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21-Sep



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Azhakanakunnel**
21-Sep



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(Ashbin) Thoomullil**
21-Sep

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



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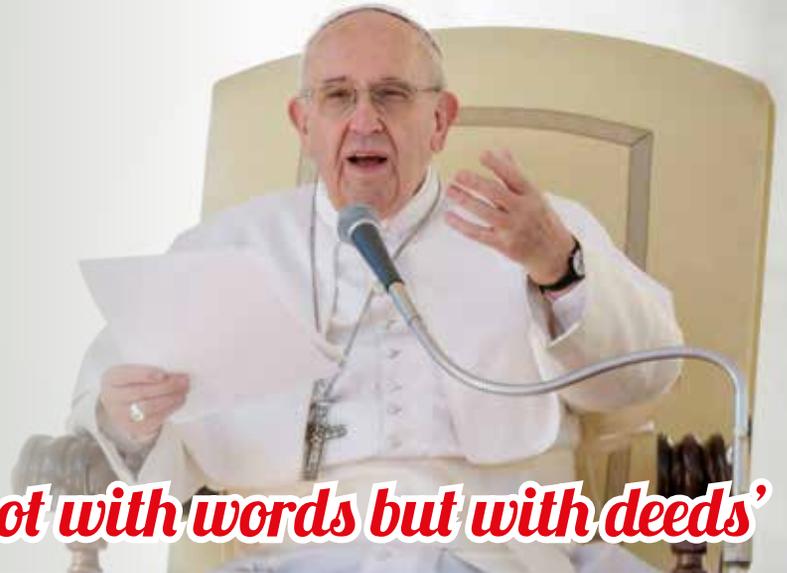
Congratulations and Welcome to Faridabad-Delhi Diocese



Rev. Fr. Anoop Madathiparambil was Ordained for the Diocese of Faridabad on 15th July 2017 by Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Eranellur, Thrissur

Newly Ordained Priest, representing Madathiparambil & Alappat Cherpukkaren Families presenting a memento to His Grace as a token of their love and concern.





Pope's Message for 1st World Day of the Poor

'Let us love, not with words but with deeds'

Below is the Vatican-provided text of Pope Francis' Message for the first World Day of the Poor, which is to be celebrated on Nov. 19, 2017, on the theme: 'Let us love, not with words but with deeds'

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 November 2017

Let us love, not with words but with deeds

1. "Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth" (1 Jn 3:18). These words of the Apostle John voice an imperative that no Christian may disregard. The seriousness with which the "beloved disciple" hands down Jesus' command to our own day is made even clearer by the contrast between the empty words so frequently on our lips and the concrete deeds against which we are called to measure ourselves. Love has no alibi. Whenever we set out to love as Jesus loved, we have to take the Lord as our example; especially when it comes to loving the poor. The Son of God's way of loving is well-known, and John spells it out clearly. It stands on two pillars: God loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:10.19), and he loved us by giving completely of himself, even to laying down his life (cf. 1 Jn 3:16).

Such love cannot go unanswered. Even though offered unconditionally, asking nothing in return, it so sets hearts on fire that all who experience it are led to love back, despite their limitations and sins. Yet this can only happen if we welcome God's grace, his merciful charity, as fully as possible into our hearts, so that our will and even our emotions are drawn to love both God and neighbour. In this way, the mercy that wells up – as it were – from the heart of the Trinity can shape our lives and bring forth compassion and works of mercy for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in need.

2. "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him" (Ps 34:6). The Church has always understood the importance of this cry. We possess an outstanding testimony to this in the very first pages of the Acts of the Apostles, where Peter asks that seven men, "full of the Spirit and of wisdom" (6:3), be chosen for the ministry of caring for the poor. This is certainly one of the first signs of the entrance of the Christian community upon the world's stage: the service of the poor. The earliest community realized that being a disciple of Jesus meant demonstrating fraternity and solidarity, in obedience to the Master's proclamation that the poor are blessed and heirs to the Kingdom of heaven (cf. Mt 5:3).

“They sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:45). In these words, we see clearly expressed the lively concern of the first Christians. The evangelist Luke, who more than any other speaks of mercy, does not exaggerate when he describes the practice of sharing in the early community. On the contrary, his words are addressed to believers in every generation, and thus also to us, in order to sustain our own witness and to encourage our care for those most in need. The same message is conveyed with similar conviction by the Apostle James. In his Letter, he spares no words: “Listen, my beloved brethren. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you, and drag you into court? ... What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled’, without giving them the things needed for the body; what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has not works, is dead’ (2:5-6.14-17).

3. Yet there have been times when Christians have not fully heeded this appeal, and have assumed a worldly way of thinking. Yet the Holy Spirit has not failed to call them to keep their gaze fixed on what is essential. He has raised up men and women who, in a variety of ways, have devoted their lives to the service of the poor. Over these two thousand years, how many pages of history have been written by Christians who, in utter simplicity and humility, and with generous and creative charity, have served their poorest brothers and sisters!

The most outstanding example is that of Francis of Assisi, followed by many other holy men and women over the centuries. He was not satisfied to embrace lepers and give them alms, but chose to go to Gubbio to stay with them. He saw this meeting as the turning point of his conversion: “When I was

in my sins, it seemed a thing too bitter to look on lepers, and the Lord himself led me among them and I showed them mercy. And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me was changed into sweetness of mind and body” (Text 1-3: FF110). This testimony shows the transformative power of charity and the Christian way of life.

We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people’s needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life. Our prayer and our journey of discipleship and conversion find the confirmation of their evangelic authenticity in precisely such charity and sharing. This way of life gives rise to joy and peace of soul, because we touch with our own hands the flesh of Christ. If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ, broken in the sacred liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. Saint John Chrysostom’s admonition remains ever timely: “If you want to honour the body of Christ, do not scorn it when it is naked; do not honour the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments, and then, leaving the church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness” (Hom. in Matthaem, 50.3: PG 58).

We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself.

4. Let us never forget that, for Christ’s

disciples, poverty is above all a call to follow Jesus in his own poverty. It means walking behind him and beside him, a journey that leads to the beatitude of the Kingdom of heaven (cf. Mt 5:3; Lk 6:20). Poverty means having a humble heart that accepts our creaturely limitations and sinfulness and thus enables us to overcome the temptation to feel omnipotent and immortal. Poverty is an interior attitude that avoids looking upon money, career and luxury as our goal in life and the condition for our happiness. Poverty instead creates the conditions for freely shouldering our personal and social responsibilities, despite our limitations, with trust in God's closeness and the support of his grace. Poverty, understood in this way, is the yardstick that allows us to judge how best to use material goods and to build relationships that are neither selfish nor possessive (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, Nos. 25-45).

Let us, then, take as our example Saint Francis and his witness of authentic poverty. Precisely because he kept his gaze fixed on Christ, Francis was able to see and serve him in the poor. If we want to help change history and promote real development, we need to hear the cry of the poor and commit ourselves to ending their marginalization. At the same time, I ask the poor in our cities and our communities not to lose the sense of evangelical poverty that is part of their daily life.

5. We know how hard it is for our contemporary world to see poverty clearly for what it is. Yet in myriad ways poverty challenges us daily, in faces marked by suffering, marginalization, oppression, violence, torture and imprisonment, war, deprivation of freedom and dignity, ignorance and illiteracy, medical emergencies and shortage of work, trafficking and slavery, exile, extreme poverty and forced migration. Poverty has the face of women, men and children exploited by base interests, crushed by the machinations of power and money. What a bitter and endless list we would have to compile were we to add the poverty born of social

injustice, moral degeneration, the greed of a chosen few, and generalized indifference!

Tragically, in our own time, even as ostentatious wealth accumulates in the hands of the privileged few, often in connection with illegal activities and the appalling exploitation of human dignity, there is a scandalous growth of poverty in broad sectors of society throughout our world. Faced with this scenario, we cannot remain passive, much less resigned. There is a poverty that stifles the spirit of initiative of so many young people by keeping them from finding work. There is a poverty that dulls the sense of personal responsibility and leaves others to do the work while we go looking for favours. There is a poverty that poisons the wells of participation and allows little room for professionalism; in this way it demeans the merit of those who do work and are productive. To all these forms of poverty we must respond with a new vision of life and society.

All the poor – as Blessed Paul VI loved to say – belong to the Church by “evangelical right” (Address at the Opening of the Second Session of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, 29 September 1963), and require of us a fundamental option on their behalf. Blessed, therefore, are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are hands that bring hope. Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity. Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no “ifs” or “buts” or “maybes”: they are hands that call down God's blessing upon their brothers and sisters.

6. At the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, I wanted to offer the Church a World Day of the Poor, so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need. To the World Days instituted by my Predecessors, which are already a tradition in the life of our communities, I wish to add this one, which adds to them an exquisitely evangelical

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APPOINTMENT OF PRIESTS



**Rev. Fr. Anoop
Madathiparambil**



**Rev. Fr. Santo
Puthumanakunnathu**



**Rev. Fr. Francis (Jubit)
Thelliyil**



**Rev. Fr. Alex
Muttathu**



**Rev. Fr. Vinod
Moonjely**

Rev. Fr. Anoop Madathiparambil, Priest in Charge of Amalolbhava Matha Church, Mahipalpur, w.e.f. 05 August 2017.

