാനും ശുശ്രൂഷിക്കാനും മാത്രമാണ് സമർപ്പിതർ വിളിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്. അവിടെ ഭീകരർ എന്തോ യുദ്ധമേഖലയെന്നോ ഒന്നുമില്ല. യുദ്ധത്തിൽ മുറിവേറ്റു വീഴുന്നവരെ സഹോദരങ്ങളെപ്പോലെ കണ്ടല്ലേ ശുശ്രൂഷിക്കേണ്ടത്. മദർ തെരേസ വെറും സ്ത്രീയാണെന്നും ആർക്കും ഇതെല്ലാം കഴിയും എന്നുമെല്ലാം തുടങ്ങി ആ വിശുദ്ധയെ താഴ്ത്തും രീതിയിൽ കവല പ്രസംഗം നടത്തുന്ന നമ്മുടെ നാട്ടിലെ മാനുഷരേ, താങ്കൾ അറിയണം അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അന്വേഷിക്കണം എന്തിനീ സ്നേഹപുഷ്പങ്ങൾ അറ്റുവീണു എന്ന്. എന്തിനുവേണ്ടി അവർ രക്തം ചിന്തിയെന്ന്. നിയതമായ ഒരു ലക്ഷ്യവുമില്ലാതെ കൊല്ലും കൊലയും കൊണ്ട് ജീവിതം അഴിഞ്ഞാടുന്ന ഐ.സ് ഭീകരസംഘടനയെ പോലുള്ളവർക്കെതിരെ എന്തേ ഇവരുടെ ശബ്ദമുയരുന്നില്ല. കാരണം മറ്റൊന്നല്ല ജീവിതം തോക്കിൻ മുന്നിൽ നിറുത്തി പന്താടണം എന്നതു തന്നെ. ലോകമനസ്സാക്ഷിയെ ഞെട്ടിച്ച ഈ സംഭവത്തിനെതിരെ ഒരു സാമൂഹിക സംഘടനയും ഇന്ന് രംഗത്തില്ല. കാണാതായ വൈദികനെ കണ്ടെത്താനായി ഒരു വിഭാഗവും ശബ്ദമുയർത്തുന്നില്ല. ലോകത്തിന്റെ ഏതെങ്കിലും കോണിൽ ക്രിസ്തുവിനെ പ്രതി പീഡനമേൽക്കുന്ന ഈ വൈദികനുവേണ്ടി കരങ്ങൾ ഉയരട്ടെ. പ്രതികാരത്തോടെയല്ല മറിച്ച് മനസ്സിൽ പ്രാർത്ഥനയുടെ ജ്വലിക്കുന്ന അഗ്നിയോടെ, എല്ലാ ക്രിസ്തുവിനെപ്രതി സഹിക്കാൻ ഈ വൈദികന് ശക്തി ലഭിക്കാൻ വേണ്ടി. ഒപ്പം ലോകശക്തികൾ ഭീകരതയ്ക്കെതിരെ ഒന്നായി നിന്ന് അതിനെ ഉന്മൂലനം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടിയും. ജോർദ്ദാനിലെ പുതിയ കർമ്മമണ്ഡലത്തിലേക്കു പ്രവേശിക്കാനൊരുങ്ങുന്ന സിസ്റ്റർ സാലിക്ക് വേണ്ടി ഇനിയും പ്രാർത്ഥനയുടെ കുപ്പുകൈകൾ ഉയരും. കാരണം കാരുണ്യത്തിന്റെ വെളിച്ചം ജീവിതത്തിലൂടെ പകർന്നുവരാണവർ, സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ സ്പർശനങ്ങൾ തലോടലായി നൽകിയതാണവർ. ജീവിതം ക്രിസ്തുവിനുവേണ്ടി സമർപ്പിച്ചവരാണവർ. ■



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 50th WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Communication and Mercy: A Fruitful Encounter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Holy Year of Mercy invites all of us to reflect on the relationship between communication and mercy. The Church, in union with Christ, the living incarnation of the Father of Mercies, is called to practise mercy as the distinctive trait of all that she is and does. What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God's compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all. Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing. If our hearts and actions are inspired by charity, by divine love, then our communication will be touched by God's own power.

As sons and daughters of God, we are called to communicate with everyone, without exception. In a particular way, the Church's words and actions are all meant to convey mercy, to touch people's hearts and to sustain them on their journey to that fullness of life which Jesus Christ was sent by the Father to bring to all. This means that we ourselves must be willing to accept the warmth of Mother Church and to share that warmth with others, so that Jesus may be known and loved. That warmth is what gives substance to the word of faith; by our preaching and witness, it ignites the "spark" which gives them life.

Communication has the power to build bridges, to enable encounter and inclusion, and thus to enrich society. How beautiful it is when people select their words and actions with care, in the effort to avoid misunderstandings, to heal wounded memories and to build peace and harmony. Words can build bridges between individuals and within families, social groups and peoples. This is possible both in the material world and the digital world. Our words and actions should be such as to help us all escape the vicious circles of condemnation and vengeance which continue to ensnare individuals and nations, encouraging expressions of hatred. The words of Christians ought to be a constant encouragement to communion and, even in those cases where they must firmly condemn evil, they should never

try to rupture relationships and communication.

For this reason, I would like to invite all people of good will to rediscover the power of mercy to heal wounded relationships and to restore peace and harmony to families and communities. All of us know how many ways ancient wounds and lingering resentments can entrap individuals and stand in the way of communication and reconciliation. The same holds true for relationships between peoples. In every case, mercy is able to create a new kind of speech and dialogue. Shakespeare put it eloquently when he said: "The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed: it blesseth him that gives and him that takes" (The Merchant of Venice, Act IV, Scene I).

Our political and diplomatic language would do well to be inspired by mercy, which never loses hope. I ask those with institutional and political responsibility, and those charged with forming public opinion, to remain especially attentive to the way they speak of those who think or act differently or those who may have made mistakes. It is easy to yield to the temptation to exploit such situations to stoke the flames of mistrust, fear and hatred. Instead, courage is needed to guide people towards processes of reconciliation. It is precisely such positive and creative boldness which offers real solutions to ancient conflicts and the opportunity to build lasting peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Mt 5:7-9)

How I wish that our own way of communicating, as well as our service as pastors of the Church, may never suggest a prideful and triumphant superiority over an enemy, or demean those whom the world considers lost and easily discarded. Mercy can help mitigate life's troubles and offer warmth to those who have known only the coldness of judgment. May our way of communicating help to overcome the mindset that neatly separates sinners from the righteous. We can and we must judge situations of sin – such as violence, corruption and exploitation –

but we may not judge individuals, since only God can see into the depths of their hearts. It is our task to admonish those who err and to denounce the evil and injustice of certain ways of acting, for the sake of setting victims free and raising up those who have fallen. The Gospel of John tells us that “the truth will make you free” (Jn 8:32). The truth is ultimately Christ himself, whose gentle mercy is the yardstick for measuring the way we proclaim the truth and condemn injustice. Our primary task is to uphold the truth with love (cf. Eph 4:15). Only words spoken with love and accompanied by meekness and mercy can touch our sinful hearts. Harsh and moralistic words and actions risk further alienating those whom we wish to lead to conversion and freedom, reinforcing their sense of rejection and defensiveness.

