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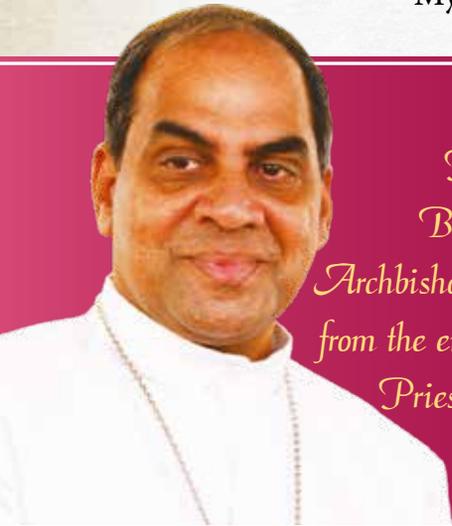
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“ദാവിദിന്റെ പട്ടണത്തിൽ നിങ്ങൾക്കായി ഒരു രക്ഷകൻ,  
കർത്താവായ ക്രിസ്തു, ഇന്നു ജനിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.” (ലൂക്കാ 2 : 11)



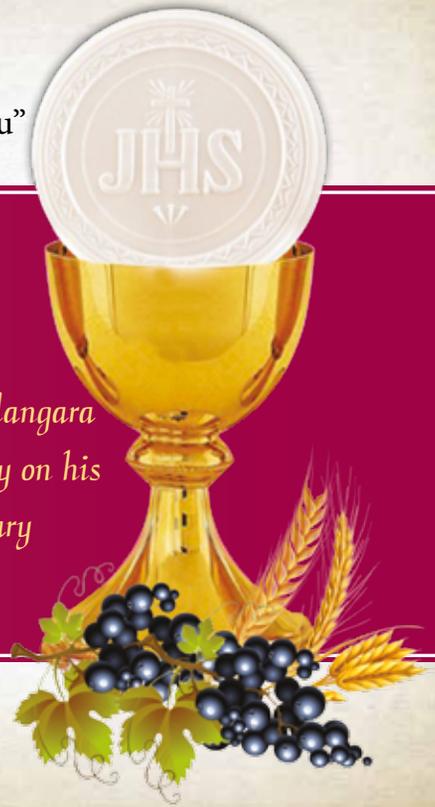
*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*



“My Grace is sufficient for you”  
(2Cor.12:9)

*Prayerful Greetings and  
Best Wishes to our beloved  
Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara  
from the entire Diocesan Community on his  
Priestly Ordination Anniversary*

**Team Santhome Messenger**



## ***Festal Greetings to our Dear Pastors***



**Rev. Fr. Davis**  
Kalliyathuparambil  
20th January



**Rev. Fr. Sebastian**  
Areeparambil  
20th January



**Rev. Fr. Sebastian**  
Moolechalil  
20th January



**Rev. Fr. Rony**  
Thoppilan  
20th January

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



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2	ST. MARY'S CHURCH, AYA NAGAR	12,751.00
3	BL. MARIAM THRESIA CHURCH, BURARI	44,250.00
4	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH, CHANDIGARH	
5	CHURCH OF NATIVITY, CHANDPUR	15,500.00
6	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI FORANE CHURCH, DILSHAD GARDEN	1,26,500.00
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9	BL. KUNJACHAN CHURCH, GEETA COLONY	36,400.00
10	SACRED HEART FORANE CHURCH, GURGAON	39,760.00
11	ST. CLARET CHURCH, GURGAON, GURGAON	29,250.00
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13	BL. KURIAKOSE ELIAS CHURCH, HARI NAGAR	77,100.00
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15	MISSION STATION, JALANDHAR	5,500.00
16	ST. THOMAS CHURCH, JANAK PURI	1,12,575.00
17	ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KALKAJI	94,610.00
18	ST. AUGUSTINE'S FORANE CHURCH, KAROL BAGH	79,150.00
19	LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH, LADO SARAI/HAUZ KHAS	60,811.00
20	MARY MATHA CHURCH, LUDHIANA	35,000.00
21	ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MAYUR VIHAR PHASE - 1	1,22,410.00
22	MARY MATHA CHURCH, MAYUR VIHAR PHASE - 2 & IP EXTN.	1,82,100.00
23	ASSUMPTION FORANE CHURCH, MAYUR VIHAR PHASE - 3	1,97,000.00
24	ST. THOMAS CHURCH, MOTIA KHAN	1,14,300.00
25	AMLLOBHAVA MATHA CHURCH, MAHIPALPUR	15,700.00
26	INFANT JESUS MISSION STATION, MALLANWALA, PUNJAB	5,292.00
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35	ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH, ROHINI	44,550.00
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39	NIRMAL HRIDAY CHURCH, TAGORE GARDEN	36,600.00
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**Archbishop  
Kuriakose Bharanikulangara  
Bishop of Faridabad**



## **Advent, a Season of Expectation and Experience of Jesus, the Savior**

**T**he Holy Season of Advent and Christmas is a time of hope and joy; a season of expectation of Jesus who is coming to the humankind as one among them and who dwelt among them – Emmanuel!

We are in the middle of Advent, the Holy Season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The Latin term “Advent” means “coming”, originated from the Greek word *parousia*, usually indicating the second coming of Christ. Bernard of Clairvaux (d.1153) speaks about three comings of Christ: in the incarnation and birth at Bethlehem, in the Holy Eucharist coming to our hearts daily, and at the end of time.”

The hopeful expectation of the people can be well summarized in the question of the disciples of John “Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?” (Mt. 3,11). John the Baptist answered them all saying, “ ... he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire” (Lk, 3,16) who is the beloved son (Lk 3,22).

The longing for the coming of the Messiah can be traced back to the Old Testament times. In the book of Genesis itself reference is made to a new Eve and her Son, the Messiah (Gen.3, 14-19). All throughout the ages, the Elders, Fathers and Prophets longed for the coming of the Messiah. Moses had prayed “to send him whom you want to send, the promised one” (ex. 4, 16). David is also asking the Lord “to stir up His might and come to save us” (Ps. 79,3), Solomon pleads for “send him out of your holy heaven and from the throne of your majesty that he may be with me and labor with me. Later Prophet Isaiah prays, “O that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at thy presence ... you come down ... (Is. 64,1). The prophet gave hope to the people saying that the Messiah would bring good tidings to the afflicted; ... bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, opening the prison to those who are bound; proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; comfort all who mourn...

Finally the long awaited Messiah has come in the person of Jesus Christ, with his incarnation. “This day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord (Lk, 2,11). That was the fulfillment of the Scriptures, realization of the prophecies and actualization of all expectations – of all peoples and of all generations.

When the shepherds and even Kings from the Orient saw the Babe of Bethlehem, they were overwhelmed with joy and praise. Because they could see the long-awaited Messiah, Saviour of the world.

We also wait for the Lord during this Advent. As our forefathers waited for the Lord during the Advent or “small Lent”, known also as the Nativity Fast, let us also keep the tradition of fasting for twenty-five days and abstinence of not eating meat etc. Thus, spiritually preparing to receive Jesus the Saviour into our lives and families.

Christmas is above all a feast of celebrating family ties, of renewing and strengthening family relationship and experiencing Jesus as a family. It is in that context we send Christmas greetings and cards during Christmas; we exchange sweets and Christmas cakes during this season. As Jesus was born the angels announced“ ... for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; ... “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!”.

Let this joy and peace be in our lives and families during this Christmas season and throughout the upcoming New Year!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL! ●**

## HOLY ADORATION

Adoration

9.30 a.m to 4.30 p.m.

## & CONFESSION

Confession

9.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m.

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

**How to reach : Karol Bagh Metro Station  
Gate No. 7, House No. 1/B 32, N.E.A**

# സീറോ മലബാർ മിഷൻ വാരാചരണം

(2018 ജനുവരി 6-12)

സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയുടെ മേജർ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ ജോർജ്ജ് ആലഞ്ചേരി തന്റെ സഹശുശ്രൂഷകരായ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തമാർക്കും തന്റെ അജപാലന ശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്ക് ഏല്പിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാ ദൈവജനത്തിനും എഴുതുന്നത്.

ഈശോയിൽ ഏറ്റവും സ്നേഹമുള്ള സഹോദരീ സഹോദരന്മാരേ,

ഈശോയുടെ ദനഹാതിരുന്നായ ജനുവരി 06 മുതൽ 12 വരെ സീറോ മലബാർ സഭ പ്രേഷിതവാരമായി ആചരിക്കുകയാണല്ലോ. “നിങ്ങൾ ലോകമെങ്ങുംപോയി, എല്ലാ സൃഷ്ടികളോടും സുവിശേഷം പ്രസംഗിക്കുവിൻ” (മാർക്കോസ് 16:15) എന്ന ഈശോയുടെ വചനങ്ങൾ ശിരസ്സാവഹിച്ചു കൊണ്ട് കർത്താവിന്റെ മുന്നിരിക്കുന്നവെല വേല ചെയ്യാനായി ഇറങ്ങിത്തീർന്നിരിക്കുന്ന നമ്മുടെ സഹോദരങ്ങളെ ഓർക്കുവാനും പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുവാനുമുള്ള ഒരവസരമായിട്ടാണ് പ്രേഷിതവാരത്തെ സഭ വീക്ഷിക്കുന്നത്.

സഭ സ്വഭാവത്താലെ പ്രേഷിതയാണ് (AG2) എന്ന രണ്ടാം വത്തിക്കാൻ സുന്നഹദോസിന്റെ പഠനത്തോട് ചേർന്നുപോകുന്ന രീതിയിൽ സീറോ മലബാർ സഭ ലോകത്തിന്റെ നാനാഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ വിശിഷ്ട, ഭാരതത്തിന്റെ വിവിധ കോണുകളിൽ സുവിശേഷ ചൈതന്യംനിറയ്ക്കുവാനായി ബദ്ധശ്രദ്ധയാണ്. എന്തെന്നാൽ, നമ്മുടെ സഭയുടെ പ്രധാന ദൈവവിളിതന്നെ പ്രേഷിതപ്രവർത്തനമാണെന്ന യാഥാർത്ഥ്യം നമ്മൾ തിരിച്ചറിയണമെന്നും നമ്മിലുള്ള പ്രേഷിത തീക്ഷ്ണതയുടെ കനലുകൾ ഇനിയും നമ്മൾ ഊതികത്തിക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. അതിന് പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ കൃപാപരങ്ങൾ നമ്മിലും സഭയിലും കൂടുതലായി വർഷിക്കപ്പെടുവാൻ തുടർന്നും പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കണം.

