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





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# PASTORAL LETTER



## ഇടയലേഖനം

**Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara  
Bishop of Faridabad**

ദൈവകൃപയാൽ ഫരീദാബാദ് രൂപതയുടെ മെത്രാൻ കുര്യാക്കോസ് ഭരണികുളങ്ങര തന്റെ അധികാരത്തിൽപ്പെട്ട ഇടവകകളിലെ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വികാരിമാർക്കും അസതേന്തിമാർക്കും മറ്റുവൈദികർക്കും സന്യാസിനീസന്യാസിമാർക്കും വിശ്വാസികൾക്കും നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവീശോമിശിഹായിൽ ആശിസ്സും സമാധാനവും.

വന്ദ്യ സഹോദരന്മാരേ, വന്തലമക്കളേ,



ആഗോള കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുത്തോളം ചരിത്രഗതിയുടെ നിർണ്ണായകമായ വഴിത്തിരിവിന്റെ ഓർമ്മകൾ പുതുക്കുന്ന വർഷമാണ് 2017. മൂന്ന് വിഷയങ്ങൾ ഇത്തരൂണത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധയാകർഷിക്കുന്നു. ഒന്ന് ഫാത്തിമാ മാതാവിന്റെ പ്രത്യക്ഷീകരണത്തിന്റെ ശതാബ്ദി, രണ്ട് പ്രൊട്ടസ്റ്റന്റ് വിപ്ലവത്തിന്റെ അഞ്ഞൂറാം വാർഷികം, മൂന്ന് കരിസ്തമാറ്റിക് നവീകരണത്തിന് തിരി തെളിച്ചതിന്റെ സുവർണ്ണ ജൂബിലി. ഇവ മൂന്നും പരസ്പരം ബന്ധപ്പെട്ടാണിരിക്കുന്നത്. കാരണം സഭയിലെ ആത്മീയ വിപ്ലവത്തിന്റെ കൊടുങ്കാറ്റ് വീശിയ കഥകളാണ് ഇവ മൂന്നിനും നമ്മോടു പറയാനുള്ളത്. ഇതോടൊപ്പം നമ്മുടെ ഫരീദാബാദ്-ഡൽഹി രൂപത രൂപീകൃതമായിട്ട് ഈ 2017 മാർച്ച് ആറിന് അഞ്ചു വർഷം പൂർത്തിയാവുകയാണ്. രൂപതയുടെ ആത്മീയവും ഭൗതികവുമായ വളർച്ചയിൽ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ഇടപെടൽ ഓരോ നിമിഷവും അനുഭവേദ്യമാവുകയാണ്.

2017-ൽ പരിശുദ്ധ ദൈവമാതാവ് ഫാത്തിമായിൽ ലൂസിയ, ജസീന്ത, ഫ്രാൻസിസ്കോ എന്നീ കുട്ടികൾക്ക് പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെട്ടതിന്റെ ശതാബ്ദിയാണ്. 1917-ൽ പോർച്ചുഗലിലെ ഫാത്തിമ എന്ന ഗ്രാമത്തിൽ കന്യാകാമറിയം ഈ കുട്ടികൾക്ക് പ്രത്യക്ഷയായി. ഇവർക്ക് 4 രഹസ്യങ്ങൾ വെളിപ്പെടുത്തിയ കാര്യം നിങ്ങൾ വായിച്ചിരിക്കുമല്ലോ. ഈ കുട്ടികളിൽ ലൂസിയ പിന്നീട് മിണ്ടാമാന്തിൽ ചേർന്നു. ഞാൻ റോമിൽ ആയിരുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ 1991-ൽ ദിവംഗതനായ കർദ്ദിനാൾ ആന്റണി പടിയറ പിതാവിനോടൊപ്പം സിസ്റ്റർ ലൂസിയായെ നേരിട്ട് കാണാനും സംസാരിക്കാനുമുള്ള ഭാഗ്യം എനിക്കും ഉണ്ടായി. ഒന്നാം ലോകമഹായുദ്ധത്തിന്റെ കെടുതികളിൽ ലോകം വിവിധ ധ്രുവങ്ങളിലായി തീർന്ന കാലത്താണ് പരിശുദ്ധ മാതാവ് ഈ കുട്ടികൾക്ക് പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെട്ട് ലോകസമാധാനത്തിനായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാൻ ആഹ്വാനം നൽകിയത്. അസാധാരണമായ ഫാത്തിമാദർശനം അതിന്റെ നൂറാം വർഷം ആചരിക്കുമ്പോൾ കുടുംബത്തിന്റെ അടിത്തറ ഇളക്കുന്ന തിന്മയുടെ ശക്തികളെ പരിശുദ്ധ ജപമാലയുടെ രാജ്ഞിയായ മറിയത്തിന്റെ കൈപിടിച്ച് തകർക്കാൻ നാം തയ്യാറാകണം. കാരണം, അവസാനയുദ്ധം കുടുംബത്തിനെതിരെയുള്ള യുദ്ധമെന്നാണ് ലൂസിയായ്ക്ക് പരി. അമ്മ നൽകിയ ദർശനം.

ക്രിസ്തീയ വിശ്വാസം ശക്തമായിരുന്ന യൂറോപ്പിൽ തിരുസ്സഭയുടെ വിഭജനത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് സ്വപ്നം പോലും കാണുക അസാധ്യമെന്ന് തോന്നിയ സമയത്താണ് 500 വർഷം മുമ്പ് മാർട്ടിൻ ലൂഥർ പ്രൊട്ടസ്റ്റന്റ് വിപ്ലവം ആരംഭിക്കുന്നത്. കൃത്യമായി പറഞ്ഞാൽ 1517-ലാണ് ജർമ്മനിയിലെ ഹിറ്റൻബർഗ് ദേവാലയത്തിന്റെ വാതിൽപ്പടിയിൽ 95 തീസിസ്സുകൾ എഴുതിവെച്ച് നാടകീയമായ വിധത്തിൽ അക്കാലത്തെ കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ സമ്പ്രദായങ്ങളെ നിശിതമായ വിമർശിച്ച് മാർട്ടിൻ ലൂഥർ സഭയുടെ വിഭജനത്തിന് ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്തത്. ഞാൻ ജർമ്മനിയിൽ ആയിരുന്നപ്പോൾ ചരിത്രപ്രധാനമുള്ള ഈ ദേവാലയം സന്ദർശിക്കുവാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. യേശു തിരുരക്തം ഒഴുക്കി പണിതുയർത്തിയ ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ മൗതിക ശരീരമായ സഭയെ ചരിനഭിന്നമാക്കാൻ ലൂഥറിന്റെ പ്രൊട്ടസ്റ്റന്റ് വിപ്ലവം വഴിയൊരുക്കി. ലൂഥർ സൃഷ്ടിച്ച മുറിവ് സഭയുടെ ഹൃദയത്തിലാണ് പതിച്ചത്. വലിയ മുറിവുണ്ടാക്കി വേർപെട്ടുപോയവർ അനുകൂലിച്ച് മടങ്ങി



വരുന്നതും നോക്കി നിൽക്കുന്നതല്ല തങ്ങളുടെ നിലപാട് എന്ന് ആധുനിക യുഗത്തിന്റെ മാർപാപ്പമാർ തങ്ങളുടെ പ്രവർത്തനത്തിലൂടെ വെളിവാക്കി. ജോൺ 23-ാമൻ മുതൽ ഫ്രാൻസിസ് പാപ്പാ വരെ ഗതകാലത്തിലെ കുറവുകൾ മറന്ന്, പരസ്പരം കൈകൾ കോർത്ത് ഒന്നാകുവാനും അതുവഴി സഭയിലും സഭാഗാത്രത്തിലും ഉണ്ടായ മുറിവുകൾ പരിഹരിക്കുവാനും ശക്തമായി ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്യുകയാണ്. 2017 ഒരുമയുടെയും ഒന്നാകലിന്റെയും വർഷമാകണം. അകന്ന സഭാബന്ധങ്ങളെ കുട്ടിയിണക്കി ഒരിടയനും ഒരാട്ടിൻ പറ്റുവുമാകുന്ന ഒന്നാകൽ സംഭവിക്കണം. തർക്കങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാകാം, വിയോജിപ്പുണ്ടാകാം, ദൈവശാസ്ത്രപരമായ ആശയ പൊരുത്തക്കേടുകൾ ഉണ്ടാകാം. പക്ഷേ, നമ്മെ ഒന്നാക്കാൻ കീറിമുറിക്കപ്പെട്ടവനെ നാം തന്നെ ചിപ്പി ചീന്തരുത്.

മൂന്നാമതായി ആഗോള കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയിൽ കരിസ്‌മാറ്റിക് നവീകരണ പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങൾ തുടങ്ങിയിട്ട് 2017-ൽ 50 വർഷം പൂർത്തിയാകുന്നു. അമേരിക്കയിലെ ഡ്യൂക്കെയിൻ സർവ്വകലാശാലയിൽ ഏതാനും അധ്യാപകരും ഒരു പറ്റം വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളും ഒരുമിച്ചിരുന്ന് പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചപ്പോൾ അവരിൽ പ്രകടമായ പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാഭിഷേകം അവർ ശക്തിയോടെയും ആത്മവിശ്വാസത്തോടെയും പങ്കുവെയ്ക്കുവാൻ തയ്യാറായപ്പോൾ അത് കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയിൽ വലിയൊരു മാറ്റത്തിന് നാനി കുറിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു. ആ സർവ്വകലാശാലയിലെ കുഞ്ഞുമുറിയിൽ നിന്ന് ഇന്ന് ലോകത്തിലെ നാനാഭാഗങ്ങളിലേക്കും കത്തിപടർന്ന ഈ കരിസ്‌മാറ്റിക് നവീകരണ പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ ശക്തിയും വ്യാപ്തിയും മനസ്സിലാക്കാൻ നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തിലെ ധ്യാനകേന്ദ്രങ്ങളെയും പ്രാർത്ഥനാ കൂട്ടായ്മകളെയും നോക്കിയാൽ മതി. കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയിൽ പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനം ഇല്ലായെന്ന് ദൈവശാസ്ത്രജ്ഞന്മാരിൽ തന്നെ കുറച്ചു പേർ പറഞ്ഞ ഒരു കാലഘട്ടത്തിലാണ് പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ മന്ത്രണങ്ങൾ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കാൻ സാധാരണക്കാരായ വ്യക്തികൾ കരിസ്‌മാറ്റിക് ശുശ്രൂഷയിലൂടെ പരിശീലിക്കപ്പെട്ടതും, പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ വരദാനങ്ങൾ ഉപയോഗിച്ച് സഭയിൽ ശക്തമായി ശുശ്രൂഷ ചെയ്യുവാൻ തുടങ്ങിയതും. കരിസ്‌മാറ്റിക് നവീകരണത്തിന്റെ ഏറ്റവും വലിയ നന്മ എന്നുള്ളത് എല്ലാവരിലേക്കും സുവിശേഷം എത്തിക്കുവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞു എന്നുള്ളതാണ്. ഇന്ന് ഈ നവീകരണ പ്രസ്ഥാനം 50 വർഷം പിന്നിടുമ്പോൾ കരിസ്‌മാറ്റിക് പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങളിലൂടെ ലഭിക്കുന്ന ചൈതന്യവും നന്മയും കേവലം ഒരു മാനസിക സംതൃപ്തിയുടെ തലത്തിൽ നില്ക്കാതെ, വചനാധിഷ്ഠിത ജീവിതം നയിച്ച് സഭയിൽ കുദാശകളിലൂടെ ലഭ്യമാകുന്ന കൃപാവരങ്ങൾ അനുഭവിക്കുന്ന ഒരാളായി നാം മാറണം. നവീകരണം ധ്യാനകേന്ദ്ര ബന്ധിതമായി ഒരിക്കലും മാറരുത്; മറിച്ച് ജീവിതകേന്ദ്രമായി മാറണം.

