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# Message



Traditionally, October is called the 'Month of Holy Rosary'. In this month, we recite the holy rosary in a most solemn manner in our parishes and houses and wherever we gather. The solemn rosary celebration invites us to meditate and imitate the life of Blessed Mary.

Following Mary's example of obedience to God, we can learn to serve delicately without being slavish. Our Lady listens attentively to what God wants; ponders what she doesn't fully understand; and asks about what she doesn't know. Then she gives herself completely to doing the divine will: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to your word." The blessed Virgin, our teacher in all we do, shows us here that obedience to God is not servile and does not bypass our conscience. We should be inwardly moved to discover the "freedom of the children of God."

Charity cannot be content with just nice feelings; it must find its way into our conversations and, above all, into our deeds. The Virgin Mary did not merely pronounce her fiat; but in every moment she fulfilled that firm and irrevocable decision. When God's love gets through to us and we come to know what he desires, we ought to commit ourselves to be faithful, loyal and then be so in fact. Because "not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven."

Let us ask the blessed Virgin to teach us to recognize the constant calls from God at the door of our heart. Let us ask her now: Our mother, you brought to earth Jesus, who reveals the love of God, our Father. Help us to recognize him in the midst of the chaos of each day. Stir up our mind and will so that we may listen to the voice of God, to the calls of grace.

**Fr. Thomas Chathamparampil CMI**

**Prior General**



# Editorial



Last week I was attending the Annual Team Day of Chavara Matrimony. After the Covid pandemic it was the first time all the staff of all the branches of Chavara Matrimony came together after a gap of almost two years. One thing that remained in my mind after the program was something that Mr Johnson C Abraham, the Executive Director mentioned to me. "Every day at 3 pm we recite 'Mercy Rosary' in the office. All the staff members attend it. It is done online too so that all the employees of all the 29 branches pray together every day." I did not need more explanations to understand why Chavara Matrimony grew leaps and bounds in the last twenty five years.

Last month I had a chance to visit the head office of one of the leading educational ERP software companies. It is managed by a devout catholic layman. He called the staff together in the office and requested me specifically to pray there in the office. They have now almost completed the making of the software for the audio version of the Holy Bible in the different tribal dialects of North East. In the office they start the day with prayer that is attended by all. That was sufficient for me to understand how they keep themselves together amidst the struggles and grow up after the covid pandemic under the soothing shade of the Lord.

"Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God. They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright." (Psalm 20/7-8)

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain." (Psalm 127/1)

We recite these psalms in our canonical prayers, but do we really believe them? Don't we rely too much on our own strengths and modern technologies than on the strength of the Lord? Don't we depend too much on our earthly masters and authorities than on the absolute power of the Lord? Don't we take pride in our friendship with the political leaders and the creamy rich of the high echelons of the society than on our friendship with the Lord and His Poor? Temptations to accumulate more of mammon take the priority positions in our discussions and futuristic plans.

Isn't it time we start to learn from our lay brethren the basics? Sometimes I wonder.

**Fr. Martin Mallath CMI**  
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# Message from Pope

Dear brothers and sisters!

“Listen to the voice of creation” is the theme and invitation of this year’s Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on 4 October with the feast of Saint Francis. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. Originally inspired by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, [this Season is an opportunity to cultivate our “ecological conversion”, a conversion encouraged by Saint John Paul II as a response to the “ecological catastrophe” predicted by Saint Paul VI back in 1970.](#)

If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home.

[The sweet song of creation invites us to practise an “ecological spirituality” \(Laudato Si’, 216\), attentive to God’s presence in the natural world.](#) It is a summons to base our



spirituality on the “loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion” (ibid., 220). For the followers of Christ in particular, this luminous experience reinforces our awareness that “all things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being” (Jn 1:3). In this Season of Creation, we pray once more in the great cathedral of creation, and revel in the “grandiose cosmic choir” [2] made up of countless creatures, all singing the praises of God. Let us join Saint Francis of Assisi in singing: “Praise be to you, my Lord, for all your creatures” (cf. Canticle of Brother Sun). Let us join the psalmist in singing, “Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!” (Ps 150:6).

Tragically, that sweet song is accompanied by a cry of anguish. Or even better: a chorus of cries of anguish. In the first place, it is our sister, mother earth, who cries out. Prey to our consumerist excesses, she weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and to her destruction. Then too, there are all those different creatures who cry out. At the mercy of a “tyrannical anthropocentrism” (Laudato Si’, 68), completely at odds with Christ’s centrality in the work of creation, countless species are dying out and their hymns of praise silenced. There are also the poorest among us who are crying out. Exposed to the climate crisis, the poor feel even more gravely the impact of the drought, flooding, hurricanes and heat waves that are becoming ever more intense and frequent. Likewise, our brothers and sisters of the native peoples are crying out. As a result of predatory economic interests, their ancestral lands are being invaded and devastated on all sides, “provoking a cry that rises up to heaven” (Querida Amazonia, 9). Finally, there is the plea of our children. Feeling menaced by shortsighted and selfish actions, today’s young people are crying out, anxiously asking us adults to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet’s ecosystems.

Listening to these anguished cries, we must repent and modify our lifestyles and destructive systems. From its very first pages, the Gospel calls us to “repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Mt 3:2); it summons us to a new relationship with God, and also entails a different relationship with others and with creation. The present state of decay of our common home merits the same attention as other global challenges such as grave health crises and wars. “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience” (Laudato Si’, 217).

As persons of faith, we feel ourselves even more responsible for acting each day in accordance with the summons to conversion. Nor is that summons simply individual: “the ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion” (ibid., 219). In this regard, commitment and action, in a spirit of maximum cooperation, is likewise demanded of the community of nations, especially in the meetings of the United Nations devoted to the environmental question.

The COP27 conference on climate change, to be held in Egypt in November 2022 represents the next opportunity for all to join in promoting the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement. For this reason too, I recently authorized the Holy See, in the name of and on behalf of the Vatican City State, to accede to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, in the hope that the humanity of the 21st century “will be remembered for having generously shouldered its grave responsibilities” (ibid., 65). The effort to achieve the Paris goal of limiting temperature increase to 1.5°C is quite demanding; it calls for responsible cooperation between all nations in presenting climate plans or more ambitious nationally determined contributions in order to reduce to zero, as quickly as possible, net greenhouse gas emissions. This means “converting” models of consumption and production, as well as lifestyles, in a way more respectful of creation and the integral human development of all peoples, present and future, a development grounded in responsibility, prudence/precaution, solidarity, concern for the poor and for future generations. Underlying all this, there is need for a covenant between human beings and the environment, which, for us believers, is a mirror reflecting “the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying”. [3] The transition brought about by this conversion cannot neglect the demands of justice, especially for those workers who are most affected by the impact of climate change.

For its part, the COP15 summit on biodiversity, to be held in Canada in December, will offer to the goodwill of governments a significant opportunity to adopt a new multilateral agreement to halt the destruction of ecosystems and the extinction of species. According to the ancient wisdom of the Jubilee, we need to “remember, return, rest and restore”. [4] In order to halt the further collapse of biodiversity, our God-given “network of life”, let us pray and urge nations to reach agreement on four key principles: 1. to construct a clear ethical basis for the changes needed to save biodiversity; 2. to combat the loss of biodiversity, to support conservation and cooperation, and to satisfy people’s needs in a sustainable way; 3. to promote global solidarity in light of the fact that biodiversity is a global common good demanding a shared commitment; and 4. to give priority to people in situations of vulnerability, including those most affected by the loss of biodiversity, such as indigenous peoples, the elderly and the young.

Let me repeat: “In the name of God, I ask the great extractive industries – mining, oil, forestry, real estate, agribusiness – to stop destroying forests, wetlands, and mountains, to stop polluting rivers and seas, to stop poisoning food and people”. [5]

How can we fail to acknowledge the existence of an “ecological debt” (Laudato Si’, 51) incurred by the economically richer countries, who have polluted most in the last two centuries; this demands that they take more ambitious steps at COP27 and at COP15. In addition to determined action within their borders, this means keeping their prom-



ises of financial and technical support for the economically poorer nations, which are already experiencing most of the burden of the climate crisis. It would also be fitting to give urgent consideration to further financial support for the conservation of biodiversity. Even the economically less wealthy countries have significant albeit “diversified” responsibilities (cf. *ibid.*, 52) in this regard; delay on the part of others can never justify our own failure to act. It is necessary for all of us to act decisively. For we are reaching “a breaking point” (cf. *ibid.*, 61).

During this Season of Creation, let us pray that COP27 and COP15 can serve to unite the human family (cf. *ibid.*, 13) in effectively confronting the double crisis of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity. [Mindful of the exhortation of Saint Paul to rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep \(cf. Rom 12:15\), let us weep with the anguished plea of creation.](#) Let us hear that plea and respond to it with deeds, so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation’s sweet song of life and hope.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 16 July 2022, Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel ●



# Lessons for the Disciples of Jesus



**Fr. Jacob Peenikaparambil**

The latest book of well-known historian Ramachandra Guha is “Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India’s Freedom”. The book tells the story of seven foreign-born individuals who chose to struggle for the freedom of a country other than their own. “They exchanged their old homeland for their new one unreservedly, and unequivocally- once in India, they knew they would almost certainly die in India”. When right-wing nationalists are clamouring to convert India into a Hindu Rashtra, these stories are a source of great inspiration to all those who aspire to make India an inclusive pluralistic nation.

Disciples of Jesus can learn a good number of lessons from the ‘Rebels Against

the Raj’, especially from four of these illustrious women and men: 1) Mira Behn whose original name is Madeleine Slade, a British national 2) Samuel Evans Stokes, an American, 3) Ralph Richard Keithahn, another American and 4) Sarala Devi- formerly Catherine Mary Heilemann, another English woman. All of them had the openness to learn about the people of India, their religion and culture, and they were able to identify themselves with Indians to a great extent. They participated in the freedom struggle and went to jail. On the contrary, many Christian missionaries who came to India from the West were prejudiced against Indian religions and cultures and they tried to impose their religion and culture on the people



of India instead of sharing the vision and teaching of Jesus, being open to learn from the people.

There is a basic difference between a disciple of Jesus and a devotee of Jesus. A disciple of Jesus is inspired by the vision and mission of Jesus and is passionate to continue his mission. A devotee of Jesus is mainly concerned about worshipping Jesus, building worship centres, and erecting statues, going on pilgrimages etc. A devotee of Jesus need not have commitment to continue the mission of guru. Even if he/she may pay some attention to the mission of the guru, it may not be his/her priority. A devotee need not be concerned about people, but for a disciple, people are the top most priority because the mission is with the people and for the people.

The vision of Jesus, as depicted in the Gospels, is facilitating the reign of God or Kingdom of God. Reign of God is not a place but a situation in which God is accepted as a loving father or mother and all human beings are brothers and sisters with equal rights and opportunities. The early Christian communities were the realization of the vision of Jesus. Mission of Jesus is bringing about individual and social transformation in view of the reign of God. A disciple of Jesus is passionate to bring about individual and social transformation, following the teachings of Jesus in view of creating the Reign of God situation in the context in which he/she lives. As Jesus was always available to people, a disciple of Jesus is always available to people and is in the midst of people, sharing their joys and sorrows. A

devotee of Jesus need not be with people; in fact, many devotees of Jesus live in their enclosures and comfort zones, often cut off from people. Often, they are unaware of what is happening to people.

Devotees of Jesus may not be able to learn much from the lives of the men and women about whom Ramachandra Guha has written in his book, *Rebels Against the Raj*. The most important lesson the disciples of Jesus can learn from the four foreigners is openness and readiness to learn from the people. They did not come with the prejudice that the people of India are ignorant and their religion is superstitious. They also did not claim that their religion and culture were far superior to those of the people of India.

For example, Samuel Stokes studied Upanishads and Puranas. In the words of Guha, “these studies, however in no sense diminished his faith in Christ; rather the light from the Hindu scriptures had come to fill the gaps in Christianity as he had known it and to make it a connected whole”. Stoke said of himself that ‘he came to teach and stayed to learn’. As a result of studying about Hinduism he came to the conclusion that “Christianity and Hinduism need each other”. “When a divine synthesis has been affected a true Christian will be able to call himself a Hindu, and a true and perfect Hindu will be able to say, “I am a Christian”. Ralph Richard Keithahn visited the Sabarmati and Sevagram Ashram of Mahatma Gandhi, Santiniketan of Rabindranath Tagore and the ashram of Ramana Maharshi in Tamil Nadu to learn about Indian culture and religions.

While Mira Ben was in jail she read Upanishads, Quran and had planned to read Mahabharata. She also finished the year-long course in spiritual reading that Gandhi had laid out for her.

Second lesson one can learn from them is identification with the people of the area as far as possible. Samuel Stokes married a Christian woman of Rajput origin. He built his house in tune with the local culture and named it "Harmony Hall". He and his children adopted the dress of the local people. Contrary to the behaviour of the British officers, he treated Indians as equals, as he strongly believed in equality of all people. He wrote, "No nationalism is worth straining for that does not stretch beyond the interests of one's race so as to include the interests of all humanity".

Madeleine Slade (Mira Ben) was fascinated by the personality of Gandhi and his work after reading a booklet titled, Mahatma Gandhi written by Jean Jean-Christophe, Rolland. She wanted to be a partner in the mission of Gandhi. Even before coming to India, she prepared herself for the mission. She had given up the drinking of all wines, beers or spirits, and no longer ate meat of any kind. She learnt to spin and wave, as it was a practice in the ashram of Gandhiji. She also wore an Indian dress.

Regarding the efforts of Keithahn to identify himself with the people of India, the Indian Express wrote the following on 30th August 1944. "The American had gone further than Andrews, in identifying himself with the common people of India. Latterly he had even begun to dress like

an Indian peasant and to eat only such simple food as obtainable in the village itself".

The examples of Samuel Stokes and Mira Ben are challenges to the contemporary missionaries in India. What extent are they ready to identify themselves with the people with whom they live and work? Genuine mission requires incarnation into the culture of the people, as Jesus became one among the Jewish people.

The third lesson is acquiring mastery in the language of the people. Stokes acquired mastery in Hindi and in the local pahari language, and as a result he could effectively communicate with people. He taught his children only Hindi and pahari. Mahatma Gandhi's remark about Stokes is very pertinent. "He has not, this day taught his children a single word of English. They only know two languages-Pahadi and Hindi. He too threw his clothes into the sacrificial fire on July 31 and now dresses himself in a dhoti, shirt and cap, all made of khadi".

As a preparation to join the mission of Gandhi Mira Ben learnt Hindi and read books on India and its culture. After coming to India, she continued her efforts to gain mastery in Hindi. Sarala spoke and wrote Hindi like a native. She also picked up the local dialect, Kumaoni while she worked among women in Uttarakhand.

Without being proficient in the local/regional language missionaries will not be able to influence people among whom they work, and their mission also will not be effective.

The fourth lesson is responding to the needs of the people, especially fighting against injustice and exploitation, if the mission is to be successful. Samuel Stokes found the people of the villages surrounding Simla were subjected to an exploitative practice called begar. During the summer the high officials of the Raj took their families on the treks and tours, forcing the villagers to carry their loads and supply stuff for their meals too. Meagre wages were paid for these services; and sometimes nothing at all. Stokes decided to stop this practice. He submitted applications alone and with the signature of hundreds of villagers to the high officials like commissioner, besides going to the public by writing articles in renowned publications like Young India.

Mira Ben accompanied Gandhi in his travels to different parts of the country to mobilize people in the struggle for independence of India and in this process she often became sick. For supporting Gandhi, Mira was arrested and sentenced to three months in prison, Bombay's Arthur Road Jail. Again, she was arrested and had to remain in jail for about a year. She undertook an intensive tour to the UK and the USA to promote the cause of India's freedom. Within two weeks in the United States Mira addressed twenty-two gatherings and gave five radio broadcasts. She addressed sixty-seven meetings in the United Kingdom. She took up the cause of the people of India and left no stone unturned in achieving the goal.

Besides establishing Kasturba Mahila Utthan Mandal and Lakshmi Ashram at

Kausani in Uttarakhand for the empowerment of women and girls, Sarala Behn travelled on foot for ten years in many parts of India for creating awareness among women. She also spent one year in the dacoit-infested areas of Chambal Valley and Morena, working for a transformation in the dacoits and motivating them to surrender themselves.

The contemporary missionaries have to ask themselves whether they have the courage and determination to take up the cause of people among whom they live and work. Stan Swami fought against the exploitation and oppression of the Adivasis of Jharkhand and supported them to access their rights, especially rights related to jal, jungle, jameen? How many missionaries have the guts to follow the footsteps of Stan Swami?

In short, what the disciples of Jesus (missionaries) can learn from the four foreigners, who had identified themselves with the people of India, is that mission is with the people and for the people. Institutions started for facilitating the mission can in course of time become obstacles to the mission, if the persons who manage the institutions are not people oriented and people are not at their heart. In such situations institutions can become ends in themselves and people could be used to perpetuate institutions. In such a situation the mission is bound to fail. ●

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# Our Early Professors of Philosophy at Dharmaram/DVK

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Fr. John Britto Chethimattam was, to be sure, the most versatile thinker and writer of the early Dharmaram Tradition. In point of fact, his role, unique and innovative, in charge of Dharmaram School of Thought by the path of Indian-Christian Theology and Interreligious Dialogue ought to be particularly noted for its distinctive characteristic of insight and integration, erudition and excellence, openness to what is 'one, true and beautiful' in all, efficiency and earnestness. (Cf. J. B. Chethmattam: Dialogue in Indian Tradition). The intellectual contributions of Fr. J. B. Chethmattam, so vast and varied, are wellnigh impossible to be covered in a short write-up like this.

I shall restrict myself to pinpointing a few of the lasting impacts he had made



on us as Professor of Metaphysics and other allied subjects during our years of Philosophy at Chethipuzha/Dharmaram (1956-58).

In those days there were no separate lessons on Epistemology apart from Logica Major (also called Critica). Fr. Britto had been always so perceptive as to present Metaphysics in its epistemological connotations/ denotations, with relevant and enlightening allusions to the epistemological and metaphysical standpoints of the Vedanta of Sankara/Ramanuja, Samkhya/Mimamsa etc. Such a wider approach, often well-seasoned with Indian insights, had considerably helped us, in our later years, towards remaining well-rooted in our own inner experience with a concomitant striving for a real transcendence in regard to the here-and-now, by harmonizing bhakti and jnana with due discretion and resolve.

Even in those days of strict Thomistic training (in Philosophia perennis) he had cared to introduce to us such new philosophies as Martin Heidegger's Existentialism, A.J. Ayer's Philosophy of Language, Whitehead's Process Philosophy, Neo-Thomism of the Louvain School and so on. All these have, in one way or another, stood us in good stead in the continued process of our fleeting pilgrimage, not only to be seekers of the Real and the True, the One and the All, who is the Being of all that are in being, but also to keep our mind settled on Him, the One and the Full, though totally unutterable and inexhaustible, yet revealed to us in the meaning-diffusive words, as

the WORD resonated in words, of our human language, written as well as spoken. (Coutsey: Fr. Chethimattam's Opus Magnum on EXPERIENCE).

His talks did also reveal that he had a fairly good knowledge of the metaphysical views of the Oriental Fathers such as Clement of Alexandria, Theodore of Mopsuestia etc. Thereby he could also add, to our later profit, certain amount of theological, spiritual, flavour to our otherwise merely and purely classroom Metaphysical speculations.

In view of brevity I shall conclude by making just one more observation:

Drawing on Fr. Britto's exposition of the Mimamsa theory of tripple Illumination in knowledge, we could realize a very big truth for ourselves. Being subsistent knowledge (Act), God is self-luminous; so one who looks through the eyes of God will find oneself (subject), all else (object) as well as one's knowing (act) illumined and illumining. "As He shines, does all else shine; by His light does all this shine forth in existence" (Upanishad). For a Christian this would imply the importance of looking at himself and things, in the act of knowing, through the eyes of God in faith, of passing from the level of sheer rational knowledge (matijnana, cognitio rationis) to that of revealed knowledge (srutijnana, cognitio visionis).

He trained us to look at knowledge all-encompassingly by relegating it to God, the author of all wisdom, by caring to see its glimpses reflected in the insights and interpretations of the great seers so that

we keep ourselves unto the end lovers of wisdom (philosophers) and seekers (jijnasu) of it.

I do have many more suchlike Philosophical reminiscences to add as feathers in the multijewelled cap of Fr. J. B. Chethi-

mattom, an erudite, observant, much-respected religious of the CMI Congregation. Let us with love and gratitude offer our pranam to this great scholar and venerable Doctor of the CMI! ●

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സി. എം. ഐ. ആശ്രമങ്ങളിലേക്കുള്ള പ്രത്യേക ക്ഷണം.