Rev. Fr. Santo Puthumanakunnathu MCBS, Parish Priest of Mary Matha Church, Mayur Vihar Phase II & IP Exten., w.e.f. 16 June 2017

Rev. Fr. Francis (Jubit) Thelliyil MST, Parish Priest of St. Thomas Church, Chandigarh, w.e.f. 02 July 2017

Rev. Fr. Alex Muttathu MCBS, Parish Priest of St Alphonsa Church, Shahbadh, w.e.f. 30 July 2017

Rev. Fr. Vinod Moonjely, Priest in Charge of St. Alphonsa Mission Station, Kot Ise Khan (Punjab), w.e.f. 01 August 2017.

THANKS AND PRAYERFUL WISHES



**Fr. Shinto
Kolathupadavil CMI**



Fr. Jackson Puthenpura

community in this new mission station at Chandigarh. Fr. Shinto Kolathupadavil did his ministry in our diocese as the Asst Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Forane church, Gurgaon and as the Parish Priest of Mary Matha Church, Mayur Vihar Phase II & IP Extension. The spiritual and pastoral life of the people of God was enriched by his charismatic leadership and pastoral enthusiasm. We acknowledge with thanks their esteemed presence and ministry in the diocese and wish them God's blessings and all the best in their new ministry.

We remember with gratitude Rev. Fr. Shinto Kolathupadavil CMI and Rev. Fr. Jackson Puthenpura who returned to their home congregation and diocese after their fruitful ministry in the diocese of Faridabad-Delhi. Fr. Jackson Puthenpura served for four years in our diocese as the Parish Priest of St. Thomas Church, Chandigarh. His hard work and missionary zeal contributed much to the formation of a lively

Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi extends a warm welcome to Rev. Fr. Francis (Jubit) Thelliyil MST who came to serve in the diocese and appointed as the Parish Priest of St. Thomas Church, Chandigarh. The whole diocesan community welcomes him and greets him success in the new ministry.



സാന്തോം ബൈബിൾ കൺവെൻഷൻ ലോഗോ പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു.

Archbishop releasing Santhome Bible Convention Logo at Divine Mercy Hall, Bishop's House, Karol Bagh on 8th July, 2017

ഫരീദാബാദ്-ഡൽഹി രൂപതയുടെ എട്ടാമത് സാന്തോം ബൈബിൾ കൺവെൻഷന്റെ ലോഗോ രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് കുര്യാക്കോസ് രേണികുളങ്ങര പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു. ജൂലൈ 8 ശനിയാഴ്ച രൂപതാകേന്ദ്രത്തിലെ 'ഡിവൈൻ മേഴ്സി ഹാളിൽ' നടന്ന ലോഗോ പ്രകാശനച്ചടങ്ങിൽ രൂപത വികാരി ജനറാൾ മോൺ. ജോസ് ഇടശ്ശേരി, ചാൻസിലർ റവ. ഡോ. റോബി കുന്താനിയിൽ, പ്രൊക്യൂററർ റവ. ഫാ. ഡേവിസ് കള്ളിയത്തുപറമ്പിൽ, രൂപതയിലെ എല്ലാ ഇടവക വികാരിമാർ, കൈക്കാരന്മാർ, വിവിധ

സംഘടനാപ്രതിനിധികൾ സന്നിഹിതരായിരുന്നു. ബഹു. റവ. ഫാ. സേവ്യർ ഖാൻ വട്ടായിൽ അച്ഛനാണ് (സെഹിയോൻ ധ്യാനകേന്ദ്രം, താവളം, പാലക്കാട്) ഈ പ്രാവശ്യത്തെ ധ്യാനം നയിക്കുന്നത്. ഡൽഹിയിലെ INA-യിലുള്ള ത്യാഗരാജ സ്റ്റേഡിയത്തിൽ സെപ്റ്റംബർ 30, ഒക്ടോബർ 1, 2 തീയതികളിലാണ് ധ്യാനം നടക്കുക. ജനറൽ കൺവീനർ മോൺ. റവ. ഫാ. ജോസ് ഇടശ്ശേരിയുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ വിവിധ കമ്മറ്റികൾ ധ്യാനത്തിന്റെ വിജയത്തിനുവേണ്ടി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു വരുന്നു.

Prayer for Santhome Bible Convention

സാന്തോം ബൈബിൾ കൺവെൻഷനുവേണ്ടി നമുക്ക് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാം.

പിതാവും പുത്രനും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവുമായ ത്രിത്വൈക ദൈവമെ, ഞങ്ങൾ അങ്ങനെ ആരാധിക്കുന്നു, സ്തുതിക്കുന്നു, അങ്ങയ്ക്ക് ഞങ്ങൾ നന്ദി പറയുന്നു. ജീവിത നവീകരണത്തിനും കൂടുംബ വിശുദ്ധീകരണത്തിനുമായി അങ്ങ് ഞങ്ങൾക്കായി ഒരുക്കുന്ന സാന്തോം ബൈബിൾ കൺവെൻഷനെ ഞങ്ങൾ അങ്ങയ്ക്ക് സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു. സഭയോട് ചേർന്ന് വിശ്വാസം പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കുവാനും തിരുവചനത്താൽ നിറഞ്ഞു അങ്ങയെ ആരാധിക്കുവാനും ആത്മാക്കളുടെ രക്ഷയ്ക്കുവേണ്ടി യത്നിക്കുവാനും ഈ കൺവെൻഷനിലൂടെ ഞങ്ങളെ പ്രാപ്തരാക്കണമെ. വചന പ്രഘോഷകരായ സെഹിയോൻ ടീം അംഗങ്ങളേയും ഞങ്ങളേയും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാഭിഷേകത്താൽ നിറയ്ക്കണമെ. ഞങ്ങളുടെ രക്ഷകനും നാഥനുമായ യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ നാമത്തിൽ ഞങ്ങൾ സമർപ്പിക്കുന്ന ഈ അപേക്ഷ അങ്ങ് സ്വീകരിച്ചുരളണമെ. ആമ്മേൻ

1 സ്വർഗ്ഗ.

അവതരിച്ച വചനത്തിന്റെ മാതാവേ . . .
 നീതിമാനായ യൗസേപ്പിതാവേ . . .
 സകല വിശുദ്ധരേ . . .
 സകല മാലാഖമാരേ . . .
 ശുദ്ധീകരണ സ്ഥലത്തെ ആത്മാക്കളേ . . .

ഞങ്ങൾക്കുവേണ്ടി അപേക്ഷിക്കണമേ . . .
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(ഈ പ്രാർത്ഥന എല്ലാ ഇടവകകളിലും കുർബാനയ്ക്കു ശേഷം ചൊല്ലേണ്ടതാണ് - ജനറൽ കൺവീനർ)

FEAST & SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



The diocesan community celebrated the Feast day of our dear Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara and the Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. John Chozhithara and Rev. Fr. Paul Moonjely on 12 July at Bishop's House, Karol Bagh. There was a Solemn Holy Mass in which His Grace was the main celebrant. Rev. Jubilerians and all the priests working in the diocese con-celebrated with the Archbishop. Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery delivered the message of the day in which he gave a short history of the two Jubilerians. After the Holy Mass there was a meeting to felicitate the

Archbishop and the Jubilerians. Rev. Fr. Martin Palamattam greeted our Archbishop on his feast day. Archbishop himself wished the Jubilerians and remembered with gratitude the sincere contributions of the two Jubilerians in the growth of this new diocese. After the greetings, the two Rev. Fathers gave the words of reply in which they thanked God and everyone who helped them in their past 25 years of priestly life. The two Jubilerians were honoured with "Ponnada" and they together with Archbishop cut the cake and shared their joy with the diocesan community. ■

HOLY ADORATION & CONFESSION

on every Monday
at Hall of 'Divine Mercy'
Bishop's House

Adoration : 9.30 a.m to 4.30 p.m.
Confession : 9.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m.



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"Forgiveness cannot undo the past but it can enlarge the future".

**PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY
13TH OF AUGUST, 2017
PASTORAL LETTER**

[Please read this pastoral letter in all the churches on 13th of August, 2017]

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

"Forgiveness cannot undo the past but it can enlarge the future". This thought-provoking statement is chosen as the theme and Message of this year's Prison Ministry Sunday. It is uniquely fitting that we all reflect on this theme anew as our reflections of a Year of Mercy are still fresh in our minds. Mercy and Forgiveness go hand in hand. We know that the Almighty God, the author of our life, made himself known to humanity as "a God of tenderness, compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy" (Ex 34: 6) Our God is a God who forgives, the offences and iniquities of human beings. He is a liberating and saving God. And when God became man 'Jesus is the Father's Mercy'(Face of Mercy, No.1) On the occasion of the recent Joint- meeting of Lutheran-Catholic leaders held in Rome, Pope Francis reiterated " the past cannot be changed, but it is possible to engage in a purification of memory, that is to tell that history differently" .

Prison Ministry is entirely a service of Mercy and Forgiveness. The incredible isolation and loneliness, powerlessness and hopelessness experienced by our ill-fated brothers and sisters locked up inside the prison walls are known to those engaged in the Ministry in the past many years. Through the celebration of Prison Ministry Sunday, the Church wants to declare once again to each one of those 4,19,623 prisoners held up inside 1,401 prisons in India that they are not alone and their situation is not hopeless.