Some feel that a vision of society rooted in mercy is hopelessly idealistic or excessively indulgent. But let us try and recall our first experience of relationships, within our families. Our parents loved us and valued us for who we are more than for our abilities and achievements. Parents naturally want the best for their children, but that love is never dependent on their meeting certain conditions. The family home is one place where we are always welcome (cf. Lk 15:11-32). I would like to encourage everyone to see society not as a forum where strangers compete and try to come out on top, but above all as a home or a family, where the door is always open and where everyone feels welcome.

For this to happen, we must first listen. Communicating means sharing, and sharing demands listening and acceptance. Listening is much more than simply hearing. Hearing is about receiving information, while listening is about communication, and calls for closeness. Listening allows us to get things right, and not simply to be passive onlookers, users or consumers. Listening also means being able to share questions and doubts, to journey side by side, to banish all claims to absolute power and to put our abilities and gifts at the service of the common good.

Listening is never easy. Many times it is easier to play deaf. Listening means paying attention, wanting to

understand, to value, to respect and to ponder what the other person says. It involves a sort of martyrdom or self-sacrifice, as we try to imitate Moses before the burning bush: we have to remove our sandals when standing on the “holy ground” of our encounter with the one who speaks to me (cf. Ex 3:5). Knowing how to listen is an immense grace, it is a gift which we need to ask for and then make every effort to practice.

Emails, text messages, social networks and chats can also be fully human forms of communication. It is not technology which determines whether or not communication is authentic, but rather the human heart and our capacity to use wisely the means at our disposal. Social networks can facilitate relationships and promote the good of society, but they can also lead to further polarization and division between individuals and groups. The digital world is a public square, a meeting-place where we can either encourage or demean one another, engage in a meaningful discussion or unfair attacks. I pray that this Jubilee Year, lived in mercy, “may open us to even more fervent dialogue so that we might know and understand one another better; and that it may eliminate every form of closed-mindedness and disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 23). The internet can help us to be better citizens. Access to digital networks entails a responsibility for our neighbour whom we do not see but who is nonetheless real and has a dignity which must be respected. The internet can be used wisely to build a society which is healthy and open to sharing.

Communication, wherever and however it takes place, has opened up broader horizons for many people. This is a gift of God which involves a great responsibility. I like to refer to this power of communication as “closeness”. The encounter between communication and mercy will be fruitful to the degree that it generates a closeness which cares, comforts, heals, accompanies and celebrates. In a broken, fragmented and polarized world, to communicate with mercy means to help create a healthy, free and fraternal closeness between the children of God and all our brothers and sisters in the one human family. ■

From the Vatican, 24 January 2016



Vocation camp and get together of seminarians, Karukutty (Kerala)



Theology students with Archbishop during the Minor Orders

Those who received Cassock



Bro. Alwin Alukkal



Bro. Arun Arakkal



Bro. Antony Paalamattathu



Bro. Frijo Tharayil



Bro. Jitho Arakka



Bro. Joice Thattumkal



Bro. Jihin Muttath



Bro. Litto Cheruvallil



Congratulations & Welcome
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the newly Ordained Priests to Faridabad-Delhi Diocese

Fr. Mathew Kizhacklechira, Fr. Biju Kannampuzha & Fr. Saji Valavil were Ordained for Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi by Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara on 2nd, 3rd & 9th April 2016 at St. Thomas Church, Nedumprakad, St. Sebastian's Church, Devagiri and Sacred Heart Church, Mukkam



Fr. Mathew Kizhacklechira



Fr. Biju Kannampuzha



Fr. Saji Valavil



Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, Msgr. Jose Edassery with Parents of newly ordained Priest Rev. Fr. Biju Kannampuzha



Archbishop honouring Parents of newly ordained Priest Rev. Fr. Mathew Kizhachekchira





POPE FRANCIS SENDS VESTMENTS, FINANCIAL AID TO IRAQI CHRISTIANS

As a sign of affection and closeness, Pope Francis has decided to send vestments used in the liturgy and a financial donation to Christian refugees in Erbil through the Catholic pastoral charity Aid to the Church in Need. “Mercy invites us to bend over these brothers of ours in order to dry their tears, to heal their moral and physical wounds, and to console their afflicted and perhaps lost hearts,” the Pope said in a letter addressed to Bishop Francesco Cavina of Carpi. To do this, the Pope said, is not just “an act of proper charity, but a relief to your own body, because all Christians, by virtue of their shared baptism, are ‘one’ in Christ.” Bishop Cavina will be part of a delegation travelling to Erbil, the capital of Iraqi Kurdistan, April 1-4 with Aid to the Church in Need (ACN).

Other members of the delegation will include Bishop Antonio Suetta of Ventimiglia-San Remo, Fr. Massimo Fabbri in representation of the Archdiocese of Bologna, and Alessandro Monteduro, director of ACN in Italy, who will serve as the group’s guide. In a March 23 article published on ACN’s website, Bishop Cavina said that as soon as Pope Francis heard about the delegation’s visit, he called expressing his desire “to send a gift to our brothers in the faith in Iraq.” This gift includes vestments and a personal financial donation, which the Pope will entrust to Bishop Cavina, who will then give it to the local Church when the delegation arrives.

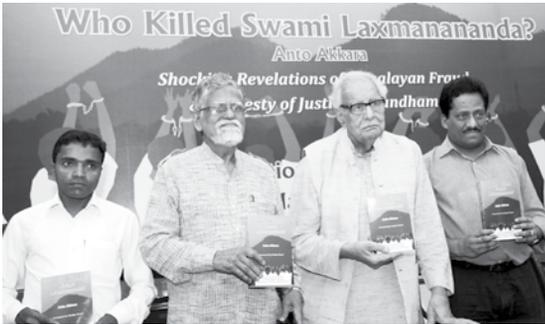
In his letter to the bishop, Francis said the trip is “an initiative which expresses friendship, ecclesial communion and closeness to many brothers and

sisters, whose situation of affliction and tribulation pains me deeply and invites us to defend the inalienable right of every person to freely profess their faith.” The Pope invited delegation members not to forget “the drama of the persecution,” and added that the “courageous and patient witness” of Christians in Iraq “represents for the entire Church a call to rediscover the fruitful source of the Paschal Mystery from which energy, strength and light for a new humanism are drawn.” As part of their visit, the group will meet with Archbishop Youhanna Boutros Moshe of the Syriac Archeparchy of Mosul, who left the city when it was overrun by the Islamic State in June, 2014. They will also meet with the Chaldean Archbishop of Erbil, Bashar Warda, who will take them to refugee centers in a mainly Christian suburb of Erbil called Ankawa.

Additionally, the group will stop by the village of Fr. Werenfried, named after the founder of ACN, where 175 Christian families are currently living. The trip will also include visits to ACN schools, which allow nearly 7,000 Iraqi refugee children to continue their education.