1. മാർത്തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ 1950-ാം രക്തസാക്ഷിത്വ വാർഷികത്തിൽ 2022 ജൂലൈ 3 മുതൽ 2023 ജൂലൈ 3 വരെ തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ വലതുകര തിരുശേഷിപ്പ് പ്രതിഷ്ഠിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന അഴീക്കോട് തീർത്ഥാടകന്ദ്രത്തിൽ വന്ന് തിരുശേഷിപ്പ് വണങ്ങി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നവർക്ക് മാർപാപ്പ അനുവദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന പൂർണ്ണദണ്ഡവിമോചനം വ്യക്തികൾക്കും പൂർവ്വികർക്കും ലഭിക്കാനായി യുക്തമായ ദിവസം യുക്തമായ ഒരുക്കങ്ങളോടെ അഴീക്കോട് വന്ന് തിരുശേഷിപ്പ് വണങ്ങി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാനായി എല്ലാ സി. എം. ഐ. സഭാ സമൂഹങ്ങളെയും സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നു.

2. മാർത്തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ വലതുകര തിരുശേഷിപ്പ് പ്രതിഷ്ഠിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന അഴീക്കോട് തീർത്ഥാടകന്ദ്രത്തിൽ മാർത്തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ 1950-ാം രക്തസാക്ഷിത്വ വർഷത്തിൽ 2022 നവംബർ 20 മുതൽ 27 വരെ ആഘോഷിക്കുന്ന ഭാരതപ്രവേശന തിരുനാളിന് ആശംസകൾ നേർന്നുകൊണ്ട് യുക്തമായ സംഭാവനകൾ അയക്കുന്ന സി.എം.ഐ. ആശ്രമങ്ങൾക്ക് മാർത്തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ 1950-ാം രക്തസാക്ഷിത്വ ഉപഹാരം (ഫലകം) അയച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതായിരിക്കും. സംഭാവനകൾ താഴെ നൽകിയിരിക്കുന്ന ബാങ്ക് അക്കൗണ്ടിലേക്ക് അയക്കുമല്ലോ. നിങ്ങൾക്ക് ഫലകം അയക്കാൻ വേണ്ടി നിങ്ങളുടെ കൃത്യമായ അഡ്രസ്സും ഫോൺ നമ്പറും പ്രത്യേകം എഴുതാൻ മറക്കരുത്. നിങ്ങളുടെ അഡ്രസ്സ് എന്റെ ഫോണിൽ (9495639265) വിളിച്ച് അറിയിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുമല്ലോ.

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## GOD APPROVED OUR PRAYERS, PATIENCE AND HARD WORK: THE RESULT WAS THE CMI CONGREGATION

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*'Beth-Rouma', The House on Heights was the result of the Trio's prayers, patience and hard work. Finally, they had what they prayed for, favourable reply from the authorities and a suitable place for the monastery, a place God had chosen through giving them miracles and signs. To build up the CMI charism of Prayer and Apostolic action in response to our call and commitment, prayers, patience and hard work are essential.*

The motivational force behind starting a religious congregation in St. Chavara's own words: "I see that a lot of good had not been done due to the absence of a Thapasu Bhavanam (House of Discipline) in Kerala even for priests, we wanted to start a Darsana Veedu (House of Vision) at least for priests." (Chronicles 1). God's spirit had chosen three loving and caring hearts who were sensitive about social problems, Malpan Thomas Palackal, Malpan Thomas Porukara and Fr. Kuriakose Chavara, to come together for a great cause. They recognised the miserable state of the affairs that existed in Kerala at that time. Though they stayed in different places, they were brought together to fulfil God's plan. Fr. Palackal was running the seminary at Pallipuram and was also working as a consultant to the bishop of Varappuzha and offered advices to practical problems. Fr. Porukara was associated with the parish in Kollam area and was also appointed as secretary to the bishop of Varapuzha, and young Chavara Kuriakose came from Kainakari to the seminary. All these people came together with one aim in mind.

The seminary Rector and secretary both were senior priests with enough spiritual and social experiences. They recognised the ways of the world and were feeling sad thinking about the pathetic state of the society they were living in. They wondered being in such a place, would they be able to save even their own souls. Socially, communally and culturally our country was far behind the time. At the political front, European colonies were competing with each other to defeat our country which was divided into too many princely states because of their own internal politics and competition with each other. War, conflicts and poverty were everywhere. In the Christian society differences and disagreements increased day by day. The education field was no better. In the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, especially at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Kerala was going through lots of crises and miseries. It was God's intervention that made them realise the best way was not to run away from the issues but to stay together and face the problems. They were convinced that by doing so they could save their own souls too.

They decided to bring together a group of priests with similar mindset. They also sought the companionship of Kuriakose who was just completing his studies in the seminary. When these trio met, they decided to build a House of Vision (Darsana Veedu) which would also be a House of Discipline, (Thapasu Bhavanam) to cleanse the society as a whole and to purify themselves and also to spread goodness around the world.

But they needed the permission of the Church authorities, before they could start realizing their dream project. They intended to build a place solely for dedicated lives, a place for prayer, taking decisions and actions. They approached the bishop with the plan they had harboured from 1828. Clashes which existed between the Latin group's might have speeded up the actions taken by Msgr Stabilini in favour of their request. Even though he had refused to give them a clear answer for their early enquiries, he gave them permission to start the monastery on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1829. St. Chavara described these incidents in the first few pages in the Chronicles 1-4.

After getting the permission on November 1<sup>st</sup> to go ahead with the construction of a monastery, on 29<sup>th</sup> of the same month St. Chavara received his Priestly Ordination. After ordination, when he celebrated his first Mass along with the bishop, he prayed for God's blessings to help them build a Home of Vision, (Darsana Bhavanam) knowing that he had been called as a special messenger to the Kerala Church. Even though in the history of the Church in India, monasteries had

been started in Angamali and Edappalli under the leadership of the Archdeacon's, nothing remained after the incident of "Koonan Kurisu Sathyam." (Oath taken against the Latin bishops in front of the Cross at Mattancherry church).

Hence, the monastery at Mannanam has become the most ancient monastery in the history of Indian Churches. We will never be able even to imagine the anxieties and difficulties those pioneers might have felt. How people were going to welcome a new movement that never existed earlier in history, would they get any support? Would anyone help in finding a suitable place and help them financially? If at all they built, would anyone join them as members in this new movement? Hundreds of such questions were there for which they needed answers. Another question was whether Fr. Palackal who was running a seminary at Pallipuram, could leave that and take responsibility of this new venture and continue with it. They had to wait and see. They were going to make a leap into darkness without knowing what lay ahead. If this was the Will of God, His wish would be fulfilled, they believed firmly in this.

They shared their plan with a few other priests who were friends but they did not get a favourable response from them. Years went by, the priests who had received the call started to have doubts, whether this was going to materialize or whether they were capable of making it happen. They had two things in front of them to tackle: First, a place with good accessibility on top of a hill as the House of Vision, Beth- Rouma (House Above)



should only be built on a higher ground. Second was the need for enough money to buy the land and build the Home. There was only a capital investment of Rs.200 which was given to them by the bishop as a token to encourage them.

The three who ventured out were having serious financial issues on their personal side as well. The elder brother of Fr. Palackal who supported the family had died and he had financial difficulties at home. When the parents of Fr. Porukara passed away, being the eldest in the family he had to help his younger siblings to get settled in life. As far as Fr. Chavara was concerned, after the death of his parents and only elder brother, he had decided to give his share of inheritance to his elder sister so that she would take over the family's burden. In this situation, they had to depend solely on the support of the Church followers.

When it was taking too long to find a suitable land and start the building works, the priests with whom they shared their ideas started discouraging them. They told the trio not to go after things that could never happen. Even though hope seemed to be fading at times, they strengthened their belief that if this was the Will of God it would happen and went ahead with their plans.

Many months passed since they had been given permission to build their dream Home. After handing over the responsibilities of running Pallipuram seminary to Fr. Chavara, the other two priests started visiting other churches for fundraising, along with the search for

a suitable land to buy. Their search was limited within the borders of the Syro Malabar Church, between the rivers of Bharathapuzha and Pampa. The trio continued their search for the land. Finally, at the beginning of 1831, they found a suitable land at Pullarikkunnu, near Athirampuzha. They started the legal process to buy the land. Soon they learned that many people who lived there were not in favour of having a Christian church near to the Devi temple there. They searched for almost a year to find this place but as the above issue dimmed their hopes, they felt sad. Their moral responsibilities quickly pulled them out of their sorrow, and a decision was taken immediately. Since it was a sensitive issue, they decided not to hurt the feelings of those people who belonged to a different religion. They started their search again in different places.

Before long they found another place known as Mannanamkunnu a little away from Pullarikkunnu. The land was accepted by all and it was also the most suitable for their needs. They were convinced that if you give value to fellowship, give consideration to other people's feelings, God would definitely lead and arrange everything in order for them. Above all, people from other religions also came forward to help. Within a few days, Tharakan Thayyil and Perumalil Kochu Pothan donated their land on the hill. Soon after they started working on clearing the place. The first ceremony was to erect a cross where the building was going to be built. They made arrangements for that right away.

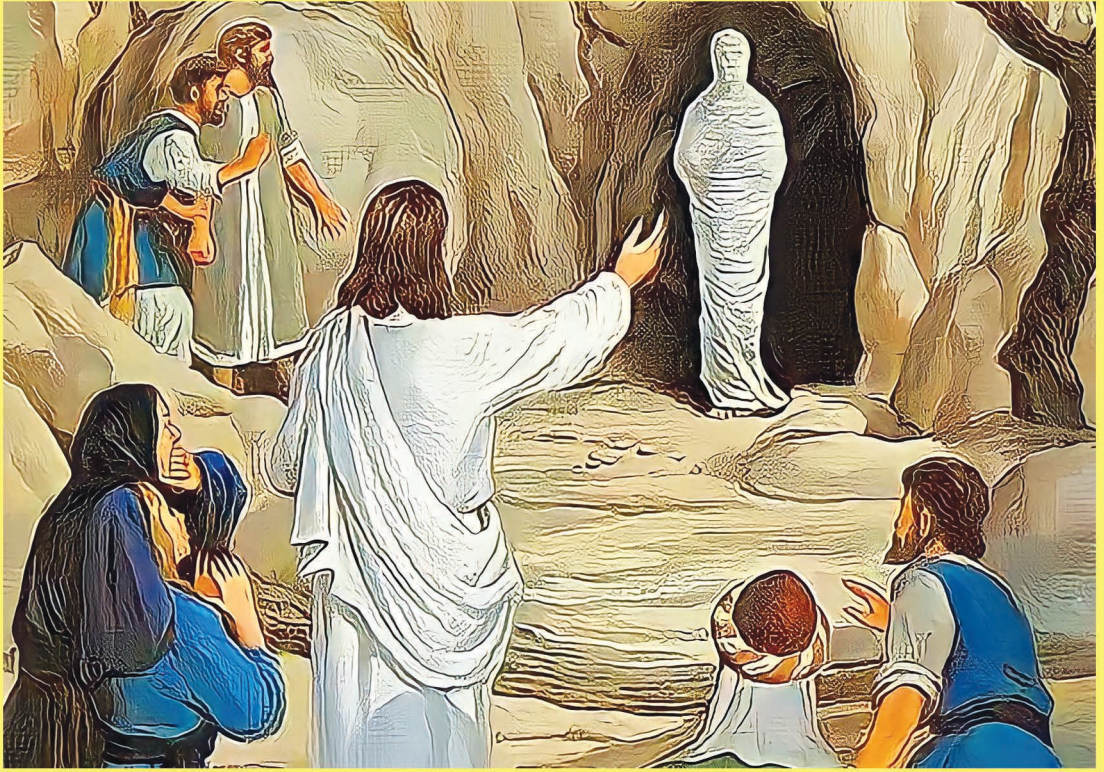
The people who lived in the surrounding areas and a few priests came together that evening for participating in that ceremony. Suddenly sunlight dimmed, dark clouds filled the sky, lightening sliced through the darkened skies and thunder echoed everywhere. It was as if rain would pour down any second. Everyone stood on their knees around the cross which was to be blessed and started praying intensely. What happened next was nothing short of a miracle. The evening sun was about to set on the Arabian Sea, crossing the back waters of Vembanad, suddenly glowed brighter. It painted the whole area with a beautiful golden hue. The blessing ceremony took place in an environment which was glowing bright. Fr. Chavara who was also a good singer, sang the litany of All Saints and the fellow priests and people who were present sang along with him. The name for this building which was going to be the abode of God also came out of his mouth, "Beth-Rouma".

Evening was nearing. People started their walk down the hill before the twilight faded. Just then they heard the wail of a child, who fainted within minutes. He belonged to the house of Ullatuthara, Pala. His sibling, who was also a seminarian was there among others who surrounded the child. People hurriedly tried to carry the boy over to a local physician who could give treatment for snake poison. Fr. Porukara intervened and told them to move the child to the nearby shelter, and the people obeyed him immediately. He sprinkled on the child the holy water he had brought for the ceremony of hoisting

the cross and prayed. He asked everybody else to leave. The unexpected incident made Fr. Chavara sad. He wondered if the accident was a sign of God's dislike of this place. He might have prayed for forgiveness if there were any inadequacies in their dealings in buying this land. He might have also felt relieved when he remembered what happened in the evening. By changing the dark thunderous clouds into bright glowing sky God actually was giving His consent pleased with the events. Regaining his hope, he turned back only to see the child getting up feeling fresh and energetic. Fr. Porukara realised that the same evil serpent that tried to tempt the first man and woman Adam and Eve, came here also with his evil tactics. He felt happy that with the holy water he was able to chain the evil one and throw him out. He was also convinced that as long as God was with them, they had nothing to be afraid of.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 1831, the Vicar Apostolic Msgr Stabilini along with Fathers Palackal, Porukara, Chavara, Brother Jacob Kaniyanthara and many others laid the foundation stone of Beth-Rouma, at Mannanam hills, in the name of St. Joseph. It was the beginning of the first CMI Monastery, one of the ancient Christian Monasteries in the history of Churches in India. (Chronicles 8-24).

The House of Vision (Darsana Veedu) built on signs given from God, also gave a new message to St. Chavara, that hardships and trials were part of life of a true disciple of Christ. ●



# ചലനം- തളിരണിയുന്ന ചലനം

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മണ്ണെറിഞ്ഞാൽ പൊന്നുവിളയുന്ന മലയാളക്കരയുടെ ഓർമ്മയുണർത്തിയ ഹൃദയമായ ഒരു കൂട്ടായ്മയോടുകൂടിയിരുന്നു തിരുഹൃദയത്തിന്റെ മാസമായ ജൂൺ മാസത്തിന്റെ തുടക്കം ഞങ്ങൾക്ക്. കൊളറാഡോ സ്പ്രിങ്സിൽ നിന്ന് നമ്മുടെ അബ്രഹാം കണ്ണമ്പാലയച്ചൻ കാൻസാസിൽ വന്നു. അവിടെ നിന്ന് ചാൽഭാഗമച്ചനുമൊരുമിച്ചവർ ഞാനും കളമ്പാടനച്ചനും ജോലിചെയ്യുന്ന ടുൾസായിൽ വന്നു അങ്ങനെ ഞങ്ങളുടെ സി.എം.ഐ കൂട്ടായ്മയുണ്ടായി. അപ്പോഴേക്കും ഞായറാ

ഴ്ച ഇരുട്ട് വീണു തുടങ്ങിയിരുന്നു. ഞങ്ങൾ അൽപ്പം പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചു; അത്താഴം കഴിച്ചു. പിറ്റേന്ന് ഓക്ളോഹോമ സിറ്റിയിൽ പോയി എം.എസ്.ജെസഹോദരിമാരെ സന്ദർശിക്കാൻ വേണ്ട പ്ലാനൊക്കെ തയ്യാറാക്കി ഞങ്ങൾ നിശാ വിശ്രമത്തിനു പോയി.

രാവിലെ ഞങ്ങൾ പുറപ്പെട്ടു. അവിടെ രണ്ട് ഭവനങ്ങളുണ്ട്. ഒന്ന് കോഴിക്കോട് മലബാർ പ്രൊവിൻസിൽ പെട്ടതും, മറ്റേതു വടക്കേ ഇന്ത്യൻ മിഷനിൽ നിന്നുള്ളതും. സഹോദരിമാർ ഹോസ്പിറ്റലിൽ ജോലിചെയ്യുന്ന



വരാൻ. ഒരു സമൂഹം നൈറ്റ്ഡ്യൂട്ടി ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ, മറ്റേ സമൂഹം സായാഹ്ന സമയം വിനിയോഗിക്കുന്നു. അവരുടെ സമയസൗകര്യം കണക്കിലെടുത്തു ഞങ്ങൾ ആദ്യത്തെ ഭവനം സന്ദർശിച്ചു, അവരുമൊന്നിച്ചു പ്രഭാത ഭക്ഷണം കഴിച്ചു. രണ്ടാമത്തെ ഭവനത്തിൽ ഞങ്ങൾ സമൂഹബലിയർപ്പിച്ചു, ഉച്ചഭക്ഷണവും കഴിച്ചു. സഹോദരിമാർ നട്ടുനന്നച്ചു വളർത്തുന്ന പച്ചക്കറിത്തോട്ടവുമൊക്കെ കണ്ടിട്ട് ഞങ്ങൾ മടങ്ങി.

മടങ്ങുന്നവഴി, ഏതാനം വർഷങ്ങൾക്കുമുമ്പുണ്ടായ ഒരത്യാഹിതത്തിന്റെ സ്മാരകം ഞങ്ങൾ സന്ദർശിച്ചു. 1995-ലായിരുന്നു മനുഷ്യനിർമ്മിതമായ അത്യാഹിതമുണ്ടായത്. ഒൻപതുനിലകളിലായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചുവന്നിരുന്ന ബ്രൂഹത്തായ ഒരു സർക്കാർ കെട്ടിടത്തിന് ഒരാൾ ബോംബ് വെച്ചു. ഏകദേശം 2500-ലധികം കിലോ വരുന്ന വെടിമരുന്നു സാമഗ്രികൾ, നിശ്ചിത സമയത്ത് പൊട്ടിത്തെറിക്കാൻ വേണ്ട ക്രമീകരണങ്ങളോടെ ഒരു വണ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്നു, കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ താഴത്തെ നിലയിലായി കാറുകൾ പാർക്കുചെയ്യുന്നിടത്തു വണ്ടിയിട്ടിട്ടു പോകുകയാണുണ്ടായതെന്നു പറയപ്പെടുന്നു. നിർദിഷ്ടസമയത്ത് സ്പ്രിംഗുകൾ പൊട്ടിപ്പോയപ്പോൾ നിർദ്ദേശം പാലിച്ചു. 168 മനുഷ്യർ മരണപ്പെട്ടു. ഏറ്റവും പ്രായം കുറഞ്ഞ വ്യക്തി, ഒൻപതു മാസം മാത്രം പ്രായമുള്ള ഒരു കുഞ്ഞായിരുന്നു.

ആരായിരുന്നു ഈ കടുംകൈ ചെയ്തത്? എന്തായിരുന്നു ആ മനുഷ്യമനസ്സിനെ അതിനു പ്രേരിപ്പിച്ചത്? സൈനിക സേവനം നടത്തി വിരമിച്ച ഒരു വ്യക്തിയായിരുന്നു ഈ ദുരന്തത്തിനുത്തരവാദിയെന്നും. യുദ്ധം പോലെയുള്ള രാഷ്ട്രീയ ഒളിമ്പിക്സുകളും, തന്ത്രപരമായി കരുക്കൾ നീക്കി ആ കളിക്കളത്തിൽ നിന്ന് ലോകപ്രശസ്തിയും കിരീടവും നേടുകയും, സ്വന്തമാക്കിയ ട്രോഫികൾ അടച്ചുപൂട്ടിയ ചില്ലലമാരുകളിൽ പ്രദർശിപ്പിക്കുകയും രാഷ്ട്രീയ താരങ്ങളെയും അവർ വിരാജിക്കുന്ന വിശാലമായ കളങ്ങളും നിസ്സഹായതയോടെ നോക്കിനിന്നു മനസ്സു

മടുത്തപ്പോൾ ചെയ്തുപോയ അപരാധമായിരുന്നു അത് എന്നുമൊക്കെ. ആതാളുകളിൽ ജനസ്വരമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതെന്തുമാകട്ടെ! അത് ചരിത്രം! ഒരു സംഭവകഥ! ജോനാസ് പ്രവാചകനെയും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രസംഗജീവിതത്തെയും ഓർമ്മപെടുത്തിയ പ്രസ്തുതയിടങ്ങൾക്കു ഞങ്ങൾ ദൃക്സാക്ഷികളായി എന്ന് നമ്മുടെ ഈ ചിന്തകൾക്ക് മുഖക്കുറിപ്പായി ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞെന്നു മാത്രം. ആ ശോകാന്തനാടകം അരങ്ങേറിയ വേദി ഇന്നും കലാപരമായും, കവിഭാവനയോടുകൂടെയും സംരക്ഷിക്കപ്പെടുന്നു. അവിടുത്തെ പ്രദർശനങ്ങളിൽ എന്നെ ഏറ്റവുമധികം ആകർഷിച്ച ഒരു കാര്യമുണ്ടായി ഒരു പ്രതിമ.