The crime Scenario in the world is bleak and increasingly frightening. The criminal justice system is overburdened. The general trend in dealing with the situation is more and more punitive. Yet, the more people are punished, the more crime is committed. Offenders are not threatened enough by imprisonment. They remain in bondage; their victims remain in hurt and pain. The society remains in fear. Imprisonment is supposed to offer correction, reform and rehabilitation. But nothing of these happen in reality; instead it makes things worse. Prison is becoming both a dumping ground for the destitute and a crash course in crime for delinquents. We know that our prisons and the system have failed to bring down the crime rate. The methodology carried out for reformation produce negative results. Perhaps there are other serious issues that need our attention? Why crime is on increase?

At this juncture, the church offers an alternative, inviting us to turn to JESUS, to imitate his approach to, his ways with the offenders, sinners and the outcasts of his time, all those untouchables and condemned of his society. The parables of the shepherd and his lost sheep, the woman and her lost coin of today's Gospel present a powerful point for our consideration. Just as the shepherd values his lost sheep and the woman values her lost coin and take every effort to go behind the lost, search until they are found, God our Father values every one of his lost son or daughter, feels for them, wait for their "coming into senses" for their return. God's love is unconditional.

"Mum, is God a grown-up or a parent?" A friend



Archbishop presided over the Prison Ministry Sunday in Tihar Jail

was confused by her child's question. "I'm not sure what you mean," she said, "What's the difference between grown-up and a parent?" "Well," the child said, "Grown-ups love you when you're good and parents love you anyway."

What a good question! Is God a grown-up or a parent? That's what the Gospel tells us about: Jesus, who seeks the lost things, is the God I want to proclaim. God is looking for us. Sometimes it's a long journey, and with some people it takes a lifetime. Prisoners need our support to help them move away from a life of crime and towards the light of His healing rays. They need the strength of our Faith, Hope and Love. A new approach with most understanding and compassion can in surprising ways, disarm even the most hardened offender. Based on Jesus' values of mercy and forgiveness we should commit ourselves for the reform of these suffering people. Three proposals are put forward:

First, we work to make the prisons Communities of Hope:

This means we work to change the oppressive sense

of hopelessness that pervades the atmosphere of any prison, the result of guilt, silence, solitude etc. Ministers, men and women of Faith must act as agents and Angels of Hope, making ourselves "Channels of hope and peace ". Then we can sing with Francis" where there is despair, let me bring Hope ". [Ref. Pope Francis]

Secondly, we work to make prisons Communities of Faith:

Human being is basically spiritual. Healthy spiritual orientation is a pre-requisite for any holistic Reform which is a must for lasting result. Faith helps one to listen, to reflect, to forgive. The faith only can give answer to the family members who questioned a volunteer of a prison ministry; can you give back the mother who was killed by our father? Faith helps us to cross the borders on the seemingly inaccessible shores.

Thirdly, we make prison communities of Restorative Justice:

Restorative justice is a way of responding to a person who has been harmed, a person who has caused harm

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INAUGURATION OF DIOCESAN CATECHISM ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18



Faridabad Diocese’s Catechetical year 2017-18 inaugural function was held on 9th July 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima Forane Church, Jasola. The program started with a prayer led by Rev. Sr. Prasuna, C.H.F. Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara inaugurated the Catechism academic year 2017-18 and reminded that faith formation is not a profession but a ministry and directed teachers to convey the same to the children through their own life example.

The logo, motto, Catechism Diary & Academic Calendar were released by His Grace, Msgr. Jose Edassery & Rev. Dr. Jacob Nangelimalil by giving a copy to Mr. Jacob Thomas-Catechism Joint Secretary, Mrs. Aleyamma Abraham-Catechism Promoter & Aviyah Mary M. Jose respectively. Rank Holders of last year Scholarship Examination were awarded the prizes by His Grace along with Trophies to the Model Sunday Schools. Following parishes were selected as model Sunday schools for the year 2016-17.

North Zone - Nirmal Hridaya Church, Tagore Garden, Bl. Sacrament Church, Kingsway Camp

South Zone - St. Joseph’s Church, Kalkaji, Our Lady of Fatima Forane Church, Jasola

East Zone - St. Mary’s Church, Mayur Vihar-1, St. Jude’s Church, Sahibabad

West Zone - Infant Jesus Forane Church, Palam, St. Chavara Kuriakose Elias Church, Hari Nagar

Nativity Church, Sanjoepuram was awarded a special prize for their performance.

Then, Rev. Fr. John Chozhithara, explained his experience of faith formation in Germany.

Msgr. Jose Edassery celebrated Holy Eucharist. He advised the teachers that all should be well aware of the life backgrounds of each student and intervene before their “wine run out”, like Mother Mary at Cana. After the lunch, Rev. Fr. Thomas Marottipparayil, O.C.D. conducted an input session for teachers on this year’s motto i.e. “Catechesis to experience the saviour through Mother Mary”. He moulded the teachers in an exceptionally well manner that how a Catechism teacher can adopt Mother Mary’s life as model, so that the children may experience Christ, the saviour.

Catechism Director, Rev. Fr. Santo Puthumanakunnath MCBS instructed the teachers about important things to remember and implement during the academic year. A career guidance program also was launched by our Diocese in association with Mentornetz. Mr. James George, Kalkaji extended the Vote of Thanks.

Rev. Fr. Santo MCBS the Director, Mr. Regi Thomas, Secretary and Mr. Jacob Thomas, Joint Secretary convened the program wherein 366 teachers, few Parish Priests and rank holders with their families participated. The one day programme ended with refreshments. ■

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Venue : Our Lady of Fatima Forane Church, Jasola

Date : 10 September 2017
2pm to 8pm



Archbishop
Kuriakose Bharanikulangara
Bishop of Faridabad-Delhi



Br. Santhosh
Karumathra

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**SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION 2016-17
RANK HOLDERS**



AVIYAH MARY M JOS
CLASS-1, 1ST RANK
DILSHAD GARDEN



ALPHONSA ANNIE PHILIP
CLASS-1, 2ND RANK
JASOLA



JOPAUL SHIJO,
CLASS-1, 3RD RANK
MAYUR VIHAR-3



ALANA SEBY
CLASS-7, 1ST RANK
HARI NAGAR



SANIA JOHNSON
CLASS-7, 2ND RANK
JASOLA



JULIA MARY THOMAS
CLASS 7, 3RD RANK
HARI NAGAR



ANN THERESA SAJI
CLASS-2, 1ST RANK
PUSHP VIHAR



JISSIL SAJAN
CLASS-2, 2ND RANK
LADO SARAI



ADDON SEBY
CLASS-2, 3RD RANK
HARI NAGAR



NISHANT SAM
CLASS-8 1ST RANK
MOTIA KHAN



JEROME SHIJO
CLASS-8, 2ND RANK
MAYUR VIHAR-3



BLESSY THOMAS
CLASS-8, 3RD RANK
BURARI



ALAN MATHEW
CLASS-3, 1ST RANK
TAGORE GARDEN



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



JUANITA ROSE TOBY
CLASS-3, 3RD RANK
SOUTH EXTN



REMYA SAJI
CLASS-9, RANK-1
PALAM



JESSEENTHA ANNE JOJI
CLASS-9 2ND RANK
LADO SARAI



SHALAT JAYAN
CLASS-9, 3RD RANK
HARI NAGAR



MARIA MONICA PHILIP
CLASS-4, 1ST RANK
JASOLA



NIA STEPHEN
CLASS-4, 2ND RANK
MAYUR VIHAR-3



SHARON JOSEPH SAJU
CLASS-4, 3RD RANK
KAROL BAGH



ELIZABETH BENNY
CLASS-10, 1ST RANK
KALKAJI



ASHITA SIBICHAN
CLASS-10, 2ND RANK
JASOLA



ANISHA MATHEWS
CLASS-10, 3RD RANK
JASOLA



AARON SUNIL
CLASS-5, 1ST RANK
TAGORE GARDEN



ANEETA JOSEPH
CLASS-5, 2ND RANK
TAGORE GARDEN



CHRISTO MARTIN
CLASS-5, 3RD RANK
TAGORE GARDEN



ARSHA LIZ M JOS
CLASS-11, 1ST RANK
DILSHAD GARDEN



AJEESHA A. ALEX
CLASS 11, RANK 2
LADO SARAI



ALVY SABU
CLASS-11, 3RD RANK
MAYUR VIHAR-3



JOEL ANTONY
CLASS-6, 1ST RANK
HARI NAGAR



SHERIN THOMAS
CLASS-6, 2ND RANK
HARI NAGAR



ANTO JOSE
CLASS-6, 3RD RANK
INDIRAPURAM-VAISHALI



NEHA SAM
CLASS-12, 1ST RANK
MOTIA KHAN



ASHLY SIBICHAN
CLASS-12, 2ND RANK
JASOLA



NEHA MARIA BENNY
CLASS-12, 3RD RANK
JASOLA

GLIMPSES OF SANJOEPURAM Days of celebrations



Occasions of various celebrations make sanjoepuram family more exquisite. The gracious presences of our beloved His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose BharaniKulangara made us more joyful on this season of feast days. We had great Privilege to greet him with melodies songs and felicitations.