യുവജനമാണ് പ്രേഷിതത്വത്തിന്റെ പ്രത്യാശ. അവരുടെ ഭാവനാശക്തിയും സർഗ്ഗാത്മകതയും പ്രേഷിത പ്രവർത്തനത്തിനായി പ്രയോജനപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ സഭ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു. യുവാവായ ഈശോ എന്ന വ്യക്തിയും അവിടുന്ന് പ്രഘോഷിച്ച സദാർത്ഥ്യവും അനേകം യുവജനങ്ങളെ ഇന്നും ആകർഷിച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. 2018-ൽ റോമിൽ വെച്ചു നടക്കുന്ന മെത്രാന്മാരുടെ സിനഡിന്റെ ചർച്ചാവിഷയവും യുവജനങ്ങൾ തന്നെയാണ് എന്നത് യുവജനങ്ങളിൽ സഭ എത്രമാത്രം പ്രത്യാശയും പ്രതീക്ഷയും അർപ്പിക്കുന്നു എന്നതിനുള്ള തെളിവാണ്. 'യുവജനം: വിശ്വാസവും വിളിയെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള തിരിച്ചറിയലും' എന്ന പ്രമേയത്തെ ആധാരമാക്കിയുള്ള സിനഡിന്റെ വിജയത്തിനും ഫലദായകതയ്ക്കും വേണ്ടി നമുക്ക് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാം.

എറണാകുളം-അങ്കമാലി മേജർ അതിരൂപതയിൽ പുല്ലുവഴി എന്ന ഗ്രാമത്തിൽ ജനിച്ച സിസ്റ്റർ റാണി മരിയ പ്രേഷിതപ്രവർത്തനത്തിന്റെ ഉദാത്തമാതൃകയാണ്. 1992-ഫെബ്രുവരി 25-ന് സാമന്തർസിംഗ് എന്ന വാടക കൊലയാളിയാൽ ഇൻഡോറിലെ ഉദയനഗറിൽ രക്തസാക്ഷിത്വം വരിച്ച സിസ്റ്ററിന്റെ വീരോചിതമായ ഉപവിപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ പാവപ്പെട്ടവരുടെ ജീവിതനിലവാരം ഉയർത്തുവാനും അനേകരെ ക്രിസ്തുവിലേക്ക് ആനയിക്കുവാനും ഇടയാക്കി. ഈശോയോടുള്ള വ്യക്തിപരമായ സ്നേഹമായിരുന്നു അവളുടെ പ്രേഷിതപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെ അന്തസ്സത്തയായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചത്. സിസ്റ്ററിന്റെ പ്രേഷിതതീക്ഷ്ണതയും ആത്മത്യാഗവും ലോകത്തിന്റെ വിവിധ ഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ പ്രേഷിതവേല ചെയ്യുന്ന സമർപ്പിതർക്ക് ശക്തിയും

# Annual Retreat of Priests



Annual retreat of the priests from the diocese of Faridabad-Delhi was held from 12th to 17th November at Sanjoepuram. Rev. Fr. Mathew Palachuvattil from the diocese of Jalandhar was the retreat preacher. On the first day of the retreat there was the Annual Bishop's Conference, in which our beloved Archbishop addressed the entire clergy of the diocese. The retreat was ended with Solemn Eucharistic Liturgy led by Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, our Vicar General. Thirty priests working in the diocese of Faridabad-Delhi participated in the retreat. ●

കരുത്തും പകരട്ടെയെന്ന് ഞാൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

സീറോമലബാർ സഭ മേജർ ആർക്കി എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പൽ പദവിയിലേക്ക് ഉയർത്തപ്പെട്ടതിന്റെ രജതജൂബിലി വർഷത്തിലാണല്ലോ നമ്മൾ. ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ നമ്മുടെ സഭയ്ക്ക് ഇന്ത്യ മുഴുവൻ അജപാലനവും സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണവും നടത്തുവാനുള്ള അധികാരം പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവ് നൽകിയിരിക്കുന്നുവെന്ന് ഇരട്ടി സന്തോഷത്തിന് കാരണമാണ്. പുതിയതായി ലഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന അജപാലന-സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണാധികാരം ഭാരതം മുഴുവനും സുവിശേഷം പ്രഘോഷിക്കുവാനുള്ള നമ്മുടെ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വത്തെ കൂടുതൽ വർദ്ധിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. ആയതിനാൽ, സഭയുടെ വളർച്ചയ്ക്കും ഉന്നമനത്തിനും വേണ്ടി 'ഒന്നായി മുന്നോട്ട്' നീങ്ങുവാൻ നാമെല്ലാവരും കടപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. സഭാമക്കൾ കൂടുതൽ പ്രേഷിതതീക്ഷണതയോടെ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുവാനും കൂടുതൽ ദൈവവിളികൾ ഉണ്ടാകുവാനും മിഷൻ ചൈതന്യത്തിൽ ജീവിക്കുവാനും നമുക്ക് പരിശ്രമിക്കുകയും പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യാം.

**മിശിഹായിൽ സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം  
കർദ്ദിനാൾ ജോർജ്ജ് ആലഞ്ചേരി  
സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയുടെ മേജർ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ്**

കാക്കനാട് മൗണ്ട് സെന്റ് തോമസിലുള്ള മേജർ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പിന്റെ കാര്യാലയത്തിൽ നിന്ന് 2017-ാം മാണ്ട് നവംബർ മാസം 3-ാം തീയതി നൽകപ്പെട്ടത്.

- NB: 1) 2017 ഡിസംബർ 31-ാം തീയതി ഞായറാഴ്ച വി.കുർബാന മദ്ധ്യേ ഈ സർക്കുലർ വായിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.
- 2) ഓരോ ഇടവകയിലും, സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിലും മിഷൻവാരാചരണം സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ബന്ധപ്പെട്ടവർ പരിശ്രമിക്കണം.

# About Christmas . . .

**Rev. Dr. Pius Malekandathil**  
**Professor in History, JNU, New Delhi**

**C**hristmas is the day when we are celebrating the birth of Jesus. At least from third century onwards Christmas is celebrated on 25th December.

Right from early days on, the conception of Jesus by Blessed Virgin Mary has been celebrated on 25th March, on the feast day of Annunciation. This has also been considered as the feast day of Incarnation. Exactly nine months later, on 25th December the birth of Jesus is celebrated. The calculation of birthday of Jesus after a period of nine months following the conception of Jesus made the date of Christmas fall on December 25.

Earlier there was only one feast and that was the feast of Incarnation which they celebrated on 25th March and it was on this day that people earlier used to celebrate both the birth and death of Jesus. Later on 25th March people started celebrating the feast of Annunciation and nine months later the birth of Jesus on 25th December.

Interestingly 25th March, when the feast of Annunciation falls, is the date of spring equinox and 25th December, when Christmas is celebrated, falls on the date of Winter Solstice. In fact, the date of Winter solstice, i.e., 25th December is the shortest and darkest day in an year and this was the day when the Romans celebrated the feast of god Sun, as the length of sun-light increases from 26th December onwards. At a time when Christianity was fast spreading in Roman Empire, this cultural perception was taken by Christians as to show before the Romans that Christ is the new Sun who is capable of bringing brighter light into the world in darkness.

But a slight confusion appeared when Gregorian calendar was introduced in 1582. Till then there was only Julian calendar and Christmas was celebrated on the basis of this calendar-

reckoning. But after 1582 different countries and Churches started celebrating Christmas on the basis of both the calendars. Julian calendar is 13 days behind Gregorian calendar. Thus while the Catholic countries of continental Europe started, celebrating Christmas on 25th December on the basis of Gregorian calendar, many Eastern Churches, which did not accept Gregorian calendar initially continued to celebrate Christmas on 25th December on the basis of Julian calendar reckoning, which corresponds to 7th January according to Gregorian calendar. The St. Thomas Christians of Kerala accepted the Gregorian calendar in the synod of Angamali in 1583.

In the Eastern Churches, the baptism of Jesus, when the divinity of Jesus got revealed, is celebrated with much prominence on 6th January. Both in the Eastern and Western Churches, the period from 25th December till 6th January is considered as one unit of divine action with the belief that the Christmas celebration becomes complete only with Epiphany.

The crib-tradition that St. Francis Assisi introduced in 1223 and also the Carol singing practices have been integral parts of Christmas celebration. In England the Puritans, who were the followers of John Calvin, condemned and disapproved the celebration of Christmas for long. However in the nineteenth century Christmas celebration was revived in England with the publication of Charles Dicken's work *A Christmas Carol* (1843), which extolled the virtues of brotherhood, kindness, and generosity at Christmas. In the same year Henry Cole initiated in London the practice of sending Christmas card.

With cards, cribs, carol-singing, colour and gaiety comes the day when we are reminded of the way how God touched earth and of the need that we should open our hearts as manger for His birth. ●



## Santhome Bible Convention

During Santhome Bible Convention, the responsibilities undertaken by around 50 members of Mathruvedi for the Reception Committee for the guests and volunteering, displayed great spirit and team work of Mathruvedi, Faridabad-Delhi Diocese.

## Forane Visits

The Diocesan executives visited 5 foranes i.e. Gurgaon, Faridabad, Karolbagh, Dilshad Garden and Mayur Vihar to understand their status and areas where there is a need of some reform. In the Forane visits there was participation from all parish units. The visits gave an opportunity for mutual sharing and understanding between the Diocesan team and parish executives.

## Inter Ritual women's council meeting

An inter ritual women's council meeting was organized by CBCI women's commission at Jesus and Mary School on 11/11/2017. Around 50 members of Mathruvedi from the diocese of Faridabad-Delhi participated in the meeting. There were participants from the Archdiocese of Delhi and the diocese of Gurgaon. The meeting gave an opportunity to understand in a better way the need of mutual co-operation for the empowerment of women in the capital city.

## Welcome to New Zonal Directors and Forane Animators

In order to co-ordinate the activities of Mathruvedhi in the zonal and forane levels new zonal directors were elected in the zonal gatherings of priests. The names of the zonal directors with respective zones: Rev. Fr. Sijo Edakkarottu MCBS – North Zone (Karol Bagh Forane), Rev. Fr. Mathew (Benny) Akkoottu CST – South Zone (Okhala-Jasola and Faridabad Foranes), Rev. Fr. Anoop Narimattathil CST – West

Zone (Palam and Gurgaon Foranes), Rev. Fr. Babu Kattakkayam – East Zone (Mayur Vihar Phase III and Dilshad Garden Foranes).