ഈ സംഭവം നടന്ന കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ (ഫെഡറൽ ബിൽഡിംഗ്) മതിലിനു തൊട്ടുപുറത്ത്, ഏറിയാൽ നൂറ്റമ്പതു വാർ മാത്രം അകലെയായി. ഒക്ലഹോമ കത്തോലിക്കാരുപതയുടെ പഴയ കത്തീഡ്രൽ പള്ളി നിലകൊള്ളുന്നുണ്ട്. ആ പള്ളിയുടെ നേർക്ക് തിരിഞ്ഞു വലതു കൈപ്പടംകൊണ്ട് കണ്ണുകൾ മറച്ചു കരയുന്ന ഭാവത്തിലാണ് പ്രതിമയുടെ നില. യോഹന്നാനെഴുതിയ സുവിശേഷത്തിൽ. ലാസർ മരിച്ചിട്ടു ആഴ്ചയോടടുത്തു നാൾ ചെന്നപ്പോൾ, ആ ചെറുപ്പകാരന്റെയും അവന്റെ സഹോദരിമാരുടെയും വീട്ടിൽ ഈശോ ചെന്നതായി വിവരണമുണ്ടല്ലോ. പ്രവൃത്യന്മുഖയായ മാർത്ത, കർത്താവ് അയൽപക്കത്തെത്തിയപ്പോളേക്കും വിവരമറിഞ്ഞു, അവിടുത്തെ അരികിലെത്തി. ശോകരസത്തോടെ, എന്നാൽ സ്ത്രീ സഹജമായ ഭാഷയിൽ, അവൾ സഹോദരന്റെ അവസാനനിമിഷത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് അവിടുത്തോടു സംസാരിച്ചു. സ്നേഹ നിർഭരമായി, എങ്കിലും ദൈവികഭാവ പ്രചൂരിമയോടെ, അവിടുന്നവൾക്കുത്തരവും കൊടുത്തു. അന്നേരമാണവൾ ചിന്തോന്മുഖയായ സഹോദരി മറിയത്തെക്കുറിച്ചോർത്തതും. അവളുടെ അഭാവം ശ്രദ്ധിച്ചതും ഉടൻതന്നെ, ജന്മസിദ്ധമായ പെൺചുരുചുറുക്കോടെ. അവൾ സഹോദരിയുടെ പക്കലേക്കെത്തി, സഹോദരിയെയും കൂടി ഈശോയുടെ അരികിൽ മടങ്ങിവന്നു അപ്പോഴേക്കും അവിടെയൊരു കൊച്ചു

ജനക്കൂട്ടം ഉടലെടുത്തിരുന്നു. കർത്താവിന്റെ പാദത്തിങ്കലിരുന്നു അവിടുത്തെ അധരചലനങ്ങളോരോന്നും ആസ്വദിച്ചിരുന്ന മറിയം, ആ സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ ഭാഷയിൽ, എന്നാൽ സങ്കടസ്വരത്തിൽ അവിടുത്തോടു സംസാരിച്ചു. അവിടുന്ന് വികാരാധീനനായി. അവിടുന്ന് ചോദിച്ചു അവന്റെ മുതശരീരം നിങ്ങൾ എവിടെയാണടക്കം ചെയ്തത്? 'വന്നാലും വന്നു കണ്ടാലും' സഹോദരിമാരെ സന്ദർശിക്കാൻ വന്ന ജനത്തിൽ നിന്നും മറുപടിവന്നു. കല്ലറയിൽ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്ന കാര്യം അവർ ഓർത്തിരിക്കാം. അത്രയുമായപ്പോഴേക്കും സുവിശേഷം എടുത്തു പറയും പോലെ, അവിടുന്ന് കരഞ്ഞു. കരയുന്ന ആ തിരുനാമന്റെ രൂപമാണ് അവിടെ പ്രതിമയാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നത്. പ്രതിമയുടെ പാദത്തിനടുത്തായി തറയിൽ 'അപ്പോൾ ഈശോ കരഞ്ഞു' (ആൻഡ് ജീസസ് വെപ്റ്റ്) എന്ന് രേഖപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. മാർത്ത മറിയം സഹോദരിമാർക്ക് ലാസറിന്റെ മരണമെന്നതുപോലെ അമേരിക്കനിവാസികൾക്കെല്ലാം അക്കാലത്തു വന്നതും വികാരങ്ങളെ ആഴത്തിൽ വ്രണപ്പെടുത്തിയതുമായിരുന്നല്ലോ സഹപൗരന്മാരുടെ ഈ അകാല മരണം, അതും അപമൃത്യു. ക്രിസ്തീയ രാജ്യമെന്നു വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കുമ്പോൾ പോലും ക്രൈസ്തവ മൂല്യങ്ങൾ പലതും ചോദ്യം ചെയ്യപ്പെടുന്ന ഈ കാലത്ത്. ഇത്തരം ഒരു സ്മാരകത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ചു കവിഭാവനയോടെ ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരു പ്രതിമ സ്മാപിക്കാൻ, ഈ സ്മാരക സംരംഭത്തിന്റെ അണിയറശില്പികൾക്കു സാധിച്ചു എന്നതാണ് എന്നെ കുളിരണിയിച്ചത്.

എന്തായിരുന്നു ഈശോയുടെ കരച്ചിലിന്റെ പൊരുൾ? സ്നേഹിതന്റെ ദേഹവിയോഗത്തിൽ ഈശോ മിഴി നനച്ചു കരയുന്ന രംഗം അവിടുത്തെ മാനുഷികതയുടെ തെളിവുവുമാകുന്നതായി ദൈവശാസ്ത്ര ചിന്തകർ പ്രതികരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട് അതിനും അപ്പുറത്തോ? സ്വന്തം മാതാപിതാക്കന്മാർ മരിച്ചാൽ പോലും സന്യാസിനി സന്യാസിമാർ, മുതസംസ്കാരത്തിൽ സംബന്ധിക്കാൻ വേണ്ടിയായാലും വീടുകളിൽ പോകാതിരുന്ന ഒരു കാലമുണ്ടായിരുന്നല്ലോ. ഇന്നത്തെ ശാസ്ത്രീയ യുഗ

ത്തിൽ, അതൊക്കെ മിക്കവാറും ഭോഷതയായി ചിത്രീകരിക്കപ്പെടാം. പക്ഷെ അത് അത്രമേൽ ഭോഷത്തമായിരുന്നോ? 1999 ജൂലൈ 21-ലെ ത്രികാല ജപത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ചു നൽകപ്പെട്ട ഒരു കൊച്ചു വിചിന്തനത്തിൽ, ജോൺ പോൾ മാർപാപ്പ സ്വർഗ്ഗമെന്നാണെന്ന കാര്യമായിരുന്നു സംസാരവിഷയമാക്കിയത്. അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു, സ്വർഗ്ഗമെന്നത് ഒരു ഭാവനയല്ല വെറും സങ്കല്പവുമല്ല. ഭാവിയിൽ ആകാശ മേഘങ്ങൾക്കിടയിൽ മനുഷ്യർക്കുവേണ്ടി ദൈവം പണിതീർക്കാൻ തിരഞ്ഞ ഒരു വീടാണല്ലോ. പരിശുദ്ധ ത്രിത്വത്തോട് നമുക്കുണ്ടാകുന്ന അഗാധവും അനുഭവവേദ്യവുമായ ബന്ധത്തിന്റെ അവസ്ഥയാണത്. പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ സ്പർശനം വഴി ഉന്മീലനമായ ഈശോയുടെ പിതാവായ ദൈവവുമായി നമുക്കുണ്ടാകുന്ന സ്നേഹാനിതമായ അടുപ്പമാണത്. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട സന്താനമെന്ന ആഴമുള്ള അനുഭവമാണത്. ദൈവത്തെ പിതാവായി അറിയുകയും അനുഭവിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ, വിശ്വമഹാ കുടുംബത്തിൽ ജീവിക്കുന്ന അനുഭവം നമുക്കുണ്ടാകും. അതിന്റെ ശാശ്വതീകരിക്കപ്പെട്ട അനുഭവമാണ് മരണാനന്തരം സംഭവിക്കുന്നത്. ഈശോ ശിഷ്യന്മാരെ വിളിച്ചപ്പോൾ, സ്വന്തം അപ്പനെയും അമ്മയെയും വീടുമെല്ലാം മറന്നുകളയാൻ അവരോടാവശ്യപ്പെട്ടല്ലോ. നമ്മുടെ സന്യാസദൈവവിളിയോടനുബന്ധിച്ചു, പോയ കാലങ്ങളിൽ, നമ്മളും വീടുമായുള്ള ബന്ധം ഒരുപിടി വിട്ടുകളയാൻ നമ്മുടെ പൂർവികന്മാരും ഗുരുസ്ഥാനീയരും നമ്മെ പ്രേരിപ്പിച്ചിരുന്നതോർത്തുപോകുന്നു. ലാസറിന്റെ കല്ലറയെ കുറിച്ച് സംസാരിച്ചപ്പോൾ കരഞ്ഞ ഈശോയെക്കുറിച്ച് ചിലർ പറഞ്ഞല്ലോ ഇത്രമേൽ സ്നേഹിച്ചിരുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ, അവൻ മരിക്കാനിടയാകാതെ വേണ്ട കരുതൽ ചെയ്യാമായിരുന്നല്ലോ എന്ന്. ശരിയാണ് സ്നേഹം ജീവിതത്തിലേക്കും ജീവനിലേയ്ക്കും ഉള്ള വഴിയാണ്. സ്നേഹത്തിലൂടെ നമുക്ക് കൈവരുന്നത് പഴയതിന്റെ തുടർച്ചയല്ല, പുതിയ ഒരു ജീവിതമാണ്.

മാർത്തയുടെയും മറിയത്തിന്റെയും സ്നേ

ഹമായിരുന്നല്ലോ ഈശോയെ അവരോടും അവരുടെ വീടിനോടും ഇത്രമേൽ അടുപ്പിച്ചത്. ആ സ്നേഹമായിരുന്നല്ലോ ലാസറിന്റെ പുനർ ജീവനത്തിനു ഈശോയെ പ്രേരിപ്പിച്ചത്. ജോൺ പോൾ മാർപാപ്പ സൂചിപ്പിച്ചതുപോലെ മാർത്ത, മറിയം, ലാസർ സഹോദരങ്ങളുമായി ഈശോയ്ക്കുണ്ടായിരുന്ന സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ പവിത്രീകൃതാനുഭവമായിരുന്നില്ലേ ജീവിതത്തിലേക്കുള്ള ലാസറിന്റെ പുനർ പ്രവേശനം വഴി അവർക്കുണ്ടായത്? ആ നവജീവിതാനുഭവത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള ആനന്ദാശ്രുവാലിരുന്നു ഈശോയുടെ കരച്ചിൽ എന്ന് പറയരുതോ? മാർത്ത, മറിയം, ലാസർ സഹോദരരുടെ ജീവിതം മുഖാന്തിരം. ഒരു വലിയ ജനസമൂഹമോ ആ നാട്ടുകാർ മൊത്തത്തിലോ,

അവരിലേക്കും അവർ വഴി ഈശോയിലേയ്ക്കും ആകർഷിക്കപ്പെടുകയും അവരോടു അടുത്ത് വരികയും ചെയ്തിരുന്നല്ലോ. അതുപോലെ ജനത്തെ ആകർഷിച്ച ഒന്നായിരുന്നല്ലോ അപ്പസ്തോലന്മാരുടെ ജീവിതവും. അവരുടെ കുടുംബ ബന്ധങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ചു സുവിശേഷങ്ങൾ യാതൊന്നും പറയുന്നില്ലല്ലോ. അപ്പസ്തോലന്മാരുടെയും അതുപോലെ മാർത്ത, മറിയം, ലാസർ സഹോദരങ്ങളുടെയും ആത്മീയ ഭാവം ഉൾക്കൊണ്ടുകൊണ്ട് ഒരു പുതിയ സമൂഹത്തിനു ബീജാവാപം ചെയ്യുകവഴിയാകേണ്ട ഇന്നും എന്നും സന്യാസജീവിതം ജീവന്റെ ചലനമായിരിക്കുവാൻ, തളിരണിയാനും! ●



**Signature (a feature film in Malayalam, with screenplay by Fr. Babu Thattil CMI) has received clearance from the Censor Board. Congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Babu Thattil and team...**

# NEWS ROUNDUP

## NEWS FROM GENERAL DEPARTMENTS

### DEPARTMENT OF **SOCIAL APOSTOLATE**

#### CEVA Summer Camp



CEVA summer camp “Thalir” was conducted for children on 16-18 May, 2022. The camp was inaugurated by Fr. Biju Vadakkal CMI, General Councillor. This year CEVA highlighted the SDG Goal 13, “Climate Action” through all the programs of the camp. The camp was conducted in five southern provinces Trivandrum, Kottayam, Kochi, Thrissur and Kozhikode.

#### Educational Assistance

CEVA distributed educational items such as school bag, umbrella, note book to members of GEMS children’s group. “Gems & Yuva of CEVA” work for the holistic development of children from economically backward families in order to

make them understand who they are and what they can do for the society. At present 25 children are directly benefitting from this project. Members meet regularly on all Saturdays and are involved in the following activities: English Coaching Class, Personality Development Trainings, Theatre Workshops, Post Office Savings, Group Discussion and Group activities, Summer Camps and Outing and Celebrations. A total of 40 students are benefitting from this project.



#### Daily Bread Program

On 07<sup>th</sup> July 2022, CEVA started Daily Bread Program for poor people in and around Ernakulam City. The program was inaugurated by ward counselor Mrs.



Padmaja Venugopal. On every Wednesday CEVA distributes mid day meal to the poor people.



**Blood Donation Camp**



On 14/06/2022 CEVA organized blood donation camp in association with IMA. Students from Maharajas College, Kochi, staff from different institutes of Chavara Cultural Centre, CEVA youth club and other public groups donated their blood.

### **Housing Project - Udaya Colony, Ernakulam**

CEVA could render financial help for the construction of 6 houses for homeless families with support from Indian Catholic Community, Cologne, Germany. House constructions are going on in

full swing and all are nearing completion. Two furnished houses have already been handed over to two families.



**Senior Citizen's Day**



On 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2022 CEVA observed senior citizen's day. Mr. K. J. Peter, Social Worker, Pain and Palliative Care Centre, General Hospital, Kochi inaugurated the Program. Fr. Mathew Vembeni CMI honored Mr K.J Peter for his social service activities. The members of "Pranamam" the elderly group project running directly under CEVA attended the program.

### **Workshop on climate resilience approach**

On 13/9/2022, CEVA conducted one day workshop on "Climate resilience approach". Dr. Haridas, Caritas, India led

the session. Representatives from different NGOs participated in the workshop.



**Free Eye Examination Camp**



CEVA organized free eye examination camp on 02/11/2022 in association with

Kerala Social Security Mission and Lotus Eye Hospital, Kadavanthra. Staff from different institutes of Chavara Cultural Centre, elderly groups and other neighbors participated in the camp.

### **Meeting of Provincial Councilors of social Apostolate and Health Care 2022**



CMI General Department of Social Apostolate and Health care in association with CEVA organised Health Care meeting based on the theme “Art of Accompaniment in healing Ministry” at Amala Medical College, Thrissur. The program was inaugurated by Rev Fr Prior General.

## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **CMI Environment Policy**



**CMI**  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
POLICY  
CONSERVING AND PRESERVING OUR  
COMMON HOME

The CMI Environment Policy was promulgated on 3 January 2022 by Rev Fr Prior General. It was prepared by a group of experts in the field incorporating the suggestions and feedback from the respected Provincials and the members of the congregation as mandated by the 38th General Synaxis. As per the resolutions of GS 38, the implementation of the CMI Environment Policy and the compliance



to Green Protocol are mandatory in all our houses and institutions.

### CMI Education Summit 2022



The CMI Education Summit 2022, the coming together of the CMI Educators and the updation program organized by the General Department of Education biennially was conducted at Christ University Kengery campus on 15th and 16th October, 2022. A record number of 162 of our members who are serving in our educational institutions attended the summit. Rev Fr Prior General presided over the inaugural session and spoke on the theme Empowerment through Networking. Dr Ashok Sajjanhar former Indian Ambassador inaugurated the summit and spoke on the topic 'Future of India and our responsibility as educators.' Dr Maria Charles (Secretary, CBCI Commission for Education and Culture) addressed the gathering based on the theme 'Education - Empowering the Powerless.' Prof Sridhar Srivastava (Joint Director, NCERT), and Dr Abra-

ham Vettiyankal, VC of Christ University addressed the gathering during the inaugural session.



On the first day the sessions were led by Prof Sridhar Srivastava (NEP- Implementation Strategies and Consultation on NCF), Prof Sankarshan Basu (Educational Management – Skills and Attitudes for 21st Century), and Dr Pius Malekandam (Educational Revolution of St Kuriakose Elias Chavara – Facts and Documents) on the given topics. In the panel discussion on 'Implementation Strategies of NEP' Dr Aswath Narayan C N (Minister of Higher Education, Karnataka) was the main speaker. Dr Augustine Kochuvelickakath



(Principal, Kristujayanti College, Bangalore), Mr Jaijo Joseph (Syndicate Member, Bengaluru North University) and Dr Teles Fernandes (Secretary, GEBCI) were the other panelists and Dr Jaison Mulerickal (Vice Principal, Rajagiri Engineering College) was the moderator.



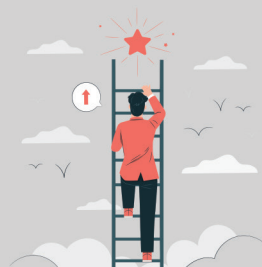
On the second day, the sessions were led by Dr Joe Arun SJ (Catholic Education – Present Day Challenges and Solutions for Tomorrow), Sri Joseph Annamkutty Joseph (Education – Hopes and Aspirations of Youth), Dr Jose Kuriedath (Educational Directives from CMI Constitutions and Directory) and Dr Ms Shaheen Mistry (Educational Practices for a Transformed World) on the given topics. The videos prepared by the education departments of CMI provinces on the Best Educational Practices of the Province highlighted



the yeoman service we render in our institutions. I gratefully acknowledge the service of members of the Core Team, Dr Kenndey Andrew Thomas, MC of the program, Fr Abraham Vettiyankal who offered all the facilities of Christ Kengery and Fr Sony Chundatt and his team who made all the arrangements for the summit at the campus.



*There are Hidden Blessings in every Struggle.*







## CMI Value Education Text Books

As mandated by the GS 38 the Value Education Text Books for Std 1-10 of all our schools are being prepared. They are getting ready. All our schools are requested to take these text books for teaching Value Education in our schools. Please include these in the book list of our schools for the next academic year. The representatives of Arrow Publishers who are the distributors will be approaching the schools shortly.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Fr. Anoop Pynadath defended his PhD thesis in the area of Clinical Psychology. The thesis is titled "The Effect of Mindfulness based Cognitive Therapy on Anxiety and Resilience of the School-going Early Adolescent." Congratulations Father.

## CONGRATULATIONS



FR. PIOUS PARIYARATHUKUNNEL COMPLETED HIS DOCTORATE IN DOGMATIC THEOLOGY FROM VINZENZ PALLOTTI UNIVERSITIY VALLENDAR, GERMANY. CONGRATULATIONS FATHER.

# NEWS FROM THE PRIOR GENERAL'S HOUSE

## Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav 2022

75<sup>th</sup> year of Indian Independence was celebrated in a befitting manner at the Prior General's House community. The celebration began on 13 August 2022 by hoisting the national flag as part of Har Ghar Tiranga. Rev. Fr James Madathikandathil CMI, after hoisting the flag gave a meaningful message which pointed out the sacrifices of many to achieve freedom.

## Onam 2022

CMI Prior General's house, Kochi celebrated this year's Onam with more vigor and enthusiasm. The celebration was on 07 September 2022. Rev. Fr Prior General spoke about oneness and unity in his onam message. The cultural events and games organized by Bro. Jakson, the Regent added more color to the event. The climax of the celebration was the sumptuous Onam Sadya.

## Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination

The silver jubilee celebration of priest-

ly ordination of batch 1997 was held at CMI Prior General's house on 08<sup>th</sup> and 09<sup>th</sup> October. The celebration began with Holy hour delete followed by the input session by Bishop Mar Sebastian Vaniapurackal, the Curia Bishop. Next day after the concelebrated Jubilee Mass all the participants shared the touching moments of their priestly ministry. The celebration was concluded with the felicitation gathering in which Rev. Fr Prior General appreciated the selfless service and commitment of the jubilarians



“

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR  
HE IS GOOD.  
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

- PSALM 136:1

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# NEWS FROM PROVINCES

## ST. PAUL'S PROVINCE, BHOPAL

### News From Migging

Migging is a small village by the side of the main road from Yingkiong to Tuting in the Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh. It is 50 kms from Migging to Tuting. We have a small Catholic community in this village, which is taken care of by our Fathers from Tuting. Earlier, before we took up the Tuting parish it was cared for by the MSFS Fathers from Yingkiong.

Rev. Fr. Shaju Panegadan CMI started to reside in this village as the priest-in-charge, in a house made available by the village community, on 16 July 2021.

Ever since Fr. Shaju started caring for the community, life there became very vibrant. Many people who were Catholic but did not practice faith, gradually started to show interest in the church and to practice faith.

A lady and a gentleman had donated a patch of land in 2019 for constructing a new church, as the existing church was very small. Later, more people donated land adjacent to the land given for the church. Their demand was to make a beautiful church adequate to the plots of land donated. St. Paul Province accepted the proposal by the people and initiated the process of building up a church in the land donated, on 18 October 2021, under the able leadership of Rev. Fr. Cejo Chakkery CMI, the parish priest.



Within a year a beautiful spacious church was built by the Province with the support and contributions from the community and many other well-wishers and benefactors. It was blessed by Bishop Rev. Dr. John Thomas of the Itanagar diocese and inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Justin Akka-



ra CMI, the Provincial in the presence of Mr. Alo Libang the Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Arunachal Pradesh, Mr. Lumgeng Latin, the Zilla Parishad Chairperson of Upper Siang district, the Zilla Parishad members, Panchayat Chairperson of Migging, the Fathers and the faithful and the well-wishers from far and near, on 3 October, 2022.



Fr. Shaju caters to the community at Panggo 20 kms towards Tuting side and Mosing community 20 kms towards Yingkiong side. Since he doesn't have a vehicle he depends on villagers and the commuting Sumos for conveyance to go to these communities for Sunday Mass and other pastoral activities. But when he doesn't get any help from the village, he misses out the Sunday Mass and other services in these villages.

Fr. Paulson Muthipeedika CMI joined Fr. Shaju on 20 August 2022 to assist him.

We are looking for a four wheeler so that we can conveniently cater to these two villages and a few villages across the Siang river in this area.

We are motivating the faithful to avail the Migging church as a centre for observing prayer and fasting. The faithful in this area have a tradition of observing fasting and prayer for one day, three days, five days, for a week or for more days for their particular intentions and needs. Since there's no Catholic prayer centre close by, they go to prayer centres of other denominations. So we are trying to develop the Migging church as a centre, where people can come and stay for a few days as per their need to do the fasting and prayer.

Bishop Rev. Dr. John Thomas after the blessing of the new Church suggested to Fr. Provincial that Migging could be erected as a parish comprising of Migging, Panggo, Mosing and other nearby communities. A process of taking people into confidence shall be undertaken before we give our response to the Bishop's suggestion.

While meeting the Fathers after the blessing of the church at Migging, Fr. Provincial suggested to erect formally a CMI House at Migging for the effective functioning of the centre.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, KANYANDA, UGANDA**

Sunday 28 August 2022 was a historic day for the CMI Mission in Uganda. The members of the St. Joseph's Parish, Kanyanda formally and solemnly welcomed the third member of the Carmelites, Fr. Johnson Tharaniyil (actually, the fourth including Fr. Dhibin), and Rev. Fr. Sebi Edattukaran, the Vicar Provincial during the Solemn Sunday Holy Mass to the



Kannynada family. The representatives from all the Nine Sub-Parishes brought varieties of gifts to honour the new member and the visitor. Fr. Sebi officiated the Holy Baptism of 12 infants on the same day. The Altar Angels in their new attire (brought from Kerala) added elegance to the celebrations and we hope that they would grow into angelic forms in future.

The day became more vibrant, colourful and rhythmic with the Inter-SubParish

Choir Competition conducted immediately after the Holy Mass and the reception. Seven teams participated in this 'high voltage' singing competition, efficiently visualized and implemented by Fr. Stenin Davis, the Choir Chaplain under the dedicated guidance of Fr. Saju Anthony, the Parish Priest. This was the first of its kind in this area and many Priests, Nuns and the faithful from the neighbouring parishes attended the programme.



## MARTHOMA PROVINCE, CHANDA

### Renovated Prabhu Sadan, Ashram, Tarsa Blessed



Prabhu Sadan, Tarsa got a new look with the renovation done to the chapel and

residence of the priests. It was the result of the hard work of Rev. Fr. Joy Parappilly that Prabhu Sadan, Tarsa took this new and beautiful look. On 12 June, 2022 it was blessed and inaugurated by His Excellency Bishop Mar Ephrem Nariculam, Bishop of Chanda.

The Golden Jubilee of priestly ordination of Rev. Frs. Sebastian Thattil and James Thuruthiyil, Silver Jubilee of ordination of Rev. Frs. Johny Edapulavan and Jaison Kallookaran and silver Jubilee of religious profession of Rev. Frs. Prem Choorackal

and Jose Koikara also were celebrated on this day at Prabhu Sadan Ashram, Tarsa. The Golden Jubilee Holy Mass was offered by the Jubilarians and Rev. Fr. Provincial gave the jubilee sermon. During the felicitation Rev. Fr. Tomy Chirapurath highlighted the unique contributions of the jubilarians in the mission of Chanda.

### **Diamond Jubilee Seminar**



CMI Mar Thoma Province, Chanda organized a one day Seminar on Mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> century on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Chanda Mission (1962-2022). The seminar remembered the contributions, hardships and hard-works of the veteran missionaries and relished 60 years of CMI Presence in Chanda. Rev. Fr. Benny Joseph Mukalel CMI, Provincial Mar Thoma Province, Chanda welcomed the gathering. Then the proceedings began with the Inaugural address by the president of the function His Excellency Bishop Mar Ephrem Nariculam, Bishop of Chanda. The keynote address – “Mission as Walking With” – was delivered by Rev. Fr. Saju Chackalackal CMI, Provincial, Preshita Province, Coimbatore. The other talks included: “A Renewed Passion for Mission” by His Excellency Bishop Mar Prince Panengaden, Bishop of Adilabad

Diocese, “Roadmap to the Mission of the Future India” by Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI, Rector, Samanvaya Theologate, Bhopal and “Chanda Mission: Historical Reflections” by Rev. Fr. Tomy Chirapurath, Priest –in – Charge, Wani.

The afternoon sessions were dedicated to honour and pay homage to the veteran missionary and a trailblazer in Evangelization, late Rev. Fr. George Canisius Kachiramattom CMI. Rev. Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil, Vicar General of Diocese of Chanda shed light on the inspiring personality of Father Canisius as the St. Paul of Chanda. Then the technical sessions were concluded with a panel discussion. The panelist Rev. Fr. Mathew Nirappel, Rev. Sr. Alphonsa SHSp and Mr. Datta Togare (One of the catechists who worked with Father Canisius) spoke about different aspects of Father Canisius as a loving father, zealous missionary, a caring pastor and a true shepherd with the smell of the sheep.

The prayer dance by the candidates of Euphrasia Bhavan, Wardha and the Jubilee thanksgiving Dance by the students of BJM Carmel Academy, Higher Secondary School, received great applause from the floor. Rev. Fr. Binoy Checkonthayil CMI, Councilor for Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry of Mar Thoma Province, Chanda proposed the vote of thanks. Rev. Fr. Jilson Kuzhupilly CMI conducted the entire proceedings.

### **CASSET Inauguration**

The inauguration of Carmel Academy Social Service Empowerment Team (CASSET) was held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022.



The Principal, teachers and students of National school were invited for the programme. Events like dance and speeches were organised by teachers and students of BJM Carmel Academy. The students of National School had also put up a dance performance. The Principal Rev. Fr. Dr. Binoy distributed books and other study material among the children of National School. The Principal of National School thanked Rev. Fr. Binoy and the teachers and students of the CASSET Department for their kind gesture of teaching their children English and Computer every Sunday.

### **Carmel's Charity Programme**

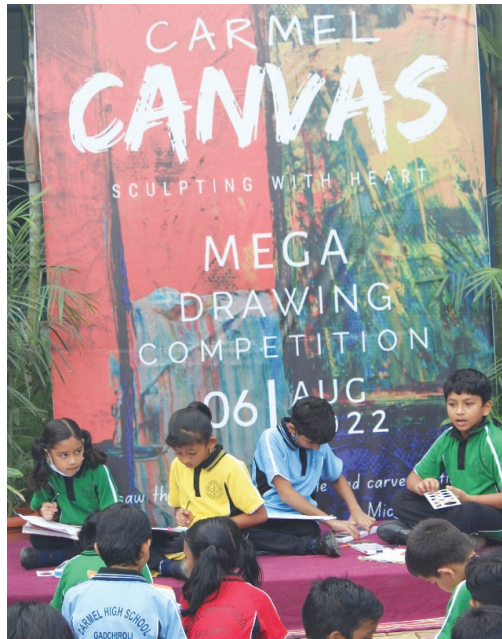
Continuing the legacy of charity St. Charara, BJM Carmel Academy started the Carmel's Charity Programme where the students are asked to bring grains and other items every Wednesday to donate among the poor and underprivileged. The Carmelites enthusiastically participate in this donation every Wednesday by bringing variety of stationary items as well as grains, pulses, biscuit packets etc. These donations are distributed among the underprivileged people of various institutions in collaboration with the Department of Evangelisation and Pastoral Ministry of Chanda.

### **Mega Drawing Competition 2022**

CARMEL CANVAS (Sculpting with Hearts), a mega drawing competition was organised by Carmel High School as part of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's independence. The event was inaugurated by the senior journalist Mr. Rohidas Raut. Principal Rev. Fr. Jinesh Mathew presid-

ed over the programme.

As many as 1,700 students of the school from class 1 to 10 participated in the mega event and drew pictures of various themes of independence. Mr. Raut lauded the initiative of the school terming the event as historic and it would help inculcating values of patriotism among the students.



### **Inauguration and Blessing of the Grotto**



In the premises of St Thomas More Study House Bamni, a beautiful grotto of Mother Mary was Blessed and Inaugurated on Sep 03, 2022 by Very Rev Fr Josey Thamarassery CMI, the Vicar General of

CMI Congregation in the presence of Rev Fr Babu Mattathil CMI, the general auditor, Rev Fr Benny Mukalel CMI, the provincial Mar Thoma province Chanda and many other CMI priests of the province.

## PRESHITHA PROVINCE, COIMBATORE

### Welcome to First Year Aspirants



In the month of June 2022, nine new Aspirants, joined San Jos Aspirants' House, Pakkulam, Attapady, for their first year formation. Fr. Provincial received them and their parents with a prayer service.

### PROVINCE DAY 2022



Preshitha Province Day 2022 and Fr. Provincial's feast were celebrated on 1 October 2022 at the Provincial House. It was an occasion to meet, greet, and share the joy with the members of the Province.

The celebration started with the solemn celebration of Holy Qurbana presided over by Fr. Provincial and the members of the Provincial Council. It was followed by the family gathering with various cultural events and was concluded with Agape.

### Novitiate Entrance



Formal entry of seven Postulants – to the canonical novitiate was solemnly conducted on 8 September 2022 at Arul Illam, Velanthavalam. Fr. Provincial presided over the liturgical celebration and the homily was delivered by Fr. Anto Nayangara.

### Remembering Fr. Dunstan Olakkengil

Our Aspirants from Pollachi and Pakkulam gathered at Arul Illam (Novitiate House), Velanthavalam, along with their Rectors and Vocation Promoters to commemorate Fr. Dunstan, whose cause is being processed at the diocesan level (Palakkad). There were quiz competition, English and Malayalam speeches and



group songs based on Fr. Dunstan's virtuous life. Outdoor games and sharing of Brothers about their views on religious life were enriching.



### Hats Off to Fr. Babu Thattil

As Signature, a Malayalam commercial feature film, is slated to be released in the

theatres in Kerala, Preshithites are happy and thrilled about the great achievements of Fr. Babu Thattil, who wrote the script and the screenplay for the movie. This feature film will be released under the banner of San Jose Creations, and it was directed by Manoj Palodan. Congratulations to Fr. Babu Thattil.



## MARY MATHA VICE-PROVINCE, HYDERABAD

### Welcome to New Aspirants

Twenty new aspirants have begun their first-year aspirants' training at Geothir Bhavan Chethimattam, Pala on 6th of June, 2022. They are guided by Fr. Melbin as their Rector and Bro. Jithin as their Regent. Fr. Jinto, the director of the house also takes keen interest in helping the community in various ways.

### Academic year and LCA Inauguration

Academic year and LCA at St Joseph's Bhavan were inaugurated on 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2022. Fr. Provincial, Fr. Vicar Provincial, and fathers from St. Vincent monastery Pala, St John's monastery Mutholy and Rev. Fathers and friends from neighbouring communities were present on the occasion. The evening was made colourful with splendid performances of aspirants. Fr. Provincial reminded everyone to stay focused and not to forget the purpose of their vocation.

### New Academic Year

After the Covid 19 pandemic, once again all our schools are crowded with the staffs and students to face the new normal situations and to surge ahead in the academic year 2022 – 23. It started with lighting of the lamp by the management, representatives of teachers and students followed by readings from the three Holy Scriptures. The headmaster prayed for the students and teachers invoked the Almighty to teach well, protect and guide them in this academic year.

### Harvest of near 100-fold

The students of Std 10 of all our schools, of the last academic year 2021 -22 came out in flying colours creating an unprecedented success story. The result was indeed a golden stepping stone to go further into the heights of success and academic achievements.

### St. Thomas Day Celebrations

St. Thomas day was celebrated solemnly at aspirants' house. Cultural evening was conducted by aspirants and their parents also were present for the program. All those who were named after St. Thomas among the family members were greeted during the program.

### Visit to USA

Rev Fr. Provincial visited our fathers working in USA from 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2022. Rev. Fr. Reji Ethappiri had taken two months break for a Spanish course as his ministry demanded it. It was Rev Fr. Lawrence Padamadan who substituted Fr. Reji as the pastor at Little Flower Church, during his absence.

On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Fr. Provincial met Bishop David L Toups, the Bishop of the Diocese of Beaumont. During the meeting, Bishop expressed sincere gratitude for the service of our fathers. He termed them, true pastors. Bishop also invited the province to open a community in the diocese in view of continuing our ministry in the diocese.

### World day of Senior Citizens

Day for elderly and aged were celebrated with the inmates of Devadan Centre run by Snehagiri sisters. One-hour cultural programme was put up on the stage by aspirants. The inmates also entertained all with many programmes. As a token of love, we gifted the institution some materials that would be useful for sanitation.

### Carmel Matha Feast, Nizamsagar

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated along with the people in

our shrine at Nizamsagar on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 with Carmelite zeal and enthusiasm. It was a Marian Shrine built during the reign of Nizam for Tamil and Anglo-Indian Catholics who were working in the Hydro-electric Power station at Nizamsagar. In those days priests from Hyderabad diocese used to come regularly for the celebration of the Eucharist. Later years due to the absence of the Catholic employees, there were no regular services. But all those retired employees, their family members, relatives and most of the Catholics of the surrounding areas come together every year in the first Sunday after July 16 and celebrate the feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel solemnly. Presently our community at Yellareddy is taking the responsibility of protecting and managing the shrine at Nizamsagar which is 20 kilometres away from our community.

Parish priests and people from different parishes including from Hyderabad joined us for Eucharistic celebration and procession. Rev. Fr. Chinnababu OFM Cap, from Arogyanagar was the main celebrant. During the homily the preacher emphasized that we are part of a great religious tradition living the life of prayer and contemplation, inspired by the life and spirit of Prophet Elijah and to be the successors of the hermits who lived in the caves of Mount Carmel, in silence, solitude and gave witness to the Gospel values. It's an occasion which reiterates our call to be the missionaries of Jesus through our apostolic life inspired by the great and heroic saints of Carmel. The celebration concluded with agape.

### **Kudos Fr. Pious**

Together with the parish ministry Fr. Pious Pariyarathukunnel completed his doctorate in dogmatic theology from Vinzenz Pallotti Universtiy Vallendar, Germany. The members of the Mary Matha Vice Province congratulate and appreciate his hard work.

### **Province Day Celebrations 2022**

This year the province day was conducted in our Provincial House on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2022. The celebrations began with the Holy Rosary, imploring the intercession of the Blessed Mother Mary followed by a talk by Rev. Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil CMI, the Proto Syncellus of the diocese of Chanda. He spoke about the importance and the need of being a Grace Filled presence in the World today in the context of the bicentennial jubilee of the foundation of our Congregation. The night sky was made colourful with fireworks.

On the second day, we had a solemn celebrated Eucharistic Celebration at 6.30 am. The newly ordained priests Frs. Melbin and Syam along with Councillor for Social work and health care, Fr. Jaic Chittetu were the main celebrants. Fathers of our province had a gathering at 10.30 am in the conference hall.

There was a Family gathering after the meeting. There were many games and programmes conducted by the brothers. Fr. John Poovatholil sang a very beautiful song for the community. Fr Provincial and Fr. Vicar Provincial distributed the gifts to all the members present for the

gathering. The celebrations ended with a sumptuous lunch.

### **Feast of Assumption and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the independence day of India were celebrated very solemnly. The flag drawing competition and a cultural evening were conducted by aspirants. Fr. Roy Chirayil prepared and accompanied the brothers for all the activities.

Every Sunday, Bro. Ani, the regent at St. Vincent Monastery, Palai trains the aspirants to play basketball. Bro. Akhil Kalladayil of Kottayam province occasionally teaches music and instruments.

### **Provisions to Deprived and Physically - Mentally Challenged People**

Pangidi Somavaram is a remote village, which is situated 12 kilometres away from Kotappalli mandal headquarters, Mancherla District, Telangana. The father of one of the families died six years ago. There are six children in the family. The beloved mother of these children also died recently and they became orphans. The department of social work of Mary Matha Vice Province regularly provides provisions and essential commodities to these children through the director of Shantinilayam Fr. Mathai Kullampalli.

Shanker, another beneficiary, is twenty four years old. He is unable to get up and therefore bedridden always. He cannot even straighten his legs. He is physically and mentally challenged. Despite all these pains and suffering, he is always



joyful and never complains. His mother died two years ago. After her death his sister used to help him. She got married two months ago. Presently his father is looking after him standing beside his cot. With the help of some good Samaritans, we could construct a toilet and repair their house. We regularly provide provisions to them.

Chigurala Arpitha is another beneficiary who is bedridden for last ten years. Her mother has to be always beside her. Rajagond is thirty-five years old. His father is sick. His mother has to be always beside him looking after both. We make frequent visits and console them with good words.

The department of social work of the province used to provide essential commodities for the bedridden in 12 villages through the director of Shantinilayam. We also conduct prayer service for 25 HIV patients in another village and Province provides them provisions for their livelihood.

### **Shelter for the Homeless**

The department of the social work of the province directly has constructed a couple of houses in different villages of Kottappalli for the homeless people. Recently we constructed a house for Rajanna who was a washer man. He was suffering from tuberculosis and died of the same. He was living in a rented building in the village at the time of his death. He was unable to pay the rent and the family of six took shelter under a Neem tree beneath a plastic cover. During rainy season, water flowed in to the plastic cover shelter. They had no space even to put

a cot. Mother of Rajanna an old woman died due to severe cold. He has a blind sister and three daughters. His wife also is sick. Their condition was very pathetic. With the help of friends and relatives and the generous support of the department of social work of the province we could construct a house for them.

### **Freedom Rally**

Our students from all the schools, of classes V to X along with the Staffs participated in the Freedom Rally organised by the Government of Telangana in different district and mandal headquarters on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> year of India's independence. A specially prepared National Flag which was tens of meters long, the still tableau, and the placards and slogans depicting patriotic values marked our students' patriotism and zeal to work for the nation.