On 1st June we celebrated birth day of our dear Fr. Mathew Thumoollil, the Execurive Director of Sanjoepuram Institutions. Solemn Holy Ourbana was offered for him; dancing, singing, felicitations, greeting cards, decorations etc. cheered up the campus. We respect and honor everyone, especially on their special occasions. Reverent sisters are greeted with prayers and enhance mottos of their lives on their birth days and feast days. Children highlighted with their good values on their birth days and warm greetings are extended to them.

Amusing Days

Our Sanjoepuram family aims at over all developments of a child's personality. In view of this we provide maximum opportunities in various circumstances. Basket ball and volleyball training had been given to them during summer vacation s by Rev. Deacon Anoop. One day picnic arranged for the children in Fun Park at Palvel. Children are cherishing sweet



memories of these days. They are stepping forward by numerous opportunities to venture forward and engaged in various extracurricular activities like music classes, NIT coaching, coaching in games etc.

Yoga

In a fast progressing world children are chasing their dreams, transforming their visions. In order to fulfill their aspirations, they are trained to have yoga practices. Through this they are learning how to make them stand out in crowd and shine brighter.

Infant Jesus School, Sanjoepuram



“Grow in wisdom and love”. Our motto becoming our guiding star and strengthen us to reach higher level of success. Infantines are trying to scale still higher peaks of excellence. We appreciate the teachers and students who spend their valuable time for the development of sanjoepuram society. Imparting education is a divine duty. After the school hours extra classes are arranged for the weak students for one hour. Special emphases are laying up on

improving the linguistic abilities of the students and they are motivated to communicate in English by the guidance of expertise hands.

Raising Athletics

State of Haryana enhances more importance to sports and games. Infants are the children of Haryana and they began to win more exciting awards and rewards in this field.

It is the great dream of our beloved His grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulanga to express and expose sports activities in the school and to bring out the hidden talents of the children. We are so proud to express his aspirations into lime light.

Infant Jesus School, sanjoepuram motivates Students to have access to sports and games. By taking part in various competitions they promote higher self esteem and enable them to earn better grades. Children participated in sports of their choice such as athletics, Kabadi, Khokho etc organized by District Education Office, hold in sector 12, Faridabad. It is impressive to mention some of them are selected for state level sports competition. They beat the cups as:-

- 1st in 100 Mtr.
- 2nd in 800 Mtr.
- 2nd in Kabadi

We wish them to win over many prizes and medals at national level and bring out their hidden ambitions

Catechetical Inauguration

Faith is not about empty words but about reality. Faith requires the free will and clear understanding of a person when he accepted the divine invitation. Church of Nativity, Sanjoepuram consider catechesis as one of her primary tasks. We are trying to impart it in an organized and systematic way.

Catechism Academic Year was inaugurated in the unit level on 2nd Sunday 2017. Offertory procession held before the Holy Mass by the teachers and students. After the Holy Mass inauguration function began with

In Loving Memory



Robin D. Thomas

Born: 22-04-2000 - Died: 21-05-2017

S/o Mr. Devasia Thomas & Mrs. Reena Devasia
Panikkamparambil House,
71-A, Pocket-E, GTB Enclave, Delhi - 93
St. Francis of Assisi Forane Church,
Dilshad Garden, Delhi



a small prayer, and Bible reading. Head mistress of the Unit extended warm Welcome to all; for the function. Presidential address was extended by Rev. Fr. Mathew, the Parish Priest. He inspired the congregation by the theme of the year; "Catechesis to Experience the Savior Through Mother Mary." Followed by lighting of lamp by distinguished guests; while children raised their voice in prayer and lifted the lighted candles by singing "Lead me O' Lord" After Taking pledge by the teachers, Rev. Sr. Pushipika given a talk on the topic "Faith Formation in the Present Scenario". Sr. Jis Maria, the secretary of the Unit expressed gratitude through her beautiful words. Function concluded with Catechetical Anthem. ■



DSYM Annual General Body Meeting 2017

DSYM Annual General Body Meeting 2017 was held on 22nd July 2017 at the Hall of Divine Mercy, Bishop’s House, Karol Bagh, between 2-6 p.m. Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar General of the Diocese of Faridabad chaired the meeting. The Annual Diocesan Report and the Financial Reports were read out, approved and signed. Unit Secretaries presented their Annual Reports. One of the main agenda of the meeting was the discussion focused at ‘Youth, Faith and Vocational

Discernment’, the preparatory document, for the Synod in October 2018. It was effectively carried out through presentations and group discussion moderated by DSYM Director, Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath.

Another important highlight of the day was the release of DSYM promotional video. It accentuates the core foundation of the youth apostolate being faith, and the motto of the organization- ‘For the Church and the Nation’.



Parish Visits

DSYM Diocesan Executive Committee continues to visit various parish units in the Diocese. Parishes that have been visited recently are Infant Jesus Forane Church, Palam; St. Padre Pio Church, Rohini; Assumption Forane Church, Mayur Vihar Phase-3 and St. Jude Church, Sahibabad.

DSYM Diocesan Executive Committee (DEXCO) completes a year in office

It has been a year since the last Diocesan Executive

Committee assumed office. When we look back, it has been an incredible journey. Some of the significant interventions, milestones and accomplishments are:

- Actively engaged youth and unit Directors in the Diocese. An average of 200+ youth participation in all events
- Established profound linkage with neighbouring Dioceses and Diocese in the Northern Region
- Released the first-ever printed copy of 'Youth Beats', the magazine of DSYM. It reaches around 100 people including institutions and organizations outside the Diocese
- The team has visited 10+ parishes during the past few months
- Active participation in the 10th National Youth Convention at Mangalore
- Earned a position in the National Team of the Syro-Malabar Youth Movement
- Represented DSYM at more than 10 events outside the Diocese
- The team continues to serve in unity. Zero attrition in the team till date.

We intend to humbly serve the Diocese further in future. Thank you for all the prayers and blessings that have been extended to us in the past one year. ■

Hearty Welcome



**Archbishop nominated
Prof. Omana Antony, Sacred Heart
Forane Church, Gurgaon,
to the Editorial Board of Diocesan
Bulletin, Santhome Messenger.**

Oath Taking Ceremony



“The greatest blessing in the whole world is being a blessing”

‘God’s blessings may come as a surprise and how much you receive depends on how much your heart can believe. ‘Yes! friends, this is what happened on Sunday; the 4th of June, the day of Pentecost. As the Holy spirit descended on the Apostles, in the same way the day marked with the showers of blessings to the newly elected Trustees and Parish Council members; who took the oath during 9:30am mass in Maria Sadan. The main celebrant was the Parish Priest Fr. Shinto Kolathupadavil C.M.I. During the mass, Trustees and the Parish council members lit the candle and read out the prayers by touching the Bible and kissing the altar. The Parish Priest read out the official letter of the Bishop. The mass concluded with the photo session.

BID ADIEU

On Sunday;14th June; the Parishioners bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Shinto Kolathupadavil



for an exemplary work he did during his Six months tenure to the Mary Matha Church. As a Parish Priest, he will be remembered for his extraordinary work of binding Parishioners with his prayer and fasting. He left the comforts of life by serving to the best of his abilities. He was the true shepherd who looked after his sheep. During his tenure, he worked day and night running nook and corner to bind people from all walks of life. He conducted the Elections of different wings of the parish i.e. Trustees, Parish Council members, Unit presidents, D.S.Y.M. etc. within his short tenure, he made the people realise his presence. We remember with gratitude his spiritual presence and hard work and wish him all success in his future ministries.

Archbishop’s Visit



As a surprise, on the day of Pentecost, by 7 pm; Mary Matha church was blessed with the presence of His Grace Bishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, who visited the old and the new Parish Council members. Fr. Shinto welcomed our Archbishop with a bouquet of flowers. There was an exchange of ideas. His Grace appreciated the team spirit and the meeting concluded by 9pm with a combined dinner. ■

Archbishop Kuriakose meets the Parish Council Members of Gurgaon



Archbishop Kuriakose met the Parish Council members of Rajiv Nagar and Mass Centre on Wednesday 5 July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall of Rajiv Nagar Church. After the prayer of Archbishop, Rev. Fr. Martin Palamattam, Vicar welcomed Archbishop to the meeting and informed the members about the intention of the visit of Archbishop. Archbishop, then, explained the recent Geo-political developments of Gurgaon. The faithful now stay mainly on the South city side. The reason behind this development is the

establishment of many hospitals and multinational companies in that area. This situation demands more pastoral care on that area. That was the reason why the Assistant Vicar was shifted to a flat in Jharsa.

In conclusion, Archbishop told the meeting that in due course of time, he will divide the Sacred Heart Forane Church into two separate Parishes. For the time being, the Vicar of Sacred Heart Forane Church will be the Vicar of both centres and the Priest who stays in the South city side will be "Priest in charge".

After the talk of Archbishop, Council members had the chance to ask questions or tell their suggestions. They asked about the pastoral needs of the parish. Archbishop answered all their questions. With the vote of thanks of Mrs Santhy Joseph, Pastoral Council member, the meeting came to an end.

