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# Message



As we celebrate the joyous mystery of Christmas and prepare to welcome the New Year, we are invited once again to contemplate on the profound truth of our faith: God has chosen to dwell among us. In the humble Child of Bethlehem, we encounter Emmanuel—God with us—who enters human history not with power and splendor, but with humility, tenderness, and self-giving love.

The mystery of the Incarnation assures us that no human experience is foreign to God. He comes to us in the ordinary realities of life, sanctifying our struggles, hopes, and limitations. In a world marked by uncertainty, violence, and growing indifference, Christmas proclaims a message of hope that does not disappoint—a hope rooted in God’s unwavering fidelity and love.

As followers of Christ, we are called to be bearers of this hope. Our vocation as Carmelites of Mary Immaculate invites us to witness to God’s presence through prayer, love and mission. Inspired by the life and vision of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, we are reminded that authentic discipleship integrates contemplation with committed action and faith with concrete service, especially to the poor and the marginalized.

The New Year offers us a grace-filled opportunity for renewal of our personal commitment, our community life, and our missionary zeal. It invites us to deepen our spiritual roots, strengthen bonds of fraternity, and respond creatively and courageously to the challenges of our time. In doing so, we become signs of God’s love and instruments of reconciliation in the world.

Let us journey forward with trust, mutual respect, and a renewed sense of responsibility for one another and for the mission entrusted to us. May the light of Christ, born anew at Christmas, illumine our hearts, guide our steps, and renew our hope. With fraternal affection and prayers, I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with God’s grace, peace, and joy.

**Fr. Thomas Chathampampil CMI**  
**Prior General**

# Editorial



In this era of social media, many of us watch Instagram reels and short videos. While much of what we scroll through is ephemeral, a recent reel offered a profound metaphor for our consecrated life: the concept of the "Spiritual Bank." Unlike the secular banks where we manage our financial transactions, this divine bank account operates on a different - the currency of prayer.

The metaphor is simple yet deeply practical for our spiritual life. In a financial bank, we deposit money during times of abundance so that it is available during times of need. In the Spiritual Bank, we deposit prayers - Rosaries, Hail Marys, or Our Fathers - during our quiet moments, our travels, or our times of adoration. We are not merely repeating words; we are building a reservoir of grace.

We are frequently approached with the request: "Father, please keep me in your prayers." We sincerely promise to do so, yet the frailty of human memory and the 'busyness' of ministry can sometimes lead us to "default" on that promise. The beauty of the Spiritual Bank is that it provides a remedy for this forgetfulness.

When a family member, a parishioner, or a stranger requests our prayers for any of their intentions, we can immediately "withdraw" from the spiritual deposits we have already kept in our Spiritual Bank. We offer those previously recited Rosaries or prayers to the Lord for that specific intention. By maintaining a robust balance in our prayer account, we ensure that we are always ready to provide for the spiritual needs of others, even at a moment's notice.

Let us use our time diligently to fill our spiritual bank account to the brim. In doing so, we ensure that our ministry of intercession remains faithful, reliable, and always abundant in grace. In addition, it turns a vague promise ("I will pray for you") into a tangible act of love. It encourages us to use our "wasted" time (traveling, waiting) to make spiritual deposits. Also, it removes the guilt of forgetting an intention, as the prayer has already been "pre-paid" with love.

May the New Year 2026 be a time of spiritual renewal for all of us.

**Fr. Martin Mallath CMI**  
**General Councillor for Education and Media**



# FROM MONASTIC ORDER TO MISSIONARY CONGREGATION



FR JOSE KURIEDATH

This is not a note on the history of the CMI Congregation nor a piece of autobiography. But it is both in a way. The following pages are the result of my reflections on how the congregation's and my own lifestyle has changed over the years during my lifetime in the CMI Congregation. It also includes an assessment on how these changes have affected the religious life of the members, positively as well as negatively.

It was in 1960 that I joined the aspirants' house of the CMI Congregation at Vazhakulam to continue my studies in the 10<sup>th</sup> (at that time 11<sup>th</sup>) standard at Infant Jesus High School on being paternally and lovingly promoted by Rev.

Fr. Oswald, a very loving and elderly priest whom I happened to meet at Koonammavu monastery while I was an altar server and secretary of the Marian Sodality. Except for the rather strict timetable and other rules of discipline, we did not feel anything special about the lifestyle in the aspirants' house. I very successfully completed my SSLC with a first class (rather rare in those years) and moved to Neeleeswaram for further studies in Latin and Syriac for two years. There also the lifestyle of Vazhakulam continued without any important changes. It was towards the end of 1962 a new postulants' home was completed at Kalamassery in the cam-

pus of the Provincial House itself, and we were moved to the new house as its first batch. Though Rev. Fr. Cyprian, a very erudite and capable teacher of Latin took charge as our Rector, there also the same lifestyle continued.

### **Into Carmelite Culture**

My batch of 20 aspirants entered the novitiate in May 1963, with vestition, i.e., with the reception of the brown Carmelite habit. In the novitiate we really began to feel the Carmelite culture. It was only very few years since the name of the Congregation was changed from 'Third Order of Carmelites Discalced (TOCD)' to 'Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI)'. Even after the changes, the Congregation maintained several features of the semi-contemplative lifestyle of the Carmelite Order, to which the Congregation was attached almost a century ago as the clerical version of the Third Order, which was primarily intended as a pious association for lay persons. Some of the very conspicuous external features of the Carmelite Order lifestyle that were taught by Fr. Leopold Becaro, the delegate of the bishop, from the very beginning and were still persisting were the following: the brown habit along with the cream colour cope, silence in

specified places and times, very strict silence after the examination of conscience at night, the idea of enclosure into which even the diocesan priests were not allowed to enter (we had to meet them as well as all relatives, both male and female, in the parlour, and the food was served to them there if it was meal time), meditation in community, divine praises of all the three times in common, strict silence and reading of spiritual books during meals, permission needed to go out of the community even to places of pastoral ministry, strict and disciplined movements of body parts like hand, head etc. while sitting, walking etc., complete prohibition to use lay dress and hence the need to wear the religious habit even for play and manual labour, maintaining the order of seniority strictly in chapel, dining hall etc. and so on. All these together instilled in us the style of a monastic and semi-contemplative life.

We realized that the monastic community life was maintained with the help of several such external support systems. The break or default in any element of the system was very seriously frowned upon and even punished. The punishment like public scolding, additional spiritual activity

and so on were given not only to those in formation, but even to senior members, who accepted them in total submission. Since these external structures were considered to be essential for maintaining the monastic lifestyle, members were very rarely and grudgingly given exemption from such rules.

Besides such external structures, the basics of spirituality that we learned and were trained to practice in the novitiate were also Carmelite in nature. We were encouraged to read the writings of St Theresa of Avila, St John of the Cross, St Therese of Lisieux and so on. The writings and teachings of St Kuriakose Elias Chavara were almost unheard. The Constitution of the Congregation had little to say about mission; in fact, there was no section on mission. Instead of the four chapters, namely religious life, mission, formation and administration, which the present Constitution contains, the previous Constitutions had only three chapters, the obvious omission being 'mission'. The religious life was explained more as a life of prayer and community without much to say about the missionary responsibility of all Christians, particularly of the religious. The decision making by the superior

was much emphasized; the individual had little role in it. His main responsibility was to obey the decision of the superior. So the individual member was not given any training in making responsible decision by himself. He was given training in living according to the rules and other structures that were already established and as per the decision of the superior. It seems, no situation outside such structures was conceived as the members were not expected to live alone or apart from others.