Since 2014 ACN has donated more than 15.1 million euros (\$17.2 million) to support Christian refugees and displaced persons in Iraq. The organization stepped up their efforts to offer support during Lent, when the Italian branch promoted six projects aimed at offering aid to the 250,000 Christians still in Iraq. The dioceses of Carpi and Ventimiglia-San Remo have also joined the effort, offering their own donations. ■

KANDHAMAL TALE IN NEW LIGHT



New Delhi, May 5: The killing of Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati in Kandhamal district in 2008 was carried out by forces who had envisaged subsequent collateral damage, a new book released today said.

The book *Who Killed Swami Laxmanananda?* Authored by Anto Akkara and released by veteran journalist and former high commissioner to the UK, Kuldip Nayar, gives details about sequence of events demolishing the theory of Christian conspiracy.

The killing of 81-year-old Saraswati on the night of Janmashtami in 2008 led to rioting, in which nearly 50 Christians were officially confirmed killed.

The book said Saraswati had said Pope and Sonia Gandhi as people who considered him as a threat to the Christianisation of Kandhamal. Hence, it was easy to spread rumours that Christians killed him.

The Christian baiters were behind the "supari killing" of Saraswati, Akkara said at the function. He said Saraswati, who was in Cuttack the previous day, went to Kandhamal on request of some people. His security guard was not with him the day he was killed.

The book says that after the murder, the names of about 25 Christians were distributed to police accusing them of killing Saraswati.

"The body of Saraswati was taken in a zigzag funeral procession for two days. It was a supari killing by forces, who had envisaged the collateral damage," Akkara said.

He said a publication on Kandhamal riot by India Foundation, whose board members include Union ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Suresh Prabhu and BJP leader Ram Madhav, made him investigate the issue.

Akkara said the publication by the India Foundation *Harvest of Hate-Kandhamal in Crossfire* by American anthropologist Michael Parker was gifted by Madhav to a Catholic Church official in 2012. He said the book *Harvest of Hate* describes Christianity as a "defeated truth".

That India Foundation book reinforces the Christian conspiracy theory behind Saraswati's killing and spreads "lies" about Christians, Akkara claimed.

Akkara said the same Michael Parker's book is now being marketed as *Orissa in Crossfire-Kandhamal Burning* by Brannon Parker.

"Michael Parker or Brannon Parker do not exist, it is the work of India Foundation," he said.

Three persons from the area, who were picked up by the police and later released, also spoke their story. They said they were innocent and picked by a mob and were handed over to the police.

Seven Christians have been sentenced to life for killing Saraswati. The matter is in Orissa High Court. A judicial commission, which inquired the matter, has submitted its report. However, it has not been made public.

Madhav rejected the findings of the book. He said the accused in the case had already been arrested.

"I do know who this author is. He may be apologist for any evangelist group. Anybody can write anything. But in the Kandhamal case, the accused are in jail. The matter is in court," Madhav told *The Telegraph*.

He said the India Foundation came into being in 2012. The book *Harvest of Hate* was written by Michael Brannon Parker. "To say no such author exists is crazy," Madhav said. ■

[Courtesy: *The Telegraph*, Calcutta, India]



With the Sponsorship of Caritas India, SJSS organized Child Rights Training at HRDC Centre, Chandpur to review the Child rights issues/management and develop a policy for the organization, suits for the project activities and institutions of SJSS. The four days training program was inaugurated by the Director of Diocesan Social Service, Rev. Fr. Joseph Muthuplakkal and Ms. Rinota Chattopadhyay was the resource person of the program. Ms. Rinota used participatory approach to analyze the need of the Organization by involving Staff and Volunteers and drawn the frame by them. Also Conducted separate sessions for adolescent girls from the project field to know more about the basic needs of the community. She succeeded in creating the need of child rights policy for the organization and it's a vital document for the funding agencies for future projects.

On 22nd April 2016, the Eco- DRR Project got officially launched by the BDO of Kalpa Mr. Keerti Chandal, in the presence of Mr. Arjun K. Negi, Director of Grammen Bank, Kinnaur District at Shivling View Hotel, Reckong Peo. Fr. Joseph Muthuplakkal, Director presided the event and four of the Pradhans from the project area was also blessed this occasion with their presence and messages. Fr. Joseph detailed about the need of preparedness in the high disaster prone area and he

assured full support of Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi to villages for reducing the impact of the calamities and creating more eco friendly environment for better living. Mr. Byju Kurian, project officer explained the project in detail and asked for their full cooperation for the success of this project. St. Joseph's Service Society (SJSS) officials also conducted meeting with the District Officials and Institutions working in Reckong Peo for their support.

The Eco- DRR Project office shifted to a new building in the township, for more convenience of the staff and volunteers. SJSS is getting full support of the village communities and they are started implementing the activities detailed by the team. The Director and Project Officer attended the Project Review meeting of ECO DRR project organized in Caritas Office, Delhi.

SJSS Director and Project Officer represented the Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi in SSDNR Partners Strategic Planning Workshop on Identified Specific Issues in the area/region- the Regional Forum Meeting held on 08/04/2016 at Chetanalaya Conference Hall, New Delhi.

With the Support of SNDRR, SJSS is developing Wash Project for the Noida Urban Slums of Sector 16 and Sector 17. The activities includes; Safe Water, Community Owned Sanitation facilities and Hygiene in the slums. Details will be shared later.

Under the Women Empowerment Project supported by Caritas India, Project Team conducted meetings of Adolescent Clubs in every village to promote education and vocational training. For the endorsement of Non Formal Education Program, Project team conducted Parent-Teacher meeting in the tuition centers and evaluated the activities with the Village leaders. SJSS is running 7 tuition centers for promoting the girl child education in deprived villages. ■



CBCI, WOMEN COMMISSION, NORTHERN REGION MEETING,

CBCI Women Commission conducted a seminar for the women faithful in the northern region in Chandigarh on 30th to 31st January 2016. There were a considerable number of representatives from the Dioceses of Delhi, Faridabad-Delhi, Gurgaon-Delhi, Shimla-Chandigarh, Jalandhar and Jammu-Srinagar. Mrs. Sherly Mathew, Jt. Secretary, Mrs. Aleyamma Fesin, Treasurer, Mrs. Bincy Mathew, Jt. Treasurer, Mrs. Molly Louis and Mrs. Usha Thomas were present in the meeting to represent the diocese of Faridabad-Delhi.

The meeting put forward the issues for which action plans to be prepared in the regional, diocesan, forane & parish level. Such issues include contribution to the society, gender policy, human trafficking, year of mercy, skill training, entertainment celebration, spiritual endeavours like pilgrimage to places of mercy, chaplet of divine mercy, visit to the orphanage & prison, food distribution to the poor etc. Based on the above points, each diocesan representatives had discussion and prepared a Diocesan as well as a Regional Action Plan.