Before the meeting of the Parish Council members, Archbishop also visited the Diocesan Old Age Home in Gurgaon and spent some time with the inmates and Rev. Sisters. ■



Blessing and Laying of Foundation Stone

July 7, 2017 was a day marked in the hearts of the faithful of Sacred Heart Church, Najafgarh as this day witnessed the beginning of the actualization of their long-dream. His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara blessed and laid the foundation stone for the church at Najafgarh in the presence of the Provincials, Faithful and Sisters of SH, SD,

CHF and FIH congregation. His grace addressed the gathering after the function. The faithful of Sacred Heart Church, Najafgarh, the smallest parish of the Diocese of Faridabad, has been gathering for the worship in SH Provincial house chapel since its formation as a Parish. Beseeking your prayers...

Feast of Sacred Heart

The feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated with much devotion. Submitting themselves to the care and protection of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, all the faithful gathered in the evening for the Holy Eucharist and prayers to the Sacred Heart. The Procession to the Sacred Liturgy was accompanied with a traditional entrance dance by the Candidates from Sacred Heart Congregation. ■

St . Padre Pio Church

Rohini



St Padre Pio Church celebrated St Thomas Day and Catechism Day on 2nd July 2017. The Catechism Classes for 2016-17 inaugurated by Vicar Fr Nixon Kotayil and a Preparation Seminar were conducted for all students by Principal Mr O Thomas and Sr. Marina CHF. All those who have the name of St Thomas were conveyed festal greetings and prayed for them during the mass. On the month

of July 2017, Parish conducted Home mission together with sisters of Holy Family Congregation, Burari from 02nd July 17 to 17th July 17. It was a blessed experience to all parish members.

Dexco Parish Visit : 16th July 2017, DSYM - Dexco members visited our parish lead by Mr Bivin Varghese , President DSYM. Dexco briefs the ideals and motto of DSYM and followed by an interactive session of queries and concerns about Youth ministry.

The New Star: Our parishioner Amoj Jacob S/o Jacob P A, represented Team India in 22nd Asian Athletics Championships, Bhubaneshwar 2017 and bagged Gold Medal in 4X400 relay. And now he is representing Team India in World Championship 2017 in London. We hope another wonder from him and wishes him all the best. ■

St. Jude Church

Sahibabad



On 2Nd of July, Our church had a golden day after many days of preparation. We had the Syro-Malabar Rassa Qurbana for the first time in our church, and for many of us it was a new and privileged experience. We could really feel the presence of God and enjoy the beauty of it. Rassa Qurbana started at 9 am and finished by 12 noon. Two priests from the Diocese of Satna reached all the way from M.P for us. We use this platform to express our love and gratitude to them. They were

Rev. Fr. Francis Mattathil, Rev. Fr. Savio Kollart and Rev. Fr. Paul Moonjely and Deacon Br. Jaison. It was indeed a grand solemn celebration.

After the Rassa, the new academic faith formation year was inaugurated as per the guide lines of the diocese. Our vicar Rev. Fr. George Thoomkuzhy lit the lamp (Nilavilakku). He emphasised the parents and students the need to live in Christian faith. Faith formation teachers took the oath and attendance registers were handed over to them. The faith formation unit of our church is selected as the model Sunday school from the East zone for the year 2016-2017. After the long Rassa, lunch was served for everyone.

On 3rd of July, St. Thomas day was celebrated as it was a obligatory day for the Syro Malabar rite, everyone were present in the church in spite of working day. St. Thomas unit in our parish were very enthusiastic in arranging and making the day a grand celebration. ■



Celebration of St. Antony's Feast

The Feast of St. Antony was celebrated on 18th June 2017 with full devotion and faith. The newly bought statue to St. Antony was also blessed before the Holy Mass by Rev. Fr. Vicar. The members of St. Antony's prayer Unit gave leadership to the Feast celebrations and they made "Kazhchasamarpanam" during the Holy Mass. Special prayer to St. Antony and "Ladeenju" was also done after the Holy Mass and the celebrations were over with the distribution of "Nercha".

A new Tabernacle was installed in our church, which was blessed by the Parish Priest just before the Holy Mass on 18th June 2017. Fr. Vicar congratulated and expressed the gratitude of the parish to Ms. Jesley Wilson, who sponsored the new tabernacle.

Celebration of the Feast of St. Thomas.

The Feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle of India was celebrated on 2nd July 2017 in our Church. The celebrations were started with Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joby Kunnathettu, from the diocese of Palakkad and who is serving at present as the Vice Rector of Pontifical Urban Seminary in Rome. The Celebrations were conducted under the leadership of St. Thomas Prayer Unit and the members offered "Kazhchasamarpanam" during the Holy Mass. Special prayer to St. Thomas and "Ladeenju" was also done after the Holy Mass and the celebrations were over with the distribution of "Nercha".



Silver Jubilee celebration.

The silver jubilee of the Holy Ordination of Rev. Fr. John Chozhithara, who was in charge of our Church and presently serving in Germany was celebrated in our church on 13th July 2017 during his visit to the parish. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. John Chozhithara at 7.30 p.m followed by a gathering, during which, the parishioners interacted with him and wished him jubilee greetings. He was honored with "ponnada" and wished the jubilee wishes by Fr. Vicar and Kaikkarans.

Inauguration of Catechism and Welcoming the Catechism Students to new academic year.

The inauguration of the Catechism for the academic year 2017-18 was conducted on 2nd July 2017 in our Church. The catechism teachers have taken the oath during the Holy Mass. The catechism classes were also started on the same day.

The catechism students of the Parish were given a warm and grant welcome to the new academic year in the church with the leadership of DSYM members, by presenting them with flowers and gifts on 16th July 2017. During the Holy Mass, catechism teachers and students have conducted a special offertory. The newly appointed catechism teachers and newly joined students have also been given a warm welcome. The group, who won the first prize for overall performance in the last academic year was honored with Trophy. ■



St. Antony's Feast

St. Peter's Church R.K Puram celebrated the feast of St. Antony with due reverence and devotion on 25th June 2017. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Jose Vattakuzhy.

Catechism Inauguration



Catechism for children started in July. The catechetical year was inaugurated on 16th July 2017 before the Holy Mass by lighting the lamp followed by teacher's pledge. The new students were welcomed with gifts and the new teachers were introduced to the parishioners

St. Peter's & St. Thomas' feast

St. Peter's Church R.K Puram celebrated feast of its patron saint, St. Peter, along with the feast of St. Thomas on 22nd and 23rd July. The festal celebrations started on 20th July, with Holy Mass, Novena and Ladeenju being celebrated by Rev. Fr. Jose Vattakuzhy. On 21st July, Rev. Fr.

Abraham Chembotikal, Vicar Infant Jesus Forane Church, Palam graced the occasion and offered the Holy Mass. On 22nd July Rev. Fr. Jose Thayil hoisted the Festal Flag and offered the Holy Mass and Novena, Ladeenju.

In connection with the festal celebrations, students who scored highest marks in CBSE class X and XII were awarded prizes for their achievements. Anand Mathew and Jackson GS stood in the first position and Maxson S. Mathew bagged second position in class XII, while Sherry J. Cherian came first in class X. Sr. Lucy FCC and Sr. Tesmy FCC from Palam convent also graced the occasion in Rathri Thirunnal.

After the prize distribution a mesmerizing Magic show cum Dance was presented by Wilson Champakulam which was followed by Snehavirunnu. On 23rd July the Pakal Thirunnal was celebrated with great devotion by Rev. Fr. Finil Ezharathu CMI, Asst. Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Mariam Nagar Ghaziabad, followed by a spiritually enlightening homily. The four day long celebration culminated with the faith-proclaiming procession.

Birthday of our Parish Priest



The birthday of our beloved Parish Priest Rev. Dr. Pius Malekandathil was celebrated on 2nd July. The Kaikarans Mr. Regi Mathew and Mr. Cyriac John presented a bouquet as a token of love on the behalf of all the parishioners. ■



St. Alphonsa Feast 2017

Parish celebrated feast of St. Alphonsa, the Patron of church from 21st July to 31st July, 2017 with lots of devotion and prayers. Our celebrations began with 1st day novena led by Rev. Fr. Santish N. Anthony, Astd. Vicar, St. Mary's Latin Church. Large number of parishioners gathered to get the blessings. All the days of novena Nercha was arranged by respective prayers units.

On 23rd July after the third day novena we organized a cultural programme and a Malayalam drama. A group of 150 Alphonsians enacted a Malayalam Drama "Itha Njaan" Story & Direction by Joy John, Art by Wilson Pathrose and Drama Co-ordinator was Thomas Xavier. A huge crowd of 1000 which included parishioners from nearby churches enjoyed the drama and other programmes with utmost fun & fervor. The cultural programme ended with Snehavirunnu arranged for one and all.

While the crowd was having the dinner, the DSYM members entertained the crowd with their dance and music.