In the forane level, new animators are appointed to guide and support the activities of Mathruvedhi. The names of new animators with respective foranes: Rev. Sr. Mercina FCC – Karol Bagh Forane, Rev. Sr. Cherupushpam SH – Okhala-Jasola Forane, Rev. Sr. Anooopa CMC – Faridabad Forane, Rev. Sr. Victoria - Palam Forane, Rev. Sr. Rose Grace CHF – Gurgaon Forane, Rev. Sr. Deena DST – Mayur Vihar Phase III Forane, Rev. Sr. Mary SH – Dilshad Garden Forane.

In the diocesan general body meeting of Mathruvedhi we introduced and welcomed the new zonal directors and forane animators. Hearty welcome and all the wishes to the new directors and animators.

## Meeting with Archbishop

The Diocesan executive committee met the Archbishop at Bishop's House, Karol Bagh on 12 November 2017. In the meeting we had a detailed discussion on all the activities of Mathruvedhi in the current year. Archbishop appreciated the activities of Mathruvedhi and presented his views for the betterment of Mathruvedhi, indicating the need of execution of new projects in both diocesan and parish levels. With the consent of our Archbishop the date of the Annual day celebrations of Mathruvedhi was finalised for 8th April 2018.

## Diocesan General Body Meeting

A Diocesan General Body meeting of Mathruvedhi was held on 03 December 2017 at Bishop's House, Karolbagh, in which more than 100 members marked their attendance from different parish units of Faridabad-Delhi diocese. The meeting started with prayer by Rev. Sr. Liz Maria CMC, Diocesan Animator. Rev. Fr. Robi Kunthaniyil, the Diocesan Director, welcomed all the participants, especially Very Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar General of the diocese, and conveyed 39th priestly ordination

## DIOCESAN "NURSES MINISTRY"



Diocesan "Nurses Ministry" was inaugurated at Our Lady of Fatima Forane Church, Jasola on 23 November 2017. Representatives from Dubai and Saudi Arabia conducted the sharing session and prayer. Very Fr. Martin Palamattam gave the concluding message. Nurses who resides in the parish will gather once in a week for prayer and sharing of word of God.



day greetings to him on behalf of Mathruvedhi members. The new zonal directors and forane animators were introduced and were given a warm welcome. Mrs. Mercy Jijo, Diocesan Secretary, presented the report of Mathruvedhi, which was followed by the presentation of accounts by Mrs. Alice Lukose, Diocesan Treasurer. Mrs. Mercy Chacko, Diocesan Vice-President, gave a brief description about the forane visits held by the Diocesan executive members. It was followed by the presidential address of our Vicar General, who

reminded the mothers about their special role in the family, of being together with their children and the dear ones, illustrating Pope Francis as a model. During the detailed discussion about the future activities of Mathruvedhi, Rev. Fr. Mathew Thoomullil, Executive Director of Sanjoepuram Village, introduced a new project for Mathruvedhi members to be executed in the next year. Mrs. Aleyamma Fesin, Diocesan President, thanked each and every one who participated in the meeting. The meeting was ended with Mathruvedhi Anthem. ●



Marriage Preparation Courses for the month of November, 2017 at St. Alphonsa Pastoral Centre, Okhla Vihar and 36 persons participated. As usual, group activities and individual counselling sessions & confessions made the preparation more effective.

**Marriage Preparation Courses (MPC) for the year 2018**

Venue : St. Alphonsa Pastoral Centre, Okhla Vihar (C 23/6A near SBI/HDFC ATM)  
 (Course begins at 9 A.M. on Day 1(Friday) and ends at 5 P.M. on Day 3 (Sunday). Classes are held on First Friday, Saturday & Sunday of every month except May & June.)

**BOOKING FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

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

**How to book:** (1) Online at our website [www.familyapostolatefaridabad.com](http://www.familyapostolatefaridabad.com), (2) By sms to 7838567767, (3) By Email to [mpcfaridabad@gmail.com](mailto:mpcfaridabad@gmail.com)

**Information required for booking:**  
 (1) Course date you are planning to attend  
 (2) Your name (3) Male or female (4) Mobile No.  
 (5) Email ID (6) Parish (place).

**Instructions:** Please bring along 1) The registration form (can be downloaded from the website”[www.familyapostolatefaridabad.com](http://www.familyapostolatefaridabad.com)”) duly signed by the parish priest or a letter for the purpose 2) Two passport size photos 3) Personal care things for 3 days’ stay including 2 bed sheets and 4) The course fee Rs.1600/- Per head.

**Jubilarians Meet 2017:** Family apostolate is conducting Jubilarians meet on 17th December, 2017 to honour the Jubilarians of our diocese. All couples celebrating their Golden or silver jubilee during the years 2016 & 2017 are requested to participate.

COURSE DATES FOR THE YEAR 2018			
January	- 5 to 7	February	- 2 to 4
March	- 2 to 4	April	- 6 to 8
May	- Nil	June	- Nil
July	- 6 to 8	August	- 3 to 5
September	- 7 to 9	October	- 5 to 7
November	- 2 to 4	December-	7 to 9



## REPORT ON THE CANON LAW CONFERENCE ON THE BRIEFER PROCESS OF MARRIAGE NULLIFICATION BASED ON “MITIS ET MISERICORS IESUS & MITIS IUDEX DOMINUS IESUS”

**Introduction :** Under the efficient leadership of His Grace Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, the Eparchial Tribunal of the Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi organized a national conference on Canon Law at the Bishop’s House, Delhi from 19 to 21 September 2017. The systematic planning and hard work of Rev. Fr. Martin Palamattam, the Judicial Vicar of the diocese and Rev. Fr. Varghese Ittithara were instrumental for the successful conduct of the Conference.

**Planning:** The initiative of His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara to hoist this Conference was wholeheartedly embraced by the Tribunal of the Diocese and made all the arrangements well in advance by contacting all the north Indian Bishops, the Diocesan Tribunals and the Religious Congregations concerned. Having collected the number of Participants, the team arranged authentic and scholarly resource persons. Since a whats app group was created with all the participants of the conference in it, it was easy for the organizers to pass necessary pieces of information to the members.

**Execution:** As per the pre-planning of the team, the topic was divided and given to the resource persons. There were three main resource persons who were

experts in the field of their competency.

**Day 1:** As all the participants from different parts of India, especially His Excellency Ignatius Mascarenhas, the bishop of the Diocese of Simla and Chandigarh arrived at the bishop’s house by 4 pm on 19th Tuesday, the registration was over by 6pm, before which they had sufficient time to check-in the hotel which was very close by the conference hall. As per the schedule, the opening ceremony began exactly at 7pm with an opening prayer, invoking the presence of the Almighty. Later, Rev. Fr. Martin Palamattam extended a warm welcome to all the participants, which was followed by the lighting of the lamp by His Grace Kuriakose Bharanikulangara that marked the official inauguration of the conference. Meanwhile, the rest of dignitaries (The Resource Persons) accompanied His Grace to light up the lamp. Then, His Grace Kuriakose Bharanikulangara delivered the inaugural address, which was a proof for his expertise and competency in the field of Canon Law. Before going for Dinner, there was an ice breaking session, in which all the participants introduced themselves.

**Day 2:** After breakfast, all assembled in the conference hall before 9 am and the second day began with the



introduction to the “MOTU PROPRIO” By Rev. Fr. Martin Palamattam, the Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Faridabad. This introduction very clearly presented the history and genesis of the documents. The first session on “The Competent Forums and Tribunals” was dealt by Rev. Dr. Biju Kalezhath who is the Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Jagadapur. The presentation of his paper explained the following Canons such as Can.1671-1673/CIC; Can. 1357-1359/CCEO with necessary documents of the church to substantiate the same. Later, there was time to clarify the doubts and answer the questions before the tea break at 10.30 am.

Rev. Dr. Berchmans Kodackal, the Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamly who is a versatile genius in the field of both Civil Law and Canon Law resumed the Conference with the systematic presentation of his paper on “Introduction and instruction of the Case”, which contained his personal experience as the Judge in the Syro-Malabar Appellate Court as well. Afterwards, a few questions were asked by the participants before we celebrated the Holy Mass in Syro-Malabar rite at 12pm. Lunch was at 1pm.

At 2 p.m, there came another resource person with vast experience in Civil Law, Rev. Fr. Joy SJ who is the Provincial Superior and a professional lawyer, currently practicing in the High Court of Delhi. He presented his paper on “CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ACT AND RECENT JUDGMENTS OF THE COURTS OF INDIA” he made the session all the more interesting and interactive with beautiful power point presentations. Later, there was an active and vibrant panel discussion for 45 minutes with all the 3 resource persons on the dais, in which His Grace Kuriakose Bharanikulangara was the moderator.

**Highlight of the Day;** at 4 pm, all the participants proceeded to the Nunciature to have a cup of coffee with the Apostolic Nuncio to India at the Vatican Embassy in Delhi. It was a great occasion for all of them to spend some time with His Excellency Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro the Nuncio. His Excellency spent more than an hour with them when

His Excellency introduced himself and his experience in both civil law and canon law. The Nuncio was very keen to appreciate His Grace Kuriakose Bharanikulangara for having taken the initiative to organize such a wonderful conference in Delhi. After the high tea, the Nuncio was kind enough to take all the participants to his chapel and also to pause for Photographs with them.

**Day 3:** after the opening prayer, Rev. Dr. Biju Kalezhath presented his second paper of the conference on “THE BRIEFER PROCESS BEFORE BISHOP” in the presence of two Eparchial bishops. The briefer process for the nullification of marriage was very systematically dealt with. His paper illustrated the rights and duties of the eparchial bishop while exercising the function of a judge in cause of nullity of Marriage professionally and authentically.

After the tea break, Rev. Dr. Berchmans Kodackal demonstrated “PRAXIS OF MOTU PROPRIO IN ORIENTAL AND LATIN CHURCHES” out of his rich experience as the judicial vicar, which was followed by a warm discussion. When all the questions were answered and all the doubts were clarified, His Excellency Ignatius Mascarenhas presided over the Holy Eucharist in Latin rite. Rev. Frs. Joju and Bibin proposed the vote of thanks before Lunch that marked the end of the Conference.