Regional Women's Commission Meeting

To bring together the women of three dioceses

at the capital of our country for better planning, coordination and communion, Regional Women Commission held a meeting at Hall of Mercy, at Bishop House of Faridabad-Delhi on 24 April 2016. There were around 150 women from the dioceses of Delhi, Faridabad-Delhi and Gurgaon-Delhi who reached to participate in the meeting. Bishop Jacob Mar Barnabas, President of WC, CBCI, Bishop Francis Kalist of Meerut Diocese, V. Rev Fr. Susai Sebastian Vicar General, Archdiocese of Delhi were the chief guests of the day.

Farewell to Rev. Sr. Mercy CMC

To express the heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Sr. Mercy CMC for her long service as the first President of the Mathrujyothis of the diocese of Faridabad-Delhi. Rev. Sr. Mercy CMC was the superior of CMC Convent Mayur Vihar Phase 3 and is now transferred to Jalgaon, Maharashtra. In the farewell meeting conducted for her, Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara was the chief guest. Director Rev. Fr. Renson Thekkinezath, Executives, Forane animators & Representatives expressed their gratitude to her for her dedication and commitment in the initial growth of Mathrujyothis of the diocese for the past 4 Years. ■



DSYM DEXCO conducted the Diocesan Annual General Body Meeting at Hall of Divine Mercy, Bishop's House, Karol Bagh on 23 April 2016. General Body members from various Parishes of the Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi participated in the meeting. The meeting started with the introduction by Ms. Manju Philip, Vice President DSYM followed by prayer. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar General of Diocese. Rev. Fr. Lijo Thaliyath, Director DSYM, gave the welcome speech. Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery was officially welcomed on behalf of DSYM after taking up the charge as Vicar General of Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi. The meeting was officially inaugurated by lighting the lamp. Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery in his inaugural address briefed the General Body about the inception of DSYM reliving the past and urged the members to continue in togetherness.

Thereafter the functional report of DSYM Central Committee for the tenure of December 2014 to March 2016 and the Financial Report of DSYM for the period of April 2015-16 were read by Mr. Jeas Nambadan, Jt. Secretary DSYM and

Ms. Alphy Sony, Treasurer DSYM respectively. After that, the agenda points were discussed:

Amendments to Bylaws: The amendments proposed in the Bylaws were approved by the General Body and was tabled for approval from Patron of DSYM, Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara.

Yearly Calendar: The tentative yearly calendar of DSYM prepared by DEXCO was discussed in the meeting and was approved by General Body.

Elections 2016: It was informed to the General Body that Elections for the tenure of 2016-18 will be conducted in August (12-14) along with a leadership training camp. Ms. Manju Philip was promoted as the Acting President of DSYM and Mr. Jeas Nambadan as the Acting Gen Secretary of DSYM till then. Ms. Meenu, Ecclesia member from Kristuraja Cathedral Parish, Faridabad was nominated as Music Ministry Convenor and Mr. Rijo from Assumption Church, Mayur Vihar-III was nominated as Youth Beats In-charge. Vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Julia Joseph. The meeting concluded with Fellowship meal. ■

സാന്തോം ഫെസ്റ്റ് - ബൈബിൾ കലോത്സവം സമാപിച്ചു

ഒരു മാസത്തോളം നീണ്ടുനിന്ന ഫരീദാബാദ് ഡൽഹി സീറോ മലബാർ രൂപതയുടെ സാന്തോം ബൈബിൾ കലോത്സവത്തിന് തിരശ്ശീല വീണു. എല്ലാ വർഷവും ഒരു ദിവസം നടത്താറുള്ള ബൈബിൾ കലോത്സവ മത്സരം ഈ വർഷം നാല് ഘട്ടങ്ങളിലായിട്ടാണ് നടത്തിയത്. ഏപ്രിൽ മാസം ആദ്യത്തോട് കൂടി വിവിധ ഇടവകകളിൽ വെച്ചായിരുന്നു രചനാ മത്സരങ്ങൾ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചത്. അവതരണ മത്സരങ്ങൾ പ്രായപരിധി തിരിച്ച്, ഔർ ലേഡി ഓഫ് ഫാത്തിമ ഫൊറോന ദേവാലയത്തിന്റെ ഓഡിറ്റോറിയത്തിലും, ന്യൂ ഡൽഹി കാന്റിംഗ് റോഡിലുള്ള കേരള സ്കൂളിലും, ഫരീദാബാദിലുള്ള സെന്റ് പീറ്റേഴ്സ് സ്കൂളിലും വെച്ച് വിവിധ തീയതികളിലായി നടന്നു. സാന്തോം ബൈബിൾ കലോത്സവത്തിന്റെ ഔദ്യോഗിക ഉദ്ഘാടനം രൂപത അദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് ക്യൂറാക്കോസ് ഭരണികുളങ്ങര നിർവ്വഹിച്ചു. രൂപതയിലെ 29 ഇടവകകൾ പങ്കെടുത്ത ഈ ബൈബിൾ കലോത്സവത്തിൽ ഏറ്റവും കൂടുതൽ പോയിന്റുകൾ നേടി മയൂർ വിഹാർ അസ്സംപ്ഷൻ ഫൊറോന പള്ളിയും ജസോള ഔർ ലേഡി ഓഫ് ഫാത്തിമ പള്ളിയും 'A+' ഗ്രേഡ് കരസ്ഥമാക്കി ഒന്നാം സ്ഥാനത്തെത്തി. 'A' ഗ്രേഡ് നേടി പുഷ്പ വിഹാർ ഹോളി ഫാമിലി പള്ളി രണ്ടാം സ്ഥാനം കരസ്ഥമാക്കിയപ്പോൾ ആർ.കെ. പുരം സെന്റ് പീറ്റേഴ്സ് പള്ളിയും ദിൽഷാദ് ഗാർഡൻ സെന്റ് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് ഓഫ് അസ്സീസി ഫൊറോന പള്ളിയും 'B+' ഗ്രേഡ് കരസ്ഥമാക്കി മൂന്നാം സ്ഥാനത്തെത്തി. രൂപത വികാരി ജനറാൾ മോൺ. ജോസ് ഇടശ്ശേരി സമ്മാനദാനം നിർവ്വഹിച്ചു. സാന്തോം ബൈബിൾ കലോത്സവം ഭംഗിയായി നടത്തുവാൻ രൂപത രൂപീകരിച്ച കമ്മിറ്റിയിൽ കത്തീഡ്രൽ വികാരി റവ. ഫാ. രാജൻ പുനയ്ക്കൽ ജനറൽ കൺവീനറും, റവ. ഫാ. പീറ്റർ കാഞ്ഞിരക്കൊട്ടുക്കരി, റവ. ഫാ. റോണി തോപ്പിലാൻ, റവ. ഫാ. ഡേവിസ് കള്ളിയത്തുപറമ്പിൽ, രൂപത പാസ്റ്ററൽ കൗൺസിൽ സെക്രട്ടറി ശ്രീ. ജോസ് സി.ജെ, ജോയിന്റ് സെക്രട്ടറി ശ്രീമതി ഡോ. ലിസ റോബിൻ, ശ്രീ. ടോമി തോമസ് എന്നിവർ കൺവീനർമാരും ആയിരുന്നു. ■