അടുത്തയിടെ ഫ്രാൻസിസ് പാപ്പ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിച്ചു, “സഭാത്മവരങ്ങളുടെയും (എക്സ്ട്രീയർ ഗിഫ്റ്റ്സ്), കരിസ്‌മാറ്റിക് വരങ്ങളുടെയും ഒരു കൂടിച്ചേരൽ സഭയിൽ വലിയ മാറ്റത്തിന് നാനി കുറിക്കും.” സഭയിലെ അല്മായരും വൈദികരും തങ്ങളിലെ വലുപ്പചെറുപ്പം മറന്ന് ദൈവരാജ്യം വളർത്തുവാനായി സുവിശേഷ പ്രഘോഷണത്തിനായി ഒരുമിക്കണം എന്നർത്ഥം. കരിസ്‌മാറ്റിക് നവീകരണരംഗത്ത് പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാവർക്കും പ്രത്യേകിച്ച് നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനാഗ്രൂപ്പുകൾക്കും ഈ ജൂബിലിയുടെ മംഗളങ്ങൾ നേരുന്നു. നവീകരണ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ സഭയോട് ചേർന്നുള്ളതാകണമെന്നും യഥാർത്ഥ കത്തോലിക്കാ വിശ്വാസത്തിന് യോജിച്ചതാകണമെന്നും ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ ഉദ്ബോധിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

ഇത്രയേറെ പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള ഈ വർഷത്തിൽ നമ്മുടെ രൂപത സ്ഥാപിതമായിട്ട് 5 വർഷം പൂർത്തിയാവുകയാണ്. ആളുകൊണ്ടും അർത്ഥംകൊണ്ടും വിശ്വാസതീക്ഷണതയുള്ള കുടുംബങ്ങളുടെ സാന്നിദ്ധ്യം കൊണ്ടുമെല്ലാം നമ്മുടെ രൂപത ചുരുങ്ങിയ നാൾ കൊണ്ടു തന്നെ ഒത്തിരി അനുഗ്രഹിക്കപ്പെട്ടു. സ്വന്തമായി രൂപതാകാര്യാലയം, മൈൻ സെമിനാരി, ധാരാളം ദൈവവിളികൾ ഇതെല്ലാം നല്കി ദൈവം നമ്മെ അനുഗ്രഹിച്ച് കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണ്. മൂന്ന് റീത്തുകളുടെ സാന്നിദ്ധ്യം കൊണ്ട് സമ്പന്നമായ നമ്മുടെ രൂപത പരസ്പര ഐക്യത്തിലും സഹകരണത്തിലും ക്രിസ്തുവിൽ നിന്ന് ഉത്ഭുതമാകുന്ന പരസ്പരേഹത്തിലും വളരട്ടെ എന്ന് ഞാൻ ആശംസിക്കുകയും പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. ഒരു ഇടവകയിലെ കുടുംബങ്ങൾ തമ്മിലും പല ഇടവകകൾ തമ്മിലും ഇടവകകളും രൂപതയും തമ്മിലും ഐക്യവും ഒരുമയും പുലർത്തുന്ന ഒരു വിശ്വാസസമൂഹമായി നാം മാറണം.

നമുക്കുവേണ്ടി പീഡനസഹിച്ച്, കുരിശിൽ മരിച്ച്, മൂന്നു നാളിന് ശേഷം ഉത്ഥാനം ചെയ്ത ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ ശക്തി നിങ്ങളിലും നിങ്ങളുടെ കുടുംബങ്ങളിലും ശക്തമായി അനുഭവവേദ്യമാകട്ടെ എന്ന് പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചു കൊണ്ടും ഏവർക്കും ഈസ്റ്റർ മംഗളങ്ങൾ ആശംസിച്ചുകൊണ്ടും

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<b>Rev. Fr. Mathew Thoomullil</b>	Executive Director of Sanjoepuram Institutions and Parish Priest of Nativity Church, Sanjoepuram, w.e.f. 01 March 2017.
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<b>Rev. Fr. Abraham Chempottickal MST</b>	Parish Priest of Infant Jesus Forane Church, Palam, w.e.f. 07 March 2017.
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<b>Rev. Fr. Jose Thayyil</b>	Parish Priest of Assumption Forane Church, Mayur Vihar Phase III, w.e.f. 07 March 2017.
<b>Rev. Fr. Anoop Narimattathil CST</b>	Parish Priest of St. Thomas Church, Janakpuri and Diocesan Director Family Apostolate, w.e.f. 07 March 2017.
<b>Rev. Fr. Mathew Akkoottu CST</b>	Parish Priest of Little Flower Church, Lado Sarai, w.e.f. 07 March 2017.
<b>Rev. Fr. Vinod Moonjely</b>	Priest in Charge of Amalolbhava Matha Church, Mahipalpur; Associate Parish Priest of Little Flower Church, Lado Sarai and Asst. Diocesan Director Family Apostolate, w.e.f. 07 March 2017.
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<b>Rev. Fr. Joseph Kandathinkara</b>	Spiritual Father at St. Chavara Kuriakose Minor Seminary, Thommankuth, w.e.f. 15 March 2017.
<b>Rev. Fr. Kurian Kochettonnil MST</b>	Relieved from St. Francis of Assisi Forane Church, Dilshad Garden, w.e.f. 11 February 2017.
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<b>Rev. Fr. Mathew Thundiyl CFIC</b>	Relieved from Blessed Kunjachan Church, Geetha Colony-Laxmi Nagar, w.e.f. 01 March 2017.
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## THANKS AND BEST WISHES



**Rev. Fr. Renson  
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**Rev. Fr. Kurian  
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**Rev. Fr. Mathew  
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**Rev. Fr. Mathew  
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The diocese of Faridabad-Delhi remembers with gratitude Rev. Fr. Renson Thekkinezhathu for his last six years of spiritual and pastoral service in Delhi Mission and in the Eparchy of Faridabad. We gratefully acknowledge your fruitful pastoral ministry and wish you all the best in your future ministries.

We thankfully remember Rev. Fr. Kurian Kochettonnil MST, Rev. Fr. Mathew Thundiyl CFIC and Rev. Fr. Mathew Kochuveetil CFIC, who returned to their mother province after having fulfilled their pastoral ministry in the diocese of Faridabad-Delhi. We wish all success in their future ministry.

# മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പിന്റെ സർക്കുലർ

2017 ജനുവരി 9 മുതൽ 14 വരെ കാക്കനാട് മൗണ്ട് സെന്റ് തോമസ് സഭാകേന്ദ്രത്തിൽ സമ്മേളിച്ച സീറോ മലബാർ സഭാ മെത്രാന്മാരുടെ 25-ാമത് സിനഡിന്റെ പ്രഥമ സമ്മേളനത്തിനുശേഷം എല്ലാ സീറോ മലബാർ വിശ്വാസികൾക്കും വേണ്ടി മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ ജോർജ്ജ് ആലഞ്ചേരി പുറപ്പെടുവിക്കുന്ന സർക്കുലർ.

**ഈശോയിൽ ഏറ്റവും സ്നേഹമുള്ള സഹോദരീ സഹോദരന്മാരേ,**

സീറോ മലബാർ സഭ മേജർ ആർക്കി എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പൽ സ്ഥാനത്തേയ്ക്ക് ഉയർത്തപ്പെട്ടതിന്റെ രജതജൂബിലി ആഘോഷിക്കുന്ന ഈ വർഷത്തിലെ സിനഡ് (XXV സിനഡ്, സെഷൻ 1) ജനുവരി 9-14 വരെയുള്ള ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ കൂടുകയുണ്ടായി. നമ്മുടെ പിതാവായ മാർ തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ തിരുശേഷിപ്പ് സഭാ ആസ്ഥാനമായ സെന്റ് തോമസ് മൗണ്ടിലെ ചാപ്പലിൽ പ്രതിഷ്ഠിച്ചുകൊണ്ടായിരുന്നു സിനഡിന്റെ ആരംഭം.

കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി രൂപതയുടെ മുൻ അധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ മാത്യു വട്ടക്കുഴി പിതാവിന്റെ നിര്യാണത്തിൽ സിനഡ് അനുശോചനം രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുകയും പ്രാർത്ഥനാജ്വലികൾ അർപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. സിനഡിലെ പൂർണ്ണ അംഗങ്ങൾ എന്ന നിലയിൽ ആദ്യമായി സംബന്ധിക്കുന്ന ഗ്രേറ്റ് ബ്രിട്ടൺ രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ ജോസഫ് സ്രാമ്പി കലിനെയും യൂറോപ്പിലെ അപ്പസ്തോലിക വിസിറ്റേറ്റർ മാർ സ്റ്റീഫൻ ചിറപ്പണത്തിനെയും സിനഡിലേയ്ക്ക് ഔപചാരികമായി മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്തു.

ക്രിസ്തുമസ് കഴിഞ്ഞുള്ള ദിവസങ്ങളിലെ തിരുപ്പട്ടത്തിന്റെയും പുത്തൻകുർബ്ബാനയുടെയും പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിലാണ് സിനഡ് സമ്മേളനം നടന്നത്. സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയിൽ ആകെ 308 ഡീക്കന്മാരാണ് ഈ വർഷത്തിൽ അഭിഷിക്തരായത്, 165 സന്യാസവൈദികരും 143 രൂപതാ വൈദികരും. സഭയ്ക്ക് ലഭിച്ച ഈ വലിയ ദാനത്തിന് നിത്യരൂപഹിതമായ ഈശോയ്ക്ക് നമുക്ക് നന്ദി പറയാം.

കേരളത്തിന് പുറത്തുള്ള പ്രവാസി മക്കളുടെ അജപാലനകാര്യങ്ങൾ സിനഡ് എന്നും അതീവ താല്പര്യത്തോടെയാണ് കാണുന്നത്. ഇന്ത്യയിൽ ചെന്നൈയിലെയും രൂപതകളിലുൾക്കൊള്ളുന്ന മറ്റു സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലെയും അജപാലന ശുശ്രൂഷാസംവിധാനങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി സിനഡ് ഗൗരവമായി ചർച്ച ചെയ്തു. ഗൾഫിലെയും ഇന്ത്യയിൽ കേരളത്തിന് പുറത്തുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലെയും അജപാലനരംഗത്തെ വെല്ലുവിളികളെപ്പറ്റി സിനഡ് ആശങ്ക രേഖപ്പെടുത്തി. ഗൾഫ് രാജ്യങ്ങളിൽ നമ്മുടെ വിശ്വാസികളുടെ ആത്മീയകാര്യങ്ങൾക്കുവേണ്ടി നാളിതുവരെ ചെയ്ത കാര്യങ്ങൾ അവലോകനം ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടു. ഇക്കാര്യങ്ങൾക്കായി സംഘടിതവും ഫലപ്രദവുമായ കർമ്മപദ്ധതികൾ ആവിഷ്കരിക്കുവാൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചു.

സാർവത്രിക സഭയിൽ അടുത്തുവരുന്ന മെത്രാന്മാരുടെ സിനഡ് യുവജനങ്ങളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചാണല്ലോ. സഭയുടെ ശക്തി യുവജനങ്ങളാണ്. രൂപതകളിലെ യുവജന അപ്പസ്റ്റോലേറ്റ് കൂടുതൽ ഫലപ്രദവും സംഘടനാപരവും വരുമാനുപകാരം വേണ്ട പദ്ധതികൾ ആവിഷ്കരിക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. നമ്മുടെ സഭയിലെ വൈദികപരിശീലനം, അല്മായ ശാക്തീകരണം, സാമൂഹികസേവനം തുടങ്ങിയ വിഷയങ്ങൾ ചർച്ച ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടു. വൈദികപരിശീലനം കാലോചിതവും ഫലപ്രദവുമാക്കേണ്ടതിന്റെ ആവശ്യകതയെപ്പറ്റി സിനഡിൽ ചർച്ചയുണ്ടായി. നമ്മുടെ സെമിനാരികളിലെ അധ്യാപനരീതികൾ കൂടുതൽ ശാസ്ത്രീയമാക്കേണ്ടതിന്റെ ആവശ്യകത കണക്കിലെടുത്തു പ്രൊഫസർമാരുടെ അധ്യാപനരീതിയെ വിലയിരുത്തുന്ന ഒരു സംവിധാനം സിനഡൽ സെമിനാരികൾക്കുവേണ്ടി രൂപീകരിക്കാൻ ഇതുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട കമ്മീഷനെ ചുമതലപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മറ്റു ക്രിസ്തീയവിഭാഗങ്ങളുമായി ബന്ധം പരിപോഷിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ സഹായകവുമാകുന്ന ഒരു ഏക്യമെ നിക്കൽ ഡയറക്ടറിക്കു സിനഡ് രൂപം കൊടുക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. അല്മായ പ്രേഷിതത്വത്തിന്റെ പ്രാധാന്യം കണക്കിലെടുത്തു അനുയോജ്യമായ പരിശീലനം നൽകി സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയിൽ ഒരു അല്മായ മുന്നേറ്റത്തിന് വഴിയൊരുക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്ന് സിനഡ് പിതാക്കന്മാർ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. നേരിട്ടുള്ള മിഷൻ പ്രവർത്തനം (Mission ad Gentes) കണക്കിലെടുത്തു പ്രേഷിതാഭിമുഖ്യമുള്ള അല്മായർ സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷകരാകേണ്ടതിന്റെ ആവശ്യകത പലരും ചൂണ്ടിക്കാണിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. അല്മായ ശാക്തീകരണത്തിന്റെ (lay empowerment) രംഗത്ത് ഇനിയും നമ്മുടെ സഭ വളരെ മുന്നോട്ടുപോകേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. ഇത്തരഗതത്തിൽ അല്മായപ്രേഷിത സംരംഭങ്ങളുടെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ ശ്രദ്ധേയമാണ്. ചെറുപുഷ്പ മിഷൻ ലീഗിന്റെ സംഘടനാപരമായ സ്വഭാവം എപ്രകാരം വികസിപ്പിക്കണമെന്നതിനെക്കുറിച്ച് സിനഡ് ചർച്ച നടത്തി.