On 28th July the traditional flag of the Thirunal was hoisted by Very Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar General, Diocese of Faridabad at 7.30 pm at St. Mary's Church. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Devotees thronged the church on all the nine days of novena. The 10th day started with Presuthenti Vazhcha, Solemn Holy Mass by Rev. Fr. Mathew Kizhakechira, Vicar, Holy Family Church, Pushp Vihar & word of God was shared by Rev. Fr. Johnson Palaty VC, Vicar, St. Mother Theresesa Church, South Extension. The Holy procession was led by Mara Kurish, Veli Kurish & Ponnu Kurish. Devotees carried on their shoulders the decorated rupam of St. Mary, St. Thomas & St. Alphonsa along with holy relic by Rev. Fathers. The procession had a beautifully decorated float, Chendamelam and dance by Chota Nagpur group from St. Mary's Latin Church and parishioners carrying Muthukudas and candles. On the way St. Sebastian, Infant Jesus & St. Mary's Units welcomed the procession with decorated stands [pindi] and crackers. The procession ended with the glorification & Sahanapushparchana of St. Alphonsa and the nine day fast ended with sumptuous agape for one and all. Mr. Sunny Joseph & Mr. Joseph Varkey were the Conveners of the Parish fest. ■



St. Thomas, Motiakhan (Gole Dak Khana-Paharganj) parish has a DSYM unit now. We had

an election of the youth leaders recently. Mr. Akhil Johny from Paharganj is the president, Miss. Anisha Anson from Gole dak khana is the vice president, Miss. Neha Sam from Paharganj is secretary, Mr. Vivin George from Gole Dak Khana is joint secretary, Miss. Sumi Samuel from Gole Dak Khana is treasurer, Miss. Ramya Varghese from Paharganj is joint treasurer and Mr. Justin from Gole Dak Dhana is youth representative. ■



Catechism Camp

വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലനത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി കുട്ടികൾക്കായുള്ള ഏകദിന സെമിനാർ ബഹു. ഡോ. പയസ് മലേക്കണ്ടത്തിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ സാന്തോം ഭവനിൽ നടന്നു. 43 കുട്ടികൾ പങ്കെടുത്ത സെമിനാറിൽ കുട്ടികൾക്കായുള്ള കുമ്പസാരം, വി. കുർബാന, ടോക്കുകൾ, ഗെയിംസ് എന്നിവ നടന്നു.

സി.എം.സി കോൺവെന്റ് ജൂബിലി



Catechism Innaugration

2017-18 മതബോധന അദ്ധ്യയന വർഷം കത്തീഡ്രൽ പള്ളിയിൽ ബഹു. വികാരി ഫാ. ജെയിംസ് എഴാനിക്കാട്ട് ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. മാസ്റ്റ് സെന്ററിൽ 1-ാം ക്ലാസ്സിലെ കുരുന്നുകൾ ദീപം തെളിച്ച് പ്രവർത്തന വർഷം ആരംഭിച്ചു. ശേഷം അദ്ധ്യാപകരുടെ പ്രതിജ്ഞയും, പുതുതായി ചേർന്ന അദ്ധ്യാപകർക്ക് സ്വാഗതവും നേർന്നു.

നിറപ്പുബിരിയുടെയും, നിസ്വാർത്ഥ സ്നേഹത്തിന്റേയും, ത്യാഗമനോഭാവത്തിന്റേയും പ്രതീകങ്ങളായി, ഫരീദാബാദ് പട്ടണത്തിന്റെ പ്രാന്തപ്രദേശങ്ങളിലേക്ക് കടന്നുവന്ന ശുഭ്രവസ്ത്രധാരികളായ മാടപ്രാവുകളെ, എതിരേറ്റ പ്രതികൂല സാഹചര്യങ്ങളെ ഓരോന്നായി തരണം ചെയ്ത് മുന്നേറിയ കഴിഞ്ഞ 25 വർഷങ്ങൾ! തിരിഞ്ഞു നോക്കുമ്പോൾ നിറഞ്ഞ ചാരിതാർത്ഥ്യത്തോടെ തലയുയർത്തിപ്പിടിക്കാൻ മാത്രം, ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ആ വലിയ കരുതലിനെ ആയിരമായിരം നന്ദിയോടെ ഓർത്തുകൊള്ളട്ടെ.

സെന്റ് പീറ്റേഴ്സ് സ്കൂൾ ജൂബിലി

ബഹു. വികാരി ജനറാൾ മോൺ. ജോസ് ഇടശ്ശേരി അച്ഛന്റെ വി. കുർബാന അർപ്പണത്തോടെ ഇടവകയിൽ സി.എം.സി സന്യാസ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിലുള്ള സെന്റ് പീറ്റേഴ്സ് സ്കൂളിന്റെ സിൽവർ ജൂബിലി ആഘോഷത്തിന് തുടക്കമായി. തുടർന്ന് നടന്ന പൊതുയോഗത്തിൽ സാംസ്കാരിക-രാഷ്ട്രീയ രംഗത്തെ പ്രമുഖർ ചടങ്ങിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തു സംസാരിച്ചു. ജൂബിലി ആഘോഷങ്ങളുടെ ഭാഗമായി വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ വിവിധ കലാപരിപാടികൾ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചു.

സി.എം.സി കോൺവെന്റിന്റെ ജൂബിലി ആഘോഷങ്ങൾക്ക്, ജൂലൈ 8 ന് വി. കുർബാനയോടെ തുടക്കം കുറിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

Parents Day Celebration

സാന്തോം ഭവൻ -ഇന്ന് വടക്കേന്ത്യ മുഴുവൻ പടർന്നു പന്തലിച്ച സീറോ മലബാർ ഫരീദാബാദ്

രൂപതയുടെ പൈതൃകത്തിന്റെ അവകാശഗുമായി നിലകൊള്ളുന്ന സാന്തോം ഭവൻ (H No. 888 Sec 19, Faridabad). ഫരീദാബാദ് സീറോ മലബാർ മക്കളെ ഏകോപിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിൽ പ്രധാന പങ്കുവഹിച്ച മിഷനറിമാരെയും, സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സിനെയും ഓർമ്മിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ, 2017 ജൂലൈ 30-ാം തീയതി ഭാരത അപ്പസ്തോലനായ വി. തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ തിരുനാൾ, നൊവേന, വി. കുർബ്ബാന, പ്രദിക്ഷണം, സ്നേഹവിരുന്ന എന്നീ തിരുകർമ്മങ്ങളോടെ വളരെ ഭക്തിനിർഭരമായി കൊണ്ടാടി.

തിരുസ്വരൂപം വെഞ്ചിരിപ്പ്

വി. തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ തിരുസ്വരൂപം 2017 ജൂലൈ 8-ാം തീയതി ബഹു. വികാരി ജനറാൾ ജോസ് ഇടശ്ശേരി അച്ചന്റെയും അസ്സി. വികാരിയുടെയും ഇടവകാംഗങ്ങളുടെയും സാന്നിധ്യത്തിൽ വെഞ്ചിരിക്കുകയും സാന്തോം ഭവനിൽ പ്രതിഷ്ഠിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.

സ്വകാരി സ്ഥാപനം



വി. കുർബ്ബാന അർപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള സ്ഥലപരിമിതി മൂലം സാന്തോം ഭവന്റെ പുറകുഭാഗം ഒരു ചെറിയ ചാപ്പലായി പുനർനിർമ്മിക്കുകയും, വി. കുർബ്ബാന അർപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിരുന്നു. ദീർഘനാളത്തെ ഇടവകാംഗങ്ങളുടെ ആവശ്യപ്രകാരം 2017 ജൂലൈ 11-ാം തീയതി മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്ത ബഹു. കൂര്യാക്കോസ് ഭരണികുളങ്ങര പിതാവ് സ്വകാരി ആശീർവ്വദിച്ച് സ്ഥാപിച്ചു. എല്ലാ

ദിവസങ്ങളിലും വി. കുർബ്ബാനയും ശനിയാഴ്ചകളിൽ, ആരാധന, വി. കുർബ്ബാന, തുടർന്ന് മാതാവിന്റെ നൊവേനയും സാന്തോം ഭവനിൽ നടക്കുന്നു.

ഇടവക തിരുനാൾ

ഈ വർഷത്തെ ഇടവക തിരുനാൾ ജൂലൈ 28, 29, 30 എന്നീ തീയതികളിൽ വിവിധ പരിപാടികളോടെ ആഘോഷിച്ചു. 28 വെള്ളി വൈകുന്നേരം 6.30 ന് ഭക്തിനിർഭരമായ വി. കുർബ്ബാനയ്ക്കുശേഷം ബഹു. വികാരി ഫാ. ജെയിംസ് ഏഴാനിക്കാട്ട് കൊടി ഉയർത്തി. 29 ശനി വൈകുന്നേരം 6.30 ന് ഫാ. ജോസഫ് മാതാളിക്കുന്നേൽ വി. കുർബ്ബാനയ്ക്കും ലഭിഞ്ഞിനും നേതൃത്വം കൊടുത്തു. തുടർന്ന് വികാരി. ബഹു. ജെയിംസ് ഏഴാനിക്കാട്ട് പ്രസുഭേന്തി വാഴ്ച നടത്തി.