**Conclusion:** The 42 participants from the Dioceses of Jalandhar, Jagadapur, Jammu and Srinagar, Bijnor, Sagar, Gorakhpur, Agra, Kalyan, Simla and Chandigarh, Ernakulam- Angamaly and Faridabad-Delhi along with the representatives from the Congregations like CST, MST, VC, CMC, SD, SH and Holy Family were extremely happy with the systematic conduct of the Conference. The full time personal presence and active participation of both His Grace Kuriakose Bharanikulangara and His Excellency Ignatius Mascarenhas was highly appreciated and the visit to the Vatican Embassy was remarkable. The conference very well helped the participants to deepen their knowledge on the briefer process of marriage nullification. ●


 A photograph showing Pope Francis, dressed in white, leaning forward to embrace a Rohingya woman wearing a black and red headscarf. They are surrounded by other people, including a man in a white cap and another man in a white shirt. The background is a brightly lit outdoor area with festive decorations at the top of the page.
 

## With plea for forgiveness, Pope embraces Rohingya in Bangladesh

Dhaka, Bangladesh: After meeting several Rohingya Muslims and hearing their stories in Bangladesh, Pope Francis uttered a moving prayer from the heart, affirming their dignity and asking forgiveness on behalf of all who persecute the Burmese minority.

He also broke the protocol he has maintained so far during his visit to Burma and Bangladesh by publicly calling members of the persecuted minority the “Rohingya” – a controversial term in Burma that until now he has avoided.

“In the name of all who have persecuted you and persecute you, that have done you harm, above all, the world’s indifference, I ask for forgiveness. Forgiveness,” the Pope said December 1. Speaking in a spontaneous prayer alongside some 18 Rohingya after greeting them individually and hearing brief explanations of their stories, Pope Francis told them that “we are very close to you.” Although there’s

“little we can do because your tragedy is very hard and great,” he told them “we give you space in the heart.” He explained that according to the Judeo-Christian tradition, God created man in his image and likeness. “All of us are in this image, also these brothers and sisters, they too are in the image of God,” he said.

Noting how in the Muslim tradition, it is said that God has took a bit of salt and mixed it with water to create man, Francis said “we all have a little bit of this salt. These brothers and sisters contain the salt of God.” “We’ll continue to help them, we’ll continue to help them so their rights are recognized.”

“We’ll not close our hearts, not look at the darker side,” he said, because “today the presence of God is also called the Rohingya. Each and everyone of us is his bride.”

Pope Francis spoke at the end of an



interreligious encounter in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The event was part of a broader Nov. 27-Dec. 2 visit to south Asia, which included a three-day stop in Burma, and will conclude tomorrow after two days in the Bangladeshi capital.

During the event, the Pope heard testimonies from five leaders representing different religious communities in Bangladesh, including Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Anglicans and Catholics. Among the Catholics who spoke were a layman and Cardinal Patrick D’Rozario CSC, Archbishop of Dhaka, who is the first Bangladeshi cardinal, appointed by Francis in 2016.

Also present were 18 members of the Rohingya Muslim community, including a 5-year-old child, who fled persecution in their homeland and are now living in Bangladesh. Francis greeted them individually at the end of the gathering, listening as they each briefly explained their stories through an interpreter. He offered his brief prayer once he had met and spoken with all of them. Once the Pope had finished, one of the Rohingya also said a prayer, after which the rest of the interreligious leaders present came up on stage and greeted them one-by-one.

According to sources on the ground, several of the Rohingya were weeping, and Cardinal D’Rozario himself was visibly moved as he embraced them. The Pope’s meeting with the Rohingya is significant, as their plight has been an underlying theme throughout his visit to both Burma and Bangladesh. A largely Muslim ethnic group who reside in Burma’s Rakhine State, the Rohingya have faced a sharp increase in state-sponsored violence in their homeland, recently reaching staggering levels that have led the United Nations to declare the crisis “a textbook example of ethnic cleansing.”

With an increase in persecution in their home country of Burma, more than 600,000 Rohingya have fled across the border to Bangladesh, and are living in refugee camps. Though the Vatican has

said the crisis was not the original motive of the visit, the situation has been a constant focal point, with particular attention paid to whether or not the Pope would use the term “Rohingya” on the ground.

Despite widespread use of the word Rohingya in the international community, the term is controversial within Burma. The Burmese government refuses to use the term, and considers them illegal immigrants from Bangladesh. They have been denied citizenship since a controversial law was enacted in 1982.

Because of the touchy nature of the term, Cardinal Charles Bo, Archbishop of Yangon, suggested to the Pope that he refrain from using the word in Burma, arguing that extremists in the area are trying to rouse the population by using the term, making the risk of a new interreligious conflict ever-more present, with Christians in the crossfire. According to Bo, the correct term to use is “Muslims of the Rakhine State,” which the Pope has chosen to use until today.

Speaking to journalists present at the interreligious encounter before meeting the Pope, Mohammed Ayub, 32, a Rohingya Muslim whose 3-year-old son was killed by the Burmese military, said, “the Pope should say Rohingya. He is the leader of the world. He should say the word, as we are Rohingya.” Similarly, Abdul Fyez, 35, who had a brother killed by the Burmese army, agreed that Francis ought to use the word, saying “we have been Rohingya for generations, my father and my grandfather.”

Though the Pope’s reasons for choosing to say the word today are unknown, it may have been in part the result of meeting the Rohingya personally and hearing their stories.

It’s also not the first time he’s chosen to say a controversial term. During his 2015 visit to Georgia and Azerbaijan, Francis called the 1915 massacre of some 1.5 million Armenian Christians a “genocide,” despite the risk of political throwback from Turkey, who has argued that the numbers are exaggerated. ●



## Diocesan Youth Convention (DYC)

**D**iocese of Faridabad-Delhi organized its first-ever Diocesan Youth Convention from October 20th, 21st and 22nd 2017 at Sanjoepuram Children's Village. The theme for the Convention was: "From Mine to Thine: The Journey of Discernment". Around 500 youth participated in the event. Another important occasion that was celebrated along with the convention was the first ever Global Syro-Malabar Youth Day, on the feast day of St. John Paul II, the Heavenly Patron of Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM). The Executive Committee for the Syro-Malabar Youth Commission also participated in the convention.

Day-1 of the Convention started with an inaugural procession, leading to the Holy Qurbana, celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara. The inauguration ceremony of the convention followed the Holy Mass, wherein the Chief Guest was His Grace Archbishop Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, Bishop of Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi; Guests of Honour: Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar General

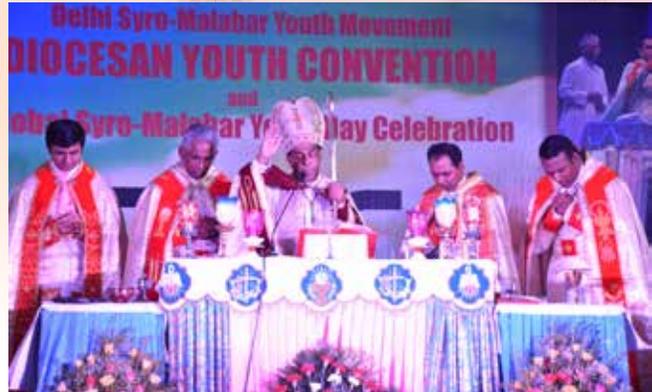
of the Diocese; Rev. Fr. Joseph Alencheril, Youth Commission Secretary and Global Director of SMYM; Mr. Arun Davis, National President, SMYM; Bivin Varghese, President of DSYM and National Deputy President of SMYM; Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath, Director DSYM; and Rev. Fr. Mathew Thoomulil, Executive Director, Sanjoepuram Children's Village. The convention kick-started with an ice-breaking session led by a very popular Radio Jockey, and a Jesus Youth member, Ms. Anju Antony. Subsequently, every parish lit a lantern each and released them into the sky, signifying the total submission into the hands of the Divine. The cultural evening began with performances from various parishes who had volunteered- a dance performance by the children at Sanjoepuram Children's Village, followed by a semi-classical dance by St. Mother Teresa Church, South Extension, Mime by Infant Jesus Forane Church, Palam, a musical skit by St. Jude Church, Sahibabad, fusion dance by Little Flower Church, Lado Sarai and western dance by



Nirmal Hriday Church, Tagore Garden. This was followed by a stellar Gospel Band performance by the band 'Ignite for Christ', after which the day was concluded with instructions for the next day.

Day-2 began with the Holy Qurbana, celebrated by Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Joseph Alencheril, Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath and Rev. Fr. Cyriac Thundiyl, Parish Priest, Sacred Heart Forane Church, Gurgaon. The opening general session was conducted by Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery that set the stage for the convention. His message centered around Youth in today's world: challenges and possibilities. Following the discussion, delegates were led to break-out sessions which were conducted by eminent, highly professional resource persons- Fr. Pius Malekandathil, Associate Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University; Sr. Suma Jose, animator of Jesus Youth and a criminal lawyer; Sr. Anchel Theres, Board Member at Child and Women Welfare, Government of India; Ms. Cimil Babu, lecturer at Holy Family Institute and a PhD Scholar; Rev. Fr. Arun Dev, a psychology expert; Dr. Joan Anthony, lecturer at Jesus and Mary College. Following this was a reconciliation preparation session, during which all the delegates received the Sacrament of Penance. Rev. Fr. Francis Chenganiyadan CST conducted the inner healing session, directing everyone to repentance, the goal of God's mercy. Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath led the Adoration.

The last day of the Convention marked the Global Syro-Malabar Youth Day Celebrations. The SMYM team conducted a session on "The Syro-Malabar Church Today", explaining the vision of Syro-Malabar Church for the youth. The Chief Guest for the closing ceremony was Hon'ble Minister Shri. K. J. Alphons, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Culture and Tourism, along with





Guests of Honour: His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, Msgr. Jose Edassery, Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath, Rev. Fr. Joseph Alencheril, Mr. Arun Davis, Mr. Bivin Varghese and Mr. Sijo Ambatt. Shri K.J. Alphons stressed on the need to find the true purpose of one's being, dream big and strive to achieve it. Young minds were motivated to ask questions after his address. As part of the final conclusion of **DYC**, the solemn Holy Qurbana was celebrated by our Bishop and concelebrated by **VG**, Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath, Rev. Fr. Joseph Alencheril and Rev. Fr. Mathew Thoomulil. To acknowledge the exemplary contribution to the ministry, few parishes were awarded the 'Model Unit Award': St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara Church, Hari Nagar; St. Joseph's Church, Kalkaji; Little Flower Church, Lado Sarai; Infant Jesus Forane Church, Palam; St. Padre Pio Church, Rohini; St. Jude's Church, Sahibabad; St. Mother Teresa Church, South Extension; Nirmal Hriday Church, Tagore Garden.