ഈയിടെ ശ്രീലങ്കയിൽ വച്ച് നടന്ന ഏഷ്യയിലെ മെത്രാൻസമിതി (FABC) യോഗത്തിൽ സംബന്ധിച്ച സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയിലെ പിതാക്കന്മാർ അതിന്റെ റിപ്പോർട്ട് അവതരിപ്പിച്ചു. പതിവുള്ളതുപോലെ മുൻ സിനഡിലെ



ചർച്ചകളെ പുനരവലോകനം ചെയ്യുകയും തീരുമാനങ്ങളെ വിലയിരുത്തുകയും ചെയ്തു. ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ പ്രകൃതി സംരക്ഷണവും, സിവിക് കൾച്ചറും സംബന്ധിച്ച ഒരു കൈപ്പുസ്തകം (hand-book) മാർ തോമസ് ചക്രത്തിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ തയ്യാറാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. “ഞാനും എന്റെ ഭൂമിയും ഞാനും എന്റെ സമൂഹവും” എന്ന പേരിലുള്ള ഈ പുസ്തകം ഹരിത വികസന പദ്ധതികളെപ്പറ്റിയും സഭയ്ക്ക് അതിലുള്ള പങ്കാളിത്തത്തെപ്പറ്റിയും പരാമർശിക്കുന്നു. Solar Energy, Water Pollution, Waste Management ശുചിത്വ പരിശീലനം തുടങ്ങിയ വിഷയങ്ങൾ കൈകാര്യം ചെയ്യുന്ന ഈ പുസ്തകം എല്ലാവർക്കും വിശിഷ്ട, നമ്മുടെ കുട്ടികൾക്കും യുവജനങ്ങൾക്കും, ഉപകാരപ്രദമാണ്. രൂപതാലതലത്തിൽ ഇടവകകളിലും സംഘടനകളിലും ഈ പുസ്തകത്തിന്റെ പ്രചാരണത്തിനായി ശ്രമിക്കുമല്ലോ.

സാർവ്വത്രിക സഭയിലെ മെത്രാൻ സിനഡിന്റെ കുടുംബജീവിതത്തെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള പ്രബോധനരേഖ (*Amoris laetitia*) പ്രചരിപ്പിക്കുവാനും പ്രാവർത്തികമാക്കുവാനും നമ്മുടെ രൂപതകൾ നടത്തിയ പരിശ്രമങ്ങളും, സംരംഭങ്ങളും ശ്ലോഹനീയമാണ്. അതിന്റെ ഓരോ രൂപതകളിലെയും റിപ്പോർട്ടുകൾ സഭാതലത്തിൽ ക്രോഡീകരിച്ച് റോമിലേക്ക് അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. കുടുംബ ജീവിതം സഭാജീവിതത്തിലെ അതിപ്രധാനമായ ഒന്നാകയാൽ ക്രിസ്തീയ സാക്ഷ്യത്തിനു ഈ പ്രബോധനരേഖ വിഭാവനം ചെയ്യുന്ന കാര്യങ്ങൾ ഇടവകതലത്തിൽ നടപ്പിലാക്കാൻ പരിശ്രമിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്ന് ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ ഉദ്ബോധിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

ഈ സിനഡിൽ പരിഗണനയ്ക്കു വിഷയമാക്കിയ മറ്റൊന്നാണ് യോഗ്യയുടെ പരിശീലനം. ഭാരതീയ സംസ്കാരത്തിൽ യോഗ്യയുടെ സ്ഥാനം അംഗീകരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ അത് വെറും ഒരു ശാരീരിക മുറിയായിട്ടോ (Physical exercise) ഏകാഗ്രതയ്ക്കോ, ധ്യാനത്തിനോ വേണ്ടിയുള്ള ശാരീരികാവസ്ഥയായിട്ടോ മാത്രമേ കണക്കാക്കാൻ പാടുള്ളൂ. ദൈവാനുഭവവും, ഈശ്വരാഭിമുഖ്യവും യോഗ്യയിലൂടെ സാധിക്കും എന്ന് ചിന്തിക്കുന്നത് ശരിയല്ല. നാം വിശ്വസിക്കുന്ന ദൈവം വ്യക്തിപരമായ ദൈവമാണ് (Personal God). ഒരു പ്രത്യേക ശാരീരികാവസ്ഥയിൽ പ്രാപിക്കാവുന്ന (transcendental) ഒന്നല്ല ദൈവം. യോഗവിഷയത്തിൽ സഭേതര നിലപാടുകൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുന്ന വ്യക്തികളെയും പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങളെയും പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കാൻ പാടില്ല. ഇത്തരൂണത്തിൽ കത്തോലിക്കാ വിശ്വാസത്തിനു എതിരായിട്ടുള്ളതും സഭയുടെ ഔദ്യോഗിക പ്രബോധനങ്ങൾ അംഗീകരിക്കാത്തതുമായ പ്രാർത്ഥനാഗ്രന്ഥങ്ങളിലും ആത്മീയ പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങളിലും ചെന്നുപെടാതിരിക്കാൻ ഏവരും ശ്രദ്ധിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

ആരാധനക്രമപരമായ കാര്യങ്ങളും സിനഡ് ചിന്തയ്ക്കു വിഷയമാക്കിയിരുന്നു. വിവാഹസമ്മതത്തിന്റെ (മനസമ്മതം) പുതിയക്രമത്തിന് സിനഡിൽ അംഗീകാരമായി. പെസഹാ വ്യാഴാഴ്ചത്തെ കാൽകഴുകൽശുശ്രൂഷ വിശദമായ ചർച്ചകൾക്ക് വിധേയമാക്കിയെങ്കിലും ഇതു സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ രീതി തുടരണമെന്നും അതേസമയം ലിറ്റർജിക്കൽ കമ്മീഷൻ ഈ വിഷയത്തിലുള്ള പഠനം തുടരേണ്ടതാണെന്നും സിനഡ് നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചു.

വടവാരൂർ പൗരസ്ത്യവിദ്യാപീഠത്തിൽ കാനൻ നിയമത്തിനു ഒരു ഫാക്കൽറ്റി അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള കാര്യം സന്തോഷപൂർവ്വം നിങ്ങളെ അറിയിക്കുന്നു. സീറോ മലബാർ സഭ മേജർ ആർക്കി എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പൽ സ്ഥാനത്തേയ്ക്ക് ഉയർത്തപ്പെട്ടതിന്റെ രജതജൂബിലി വർഷം കൂടുതൽ ഐക്യത്തിലും കൂട്ടായ്മയിലും മുന്നേറുവാനുള്ള ഒരവസരമാണ്. സഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിതാഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ കൂടുതൽ മുന്നേറുവാൻ ഈ ജൂബിലി നമുക്കിടയാകട്ടെ. ജൂബിലി വർഷത്തിൽ കടന്നുവന്ന വഴികൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാനും ആദ്യകാലഘട്ടങ്ങളിൽ സഭയ്ക്ക് സാരഥ്യം നൽകിയ പിതാക്കന്മാരെ അനുസ്മരിക്കുവാനും നമുക്ക് പരിശ്രമിക്കാം. ജൂബിലിയോടനുബന്ധിച്ചു ഒരു അന്തർദ്ദേശീയ സിമ്പോസിയം നടത്തുവാൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

യെമനിൽ ഭീകരവാദികൾ തട്ടിക്കൊണ്ടുപോയ ഫാ. ടോം ഉഴുന്നാലിന്റെ കാര്യത്തിൽ സിനഡ് ഉത്ക്കണ്ഠ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തി. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ വിടുതലിനുവേണ്ടി ഒരു ദിവസം എറണാകുളം സെന്റ് മേരീസ് കത്തീഡ്രൽ ദേവാലയത്തിൽ പ്രാർത്ഥനായജ്ഞവും ആരാധനയും നടത്തി. ഗവൺമെന്റ് തലത്തിൽ ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ സമ്മർദ്ദം ചെലുത്തി കാര്യങ്ങൾ ത്വരിതപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ സിനഡ് തീരുമാനിച്ചു.

ആത്മീയനവീകരണം നിറഞ്ഞ ഒരു നോമ്പാചരണം നേർന്നുകൊണ്ട്,

ഈശോയിൽ സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം,  
**കർദിനാൾ ജോർജ്ജ് ആലഞ്ചേരി**

സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയുടെ മേജർ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ്

കാക്കനാട് മൗണ്ട് സെന്റ് തോമസ്സിലുള്ള മേജർ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പിന്റെ കാര്യാലയത്തിൽ നിന്ന് 2017-ാം ആണ്ട് മാർച്ച് മാസം 5 -ാം തീയതി നൽകപ്പെട്ടത്.

N.B: ഈ വിജ്ഞാപനം ഉചിതമായ മാർഗ്ഗങ്ങളിലൂടെ അതതു രൂപത/അതിരൂപതകളിലെ വൈദികരുടെയും സന്യസ്ഥരുടെയും അഭിമാന സഹോദരങ്ങളുടെയും ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരേണ്ടതാണ്.

# Sr. Rani Maria

## A MARVELOUS EXAMPLE OF MISSIONARY SPIRITUALITY

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**S**r. Rani Maria F.C.C was a model of Christian Missionary Spirituality. As a relative and an adjacent neighbour in Pulluvazhy, I know Sr. Rani Maria's family very closely. Having seen the different phases of Sr. Rani Maria's life and having experienced her missionary zeal and activities, I could promptly say that Sr. Rani Maria is a prime Model of Missionary Spirituality in the modern world. The Gospel Verse Lk. 4: 18, was the Motto of Sr. Rani Maria: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach the Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord". She was convinced that the Lord has called her to be a missionary in North India. Moreover, Sr. Rani Maria lived genuinely the Franciscan Charism. Sr. Liza Rose recollects, "Sr. Rani Maria used to get up every day early morning at 4 o'clock. She spent a lot of time in personal prayer. Afterwards she took part in the community prayer in a very active way. She was enthusiastic and creative in leading the community prayer." It was in prayer that she found strength to face all challenges and difficulties and to dedicate herself totally to the oppressed and marginalized without hating their oppressors.

Sr. Rani Maria started her missionary works in Bijnor on 24th December 1975. Fr. Varghese Kottoor CMI, the then Parish Priest of Bijnor writes: "the Franciscan simplicity and cheerfulness of Sr. Rani Maria captured the hearts and minds of all with whom she came in contact". Sr. Infant Mary too testifies: "The biting cold, heavy rains, intense heat, irregular meals, lack of water, and journeys through dangerous



moments, lonely moments of helplessness... nothing was a hindrance to Sr. Rani Maria." On 21 July 1983, Sr. Rani Maria was transferred to Odagady in the diocese of Satna and was appointed coordinator of the social activities. She worked to uplift the poor and down-trodden. She was firmly convinced that no sacrifice would be too much in order to secure the total liberation proclaimed by Christ. She organized educational programmes for the children, the young, and the aged. She conscientized the poor about their exploitation and enabled them to realize their rights and duties as citizens of India. As a result, she became the object of the displeasure of their oppressors, who looked upon her work to uplift the poor as attempts to convert them to Christianity. Her life was at times under threat. Threats only made her more enthusiastic and zealous.