SANTHOM FEST 2016 - PARISHWISE POINT LEVEL & GRADE

Name of Parish	Point	Name of Parish	Point
Assumption Forane Church, Mayur Vihar III	64 (A+)	St. Thomas Church, Motia Khan	17
Our Lady of Fatima Forane Church, Jasola	61 (A+)	St. John Paul II Church, Indirapuram-Vaishali	17
Holy Family Church, Pushp Vihar	56 (A)	St. Alphonsa Church, Noida	16
St. Peter's Church, R. K. Puram	51 (B+)	St. Thomas Church, Janakpuri	16
St. Francis of Assisi Forane Church, Dilshad Garden	49 (B+)	St. Mary's Church, Mayur Vihar I	16
St. Mother Teresa Church, South Extension	40	St. Ephrem Church, Vikaspuri	16
Little Flower Church, Lado Sarai	31	Infant Jesus Forane Church, Palam	16
Sacred Heart Forane Church, Gurgaon	31	St. Jude Thaddeus Church, Ashok Vihar	15
Church of Nativity, Sanjorepuram, Chandpur	29	St. Claret Church, Gurgaon	15
Kristuraja Cathedral Forane Church, Faridabad	27	Nirmal Hriday Church, Tagore Garden	14
St. Jude's Church, Sahibabad	23	St. Alphonsa Mass Centre, Shabad	13
Bl. Mariam Theresia Church, Burari	23	St. Mary's Church, Aya Nagar	13
St. Augustine's Forane Church, Karol Bagh	18	Blessed Sacrament Church, Radio Colony	11
St. Kuriakose Elias Church, Hari Nagar	18	Mary Matha Church, Mayur Vihar II & I.P Extn.	10
St. Padre Pio Church, Rohini	17		

SANTHOME FEST 2016 1ST PRIZE WINNERS



Alan Mathew
Karol Bagh
Monoact
Subjunior



Abhishek T Ancely
Jasola
Junior
Monoact



Aleena B Joseph
Gurgaon Claret
Pencil Drawing
Sub-Junior



Divya Jose
Faridabad
Pencil Drawing
Junior



Shiju T
Pushp Vihar
Pencil Drawing
Senior



Ann bobby
Noida
Bible Story Telling
Kids



Ann Maria
Vikaspuri
Story Writing
Sub-Junior



Anisha George
Burari
Story Writing
Junior



Shalbin Babu
Hari Nagar
Story writing
Senior



Ashly Sibichan
Jasola
Essay Writing
Junior



Omana Baby
S H Gurgaon
Essay Writing
Senior



Christeena
Sanjapuram
Poem Writing
Sub-Junior



Augraha Baby
Lado Sarai
Poem Writing
Junior



Preethi Biju
Fariadabad
Poem Writing
Senior



Jesline Verghese
Palam
Painting
Sub-Junior



Julie
Sanjapuram
Painting
Junior



Ashly Bejoy
Vaishali-Indrapuram
Painting Senior



Kurian Luka
Dilshad Garden
Painting
Super Senior



Sania Johnson
Jasola
Single Dance
Sub-Junior



Anjana Jomon
Dilshad Garden
Single Dance
Juniors

The list of 1st Prize winners to be continued on the next issue

Assumption Forane Church, Mayur Vihar III



Towards Priesthood

The whole parish was replete with joy and happiness as Dn. Mathew Kizhacklechira was raised to the order of Priesthood on 2 April 2016 at St. Thomas Church Nedumprakad, Cherthala. He served the parish for two years. The parish Priest, Fr. Renson Thekkinezath, Sr. Mercy CMC, the Mother Superior and around forty of the parishners attended the ordination and wished the new priest all the success and prayers.

First Holy Qurbana

Rev. Fr. Mathew Kizhacklechira who has been ordained for the Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi was given a grand welcome back to the parish on 17 April 2016. He offered his first mass in the parish on this day. After the mass, there was meeting organized to felicitate him. All were eager to kiss the hands of the new priest. Everyone wished him all the best for his future priestly ministry.

Santhome Fest 2016- We are the Champions

The assumption Forane Church Mayur Vihar III showed again its calibre in the Santhome Fest 2016. There was a great participation in many of the competitions by the parishners. We came out with flying colours in many of the competitions. The following are our achievements which lead us to the championship.

1. Group Dance: Sub-junior -First,
2. Group Dance: Senior -First,
3. Group Dance: Mathrujyothis -First.
4. Church Choir - First, Junior

5. Solo- Mettilda (First),
6. Super Senior Speech -Mr. Joshiboy (First),
7. Super Senior Solo -Mr. Joby Mathew (3rd),
8. Sub Junior Solo -Mr. Jose Varghese (3rd),
9. Essay writing junior - Alan Soby (3rd),
10. Poem writing- Mr. Joshiboy(3rd),

Thus we scored 64 Marks and became the Santhome Fest champions 2016.

Catechism Annual day and Mother's day celebrations

We had the dual celebrations of Catechism Annual day and the Mother's day on 8 May 2016. The main celebrant of the Holy Mass was Rev. Fr. Rony Thoppilan. Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi was the chief guest of the day. The children and the mothers of the parish put up many program as part of the celebrations. Msgr. Jose Edassery expressed his joy and appreciation for the parish activities in his message. Rev. Fr. Mathew Kizhacklechira, the Secretary to the Archbishop, also made his presence. Rev. Fr. Renson Thekkinezath thanked all for their presence and appreciated the dedication of the parishners and the organizing committee of the day. Rev. Sr. Mercy CMC, the mother of CMC convent serving in the parish for 6 years and Rev. Sr. Sharon CMC were given farewell on the same day. Everyone thanked them for the selfless service to the parish and wished them all the best for their new appointments & place. Programs were end with Kalasandhya & Snehavirunnu. ■

St. Francis of Assisi Forane Church, Dilshad Garden

Night Vigil

In connection with year of Mercy we have started in the a spiritual renewal programme. Every third Friday night vigil is conducted. We start the programme with Holy Mass on every third Friday at 7.30 pm. After the Mass at 8.30 pm Night Vigil prayers begin in the parish. There will be some priests to guide the prayers and vigil programme. There is praise and worship, preaching on a selected theme from the Holy Bible, sharing, confession, counseling and shared prayers by the faith full and Holy Mass at 4am in the morning. People from the parish and nearby parish participate in the night vigil. In this month of May Night vigil will be on 20th Friday. This is an occasion for the people to renew themselves. They listen to the Word of God and pray together the members of the parish.

Santhome Bible Fest

Dilshad Garden parish had active participation in the Bible Fest conducted in the diocesan level. There was participation in all most all items. More than 75 people including children, youth and elders participated in the programmes. Dilshad Garden has secured 4th position in the diocesan level with 49 points. We won First prizes for Margamkali by Mathru Jyothis, Group dance by

juniors, single dance by juniors Anjana Jomon, First prize for painting Mr. Kurian Kuka , second prize for painting juniors Nikhil Kurian, Solo song second prize by juniors Maria Celas Thomas. Congratulations to all who won the prizes and thanks to all participants.