Instead of undertaking a mission for the Church, the religious were seen to be living to attain perfection as the heavenly father himself was perfect. That itself was considered a silent witnessing to the sanctity of the Christian life. So, religious life entailed basically removal of vices and nurturing of virtues and thus pursuing of spiritual perfection. During the formation period, we were given training in special examination of conscience apart from the common one, focusing on the removal of each specified vice or nurturing of a particular virtue during a period of time. This was the vision of religious life, especially of contemplative and semi-contemplative types, in pre-Vatican II period. In the case of the CMI Congrega-

tion we learn from history that though the founding fathers, particularly Malpan Thomas Palackal and his disciple Fr. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, wanted to found a community of the religious priests who would go around and preach to the people in the Dominican style, and thus enlighten them in theological and spiritual matters, the rules of life that were given to the first batch of the fathers by the bishop in 1855 at the time of their religious profession were almost those of the Carmelite Order with minor changes. Though a number of first fathers were not enthusiastic to accept those rules, St Chavara accepted them and exhorted his confreres to accept them as if they were given by the Blessed Mother in her maternal love. Even so, there existed tension often between the requirements of monastic lifestyle and the demands of pastoral needs of the people. The fathers experienced hurdles and tensions in getting permission for such ministries due to the restrictions of the monastic structures. From the time of its affiliation to the Carmelite Order as its third order in 1861, the members of the order were periodically instructed in the various rules of the Carmelite life by the delegate Fr. Leopold Beccaro, who was

also the first novice master of the Congregation. Fr. Leopold used to convene the local superiors and also the members several times in a year and give practical guidance to live the monastic life. Within a few years he inculcated in them the Carmelite lifestyle; a few who found it too restrictive left the religious life and went back to minister as diocesan priests.

### **Tension between Monastic Life and Mission**

The tension or even conflict between the controls of the rules and the needs of pastoral ministry existed for about a century in the Congregation. In fact, the members undertook and the superiors permitted several kinds of pastoral ministries in spite of the restrictions imposed by the monastic lifestyle. The tension grew deeper when the members of the Syro-Malabar Church began to emigrate to the Malabar region and settle down there from 1930's. The whole of the Malabar region was under the jurisdiction of the Latin diocese of Calicut (Kozhikode), as the proper territory of the Syro-Malabar Church was restricted to the area between the rivers Bharatapuzha in the north and Pampa in the south from the time of the establishment of two vicariates,

Thrissur and Kottayam, in 1887. The restriction on the area did not change even when the Hierarchy was established in 1923. Even so, the members of the Congregation accompanied the migrants to new places and ministered to them in the Syrian rite. It was considered as an exception in the lifestyle due to the exigencies of the pastoral care.

### **Towards a Missionary Congregation**

The Holy See could not ignore the conflict situation. Hence, when the Congregation was divided into three provinces in 1953, it sent Bp Bonaventura Arana OCD, a former bishop of Vijayapuram as an observer and guide to the General Synaxis. In his introductory message to the Synaxis he observed that the Holy See appreciated the great and praiseworthy ministries the members of the Congregation were doing in different parts of Kerala, particularly in the region of Malabar along with the migration of the Syro-Malabar faithful to that area. He commended that such works should continue as long as the need exists. However, he noted that the rules of the Congregation were rather restrictive on such ministries and hence needed

to be modified according to the needs of the times. Heeding to the advice, the Synaxis modified some rules and submitted a new Constitution to the Holy See for approval. Though some attempt was made to give more importance to the mission of the Congregation, still it carried most characteristics of the monastic lifestyle.

Serious attempt for reform and significant modifications were made only after Vatican II, which through its Constitution on 'Church' (Lumen Gentium) and Decree on 'Religious Life' (Perfectae Caritatis) gave a new direction to the understanding of both Church and religious life. Religious life was seen as radical discipleship and along with all members of the Church, the religious were also expected to bear witness to Jesus and his mission through their specific charism. They were to be pioneer missionaries of evangelization according to the needs of time and place as well as the nature of their charism. As most of the religious communities took up the responsibility of reforming their lifestyle according to this new vision, the CMI Congregation also undertook a very difficult and long task of reforming its own lifestyle. After the conclusion of Vatican II,

the Congregation formed several committees to study in detail the different aspects of religious life and also the history of the CMI Congregation in order to determine the specific nature of the charism of the Congregation. This effort gathered momentum in 1978 after Rev. Fr. Thomas Aykara was elected the Prior General of the Congregation. Under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Canisius (formerly Prior General) who was elected as the Vicar General, such a study was made with the involvement of several members, and a special session of the General Synaxis was convened to make changes in the Constitution in the light of the theological insights from Vatican II and also the history of the Congregation.

Then arose in the Congregation the most basic question whether the CMI Congregation should continue as a monastic order as given shape by the Carmelite missionaries in the initial years or more as a missionary congregation as it was envisaged initially by Malpan Thomas Palackal and his disciple St. Chavara. Another question was also raised if the congregation should continue to be called Carmelite, as it was given to it, but not planned by the first fathers. A section of the

members, especially the seniors, preferred to be known as Carmelites, while the other section argued for shedding the Carmelite garb and be known just as 'Congregation of Mary Immaculate', similar to the name used by the first fathers, 'Servants of Mary Immaculate'. After long debate from both sides, finally the name 'Carmelites of Mary Immaculate' (CMI) was chosen.

### **Missionary Lifestyle**

By this time, a good number of the members of the Congregation had begun to live outside the so-called monasteries either alone or in small groups. While I was an altar server at Koonammavu monastery, there were about fifteen to twenty priests living in a comparatively large community. But, by the 1960's several priests were living individually in parishes abroad for studies and pastoral ministry. In 1962 the Exarchate of Chanda was entrusted to the Congregation; later, several other dioceses, Bijnor (1972), Jagdalpur (1972), Rajkot (1977), Sagar (1977), were entrusted to it. In all these dioceses, the members of the Congregation began to live and work individually or in small numbers of just two or three. Due to the nature of the work in remote villages, it was difficult for

them to follow a community timetable. Almost all of them lived like parish priests, except that there was a local superior and common fund for their income and expenses. Though the Constitution envisaged four different types of houses, the newly established houses in these mission regions were not declared as canonical houses except just one or two. Most houses were in the status of residences dependent on the province. Thus, the lifestyle of the members of the Congregation began to change gradually and slowly from a monastic type with large communities, common timetable, community prayer, common meal and so on to that of active missionaries. The priests began to live individually or in small communities and due to the nature of the work in a mission area they were not able to follow a common timetable for prayer, meals etc. The lifestyle in the Congregation was getting transformed into one of missionary religious, rather than of monks. Even in Kerala where monastic lifestyle existed for a century, it began to change. As the institutions attached to the religious houses began to grow and their varied needs demanded, the members could not come together on fixed times for

prayer and community functions. Several elements of community life like common prayer, common recreation, common fund, common meal etc began to decline, or even disappear. Each member was expected to carry the responsibility of maintaining the bond with the Congregation, keep accounts and be accountable to the superior, pray as expected from a religious priest. In other words, if previously the religious life was maintained with the help of several external support systems as mentioned above, now each member had to take up that responsibility without most of such systems in the changed circumstances. So, the question naturally arises whether the members have been getting formation to undertake such a responsibility. Did the method of formation in the Congregation change to meet the demands of the fast-changing lifestyle of the members?