Witnessing the life of Sr. Rani Maria, the then Provincial Sr. Marianna stated: "Oh! What a missionary zeal! What courage! How can she do so much? Oh! This is an extraordinary personality. I would have been extremely happy if I got a little of this charism. If she carries on this manner, Sr. Rani Maria would surely fall victim to murderers." Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy, the then Social Work director, remarked: "Many Adivasis and Harijans were attracted to Christianity by her sincere concern and love for them, effective developmental activities, selfless works for the people etc". Bishop Abraham Mattam recollects: "Sr. Rani Maria was

convinced that an evangelizer should be interested in the life of the poor to give them Christ, his love and his redeeming message, thereby helping them to attain special growth and material welfare”.

On 15 May 1992, Sr. Rani was transferred to Sneha Sadan, Udainagar. As an experienced Social worker she knew that villagers had become over dependant on the money lenders who devoured their meagre earnings and property. Sr. Rani Maria made the poor people aware of their rights and injustice perpetrated on them. She would often approach the government officials for the sake of the poor, usually only to meet with refusal and rejection. On one occasion, holding in her hand the crucifix hanging from her neck, Sr. Rani humbly told an officer: “Sir, we have accepted this way of life and come here not because we have no means of livelihood at home, nor is it because our parents have pushed us out of our families. Look! We have accepted this way of life, a life of sacrifice, in order to work for Christ in the poor.” Gradually, her gentle manners, sincere dealings, unselfish way of actions, and above all her pleasant way of speaking won over admiration even of the officials. Sr. Liza Rose who was then superior of Sneha Sadan Convent, Udainagar remarks: “Sr. Rani Maria mostly worked among the Adivasis and among those who were marginalized by the society. They loved her as a mother because this was for the first time that they saw a person, who shared their life, lived with them and acted in their favour. Her life was set apart for the poor. It was her nature not to run away from difficulties and oppositions.” Since the developmental programmes for the poor tribals went counter to the vested interests of the unscrupulous moneylenders and social exploiters, she became the object of their hatred. And her enemies decided to get rid of her and Samandar Singh was hired by them to execute their plans. On February 25, 1995, as she was travelling in a crowded bus to catch the train from Indore to her native place Pulluvazhy, he stabbed her in the bus. When she fell down, he dragged her out of the bus, while he continued to pierce her brutally with knife. She died of 54 stab wounds on the roadside at Nachanbore Hills, near Indore.

Eight days before her death during her last visit to the Provincial House, on the occasion of the Canonical Visit of Mother General Henry Suso, Sr. Rani said: we should not seek safety and comfort in our mission work, with courage and trust in God more and more sisters should get ready to risk themselves in serving the poor and needy in the undeveloped villages of the missions.” Sr. Rani Maria also confided to her Novice Mistress Sr. Infant Mary: “I would desire to die a martyr for the love of Jesus and for my poor downtrodden brethren.”

Sr. Rani Maria’s family showed a marvelous example of Christian forgiveness, which was lauded internationally, when it accepted Samandar Singh as a member of their family, after forgiving him. Rani Maria’s young sister Sr. Selmy Paul, also a member of the same Religious Congregation, accepted Singh as her brother by tying “rakhi,” a sacred thread, on the festival of siblings Rakshabandan. Rani Maria’s mother Eliswa accepted him as her “son in the place of her daughter”. These gestures of Sr. Selmy, Mother Eliswa, other members of the family and of the village made Samandar Singh to regret about his criminal action. He now leads a life of repentance in his village in central India. He visits occasionally Rani Maria’s tomb and her family in Pulluvazhy. He also attended the funeral of Eliswa, the mother of Sr. Rani Maria, in September 2016.

Sr. Rani Maria now, has been cleared for beatification by the Holy Father Pope Francis. During an audience on Thursday with Cardinal Angelo Amato, S.D.B., Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, the Holy Father authorized the ‘Congregation for the Causes of Saints’, to promulgate the decree of the martyrdom of Servant of God Sr. Rani Maria. According to the text of approval of the Roman Congregation, Sr. Rani Maria’s courageous sacrifice and martyrdom has helped to sow “the seed of love and justice and brotherhood in many hearts.” Sr. Rani Maria, thus becomes a true model of Christian Missionary Spirituality. ■

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## Glimpse at St. Chavara Kuriakose Minor Seminary

“The more we know about the preceded days, the better prepared we are for the future.” This reality was accomplished in practice by the Mighty grace. A copacetic and suitable domicile of our Archbishop’s dream for our freshers as actualized. When we look upon the home turf in Thommankuth and take a quiet walk with Mother Nature, it will nurture our mind body and soul – a suitable abode to be fostered.

Frequent visit of our Archbishop made us jovial and motivated. Vacation duty for the brothers made them familiarized with the area where they are to proceed.

Rev. Fr. John Kapiarumalayil took up the charge of rector and arrived at Thommankuth on February 16. Thereafter some preparatory works were done to receive the first batch of the seminary. On 19th February Fr. Rector along with our parish priest celebrated the Holy Mass in the St. Thomas Church Thommankuth. Our Rector was introduced to the parishioners by Fr Jose Arackal, vicar of Thommankuth Parish.

We had house blessing on 21st February by our Archbishop Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara along with parish priest, Rector, Rev. Fr. Mathew Thoomullil , Rev. Fr. Joseph Ayyankolil, Rev. Fr. Mathews Nandalathu and sisters from Thommankuth FCC. The neighbors were also invited for the blessing. Thus we channelized harmonization with the natives around. Brothers were divided into 3 groups to sing for the blessing. The whole surrounding and the house was blessed by the priests presented. In our home let love abide and abundance blessing for all those who step inside.

Since 22nd February our neighbors started to attend the Holy Mass in our chapel. This made our rapport stable and for them a new experience together with God’s own selected. The days ahead were outdoor works under the guidance of our Archbishop and brothers enthusiastically performed the tasks they were allotted. 28th was the day of initiation of the classes. With a new timetable classes were commenced. Fr. Rector, Dn. Anoop and Bro. Johnson dealt the topics as decided.



Construction work under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Mathew Nandalathu and Mr. Jaison was begun on 09/03/2017 and still proceeding lively. Brothers are enthusiastic enough to cooperate with the works. This was evident from their unloading harmoniously the floor materials and wood frames. Harmony is a beautiful balance between mind, body and soul measured in tender peaceful moments.

Spiritual father Rev. Fr. Joseph kandathinkara, arrived here on 15th from Kothamangalam Diocese together with Vicar General, priests and relatives. Rev. Fr Anoop Kadappally reached in the seminary by 17/03/2017 from Eranakulam- Angamali Archdiocese and took the charge as the Vice Rector of St. Chavara Kuriakose Minor Seminary.



St. Joseph's day was grandly celebrated in the seminary. Fr. Joseph Kandathinkarayil, Parish Priest, Dn. Anoop and brothers who are bearing the name were specially greeted and sumptuous meal was also was offered during the feast day. On 24th March we had a pilgrimage to Arakuzha St. Mary's Church. There we visited a museum, rosary garden and the Via Dolorosa.

March 28th was the day of celebration for us. We delightfully celebrated the 78 birthday of Spiritual Father Fr. Joseph Kandathinkara in the presence of His Excellency Mar George Madathikandathil.

Now we, brothers eagerly wait for the upcoming grand programmes. We are very happy with a new vista which was opened and we are really home felt here. ■

## VOCATION PROMOTION CAMPS AT KERALA



Under the guidance of our Minor Seminary Rector Very Rev. Fr. John Kapiaramulayil our Major Seminarians are working together to organise vocation camp. On April 3,4,5 and April 18,19 20 we are arranging a vocation promotion camps at our Diocesan Minor Seminary, Thommankuth. In preparation with the vocation camps our seminarians are visiting several parishes and schools. They have also arranged pre-camps in each zones (Malabar zone, Idukki zone, Thrissur zone and Kottayam zone). All the activities of the seminarians are lead by Br. Alwin Allukkal and Br. Jitho. ■



## **Celebration of Infant Jesus day on 9th February**

Infant Jesus day, the Patron of the school was celebrated on 9th February spreading in the minds the rays of joy and hope. Rev. Fr. Mathew, Secretary to Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara graced the occasion with his presence and message.

## **Paper Presentation of Rev. Fr. Benny Palatty at NCERT Seminar**



Rev. Fr Benny Jose, Director of Educational Institutions, Faridabad-Delhi Diocese participated in the National Seminar conducted by NCERT Regional Centre at Bhopal on the topic "Education of Minorities in India: Issues and Concerns" from 09 – 11 February, 2017 and presented his paper regarding 'Minority's intervention on the social values and ethos of Indian Mind'.

## **IJS Carnival 2017**

The gates of Infant Jesus School were open for fun, food and games on 18th March, 2017. Children with their near and dear ones thronged in great numbers to explore and enjoy the exhibitions, stalls and games. Mr. Cyril John, the Joint Director and Chief of Protocol in Lok Sabha (retired) was the chief guest of the function. Presence of Rev. Frs. Benny Akkut CST, Paul Kodiyan, Mathew Rev. Sisters from various convents graced the event. The footfall of the event was thousands who enjoyed dishes from North India to South India and from Italian Pasta to Chinese Chowmeen. The cultural programmes and stalls of games & fun added gaiety to the event. Blood donation camp organized with

the help of Rotary Blood Bank of Delhi gave another face of the carnival as a life-enhancing event. Many voluntarily donated blood to save the lives of whom they barely know.

## **"SCIENCE EXPERIENCE ROOM"**



Science is not just memorizing facts and figures, it is learning through experience. The paradigm shift of today's educational scenario is learning through experience. Keeping this intention in view, with the help and support of the artists and technicians namely Mr. Roy P Chacko, Mr. Melvin, Mr. Bhosele, Mr. Kamble, Mr. Arun Bharati from 25 BN BSF Chawla Camp, a room is earmarked for scientific pursuit in our school. It is christened as "Science Experience room." Its aim is to instill in young minds the scientific curiosity and vigor through working models and demonstrations. Dynamic models of Solar system, the pride of India 'PSLV' etc attracted students and will help them to understand better and think creatively. Mr. Cyril John, the Joint Director and Chief of Protocol in Lok Sabha (retired) cut the ribbon and opened it for public.

## **Farewell to Sr. Annie James SMS**

On 16th March, 2017 Infant Jesus School bid farewell to principal Sr. Annie James SMS, who was at the helm of academic pursuit of the school for last four years. Farewell ceremony was attended by Rev. Fr. Davis Kalliyathuparambil, the Manager; Rev. Fr. Benny Palatty, the Director; Rev. Fr. Benny Akkut, Staff and students. Rev. Fr. Davis Kalliyathuparambil, the Manager in his speech





## CATECHISM TEACHERS CONVENTION 2017

Faridabad Diocese Catechism Teachers Convention held on 19th February 2017 at Little Flower Church, Lado Sarai under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Jiju Thuruthikkara, Director, Mr. Regi Thomas, Secretary and Mr. Jacob Thomas, Joint Secretary. Convention started with Holy Rosary thereafter welcome address by Director. His Grace Archbishop Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara in his inaugural speech addressed all teachers to be not just teachers but also "a witness" through their example and to prepare themselves to cope up with modern techniques in faith formation and to foster children for vocation by their conscience. Logos Quiz 2016 prizes and Catechism Teachers Training Certificates were also distributed by His

Grace. Rev. Fr. Robi, Kunthaniyil, Parish Priest of Little Flower Church delivered the felicitation message.

Rev. Fr. Benny Palatty, Director, Infant Jesus School, Dwarka took a class on 'Pedagogy of Catechism' that showcased an opportunity to reflect on and learn about new and innovative pedagogical practices and theories. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar General of Faridabad Diocese celebrated the Holy Qurbana and in his Homily speech he advised all to perceive the Centurion Mindset in the Bible, the possessor of that "great faith" and considering others of His own people, followed by Agappe. A group discussion and Question Answer session were also took place. The convention concluded with refreshment. ■



expressed the feelings of gratitude for the services rendered by her to the school and the diocese at large. For last three and a half years, her ubiquity in the school played a vital role in overall growth of

the School. Being part and parcel of IJS family, on the occasion of Rev. Sr. Annie James SMS being elected as the councilor of spirituality in St. Mary's SMS Kothamangalam province, we wish all the best and prayers in her future endeavors.