### **Various Competitions**

To mark the occasion of the platinum jubilee of India's independence and to enrich students' literary and co-curricular talents, our schools have organised various competitions. The competitions like sports, patriotic singing, essay writing, elocution and painting were held. Essay writing competition and sports competition were conducted on 11 August for the classes 6 to 10 and painting competition was conducted on 17 August for the classes 1 to 10.

### **Commemoration of 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martyrdom of Fr. Thomas Pandipalli CMI**

We celebrated the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

martyrdom of Fr. Thomas Pandipalli CMI on 16 August, 2022 at Yellareddy. Father Provincial was the main celebrant and Rev. Fathers from neighbouring CMI community joined for the Eucharistic celebration. In the homily, Fr Provincial recalled the virtuous life of Fr. Thomas Pandipalli CMI. He also said that Fr. Thomas deserves justice for the brutal death and the great pain he underwent, which can be obtained in two ways: i) by praying for the murderers and ii) by praying to Fr. Thomas. He encouraged all to take the intercession of Thomas Pandipalli, the first martyr of our Congregation. After the mass the community visited the spot of his martyrdom and prayed the office for the dead and showed our prayerful respect to Fr. Thomas. On that day many people who were associated

with Fr. Thomas also visited the place and offered their homage and sought his intercession.

### Guidance to the Torch Bearers

“It’s the teacher that makes the change, not the mere classroom.” With the sole purpose of updating teachers’ knowledge, our schools hosted a series of Teachers’ Workshops.

### “My life is my message”

As part of 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations, Gandhi movie was being screened free of cost from 10am to 1:15 pm. The Telangana government has initiated free screenings of the film “Gandhi” for school students in order to instil a sense of patriotism in the young minds.

## NIRMAL PROVINCE, JAGDALPUR

### 50 years of Nirmal Province



Nirmal province Jagdalpur has celebrated its mission jubilee year as it completed its 50 years of CMI presence in the land of Bastar, Jagdalpur. The celebrations were solemn, remembering the providential works of God in the mission area. An art gallery was exhibited, which recalled the

hard works of the missionaries and the present scenario of different mission undertakings. Bishops, vicar generals from different dioceses, provinces of different provinces and congregations, hundreds of religious and the faithful were present for the celebration.

### New mission in Odisha



Nirmal province has started the Syro Malabar mission in Navarampur district

of Odisha, signing an MOU with Shamsabad diocese. Under the guidance of Fr Sebastian Mavumkal CMI, Tuition centres for village children and a community prayer hall are under construction.

### New Aspirants



Suman Ashram, the aspirants house of the Nirmal province has 22 aspirants among whom 13 are newly joined and 9 of them are school and college going aspirants.

## ST JOSEPH PROVINCE, KOTTAYAM

### കാനോനിക സന്ദർശനം

പ്രവിശ്യയിൽ കാനോനിക സന്ദർശനത്തിന്റെ രണ്ടാംഘട്ടം സെപ്തംബർ മാസം ആരംഭിച്ചു.

### നൊവിഷ്യേറ്റ് പ്രവേശനം



### 33<sup>rd</sup> year of Vinayalaya Mission Novitiate

It was the 33<sup>rd</sup> year of Vinayalaya mission novitiate. On 8 September 2022 we had Novitiate Entrance of 16 brothers from different mission provinces. It was our great joy that main celebrant of the ceremony was Rev. Fr. Thomas Chathanparambil, (Prior General) and co celebrants were Rev. Fr. Martin Mallath, Rev. Fr. Biju Vadakkell (General Councillors) and Rev. Fr. Thomas Vadakkumkara (Provincial Superior, Jagdalpur).



2022 സെപ്തംബർ 8 ന് പ്രവിശ്യയിലെ 6 നവ സന്യാസികൾ നൊവിഷ്യേറ്റ് പ്രവേശനം കപ്പാക് നൊവിഷ്യേറ്റിൽ വച്ച് നടത്തി. ബഹു. പ്രൊവിൻഷ്യൽ ജോർജ്ജ് ഇടയാടി അച്ചനും ഫൈനാൻസ് കൗൺസിലർ ജോബിയച്ചനും റെക്ടർ ജോബി പുനിലത്തിൽ അച്ചനും മറ്റ് വൈദികരും പങ്കെടുത്തു. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ വിളിയോട് സഹകരിച്ച് സന്യാസ സമർപ്പണത്തിന്റെ വഴിയിൽ മുന്നേറുവാൻ അവർക്കായി നമുക്ക് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാം.

### Year of Call and Commitment

സഭയുടെ ദിശതാബ്ദിക്കായുള്ള ഒരുക്കത്തിന്റെ ഈ നാളുകളിൽ സന്യാസവൈദിക സമർപ്പണചൈതന്യത്തിൽ ജീവിതത്തെ വിലയിരുത്തുവാനും, കലാനുസൃതമായ നവീകരണപദ്ധതികൾ ആവിഷ്കരിക്കാനും ലക്ഷ്യംവച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ആരംഭിച്ച പത്തു വർ



ഷത്തെ വിവിധഘട്ടങ്ങളായുള്ള നവീകരണ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെ ആദ്യഭാഗമായി “Call and Commitment” എന്ന വിഷയത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് പ്രവശ്യാംഗങ്ങളോട് സംസാരിക്കുവാനായി പൊതുശ്രേഷ്ഠഭവനത്തിൽ നിന്നും ബഹു. വികർ ജനറാൾ ജോസി താമരശ്ശേരി അച്ചനും ധനകാര്യ കൗൺസിലർ പോൾസൺ പാലിയക്കര അച്ചനും പ്രവശ്യയിലെത്തി. ഓഗസ്റ്റ് 20, 21 തീയതികളിലായി 3 തലങ്ങളിൽ, കോട്ടയം പ്രവിശ്യാഭവനത്തിലും, വാഴൂർ അനുഗ്രഹയിലും, പുളിയന്മല ക്രൈസ്റ്റ് കോളേജിലും നടന്ന പ്രവിശ്യാംഗങ്ങളുടെ സമ്മേളനങ്ങളിൽ പങ്കെടുത്ത് വിഷയം അവതരിപ്പിക്കുകയും, സംഘാതമായ ചർച്ചയിലൂടെ നവീകരണം എങ്ങനെ സാധ്യമാക്കാം എന്നു ചിന്തിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. പ്രവിശ്യയിൽ സെപ്തംബർ 12 ന് ഓൺലൈൻ മീറ്റിങ്ങും സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു.

### ഡോക്ടറേറ്റ്

അജപാലന കൗൺസിലർ ജിയോ കണ്ണൻകുളം അച്ചൻ മലയാള സാഹിത്യത്തിൽ ഡോക്ടറേറ്റ് നേടി.

## ST. THOMAS PROVINCE, KOZHIKODE

### Bicentennial celebrations

With the theme “Grace-filled Presence for a Transformed World” we have embarked the preparation for the Bicentennial celebrations of the foundation of our Congregation. Year 2022 - 23 has been observed as the CMI Year of Call and Commitment.

### Superiors Meeting

Superiors Meeting was organized on 02 May at Amalapuri and whole province meeting was held on 17 May, 2022. Rev Fr Benny Nalkara CMI, Provincial of Sacred Heart Province, Kochi was the resource person. Introduction to the Bicentenary celebrations of CMI, its theme, ten-year of preparation centered on the six faces

of CMI were presented and discussed.



### Formators' Meeting

Formators' meeting was held on 11 April, 2022 at Lakkidi. Come and see program

was hosted at St. Thomas Mount from 08 to 26 May, 2022. Congratulations to Rev. Fr Nishanth Pathupallil CMI for his sincere efforts in the vocation promotion. The first year Aspirancy commenced this year on 11 June, 2022 at Lakkidi with 14 candidates. Postulancy started with six candidates on 28 May, 2022 at St Thomas novitiate house, Marikunnu.



**Scholastic get together**



Annual get together of the scholastics was conducted on 18 & 19 April, 2022 with sharing, prayer sessions and outing. Parents' meeting of first year aspirants (2021 -22) of Lakkidi was convened on 26 March, 2022 having personal meeting of the formators with the candidate and the parents, Holy Qurbana, sessions for the parents, cultural programs and

agape. Parents of +1 candidates of Santhom Aspirants' house, Gudallur were gathered on 09 June, 2022. A meeting of the parents of our scholastics on 21 May, 2022 at Amalapuri was well appreciated and enjoyed by the families and the CMI community. After the Holy Qurbana, Rev. Brothers, Anwin Mannoor CMI and Alen Pathiyil presented two topics, (i) The history and legacy of CMI congregation and (ii) The dynamics of CMI formation. Mementos were presented to families. Response from the parents was so amazing and encouraging.

### Jubilee Celebration



Golden jubilee of the priestly ordination of Rev. Fr Jose Njavallikadankavil CMI, silver jubilee of the priestly ordination of Rev. Frs, Babu Kuzhumbil CMI, Jolly Alavelil CMI, George Punchayil CMI, John Panamthottam CMI, Johny Kanjirathinkal CMI, John Mannarathara CMI and the silver jubilee of the religious profession of Rev. Frs, Thomas Vayalil CMI, Paul Kureekkattil CMI, George Kalluvaraparambil CMI, Jojo Panthamackal CMI, Tomy Vattukulathil CMI, Johny Kochuthazhath CMI, Martin Valiyamanackal CMI, Anil Puthuparambil CMI, Sony Thalappillil CMI, Siby Pulickal CMI, Rajesh Choorapoikayil CMI, Bibin



Manchapallil CMI were celebrated on 26 February, 2022 at Amalapuri.

Golden Jubilee of the Priestly ordination and Silver Jubilee of the Episcopal Ordination of the Major Archbishop George Cardinal Alencherry and the reception to the newly installed Arch Bishop, Mar Joseph Pamplany was organized by the province on 12 June, 2022 at Amalapuri.



### Education and Communication Media

The educators of CMI St Thomas province, Kozhikode are working tirelessly to make a difference and the result is self-explanatory. Our educational institutions maintain the quality and excellence throughout. The beneficiary satisfaction was very much evident during the pandemic period.

### New Venture... New Model



Christ CMI School, Bengaluru was inaugurated on 1 October 2022 in a grand function in presence of eminent dignitaries and Reverend fathers and brothers of St Thomas Province and the CMI family. The state-of-the-art infrastructure and the facilities provided in the school are much appreciated. The vision and efforts of our provincial Fr Thomas Thekkel in realizing this great project is greatly acknowledged. The financial support extended by the Silver Hills institutions and Devagiri CMI Public school are heart-warming and such collaborative models shall help in accomplishing many more projects in future.

### Education Meet



The education meeting of this academic year was held on Saturday 27 August 2022 at Silver Hills Hr Sec School. The theme for this year's meeting was Perspectives of Global Standards in Education. Dr Senthil Kumaran, of the Learner's Confluence delivered the keynote address. The meeting was attended by all the members serving in the ministry of Education and Media. The panel discussion, group discussions and the presentations were really inspiring and thought provoking. The participants had many



take aways after the meeting. Proper follow up for the education meeting is also scheduled.

### Chavara Educational Scholarship



The distribution of Chavara Educational Scholarships for the financially less privileged school students were organised in the month of August. Fr Provincial distributed the scholarship. There was also an informative session about the life and vision of St Kuriakose Elias Chavara for the students and their parents followed by high tea. The event was held at St. Chavara Auditorium, Amalapuri.

### Social Extension Activities



To provide more visibility to our social interventions, all our educational institutions are taking up projects of social

cause. Silver Hills Hr. Sec School and Devagiri CMI public School have already completed the construction of a house each and handed it over to poor families under the "Home for Homeless" project. Such projects are initiated from all our educational institutions to enhance our social commitment.

### For a Brilliant Future...

Miracles happen when two stars meet. Devagiri Public School and Brilliant Study Centre, Pala have joined their hands together to begin the Medical and Engineering Entrance Coaching at Devagiri campus. The Hostel has been set up at DPS and the Coaching Centre is working at the renovated building of former Amala Aspirants' House. Congratulations and thanks to Fr John Kanjirathinkal and the entire Devagiri community.

### Facilitating To Achieve More

School improvement is a continual ever-evolving process. The department of education is planning to reach out to the schools by sharing some standards and benchmarks of quality schools and to allow all of us to make informed choices, articulate what we want and compare it with a realistic assessment of current reality, collectively aspire for a goal, reflect and initiate dialogues, recognize and manage the complexities at large and thus deal effectively for enhanced holistic student outcomes. School self-appraisal forms were distributed to assist in quality improvement.

### SHG & JLG Formation

As part of ensuring livelihood security of

poor and marginalized farmers, the department of social apostolate of CMI St. Thomas Province Kozhikode, has formed 5 new SHG groups and 56 new Joint Liability Groups in Chakittapara Grama Panchayat. Now, in total, STARS has 40 SHGs and 122 JLGs.

### **Livelihood & Enterprise Development Programme**



To ensure sustainable development among small & marginalized farmers in Perambra and Kunnummal block, Kozhikode and with specific objectives to develop apiculture as a sustainable income generation practice, the social work department in collaboration with NABARD has conducted a 10 day training programme on "Promotion of Beekeeping for 120 farmers and started a new livelihood project "Beekeeping" in Chakittapara, Kayakkodi and Kuttiyadi Grama Panchayats. Fr Jose Prakash CMI, Director STARS inaugurated the 10 day training programme in Chakittapara Grama Panchayat. In total, STARS developed 200 bee growers through the project, though the target was 120. All the 200 farmers have completed their training and started Beekeeping.

### **Devagiri Institute of Technical Education (DITE)**



The Department of Social work of CMI St.Thomas Province Kozhikode, under the high profile of Devagiri institutions has started a new venture Devagiri Institute of Technical Education (DITE), the placement-driven skill training institute in Devagiri college campus. The technical institution is affiliated to Scientific and Technical Education Department Council (STED) which is an autonomous body and a national level organization under govt. of India. The skill development courses on Tig/Migg & Gas cutting has started at DITE.

### **Snehasparsham Project**

With a vision to empower underprivileged widows in Pulppalli Grama panchayath, Wayanad, the Department of Social work of the province conducted a meeting at Marakav parish hall. The meeting inspired widows to adopt pro-conservation attitude and sustainable practices towards a greener lifestyle.

### **Water Testing Campaign**

Clean drinking water is essential to life and it is every one's right. The Social Work Department conducted 44 training programmes on WQM & S under JJM in



11 Grama Panchayats and thus, trained 2200 members including GP Board Members, Sub-Committee Members, GPWSC Members, Asha Workers, Health Workers and school teachers.



**Paper Recycling Unit**



As part of enhancing social responsibility among the students, the social work department has arranged a day activity at the Paper Recycling unit in Devagiri college campus. Students from St. Joseph's College have actively involved in the paper production activities and helped our special children at Ashakiran special school to make hand crafts using paper materials.

### **CEVA Summer Camp at Wayanad**

The Department of Social Apostolate or-

ganized 2 day summer camp programme on 11 May in Wayanad district and continued till 13 May 2022. In all, 45 students from class 6 to Degree level participated in the programme.



**STARS Pain & Palliative Care  
Volunteers Training**



As palliative care is a specialized health care to support people living with a terminal illness, the social work department has organized a one day training programme for STARS Pain & Palliative Care volunteers at Vellad Grama Panchayat, Kannur.



## ST PAUL'S PROVINCE, MYSURU

### PROVINCE DAY CELEBRATION



Province day celebration of CMI St Paul's Province, Mysuru took place on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at Carmel Bhavan. Most of the fathers from all our communities participated in the celebration. To add colour to the day, silver jubilee of religious profession of our beloved Fr Renny Malana, Fr Dince Madukkakuzhy, Fr Mathew Arichirakunnel, Fr Sebastian Thalachirayil, Fr Sijo Puramthottathil, Fr Shinto Puthumattathil and Fr Biju Naduthottiyil was celebrated. Rev. Fr Provincial and beloved jubilarians celebrated the Holy Qurbana. Jubilarians were felicitated during the gathering followed by the agape.

### CHAVARA STUDIO INAUGURATION



On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 5:30 pm the first recording studio of the province Chavara Studio was inaugurated at Christ School, Thandavapura by the Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr Dr Varghese Kelampampil CMI and along with Fathers from Mysore zone. Congratulations to the Christ School family for this wonderful gift to the province and noble initiative.

### GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



We celebrated the Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee of our dear Fathers Xavier Manjappilly CMI and Jacob Punchaputhussery CMI and the Golden Jubilee of First Profession of Fr Jose Thekkekara CMI on 31 July 2022 at St. Paul's Carmel House Thandavapura. We admirably remembered their life on the altar and thanked God for the selfless service they rendered for the province. Fathers from all our houses, relatives of Jubilarians, Parish Priests, Sisters from neighbouring communities, and Parishioners of Thandavapura Parish joined us for the celebration as our invited guests.

## FR AMATUS' DAY

We celebrated Fr Amatus' day on 4 September 2022 at 10.30 am at St Paul's Carmel House, Thandavapura with Solemn High Mass. We commemorated the life of Fr Amatus and remembered him on the altar with gratitude.



## ST JOSEPHS PROVINCE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

### CMI Solidarity Day with the Displaced Families at Vizhinjam



'Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute' (Ps 82:3). The CMI fraternity joined with our brethren struggling for life at Vizhinjam due to the unjust deal from the parties involved in the construction of Vizhinjam port. The Meeting was organized by the Rev Fr Santhosh Kayyalaparampil CMI (Councillor, Social work department). More than 35 members from our Province together with 20 members of CEVA, Karikkamuri, Ernakulam participated in the protest. Rev Fr James Madathilchira CMI and Rev Fr Sony Palathra CMI were the spokespersons in the event. Rev Fr Joshy Plammoottil also delivered his views on the issue.

### Renewal Programme



The year set apart for "CMI Year of Call and Commitment: 2022-23" was inaugurated on 11 May 2022. To set a tone for the renewal the General Team visited the Province from 17 - 19 August 2022. The Renewal programme was conducted in three phases: phase 1 at Provincial House on 17 August, Phase 2 was solely for the Scholastics, phase 3 was conducted at Chethipuzha and phase 4 was hosted at Mannanam. Rev Fr Josey Thamarasserry CMI, Vicar General and Rev Fr Paulson Paliekara CMI, General Councillor of Finance represented the General Team. Almost all fathers and brothers attended these sessions.

പ്ലാസിയ് ഭവൻ ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു.

പ്രമുഖ പൗരസ്ത്യ ദൈവശാസ്ത്രജ്ഞനും സുറിയാനി ഭാഷാ പണ്ഡിതനും ചരിത്രകാരനും



നൂറാലയ റവ. ഡോ. പ്ലാസിഡ് പൊടിപാറ സി. എം.ഐയുടെ സ്മരണയിൽ തിരുവനന്തപുരം മേജർ അതിഭദ്രാസനത്തിന്റെ ആസ്ഥാന കാര്യാലയമായ പട്ടം മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് ഹൗസിൽ പുതുതായി നിർമ്മിച്ച ഓഫീസ് സമുച്ചയം 'പ്ലാസിഡ് ഭവൻ' എന്ന പേരിൽ പ്രവർത്തനം ആരംഭിച്ചു.

മലങ്കര കത്തോലിക്ക സഭ മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ മാർ ബസേലിയോസ് ക്ലീമീസ് ഓഫീസ് സമുച്ചയം ക്യാശചെയ്തു. മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയുടെ ആരംഭനാളുകളിൽ ദൈവദാസൻ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ഈവാനിയോസിന്റെ നിർദ്ദേശാനുസരണം സഭയുടെ കാനോനിക നിയമ സംഹിതയുടെ അടിസ്ഥാന രേഖയുടെ ശേഖരണത്തിലും അവയുടെ ക്രോഡീകരണത്തിലും ഫാ. പ്ലാസിഡ് പൊടിപാറ അച്ചൻ വഹിച്ച പങ്ക് അവിസ്മരണീയമാണെന്ന് കാതോലിക്കാ

ബാവ പറഞ്ഞു. പാലാരുപത അധ്യക്ഷൻ ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ജോസഫ് കല്ലറങ്ങാട്ട്, പത്തനംതിട്ട ഭദ്രാസന അധ്യക്ഷൻ ബിഷപ്പ് ഡോ. സാമുവൽ മാർ ഐറേനിയോസ് എന്നിവർ സഹകാർമ്മികരായിരുന്നു. പ്ലാസിഡ് ഭവൻ ഓഫീസ് സമുച്ചയത്തിന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടനം സി.എം.ഐ പ്രിയോർ ജനറൽ റവ. ഡോ. തോമസ് ചാത്തമ്പറമ്പിൽ സി.എം.ഐ നിർവഹിച്ചു.



## THROUGH THE INSTITUTIONS

### DHARMARAM COLLEGE, BANGALORE

#### Dukhrana of St. Thomas the Apostle



Dukhrana of St Thomas the Apostle, father of us in faith was celebrated with solemn Raza on 3rd July. Fr Joby Thurackal was the main celebrant.