### **Weakening of External Structures**

In social sciences, it is noted that the personality of the individuals is controlled and maintained in a balanced manner with the help of two sets of support or control systems, one external and the other internal. Rules, customs, authority, superior and so on are known

as the external control system. Values, attitudes, convictions etc are considered as the internal control system. As the lifestyle in the Congregation underwent changes and a uniform and strict external control system could not be enforced, the religious life needed to be maintained more with the help of the internal control system. Naturally, the most serious question is whether the CMI formation method has been successful in changing its style along with the changes in the lifestyle of the Congregation. Concretely, the following questions may be asked: Are the members taught the responsibility and also trained to pray even if a timetable cannot be followed and there is no community to pray with? Are they helped to develop a habit of keeping silence at appropriate places and times for study, prayer and rest? Are the members accountable to the community and superior about their financial dealings, even while no one supervises it? Have they become convinced about the spirit of the vow of poverty which demands common fund regarding income as well as expense and transparent accounts of the same? Are the members given formation to feel spontaneously that community

life and healthy interpersonal relations are essential for religious life within the Church? Have the members received formation to be humble enough to ask permission for matters for which such permission is required according to the rules of the Congregation? Do the members happily fulfil the above kinds of responsibilities and similar ones wherever they are, i.e., in traditional religious houses or in remote mission stations outside the observation of superiors and other members?

### **Formation to Change**

A formation method strongly embedded in personal and internal social control alone will support religious life in the days to come. The change becomes inevitable not just because the nature of religious life has already undergone transformation in our Congregation, i.e., from a monastic type to a missionary one, but also because the whole human society is also changing fast with less control by community and more prominence and power to the individual. Such a change is an essential aspect of the transformation of the human society from a tribal style in which the individual had little importance to an urban and even post-urban one in which the individual's rights and heterogeneity

are recognized as central or fundamental. So, if the community life is to be maintained not only in religious life but even in families, the internal social control systems need to be strengthened, and new methods of formation are to be developed. Is the CMI Congregation ready for that? As we approach the 200<sup>th</sup> year of our foundation, should we not have a serious introspection into

how the CMI religious life can be maintained in the third century of its existence with changes in the formation and training of its members? How can we prevent the Congregation from degenerating into a set of priests living and performing almost the same kinds of tasks like the diocesan priests with little difference in substance?



*A Land Where the Earth Whispers*

# PERU



**FR KURIAN PERUMPALLIKUNNEL**

My love affair with Peru began a quarter-century ago. In 1999, I spent a month immersed in its wonders, and returned home bursting with stories. I wrote a series in Carmelasandesam titled “Oru Peruvian Veera Gaadha,” convinced I had grasped the soul of this ancient land and the spirit of our CMI missionaries there. I was, I confess, blissfully mistaken.

God has a delightful way of humbling us. In 2019, He orchestrated my return not as a visitor, but as a missionary. And over the past

six years, Peru has systematically dismantled my confident understanding, replacing it with a spell-bound awe so profound it stole my words. Friends asked why I had fallen silent. I pleaded busyness, but the truth was simpler and more daunting: How does one capture the sheer, breathtaking marvel of Peru? How do you describe a living mystery?

The catalyst to find my voice again was the Golden Jubilee of the CMI Mission in Peru, celebrated with our General Councillor,

Fr Martin Mallath. His insistence, and the milestone of fifty years of service, compelled me to pick up my pen once more. This is not a definitive guide; it is an invitation to wonder.

### **A Tapestry Woven by Giants and Gods**

Forget everything you think you know about geography. Peru is a land of dramatic, impossible contrasts. It's a country where you can surf Pacific waves at dawn and, by evening, stand in the thin, sacred air of the Andes, looking down upon the world's highest navigable lake, Lake Titicaca. Here, the mighty Amazon is born as a trickle in the mountains before beginning its epic journey across a continent.

This diversity is staggering. Peru is one of the world's most biodiverse nations, a living ark containing 84 of the Earth's 104 life zones. Its territory is a mosaic of coastal deserts, soaring peaks, and emerald jungles, each with its own secret world.

### **The Potato and the Pope: A Peruvian Joke**

Every corner of Peru holds a surprise, even in its most humble offerings. Consider the potato, first domesticated here millennia ago.



But the bland spud you know is a lie! In Peruvian markets, you find a riot of colour and shape—purple, red, yellow; knobbly, smooth, tiny as pearls. The variety is so immense it has spawned a beloved local joke, often attributed to the current Pope (a naturalized citizen of Peru): “We used to have 3,000 varieties of ‘papa’ in Peru. Now, we have 3,001.” (The charm, of course, lies in the double meaning: in Spanish, “papa” means both potato and Pope).



### **Where Civilizations Rise from the Sand and Stone**

Peru doesn't just have history; it is history. This is the cradle of American civilization.

ò Caral, with its sun-baked pyramids, is older than the Pharaohs.

ò Chan Chan is the vast, adobe ghost city of the Chimú Kingdom.

ò The Nazca Lines, those colossal desert puzzles, dare us to unravel their purpose—are they astronomical calendars, religious symbols, or messages for the gods?

ò And then, there are the Incas. In Cusco, the stones themselves seem to whisper in Quechua, the language of the empire. The Festival of the Sun, Inti Raymi, still erupts each June with vibrant colour, a direct link to the god Inti.

But the Inca's masterpiece is, without question, Machu Picchu. This "Lost City" is a marvel of engineering and faith. Built without

mortar, its stones are cut with such supernatural precision that not even a blade of grass can slip between them. It's a place that doesn't just surprise you; it hushes you.

### **The CMI Legacy: From Hesitant Steps to a Flourishing Mission**

Our own story in Peru is one of faith, doubt, and rediscovery. It began with a bold vision conceived in the hallowed halls of the Second Vatican Council. After initial explorations, three young CMI pioneers arrived in 1975, stepping into the unknown in Chuquibamba and Arequipa.

The path wasn't always straight. A call back to India in 1987 seemed to pause the dream. But the missionary heart of the CMI congregation could not be confined. By 1989, under the patronage of St. Joseph's Province, Kottayam, the mission was reborn, grander and more determined.

## A Story of Self-Reliance

The late Fr. Emmanuel Gnavallil loved to tell this story, a perfect snapshot of our mission's spirit. When Fr. Mathew Palithottam was parish priest of San Benito, the community longed to renovate their humble church. An engineer by training, Fr. Mathew prepared the plans, secured the approvals, and then stood before his congregation.

"My dear friends," he announced, "I have wonderful news! For the church renovation, we have the plans, the approvals, the estimate... and we have the money!" A wave of joyous applause swept through the church. He let it subside, then continued with a gentle smile, "The plans and approvals are with me. The money... is in your pockets. We simply need to gather it in convenient installments."

The people, who had always looked outward for help, instead looked inward. They funded the project entirely themselves, learning a powerful lesson in self-reliance that has become a cornerstone of our work here.

### The Road Ahead: An Invitation

Today, the San Mateo sub-region is a vibrant part of the Peruvian

Church. But the harvest is plentiful, and the labourers are few. We are present in only five of Peru's 44 dioceses, with countless invitations left unanswered. The recent arrival of six young CMI missionaries ignites our hope, as does the decision of the Kozhikode Province to send its members to the diocese of Huacho, a significant boost to the evangelization of Peru.

As we look forward, we also pause to honor the past. The service rendered by so many of our brethren during the last fifty years should not go unnoticed. This very year, we had to bid a earthly farewell to Fr. Scaria Kumaramangalam, Fr. Joy Kochupurackal, and the very storyteller Fr. Emmanuel Gnavallil, who have left us to claim their eternal reward. Their legacy is the foundation we build upon.