## Orientation Programme for Teaching Staff

Fr. Shaju Varghese CMI, conducted workshop on "Strategic Planning through SWOT Analysis" from 27th to 30th March and oriented teaching staff to work together for taking school to new heights in curricular and extra-curricular areas. ■



## Annual day celebration 2016-17

The Mathruvedhi of Faridabad-Delhi Diocese celebrated its 4th annual day on the 12th of February 2017 at Fr. Agnel School, Gautam Nagar. Over 700 women from 35 parishes attended the function.

His Grace, Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, the Archbishop of Faridabad-Delhi diocese presided over the meeting. The inaugural address was given by Mathruvedhi national Director Rev. Fr. Joseph Kochuparambil. The special guests were the Mathruvedhi national President Mrs. Delcy Lukachan, Secretary Mrs. Jiji Jacob, and Mrs. Nisha Jose K. Mani, a social enabler.

The morning session began with a prayer and followed by an enlightening session by Rev. Sr. Mary Scaria, a leading advocate in the Supreme Court and High Court of Delhi. She spoke about the role of women in the family and their rights. This was followed by the Holy Mass and lunch. During the lunch break, an interactive session on the common issues faced by Mothers was conducted by Mrs. Selina Vincent and Mrs. Mercy Chacko.

There were several cultural programmes by the mothers from different parishes. Rev. Fr. Renson Thekkinezhath welcomed all the guests and women to the formal gathering. During the formal function, His Grace addressed the gathering and with his words of wisdom inspired the mothers. He also felicitated Mrs. Nisha Yohannan and Sr. Celin for their contributions to the society. Rev. Fr. Johnson Palatty also gave a small talk regarding women and their importance. After this, His Grace incepted the newly formulated Bylaws of the Mathruvedhi. This was followed by the Mathruvedhi



annual report of 2016-17 by Secretary Mrs. Magi Mathews. This was followed by the sent off ceremony of our director Rev. Fr. Renson Thekkinezhathu who served in our diocese for the last six years and was the director of Mathruvedhi for 3 years. The farewell speech was given by Mrs. Magi Mathews, and His Grace felicitated him for all his good works and also introduced our new director Rev. Fr. Robi Kunthaniyil.

The vote of thanks was given by Mathruvedhi president Sr. Liz Maria CMC. The guests were felicitated with mementoes and the Lucky Mother of the year 2016-17 was chosen.

## Waste to Wealth

Diocesan Mathruvedi organizes this year also the project of chiratta collection, called "waste to wealth." It is initiated by our Archbishop. Mrs. Selina Vincent from Assumption Forane Church, Mayur Vihar Phase III, will co-ordinate the project in the diocesan level and all the Forane and unit leaders are requested to co-ordinate in their respective units.

## Thanks and Welcome

After six years of his fruitful pastoral ministry in the diocese of Faridabad and three years of his service as the Diocesan director of Mathruvedi, Rev. Fr. Renson Thekkinezhathu returned to his home diocese. The members of Mathruvedi remember with gratitude his sincere and whole hearted service and pray that his future ministry may become fruitful. We also welcome our new director Rev. Fr. Robi Kunthaniyil and wish him all success in his new ministry. ■



## A GLIMPSE ON SANJOEPURAM

Sanjoepuram family is leading by the providence of God. Spirit of God guiding its every step for Heavenly Glory. Each member is becoming the good instruments of His mercy and compassion.

## MEDICAL CAMP



On 5th March 2017 Sanjoepuram service society had a great privileged to conduct a free medical camp at Kurali village by the support of Dr. John Bickert from Canada.

## PRIZE WINNERS

Our children are exploring their talents in different fields. On 12th March Dharma Jyothi Vidya Peeth rewarded with cash prizes and medals to our children for winning in elocution and painting competitions which are conducted for various schools. Asha, Christina and Vishaka won for elocution and Julie showed her talent in painting. Children are being appreciated by all the eminent personalities on the stage.

## WELCOME TO NEW INMATE

On 14th we the members of the Sanjoepuram family gave a warm welcome to our new inmate Shilpa to our campus. She is fully enjoying the life here with her new friends.

## VISIT

We provide a joyful atmosphere to all those who visit our Sanjoepuram family, in spite of their cast and creed, region and race. A group of nursing girls from England and France spend their leisure time



with our children for two days. They engaged the children with games and western choreography. It became a significant memoir for our children.

## PLASTIC FREE CAMPUS



The entire campus consisting Sanjoepuram children's village and Infant Jesus School was declared as plastic free and Green campus. For the preparation children of the village and school cleansed the entire campus on 18th March 2017. His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara unveiled the poster and declared as Sanjoepuram 'A Plastic Free Campus' on the occasion on swachh Bharat Awareness Day conducted on 20th March. In the same day H.S Malik the chairman of C.W.C. presented a seminar for Sanjoepuram campus; there he stressed on the topic - Cyber Awareness and Vigilance. Miss. Garima, the District Child Protection Officer also specified a seminar on the theme 'Importance of Child Right and Protection' respectively.

## WARM WISHES TO NEW PRIEST

We extended cordial welcome and prayerful wishes to Rev. Fr. Sunil Augustine, the new priest of the Diocese of Faridabad -Delhi. We congratulated and prayed for him, for his bright future. ■



## **New Diocesan Directors Orientation Programme**

Two days orientation programme for the new Diocesan Directors for social work were conducted on 24- 25th February 2017 by Caritas India at Delhi. 28 fathers from 25 different Dioceses from India participated for the said program. Rev. Fr. Sijo Edakkarot, Asst. Director Diocesan social work participated in the program from our Diocese. Bishop Lumen Monteiro, Chairman Caritas India inaugurated the program and addressed the participants. Different topics were covered by different resource persons from Caritas India. They explained how Caritas work and its functions and operations in different fields.

## **Visit of Caritas Staff in Sanjopuram**

As part of RBA project Mr. Nutan State officer for Northern Region visited in our project area on 6th - 7th March 2017. He stayed Sanjopuram and conducted meeting with all our staffs and evaluated all our activities. He had a deep observation and clarification with NFE Teachers and discussed with challenges, improvement, and result. Then he encouraged them for good work. He also gave good guidance to animators for a better functioning. He suggested programme coordinator for good monitoring and timely reporting for the activity.

## **Disaster Management, Disaster Risk Reduction programme for Society for Social Development In Northern Region (SSDNR) Partners**

SJSS staff members participated Disaster Management, Disaster Risk Reduction programme for SSDNR partners at Navajeevan Charitable Society conference hall, Jalandhar, Punjab on 13th and 14th March 2017. Seven Diocesan social work department representatives participated. Mr. Amit Kumar Dalai, Program Manager of Navajeevan Charitable Society Welcomes dignitaries from the entire Diocese. Mr. Anjan, Head of Disaster Management department from Caritas India, New Delhi, was the resource



person who took classes on DRR approach, disaster management/risk management – definitions, concepts, principles and practices. The final session was about Risk Reduction Planning and Contingency Planning for Rapid Response. Fr. Sijo Edakkarot, Sr. Cherupushpam and Mr. Joji Joseph participated representing St. Joseph's Social Service Society. Twenty six participants attended the programme.

## **ENT Medical Camp**

On 19th March 2017 St. Joseph's Service Society conducted ENT Camp at Aruva Village Sanjopuram by Delhi ENT hospital Jasola. Dr. Abishak led the medical camp. 130 people were participated in the camp and 30 people got opportunity for free surgery. The most of the SHG group members participated in this camp.

## **Training of Quilling Art**

As part of women empowerment St. Joseph's Service Society conducted skilled training programme of jewelry making and Decoration for the adolescent women's in sanjopuram. The training programme was taken by Mis. Lincy E.J from saritha vihar. Women empowerment is a one of the goals of St. Joseph's Service Society. 35 peoples were participated for this training from different villages. The programme was conducted as part of RBA project.

## **All India Conference on Health and Well Being: Community as Solution**

All India conference on health and well being: community as solution was conducted on 22nd -23

March 2017 in United Service Institutions of India (USI) Delhi organized by Caritas India. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. N. S. Dharmshaktu, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Bishop Lumen Monteiro, Chairman Caritas India, Rev. Fr. Frederic D'souza executive director Caritas, Rev. Fr. Paul Moonjeli Asst. Director and Dr. Shampa Nag project director malaria lightened the lamp. 207 participants from all over India participated the said program. The main topics discussed by experts during the programs were:-

1. Access to and affordability in health care
2. Communicable and non communicable diseases
3. Maternal and child health
4. Community voice by health volunteers
5. Health care response in disasters
6. Socio-economic equities in health care

Rev. Fr. Sijo Edakkart MCBS, Rev. Sr. Cherupushpam SH and Mr. Joji participated representing SJSS Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi

### **Participation in the North Zone meeting of CBCI office for labour**



Labour Commission north zone meeting of CBCI office for labour had conducted in Indian social institute (ISI) Lodhi road on 25th and 26th March 2017. Members from different Diocese of the north zone participated for the program. Bishop Oswald Lewis, chairman CBCI office for labour inaugurated the function in the presence of fathers from ISI, CBCI labour commission team and Msgr. Jose Edassery. There were different sessions on different subjects.

Different Regions and Dioceses presented their activity report in the presence of Bishop. At the end,

different Diocesan participants had group discussions and prepared future plans and presented before whole participants. At concluding session Bishop asked the participants to start labour commission activities by forming a core team in Diocesan level. The Secretary of the Diocesan Labour Commission should be appointed by the Bishop. He congratulated all the participants for their effort and wished good future. The participants from our Dioceses are Rev. Fr. Sijo Edakkart MCBS, Rev. Sr. Cherupushpam SH, Rev. Sr. Asha Paul CHF, Rev. Sr. Jasmine Jose CHF, Rev. Sr. Sayuja CMC, Rev. Sr. Celine SH, Ms. Nisha Yohannan.

### **Sex Education Awareness programme**

St. Joseph's service society conducted sex education awareness class to adolescent girls in Sanjopuram as part of RBA project on 30th March 2017. The class was taken by Sr. Celine SH. 35 adolescent girls participated from different villages from Hariyana. Through this sex education class, girls developed practical knowledge on growing stages, so that they can avoid many problems in future. The programme was coordinated by Rev. Sr. Cherupushpam.

### **Training for SHG**



St Joseph Service Society conducted training programmes for SHG group members on 31st March 2017 at Mariya Bhavan Sanjopuram. The resource person elaborated about importance of group activities, participation, rules for loan, unity, and record maintains and importance of grama sabha meeting. The class was taken by Sr. Celine SH. 45 people were participated in this programme from different villages. ■





## Pope Francis' schedule for Fatima visit released

Vatican released the official program for Pope Francis' two-day visit to Portugal in May, where he'll celebrate the centenary of the Fatima Marian apparitions and make a brief stop at an air base to meet the country's president. Francis will likely make a stop at his favorite Roman basilica, Saint Mary Major, sometime before leaving Rome at 2 p.m. May 12.

He'll land at the air base in Monte Real around 4:20 p.m. local time, where he'll be greeted by an official welcoming ceremony and meet with the president of Portugal, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, before making his way to Fatima. After his meeting with the president, the Pope is scheduled to stop by the chapel of the air base for a moment of prayer before boarding a helicopter that will take him to the Fatima's multi-use stadium.

From there, he'll hop inside an open car and

drive to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Once he arrives around 5:30 p.m., Pope Francis will head to the Chapel of the Apparitions inside the sanctuary, where he'll recite a prayer. He'll then bless the candles in the chapel and offer a special greeting, marking his first public speech of the trip, before praying the rosary with faithful.

The next day, May 13, which marks the first apparition of Mary to the three shepherd children Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, Francis will meet with Portugal's Prime Minister António Costa at the city's Casa "N.S. do Carmo" hotel-convent. Francis will then head to the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary in Fatima, which sits next to the official Shrine, to say Mass. After the celebration, he'll greet sick and disabled persons who are present. Lunch will then be served with the Portuguese bishops at the Casa "N.S.



## 10th National Youth Convention at Mangalore: "Touched by Jesus, Walking His Way".



DSYM members along with father Director participated in the 10th National Youth Convention which was held at St Joseph's Engineering College, Vamanjoor, Mangalore from 18th to 22nd January. His Beatitude George Cardinal Alenchery, Major Arch Bishop of the Syro Malabar Church celebrated the Holy Mass on the third day. Sherin Mathew from our Diocese was the M.C. for the day.