30 ഞായർ വൈകുന്നേരം 5.30-ന് ബഹു. ജേക്കബ് ഒ.സി.ഡി യുടെ മുഖ്യകാർമ്മികത്വത്തിൽ വി. കുർബ്ബാന അർപ്പിക്കുകയും, റവ. ഡോ. പയസ് മലേക്കണ്ടത്തിൽ തിരുനാൾ പ്രസംഗവും നടത്തി. ഇടവക വിശ്വാസികൾ പങ്കെടുത്ത മനോഹരമായ തിരുനാൾ പ്രദക്ഷിണത്തിനുശേഷം സ്നേഹവിരുന്നും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

വിവിധ യൂണിറ്റുകളുടെ Feast Day ആഘോഷങ്ങൾ അതാത് ഞായറാഴ്ചകളിൽ നടത്തപ്പെടുകയും വി. കുർബ്ബാന സംബന്ധമായ എല്ലാ കാര്യങ്ങൾക്കും അവർ നേതൃത്വം നൽകുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.

സെമിനാർ

‘വിശ്വാസത്തിൽ അധിഷ്ഠിതമായ വ്യക്തിത്വ വികസനം’-എന്ന വിഷയത്തെ ആസ്പദമാക്കി മതബോധന കുട്ടികൾക്കായി സെമിനാർ, Sr. Jaisy DST യുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ 2017 ജൂലൈ 9-ാം തീയതി വി.കുർബ്ബാനയ്ക്കു ശേഷം നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. പൈതൃകമായി നമുക്കു ലഭിച്ച വിശ്വാസ സത്യങ്ങൾ വരും തലമുറയിലേക്ക് പകർന്നു കൊടുക്കുവാനും, അവയെ കാത്തു സൂക്ഷിക്കുവാനുമുള്ള ഉൾക്കരുത്ത്, ഇത്തരം സെമിനാറുകളിലൂടെ സഹായകമാകുമെന്ന് കുട്ടികൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. ■

- റിപ്പോർട്ട് തയ്യാറാക്കിയത് ഇമ്മാനുവേൽ



Best Performing Mathruvedi of St. Augustine's Forane, Karol Bagh

Mathruvedi of Nirmal Hriday Church, Tagore Garden was adjudged the best performing Unit of Karol Bagh Forene. Sr. Reetha Maria Animator and Ms Lissy Johny President received trophy from Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery at Burari. This was based on the report submitted by all the mathruvedi units of Karol Bagh Forene for the last one year. We congratulate the Mathruvedi members of our Parish for this achievement.

Old Age Home Visit

On 8th July 2017, the youth members of Nirmal Hriday Parish visited Marian Ashram, a home for mentally disabled people in Faridabad. It was a distinguished opportunity to share love, warmth and care with those neglected people. Since it is a deserted place people usually does not make efforts to visit this place. The elderly whole heartedly welcomed the youth with a warm applause. They also sang songs and recited self composed poems. To break the monotony of their lives the youth presented few songs and dance for them. The cheerful smile on their faces was worth seeing. We

had a yummy lunch along with them and sisters. The Youth of Nirmal Hriday Parish handed over the money and ration to the Superior. They thanked everyone and said that they hope to see them again.

St. Alphonsa's Feast

9 days Novena as a preparation for St. Alphonsa's Feast Day started on 19th July 2017. Almost all the members along with children attended the Novena and Holy Mass for 9 days and then we celebrated feast of St. Alphonsa on 28th July 2017 under the leadership of Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion of 9 little angels Albin Sam Mathew, Aleegra Elizabeth George, Alita Soji, Anamika Anil, Aneeta Joseph, Ann Maria Baiju, Christo Martin, Melvin Mathew and Snehal Francis George from Nirmal Hriday Parish was solemnised by Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar General, Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi and Vicar, Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath. Grand Parents and relatives of children came from Kerala to attend the function. ■

Scholarship Exam and Winners

51 children from our church had participated in the Catechism Scholarship Exam. 3 of our children got 2nd rank in their respective classes. Jissil Sajan-class 2nd, Jeseentha Anne Joji – class 9th and Ajessha Alex-class 11th. Congratulations dear students.

Picnic



Our parish DSYM members organised a 3-day trip to Rishikesh from June 25th-June 27th. It was one of the best trips organised. Rafting, trekking, cliff jumping etc were some of the most memorable moments of the trip not only for the DSYM members, but also for Rev. Fr. Mathew, our parish priest, Dn. Jaison from Vidya Jyothi and our sisters from MSMI convent.

Retreat for Catechism Students

From June 29, - July 1, our parish organised a 3-day retreat for our parish children. It was conducted by the diocesan director of catechism Rev. Fr. Santo Puthumanakunnathu MCBS, Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi. Sr. Jasmine from MSMI convent was also a key resource person for the retreat. There was an average attendance of 170 children on each day.

Catechism Inauguration

Catechism inauguration was held in our church on July 2nd, 2017. There was a common mass for all the parents and children. It was inaugurated by Fr. Mathew, our parish priest, catechism headmaster Mr. Mathew Mathai, Rev. Sr. Princy, Mother Superior MSMI convent, a representative from St. Antony's convent, a parent representative and 3 children were there for the lighting of the lamp. On behalf of our catechism department, Mrs. Emlin John (teacher) gave a speech



to all the parents on the "importance of parents being involved in the life of a child for Christian values and learning catechism."

New Kaikkarans and Parish Council

On July 2nd, our church had the election of new Kaikkarans for the 2017-19. Mr. Varghese M.R was elected as the 1stkaikkaran, and Mr. Sunny Thomas was elected as the 2ndkaikkaran. On July 9th, 2017, our newly elected Kaikkarans and parish council members took their pledge during the Holy Qurbana at the Andheria Mode church.

Dukhrana Thirunal and Feast of St. Alphonsa

On July 3rd, our parish celebrated the DukharanaThirunaal, feast of St. Thomas at the Andheria Mode church. It was celebrated through the mass and novena led by Unit 1, St.Thomas unit of our parish. Feast of St. Alphonsa was celebrated in its full fervour at our church on July 28th, 2017. It was celebrated after a 9-day novena at our Andheria Mode church premises led by Unit 7, St. Alphonsa Unit of our church.

Farewell and Orientation Class

On July 30th, a farewell was given to our associate parish priest Rev. Fr. Vinod Moonjely, who is going to Punjab Mission. Also there was an Orientation class for all the parents of the catechism students by Rev. Dr. Pious Malekandathil. It was an enriching orientation class. ■



മതബോധന വർഷാരംഭം

ഈ വർഷത്തെ മതബോധന ക്ലാസ്സുകളുടെ ഔദ്യോഗികമായ ആരംഭം ജൂലൈ 2-ാം തീയതി ഞായറാഴ്ച വി. കുർബാനയോടൊപ്പം നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. വികാരി ഫാ. അനൂപ് നരിമറ്റത്തിൽ തിരിഞ്ഞിച്ച് മതബോധന വർഷം ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. കഴിഞ്ഞുപോയ മതബോധന വർഷത്തിൽ സമ്മാന രഹരായ കുട്ടികൾക്ക് സമ്മാനങ്ങൾ നൽകി. ഈ വർഷം 12-ാം ക്ലാസ്സ് പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയ കുട്ടികൾ വിശ്വാസ പ്രഖ്യാപനം നടത്തുകയും അവർക്ക് സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ് നൽകുകയും ചെയ്തു.

തിരുനാൾ

ഇടവക മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥനായ വി. തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ തിരുനാൾ ആഘോഷപൂർവ്വം നടത്തി. തിരുനാളിനൊരുക്കുമായി 9 ദിവസത്തെ നൊവേന ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ജൂലൈ 14-ാം തീയതി ഫൊറോന വികാരി ഫാ. അബ്രാഹം ചെമ്പോട്ടിക്കൽ തിരുനാളിന് കൊടിയേറ്റി. പ്രധാന തിരുനാൾ ദിവസമായ ജൂലൈ 16-ാം തീയതി ഫാ. റോണി തോപ്പിലാൻ വചന സന്ദേശം നൽകി. ആഘോഷകരമായ തിരുനാൾ പ്രദക്ഷിണത്തിന് ശേഷം സ്നേഹവിരുന്നോടെ തിരുനാൾ സമാപിച്ചു. ■

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Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love

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Chapter seven: “Towards a better education of children”(259-290)

The seventh chapter is dedicated to the education of children: their ethical formation, the learning of discipline which can include punishment, patient realism, sex education, passing on the faith and, more generally, family life as an educational context. The practical wisdom present in each paragraph is remarkable, above all the attention given to those gradual, small steps “that can be understood, accepted and appreciated” (AL 271).

There is a particularly interesting and pedagogically fundamental paragraph in which Francis clearly states that “obsession, however, is not education. We cannot control every situation that a child may experience...If parents are obsessed with always knowing where their children are and controlling all their movements, they will seek only to dominate space. But this is no way to educate, strengthen and prepare their children to face challenges. What is most important is the ability lovingly to help them grow in freedom, maturity, overall discipline and real autonomy” (AL 260).

The notable section on education in sexuality is very expressively entitled: “Yes to sex education”. The need is there, and we have to ask “if our educational institutions have taken up this challenge ... in an age when sexuality tends to be trivialized and impoverished”. Sound education needs to be carried out “within the broader framework of an education for love, for mutual self-giving” (AL 280). The text warns that the expression ‘safe sex’ conveys “a negative attitude towards the natural procreative

finality of sexuality, as if an eventual child were an enemy to be protected against. This way of thinking promotes narcissism and aggressively in place of acceptance” (AL 283).