The people of Peru, warm and faithful, are praying for pastors. They are eager to build a self-reliant Church, much as we did in Kerala generations ago. The question now is not whether Peru is a land of surprises, but whether we are ready to be surprised by how God might use us next.

Do we care to be the answer to their prayers?

# Apostolic Exhortation

## Dilexi Te

TAKE AWAYS FOR CONSECRATED WOMEN AND MEN



FR. JACOB PEENIKAPARAMBIL

The Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te* (I have loved you), comprising five chapters and an introduction, represents the completion of a document that Pope Francis had begun drafting during his final days, intended as a continuation of his encyclical *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us). Pope Leo XIV, the current pontiff, added his own reflections to those of Pope Francis and presented the work as his first apostolic exhortation.

In this letter, Pope Leo acknowledges that he shares “the desire of his beloved predecessor that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ’s love and His summons to care for the poor.” This choice of theme for his inaugural apostolic

letter clearly signals continuity rather than rupture in papal priorities. His approach appears to embrace continuity with progress.

### ***Historical & Theological Context***

The exhortation traces the Church’s unwavering concern for the poor, from biblical roots and teachings of the Church Fathers, through the lives and works of saints like St. Francis of Assisi and the religious congregations they founded, to the social teachings of recent Popes. It reflects on care for the poor, migrants, the sick, prisoners, and victims of conflicts and wars. A careful reading of the text reveals the following key themes in the Christian faith:

### ***Centrality of Love for the Poor***

The exhortation affirms that love for the poor is not an optional virtue but lies at the heart of the Gospel and Christ's mission. The Church is called to renew her commitment to those most in need. "I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society, if we can only set ourselves free of our selfcenteredness and open our ears to their cry" (Dilexi Te, No. 7).

### ***Understanding Poverty***

While material poverty - lack of food, shelter, healthcare - is emphasized, Pope Leo XIV expands the understanding to include social marginalization, moral and spiritual deprivation, cultural alienation, and loss of dignity and rights. He commends the UN's Millennium Development Goal of eradicating poverty and warns: "If we remain unresponsive to that cry, the poor might well cry out to the Lord against us, and we would incur guilt" (No. 8).

### ***The Poor as Evangelizers, not Just Recipients***

The poor are not mere objects of charity; they are evangelizers who witness to faith, humility,

and reliance on God. Consecrated men and women are urged to allow themselves to be evangelized by the poor, learning from their lived wisdom and expressions of faith. Pope Leo notes that faith must manifest in love and works of mercy: "This entails appreciating the poor in their goodness, in their experience of life, in their culture, and in their ways of living the faith" (No. 101).

### ***Preferential Option and Structural Change***

The document emphasizes a preferential option for the poor, not limited to individual acts of charity but addressing unjust systems, economic policies, and cultural norms that perpetuate inequality. Pope Leo XIV warns of growing inequality: "In a world where the poor are increasingly numerous, we paradoxically see the growth of a wealthy elite... living in a bubble of comfort and luxury, almost in another world compared to ordinary people" (No. 11).

He is critical of economic systems that widen this gap: "We must continue to denounce the 'dictatorship of an economy that kills'... This imbalance is the result of ideologies that defend the absolute autonomy of the marketplace and financial speculation" (No.92).

Consecrated life, in this context, is called to be a witness to justice -- not only to charity.

### ***Women as the “Doubly Poor”***

Special attention is given to poor women who also suffer from exclusion, violence, and marginalization. Pope Leo highlights the gap between rhetoric and reality in the condition of women, especially the destitute. He urges congregations of consecrated women to take a leading role in advocacy, support, and empowerment of women.

### ***Care for the Sick, Education, and Migrants***

Chapter 3, titled Church for the Poor, recounts the historical and ongoing contributions of the Church, particularly religious congregations, in serving the sick, educating the poor, and caring for migrants.

The document praises consecrated women for their maternal care of the sick: “Many consecrated women have played an even greater role in providing healthcare to the poor” (No. 51). This tradition lives on in hospitals, rural clinics, shelters for addicts, and field hospitals in conflict zones managed by women religious.

“When the Church kneels beside

a leper, a malnourished child, or an anonymous dying person, she fulfils her deepest vocation: to love the Lord where he is most disfigured” (No. 52).

Education is portrayed as a key tool for empowerment: “Since ancient times, Christians have understood that knowledge liberates, gives dignity, and brings us closer to the truth” (No. 71). Religious congregations have been pioneers in education for the underprivileged, especially in rural areas. True Catholic education, the document asserts, forms individuals open to goodness, beauty, and truth (No. 72). “Catholic schools, therefore, when they are faithful to their name, are places of inclusion, integral formation and human development” (No.72).

Accompanying migrants is another priority area of caring for the poor. With increasing migration, refugees, displaced people — many of whom are rejected, stigmatized — the call to see them as Christ himself, to build bridges, to welcome, is a strong moral reminder. The document challenges policies that treat human beings as threats rather than as fellow human beings in distress. “Our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can

be summed up in four verbs: welcome, protect, promote and integrate” (No.75).

### ***Consecrated Life as Prophetic Witness***

Consecrated men and women are called to be living signs - embodying poverty, simplicity, and solidarity with the poor. Their presence in remote or marginal places is seen as a luminous path to peace and salvation.

At the same time, they must have the courage to speak about inequality and injustice that perpetuate poverty. The document is very critical of the “pseudoscientific data that are invoked to support the claim that a free-market economy will automatically solve the problem of poverty”. The document also criticizes those who think and argue that “we should opt for pastoral work with the so-called elite, since, rather than wasting time on the poor, it would be better to care for the rich, the influential and professionals, so that with their help real solutions can be found and the Church can feel protected” (No.114).

### ***Contemplation as Foundation for action***

Service must spring from a deep spiritual life. Prayer, silence, and

contemplation are the sources of authentic action. “True love is always contemplative... Only on the basis of this real and sincere closeness can we properly accompany the poor on their path of liberation” (No. 101). St. Teresa of Calcutta exemplifies this balance: “She did not consider herself a philanthropist or an activist, but a bride of Christ crucified... She lived with little, prayed fervently, and served with joy” (No. 77).

### ***Takeaways for the Religious***

Following the reforms of Vatican II, many Indian religious congregations embraced radical solidarity with the poor, especially during the 1970s and 1980s. A notable example is the 1985 hunger strike by Sister Philomine Mary Thakadiyel in support of Kerala’s fisherfolk.

However, since the 1990s, this momentum has declined, partly due to the influence of the charismatic renewal and opposition to Liberation Theology.

The BJP’s rise to power in 2014 has led to increased scrutiny and hostility toward priests and nuns working among the poor. Many fear arrest under anti-conversion laws, which conflate humanitarian work with proselytism. Consequently, there has been a re-

treat from outreach. In states like Madhya Pradesh, many hostels for underprivileged children have closed.

In this context, Dilexi Te is both a challenge and an invitation. The following proposals emerge:

**Rootedness in Local Realities:** India's structural poverty—shaped by caste, gender, geography, and lack of access to services—demands more than charity. Consecrated persons are called to understand the deeper roots of exclusion and adopt strategies that empower the marginalized.

**Women Religious and Gender Justice:** With many congregations comprised women, and many apostolates focused on women and children, Dilexi Te urges renewed commitment to advocating for women's dignity, education, protection, and rights.

**Simplicity, Solidarity, and Prophetic Witness:** In a society marked by consumerism and inequality, consecrated life must visibly witness simplicity. Presence among the poor - in slums, tribal areas, or rural missions - is a prophetic statement.