His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, congratulated all the **DSYM** Diocesan Executive Committee (**DEXCO**) members for making the wish of organizing this event that had been envisaged a long time back, become a reality. Their unfaltering and persistent commitment was what that made this dream come true. One of the proud moments for **DSYM** was when His Grace honoured Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Thaliyath and Mr. Bivin Varghese by presenting and draping them with a shawl. "Have no fear of moving into the unknown...I am with you", says St. John Paul II. We are extremely grateful for the blessings that we have been showered with, while organizing this event. Heartfelt gratitude to our Bishop, our pillar of strength, all the Curia fathers, priests across the Diocese, Pastoral Council members and our dear parents for the constant support to the youth of the Diocese. ●

# Honourable Justice Kurian Joseph



Judge of Supreme Court of India, Honourable Justice Kurian Joseph began his legal career in 1979. He was member of the Academic Council, Kerala University from 1977 to 1978, General Secretary of Kerala University Union in 1978, Senate member of Cochin University from 1983 to 1985, member of the Board of Studies, Indian Legal Thought of Mahatma Gandhi University in 1996, President, Kerala Judicial Academy from 2006 to 2008, Chairman of Kerala High Court Legal Services Committee from 2006 to 2009 and Chairman of Lakshadweep Legal Services Authority in 2008. He served as Government Pleader in 1987 and as Additional Advocate General from 1994 to 1996. He was designated as Senior Advocate in 1996. Joseph has also been Chairman of the Indian Law Institute Kerala Branch, Chairman of Indian Law Reports (Kerala Series) and Executive Member of NUALS (National University of Advanced Legal Studies). In 2000, Joseph was appointed as a judge of the Kerala High Court. In February 2010, he was elevated as Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. On 8 March 2013, he became a judge of Supreme Court of India.

**Justice Kurian Joseph cherishes those days and the exposure that moulded him into a true catholic with deeply rooted faith in Jesus.**

**F**rom my very childhood, I was close to the altar as an altar boy at the age of seven. I have worked in several capacities in the Church. I was the first lay secretary of the Pastoral Council of Arch Diocese of Ernakulam and worked in many Commissions of both KCBC and CBCI. I was the first National President of Little Flower Mission League and the first Vice-President of the Catholic Council of India. I was a Member of the Pontifical Council for the Laity and was the only layman to attend the Synod of Syro Malabar Church held in Rome. I have also participated in the Asian Bishops Synod held in Rome.

As a student, I was the General Secretary of the Kerala University Union in the year 1977-1978.

**Honourable Justice Joseph Kurian shares his valuable thoughts and views on the major concerns of the contemporary society...**

*Question – 1: ‘Supreme Court Judge, honourable Justice Kurian Joseph’ How do you feel about this great position and responsibility?*

As you have rightly said, this is a great position and it has great responsibility as well. But as we have been told, put all our loads on His shoulder, then our burden will be light. I constantly remind myself that I am an unworthy person and it is the good Lord who makes me worthy and, if so, in my life, and through my life, and especially through my professional life, I must give greater glory to God by rendering true justice. Once we exercise our duties and functions to the best of our ability and true to our conscience, the rest God will take care of, provided you entrust it to him.

*Question – 2: Having been born and brought up in Kerala, and with a deeply rooted Kerala Catholic culture, how comfortable do you find yourself in northern India?*

I have practised in the High Court for over twenty years and I became a Judge of the High Court of Kerala in the year 2000. Prior to that I have worked as Government Pleader and Additional Advocate General. I have also been designated as



Senior Advocate by the High Court of Kerala in 1996. In the year 2010, I was appointed as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh. Professionally, having had vast experience in various capacities, I had absolutely no problem in Himachal Pradesh and with a deep-rooted Kerala Catholic culture, more than me comfortable with the people they were more comfortable with me. I am pretty sure that they have realized that a true Christian is a true human being. The human qualities that you display in your life, is actually the expression of your faith. Once I was speaking to a Judge on forgiveness because he was deeply hurt on account of some unpleasant conduct of a former Chief Justice. I told him to forget and forgive. After some time, he told me that “Sir, I am not a Christian to reach that level”. I learnt that he realized that a true Christian can and will really forget and forgive.

***Question – 3: The Catholics all over India were amazed and felt proud when you expressed your objection on holding the Judges’ conference on Good Friday; and when you declined the PM’s Dinner invitation for top Judges on Saturday of Holy week end. What made you so strong to hold on to the catholic beliefs unflinchingly?***

Faith is what you live and not simply what you believe alone. The faith that you live, will sometimes call upon you to stand up for something, and if one does not stand up on the given occasion, and vindicate your indignation on the unrighteous conduct, it is betrayal of faith. One can have several excuses for not standing up for a cause; those are all human excuses without an acceptable explanation before the God. You can justify before man but not before God. It was this conviction which the Holy Spirit in me gave, which prompted me to take up the cause and record my protest.

***Question – 4: How do you assess the morality of the New gen?***

Morality has become very subjective and

that is the most unfortunate development I see everywhere, in particular, in the new generation. What is morally wrong cannot be theologically right. That is my conviction. But the new generation tries to explain away or justify many of their less moral, if not, immoral conducts in life. The parents are not in a position to correct them having themselves been sometimes caught up in such traps. Therefore, both of them comfortably and conveniently accommodate each other and continue without disturbing each other. Sin for the new generation has new and liberal dimensions and that is a very dangerous trend.

***Question – 5: Do you think that Media like mobile phone, TV and internet are the major cause for the increasing violence in the society?***

I agree that the negative influence in media is one of the major causes for increasing violence in society. I am afraid, the media has forgotten its duty to the society in moulding the citizens as intellectually bright and balanced and socially committed. They too are competing for a market and, unfortunately, the youth fall a prey to their negative influences.

***Question – 6: How can family and society help the children grow up to healthy and useful citizens?***

The institution of family, as in old days, is actually not truly experienced by the new generation. There are many reasons, particularly, in this diaspora like working parents, one or maximum two children, struggle for existence, financial difficulties, and distanced life from the siblings or relatives, are some of the reasons. But as Catholics, one consoling factor is that they realize the role of Jesus in uniting and keeping the family together as a basic unit in Church. Thus, they pray together, they eat together and they meet together and there is sharing and caring. “A family that prays together stays together”. In such families, children will grow as responsible and useful citizens.

***Question – 7: Do you think that our Judiciary can do something for the safety of our youth?***

Judiciary is the guardian of the Constitution. It is established for rendering justice. But the para-legal services rendered by the Judiciary and also the vigilance shown by the Judiciary, certainly help build up a society, particularly safe for the youth.

***Question – 8: Who do you think responsible for women becoming a vulnerable target for crime?***

As I said earlier, the negative influence of media is one major cause for the offences against women. Lack of proper value education and want of moral upbringing are other causes. The education that one gets is not able to make him a morally upright, emotionally balanced, mature and civilized citizen.

***Question – 9: What do you think as the major causes for the rapid increase in the divorce rate among Catholics?***

One reason, I find is lack of true faith and want of proper awareness on responsible matrimony. Marriage is a union of two persons coming from two families, two persons of different characters and many a time from different cultures. But with all that in the sacrament, Jesus makes them as one. Unless, the people are in a position to realize that it is Jesus who makes them one and unless that Maker is between them, always uniting them together, it is humanly not possible for people to be one. Distanced from God is actually the reason for the distrust on the partner.

***Question – 10: The deeply rooted Catholic faith and traditions reflect very well in your personal and social life. Would you please share how you remain as a model Catholic even in all these hectic and multi tasked responsibilities?***

No doubt, my life is hectic and I handle multi-tasks responsibilities. Well, you can find time if you really want. Question is whether you really

want. One experience I wanted to share is that the time I have spent in my life before God and for Church, and that is quality time also, I have never found as fruitless. Our good Lord has made it up in many ways. You stand up for God and God will stand up for you. The only thing required is that the openness you have before the God, the same openness you should have before your family and before the society. I have never missed daily Holy Mass except on travel or sick bed and my daily Rosary and personal prayer and family prayer. My real experience is that with all these, I am able to do the same things, which others do, more effectively in lesser time. “A busy life makes prayer harder but prayer makes a busy life easier”

***Question – 11: What do you like to give as a piece of advice to our Catholic youth for a peaceful and meaningful life?***

Be a true Catholic, live the faith that you profess. Faith is incomplete unless you practice and propagate. Propagation is the display of your faith in the fields you are called upon to work by being genuine, honest, God-fearing, tolerant, humble, simple, maintaining positive attitudes, absolute adherence to truth, helpful, reaching out to the needs of others, forgetting what you give and remembering what you take, forgiving the faults, accommodating even the enemies, prayerful in life and by being also thankful to God.

***Question – 12: What do you think as the best service, and how can we do it in the most effective way?***

And this is the best service as well. Service means, serving God by serving man. Unless you serve man, you cannot claim that you served God and you are a Christian. To the point of death and unto the challenge of death, you are called to live your faith. You do not require any extra effort to live your faith. Live it and by leaving it to God.

*Interviewed by: Prof. Omana Antony*



DSYM Diocesan Executive Committee (DEXCO) bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Antony (Lijo) Thaliyath and officially welcomed the new Diocesan Director Rev. Fr. Julius Karukanthara in a brief ceremony held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the Hall of Divine Mercy, Karol Bagh. Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery chaired the meeting. Around 50 DSYM members attended the event. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Fr. Julius Job, Mr. Bivin Varghese, President DSYM and National Deputy President of Syro-Malabar Youth Movement spoke at the event. Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery welcomed Rev. Fr. Julius with a bouquet and handed over the keys of the office. He also shared Bishop's greetings and blessings with the team and people who participated.

Another important milestone that was celebrated during the event was DSYM's 14<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day. A cake was cut to mark the event.

The poster for Gloria: Carol Singing Competition and Christmas Celebration was also released. It will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Mater Dei School, New Delhi.