Catechism

Catechism final examination was attended by all the students and came out with good results. 56 children appeared for the scholarship examination and few of them second position and third position. We thank all the teachers for their sincere efforts and congratulations to all the children who have secured various positions in the diocesan level.

Devotion to Mary

Month of May is observed the parish level we have Vanakka Masam prayers conducted by each unit. Reading during the Mass, daily reading of the Vanakkamasam, Nercha etc are taken up by each unit.

Mothers Day Celebration

May 8, 2016 was celebrated as Mothers Day. There was active participation of mothers in the Sunday Liturgy. Readings, offertory, Karosusa prayers were done by them. Special Vattayappam was distributed all the parish members after Sunday Mass. ■

Infant Jesus Forane Church, Palam

പാലം ഇൻഫന്റ് ജീസസ് ഫൊറോന പള്ളിയിൽ മെയ് 8 ഞായറാഴ്ച മാതൃദിനം ആഘോഷിച്ചു. ഇടവക വികാരി റവ.ഫാ. അനൂപ് നരിമറ്റത്തിൽ വിശുദ്ധ കുർബാന അർപ്പിച്ചു. തുടർന്നു നടന്ന മീറ്റിങ്ങിൽ സൺഡേ സ്കൂൾ ഹെഡ്മാസ്റ്റർ ശ്രീ റെജി തോമസ്സ്, മാതൃദിന സന്ദേശം നൽകുകയും മാതൃത്വത്തിന്റെ മഹനീയത അനുസ്മരിക്കുന്ന ഗാനം ഗായക സംഘം ആലപിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. ഇടവകയിലെ മാതാക്കളെ പ്രതിനിധീകരിച്ച്, ഏറ്റവും മുതിർന്ന അമ്മയായ ശ്രീമതി അച്ചാമ്മ ജോർജ്ജിനു ബൊക്കെ നൽകി കൊണ്ട് റവ.ഫാ. അനൂപ് നരിമറ്റത്തിൽ ആദരിച്ചു. ■



Nirmal Hriday Church, Tagore Garden



VISIT TO THE DOOR OF MERCY & SANJOPURAM

Parishioners under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Lijo Thaliyath went on a pilgrimage to Faridabad Diocese Kristuraja Cathedral for visiting Door of Mercy on 15th April 2016. Around 150 parishners visited the sacred Door of Mercy and passed through the same. Rev. Fr. Rajan Punnackal, Cathedral Vicar, had made all the necessary arrangements for confessions & holy mass to prepare them spiritually to enter the Door of Mercy. Rev. Fr. Rajan was kind enough to serve us delicious lunch on that day.

Parishners also took this opportunity to visit Sanjopuram Children’s Village and spent time with orphanage kids, playing and praying with them. Children and parents equally enjoyed being with the children there. Since we had a practise of providing lunch for poor disregarded people in the street on all second Saturdays, we contributed and supported the Children’s Village financially for their food expenses.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Six children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion from Vicar General, Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery on 1st May 2016. Rev. Fr. Lijo Thaliyath, Rev. Sr. Reetha Mariya & Mrs. Shanty Anil prepared the students to receive Jesus during

Holy Mass. It was a solemn celebration at St. Marks Church, Punjabi Bagh. Children’s grandparents and relatives came from Kerala to attend this holy event. Individual parties were arranged in each of the houses to celebrate this big event.

MATHRUJYOTHIS SEMINAR

Special seminar was arranged for Mathrujyothis on 16th April 2016. Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Lijo Thaliyath took classes on Unity, Adjustment, Sacrifices and Spirituality. This was an interactive class with lots of activities. Around 150 mothers attended the seminar including Mathruvedi Forane President Ms Rosamma Joby and Secretary Ms. Sunila Tony. All participants liked and enjoyed the class. The classes of Rev. Fr. Lijo Thaliyath had a huge impact on the spiritual life of every mother who participated the seminar.

MOTHER’S DAY

Mother’s day was celebrated on 8th May 2016 at Nirmal Hriday Church. Rev. Fr. Lijo Thaliyath took special care in preparing prayers and giving special message to all mothers of the parish. Special mass was celebrated for mothers with offertory. Lucky mothers were chosen through lucky draw competition. Ms. Annamma Thomas and Ms. Reetha Saji were lucky mothers.

CATECHISM PICNIC

Catechism picnic was arranged on 8th May 2016 to Fun Town at Bahadurgarh after the holy mass. Catechism students and teachers had a fun filled day at Fun Town enjoying every ride and water games. Rev. Fr. Lijo Thaliyath prayed and blessed the children and teachers before start of the picnic. Special Lunch was provided to all at the Fun Town by the Bahadurgarh prayer group. It helped in team building and creating bond between children and teachers. ■

Reported by: Tomy Thomas

St. Peter's Church R. K. Puram



Pilgrimage

St. Peter's Church members made pilgrimage to St. Mary's Church, Sardhana, U.P. on 10.01.2016 and St. Jude Church, Jhansi on 14th February 2016 under the leadership of Mr. Reji Mathew (Kaikaran) and Mathru Jyothis. It was a wonderful moment.

St. Sebastian's Feast

St. Peter's church celebrated St. Sebastian's Feast on 16th February 2016 with full devotion and faith. Rev. Fr. Joseph Puthenkulam, Professor, Vidyajyoti, Delhi, was the main Celebrant and Rev. Dr. Pius Malekandathil parish priest, Rev. Fr. Jose Vattakuzhiyil were the concelebrants. Hundreds of people participated in the procession and the "Ambu" nercha. Ambu was carried to each and every house of our church under the leadership of Family unit Presidents.

Holy Week

On Palm Sunday, after the Holy Mass a one day annual Retreat was preached by Rev. Fr. John Kundukulam (Professor, Major Seminary, Jalandhar). Rev. Dr. Pius Malekandathil washed the feet of altar boys on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday members of DSYM along with Mathrujyothis and Catechism teachers and students enacted Passion Play representing all the Stations of the Cross. The

Passion Play staged along the road in connection with the Way of the Cross helped to spread the message of Jesus among the non-Christians. Easter Saturday vigil started at 7p.m. in which Rev. Fr. George Manimala, Rev. Dr. Pius, Rev. Fr. Prasad and Rev. Fr. Jose Vattakuzhiyil were concelebrants.

Message of Charity

On 3rd April 66 catechism students and all catechism teachers visited Nirmal Jyothi Ashram as an educational trip to learn the lessons of charity. The children met the differently-abled children of the Ashram and interacted with them and performed entertaining programmes for them. Catechism students and teachers contributed and arranged lunch for the children and the remaining contribution was donated for the children. It was a good experience for the students and they were motivated to continue the work of mercy during the year of Mercy.