#### Commencement of DVK Academic Year

DVK Academic year commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> June Wednesday, with the Holy Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. Joy Kakkanatt, the new President of DVK. Rev. Fr. Rector gave the homily, highlighting the thrust of evangelization in DVK. Rev. Fr. President set the tone for the new academic year with his word oriented and mission driven inaugural



message. The new students and professors were welcomed in the inaugural function. Congratulations to Rev. Fr. Deviassiachan Mukulathu, the Registrar for organizing the inaugural function meticulously. Well begun is half done.

### **Dharmaram bids Farewell to Rev. Fr. Thomas Kollamparampil CMI**



On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July, Dharmaram bid farewell to Prof. Thomas Kollamparampil CMI, who served Dharmaram and DVK at different capacities for the past 33 years. A dinner was hosted in his honor and Rev. Fr. Joby Kochumuttom CMI felicitated him and thanked him on behalf of the community. Fr. Thomas goes back to his province to assume a new responsibility as the Vice Postulator for the cause of the canonization of Servant of God, Fr. Bruno CMI. We wish Fr. Thomas all the blessings of God in his new mission.

### **Inauguration Of Dharmaram LCA 'Salita'**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, the Literary and Cultural Academy of the year 2022-23 was inaugurated under the title - SALITA. Kalaimamani Mrs. Vasanth Vaikunth, a renowned international dancer, was the

chief guest of the event. In her message, she emphasized on how literature and art “ignites the cognitive energy of the human person, which helps to transform oneself and the society”. The music concert during the event was well appreciated by all.



### **Evangelizing India in our Times**

In view of the 75<sup>th</sup> independence day celebration of India, Dharmaram Mission Department organized fifteen days of special prayer for the evangelization of the country. On each day different states of our country, were brought to the Lord, under the title “Evangelizing India in our life time.” It was a time set apart to reflect on the goodness of the Lord, his blessings on our nation and to set ablaze the missionary zeal in brothers.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 His Excellency Bishop Mar Prince Panangadan, Bishop of Aliabad diocese, addressed the community online, as part of Evangelizing India in our life time. He placed emphasis on a few points: the need to evangelize India, possibilities of evangelisation in India and the need to take up the mission mandate as the most important commandment of Christ. He also

conveyed that this task might be difficult, but never impossible. Bishop further emphasized the need to go after the sheep, live with the sheep just as Christ pitched his tent among them, and the necessity of learning the local language of the mission. Similarly, Bishop also pointed out the need of having a heart-to-heart relationship with the people. Rev. Fr. Rector thanked the bishop for his empowering words and love for the CMI family. 'We are not called to give the things of this world, we are called to give Christ' was his catchphrase.

### **Gregorian Chant for a Second Doctorate**

Rev. Fr. Gregory Malayil CMI has been conferred with his second doctorate in Philosophy on 02 August 2022 and raised the bar of excellence in DVK. He successfully defended the dissertation, titled, "Computational and Non Computational Dimensions of Human Consciousness: A Philosophical Critique on Roger Penrose's Orch-OR Theory, based on Recent Developments in Artificial Intelligence and Neuroscience." Congratulations Rev. Fr. Gregory Malayil CMI, we are indeed proud of you!

### **Busts of Our Founding Fathers**

On 4<sup>th</sup> August, the Dharmaram community witnessed the blessing ceremony of the busts of our founding fathers, St. Chavara, Frs. Thomas Palackal, Thomas Porukara and Br. Jacob Kaniyathara which were installed around Dharmaram Library. Rev Fr. Benny Nalkara, Provincial of Sacred Heart Province, Kochi, led the blessing ceremony and Rev. Fr.

Saju Chakkalackal, Provincial of Preshi-da Province, Coimbatore, addressed the gathering with an inspiring message. Rev. Fr. Rector congratulated all those who worked for this initiative with special reference to Rev. Fr. Jojo Parekattil, Frs. Mani Kadaplackal, Joy Kizhakkayil and others. Thanks to Bro. Arackal Alan who scripted the prayer session.



### **Second death anniversary of Fr Thomas Vithayathil CMI**



Dharmaram commemorated the second death anniversary of Rev. Fr. Thomas Vithayathil on Saturday, 13 August 2022 by offering a Requiem Holy Mass. Fr. Rector was the main celebrant and Fr. Thomas Parayil delivered an insightful and pow-

erful homily reminiscing his relationship with Fr. Thomas Vithayathil CMI. May perpetual light shine on late Rev. Fr. Thomas Vithayathil!

### **Celebration of the Assumption of Our Lady and the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of India**



On 13<sup>th</sup> August, the community took part in a special prayer session, in connection with the solemnity of Mother Mary's assumption and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence of India. The brothers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year philosophy, along with the Department of Mission, organized the prayer very creatively in the BJTM Hall. Praying for India @75 was a special experience with its focus on evangelizing the country and prayer for strengthening the missionaries. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, the Solemn Holy Qurbana was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Paulachan Kochappilly and Fr. Emmanuel Kariyapurayidam delivered the homily.

Rev. Fr. Col. Abraham Vettiyankal CMI, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Christ University, hoisted the flag and delivered the Independence Day message. Dharmaram campus was decorated beautifully with

flags and lights to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Indian Independence.

### **Spiritual Roots of CMI Way of Life**



As part of the Year of Call and Commitment, a seminar cum recollection on the "Triple Roots of CMI Spirituality" was organised on 19 and 20 August 2022. Rev. Fr. Peter Chakkyath OCD spoke on the core of Carmelite spirituality, namely, the nature of the primitive rule, allegiance to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Elijaahan factor etc. Bros. Meleppuram Lince, Pathiyil Alen (A section) Pam-bakkal Aswin(E-Section) and Edayadiyil Jackson(F-Section) spoke on the CMI spirituality with special reference to St. Chavara and the current challenges we face in living our CMI legacy. On the second day, Rev. Fr. Parecatil Jojo spoke on the Indian Root. He highlighted the significance of the Dharmaram Guru icon, our call to meditation, relevance of Indianness in the quest to serve the people of God, and the Indian consciousness of St. Chavara. Bros. Eyyalil Arun, Kaimalayil Justin(B-Section) Kolbin Vazhappilly (E-Section) and Odathilparambu Nith-



in (F-Section) spoke on the importance of simplicity and silence respectively. This was followed by the third talk on the Oriental Root of the CMI Congregation by Rev. Fr. Francis Thonippara. He said: "Eastern spirituality is Trinitarian based on the Holy Spirit and is rooted in the risen Lord". Bros. Penuel John Carol, Edayadiyil Sarith(C-Section) Pulikkottil Jerin (E-Section) and Sharon R. (F-Section) dealt with various other aspects of the same topic.

### Pookalam Competition



This year the Onam floral design competition was organised by the LCA department on 10 September. The day had much excitement and enthusiasm as everybody tried to put in their very best to combine art and colour with beauty and precision. All sections took part in pookalam competition. A, E and B sections bagged the first, second and third positions respectively. The entire celebration ended with the traditional tug of war competition between the sections and the B section brothers emerged as the winners.

### Onaramam- 2022



The annual festival of the Keralites, Onam, was celebrated enthusiastically in the evening of 8 September. A mesmerising cultural evening was showcased by the F-Section brothers. Fr. Rector gave a message for the occasion to the community. He stated, "Onam reminds us of the selfless sacrifice made by the ancient King Mahabali, and calls us religious to do so. It is a moment of revisiting our call and commitment as we anticipate our bi-centennial."

### Mission Mahotsava



On 14<sup>th</sup> of September, the Dharmaram Mission department under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Wilson Chakkiyath organized a

mission sharing session. Mr. Jose Sebastian (National Jesus Youth Animator) and Miss Sweet Memory (Full time volunteer for JY) gave the talk. They shared their encounter with Christ and it was touching. Congratulations to the team who organised it well!

### Visitatio Canonica



As per the tenor of our Constitution, Rev. Fr. Prior General and his council made the canonical visit to Dharmaram community from 20 to 26 September. They met all fathers and brothers personally and took stock of the life and activities of

the Dharmaram community.

Fr. Prior General called upon the community to multiply the talents given to us with dedication and sincerity to make our congregation relevant in the third century of her existence. The visitation concluded with a Solemn Holy Qurbana.

### Dharmaram Association for Social Service (DASS)

On the occasion of the feast of St. Mother Teresa, Dharmaram Association for the Social Service (DASS), donated 300 blankets to the poor to help them during the winter. The blankets were provided for the patients of Kidwai and NIMHANS hospitals who had nothing to protect themselves from the cold. Fr. Fenil Karikkakunnel the Director of DASS, made the arrangements for the distribution of the blankets. The patients who benefited from this gesture of love expressed their gratitude and thanked DASS for the initiative.



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## SAMANVAYA, BHOPAL

### Sharing of Arunachal Mission Experience

Fr. Martin Kellelil CMI, member of St Paul Province, Bhopal and a missionary to Arunachal Pradesh gave a one-hour sharing of his missionary experience. Ordained in 2018, Fr. Martin is now working in the mission station Boleng, in the diocese of Itanagar. . There are eight villages with Catholic presence in his mission station.

Fr. Martin shared that there is a marked attraction to the Christian message among the people and many are joining Christianity. The major reason that attracts people to Christianity is the healings they receive from ailments. He said that the Lord is working today in Arunachal Pradesh in such a way that whoever prays receives healing. Faith is part of their everyday secular life. They do anything and everything in the name of Jesus, be it drinking a cup of water of tea, undertaking a journey, beginning their work in the farm, starting the day, etc., and they are ready to pray wherever they find themselves, on the road, at the market, or in families. In every house they keep blessed oil and holy water.

### Religious Empowerment Lecture Series



Poornodaya instituted a Lecture Series, 'Religious Empowerment Lecture Series', on August 4, 2022, Feast of Saint Marie John Vianney. The Lecture Series is chiefly intended to cater to the religious communities in the city of Bhopal, especially, those within our parish territory. The first talk in this series was given by Acharya Thomas Kochumuttom, Acharya of Jeevan Dhara Ashram, Jaiharikal, Uttarkhand to a 100- plus audience comprising of fathers, religious brothers, sisters and formees in our Poornodaya Auditorium on the theme, Religious Call and Response, on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.

The second talk in the Lecture Series was given by Dr. Francis Thonippara CMI, Professor of Church History at DVK, Bangalore on August 31, 2022 on the theme Synodality in Consecrated Life.

The Third talk under the Series was given by Dr. Sebastian Payyappilly CMI, Professor of Canon Law at DVK, Bangalore on the theme Canonical Dimensions of Consecrated Life on, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.

This lecture Series is welcomed with warmth by all and every talk is attended by a good number of religious.

### Exposure to the Tribal Social Context of Jagdalpur

The second Years, 10 students, went to Kolchur, Jagdalpur as part of their exposure programme to experience the Tribal Social Context. Fr. Cyril Kuttiyanikkal CMI Dean of Samanvaya and Fr. Biju Savio, Spiritual Father, who are in



charge of the students during the exposure programme left to Jagdalpur on 5<sup>th</sup> August and the brothers on 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a two-month programme as part of the academic curriculum at Samanvaya. The students will have regular classes and exposure to village context. Once the classes are over each student will be staying with a tribal family in their house so as to learn and experience the tribal situation at close quarters. They will be back at Samanvaya, Bhopal on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### Har Ghar Thiranga



We added to the National Spirit by enthusiastically joining the Har Ghar Thiranga programme announced by the Union Government to mark the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Independence of our nation. We spread the message of patriotism and national pride by hoisting national flags in front of all the buildings on the Samanvaya campus: the Priest quarters, Theologate building, School, Poornodaya Mission institute and the parish Church. In the morning on 15<sup>th</sup> August there was Independence Day celebration at the school.

### Seminar on Social Media and Modern Electronic Gadgets



On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 our students conducted a seminar on the issues related to the use of Social media and modern Electronic gadgets in the Poornodaya Auditorium. The seminar that was planned and executed by students started at 9.30 am. Six papers were presented in continuum with a tea break by students. Each paper got ten minutes for presentation.

The following were the papers:

- Social media and electronic gadgets: a Boon beyond comparison: Br. Jamin Kaipanplackal CMI
- God inhabits the Cyberspace: Theological vision and Church teachings: Br. Jibin Manakuzhiyil CMI
- Use of Social media and gadgets for evangelization: Br. Albin Pathuppallil (diocese of Rajkot)
- Social Media, a villain: Negative effect of Social media in personal life: Br. Lijo Manjoor CMI
- Overcoming addictions and obsessions of Social media: Br. Donal Pulikotttil CMI

- Sojourning in the Cyber world: Precautions and safeguards needed: Br. Jerin Theruvamkunnel CMI

Rev. Br. Mani SG of Montfort brothers was the chief guest of the day. With his concluding remarks the seminar came to a conclusion at 12.00 noon.

### **Brothers upload Cover song in YouTube**

Our brothers uploaded a cover song in the Samanvaya, Bhopal Youtube channel on August 15, 2022. The recording was done at Navchetana Institute, the communication centre of the Bhopal CMI Province.

The singing, cast, video shooting, and video editing were done by our brothers.

### **Bicentennial renewal talk**

As part of the CMI Renewal programme in preparation for the Bicentennial of the foundation of the congregation, we had a talk by Dr. Francis Thonippara CMI at 6.30 pm in the Samanvaya class room. The topic was 'Triple Roots of the CMI Congregation.'

### **Onam celebration**



The date of this year's Onam was September 8. We celebrated it on September

4 anticipating it by 4 days because of its coincidence with the Feast of the Nativity of Our Blessed Mother. The celebration was carried out under the auspices of the Parish in the Christ school lounge from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm to which only the religious communities were invited. The programme had two moments; Onam cultural meet and Onasadya. The cultural meet was enriched by prayer, Ona sandesham, Thiruvathira, Tribal dance and a fun cum competition game for all participants. The cultural meet was followed by Onasadya for which items were prepared and brought by the religious communities as per previous arrangements.

Everyone enjoyed the cultural feast of the nostalgic memories of a society that granted equality to all its citizens.

### **Bishop Ephrem Narikulam visits Samanvaya**



Bishop Ephrem Narikulam, bishop of the Diocese of Chanda visited Samanvaya on September 19. He arrived at 5.30 pm on his way back to Chanda from his Ujjain visit. He expressed his desire to say Holy Mass for brothers. He celebrated the

Holy Mass at Samanvaya chapel at 7.00 pm and had supper with us. He stayed overnight at Poornodaya before proceeding to Chanda the following day.

### Matha Mariam Parish Feast



The parish feast which falls on 8<sup>th</sup> December, Feast of Immaculate Conception, was celebrated on Sunday September 11. The feast was anticipated because of the Annual Retreat of Samanvaya scheduled for December 2-8. Novena prayers were held from September 1-9. The festival flag was hoisted on the newly raised flag mast on 8<sup>th</sup> September. On 10<sup>th</sup>, the

eve of the main feast day, a rosary procession was held starting from Samanvaya Theologate to the Marian Grotto in which a good number of the parishioners and the religious communities participated. The solemn High Mass on 11 September, the main feast day was presided over by Fr. Ishwardas Minj, Vicar General of the Archdiocese. A one-hour cultural programme followed the Holy Mass. A fellowship meal was arranged for all the which was enjoyed by about 450 people.

### Fr. Antony Urulianickal CMI, an eminent Guest

Fr. Antony Urulianickal CMI, the renowned singer and composer of Christian devotional songs, the founder director of Rex Band and a judge of many reality shows on TV came here to visit us on September 20, 2022. He spent three days with us. He sang for the gathering of religious community on September 22 during the Religious Empowerment Lecture Series.

## DARSANA, WARDHA

### Celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav with the Poor in Our Neighborhood



reopened its wings to serve the society under the banner of Darsana Samaj Kalyan Samithi (DSKS). On August 15 as part of Independence Day celebrations (Azadi ka amrit mahotsav), the children from the neighboring villages were invited and a program was held for them. The brothers talked to them about the various freedom fighters and games were also arranged for them. Brothers also resumed going to the villages to teach in the schools run by the Gram Panchayats. Lesson plans are prepared in advance and the students are taught Basic English grammar.

After the Covid shutdown, Darsana has



## They Heal Their Body, We Their Hearts!

The formation model in Darsana is 'You Choose What You Should Eat' instead of spoon feeding model. The point is, the brothers are continuously encouraged to take up creative initiatives in every possible field and be on the path of maturity and leadership. Accordingly, one creative venture from brothers that has been found greatly rewarding is the hospital ministry. Interested brothers take turns to visit the sick in the neighboring Datta Meghe Medical College Hospital two to three times a week. The only thing they do is to be by patients' bed side and listen to their stories. All our initial inhibitions like how we will be received and what we will tell soon gave way to a sense of fulfillment. The patients were calling us back to more frequent visits; we felt that we were finding our feet on the real ground, away from the virtual, and their stories were feeding our moments with the Lord in our prayer.

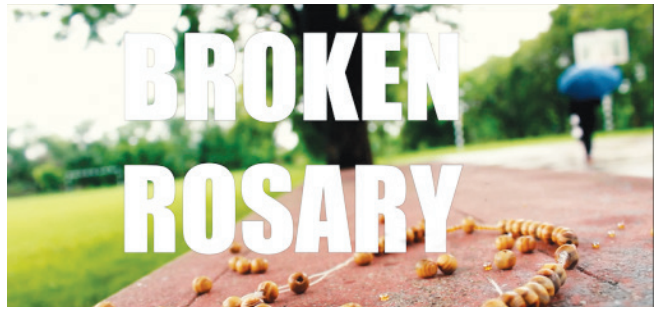
## In Defense of the Science-friendly Face of the Church



The first of the Extension Lecture series of the academic year 2022-23 was given by the much respected Catholic philosopher-scientist of India, Fr. (Dr.) Job

Kozhamthadam, SJ. The theme was the contribution of eminent Catholics to the field of science. The talk served to the boost our confidence and morale in the context of the general perception that Catholic Church is an outdated institution holding on to archaic values and traditions, which are out of sync with scientific thinking and modernity. Rev. Sr. (Dr.) Swati SJB, a professional psychiatrist serving at Kasturba Medical College, Sevagram moderated the session.

## Formation for a Ministry through Media



The Media wing of Darsana is becoming livelier with more and more creative initiatives and imaginative creations by the brothers. There were many productions from Darsana Media this academic year in the form of short documentaries, inspiring video talk series, etc. A short documentary around the vocation story of a young religious was much applauded. The course on Media and Communication by Fr. Chris SDB helped us immensely with enlightening inputs regarding ethical, political and educational risks and possibilities involved. There are other initiatives like weekly Current Affairs sessions, where brothers prepare and present a review of major international, national

and local news, followed by discussion and reflection. The Sunday screening of high-rated movies followed by a critical review by some of the brothers has made movie-watching a learning experience.

### **Celebrating Dussehra with Our Hindu Brethren in the Neighborhood**



The Durga Puja (Dussehra) celebration on October 4 provided us, the Darsanites, a first-hand exposure to the religiosity and rituals related to Durga Puja and admirable hospitality of the *aam admi* of the Sawangi village near to us. The puja was a ten-day affair, with illuminated puja pandals, festive pujas and community meals (Maha Prasad) for all. The villagers were insistent that all of us partake in the supper. And, we did. The meals were delicious; even more delicious was their rural charm, innocence and hospitality. We picked up far more insights into Hindu spirituality and Hindu philosophy from that single exposure than from all the lectures on Indian philosophy.

### **Celebrating Gandhi Jayanti at Gandhi's Own Ashram**

Gandhi Jayanti on October 2 was very special for the Darsanites this year as we spent the evening in the premises of the Gandhi Ashram at Sevagram, where

Gandhiji spent close to ten years leading the freedom movement. It was a unique experience going through the same routine of evening prayer, meditating over the passages from scriptures of different religions and more importantly breathing the same air that Gandhiji breathed. Although the Ashram and its premises looked expectant and tense with tight security in place in view of VVIP visitors throughout the day, the moments of prayer brought peace and the spirit of Gandhiji very much alive.



### **Seminar on Religious Life Today: Challenges and Prospects**

In connection with the feast of St Therese of Lissieux, the Patroness of formees, a symposium was held on 'Religious Life Today: Challenges and Prospects.' It was a lively session, where brothers made presentations, which were responded to by others. Brothers were both daring and honest in critically assessing the way they live religious life today. The final insight was that the scales of challenges and prospects are evenly placed. We need to be realistic about the challenges and focus on the prospects. Such a balanced way of living alone can make our living the religious life today meaningful and fruitful.