Chapter eight: “Guiding, discerning and integrating weakness”(291-312)

The eighth chapter is an invitation to mercy and pastoral discernment in situations that do not fully match what the Lord proposes. The Pope uses three very important verbs: guiding, discerning and integrating, which are fundamental in addressing fragile, complex or irregular situations. The chapter has sections on the need for gradualness in pastoral care; the importance of discernment; norms and mitigating circumstances in pastoral discernment; and finally what the Pope calls the “logic of pastoral mercy”.

Chapter eight is very sensitive. In reading it one must remember that “the Church’s task is often like that of a field hospital” (AL 291). Here the Holy Father grapples with the findings of the Synods on controversial issues. He reaffirms what Christian marriage is and adds that “some forms of union radically contradict this ideal, while others realize it in at least a partial and analogous way”. The Church therefore “does not disregard the constructive elements in those situations which do not yet or no longer correspond to her teaching on marriage” (AL 292).

As far as discernment with regard to “irregular” situations is concerned, the Pope states: “There is a need ‘to avoid judgements which do not take into

account the complexity of various situations' and 'to be attentive, by necessity, to how people experience distress because of their condition'" (AL 296). And he continues: "It is a matter of reaching out to everyone, of needing to help each person find his or her proper way of participating in the ecclesial community, and thus to experience being touched by an 'unmerited, unconditional and gratuitous' mercy"(AL 297). And further: "The divorced who have entered a new union, for example, can find themselves in a variety of situations, which should not be pigeonholed or fit into overly rigid classifications leaving no room for a suitable personal and pastoral discernment" (AL 298).

In this line, gathering the observations of many Synod Fathers, the Pope states that "the baptized who are divorced and civilly remarried need to be more fully integrated into Christian communities in the variety of ways possible, while avoiding any occasion of scandal". "Their participation can be expressed in different ecclesial services... Such persons need to feel not as excommunicated members of the Church, but instead as living members, able to live and grow in the Church... This integration is also needed in the care and Christian upbringing of their children" (AL 299).

In a more general vein, the Pope makes an extremely important statement for understanding the orientation and meaning of the Exhortation: "If we consider the immense variety of concrete situations, ... it is understandable that neither the Synod nor this Exhortation could be expected to provide a new set of general rules, canonical in nature and applicable to all cases. What is needed is simply a renewed encouragement to undertake a responsible personal and pastoral discernment of particular cases, one which would recognize that, since 'the degree of responsibility is not equal in all cases', the consequences or effects of a rule need not necessarily always be the same" (AL 300). The Pope develops in depth the needs and characteristics of the journey of accompaniment and discernment

necessary for profound dialogue between the faithful and their pastors.

For this purpose the Holy Father recalls the Church's reflection on "mitigating factors and situations" regarding the attribution of responsibility and accountability for actions; and relying on St. Thomas Aquinas, he focuses on the relationship between rules and discernment by stating: "It is true that general rules set forth a good which can never be disregarded or neglected, but in their formulation they cannot provide absolutely for all particular situations. At the same time, it must be said that, precisely for that reason, what is part of a practical discernment in particular circumstances cannot be elevated to the level of a rule" (AL 304).

The last section of the chapter treats "The logic of pastoral mercy". To avoid misunderstandings, Pope Francis strongly reiterates: "To show understanding in the face of exceptional situations never implies dimming the light of the fuller ideal, or proposing less than what Jesus offers to the human being. Today, more important than the pastoral care of failures is the pastoral effort to strengthen marriages and thus to prevent their breakdown" (AL 307).

The overall sense of the chapter and of the spirit that Pope Francis wishes to impart to the pastoral work of the Church is well summed up in the closing words: "I encourage the faithful who find themselves in complicated situations to speak confidently with their pastors or with other lay people whose lives are committed to the Lord. They may not always encounter in them a confirmation of their own ideas or desires, but they will surely receive some light to help them better understand their situation and discover a path to personal growth. I also encourage the Church's pastors to listen to them with sensitivity and serenity, with a sincere desire to understand their plight and their point of view, in order to help them live better lives and to recognize their proper place in the Church." (AL 312).

On the "logic of pastoral mercy", Pope Francis

emphasizes: “At times we find it hard to make room for God’s unconditional love in our pastoral activity. We put so many conditions on mercy that we empty it of its concrete meaning and real significance. That is the worst way of watering down the Gospel” (AL 311).

Chapter nine: “The spirituality of marriage and the family”(313-325)

The ninth chapter is devoted to marital and family spirituality, which “is made up of thousands of small but real gestures” (AL 315).The Pope clearly states that “those who have deep spiritual aspirations should not feel that the family detracts from their growth in the life of the Spirit, but rather see it as a path which the Lord is using to lead them to the heights of mystical union” (AL 316).Everything, “moments of joy, relaxation, celebration, and even sexuality can be experienced as a sharing in the full life of the resurrection” (AL 317). He then speaks of prayer in the light of Easter, of the spirituality of exclusive and free love in the challenge and the

yearning to grow old together, reflecting God’s fidelity (cf. AL 319). And finally the spirituality of care, consolation and incentive: the Pope teaches that “all family life is a ‘shepherding’ in mercy. Each of us, by our love and care, leaves a mark on the life of others” (AL 322). It is a profound “spiritual experience to contemplate our loved ones with the eyes of God and to see Christ in them” (AL 323).

In the final paragraph the Pope affirms: “No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love ...All of us are called to keep striving towards something greater than ourselves and our families, and every family must feel this constant impulse. Let us make this journey as families, let us keep walking together. (...) May we never lose heart because of our limitations, or ever stop seeking that fullness of love and communion which God holds out before us” (AL 325).

The Apostolic Exhortation concludes with a Prayer to the Holy Family. ■

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and the community affected by the harm done. The Restorative justice repairs damaged relationships between the offender and his /her family and the community. At the occasion of the beatification of Sr. Rani Maria Let us not forget the hard work and prayers of many who made the killer in to tears at the feet of the father, mother and family members and the incident stands as the best example for the restorative justice and thereby building the relationship with the offender, victim and the community.

In conclusion, we turn to today’s reading, how God acted for those who worked for Him, how the captors of Paul and companions were converted, reconciled and set free. As we celebrate the prison Ministry Sunday, I would like to remind you all to pray for the prison Staff. Most prison officers and administrators begin their service with high ideals and good will. They have to struggle to keep them through disappointments, difficulties and sometimes

betrayals. Keep praying for the prisoners, their life has been shattered and they have become bound up with the burden of their own sins and their own thoughts. Along with my brother Bishops, I express my sincere gratitude for the generous contributions towards this ministry and acknowledge the dedicated service of all the volunteers of this most demanding mission of the church today. May the patron saint of prison ministry India St. Maximilian Kolbe guide you. Let us remember the great Joseph of the Old Testament and understand; only the strong can forgive. Brothers and sisters, let us be Messengers of forgiveness. ■

May God Bless you all!



+Bishop Peter Remigius

Patron of Prison Ministry India

'Let us love, not with words but with deeds'

fullness, that is, Jesus' preferential love for the poor.

I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. They are our brothers and sisters, created and loved by the one Heavenly Father. This Day is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter. At the same time, everyone, independent of religious affiliation, is invited to openness and sharing with the poor through concrete signs of solidarity and fraternity. God created the heavens and the earth for all; yet sadly some have erected barriers, walls and fences, betraying the original gift meant for all humanity, with none excluded.

7. It is my wish that, in the week preceding the World Day of the Poor, which falls this year on 19 November, the Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance. They can invite the poor and volunteers to take part together in the Eucharist on this Sunday, in such a way that there be an even more authentic celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on the following Sunday. The kingship of Christ is most evident on Golgotha, when the Innocent One, nailed to the cross, poor, naked and stripped of everything, incarnates and reveals the fullness of God's love. Jesus' complete abandonment to the Father expresses his utter poverty and reveals the power of the Love that awakens him to new life on the day of the Resurrection.

This Sunday, if there are poor people where we live who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be a favourable moment to encounter the God we seek. Following the teaching of Scripture (cf. Gen 18:3-5; Heb 13:2), let us welcome them as honoured guests at our table; they can be teachers who help us live the faith more

consistently. With their trust and readiness to receive help, they show us in a quiet and often joyful way, how essential it is to live simply and to abandon ourselves to God's providence.

8. At the heart of all the many concrete initiatives carried out on this day should always be prayer. Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties and the lack of what they need. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he answered in the words with which the poor speak to our one Father, in whom all acknowledge themselves as brothers and sisters. The Our Father is a prayer said in the plural: the bread for which we ask is "ours", and that entails sharing, participation and joint responsibility. In this prayer, all of us recognize our need to overcome every form of selfishness, in order to enter into the joy of mutual acceptance.

9. I ask my brother Bishops, and all priests and deacons who by their vocation have the mission of supporting the poor, together with all consecrated persons and all associations, movements and volunteers everywhere, to help make this World Day of the Poor a tradition that concretely contributes to evangelization in today's world.

This new World Day, therefore, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel. ■

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