Santhome Fest

Our church actively participated in all the four Santhome Fest competitions- Jerome Fest, Monica Fest, Savio Fest and Bosco Fest in April 2016. Around 70 participants performed for 27 avatharana malsaranga and 13 writing competitions. R.K. Puram got 3rd position in Diocese. The details of prize winners are as follows. :-



Mr. Sijo Chelakat won 1st prize in Senior Solo, Anagha Thomas won 1st prize in Sub Junior Solo Mr. Arun Thomas got 1st prize in Senior Malayalam speech, Jatin Joseph won 2nd Prize in Sub Junior Boys Solo, Juvani Ann Thomas won 2nd Prize in Sub Junior single dance and Riana Geojo got 3rd in Junior single Dance. In group items our Mathru Jyothis won II position in dance , Church Choir bagged II position. For Theruvunadakam competition our team got II position and we bagged third position in Sub-junior Group dance.

Scholarship

Out of 15 students who wrote the scholarship exam, 12 got scholarships 70% and above. Special congratulations to our young brilliant tiny tots who bagged 2nd Ranks in scholarship exam. Elaina Mathew of class I and Abin Prince of Class. II.

St. George's Feast

St. Peter's Church also celebrated St. George's Feast on 1st May 2016 with due devotion and reverence. Rev. Fr. George Manimala was the main celebrant with Rev. Dr. Pius Malekandathil and Rev. Fr. Jose Vattakuzhy as the concelebrants. ■

Bl. Mariam Thressia Church, Burari



Renovated Grotto Blessing

His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara blessed the renovated Grotto of Mother Mary at Bl. Mariam Theresa Church Burari on 17th April 2016.

The Sacrament of Baptism

His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara administrated the Sacrament of Baptism to Philomena Roshni, the eighth child of Mrs. Sapna and Mr. Joju of Bl. Mariam Theresa parish on 17th April 2016. The Parish Priest and the parishioners made a special prayer for the well-being of these family members. The Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Benny Kannathadathil honoured them with the 'Ponnada'.

All labourers day was celebrated on 01st May, 2016 with due solemnity with special prayers and novena

offered to St. Joseph the patron saint of labourers.

Mothers day was celebrated on 08th May. The youth of the parish led the prayer services and the choir during the solemn mass. After the Holy Mass 'Payasam Nercha' was distributed to the faithful on the occasion.

Eighteen members of the Mathru Jyothis participated in the Annual General Body meeting held at the Karol Bagh St. Augustine Church in the afternoon under the leadership of its animator Rev. St. Grace Mathew.

In the scholarship examinations held at the Diocesan level, Amal Mathew Tom won the First rank in Class VI. This was a Hatrick, won by Amal consecutively for the third time.



Amal Mathew

In the Santhome Fest the parish won two first prizes and four third prizes in individual categories.

- 1st Prize - Story Writing (Junior) Aneesha George
- 1st Prize - Solo (Sub Junior) George Jibin
- 3rd Prize - Drawing (Junior) James Prakash J. C.
- 3rd Prize - Story Writing (Junior) Albeena Bibu
- 3rd Prize – Mono Act (Sub Junior) ■

St. John Paul II Church Vaishali-Indirapuram



Charity visit of Mathrujyothis

‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice’

The Parish Priest Fr. Francis, the Trusty Mr. Thankachan Jose, Siny Siby, the President of the Mathrujyothis along with 35 mothers paid a visit to Shanti Niketan Ashram , a home for the destitute managed by Mrs Ancy Johnson at Chatrapur and donated a good amount of money collected during the Lenten season along with some old clothes. They spent 2 hours with them, spoke to the inmates and the generous lady Ancy Johnson who has dedicated her entire life and resources for those abandoned children of God. It was very touching and moving experience for all of them.

The newly appointed Mathru Jyothis office bearers are: President Mrs. Annie Thankachan; Vice President Mrs. Siny Emmanuel; Secretary Mrs. Annie Thankchan; Joint Secretary Mrs. Mancy Biju; Treasurer Mrs. Reena Jose.

Santhome Fest

Ahly Bijoy bagged the First position in painting, Tom Thankchan won the third position in Pencil Drawing and Anto Jose succeeded to clinch a third position in English Speech.

Fare well to Rev. Sr. Josy MSMI

Having served in our Parish for nearly one year Rev. Sr. Josy got transferred to MSMI Provincial House at Kannur. She taught Catechism, helped in arranging for the Holy Mass and sang in the Church

Choir when needed. A very down to earth, spiritual and efficient sister.

The Catechism department is indebted to Mrs. Annie Sebastian, who migrated to USA, for teaching Class XII for all these years. She was like mother, elder sister and a counselor to all students than a catechism teacher.

Welcome to the new Sister

A warm welcome was given to Rev. Sr. Vandana MSMI to our Parish. Besides helping in the Parish she will be working in St. Francis School as the in charge of senior wing. She is a preacher, counselor and a skill development trainer for teachers and students. She will be an asset to this Parish.

House Blessing and Family Unit Prayer

The Patron of our Parish St. John Paul II was truly formed in Immaculate Heart of Mary, his motto being “Totus Tuus”-totally yours. Following his footsteps, all families had a specially blessed Easter vigil candle burning at the time of House blessing and dedication to the Holy Family, after the Easter.

The well being of Church and the society at large are intimately linked with the nurturing of the family. Married love is too often dishonored by the selfishness and unlawful contraceptive practices.

To follow the simplicity of our heavenly Patron, our vicar has requested, instead of sumptuous dinner, to provide only ‘kanji and payer’ after the unit prayer every month. That’s taken positively by all units. ■

Reported by: Siby Augustine

St. Augustine's Forance Church, Karol Bagh



കരുണയുടെ വാതിലിലേക്ക് തീർത്ഥാടനം:

കരുണയുടെ ജൂബിലി വർഷത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ചു ഫരീദാബാദ് രൂപതയുടെ കരുണയുടെ വാതിലായ ക്രിസ്തുരാജ കത്തീഡ്രൽ ദേവാലയത്തിലേക്ക് ഏപ്രിൽ രണ്ടാം തീയതി ഇടവകയുടെ മാതൃജ്യോതിസ്സ് അംഗങ്ങൾ തീർത്ഥാടനം നടത്തി. അമ്മമാർ കത്തീഡ്രൽ ദേവാലയത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേക പ്രാർത്ഥനയും കൊന്തയും നടത്തി. കരോൾബാഗ് ഇടവകയിലെ അമ്മമാരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഈ ഒരു തീർത്ഥാടനം വളരെയധികം ദൈവാന്യഗ്രഹപ്രദമായിരുന്നു.

ആദ്യകൂർബാന സ്വീകരണവും സ്നേഹരൂപവും

ഏപ്രിൽ 17, ഞായറാഴ്ച ഇടവകയിലെ 10 കുട്ടികളുടെ ആദ്യകൂർബാന സ്വീകരണവും 11 കുട്ടികളുടെ സ്നേഹരൂപവും നടത്തി. രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് കൂര്യാക്കോസ് ഭരണികുളങ്ങരയുടെ മുഖ്യകാർമ്മികത്വത്തിലായിരുന്നു ശുശ്രൂഷകൾ. ഇടവക വികാരി മോൺ. ജോസ് ഇടശ്ശേരി, റവ. ഫാ. റിജോ തോമസ് എന്നിവർ സഹകാർമ്മികരായിരുന്നു.