## CHRIST UNIVERSITY, DELHI NCR CAMPUS

### Convocation Ceremony



On 2 July, 2022, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR campus held the convocation ceremony of its first batch of undergraduate students and second batch of post-graduate students. The ceremony included the convocation of the class of 2022 from various disciplines. Former Vice Chancellor of Delhi University, Professor Dinesh Singh was the guest of honour for the event. The event was blessed with the presence of the Chancellor Dr. Fr. Paul Achandy CMI, Vice Chancellor Fr. Dr. Abraham V.M. CMI, Pro Vice Chancellor Fr. Dr. Jose C.C. CMI, Registrar Dr. Anil Pinto and the Controller of Exams Dr. Johny Joseph.

### National Conference

The Department of Psychology, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) in collaboration with India Vision Foundation and CHRIST Consultancy organised a national conference on 'Incarceration: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, Policies and Implications for Practice' on 11 March 2022. The event was organised in a hybrid

mode, with 450 participants and 20 invited speakers, panelists and moderators. Fr. Dr. Viju. P. Devassy, Director, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR presented the opening note to the conference, after which the honorary address was delivered by Dr Kiran Bedi, IPS, Founder, India Vision Foundation. The address was moderated by Dr. Tony Sam George, Head, School of Social Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru. Dr Bedi emphasised that the way for students to approach the issue of correctional environments is by experience and exposure. The session was concluded with the launch of the proposed title of an edited book, 'Correctional Psychology: Future Directions for Prevention, Rehabilitation and Reintegration' with the first announcement for the call for chapters.

### NEEV, Community Development Centre, Bombay Colony, Ghaziabad.





NEEV Education is not a matter of charity but a matter of right. The initiative of 'NEEV' was taken up by CSA for the cause of providing quality education and assisting in the development of primary-level children. The establishment is located in Bombay Colony, Ghaziabad, and consists of a computer training centre, a tuition centre, sanitised washrooms, and a kitchen. A total of seventy students are enrolled in the teaching facility. The primary aim is not only to impart quality education but also to provide bridge courses to students and prepare them for formal education.

### Health Camp



A free health camp was organized by the Centre for Social Action in association with St. Joseph Hospital, Mariam Nagar on 3 March, 2022. The health camp was set up at Bombay Colony, near our activity centre. The main aim of the camp was to do general health checkups and provide remedial measures, including

the medicines required for early recovery. In this camp, a proper medical check-up of the people was done and remedial measures were provided. High-quality medicines required for early recovery were provided to them free of cost. This program helped them in getting comprehensive health services.



### Annual Dance Festival

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) organized its Annual Dance Festival - Nritta held on 9 April, 2022 with sensational performances presented by the students of the university under the guidance of Shri. Nandakumar. The event was a musical dance drama and the theme was Shastrang- A saga of love

### A Cup of Chai

Our student actors proudly presented an annual theatre production titled A Cup of Chai, an adaptation of the classic short story A Cup of Tea by Katherine Mansfield.

## CMI CARMEL SCHOOL, BECHEM, GHANA

### Visitation of General Education Councillor



Rev. Fr. Martin Mallath, the councillor for Education and Communication Media was in Ghana for a short visit from 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022. He visited our schools in Ghana and interacted with teachers and students. He attended the Carmel Day programme on 11<sup>th</sup> August.

### Talk on Health and Hygiene



CMI Carmel School organized a talk on health and hygiene for girls' students from Basic 5 to JHS 2. The officers from civic education department of Tano

South Municipality took classes on health hygiene on 23rd September, 2022.

### Municipal level Quiz competition



CMI Carmel School students from JHS (Junior High School) won the first prize for Science and Maths Quiz organized by Tano South Municipality.

### Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE)

The first batch of 19 students of CMI Carmel School wrote the BECE (Basic Education Certificate Examination) this year. The exam was from 17 to 21 October.



Prayer is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings

- St. John Chrysostom



## CMI MARRIET SCHOOL, MARYLAND, GHANA

### The Beginning of the School

The school started in 2022 with Nursery and KG One. We started with 33 students in the beginning of the school in February 2022. By God's Grace we are up to KG Two and this year we have 110 students in three classes, with 6 trained teachers from the nearby villages.

### The visit of the security minister to the school

Honorable Albert Kan-Dapaah, the security minister of Ghana had a surprise visit to CMI Marriet school. Fr. Benoj Makkollil CMI received him and he spent time in the school visiting. There is no electricity in the school and he promised to bring electricity to the school.



## CHAVARA CULTURAL CENTER, KOCHI

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### മൺസൂൺ ആർട്സ് ഫെസ്റ്റ്

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### പൗരോഹിത്യ സുവർണ്ണ - രജത ജൂബിലി ആഘോഷം.

ഫാ.മാർട്ടിൻ മുള്ളാത്ത്, ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ്



പുതുപറമ്പിൽ, ഫാ. മാത്യു വെമ്പേനി, ഫാ. ഓസ്റ്റിൻ കളപുരയ്ക്കൽ, ഫാ. ജെയിംസ് മഠത്തിക്കണ്ടം, ഫാ. ജോൺ കോടൻകണ്ടത്ത്, ഫാ. ജോസ് കുറിയേടത്ത് എന്നിവരുടെ പൗരോഹിത്യ രജത-സുവർണ്ണ ജൂബിലിയാഘോഷം കാരിക്കാമുറി സെന്റ് ജോസഫ്സ് ആശ്രമത്തിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. ജൂബിലിയാഘോഷസമ്മേളനം പ്രൊഫ. എം. കെ. സാനു ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ആന്റണി കരിയിൽ മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. സി.എം.ഐ. സഭ പ്രിയോർ ജനറാൾ റവ. ഡോ. തോമസ് ചാത്തംപറമ്പിൽ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ച ചടങ്ങിൽ ശ്രീ. ടി. ജെ. വിനോദ് എം.എൽ.എ മുഖ്യാതിഥി ആയിരുന്നു.

### വിവരാവകാശം ജനങ്ങളിലേക്ക്

ശക്തമായ ബഹുജന പ്രക്ഷോഭത്തിലൂടെ രൂപം കൊണ്ട വിവരാവകാശ നിയമം വീണ്ടും ജനങ്ങളിലേക്ക് എത്തിക്കേണ്ട അവസ്ഥയാണ് ഉള്ളതെന്ന് വിവരാവകാശ കമ്മീഷണർ ശ്രീ. എ.എ. ഹക്കീം അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. 'വിവരാവകാശം ജനങ്ങളിലേക്ക്' സെമിനാർ ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. റീച്ച് യു.എസ്. എയിഡ് മീഡിയ ഫെലോഷിപ്പിന് അർഹനായ ശ്രീ. സിജോ പൈനാടത്തിനെ, ചടങ്ങിൽ ആദരിച്ചു.

### ടി. എം. എബ്രഹാം നാടക

#### നാൾവഴികൾ പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു.

നാടകവഴിയിലൂടെ നടന്നുകൊണ്ടും അതിസാഹസമായ നടകാവതരണങ്ങൾ നടത്തിയും ശ്രദ്ധേയനായ ശ്രീ. ടി. എം. എബ്രഹാമിനെ പോലെ നാടകത്തെ കൂടെ നിർത്തുന്ന മറ്റൊരു വ്യക്തി മലയാളത്തിലില്ല എന്ന് പ്രൊഫ. എം. കെ. സാനു അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. ടി. എം. എബ്രഹാം നാടക നാൾ വഴികൾ എന്ന പുസ്തകം പ്രകാശനം നിർവ്വഹിച്ചു സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. വെയ്റ്റിംഗ് ഫോർ ഗോദെ, അവതരിപ്പിച്ചപ്പോളുണ്ടായ അനുഭവം സാനു മാഷ് പങ്കുവെച്ചു. സംഗീത നാടക അക്കാദമി ചെയർമാൻ ഇൻ ചാർജ് സേവ്യർ പുൽപാട്ട് പുസ്തകത്തിന്റെ ആദ്യപ്രതി ഏറ്റുവാങ്ങി.

### അദ്ധ്യാപകദിനാഘോഷം

അദ്ധ്യാപകൻ പുണ്യപുരുഷനാണ്, ഒരു സാധാരണക്കാരനുമാണ്, സാധാരണക്കാരന്റെ എല്ലാ ചാപല്യങ്ങളുമുള്ള മനുഷ്യനാണ്, എന്നാൽ അദ്ധ്യാപകൻ എന്ന പീഠത്തിൽ ഇരുന്നാൽ മറ്റൊരു ആളാണ് അദ്ധ്യാപകൻ. ഈ അർത്ഥത്തിലാണ് അദ്ധ്യാപകവൃത്തിയെ കാണേണ്ടതെന്ന് പ്രൊഫ. എം. കെ. സാനു അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററും ലയൺസ് ക്ലബ് കൊച്ചിൻ എംപയറും സംയുക്തമായി സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച അദ്ധ്യാപകപുരസ്കാരവും അദ്ധ്യാപകദിനാഘോഷവും ഉദ്ഘാടനം നിർവ്വഹിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം.

### അവനവൻ കടമ്പ - നാടകാവതരണം



കാവാലം നാരായണപണിക്കരുടെ രചനയും സംഗീതവും കോർത്തിണക്കി സതീഷ് തുരുത്തി സംവിധാനം നിർവ്വഹിച്ച നാടകം "അവനവൻ കടമ്പ" കാവാലത്തിന്റെ തനതു ശൈലി നാടകത്തിന്റെ പുത്തനനുഭവമായിരുന്നു. ഈ നാടകം വളരെ കാത്തിരുന്ന് പണ്ട് കണ്ടതാണെന്നും ഇന്നും അതിന്റെ മാധുര്യം ചോർന്നിട്ടില്ലായെന്നും ശ്രീ. എം. കെ. സാനു പറഞ്ഞു. ടി. എം. എബ്രഹാം കാവാലം അനുസ്മരണം നടത്തി. സിനിമാ സംവിധായകൻ ശ്രീ. ജോഷി മാത്യു നടകാവതരണം നടത്തി. ഫാ. തോമസ് പുതുശ്ശേരി, മാക്സ് പ്രസിഡന്റ് മെക്കാർട്ടിൻ, ജോൺസൺ സി.എബ്രഹാം, ജോളി പവേലിൽ എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

### ഹൃദ്യാനുഭവമായി അനാർക്കലി-നാടകം

കാലടി ശ്രീശങ്കരാചാര്യ സംസ്കൃത സർവ്വ കലാശാല 2021-2022 ലെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ് ഓഫ് തിയറ്ററിലെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ ഇംതിയാസ് അലി താജിന്റെ അനാർക്കലി അവതരിപ്പിച്ചു.

#### ഫ്രഞ്ച് ഫിലിം ഫെസ്റ്റിവൽ

മൂന്ന് ദിവസത്തെ ഫ്രഞ്ച് ഫിലിം ഫെസ്റ്റിവൽ അലയൻസ് ഫ്രാൻസെസ് ഡയറക്ടർ ഈവ മാർട്ടിൻ ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. ഫ്രഞ്ച് ഭാഷാ പഠനത്തോടൊപ്പം കൾച്ചറൽ പരിപാടികൾക്കും പ്രാധാന്യം നൽകിക്കൊണ്ട് വ്യത്യസ്തമായ പരിപാടികൾ നടത്തുവാൻ മുൻ കൈയെടുക്കുമെന്ന് ഈവ മാർട്ടിൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു.

#### ഇന്ത്യ-റഷ്യ നയതന്ത്ര ബന്ധങ്ങൾ സെമിനാർ

ഇന്ത്യ-റഷ്യ നയതന്ത്ര ബന്ധങ്ങൾ പുത്തൻ കാഴ്ചപ്പാടുകൾ എന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ സെമിനാർ ശ്രീ. ടി.ജെ വിനോദ് എം.എൽ.എ ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. റഷ്യൻ സാംസ്കാരിക കേന്ദ്രത്തിലെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ വിപുലീകരിക്കുന്നതിനും കൊച്ചിയിൽ കൂടുതൽ കലാ സാംസ്കാരിക പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് കൈകോർക്കുവാനും തയ്യാറാണെന്ന് റഷ്യൻ കോൺസുലും തിരുവനന്തപുരം റഷ്യൻ ഹൗസ് ഡയറക്ടറുമായ ശ്രീ. സതീഷ് നായർ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. ഇന്ത്യ-റഷ്യ സൗഹൃദങ്ങൾ എന്നും നല്ലതു പോലെ കാത്തുസൂക്ഷിക്കുന്നതു സാംസ്കാരിക പുരോഗതിക്കു കാരണമാണെന്ന് മുൻ ചീഫ് സെക്രട്ടറി ശ്രീ. ടോം ജോസ് അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. അഞ്ചുദിവസത്തെ റഷ്യൻ ഫിലിം ഫെസ്റ്റിവൽ ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം.

#### ദേശീയഗാനം-ദേശഭക്തിഗാനം മത്സരങ്ങൾ.

സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യദിനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററിൽ ദേശീയഗാനം - ദേശഭക്തി

ഗാനം മത്സരങ്ങൾ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. മത്സരത്തിൽ എറണാകുളം ജില്ലയിലെ 9 സ്കൂളുകൾ പങ്കെടുത്തു. വിജയികളായവർക്ക് ക്യാഷ് പ്രൈസും ഉപഹാരവും സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റും നൽകി.

#### ഏകദിന അഭിനയ ശില്പശാല.

കുട്ടികളുടെ കലാ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കും പാഠ്യേതര വിഷയങ്ങൾക്കും കൂടുതൽ പ്രാമുഖ്യം നൽകുന്നതിനായി ചാവറ ചിൽഡ്രൻസ് ക്ലബ്ബ് പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ സജീവമാക്കിക്കൊണ്ട് പത്തു വയസുമുതൽ പതിനെട്ടുവയസുവരെയുള്ള കുട്ടികൾക്കായി നടത്തിയ ഏകദിന അഭിനയ ശില്പശാല ഫാ. തോമസ് പുതുശ്ശേരി ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. നാടക പ്രവർത്തനവും അഭിനേതാവുമായ ഷാബു കെ.മാധവൻ, ഷിജു രാജ് എന്നിവർ അഭിനയത്തിനു പുറമെ പ്രസംഗം, നേതൃത്വം എന്നീ വിഷയങ്ങളിൽ ക്ലാസ് നയിച്ചു.

#### ആദരിച്ചു

കന്യാകുമാരി മുതൽ കാശ്മീർ വരെ കാൽനടയാത്ര ചെയ്ത ബെന്നി കൊട്ടാരത്തിൽ, മോളി ബെന്നി എന്നിവരെ ആദരിച്ചു. മുൻ ഇന്ത്യൻ ഫുട്ബോൾ താരവും 1973 ലെ സന്തോഷ് ട്രോഫി ടീം അംഗവുമായ സി.സി. ജേക്കബ് പുരസ്കാരം നൽകി. മുൻ ഇന്ത്യൻ ഫുട്ബോൾ താരം എം.എം.ജേക്കബ്, ഇട്ടി മാത്യു എന്നിവരെ പൊന്നാട അണിയിച്ചു.

#### രക്തദാന ക്യാമ്പ് സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു

ലോകരക്തദാതാക്കളുടെ ദിനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് ലൂർദ്ദ് ഹോസ്പിറ്റലിന്റെ സഹകരണത്തോടെ ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററിൽ രക്തദാനക്യാമ്പ് സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. എറണാകുളം എം.എൽ.എ. ശ്രീ. ടി.ജെ. വിനോദ് ക്യാമ്പ് ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. കൊച്ചി കോർപ്പറേഷൻ കൗൺസിലർ പത്മജ എസ്. മേനോൻ, ഫാ. മാത്യു കിരിയാത്തൻ, ഫാ. തോമസ് പുതുശ്ശേരി, ജോൺസൺ സി. എബ്രഹാം, ടി. എ. വർക്കി എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു. ഡോ. സുസന്ന, സിസ്റ്റർ ജ്യോത്സന എന്നിവർ ക്യാമ്പിന് നേതൃത്വം നൽകി.

### തിലകൻ അനുസ്മരണം

അഭിപ്രായ വ്യത്യാസത്തിനുവേണ്ടി നില കൊണ്ട വ്യക്തിയാണ് നടൻ തിലകനെന്ന് സംവിധായകൻ വിനയൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. പത്താമത് തിലകൻ അനുസ്മരണസമ്മേളനം ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. ഫാ. തോമസ് പുതുശ്ശേരി അനുസ്മരണപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി.

### രാമായണമാസാചരണം



രാമായണ മാസാചരണം സാഹിത്യകാരൻ പി.ഐ. ശങ്കരനാരായണൻ ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. തുടർന്ന് രാമായണപാരായണം നടത്തി. ഫാ. തോമസ് പുതുശ്ശേരി, കെ.എസ്. യമുന, ജോൺസൺ സി.എബ്രഹാം, പ്രൊഫ ഗീത ശശികുമാർ, ബേബി വൈ കിരീടത്തിൽ എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

### ഡോ. വി.പി. ജോയിക്ക് സ്വീകരണം

ആശയങ്ങൾ ക്രമീകരിച്ച് അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്ന വ്യക്തിയാണ് ഡോ. വി.പി. ജോയിയെന്ന് പ്രൊഫ. എം. കെ. സാനു. മികച്ച ഭരണാധികാരി, ദാർശനികൻ കൂടിയാവണമെന്നതിന്റെ ഉദാഹരണമാണ് അദ്ദേഹമെന്നു അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. ഡോ. വി.പി. ജോയിയുടെ കവിതകൾ കോർത്തിണക്കി വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ കാവ്യകേളി സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു.

### ലോക പരിസ്ഥിതി ദിനാഘോഷവും സെക്കിൾ റാലിയും സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു

പരിസ്ഥിതി ദിനാചരണത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി വൃക്ഷത്തെനടീലും, വൃക്ഷത്തെ വിതരണവും സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. ശ്രീ. ടി.ജെ.വിനോദ് എം. എൽ.എ. ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. ചാവറ കൾ

ച്ചറൽ സെന്ററിൽ നിന്നാരംഭിച്ച സെക്കിൾ റാലി സൗത്ത് മെട്രോ സ്റ്റേഷൻ, ജോസ് ജംഗ്ഷൻ വഴി, രാജേന്ദ്രമൈതാനത്തിന് മുമ്പിലുള്ള ഗാന്ധിപ്രതിമയ്ക്ക് സമീപം എത്തി മേനക വഴി കലൂർ മെട്രോസ്റ്റേഷനിൽ സമാപിച്ചു.

### ചാവറഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ട് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ ഫ്ളാഷ് മോബ് സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു

മെട്രോയുടെ അഞ്ചാം വാർഷികത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് ഫ്ളാഷ് മോബ് സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. മെട്രോ യാത്ര പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുക, ടൂറിസം വളർത്തുക, ക്ലീൻ സിറ്റി- ഗ്രീൻ സിറ്റി എന്നീ വിഷയങ്ങൾ ഉയർത്തി ചാവറ ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ടിലെ ടൂറിസം, ഹോട്ടൽ മാനേജ്മെന്റ് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളാണ് ഫ്ളാഷ് മോബിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തത്.

### ലോകഹൃദയദിനം

ലോക ഹൃദയദിനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് ഫ്ളാഷ് മോബ് സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. ഇടപ്പള്ളി മെട്രോ സ്റ്റേഷനിൽ നടത്തിയ യോഗം ഡോ. ജോ ജോസഫ് ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. ചാവറ ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ടിലെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ ലോകഹൃദയദിനത്തിന്റെ സന്ദേശമുൾക്കൊള്ളിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ള ഫ്ളാഷ്മോബും, സ്കീറ്റും അവതരിപ്പിച്ചു.

### ഫാ.ആബേൽ പുരസ്കാരം

ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററും കെ.സി.ബി.സി. മീഡിയ കമ്മീഷനും ചേർന്ന് സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച കലാഭവൻ ഫാ. ആബേൽ പുരസ്കാരം സാംജി ആറാട്ടുപുഴയ്ക്ക് ഡോ. എബ്രഹാം മാർ യൂലിയോസ് സമ്മാനിച്ചു. പാലാരിവട്ടം പി.ഒ.സി.യിൽ ആബേൽ ഗാനാലാപന മത്സര വിജയികൾക്കുള്ള സമ്മാന വിതരണം, ആബേൽ അനുസ്മരണസമ്മേളനം, ആബേൽ സ്മൃതി സംഗീത സന്ധ്യ എന്നിവയും സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു.