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The first prize winners will be awarded an ever-rolling trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 7000/- , second prize - Rs. 5000/- and third prize- Rs. 3000/-



**PARISH FEAST:** The Feast of St. Jude Thaddeus, the patron of our parish and of Mother Mary was celebrated on 27, 28, and 29th October 2017 with full devotion and faith. For the preparation of the feast, Rosary and Novena of St. Jude together with Holy Mass was celebrated for 10 days from 19th to 28th October with the leadership of each prayer unit. On 27.10.17 the flag was hoisted before the Holy Mass by Rev. Fr. Vicar who was the celebrant of the Holy Mass. During the Holy Mass, he has also given a thoughtful and inspirational Homily based on the life of Mother Mary and St. Jude. On 28th October, the day of conclusion of ten days of Rosary prayer, the Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Santo Puthumanakunnathu MCBS, Diocesan Director of Catechism and Parish priest of Mayur Vihar Phase II, who gave an inspirational message based on the significance of Eucharistic devotion in Christian life.

On the day of main feast i.e. on 29th October, the Holy Mass was started at 4.30 p.m. Rev. Fr. Phinil Cyriac CMI was the main celebrant of the Holy Mass. The concelebrants were Rev. Fr. Abraham Chempottical MST, our former Vicar and the present Forane Vicar of Palam Infant Jesus Church, and Rev. Fr. Vinod Chennakkattukunnel MCBS from Sonipat MCBS Ashram . An inspirational and thoughtful festal homily was given by Rev. Fr. Vinod Chennakkattukunnel MCBS during the Holy Mass. A beautiful and well organized procession was carried out soon after the Holy Mass, in which the parish members participated with great devotion and

enthusiasm, carrying the statues of St. Jude Thaddeus and Mother Mary and the lightened candles on the hands of everyone. The procession became more colorful with the presence of the beautiful band set of Children from Sanjopuram Children’s Village.

On reaching back the procession, a grant cultural event was conducted by the parish members dividing the programmes to the catechism department, DSYM, Mathruvedi etc. which was enjoyed by everyone. The celebrations were over with delicious dinner.

**Catechism Teacher’s Day:** Catechism Teacher’s Day was celebrated in our parish on 5th November 2017 in order to respect and remember the great services of the Catechism teachers, to the children of the parish. There was a gathering just after the Holy Mass, in which gifts were given to the catechism teachers by the “kaikkarans” of the parish on behalf of all the parish members. The prizes for the catechism students for their academic excellence in the academic year 2016-17 were also distributed on the same occasion.

**The proud winners of our parish:** Mrs. Bettina Kurian and Ms. Divya Kurian of our parish



have won the 1st position in women Doubles of Chavara Badminton Tournament, held at Hari Nagar on 5th November 2017. Along with that, In Ivano Badminton Tournament held on 11th November at Tyagaraja Indoor Stadium for all Christian Community of Delhi, Ms. Divya Kurian occupied 1st position and Isobel Kurian occupied 2nd position



**Catechism Class in Cemetery 29 Oct 2017:** In the history of Delhi Syro Malabar Mission and being first in the Diocese of Faridabad-Delhi a one-day catechism class has been conducted in Dwarka Cemetery, Sector 24, New Delhi after the Holy Mass at St Pius X Church, Dwarka. The cemetery being a neglected area and nobody including our kids does not have the knowledge and value of our soul after death or pay little respect to our departed souls. To demonstrate in a concrete way that the deceased have not been forgotten and make awareness, as per guidance of our parish priest Rev. Fr. Benny Palatty the Catechism students / Department with the support of all parishioners assembled together at Dwarka Cemetery, Sector 24, New Delhi for cleaning and cleaned Cemetery very beautifully. This act of Catechism students highly appreciated by not only the Trustees of Cemetery Mgt but also other parishioners situated near Dwarka.

in Women's Single, and Mr. Kurian & Isobel Kurian occupied 2nd position in Mixed doubles. All the winners have been congratulated in the church and the family of Mr. Kurian is a great pride of our parish.

**Remembrance of Departed Souls:** For the remembrance of departed souls, the parish members of Ashok Vihar St. Jude Thaddeus Church conducted various prayers in the month of November. On 2th November, the Holy Mass and prayer for souls were celebrated at Burari Christian Cemetery. "Tree of Life" with the names of all the relatives of the parishioners, who were departed to heaven, was displayed in front of the altar and prayed for them

Inspiring by this noble action, our Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara appreciated the catechism team of Dwarka church and offered Holy Mass for all souls along with 10 priests of nearby churches on 02 Nov 2017, the day when we remember and pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, especially for those who are suffering in the fires of Purgatory, the place where the souls of the faithful go. More than 600 believers attended the Holy mass and whole heartedly prayed for these holy souls, suffering because they are waiting to be fully reconciled and reunited with God. His Grace Kuriakose Bharanikulangara excited and shared such a nice experience while he was serving as Vatican Diplomat at various countries.

**Outreach – village visit:** Catechism students joined forces with the world's largest social giving platform and organized an outreach program and adopted a poor village under the guidance of Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Benny Palatty. It is observed that the adopted villagers are living without Aadhaar Cards, housing, loss of job, divorce, illness, substance abuse, domestic abuse, poverty etc. The department has started helping them by collecting clothes, food, preparing Aadhaar card etc. ●

in the whole month. Special prayers for the departed souls were conducted on every Sunday of the month.

**Celebration the Feast of Christ the King:** The Feast of Christ the King was celebrated on 26th November 2017 in our Church. Fr. Vicar celebrated the Holy Mass at 9.30 a.m. He explained word of God during the Homily quoting the kingdom of heaven. On that day Sacred Heart family unit of our parish celebrated their unit anniversary. The Celebrations were conducted under the leadership of Sacred Heart Prayer Unit and the members offered "Kazhchasamarpanam" during the Holy Mass. ●

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**Sent off to Fr. Rony Thoppilan:** Fr. Rony Thoppilan took charge of St. Mary Church for three weeks in the absence of Vicar. During this short span of time he was able to connect with most of the parish members and especially with the Youth members. He guided the youth with various different activities including mission Sunday collection wherein he personally visited each home along with the youth members. He worked with catechism children and teachers for the promoters visit and made it successful. His presence energized everyone and during his sent off, the parish community thanked him and wished him all the success for his mission works in Punjab.

**Welcome to New Vicar:** Fr. Joseph Mathalikunnel took charge as the new Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Aya Nagar. Everyone from the parish gathered and waited for the arrival and welcome.



During his first week itself at Aya Nagar he became one of the most beloved vicars of the parish who gets along with each and every member of the parish.

**Rosary Celebrations:** During the Holy Rosary month, all the family units, catechism students, Youth members, parish council, Mathruvedhi, Pithruvedhi participated and celebrated the Holy Rosary. Each group conducted the Holy Rosary on designated days and served nercha after the Holy Rosary. All the family units also conducted Rosary in their Units at each one's house. Last day of the Holy Rosary was celebrated and everyone in the parish participated. There was a small procession on the last

day of Rosary followed by Nercha sadhya for all.

**DSYM - Ivano 2017:** Ivano 2017 is an annual basketball and badminton tournament held by Syro Malankara mission. This tournament is only for Christians and most of the parishes in Delhi participate in it. This year St. Mary's church, Aya Nagar also participated in badminton's single, doubles and mixed doubles. In singles Men and Women category we reached till semi finals.

**Inauguration of Badminton Court:** With the rising interest of the youth, children and other parish members towards sports, a decision was taken by the parish council and youth members to promote sports. As a result of the same a new badminton court was setup in the church premises. Our vicar Fr. Ousephachan inaugurated the same on Sunday in the presence of entire parish members.

**Redeemers Cup 2017:** This is an annual football tournament organized by Syro Malankara mission for Christians where in most of the parishes



in Delhi-NCR participate. Our parish participated in this tournament for the first time and bagged 2nd runners up place.

**Sardhana Pilgrimage Visit:** The youth members of St. Mary's Church under the guidance of Fr. Ousephachan organized Sardhana Pilgrimage on 3rd Dec 2017. Holy mass was celebrated at sardhana by Fr. Ousephachan and Fr. Rony Thoppilan. The pilgrimage became successful as most of the parish members and people from other parishes participated

A seminar was organised by Mathruvedhi - under the leadership of Mrs. Betty- St. Thomas Church, Motiakhan (Gole dak khana-Paharganj), for its members on 5 November 2017 at Divine Mercy Hall, Bishops House, Karolbagh. The theme of the seminar was 'The importance of social activities in women's life'. There were about 40 participants. Rev. Fr. Dr. Pius Melekandathil was the guest speaker. He delivered



an inspiring and thought provoking talk on the need for women to come out and participate in social and charitable activities in organisation / Forums like Mathruvedhi and other Forums which would help broaden their horizon towards life. It was explained that participation in such activities would help women to detach themselves from the daily chores. It would provide them a space to unwind their negative energy. Participating in the activities through such forums would help them discover their talent, weakness, and potentiality and would be of great help towards leading a balanced life. ●



**Catechism:** Fr. Rony Thopillan who came to the Parish for a short time to help the parish had made many changes in the church. He had carried out a Placard Competition for the catechism students and it was successfully brought to its final point. All the catechism students participated in it.

in this holy voyage. The youth president Jeeson Poly and other youth members made all the necessary arrangements including bus, breakfast, lunch and evening tea.

**Mathruvedhi:** As a part of fund raising event, Mathruvedhi of St. Mary's church Ayanagar come together on every Saturday evening after the mass and prepare delicious snacks such as paripvada, unniappam and neyyappam etc which are really tasty. They sell these snacks after the holy mass on Sunday to the believers.

**Mission Sunday:** On mission Sunday our all youth members participated in holy mass. All the youth members visited the families in the parish with Fr Rony Thoppilan and collected mission Sunday contribution from all houses. After that youth members made a tasty breakfast and sold to all parish members for the youth collection. Then Fr Rony Thopillan showed the video of Punjab mission after the Holy Mass.

Mathruvedhi is an inspirational unit of St. Mary's Church Ayanagar. They are the people who guide the parish members to lead a spiritual and divine life with their constant prayers and recitation of rosary on every Tuesday evening. They dedicate and spent in prayer leaving behind all the daily works that they have to do in their busy schedule. ●



**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:**

First Holy Communion is a wonderful moment in a child's life and represents a sign of growth in the knowledge and love of God for each and every child. On 14th October 2017, we celebrated a special Holy Mass with seven children; Evelyn George, Austin Sebastian, Alan Benny, Alan Jojo, Isaac Anthrayose, Alphonse Shaji and Arpit K Thomas, who received Holy Communion for the first time. Sacrament of confirmation was also administered to four children among them. It was a magnificent service led by Very Rev. Father Varghese Puthussery, Provincial of St. Thomas Province (VC). The celebrations started with an offertory procession along with the main celebrant and co-celebrants. Our beloved Fr. Vicar welcomed the parents, fathers, sisters, catechism teachers, relatives and the whole St. Ephrem's family. The main celebrant along with the vicar, catechist sister and the representatives of the parents and children lighted the lamp recognizing the divine presence of the light of the world, Jesus himself. Alan Jojo, thanked the God almighty, the provincial, vicar, co-celebrant Rev. Fr. Jacob Ambalathunkal, catechist Sr. Rani, other sisters, catechism teachers, choir and their friends and relatives who were present and supported for this wonderful spiritual event.