ഓറിയന്റേഷൻ ക്ലാസ്സും കൗൺസിലിങ്ങും

ഇടവകയിലെ 7 മുതൽ 12 വരെയുള്ള ക്ലാസ്സുകളിലെ മതബോധന വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കായി മാതൃജ്യോതിസ്സിന്റെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ ഏപ്രിൽ മാസം ഇരുപതാം തീയതി ഓറിയന്റേഷൻ ക്ലാസ്സും കൗൺസിലിങ്ങും നടത്തി. റവ. സിസ്റ്റർ ലിസ്സി ജോർജ്ജ് എം. എസ്. എം. ഐ യുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ റവ. സിസ്റ്റർ മരട്ട എം. എസ്. എം. ഐ, റവ. സിസ്റ്റർ വന്ദന എം. എസ്. എം. ഐ ചേർന്നാണ് ഓറിയന്റേഷൻ ക്ലാസ്സും കൗൺസിലിങ്ങും നയിച്ചത്. പഴയ തലമുറയുടെയും പുതിയ തലമുറയുടെയും വിശ്വാസങ്ങൾ തമ്മിലുള്ള വ്യത്യാസത്തെക്കുറിച്ചും ടെക്നോളജിയുടെ വളർച്ചകൊണ്ട് ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന ഗുണത്തെയും ദോഷത്തെയും കുറിച്ചായിരുന്നു ക്ലാസ്സുകൾ. ഇത് കുട്ടികൾക്ക് വളരെയധികം ഉപകാരപ്രദമായിരുന്നുവെന്ന് കുട്ടികളും മാതാപിതാക്കളും അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. ■

Sacred Heart Forane Church, Gurgaon



Rev. Fr. Thomas Irumpukuthiyil CMI led the Lenten season Bible Convention "Aadmabhishekam". So many people from various walks of life participated in four-days Bible Convention. Along with the retreat, there was counseling, breaking the Word of God etc. This occasion was really awesome for us to bring ourselves closer to God. ■

St. Mother Teresa Church, South Extension



The 4th edition of MTBT was held on 16th April 2016 at Thyagaraj Stadium inaugurated by Msgr. Rev. Jose Edassery, Vicar General of Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi, Rev. Fr. Lijo Thaliyath, Director of Delhi Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (DSYM) and Rev. Dr. Jacob Nangelimalil, Forane

Vicar of Our Lady of Fatima Forane, Jasola. Msgr. Jose Edassery in his address emphasized on the importance of games in good health and better social bonding. 21 teams (16 men and 5 women) participated from various Christian rites of Delhi NCR like Syro-Malabar, Syro-Malankara, Latin and Orthodox. St. Lukes Church, Defence Colony and St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, Haus Khas won the 1st Prize and 2nd Prize respectively in Mens category. In Womens category, St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, Hauz Khas won the 1st Prize and Mother Teresa Church, South Extension won the 2nd Prize. ■

St. Alphonsa Church, Noida



Mathrujyothis of St. Alphonsa Church Noida, celebrated "Mothers Day" on 8th May 2016, with Holy Mass and special thanks giving prayers to the Almighty God. Children wished their mothers by offering flowers and led them to the Altar. The Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Joseph Muthuplakkal gave a fitting message on the occasion. Vicar shared that every mother should follow the same path of the Great Mother, Holy

Mary in their daily life, by walking with Jesus. He also expressed sincere gratitude to all the mothers for their commitment and invoked all the blessings of the Lord in their bringing up their children. Vicar selected one mother by taking lot as Lucky Mother of the Year and awarded her with a Gift. Mathrujyothis arranged an Agape (Appam and Kozhikkary) for all the parishioners to express their joy. ■

Santhome Fest 2016 1st Prize winners - Group Items



Kids Action Song - Holy Family Church, Pushp Vihar



Junior Group Dance - St. Francis of Assisi Forane Church, Dilshad Garden



Mathrujyothis, Margamkali, - St. Francis of Assisi Forane Church, Dilshad Garden



Church Choir - Assumption Forane Church, Mayur Vihar Phase III



Sub-Junior Group Dance - Assumption Forane Church, Mayur Vihar Phase III



Mathrujyothis, Group Dance - Assumption Forane Church, Mayur Vihar Phase III



Street Play - Our Lady of Fatima Forane Church, Jasola

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Day 1

DELHI – AMMAN

Arrive Amman Meet by our representative. Then proceed to Madaba Greek Orthodox Church of St. George Madaba.



Day 2

AMMAN – NAZARETH – CANA

Mt Nebo Proceed to Sheik Hussein Bridge to cross the border. Complete the customs & emigration formalities. Enter into Israel, Visit Nazareth, Basilica of the Annunciation, Joseph's workshop, Cana Church



Day 3

NAZARETH - SEA OF GALILEE–CAPERNAUM–JORDAN RIVER

Mount Tabor. Capernaum ,Tabgha - the Church of the Multiplication ,church of the Beatitudes, Sail on the Sea of Galilee ,St. Peter's house, the Church of Primacy of Peter , Mensa Christy, Visit Yardenit on the Jordan River.



Day 4

HAIFA - MT. CARMEL – EIN KAREM - BETHLEHEM

Caesarea to Haifa, Mt. Carmel. Visit Bahai Shrine. Then make a brief halt at the "Home of Eujoh", Lunch at Restaurant .View the beautiful Mediterranean Sea. Visit Ein Karem Church of Visitation Proceed to Bethlehem.



Day 5

OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM–GOLGOTHA–WAILING WALL - JERICHO - DEAD SEA

Follow the 14 Stations of the Cross to Golgotha, The Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Visit the Cenacle – Last Supper Room, the tomb of King David Sycamore Tree Proceed to Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth & Wailing Wall.



Day 6

MOUNT OF OLIVES - GETHSEMANE - BETHLEHEM

Mount of Olives Visit sanctuaries of Pater Nester Ascension. The chapel of Dorminos Flevit, Basilica of agony and Tomb of St. Mary, Church of St. Peter of Gallicantu. Church of Nativity ,Grotto of St. Jerome, Milk Grotto.



Day 7

BETHLEHEM – TABA

Proceed to Taba. Finish the Customs and Emigration formalities at the Israel side. Enter into Egypt. Complete customs formalities.. Check-in hotel.



Day 8

TABA - SINAI – DAHAB

Proceed to Sinai. View the beautiful and historical Sinai Mountains. Visit St. Catherine Monastery. Burning Bush, Proceed to Dahab. Check-in hotel.



Day 9

DAHAB - CAIRO

After Breakfast . Then proceed to Cairo we cross the famous Suez Canal. Arrive Cairo. Then proceed to Hotel. Over night at Hotel.



Day 10

CAIRO

Proceed on a visit to Pyramids, Sphinx and. Visit Egyptian Museum. Lunch. Then we visit perfume and papyrus factory and then we proceed for Cruising on Nile River Dinner and Overnight at hotel.



Day 11

CAIRO

After Breakfast, Check-out hotel. visit old churches of Cairo Proceed to Cairo International airport to board flight to Delhi.

Day 12

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