**Empowerment Through Quality Education:** The inter-generation-

al cycle of poverty can be broken through quality education. Religious congregations could start vernacular-medium schools with strong English instruction for underprivileged communities. Where possible, they may run second-shift schools using the same infrastructure.

Other innovations might include one-year remedial programs for students who fail Class X, integrating exam preparation with skills training.

**Dialogue and Encounter in a Plural Society:** India's religious and cultural diversity calls for bridge-building. Consecrated life must foster dialogue, mutual respect, and shared humanity.

### **Conclusion**

For consecrated men and women in India, Dilexi Te is a call to re-embrace the Gospel's radical commitment to the poor, not just through works, but through a transformation of heart, mindset, and structures. It is a call to allow the poor to evangelize us; to live simply and visibly among them; to avoid ostentation and privilege; and to speak boldly for justice, peace, and human dignity.

# 19-ാം നൂറ്റാണ്ടിൽ കേരളത്തിലുണ്ടായ ആദ്യത്തെ കത്തോലിക്കാപ്രസ്സിന്റെ തുടക്കം



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- 1556-ൽ പോർട്ടുഗീസുകാർ ഗോവയിൽ സ്ഥാപിച്ച പ്രിന്റിംഗ് പ്രസ്സാണ് ഭാരതത്തിലെ പ്രഥമമുദ്രാലയം. കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനടുത്തു വൈപ്പി കോട്ടയിലായിരുന്നു മറ്റൊന്ന്.
- കൊച്ചിയിലും സമ്പാളൂരും ഇങ്ങനെ ഈശോസഭക്കാരുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്ന പ്രസ്സുകളെല്ലാം 19-ാം നൂറ്റാണ്ടിന്റെ ആരംഭത്തിൽ നിലനിന്നിരുന്നില്ല.
- പിന്നീട് കേരളത്തിലുണ്ടായ രണ്ടു പ്രസ്സുകളാണ് സി.എം.എസ് പ്രോട്ടസ്റ്റന്റ് മിഷനറിമാരുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ കോട്ടയത്തും രാജാവിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തുണ്ടായിരുന്ന സർക്കാർ പ്രസ്സും.
- 19-ാം നൂറ്റാണ്ടിൽ കത്തോലിക്കരുടേതായി പ്രസ്സുകൾ ഒന്നും കേരളത്തിൽ ഇല്ലായിരുന്നു.
- കോട്ടയം, മാനാനത്ത് ചാവറയച്ചന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ 1846-ൽ തുടങ്ങിയ പ്രസ്സാണ് മലയാളികളാൽ തടിയിൽ നിർമ്മിക്കപ്പെട്ടതും

ഇൻഡ്യയിൽ ആദ്യത്തേതുമായ നാടൻ പ്രിന്റിംഗ് പ്രസ്സ്.

- കോട്ടയത്തെ പ്രസ്സിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനം കണ്ടുപഠിക്കാൻ അവസരം ലഭിക്കാതെ വന്നപ്പോൾ തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തുള്ള സർക്കാർ പ്രസ്സ് കണ്ടാണ് ചാവറയച്ചൻ പറമ്പിൽ പൗലോസച്ചന്റെ സഹകരണത്തോടുകൂടി പ്രസ്സിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ച് ആശയങ്ങൾ രൂപീകരിച്ചതും വാഴത്തടകൊണ്ടുള്ള മാതൃക ഉണ്ടാക്കി ഒരാശാരിയെക്കൊണ്ടു മരംകൊണ്ട് പ്രസ്സ് നിർമ്മിച്ചതും.
- ചാവറയച്ചൻ നാളാഗമത്തിൽ കുറിച്ചുവെച്ചതും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ സമകാലീനരിൽ നിന്ന് വ്യക്തമായി അറിഞ്ഞതുമായ കാര്യങ്ങൾ കുട്ടിച്ചേർത്ത് ഫാ. വലേരിയൻ സി.എം.ഐ. 1939-ൽ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിച്ച ചാവറയച്ചന്റെ ജീവചരിത്രത്തിൽ നിന്നാണ് മാനാനം പ്രസ്സിന്റെ തുടക്കത്തേക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള വിശദീകരണം ഇവിടെ ചേർക്കുന്നത്.

- അച്ചടി സംബന്ധിച്ച് രാജകൊട്ടാരത്തിൽ നിന്ന് ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് റസിഡന്റ് ശ്രീ കല്ലൻ സായിപ്പ് വഴി ലഭിച്ച അനുവാദത്തിന്റെ രേഖയും ഇവിടെ ചേർക്കുന്നു.

**ഡോക്യുമെന്റ് - 7**

“1844-ാം കാലം ചിങ്ങം മുതൽ പുസ്തകം അടിപ്പാനുള്ള വേലയ്ക്ക് പ്രത്യേകം മനസുവച്ചു തുടങ്ങി. രണ്ടു കുറി ഞാൻ ഏറിയ ആഗ്രഹത്തോടെ കോട്ടയത്തു ചെന്നാറെ അവരു കാട്ടിയതുമില്ല. പിന്നെ കേൾവിയാലും കണ്ടവർ പലരോടും ചോദിച്ച് വേലകൾ ഓരോന്നു നടത്തി.” ഇന്നത്തെപ്പോലെ വിദേശങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും ഒരു പ്രസ്തു വരുത്താനുള്ള ധനശക്തിയോ സൗകര്യമോ അന്നുണ്ടായിരുന്നില്ല. അതിനാൽ ഒരു നാടൻ പ്രസ്സാണ് അദ്ദേഹം ഉണ്ടാക്കിയത്. തിരുവനന്തപുരത്ത് ഗവർണ്മെണ്ടുപ്രസ്സിൽ ചെന്ന് അവിടുത്തെ ചില കത്തോലിക്കരായ വേലക്കാരുടെ സഹായത്താൽ പ്രസ്സ് നടത്തിപ്പിന് ആവശ്യമായ ചില സംഗതികൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കി. അവിടെ കണ്ട പ്രസ്സിന്റെ ഒരു മാതൃക വാഴപ്പിണ്ടി കൊണ്ടുണ്ടാക്കി ഒരാശാരിയെ കാണിച്ചു. ആ ആശാരി നിർമ്മിച്ച മരപ്രസ്സാണ് മാനാനം അച്ചടിശാലയിലെ ഒന്നാമത്തെ പ്രസ്സ്. കോട്ടയം സി.എം.എസ്സ്. പ്രസ്സിൽ ജോലി ചെയ്തിരുന്ന ഒരു പാണ്ടിത്തട്ടാ നാണ് അക്ഷരം ചതുരവടിവിൽ വാർത്തുകൊടുത്തത്. തിരുവനന്തപുരത്ത് ഗവർണ്മെണ്ടുപ്രസ്സിൽ നിന്നും കുര്യൻ എന്നൊരാളെ പുസ്തകം അടിക്കുന്നതിനും ബോംബെയിൽ പോയി പഠിച്ചുവന്ന ഒരു കൊച്ചിക്കാരൻ യുദനബുക്കു ബയിണ്ടിങ്ങിനും ഏർപ്പെടുത്തി. ഇവരിൽനിന്നും മാനാനംകാരായ ചിലർ ഈ കൈവേല അഭ്യസിക്കയും അങ്ങനെ പരമ്പരയായി അവർ പ്രശസ്തമായ രീതിയിൽ നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. തദനന്തരം കടലാസും മഷിയും ശേഖരിക്കാനുള്ള ശ്രമമായി.