A General Body Meeting was also held which was attended by Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath (Director), Bivin Varghese (President), Sherin Mathew and Navin James (Diocesan Youth Representatives). Julia Joseph from our diocese received the 'National Youth Award' for her service. The convention concluded with a peace rally.

do Carmo" before the Pope heads back to the Monte Real air base for his official farewell ceremony.

He's scheduled to leave around 3 p.m. local time, arriving to Rome's Ciampino airport around 7 p.m. local time. As usual, he'll likely pay another visit to the basilica of St. Mary Major to pray and leave flowers before heading back to the Vatican. Of all Marian apparitions, those relating to Our Lady of Fatima are among the most famous. On May 13, 1917, siblings Francisco and Jacinta Marto – age 9 and 7 – and their cousin, 10-year-old Lucia dos Santos, took their sheep to graze near the Portuguese town of Fatima when they saw a figure of a woman dressed in white and holding a rosary.

After this first appearance, the Virgin Mary then appeared to the children on the 13th of every

## DSYM at Dharna-Prayer Service for Fr. Tom

Youth of the diocese played an active role in this event. An approximate of 85+ youth came together from all over the Diocese to display their solidarity and support. DSYM flex and banners were printed stating the cause. Placards were on display which was written in Hindi so as to attract the attention of the Government and the common people especially the non-malayali population.



## SMYM - First National Election Camp

The first National Election Camp of Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM) was held at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad from 24th March, 2017 to 26th March, 2017. All the Diocesan Directors, Animators and Youth leaders from across the country participated in the camp. Bivin Varghese, President of DSYM got elected as the National Deputy President of Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM). ■

month from May until October. The message of the Fatima apparitions can be summarized primarily as a call to repentance and prayer. In 1930, the Catholic Church proclaimed the supernatural character of the apparitions and a shrine was erected at Fatima. It was visited by Pope Paul VI May 13, 1967, and later by Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI. St. John Paul II had a particularly strong devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. After a harrowing assassination attempt in 1981, he credited his survival to her miraculous intervention. As a sign of his gratitude, he placed the bullet from the failed assassination in her crown.

"Pray for the brother who shot me, whom I have sincerely forgiven. United to Christ, as a priest and victim, I offer my sufferings for the Church and the world," Pope John Paul II said on that occasion. ■

### **Church Construction**



The construction of the new church building began on 5th March 2017. Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery came to the parish and offered holy Qurbana together with the Vicar Rev. Fr. Davis Kalliyathuparambil and the Assitt. Vicar Rev. Fr. Robin Arackaparambil and visited the construction site. The Construction work started officially after the prayer service at the site led by our Vicar General in the presence of MST Fathers, SH Sisters and large number of Faithful.

### **Seminar for the Couples**

Couples in our parish gathered together in the hall of Mother Theresa Convent in the evening of 18th March 2017 for prayer and reflection guided by Holy Family Sisters. The class by Rev. Sr. Lucy CHF on Holy Father Pope Francis' recent encyclical "JOY OF LOVE" was very much inspiring and meaningful for the better living in the families. Impute session

by Rev. Sr. Anchel Therese CHF on different aspect of healthy and wealthy living guided by the Holy Spirit was encouraging everyone to lead a life with full enthusiasm to serve the Lord and his people in family, parish and Diocesan level. The seminar ended at 6.30pm with a short prayer service by Rev. Sr. Presanna CHF and Holy Qurbana by Rev. Fr. Davis and Fr. Robin.

### **St. Joseph's Feast**



St. Joseph's Feast was celebrated in the parish on 19th March 2017. The Celebration was begun with the Holy Eucharist by Rev. Fr. Cyriac, Rev. Fr. Davis Kalliyathuparambil and Rev. Fr. Robin Arackaparambil. All those who have the name of St. Joseph were honored and prayed for them during the mass. The parish priest congratulated and prayed for the new couples and those couples who have completed 25 years of their marriage in 2017. ■



### **EYE TESTING CAMP**

On Sunday 22nd January 2017 St. Mary's Church, Ayanagar organized a free eye testing camp with the help of Mahavir International Lions Club. Fr. Benny Kannamthadam, Vicar of St. Marys Catholic Church inaugurated the Camp. The Eye check-up was led by Doctors from Mahaveer Hospital and their staffs. They have checked Sugar and Blood pressure test also. Good Number of people came for eye check up and it was very successful. ■



### Farewell and Welcome



Rev Fr. Benny Akkoottu CST has been appointed as the new Vicar from 07 March 2017. The Parish Community gave a hearty farewell and expressed their thanks to the outgoing Vicar Rev Fr. Dr. Robi Kunthaniyil on 05 March after Sunday Holy Mass at Andheria Mode Church. In the morning of 07 March the charge of Vicar was exchanged and Rev. Fr. Robi moved to his new place of appointment, Ashok Vihar Parish, escorted by Fr. Benny and representatives of parishioners. On the same day

evening Rev Fr. Vinod Moonjely, the new Associate vicar, reached the parish from Our Lady of Fatima Forane Church Jasola along with Forane vicar Rev Fr. Dr. Jacob Nangelimalil. The Parish Community welcomed the new Associate Vicar. Best wishes to you dear Rev. Fr. Dr. Robi Kunthaniyil, Rev. Fr. Benny Akkoottu and Rev. Fr. Vinod Moonjely.

### Evening Vigil

Evening vigil is being held on 3rd Friday of every month. The evening vigil during the month of February was held on 17th February and it was lead by Rev Fr. Francis (Linson) Chenginiyattu CST. The evening vigil in the month of March was held on 17th March and it was led by Rev Fr. Varghese Ithithara. The evening vigil starts with Holy Rosary at 06.30 pm and it is followed by Holy Mass, preaching of Word of God and end with adoration of Holy Eucharist. Participants are getting innumerable blessings and healing during this evening vigil. ■

### Church of Nativity

### Sanjoepuram



Church of Nativity, Sanjoepuram celebrated her feast day on 26th March 2017. We had three days novena in prior to the feast day celebrations. On 23rd we celebrated Holy Qurbana, novena and ladeenju led by Rev. Fr. Aji Parekattil C.M.I. On 25th evening the campus was decorated beautifully and hoisted the parish feast flag by

Rev. Fr. Mathew Thoomullil, the Vicar. On this day the main celebrant of the Holy Eucharist was Rev. Fr. Sunil Augustine, the assistant parish priest of Fatima Mata Forane Church, Jesola. On 25th we offered 'Vespars' with Holy Eucharist. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Joshy Kandathil C.M.I. and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Fr. Aji Parekattil C.M.I. After the Holy Mass we had solemn procession to Francis Sadan and recited ladeenju there. On 26th evening we celebrated the Holy Eucharist at Vinayalaya. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Davis Kalliyathuparambil the Procurator of the Diocese Faridabad-Delhi. Very Rev. Fr. James Ezhanikattu, the Cathedral Vicar was leading the procession and concluded the parish feast celebrations. Rev Brothers of the Diocese and the entire School Staff was there for the feast day celebrations. ■

**Celebration of St. Sebastian's Feast:**



St. Peter's church celebrated St. Sebastian's Feast on 5th February 2017 with full devotion and faith. Rev. Dr. Pius Malekandathil parish priest and Rev. Fr. Jose Vattakuzhi were the celebrants. Hundreds of people from different parts of Delhi participated in the procession and carried the "Ambu" as nercha. After the celebration, the "Ambu" was carried to each and every house of our parish under the leadership of Family unit Presidents.

**Special Prayer for Students appearing for Board Exams:**

Special prayer and adoration were conducted on 25th February 2017 for the students of class X & XII appearing for Board Examinations. Fr. Pius gave tips for last moment preparation for the exam and blessed individually all the students.

**Moments of Felicitations:**

Rev. Fr. Maria Susai, the Parish Priest of St. Thomas Church, R.K. Puram was felicitated on 19th March, 2017 on the occasion of his feast day.

By the Grace of God our loving parish priest Rev. Dr. Pius Malekandathil completed four years of service in St. Peter's Church, R.K. Puram. Under his guidance the Church progressed well. We the Parish community wholeheartedly express our gratitude for his sacrifices and commitment towards the parish. We pray together to the Almighty for his excellence, health and personal wellbeing.

**St. Joseph's Feast:**

St. Peter's church celebrated St. Joseph's Feast on 19th March 2017. Rev. Dr. Shinoj Kizhakkemury, Principal, St. Antony's School Noida was the main Celebrant and Rev. Fr. Jose Vattakuzhiyil and Rev. Dr. Pius Malekandathil, the parish priest, were co celebrants.

**Pilgrimage to St. Jude's Shrine, Jhansi :**

A pilgrimage to St. Jude's Shrine, Jhansi was undertaken on 26th March 2017 under the leadership of Mr. Reji Mathew (Kaikaran). It was a wonderful moment. ■

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Alwin Emmanuel S/o Mrs & Mr. Emmanuel T.C and Philomena Emmanuel of Sacred Heart Parish, Najafgarh represented team India in the 13 South Asian Football Tournament played in Bhutan, in which 6 South Asian countries were participated viz, India, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh. The Indian team won the above tournament and Alwin Emmanuel bagged the best Goal keeper award. Alwin was the only catholic member in the team. Alwin has been selected for world games to be played in Thailand. ■





The faith formation unit of our church celebrated the 4th Annual day on 28th of January from its existence in 2012. Our children along with the faith formation teachers put forth a variety of cultural items based on moral values and Biblical teachings. The event was enjoyed and appreciated by the gathering. We started with the holy mass at 4 pm, followed by cultural extravaganza and concluded with dinner at 9:30 pm.

On 5th of February the faith formation teachers with their families, along with our Vicar Fr. George Thoomkuzhy went out for a one day picnic to India Gate and Akshardam Temple. Had fun and played games, reached back after watching the musical fountain. We had a great time together for the first time.

The new parish committee was formed in our parish as the previous committee finished their tenure

of 2 years. The names of the elected members were sent to the Arch Bishop for the approval. The new parish council was approved and they took charge on 2nd of April by taking the oath. The new kaikaarans were elected from the new members. A new accountant was also appointed as per the norms of the diocese. In the same manner the DSYM unit of our parish got its new office bearers for the next two years. They also took charge on 5th of March. The entire church paid their gratitude to the both previous committee for their hard work during their tenure.

On 19th of March Pothuyogam was conducted in the church, where we discussed about the accounts and new projects which have to be accomplished in the coming years.

As in the previous years, we too had the annual retreat from March 24th to 26th conducted by Fr. Sibi Poovanthinkal MST from Ujjain. He enriched us with his valuable talks and ample time was given for counselling and confession. During the hours of adoration, many were healed of their sickness, many got the grace to pray, to forgive others and many even felt the touch of Jesus in their life. The retreat was fruitful and got us ready to enter into the Holy week and thus for the resurrection. ■

*Prepared by : Sobha Thomas*



St. Thomas Church, Motiakhan (Paharganj Unit) had gone for a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces, Sardhana together with faithful of St. Antony's Parish, Paharganj (Latin Parish) on 5th Feb. 2017. There were more than 100 people

gathered in the Church in the morning and started our journey. We sang Our Lady's Hymns and recited Rosary on the way. It was the first in the Diocese of Faridabad that both Churches (Syro-Malabar and Latin) hand in hand went for a pilgrimage to Sardhana. Rev. Fr. Davis Kalliyathuparamil (Vicar, St. Thomas Church, Motiakhan), Rev. Fr. Jeejo Vazhapilly, Rev. Fr. Thomas D'Cunha (Vicar, St. Antony's Church, Paharganj) and Rev. Fr. Robert Swamy were present for the pilgrimage. We had Holy Mass together in the Basilica and shared meals and everyone experienced the blessings of our loving Mother Mary. ■

**DSYM Sports Meet 2017**



Under the guidance of our Parish Priest/Youth Director – Rev. Fr. Julius Job and under the leadership of Amol Benny, Shilpa Sunny & Sechin M Sunny, Delhi Syro Malabar Youth Movement, Noida is organising its first edition of “St. Alphonsa Sports Meet 2017” on April 23rd (the Sunday after Easter) at Noida Stadium Sec 21. The event consists of Football, 100m Race (Boys & Girls) and Relay Race (Boys & Girls).

On 15th March 2017, His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara unveiled the poster of our event in front of all Parish Priests of Syro Malabar Faridabad-Delhi Diocese. We sincerely thank our

Archbishop for showering his blessings on our event and on the hard work of our youth members and we feel blessed to have our event launched by our Archbishop.