**Parish Feast Celebrations – 2017:** Annual titular feast of St Ephrem's parish was celebrated in solemnity. Main feast day celebrated on 19

November 2017 was the culmination of nine days of Novena with Rosary and Mass which began on Friday 10 November. Each day of the Novena was graced with distinguished priests, who gave special messages during the mass. Holy Mass celebrated in Latin and Malankara rites during these days signified our unity as children of one God.

Main celebrations started with flag hoisting ceremony on Friday, 17 November. While festive flag was hoisted by our beloved parish priest Fr. Sebastian Moolechalil, Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Shinto Porimattom as the main celebrant. The Holy Mass followed by a musical night led by Kottayam Rony. Members of Ward 1, 2 and 3.

Very Rev Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar General, Faridabad Diocese was the main celebrant of the Saturday mass. The moving sermon by Msgr. Edassery reminded us that our friends and colleagues of other faiths value and appreciate our witnessing of Christian life. Spiritual fest of the day was followed by an entertainment extravaganza - 'Ephrem Vibes' – presented by the members of the parish.

The main celebrant of the feast day on 19 November 2017 was the bishop of Satna, Rt Rev. Dr. Joseph Kodakallil. Message from His Excellency during the festive mass focused on the life of St. Ephrem during the days of heretics and how he used his bestowed talents to become the defender of faith. The festive procession of St. Ephrem and Mother Mary to Mar Thoma Church was a real proclamation of our faith and ecumenical brotherhood. The solemn procession with exhaustive decorations and shingarimelam & bandmelam ended with the blessing of the Holy Eucharist.

The celebrations ended with lowering of the festive flag and fellowship meal for all. On Monday, 20 November, a special mass was offered in remembrance of the all souls. ●

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**Feast of St. Antony Mary Claret:** October is not just a month for the parishioners of St. Claret Church. This is the month in which we celebrate the feast of our heavenly patron St. Anthony Mary Claret, who burnt with the fire of divine love and son of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We celebrated the feast from 13th October to 23rd October 2017 along with beatification of 109 martyrs of Claretian congregation. Our beloved Vicar Rev. Fr. Shibu Joseph CMF took the lead in the celebration which started with flag-hoisting on 13th October 2017 by Rev. Fr. John Vettikanal CMF followed by 9 days of Novena and Holy Eucharistic celebration. The feast has been gaining momentum with the faithful surging from various corners of Gurgaon and beyond. The grand feast was celebrated on 23rd October 2017 and the Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. John Puthenpurakkal V.C, Director -Divine Retreat Center, Faridabad. The spiritually enriched ceremonial procession was a loud declaration of faith and a visual treat to the eyes of many. The feast celebrations were concluded on 23rd October 2017 after offering prayers for the departed souls. The 'presudenthi' of this year's parish feast was the family of Mr. SijuKunnel.

**Catechism Day:** The decision of making the catechism day celebration a part of our parish

feast was doubtlessly an innovative one. Rev. Fr. RomalKaniamparambil RCJ was kind enough to accept our invitation to be the chief celebrant for the catechism day held on 21st October 2017 at OLF Junior School, Gurgaon. It was a blessed evening with our children showcasing their talent through a wide variety of cultural programs.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** "Through it we become partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4)". It was an evening that was marked in golden letters in the history of our parish. Our 8 children were well-prepared to receive the Eucharist, the true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Holy Spirit through laying on of hands and anointing with oil. The sacraments were administered by our Vicar Rev. Fr. Shibu Joseph CMF in the presence of hundreds of faithful flocked at St. Michael's church, Gurgaon to witness those heavenly moments. The serene ambience of the church, coupled with a lucid but touching sermon, carved a niche in the hearts of the faithful. Empowered with the power of the Word of the Eucharist and Holy Spirit, the faithful dispersed with burning hearts and faith aflame after the ceremony. A formal evening meal was served in the premises of OLF Junior School, Gurgaon to all the invitees. ●

St. Augustine's Forane Church

Karolbagh



St. Augustine's Forane Church celebrated Parish Day on 15th October, 2017. The celebration began with Holy Mass by Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar. After the Holy Mass, Parish Day celebration was inaugurated by Vicar by Lighting the Lamp along with Mr. Manual Cherian, MD Malabar

Fashion Jewellery, Mr Tony K. J. & Mr. Prince P.P., Kaikkarans and Mr. Mathew M. Joseph, Head Master, Catechism. There were many competitions for Children, Youth and families during the day. Most of the people participated enthusiastically in the Parish Day Competitions. After the competition there was a meeting Presided over by Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar and the Chief Guest Mr. Manual Cherian, Managing Director of Malabar Fashion Jewellery, INA, gave the Parish Day message. Mr. Tony K. J welcomed the Dignitaries and Mr. Prince P. P., proposed the vote of thanks. Prizes were awarded to all the winners of the competitions. The parish day celebrations concluded with Agape. ●

St. Peter's Church

R K Puram



**First Holy Communion & Confirmation:** It was an auspicious day for the Parish, as 12 children of our parish received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on Sunday 19th November 2017 at St. Thomas Church R.K.Puram. The Main Celebrant was Rev. Msgr. Jose Edassery, Vicar General, Faridabad – Delhi Diocese and Rev. Dr. Pius Malekandathil, Parish Priest was co-celebrant for the Holy Eucharistic celebration.

The celebrations started with lighting of the lamb. During the Homily Monsignor explained the prayer of Saint Francis Assisi and he recited the prayer and

made the children repeat after him. Sr. Tesmin FCC, who has been celebrating her Silver Jubilee, was also felicitated on the joyous occasion. After the Holy Mass all proceeded to DMA hall at Sector-4, R.K. Puram where those who received Holy Communion and Confirmation were given a warm reception with lunch for all parishioners and invited guests.

**Catechism Teachers' Day:** On the occasion of Feast of St. Charles Boromeo, the Patron Saint of Catechism teachers, all the catechism teachers of our parish were honored and awarded for their dedication and unconditional hard work in the ministry of faith formation. Rev. Dr. Fr. Pius Malekandathil, the Parish Priest prayed for the teachers during the mass and felicitated them after the Mass.

**Charity Sunday:** On Sunday 26th November 2017 about 145 members of St. Peter's Church R.K. Puram visited Sanjopuram Children's village and celebrated the feast of Christ the King along with the children of Sanjopuram by spending some quality time and having lunch with them. ●

*Prepared by Mrs. Rosamma Mathew*



**വി. യൂദാ തദേവൂസിന്റെയും പരി. ജപമാല രാജനിയുടെയും സംയുക്ത തിരുനാൾ**

ആദ്യ കുർബ്ബാനയും ഫൈനാലിറ്റിയും സീക്രീച്ച കുട്ടികൾ ഫൊറോന വികാരിയോടും മറ്റ് വൈദികരോടുംമൊപ്പം

പാലം ഇൻഫന്റ് ജീസസ് ഫൊറോന ദേവാലയത്തിൽ വി. യൂദാ തദേവൂസിന്റെയും പരി. ജപമാല രാജനിയുടെയും സംയുക്ത തിരുനാൾ 2017 ഒക്ടോബർ 27, 28, 29 എന്നീ തീയതികളിൽ നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. തിരുനാളിനൊരുക്കുമായി ഒക്ടോബർ 10 മുതൽ കൊന്ത നമസ്കാരവും നൊവേനയും നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. ഒക്ടോബർ 27 വെള്ളിയാഴ്ച റവ.ഡോ. എം.ഡി. തോമസ് എം.എസ്.ടി. തിരുനാളിന് കൊടിയേറ്റി. ഒക്ടോബർ 28 ശനിയാഴ്ച വൈകുന്നേരം 6.30-ന് പരി. ജപമാല രാജനിയുടെ തിരുനാൾ ആഘോഷിച്ചു. റവ.ഫാ. മാപ്രയിൽ എം.എസ്.ടി മുഖ്യകാർമ്മികനായിരുന്നു. ഒക്ടോബർ 29 ഞായറാഴ്ച വി. യൂദാ തദേവൂസിന്റെ തിരുനാൾ ദിനത്തിൽ രാവിലെ 9 മണിക്ക് ആഘോഷമായ വി. കുർബ്ബാന, വചന സന്ദേശം, ലഭീഞ്ഞ്, പ്രദക്ഷിണം, എന്നിവയ്ക്ക് റവ.ഫാ. എബി കൊച്ചുപുരയിൽ എം.എസ്.ടി മുഖ്യ കാർമ്മികത്വം വഹിച്ചു. തുടർന്ന് സ്നേഹവിരുന്നും നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു..

കഴിയുന്ന ആത്മാക്കളേയും പ്രത്യേകമായി അനുസ്മരിക്കുകയും പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന നവംബർ മാസത്തിൽ പാലം ഇൻഫന്റ് ജീസസ് ഫൊറോന പള്ളിയിൽ അതിനായി പ്രത്യേക ചടങ്ങുകൾ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. എല്ലാ ദിവസവും വി. കുർബ്ബാനയും ഒപ്പീസും നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. നവംബർ 2 ന് ദാരക സിമിത്തേരിയിൽ അഭിവന്ദ്യ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് കുര്യാക്കോസ് ഭരണികുളങ്ങര പ്രധാന കാർമ്മികത്വം വഹിച്ചു വി. കുർബ്ബാനയിലും ഒപ്പീസിലും ഇടവക ജനങ്ങൾ വികാരിയച്ച നൊപ്പം പങ്കുചേർന്നു. നവംബർ 12 ശനിയാഴ്ച വൈകുന്നേരം 4 മണിക്ക് ഡൽഹി കന്റോൻമെന്റ് ബ്രോർ സ്കൂൾ സിമിത്തേരിയിൽ സകല മരിച്ചവർക്കായി വി.കുർബ്ബാനയും ഒപ്പീസും കല്ലറകളിൽ പ്രാർത്ഥനയും നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു.