“പുതുച്ചേരി, മദ്രാസ് ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ളയിടങ്ങളിൽ പ്രസിന്നും മഷിക്കും എഴുതിച്ചാറെ മഷി അവിടെ കിട്ടുകയില്ലെന്നും പ്രസിന് യൂറോപ്പിലെ 500 രൂപായെന്നും, പിന്നെയുള്ള കേവു മുതലായ ചിലവും കൊടുക്കണമെന്നും, എന്നാൽ ഒരു പ്രസ്തു വരുത്തിച്ച തരാമെന്നും മറുപടി വരികയാൽ ദ്രവ്യചുരുക്കത്താൽ മടുത്തു ക്ലേശിച്ചു. ആലപ്പുഴ ഏലഞ്ഞിക്കൽ ചെറിയാൻ കൃഷ്ണ, വൈക്കത്തുകാരൻ കൊച്ചുപൗലോസ് യിവരക്കൊണ്ട് കമീശ് എന്ന ഒരു കൊച്ചിക്കാരനുമായിട്ട് 100 രൂപായുടെ കടലാസ, മഷി, ഈയും ഈ വക വരുത്തിത്തരുവാൻ പറഞ്ഞു ബോധിച്ച 10 രൂപായും കൊടുത്തു. കന്നിമാസത്തിൽ ചരക്കു വന്നു എന്നും കേട്ടു ചെന്നപ്പോൾ 10 കെട്ട് കടലാസ്. ഒരു വീപ്പ മഷി ഇങ്ങനെ 400 രൂപയിലധികം ലാഭം ഉൾപ്പെടെ വിലയുള്ള ചരക്കുവന്നു എന്നും വിലയുടെ തിട്ടം ഇതുവരെ പറഞ്ഞില്ലായെന്നും, ചരക്കു പറഞ്ഞതിൽ 1/2 വീപ്പക്കു പറഞ്ഞാറെ മുഴുവനല്ലാതെ കിട്ടുകയില്ലെന്നും വേർവിട്ട വഴിയില്ലായെന്നും നിങ്ങൾ തന്നെ വാങ്ങിക്കണമെന്നും കച്ചവടക്കാരൻ പറകയാൽ ഏറ്റം മനവിഷാദമായി. അപ്പോൾ ചെന്നക്കാട്ടു തൊമ്മൻ എന്നയാൾ ഞങ്ങളുടെ മേലും ഈ കാർയ്യങ്ങളുടെ മേലും ഏറ്റം വേണ്ടിയ ആളായിരിയ്ക്കയാൽ ഇയാളുടെ ഉത്സാഹത്താലും വേലയാലും 1/2 വീപ്പ മഷിയും കടലാ

സും വാങ്ങിച്ചാൽ മതിയെന്നും അവരെ സമ്മതപ്പെടുത്തി. 6000 ചക്രത്തിനുള്ള ചരക്ക് ഇതിന് കൊടുപ്പാനുള്ളതിന് ഇയാളുടെ ഉത്സാഹത്താൽ തന്നെ പലിശയും കൂട്ടി യൗസേപ്പുപുണ്യവാളന് ഒരു ചിട്ടിയുണ്ടാക്കി ആയതു 3000 ചക്രം ഉണ്ടാക്കി ആയതു കൊടുത്തു. ബാക്കി 3000 ചക്രത്തിന് ഇയാൾ തന്നെ കച്ചവടക്കാരന് കച്ചിട്ടും എഴുതി ചരക്കും വാങ്ങിച്ചു തന്നയച്ചു. ഞാനും ബ. കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളിലച്ചനുംകൂടി വാങ്ങിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുപോരുകയും ചെയ്തു.”

അച്ചുകൂടം സ്ഥാപിച്ച ആണ്ട് ധനു 7-ാംന് പ്രംസിസ്കോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്താ കാലഗതനായി. മാനാനം സ്ഥാപനത്തോട് പ്രത്യേകം താല്പര്യമുള്ള ആളായിരുന്നു, അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ അനന്തിരവനായ ലൂദവിക്കോസു മെത്രാൻ. ഇദ്ദേഹം 1846 ജൂലായി മാസത്തിൽ അച്ചടി സംബന്ധിച്ച് കൊട്ടാരത്തിൽ നിന്ന് വേണ്ട അനുവാദങ്ങൾ റസിഡന്റ് കല്ലൻസായിപ്പുവഴി വാങ്ങിച്ചു കൊടുത്തതുകൂടാതെ റോമ്മയിൽനിന്നുള്ള അനുമതികളും എഴുതി വരുത്തുകയുണ്ടായി.

**പ്രസ്തു തുടങ്ങുവാൻ തിരുവിതാംകൂർ മഹാരാജാവിന്റെ അനുവാദം**

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മാർച്ച് 17-ാം തീയതിയും (ചീ.480), മെയ് 12-ാം തീയതിയും (ചീ.817), നിങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും ലഭിച്ച എഴുത്തുകൾ പ്രകാരം, രാജകൊട്ടാരത്തിലെ ദിവാ നിലുടെ മെയ് 18-ാം തീയതി ലഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന അനുവാദത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് അറിയിക്കുവാൻ ഞാൻ സന്തുഷ്ടനാണ്.

മലബാറിന്റെ വികാരി അപ്പസ്തോലിക്ക വന്ദ്യനായ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ് വഴി ഏറ്റുമാനൂർ ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ടിൽ ഒരു പ്രിന്റിംഗ് പ്രസ്തു തുടങ്ങുവാൻ അനുവാദത്തിനു ചോദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത് മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ട് സന്തോഷത്തോടെ അനുവദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

നന്ദിയോടെ മഹാരാജാവിനുവേണ്ടി ദിവാൻ  
(ഒപ്പ്)  
തിരുവനന്തപുരം  
1846 ജൂലായ് 3ന്  
ശരിപകർപ്പ്  
എം. കല്ലൻ, റെസിഡന്റ്  
(ഒപ്പ്)

(മാനാനം ആർക്കൈവ്സ്, ചാവറയച്ചൻ, നാളാഗമം, 44,45.)



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ഇന്ത്യയുടെ സാംസ്കാരിക ചരിത്രത്തിലെ തിരുശേഷിപ്പുകളിൽ ഒന്ന്. മുംബൈ നഗരത്തിന്റെ ദക്ഷിണാഗ്രഭാഗത്തുള്ള പ്രസിദ്ധമായ ഗേറ്റ് ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യക്ക് അടുത്തുള്ള എലഫന്റാ ദ്വീപ്. അവിടുത്തെ ഗുഹാന്തർമുഖത്ത് നിർമ്മിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള മനോഹര ശില്പങ്ങളിൽ ഏറ്റവും സുന്ദരമെന്നു വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കുന്നവയിൽ ഒന്നാണ് ഒറ്റക്കല്ലിൽ കൊത്തിയിരിക്കുന്ന ത്രിമൂർത്തി ശില്പം. സ്വതന്ത്ര ഇന്ത്യയിലെ പോസ്റ്റൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ് പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സ്റ്റാമ്പുകളിൽ ഈ ത്രിമൂർത്തി ശില്പം മുൻനിരയിൽ അടയാളപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഭഗവാന്റെ സൃഷ്ടി സ്ഥിതി സംഹാര

ഭാവങ്ങളുടെ ത്രിഭാവശിരസുകൾ ഏകദേശത്തിലുള്ള കലാ രൂപകല്പന. ഡൽഹി ഹരിനഗറിൽ ഇന്ന് സ്ഥിതി ചെയ്യുന്ന സിഎംഐ ഭവനത്തിന്റെ സ്വഭാവവും പ്രവർത്തനമേഖലകളും ഇതിനോട് സാദൃശ്യപ്പെടുത്താവുന്നതാണ്.