St. Alphonsa Sports Meet aims to unite all the youth of different parishes and build unity, teamwork, hard work and dedication. More than 400 participants from all across Delhi/NCR are expected to take part in this mega event which will be the first of its kind. St. Alphonsa Sports Meet is planned to be organised every year with more events adding up, so be ready.

We sincerely thank our Parishioners for supporting us always and our sponsors: Thirumangalam Solar, Oasis Tours India Pvt Ltd, Fresh to Home, Dentopia and Prompt Tools.

As Herb Brooks said, “You were born to be a player, You were meant to be here, This moment is yours”, we look forward to the player inside you. Come be a part of St. Alphonsa Sports Meet, 23rd April(Sunday) at Noida Stadium Sec 21(Nearest metro station: Noida Sector 16). ■

**St. Padre Pio Church**

**Rohini**

**യൗസേപ്പ് പിതാവിന്റെ തിരുനാൾ**

പിതൃവേദിയുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ വി. യൗസേപ്പിതാവിന്റെ മരണ തിരുനാൾ മാർച്ച് 19-ാം തീയതി ഞായറാഴ്ച ആഘോഷിച്ചു. വി. കുർബാനയ്ക്ക് ഫാ. അലക്സ് മുട്ടത്ത് മുഖ്യകർമ്മികത്വം വഹിച്ചു. ഫാ. സാന്റോ പുതുമനകുന്നത്ത് തിരുനാൾ സന്ദേശം നൽകി. ഫാ. അരുൺ ചാത്തംകോട്ട്, ഫാ. നിക്സൺ കോട്ടയിൽ, ഫാ. സിജോ എടക്കരോട്ട് എന്നിവർ സഹകർമ്മികരായിരുന്നു. തുടർന്ന് ഊട്ടുമേരിച്ചയും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

**നോമ്പുകാല ആചരണം**

അൻവത് നോമ്പിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് ഇടവകയിലെ എല്ലാ ഭവനങ്ങളിലും കുടുംബയൂണിറ്റുകളുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ കുരിശിന്റെ വഴി നടത്തുന്നു. ഡി.എസ്. വൈ.എം ന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ നോമ്പിലെ എല്ലാ ഞായറാഴ്ചകളിലും ഓരോ പുണ്യപ്രവർത്തി ചെയ്യുന്നു. മംഗോൾപുരി ക്രിസ്റ്റൻ സെമിത്തേരി



ശുചീകരണം, വികാസ് പുരി ജീവോദയ ആശ്രമ സന്ദർശനവും റേഷൻ സാധനങ്ങളുടെ വിതരണം, ഭക്ഷണ സാധനങ്ങൾ തെരുവിൽ കഴിയുന്നവർക്ക് പങ്കുവെയ്ക്കൽ, ഉപയോഗപ്രദമായ പഴയവസ്ത്രങ്ങൾ ശേഖരിച്ച് പാവങ്ങൾക്ക് വിതരണം ചെയ്ത് എന്നിവ ഡി.എസ്.വൈ.എം ചെയ്ത ശ്രദ്ധേയമായ പുണ്യപ്രവർത്തികളിൽ പെടുന്നു. ■

*Prepared by : Jeeva Simon*



**Laying Of Foundation Stone**

12th February 2017 was a day of much delight for the members of the St. John Paul II Parish, Vaishali when the beloved Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara blessed and laid the foundation stone for the Church building in the newly purchased land at Indirapuram. It was a dream which became realized for all of the parishioners. The entire parish community along with the Parish Priest and Rev. Sisters, who had gathered there to witness the historical ceremony, were beaming with pride and joy. The Archbishop congratulated the Parish Priest, the Parish Council members and the entire parish for such a fast growth within four years. He further added that purchasing a plot and laying a foundation within this short span of four years was a rare feat for a small parish like Vaishali. Motivating all, His Grace exhorted that laying foundation is not enough; we should collect funds to pay off the debts

and to complete the construction of the Church building soon. Thanking His Grace Rev. Fr. Francis Chenginiyaden requested him to extend all possible help to fulfill the dream.

**Seminars On Adolescent Issues For Catechism Students**

It was a long standing demand of the parents of the teenagers of Catechism Classes to arrange a seminar on Adolescent issues. On 19th Feb. when the Catechism teachers had gone for their Convention, the Parish Priest invited Mr. Vincent Joseph, the Diocesan Co-coordinator of Marriage preparation course, and Rev. Sr. Vandana MSMI, the Vice Principal of St. Francis School, Indirapuram, to conduct the same for boys and girls respectively of Classes VIII to XII.

Both the resource persons made the children aware of the physical, emotional, hormonal and psychological changes they undergo during this growing period. They were given tips to handle such changes. They were also cautioned of good touches and bad touches and ways to identify the difference and tips to protect themselves from any kind of sexual exploitation. Most of the queries of the students were cleared by both of them. Both the students and parents were very happy about the Seminar. ■ *Prepared by : Mr. Siby Augustine*

**Noel 2017**

St. Mother Teresa Parish, South Extension conducted "NOEL 2017", a group dance competition celebrating the Christmas spirit under the leadership of Fr Johnson Palatty on 15th Jan 2017, at Fr. Agnel School from 10 am onwards. 10 teams participated from various Christian rites from which, Padre Pio Church, Rohini won the First prize, St. Jude Church, Sahibabad won the Second prize and St. Mother Teresa Parish, South Extension won the Third prize. The day continued

with the celebrations of Christmas and New Year Food Fest with each family unit preparing various food items. Family unit wise carol competitions were also held in which 10 family units participated.

**Pratapgarh Farms Visit by Mathruvedi Members**

On 5th February 2017, a visit to Pratapgarh Farms was organized for the Mathruvedi members under the guidance of Parish Priest Fr. Johnson Palatty VC. Almost 50 members visited the farms where they enjoyed various games and other fun activities. ■

**Mary Matha Church**

**Mayur Vihar Phase II & I.P. Extn.**

**Women's Day Celebration**



This year 2017, Mathruvedi of Mary Matha Church under the guidance of parish priest Fr Shinto decided to celebrate women's Day on 11th March in a novel way. The theme for the celebration was 'Women respect one another' which is essential in developing a society and community of respect, security and harmony. The theme was put into action by inviting 20 women domestic workers of the area as they play a major role in our busy life.

Mathruvedi President welcomed one and all present and highlighted the importance of the day and the need for women to respect one another at home and

workplace. Fr Shinto felicitated all the 20 domestic workers and gifted a saree to each one of them. This was followed by interactions with each other and refreshments for all.

Overall the celebration was a gesture of love and respect to one another, making the occasion memorable and meaningful. This event also emphasised the fact that every woman may give and receive the gift of friendship, support and share success.

**Feast of St. Joseph**

We celebrated the feast of St. Joseph on March 19. There was novena, litany and offering along with holy mass. The holy mass was offered by Rev. Fr. Johnson Palatty V.C and Rev. Fr. Shinto Kolathupadavil C.M.I, the Vicar.

**Lent Season Retreat**

The Lent season retreat was conducted on 26, 27 and 28th of March 2017. It was led by Rev. Fr. Francis Karthanam V.C. All the members of our parish actively participated in retreat of these 3 days. It was a great moment, where all received a lots of God's blessings and filled with Holy Spirit. ■

**St. Joseph's Church**

**Kalkaji**



**We wish You a Good Luck to Catechism XII Students , 'TO BE A WITNESS OF CHRIST'**

It was an incredible morning on Sunday, 26 March, 2017, the catechism department of

St. Joseph's Church, Kalkaji organised, to bid farewell for the catechism students of class XII.

The programme was started at 8:00 a.m. at Deeplaya School, Kalkaji Extension. The Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Romel Kaniyamparambil RCJ welcomed the dignities of fifteen students and their parents to the memorable and prayerful morning. The programe began with a special blessings prayer and followed by Solemn Holy Mass offered by the parish priest and these students were made their blessing offertory during the Holy Mass. During the Holy Mass the students were felicitated and gave them lighted candle as symbol of that they are to be the light of World, gave them Holy Bible as we



വാർഷിക ധ്യാനം 2017



നോമ്പുകാലം അനുതാപത്തിന്റെയും പരസ്പര സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെയും നാളുകളാണല്ലോ. യേശുവിന്റെ പീഡാനുഭവത്തിന്റെയും ഉയിർപ്പിന്റെയും ദിനങ്ങളെ ധ്യാനിക്കുമ്പോൾ ദൈവം ഈ ലോകത്തെ എത്രമാത്രം സ്നേഹിച്ചു എന്നത് കൂടുതൽ വ്യക്തമാകുന്നു. ആഗോള കത്തോലിക്ക സഭയിലും സീറോ മലബാർ ഇടവകകളിലും നോമ്പുകാലധ്യാനത്തിന്റെ പ്രസക്തി ഏറിവരുന്ന കാലഘട്ടത്തിൽ St. Thomas Apostle Church, Chandigarh ഇടവകയിലെ വാർഷിക ധ്യാനം 2017 മാർച്ച് 11, 12, 13 തീയതികളിൽ റവ. ഫാ. ഫ്രാൻസിസ് കർത്താനത്തിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു.

തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ പിൻഗാമികളായ മാർത്തോമ്മാ പള്ളി, യാക്കോബായ പള്ളി, ഓർത്തഡോക്സ് പള്ളി ഇടവക വികാരിമാരായ ഫാ. പ്രതീഷ്, ഫാ. ജെയിംസ്, ഫാ. യാക്കോബ് ബേബി എന്നിവരുടെ സജീവ സാന്നിധ്യം വചനശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്കും ഇടവകയുടെ നോമ്പുകാല ധ്യാനത്തിനും കൂടുതൽ മികവേകി.

ലളിതമെങ്കിലും പ്രൗഢഗംഭീരമായ ഉദ്ഘാടന ചടങ്ങ് സാഹോദര്യത്തിന്റെയും ഐക്യത്തിന്റെയും സന്ദേശം പകർന്നു. റവ. ഫാ. ഫ്രാൻസിസ് കർത്താനത്തെയും ടീമിനെയും ഇടവക വികാരി ഫാ. ജാക്സൺ സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്തു. നൂറുകണക്കിനു ആളുകളുടെ സാന്നിധ്യവും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും ദൈവവചനത്തോടുള്ള ദാഹം പ്രകടമാക്കുന്ന അനുഭവമായി മാറി. “എന്റെ കൈവയ്പിലൂടെ നിനക്കു ലഭിച്ച ദൈവിക വരം വീണ്ടും ഉജ്ജ്വലിപ്പിക്കണമെന്ന് ഞാൻ നിന്നെ അനുസ്മരിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.” (2 തിമോ 1:6) എന്ന വചനത്തെ അടിസ്ഥാന ശിലയാക്കിയായിരുന്നു നോമ്പുകാല ധ്യാനചിന്തകളും വചനപ്രഘോഷണവും.

ധ്യാനത്തിന്റെ അവസാന ദിവസം അനുരഞ്ജന കൂദാശയും (കുമ്പസാരം) തൈലാഭിഷേകവും പ്രത്യേകതകളായി. ലോകമെങ്ങും സുവിശേഷം പങ്കുവെയ്ക്കുന്ന ദൗത്യമാണ് എല്ലാവർക്കും ഉള്ളതെന്നുള്ള ബോധ്യം വചനത്തിലൂടെ റവ.ഫാ. ഫ്രാൻസിസ് അച്ചനും ടീംഗംഗങ്ങളും പങ്കുവെച്ചു.

സുവിശേഷവത്കരണം സഭയം വിശുദ്ധീകരിക്കുന്നതിലൂടെയും കൂടുംബത്തെ വിശുദ്ധീകരിക്കുന്നതിലൂടെയും സുവിശേഷം മറ്റുള്ളവർക്ക് പങ്കുവെയ്ക്കുന്നതിലൂടെയും സാധിക്കുമെന്ന് ഉത്തമമായ ബോധ്യം ഈ ധ്യാനത്തിലൂടെ ലഭിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. മഴയ്ക്ക് വേണ്ടി കാത്തിരിക്കുന്ന വേഴാമ്പലിനെ പോലെ ആഗ്രഹിച്ചും പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചും ദൈവം തന്ന ഈ ധ്യാനാവസരത്തെ നന്ദിയോടെ സ്മരിക്കുന്നു. ■

called to live in the word of God and to preach the Gospel, gave them a crucifix to attain strength in order to overcome the passions and temptations of their life also wore rosary as remembering them to witness our Jesus Christ and we are the disciple of the church. A photo session of each student and their parents were also taken in the programme.