**REMEMBRANCE OF DEPARTED SOULS**

**CATECHISM TEACHERS DAY**



Infant Jesus Forane's Catechism Department, Palam celebrated Catechism Teachers' day on 6th November 2017(Sunday). Catechism Students' Leader Ms. Nancy P. Biju gave an introduction about St. Charles Borromeo, the Patron Saint of Catechists. Teachers made offertory in the Holy Qurbana. Parish Priest Very Rev. Fr. Abraham Chempottickal, MST celebrated the Holy Qurbana. In the homily, he explained the role and importance of Catechism Teachers in a parish. After Holy Mass children greeted the teachers by offering flowers and other gifts. Programme completed with Agappe. ●

നമ്മുടെ ഇടയിൽ നിന്നും മരണം വഴി വേർപിരിഞ്ഞവരേയും ശുദ്ധീകരണ സ്ഥലത്തു

St. Jude Church

Sahibabad



The faith foundation unit of St. Jude Parish took the children from class 5th to 12th for a one day visit to Sanjopuram Children’s Village on 15th of October. Our children had a marvelous time and they enjoyed the trip. We could donate a sum of Rs. 80,000 for the support of inmates there. This amount was collected by our children by sacrificing their pocket money. We had distributed Kuddukas to every child of our parish well in advance. They collected Rs. 47,000 and the left money they collected from each family. This moment was appreciated and supported by all.

On 29th of October we celebrated the feast of our parish, our patron saint is St. Jude. In preparation for the great event we had nine days of novena, evening prayer and Holy Mass followed by dinner all these nine days. Eminent priests from our diocese offered Holy Mass and delivered the

homily. On 29th of October was the main feast day and our first and former parish priest Fr. Dominic Kachappily offered the Solemn Holy Mass for us.



On 5th of November Seven of our children received the First Holy Communion and four of them received the sacrament of Confirmation. Rev. Fr. Martin Palamattom, Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Faridabad was the main celebrant and he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation. On 19th of November Spark 2017 (One day Youth Retreat) was arranged in our parish for the DSYM unit. Rev. Fr. Sibi MST from Shimla was the main invitee for the occasion. He enriched children with his valuable talks and they had fun and entertainment.

Christmas is fast approaching so St. Jude Sahibabad is ready with the Christmas cake. This year Christmas cake is made for the whole parish by the cake committee under the leadership of our Vicar, Rev. Fr. George Thoomkuzhy and it will be an earning for the church. ●

*Prepared by: Mrs. Sobha Thomas*

Mary Matha Church

Mayur Vihar Phase II & I.P. Extension

October was a very happening month for Mary Matha Church. Mission Sunday is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity.. October 22 was celebrated as Mission Sunday in 2017. It was a fun day with a message for the Catechism children. Games were set up as stalls by the children. It was a lesson in business management, fun and charity since all the proceedings were donated for the mission work. Our beloved parish priest- Fr Santo also shared the missionary message

by playing videos from his missionary work. October 31st was celebrated with pomp as the devotion to Mother Mary culminated with a celebratory mass. The entire month was celebrated with rosary prayed at the church and at each other’s house. The month was a constant reminder of the grace of our Lady and fellowship among the parishioners. On November 5th, the promoters visited the catechism classes and it was a moment when the entire batch was reinvigorated in terms of their zeal and energy. ●



On Saturday 21 October 2017, Jasola Forane Church had a blessed day. Our Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara had presided over the ceremonies of First Holy Communion and Confirmation of our 22 children. The ceremony began with the reception of Archbishop at 9.15am.

It was also the day of the inauguration of the concluding Centenary celebrations of the Apparitions Our Lady at Fatima. Archbishop inaugurated the Concluding celebrations by lighting the lamp which was followed by the Holy Mass. The ceremony ended at 12.30pm. ●



നിവാസ് ലേഡീസ് ഹോസ്റ്റൽ, എന്നീ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ ബഹു. സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ നടത്തി വരുന്നു. കോൺവെന്റ് സ്ഥാപിതമായതിന്റെ സിൽവർ ജൂബിലി ആഘോഷങ്ങൾ 2017 ഏപ്രിൽ 03 ബഹു. വികാരിയച്ചൻ ഫാ. റോമൽ കണിയാപറമ്പിൽ RCJ ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു.

സിൽവർ ജൂബിലിയുടെ സമാപനം 2017 നവംബർ 17 ന് ഫരീദാബാദ്-ഡൽഹി രൂപതാലക്ഷ്യൻ അഭിവന്ദ്യ മാർ കുര്യാക്കോസ് ഭരണികുളങ്ങര പിതാവിന്റെ സാന്നിധ്യത്തിൽ ആഘോഷിച്ചു. ജൂബിലി സമാപന പരിപാടികളിലേയ്ക്ക് ബഹു. പ്രൊവിൻഷ്യൽ സൂപ്പീരിയർ സി. പ്രസന്ന ഏവരേയും സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്തു. തുടർന്ന് അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാവിന്റെയും ബഹു. വികാരിയച്ചന്റെയും നേതൃത്വത്തിലുള്ള ആഘോഷമായ വി. കുർബാന നടന്നു. മദർ സൂപ്പീരിയർ സി. ജാസ്മിൻ എല്ലാവർക്കും നന്ദി പറഞ്ഞു. തുടർന്ന് സ്നേഹവിരുന്നോടു കൂടി കാര്യപരിപാടികൾ സമാപിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. ●

CMC കോൺവെന്റ് സിൽവർ ജൂബിലി

സി.എം.സി മേരി മാതാ പ്രൊവിൻസ് ഡൽഹിയിലെ മിഷൻ ഭവനമായ മരിയ നിവാസ് കോൺവെന്റ് 1993 ഏപ്രിൽ 3-ന് തുല്യക്കാബാദ് എക്സ്റ്റൻഷനിൽ സ്ഥാപിതമായി. കാൽക്കാജി സെന്റ്. ജോസഫ് ഇടവകയോട് ചേർന്നു പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന കോൺവെന്റി നോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് ഉദയ നേഴ്സറി, മരിയ

# Beatification Ceremony of Martyr Sr. Rani Maria



Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints, presided over the Beatification Mass and declared Sister Rani Maria as Blessed Martyr Sister Rani Maria, who lived and died preaching the gospel of charity and defending the poor.



Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara receives the Relics of Blessed Martyr Sr. Rani Maria, to be installed for veneration in her native parish St. Thomas Church at Pulluvazhy, Emakulam.

## Condolences & Prayers



**Mathew . C. A (Babu)**

Born: 13.02.1973 Died: 30.11.2017  
Chennattu House  
171 – B, Pocket – F, GTB Enclave  
St. Francis of Assisi Forane Church  
Dilshad Garden



**Lijiya Sebastian**

Born: 30.05.1988 Died: 01.12.2017  
Kurumbakattu House  
212-A, Pocket-M, Sarita Vihar  
Our Lady of Fatima Forane Church,  
Jasola



**Thankachan John**

Born: 20.05.1967 Died: 11.12.2017  
Muprappillyil House  
Holy Family Hospital Hostel, Okhla  
Our Lady of Fatima Forane Church,  
Jasola

# *Congratulations and Welcome* **to Faridabad-Delhi Diocese**



Rev. Fr. Ginto Kottackakathu was Ordained for the Diocese of Faridabad on 25th November 2017 by Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara at St. Thomas Church, Ayiramekkar, Adimaly, Idukki.



His Grace Kuriakose Bharanikulangara honouring Parents of newly ordained priest Rev. Fr. Ginto Kottackakathu

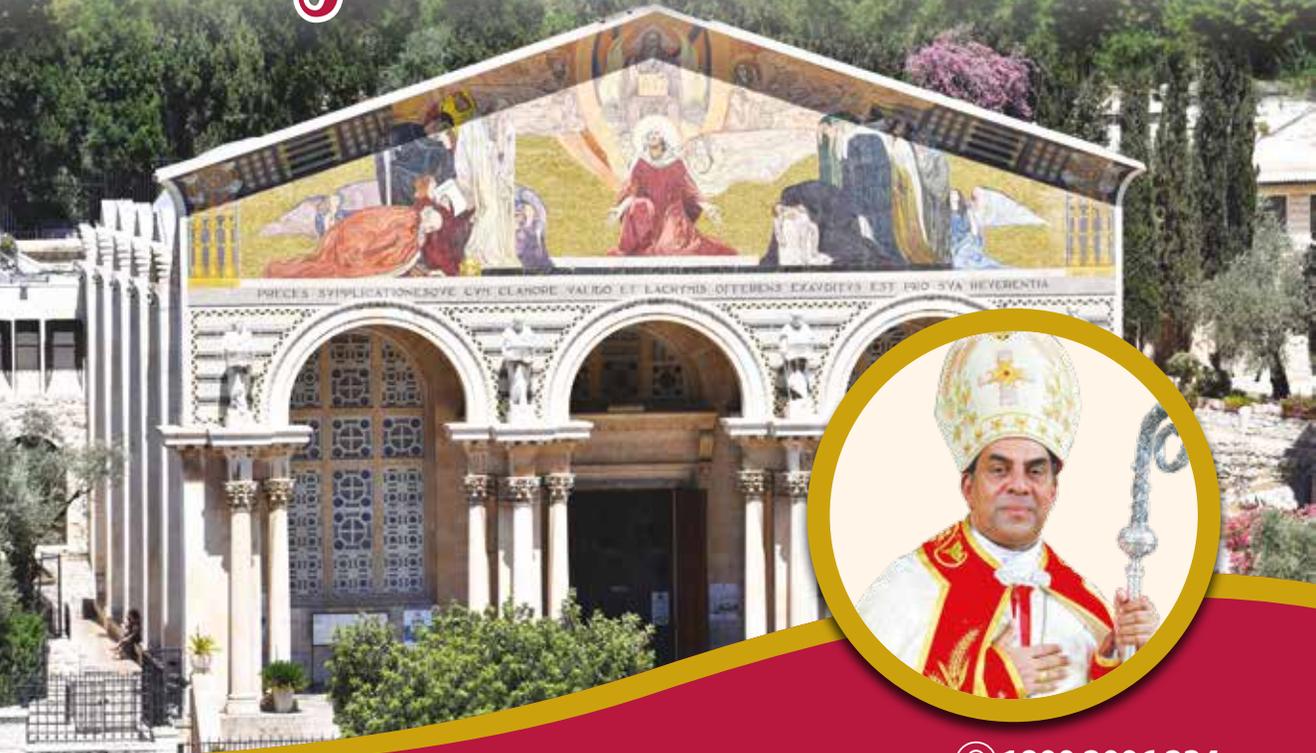


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# HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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