### ഡൽഹിയിലെ ഹരിനഗർ

ഹരി നഗറിലെ സി എൽ 7 കോളനിയിൽ ആണ് സി എം ഐ ഹൗസ് സ്ഥിതി ചെയ്യുന്നത്. ഇതിൽ നിന്നും അധികം ദൂരത്ത് അല്ലാതെയാണ് ഡൽഹിയിലെ പ്രസിദ്ധമായ തിഹാർ ജയിൽ നിൽക്കുന്നത്. ഡൽഹി ബസ് ഡിപ്പോയും ഈ കവലയിൽ തന്നെയാണ് .

അടുത്തുള്ള ബ്ലോക്കിലെൻ മെട്രോ സ്റ്റേഷൻ തീലക് നഗറിൽ നിന്നും 15 മിനിറ്റ് നടപ്പ് ദൂരമേ ഉള്ളൂ. ഇന്റർനാഷണൽ ഇന്ദിരാഗാന്ധി എയർപോർട്ടിൽ നിന്നുള്ള ദൂരം 15 കി.മി ആണ്. ന്യൂഡൽഹി തീവണ്ടി സ്റ്റേഷനിലേക്ക് റോഡ് മാർഗ്ഗം 22 കിലോമീറ്റർ വരും. അതിനടുത്തുള്ള ഡൽഹി മെട്രോയിൽ കയറിയാൽ രാജീവ് ചൗക്കിൽ വന്നു വണ്ടി മാറി ബ്ലോക്കിലെനിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ചാൽ ഹരി നഗറിൽ പകുതി സമയം കൊണ്ട് എത്താം. ഹരി നഗറിനടുത്ത് മറ്റൊരു റെയിൽവേ സ്റ്റേഷൻ ആണ് കൺട്രോൾമെന്റ് റെയിൽവേ സ്റ്റേഷൻ. ഏതാനും ദീർഘദൂര വണ്ടികൾക്ക് ഇവിടെയും സ്റ്റേഷനുള്ളൂ. ചാണക്യപുരിയിലെ വത്തിക്കാൻ എംബസിയിലേക്ക് (ഡൽഹി നൂർഷിയേച്ചർ) സി എം ഐ ഭവനത്തിൽ നിന്നും 14 കിലോമീറ്റർ ദൂരമേയുള്ളൂ. കേന്ദ്ര സർക്കാർ ഓഫീസുകളായ പാർലമെന്റ് ഹൗസ്, രാഷ്ട്രപതി ഭവൻ, സൗത്ത് ബ്ലോക്ക്, നോർത്ത് ബ്ലോക്ക് എന്നീ സമുച്ചത്തിലേക്ക് നമ്മുടെ ഭവനത്തിൽ നിന്നും 16 കിലോമീറ്റർ ആണ് ദൂരം. എല്ലായിടത്തേക്കും ഹരിനഗറിനടുത്തുള്ള തീലക് നഗർ മെട്രോ വഴി എളുപ്പത്തിൽ എത്തിച്ചേരാൻ ആകും.

ഹരിനഗർ ഒരു ഹൗസിംഗ് കോളനിയാണ്. എന്നിരുന്നാലും ഹിന്ദു ക്ഷേത്രങ്ങളും സിഖ് ഗുരുദാരകളും ഉൾപ്പെടുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇതിൽ ചാവറ ഇടവക പള്ളിയും. ഇതിന് സമീപത്ത് കുട്ടികൾക്ക് നടക്കാനും കളിക്കാനും വയോജനങ്ങൾക്ക് സൊറ പഠയാനും മണ്ഡപങ്ങളോട് കൂടിയ

നല്ല ഒരു ഉദ്യാനവും ഉണ്ട്. സി എം ഐ ഭവനത്തിന് ചുറ്റിലും സിക്ക്കാറും മറ്റുള്ളവരും ഇടകലർന്നു താമസിക്കുന്ന ഒരു സമൂഹമാണ്.

**ആദ്യ കാൽവെപ്പ്**

1976 ൽ വലിയ പ്രതിരോധനിരയെ നേരിട്ടു കൊണ്ടാണ് അന്നത്തെ ജനറൽ ആയിരുന്ന ഫാദർ തേയ്ബോൾഡും സംഘവും രാജ്യ തലസ്ഥാനത്ത് സി എം ഐ യുടെ കന്നി കാൽവെപ്പ് നടത്തുന്നത്. മൂഗളന്മാരുടെയും സ്വതന്ത്ര ഭാരത ശില്പികളായ ഗാന്ധി, നെഹ്റു തുടങ്ങിയ മഹാരഥന്മാരുടെയും, വിവിധ സംസ്കാര വിശേഷങ്ങൾ ഉള്ള സ്റ്റേറ്റുകളുടെയും അന്യരാജ്യ പ്രതിനിധി ആസ്ഥാനങ്ങളുടെയും കൂടി കലർപ്പ് വഴി വിശ്വരൂപം നിറഞ്ഞ തലസ്ഥാനത്ത് സി എം ഐ സ്ഥാപനവും ഉണ്ടെന്നുള്ളത് ഇന്ന് ഏറെ അഭിമാനകരമാണ്. ഇപ്പോൾ 5 ദശവത്സരങ്ങൾ കഴിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു ഈ സ്ഥാപനം തുടങ്ങിയത്. ഈ നീണ്ട കാലയളവിൽ ഈ ഭവനത്തിന്റെ മേൽനോട്ടക്കാരായിരുന്ന എല്ലാവരും തന്നെ ഇതിന്റെ വളർച്ചയിൽ വിവിധങ്ങളായ സംഭാവനകൾ അർപ്പിച്ചവരാണ്.

ആദ്യ താമസം ന്യൂഡൽഹിയിലെ ഗ്രേറ്റർ കൈലാഷ് 1/102 ആയിരുന്നെങ്കിലും രണ്ടാം വാസസ്ഥലമായി മാറിയത് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഹരിനഗർ ആണ്. അല്പം കൂടി വലിയ സ്ഥല സൗകര്യം പരിഗണിച്ചാണ് പോഷ് ഏരിയയായ ഗ്രേറ്റർ കൈലാഷ് വിറ്റ് ഇവിടെ എത്തിയത്. 1989-ൽ എൽ എഫ് ജോസഫ് ആയിരുന്നു ഇതിന് നേതൃത്വം എടുത്തതും,

ഇവിടുത്തെ ആദ്യ മേൽനോട്ടക്കാരനായതും. റിട്ടയർ ചെയ്ത ഒരു ഗവർണ്ണറുടെ ഇരുനില കെട്ടിടമാണ് നാം വാങ്ങിയത് . ഇത് അതേ നിലയിൽ തന്നെ നാമും കുറെ നാൾ ഉപയോഗിച്ച ശേഷമാണ് മാറ്റങ്ങൾ വരുത്തുന്നത്. പൊതു ഭരണത്തിൻ കീഴിലുള്ള ഈ ഭവനത്തിൽ വിവിധ പ്രവിശ്യകളിലെ അച്ചന്മാർ സൂപ്പീരിയർമാരായി സേവനമനുഷ്ഠിച്ചു. ആശംഖലയിലെ പത്താമത്തെ കണ്ണിയാണ് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഫാ. ജോയി പുതുശ്ശേരി. ഇവിടെ സേവനമനുഷ്ഠിച്ചവരിൽ ഒരാളാണ് മാനന്തവാടി രൂപതയുടെ ബിഷപ്പായിരുന്ന ഭാഗ്യസ്ഥരണാർഹനായ ബിഷപ്പ് ഇമ്മാനുവേൽ പോത്തനാമുഴി .