After the liturgical celebrations the parents and students gathered in the class room for sharing experiences which they learnt for the past 12 years through the faith formation. The gathering was welcomed by the headmaster,

Mr. James George, Mr. V.P. Joy, class teacher of class XII has spoken about his experiences in the class room teaching and shared his valuable inputs. Rev. Fr. Romel has delivered a few soothing message to the students for their future. Also Mother Superior Sr. Jasmine, CMC and the parish council trustee Mr. Pious Mathew gave them wishes and offered great future. A vote of thanks proposed to the gathering by Mr. Kunjumon Joseph, Secretary Catechism. At the end, snacks packets were served to the students, parents and all catechism teachers and enjoyed together. ■

**Yuva - 2017 Leading with diversity**



First time ever, a program like this has been sorted out at such an immense scale with a great accomplishment under the direction of Fr Ousephachan Mathalikunnel. Youth were exceptionally energetic and worked in solidarity for the accomplishment of Yuva'17. The principle point behind Yuva's association was raising support for the "Punjab Mission". Numerous rivalries were sorted out. Eight groups of different areas and associations of Delhi and NCR took an interest in Basket ball and six groups were partaken in the Tug of War rivalry. Other than social projects Art Exhibition and different delightful nourishment slows down were organized the reserve an open effectively joined.

**Punjab Mission**



Behind each program there is a decent aim. As we have told before under the great administration of Rev. Fr. Ousepachan and Prince Francis president of DSYM Cathedral unit gave one lakh rupees out of the benefit for the Punjab Mission to Vicar, Rev. Fr. James Ezhanikkattu.

**Matru Vedi**

Matru Vedi is very actively coordinating several programmes in Faridabad. Women's day was celebrated with a visit to an old age home in Sanjoepuram and donated clothes and eatables to them. They spend quality time with the old people there.

**Catechism**

Students of Cathedral visited slums of sector 3, inhabited with seven hundred families. Students sacrificed small things and collected money year around and this amount was used to buy eatables and several things to the slum dwellers.

**St Joseph's day**



To commemorate St Joseph's day in cathedral and St Peters mass center a programme was organised and all the fathers were honoured. All the Joseph's of the church were honoured in a special way with special prayers for them. "Oottu Neracha" was distributed to all.

**Retreat- Lent**

Fathers of Divine Retreat Centre conducted the lent retreat on third, fourth and fifth of march. People actively participated and confession was also organised. The purpose of the retreat was to bring together youth and adults from all their difficulties and to provide them with a spiritual touch and to explore the notions of the coming Lenten season. Fr Vicar had also taken some hours for the advancement of his lambs on the final day. Following with talk, adoration had also been there. Through the intercession of Mother Mary all the retreat masters offered their time for the church and the people in difficulty. ■



Annual Retreat of St. Augustine's Forane parish was conducted on 30th, 31st March and 1st April, 2017. Rev. Fr Alexander Kureekattil CMF lead the parishioners through a renewal experience by sharing his own thought provoking life experience with beggars, addicts and criminals.

DSYM Karol Bagh unit had conducted their annual convention for the year 2017 "Quovadis" on 2nd April 2017 at Sindhu Samaj Auditorium near Sir Ganga Ram hospital. Parish Priest Rev. Msgr Jose Edassery inaugurated the convention and Rev. Fr Alexander Kureekattil CMF lead the talks. During the convention with the supervision of DSYM Director Rev. Fr Lijo Thaliyath and representatives of the Diocesan Youth of our Diocese conducted the election for a new team for the parish. The afternoon session was followed by adoration, Eucharistic procession



and Holy Mass. After Holy Mass the concluding session was presided by Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery. An inspiring message was given to the youth by Mr. Anto George, South Indian Bank General Manager for North India. Felicitations by Mr Tony K J, President Pithruvedi and Mrs. Bincy Mathew, Diocesan Joint Treasurer, Mathruvedi. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks by Secretary Ms Jasmine Michael. ■

### The Revelations Cup Football Tournament



Nirmal Hriday Church conducted the Revelations Cup Football Tournament at Thyagaraja Stadium on 26 February 2017 under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath. The tournament was coordinated and managed by the DSYM Unit of Nirmal Hriday Church, Tagore Garden. This was the fourth edition of its annual football tournament. The tournament saw a participation of a total of 34 teams of which two represented NGO's. After a series of rounds the Queen's Football Club emerged as winners and bagged the ever rolling trophy along with a cash prize of Rs. 15,000. Runner-up was Ninja Football Club who

bagged a cash prize of Rs. 7000/-. The prizes were given away by our Parish Priest and DSYM Director Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath.

### ORPHANAGE VISIT TO ASHA KIRAN

On 5th of March ICYM of West Zone organized an Orphanage Visit to Asha Kiran, Haryana. Youth members from all the three Rites actively attended the visit. Four of our youth members also actively participated in different activities. It was a gesture of love and compassion. The youth spent the day with the children. They interacted and played with them. Children also conducted beautiful cultural programs for the youth.

### PILGRIMAGE TO SARDANA

Nirmal Hriday Church arranged a Holy Pilgrimage to Sardana on 24th February 2017 under the able leadership of Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath. The entire programme was coordinated and managed by Mathruvedi of our Parish. It was a very active and engaging holy pilgrimage to get the graces and blessings from our Mother Mary. ■

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**യാത്രയപ്പ്**

അശോക് വിഹാർ വിശുദ്ധ യൂദാ തദേവുസ് പള്ളിയിൽ നിന്നും സ്ഥലം മാറിപ്പോകുന്ന ബഹു. അബ്രഹാം ചെമ്പോട്ടിക്കൽ അച്ചനു സ്നേഹോഷ്മളമായ യാത്രയയപ്പു നൽകി. 05.03.2017 ഞായറാഴ്ച വിശുദ്ധ കുർബാനയ്ക്ക് ശേഷം യാത്രയയപ്പ് സമ്മേളനം നടത്തി. ബഹു. അച്ചൻ ഇടവകയ്ക്ക് നൽകിയ സ്നേഹത്തിനും പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കും നന്ദി പ്രകാശിപ്പിക്കുകയും അച്ചനു ആശംസകൾ നേരുകയും ചെയ്തു. ശ്രീ. എ. സി വിൽസൺ, ശ്രീ. ചാക്കോ വി.സി എന്നിവർ ആശംസ പ്രസംഗം നടത്തി. ജീവോദയ കോൺവെന്റിലെ മദർ സുപ്പീരിയർ ഇടവകയുടെ സ്നേഹോപഹാരം നൽകി.



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# Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love

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## Chapter three: “Looking to Jesus: The vocation of the family”(58-88)

The third chapter is dedicated to some essential elements of the Church’s teaching on marriage and the family. This chapter is important because its 30 paragraphs concisely depict the vocation of the family according to the Gospel and as affirmed by the Church over time. Above all, it stresses the themes of indissolubility, the sacramental nature of marriage, the transmission of life and the education of children. *Gaudium et Spes* of Vatican II, *Humanae Vitae* of Paul VI, and *Familiaris Consortio* of John Paul II are widely quoted.

The chapter provides a broad view and touches on “imperfect situations” as well. We can read, in fact: “‘Discernment of the presence of ‘seeds of the Word’ in other cultures (cf. *Ad Gentes* 11) can also apply to the reality of marriage and the family. In addition to true natural marriage, positive elements exist in the forms of marriage found in other religious traditions’, even if, at times, obscurely” (AL 77). The reflection also includes the “wounded families” about whom the Pope – quoting the Final Report of the 2015 Synod extensively – says that “it is always necessary to recall this general principle: ‘Pastors must know that, for the sake of truth, they are obliged to exercise careful discernment of situations’ (*Familiaris Consortio*, 84). The degree of responsibility is not equal in all cases and factors may exist which limit the ability to make a decision. Therefore, while clearly stating the Church’s teaching, pastors are to avoid judgements that do not take into account the complexity of various situations, and they are to be attentive, by necessity, to how people experience and

endure distress because of their condition” (AL 79).

## Chapter four: “Love in marriage”(89-164)

The fourth chapter treats love in marriage, which it illuminates with Saint Paul’s Hymn to Love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. This opening section is truly a painstaking, focused, inspired and poetic exegesis of the Pauline text. It is a collection of brief passages carefully and tenderly describing human love in absolutely concrete terms. The quality of psychological introspection that marks this exegesis is striking. The psychological insights enter into the emotional world of the spouses – positive and negative – and the erotic dimension of love. This is an extremely rich and valuable contribution to Christian married life, unprecedented in previous papal documents.

This section digresses briefly from the more extensive, perceptive treatment of the day-to-day experience of married love which the Pope refuses to judge against ideal standards: “There is no need to lay upon two limited persons the tremendous burden of having to reproduce perfectly the union existing between Christ and his Church, for marriage as a sign entails ‘a dynamic process..., one which advances gradually with the progressive integration of the gifts of God’” (AL 122). On the other hand, the Pope forcefully stresses the fact that conjugal love by its very nature defines the partners in a richly encompassing and lasting union (AL 123), precisely within that “mixture of enjoyment and struggles, tensions and repose, pain and relief, satisfactions and longings, annoyances and pleasures” (AL 126) which indeed make up a marriage.

The chapter concludes with a very important reflection on the “transformation of love” because

“Longer life spans now mean that close and exclusive relationships must last for four, five or even six decades; consequently, the initial decision has to be frequently renewed” (AL 163). As physical appearance alters, the loving attraction does not lessen but changes as sexual desire can be transformed over time into the desire for togetherness and mutuality: “There is no guarantee that we will feel the same way all through life. Yet if a couple can come up with a shared and lasting life project, they can love one another and live as one until death do them part, enjoying an enriching intimacy” (AL 163).

### **Chapter five: “Love made fruitful”(165-198)**

The fifth chapter is entirely focused on love’s fruitfulness and procreation. It speaks in a profoundly spiritual and psychological manner about welcoming new life, about the waiting period of pregnancy, about the love of a mother and a father. It also speaks of the expanded fruitfulness of adoption, of welcoming the contribution of families to promote a “culture of encounter”, and of family life in a broad sense which includes aunts and uncles, cousins, relatives of relatives, friends. *Amoris laetitia* does not focus on the so-called “nuclear” family” because it is very aware of the family as a wider network of many relationships. The spirituality of the sacrament of marriage has a deeply social character (cf. AL 187). And within this social dimension the Pope particularly emphasizes the specific role of the relationship between youth and the elderly, as well as the relationship between brothers and sisters as a training ground for relating with others.

### **Chapter six: “Some pastoral perspectives”(199-258)**

In the sixth chapter the Pope treats various pastoral perspectives that are aimed at forming solid and fruitful families according to God’s plan. The chapter uses the Final Reports of the two Synods and

the catecheses of Pope Francis and Pope John Paul II extensively. It reiterates that families should not only be evangelized, they should also evangelize. The Pope regrets “that ordained ministers often lack the training needed to deal with the complex problems currently facing families” (AL 202). On the one hand, the psycho-affective formation of seminarians needs to be improved, and families need to be more involved in formation for ministry (cf. AL 203); and on the other hand, “the experience of the broad oriental tradition of a married clergy could also be drawn upon” (AL 202).

The Pope then deals with the preparation of the engaged for marriage; with the accompaniment of couples in the first years of married life, including the issue of responsible parenthood; and also with certain complex situations and crises, knowing that “each crisis has a lesson to teach us; we need to learn how to listen for it with the ear of the heart” (AL 232). Some causes of crisis are analysed, among them a delay in maturing affectively (cf. AL 239). Mention is furthermore made of accompanying abandoned, separated or divorced persons. The Exhortation stresses the importance of the recent reform of the procedures for marriage annulment. It highlights the suffering of children in situations of conflict and concludes: “Divorce is an evil and the increasing number of divorces is very troubling. Hence, our most important pastoral task with regard to families is to strengthen their love, helping to heal wounds and working to prevent the spread of this drama of our times” (AL 246). It then touches on the situations of a marriage between a Catholic and a Christian of another denomination (mixed marriages), and between a Catholic and someone of another religion (disparity of cult). Regarding families with members with homosexual tendencies, it reaffirms the necessity to respect them and to refrain from any unjust discrimination and every form of aggression or violence. The last, pastorally poignant part of the chapter, “When death makes us feel its sting”, is on the theme of the loss of dear ones and of widowhood. ■ *(To be continued...)*



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