### മലയാള ഭാഷയെ പരിണയിച്ച

### വ്യക്തിയാണ് സാനു മാഷ് :

### ജസ്റ്റിസ് മേരി ജോസഫ്

മലയാള ഭാഷയെ പരിണയിച്ച വ്യക്തിയാണ്



എം.കെ. സാനു മാഷെനും, പ്രായത്തെ മറികടന്നുകൊണ്ട് ഏത് പരിപാടിയിലും പങ്കെടുക്കുവാൻ സൗമനസ്യം കാണിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാവേദികളിലെയും യുവാവാണ് സാനു മാഷെന്നും ജസ്റ്റിസ് മേരി ജോസഫ് അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച '96-ാം ജന്മദിനത്തിൽ സാനു മാഷിനോടൊപ്പം പ്രഭാത ഭക്ഷണം', എന്ന പരിപാടി ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു കേരള ഹൈക്കോടതി ജഡ്ജി ജസ്റ്റിസ് മേരി ജോസഫ്.

ലോകത്തിന്റെ അവസ്ഥ മാറിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ആളുകളിൽ സങ്കുചിതത്വവും വെറുപ്പും കൊല്ലാനുള്ള വാസനയും വർദ്ധിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. മനുഷ്യൻ മനുഷ്യനെ കശാപ്പുചെയ്യുന്ന കാലം ഈ ജീവിതം എത്ര നിസ്സാരമാണ്

ഈ പ്രപഞ്ചത്തെ മുഴുവൻ കണ്ടുകൊണ്ട്, പ്രപഞ്ചത്തെ ഒരു ചൈതന്യം ഭരിക്കുന്നു എന്നറിഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ട് ആ ചൈതന്യം ഏറ്റെടുത്തുകൊണ്ട് കരുണയും കരുത്തും നൽകണമെന്നാണ് എനിക്ക് അപേക്ഷിക്കാനുള്ളതെന്ന് സാനുമാഷ് പറഞ്ഞു. എറണാകുളം എം.എൽ.എ. ശ്രീ ടി.ജെ. വിനോദ് അദ്ധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ച ചടങ്ങിൽ ശ്രീ കെ. ബാബു എം.എൽ.എ., ഡോ. ജിഗുസ്ഥാമി, ഫാ. ബിജു വടക്കേൽ, ഫാ. തോമസ് പുതുശ്ശേരി, ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ്, കെ.സി.ബി. സി. മീഡിയ കമ്മീഷൻ സെക്രട്ടറി ഡോ. എബ്രഹാം ഇരിമ്പി നിക്കൽ, ഡോ. പോൾ തേലക്കാട്ട്, കരയോഗം ജനറൽ സെക്രട്ടറി പി. രാമചന്ദ്രൻ, പത്മജ എസ്. മേനോൻ, പ്രസ് ക്ലബ്ബ് സെക്രട്ടറി സുഫി മുഹമ്മദ് എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

## LET'S REMEMBER THE DEPARTED SOULS

● Rev. Fr George Kanjamala CMI (87), St Joseph's Province, Kottayam, was called to eternal reward on 16 July 2022. The funeral service was held at St. John's Monastery, Mutholy.

● Rev. Fr Thomas Edappadikarottu CMI (86), Carmel Province, Muvattupuzha was called to eternal reward on 18 August 2022. The Funeral Service was held at Carmel Monastery, Vazhakulam on Saturday, 20 August 2022.

● Rev. Fr Joseph Elias Kannath CMI (84), Devamatha Province- Thrissur, was called to eternal reward on 12 September 2022. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, 14 September 2022 at St Xavier's Carmel Monastery, Pullur.

● Rev. Fr James Naduvilekut CMI (79), St

Joseph's Province, Kottayam was called to eternal reward on 16 September 2022. The Funeral Service was held on 18 September 2022 at St. Anne's Monastery, Kurianad.

● Rev. Fr Kuncheria Pathil CMI (83), St. Joseph's Province Thiruvananthapuram, was called to eternal reward on 05 October 2022. The funeral service was held on 08 October 2022 at Sacred Heart Monastery Church, Chethipuzha.

● Rev. Fr Babu Kuzhumbil CMI (57), St Thomas Province, Kozhikode was called to eternal reward on 24 October 2022. The funeral service was held on 25 October 2022 at St Joseph's Monastery Church, Devagiri.



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(1952 - 2021)

ജനനം	: 12/04/1952	വ്രതം	: 16/05/1974
തിരുപ്പട്ടം	: 20/04/1982	മരണം	: 19/10/2021

കോട്ടയം, സെന്റ് ജോസഫ് പ്രവിശ്യയിലെ പുളിയമ്പല സെന്റ് ആന്റണീസ് കാർമ്മൽ മൊണാസ്റ്റി അംഗമായിരുന്ന ബഹു. ജോസഫ് വലിയതാഴത്തച്ചൻ, ദൈവം തന്നെ ഏൽപ്പിച്ച ദൗത്യങ്ങളെല്ലാം ഭംഗിയായി പൂർത്തിയാക്കി. 2021 ഒക്ടോബർ 11-ാം തീയതി ചൊവ്വാഴ്ച 69-ാം വയസ്സിൽ, ദൈവപിതാവിന്റെ സന്നിധിയിലേക്ക് യാത്രയായി. കർമ്മനിരതമായ ജീവിതത്തിലൂടെ അനേകർക്ക് വഴികാട്ടിയും അഭയവുമായിത്തീർന്ന ബഹു. ജോസഫ് അച്ചനെ നന്ദിയോടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനയിൽ ഓർക്കാം.

പാലാരുപതയിൽ കാഞ്ഞിരത്താനം ഇടവകയിൽ വലിയതാഴത്ത് കുടുംബത്തിൽ മാത്യു (പെലി മാത്യു) വിന്റെയും ഏലിക്കുട്ടിയുടെയും ഏഴുമക്കളിൽ രണ്ടാമത്തെ മകനായി 1952 ഏപ്രിൽ 12 ന് ജോസഫ് അച്ചൻ ഭൂജാതനായി. പോൾ, ഡോമിനിക്, ജോൺ, മാത്യു, ടോമി, ജെസി എന്നിവരാണ് സഹോദരങ്ങൾ. കാഞ്ഞിരത്താനം സെന്റ് ജോൺസ് ഹൈസ്കൂളിലെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിനു ശേഷം സി.എം.ഐ. സഭയിൽ ചേർന്ന അദ്ദേഹം 1974 മെയ് 16-ന് ആദ്യവതം അനുഷ്ഠിച്ചു. ബാംഗ്ലൂർ ധർമ്മാരാമിൽ നിന്നും തത്വശാസ്ത്രവും, പുന്നയിൽ നിന്നും ദൈവശാസ്ത്രവും അഭ്യസിച്ച ജോസഫ് 1982 ഏപ്രിൽ 20-ന് അഭിവന്ദ്യ പൗളിനോസ് ജീരകത്തിൽ പിതാവിന്റെ കൈവയ്പ് ശുശ്രൂഷവഴി പുരോഹിതനായി അഭിഷിക്തനായി.

എറണാകുളം മഹാരാജാസ് കോളേജിൽ നിന്നും മലയാള സാഹിത്യത്തിൽ ബിരുദം എടുത്ത അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ആദ്യ കർമ്മരംഗം എറണാകുളം ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററായിരുന്നു. 1984 -ൽ കോട്ടയത്ത് ദർശന സാംസ്കാരിക കേന്ദ്രത്തിന് തുടക്കം കുറിച്ചുകൊണ്ട്, കോട്ടയം അക്ഷര നഗരിയിലെ സാംസ്കാരിക പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെ സംഘാടകനും സംവിധായകനും, മാർഗദർശിയും, ആവിഷ്കാരകനുമായി പ്രശോഭിക്കുകയും, യാതൊരു വേർതിരിവുകളുമില്ലാതെ എല്ലാവർക്കും സന്തോഷത്തോടെ ഒത്തുചേരുവാൻ അവസരമൊരുക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.

കോട്ടയം ദർശന അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര പുസ്തകമേള, കലാദർശന, ചലച്ചിത്ര സൊസൈറ്റി, എന്നിവ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ സംഭാവനകളിൽ ചിലതാണ്.

1999-ൽ അമേരിക്കയിൽ അയോണ യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നും പാസ്റ്ററൽ തിയോളജിയിലും, തെറാപ്യൂട്ടിക് കൗൺസിലിംഗിലും മാസ്റ്റർ ബിരുദം കരസ്ഥമാക്കി നാട്ടിൽ തിരികെ എത്തിയ അദ്ദേഹം പ്രൊവിൻസിന്റെ പ്രൊവിൻഷ്യൽ കൗൺസിലർ ആയിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ രൂപം നൽകിയതാണ് ഇടുക്കി ജില്ലയിലെ പുളിയമ്പല കേന്ദ്രമായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ലഹരി വിമുക്ത ചികിത്സാ കേന്ദ്രമായ 'നവദർശനഗ്രാമ ഡി അഡിക്ഷൻ സെന്റർ'.

ഹൈറേഞ്ചിന്റെ അനുഗ്രഹമായ ഈ സ്ഥാപനം വഴി ആയിരക്കണക്കിനു വ്യക്തികളാണ് മദ്യത്തിന്റെയും, മയക്കുമരുന്നിന്റെയും അടിമത്വത്തിൽ നിന്നും, സന്തോഷകരമായ കുടുംബജീവിതത്തിലേക്ക് കടന്നുവന്നിട്ടുള്ളത്. ജോസഫ് നൽകിയിരുന്ന കൗൺസിലിംഗും, ചികിത്സക്കുശേഷമുള്ള പ്രോഗ്രാമുകളും, ആത്മീയത നിറഞ്ഞ വ്യക്തി ബന്ധങ്ങളും നവദർശനാഗ്രാമിനെ മറ്റുസ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും വ്യത്യസ്തമാക്കിയിരുന്നതായും, അച്ചന്റെ സ്വാധീനം അവിടെ എത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള ഓരോരുത്തരുടെയും ജീവിതത്തിൽ പുത്തനുണർവും ഉന്മേഷവും, പ്രതീക്ഷയും നൽകിയിരുന്നതായും, ഇന്നത്തെ ഹൈറേഞ്ചിന്റെ രക്ഷകനായ ജോസഫ് ഹൈറേഞ്ചുകാരുടെ മനസ്സിൽ സ്ഥിര പ്രതിഷ്ഠ നേടിയിട്ടുള്ളതായും ധാരാളം ആളുകൾ സാക്ഷ്യപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

പാർക്കിൻസൺസ് രോഗബാധയെ തുടർന്ന് 2017 മുതൽ ബഹു. ജോസഫ് അച്ചൻ കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി പ്രശാന്ത് ഭവനിൽ വിശ്രമജീവിതം നയിച്ചു വരികയായിരുന്നു. ഇക്കാലയളവിലും തന്റെ ഇഷ്ട വിഷയമായ തെറാപ്യൂട്ടിക് കൗൺസിലിംഗിനെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള പുസ്തക രചനയ്ക്ക് അദ്ദേഹം സമയം ചിലവഴിച്ചിരുന്നു.

മരണത്തിന് ഒന്നര ആഴ്ചമുമ്പ് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് കോവിഡ് രോഗം പിടിപെടുകയും കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി മേരികീൻസ് ആശുപത്രിയിലും, പിന്നീട് കോട്ടയം ഭാരത് ആശുപത്രിയിലും പ്രവേശിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിരുന്നു. 2021 ഒക്ടോബർ 19-ാം തീയതി വെളുപ്പിന് ഹൃദയാഘാതം ഉണ്ടാകുകയും, ദൈവം തനിക്കായി ഒരുക്കിയ നിത്യസമ്മാനത്തിനായി യാത്രയാവുകയും ചെയ്തു. 20-ാം തീയതി മുതൽമരണം കൂര്യനാട് ആശ്രമത്തിൽ എത്തിക്കുകയും, ബഹു. പ്രൊവിൻഷ്യൽ ജോർജ്ജ് ഇടയാടിയിൽ അച്ചന്റെ പ്രധാന കാർമ്മികത്വത്തിലും പുളിയന്തല ആശ്രമം പ്രിയോർ ഫാ. ജെയിംസ് നീണ്ടുശ്ശേരി, കൂര്യനാട് ആശ്രമം പ്രിയോർ ഫാ. ടോം മാത്തശ്ശേരി എന്നിവരുടെ സഹകാർമ്മികത്വത്തിലും മുതസംസ്കാര കർമ്മങ്ങൾ നടത്തി, കോവിഡ് മാനദണ്ഡം പാലിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് അവിടെ സംസ്കരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.

ബഹു. ജോസഫ് അച്ചനിലൂടെ ദൈവം നമ്മുടെ സഭയ്ക്കും സമൂഹത്തിനും നൽകിയ അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങൾക്ക് നന്ദിപറയാം, പ്രാർത്ഥനയിൽ ഓർക്കാം. നമ്മുടെ ഓരോ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിലും സഭാനിയമപ്രകാരമുള്ള കുർബാനയും, പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും നടത്തി, നമ്മുടെ സ്നേഹകൂട്ടായ്മയുടെ ആഴം വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കാം.



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കോട്ടയം സെന്റ് ജോസഫ് പ്രവിശ്യയിലെ പാലമ്പ്ര ഗെറ്റ്സമെൻ ആശ്രമാംഗമായിരുന്ന ഫാ. ജോർജ്ജ് കാഞ്ഞമല (87) 2022 ജൂലൈ 16-ാം തീയതി രാവിലെ 10.45 ന് നിര്യാതനായി. പാലാ



രൂപതയിലെ ഉരുളികുന്നം സെന്റ് ജോർജ്ജ് ഇടവകയിൽ വർക്കി - അന്നമ്മ ദമ്പതികളുടെ മകനായി 1935 നവംബർ 21-ാം തീയതി ജനിച്ച അദ്ദേഹം 1955-ൽ സി.എം.ഐ. സഭയിൽ ചേർന്ന് 1958 മെയ് 16-ാം തീയതി ആദ്യവ്രതം സ്വീകരിച്ച് 1964 മെയ് 16-ാം തീയതി പൗരോഹിത്യം സ്വീകരിച്ചു.

ജോർജ്ജ് അച്ചൻ കുത്താട്ടുകുളം മേരിഗിരി ആശ്രമം സുപ്പീരിയർ, മുത്തോലി സെന്റ് ജോൺസ് ആശ്രമം, കരിക്കാട്ടൂർ സെന്റ് ജെയിംസ് ആശ്രമം എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിൽ പ്രിയോർ, ചക്കുപള്ളം സെന്റ് ഡൊമിനിക്കാർമ്മൽ ഹൗസ് പ്രീഫെക്ട് ആയും, കോട്ടയം ദീപിക ബുക്ക് ഹൗസ്, കോഴിക്കോട് മേരികുന്ന്, കട്ടപ്പന ചാവറ ആശ്രമം എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിൽ അംഗമായും സേവനം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. ചങ്ങനാശ്ശേരി, കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി, മാനന്തവാടി രൂപതകളിൽ വിവിധ ദൈവാലയങ്ങളിൽ വികാരിയായും സേവനം ചെയ്ത ജോർജ്ജ് അച്ചൻ കന്യാകുമാരിയിൽ മിഷൻ പ്രവർത്തനത്തിലും ഏർപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ മൃതദേഹം 18.07.2022, തിങ്കളാഴ്ച രാവിലെ കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി പാലമ്പ്ര ഗെറ്റ്സമെൻ ആശ്രമദൈവാലയത്തിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരികയും സംസ്കാരശുശ്രൂഷകൾ ഉച്ചകഴിഞ്ഞ് 2.00 ന് മുത്തോലി സെന്റ് ജോൺസ് ആശ്രമദൈവാലയത്തിൽ വച്ച് നടത്തുകയും ചെയ്തു. സംസ്കാരശുശ്രൂഷകളിലും ദിവ്യബലിയിലും വളരെയധികം വൈദികരും സന്യാസ്തരും ബന്ധുമിത്രാദികളും പങ്കെടുത്തു. ജനറൽ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ കൗൺസിലർ ഫാ. മാർട്ടിൻ മുള്ളാത്ത്, പ്രവിശ്യയുടെ വികർ പ്രൊവിൻഷ്യൽ ഫാ. ജോസ് ഐക്കരപറമ്പിൽ, പ്രിയോർ ഫാ. ജോർജ്ജ് മറ്റത്തിൽ, ഉരുളികുന്നം പള്ളി വികാരി എന്നിവരുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ദിവ്യബലി അർപ്പിച്ചു. പരേതരായ ജോസഫ്, ചിന്നമ്മ ദേവസ്യ, മാത്യു, ഏലിക്കുട്ടി ജോസഫ്, കെ.വി.മാണി എന്നിവർ സഹോദരങ്ങളാണ്.

ഫാ. ജോർജ്ജ് കാഞ്ഞമല അച്ചനുവേണ്ടി നമ്മുടെ സഭാനിയമ പ്രകാരം (Directory No.58 b) ദിവ്യബലിയും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും സമർപ്പിച്ച് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ആത്മശാന്തിക്കായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കണമെന്ന് വിനീതമായി അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.



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(1943 - 2022)

ജനനം	: 11/09/1943	വ്രതം	: 16/05/1963
തിരുപ്പട്ടം	: 03/01/1971	മരണം	: 16/09/2022

കോട്ടയം സി.എം.ഐ. സന്യാസസമൂഹത്തിന്റെ കോട്ടയം സെന്റ് ജോസഫ് പ്രവിശ്യയിലെ പുതുപ്പള്ളി സെന്റ് ആന്റണീസ് സി.എം.ഐ. ഭവൻ ആശ്രമാംഗമായിരുന്ന ഫാ. ജെയിംസ് നടുവിലേക്കുറ്റ് (79) 2022 സെപ്തംബർ 16 -ാം തീയതി രാവിലെ 09.30 ന് നിര്യാതനായി. പാലാ രൂപതയിലെ കാഞ്ഞിരത്താനം ഇടവകയിൽ ചാക്കോ - അന്നക്കുട്ടി ദമ്പതികളുടെ മകനായി 1943 സെപ്തംബർ 11-ാം തീയതി ജനിച്ച അദ്ദേഹം 1960 ൽ സി.എം.ഐ. സഭയിൽ ചേർന്ന്

1963 മെയ് 16-ാം തീയതി ആദ്യവ്രതം സ്വീകരിച്ച് 1971 ജനുവരി 3-ാം തീയതി പൗരോഹിത്യം സ്വീകരിച്ചു.

1977 ൽ ജർമ്മനി ബോക്കാം യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നും തിയോളജിയിൽ ഡോക്ടറേറ്റ് നേടിയ ജെയിംസ് അച്ചൻ 1972 ൽ പുളിങ്കുന്ന് ആശ്രമാംഗമായും ആലപ്പുഴ ജീവധാരയുടെ അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് ഡയറക്ടറായും സേവനം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. ആഷ്ടാ സെമിനാരിയിൽ പ്രൊഫസറായും വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ ഡീനായും, സാംബാൾ സെമിനാരിയിലും സേവനം ചെയ്ത അച്ചൻ പുതുപ്പള്ളി, കോട്ടയം പ്രൊവിൻഷ്യൽ ഹൗസ് എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലും സേവനം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. 1998 ൽ ഇന്റർ റിലീജിയസ് ഡയലോഗ് സെന്റർ (സ്നേഹവാണി) അടിച്ചിറയിൽ സ്ഥാപിക്കുകയും അതിന്റെ ഡയറക്ടറായി സേവനം ചെയ്യുകയും ചെയ്തു. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ സംസ്കാരശുശ്രൂഷകൾ ഞായറാഴ്ച ഉച്ചകഴിഞ്ഞ് 2.30 ന് കുര്യനാട് സെന്റ് ആൻസ് ആശ്രമദൈവാലയത്തിൽ വച്ച് നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. കുര്യൻ, ത്രേസ്യാമ്മ, ഏലിയാമ്മ, മേരിക്കുട്ടി എന്നിവർ സഹോദരങ്ങളാണ്.

ഫാ. ജെയിംസ് നടുവിലേക്കുറ്റ് അച്ചനുവേണ്ടി നമ്മുടെ സഭാനിയമ പ്രകാരം (Directory No.58b) ദിവ്യബലിയും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും സമർപ്പിച്ച് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ആത്മശാന്തിക്കായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കണമെന്ന് വിനീതമായി അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.







**The Participants of In-service Program for Aspirants Rectors  
and Novice Masters with Fr. Prior General.**



A photograph of a narrow, winding road covered in snow and ice, leading through a dense forest of tall evergreen trees. The trees are heavily laden with snow, and the sky above is overcast and grey. The road curves into the distance, disappearing into the woods.

Lord isn't calling us to do the easy thing.  
He is calling us to the Cross.