**സേവ (CEVA) യുടെ വരവ്**

2010-ൽ സി.എം.ഐ ജനറലിന്റെ കീഴിൽ നടന്നിരുന്ന സാമൂഹ്യ വകുപ്പിന്റെ കീഴിലുള്ള സേവയുടേയും ആസ്ഥാനമായിരുന്ന ഗാസിയബാദ്, ക്രൈസ്റ്റ് യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി ഏറ്റെടുത്തതോടെ കേന്ദ്ര സാമൂഹ്യ വകുപ്പും അതിലെ സേവയും ഡൽഹി ഹരി നഗറിലേക്ക് കുടിയേറി. ഡൊമിനിക് കുന്നുംപുറം അച്ചൻ ഗാസിയബാദ് സേവാ ഓഫീസിലും പീറ്റർ ആടുകുഴി അച്ചൻ ഹരിനഗറിലെ സി എം ഐ സൂപ്പീരിയറും വികാരിയുമായി ജോലി ചെയ്യുമ്പോഴാണ് ഈ മാറ്റവും കെട്ടിട പരിഷ്കരണവും നടന്നത്.

**വളർച്ചയുടെ പടികൾ**

ഡൽഹിയിലെത്തുന്ന സഭാ അംഗങ്ങൾക്കുള്ള തത്കാല താമസ സ്ഥലമായിരുന്നു ഈ സി എം ഐ ഭവനം. അതിന്റെ വളർച്ചയുടെ പ

ടികളിൽ ആദ്യത്തേത് ഡൽഹി ലത്തീൻ അതിരൂപതയുടെ കീഴിൽ 2003 ൽ പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കായി ദിവ്യബലി ആരംഭിച്ചതാണ്. പിന്നീട് 2005-ൽ ഡൽഹി അതിരൂപത ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് കോൺസെൻസോ ചാവറ പള്ളി പൂർണ്ണ ഇടവകയാക്കി, വികാരിയായി ഹൗസ് സൂപ്പീരിയർ ഫാദർ ജോസ് ചിറ്റുപറമ്പിലിനെ (ബിജ്നോർ പ്രവിശ്യ) നിയമിച്ചു. അതിനു ശേഷം 2012-ൽ ബനഡിക്ട് മാർപാപ്പ ഡൽഹിക്ക് അടുത്തുള്ള ഫരിദാബാദ് കേന്ദ്രമാക്കി സീറോ മലബാർ സഭക്ക് പുതിയ രൂപതയും അതിന്റെ അധിപനായി ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് ക്യൂര്യാക്കോസ് ഭരണികുളങ്ങരയെയും ഔദ്യോഗികമായി പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചപ്പോൾ ഹരിനഗർ സി എം ഐ ഭവനത്തിലെ ചാവറ പിതാവിന്റെ മധ്യസ്ഥതയിലുള്ള ഇടവകപള്ളി രൂപതയിലെ പ്രധാന ഇടവക പള്ളികളിൽ ഒന്നായി. അന്നത്തെ വികാരിയയായിരുന്ന ഫാദർ മാത്യു പേടിക്കാട്ടിലിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ഇടവക ജനം മുഴുവൻ ഡൽഹിയിൽ നടന്ന ബിഷപ്പ് ഭരണികുളങ്ങരയുടെ സ്ഥാനാരോഹണ ചടങ്ങിനായി വിവിധ കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റികളിൽ നിർലോഭം നേതൃത്വവും സഹായ സഹകരണങ്ങളും നൽകി.

**ഉത്തരേത്യയിലെ മാനാനം**

2014-ൽ സൂപ്പീരിയർ ആയി നിയമിക്കപ്പെട്ട ആന്റോ കാഞ്ഞിരത്തിങ്കൽ അച്ചൻ ഇവിടെ നീണ്ട എട്ടു വർഷത്തോളം സേവനം ചെയ്തു. ഈ കാലയളവിൽ ആണ് പള്ളി നവീകരണവിധേയമായത്. പഴയ ഗ്രോട്ടോ നവീകരിച്ച് പള്ളിയുടെ മുഖവാരമായി രൂപപ്പെടുത്തി. ചാവറ

തിരുനാളും ചാവറ ഭക്തിയും സി എം എ ദേവാലയത്തിന്റെ മുഖമുദ്രയും ഉത്തരേന്ത്യയുടെ മാനാനവും ആക്കി ജനകീയമായക്കുന്നതിൽ നല്ല പങ്ക് അച്ചൻ വഹിച്ചെന്ന് പറയാം. കുടുംബ കുട്ടായ്മയെ സജീവമാക്കാൻ സാഗർ മിഷനിലെ ജർമൻ ഫ്രാൻസിസ്കൻ സന്യാസിനി മഠത്തേ ഇടവകയിലേക്കു സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്തത് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ കാലത്ത് തന്നെ.

**ആധുനികതയിലേക്ക്**

ഇന്ന് നാം കാണുന്നത് ആധുനിക സൗകര്യങ്ങളോട് കൂടി നവീകരിച്ച് മൂന്നാം നിലയായി ഉയർത്തിയ കെട്ടിടമാണ്. ഇതിന് നേതൃത്വം എടുത്തത് 2023-ൽ സുപ്പീരിയർ ആയി വന്ന ജോയി പുതുശ്ശേരി അച്ചനാണ്. ആധുനിക സൗകര്യങ്ങളോടു കൂടി അതിഥികൾക്കു മാത്രമായി 12 താമസമുറികളും വിസ്താരമുള്ള ഭക്ഷണ മുറിയും സെമിനാർ ഹാളുകളും ഇവിടെ സജ്ജീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. പള്ളി വികാരിയുടെ മുറിയും ഓഫീസിനും പുറമേ മറ്റു ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റുകൾക്കുള്ള ഓഫീസ് മുറികളും ഇതിലുണ്ട്

നവീകരിച്ച ഈ ഭവനം ആകമാനസഭയുടെ തന്നെ മൊത്തം ഉള്ള പ്രവർത്തന മേഖലയുടെ ഒരു ക്രോസ് പരിച്ഛേദം ആണ് എന്ന് പറയാം. മുകളിൽ സൂചിപ്പിച്ചതുപോലെ ഏകത്തിലെ ഒരു ത്രിമൂഖ രൂപം. സഭാ സ്ഥാപകരുടെ വിചാരധാരയിലെ ഇടയ ധർമ്മത്തിന്റെയും, സാംസ്കാരിക മേഖലയുടെയും പാർശ്വവൽക്കരിക്കപ്പെട്ടവരുടെ ഇടങ്ങളിലേക്ക് ഇറങ്ങിച്ചെല്ലുന്ന

സാമൂഹ്യ സേവനത്തിന്റെയും മുഖങ്ങളാണ് മേൽപ്പറഞ്ഞ മൂന്നു രൂപങ്ങൾ. താഴത്തെ നിലയിൽ ഇടവക പള്ളിയും അവയോട് ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട ഓഫീസുകളും. രണ്ടാം നില രണ്ടു ഭാഗങ്ങളായി സാമൂഹ്യ സേവനത്തിനും ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററിനുമായി തിരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. മൂന്നാം നില ഡൽഹിയിൽ അതിഥികളായെത്തുന്ന അച്ചന്മാർക്കായിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

ഈ മൂന്ന് മേഖലകൾക്കും സാരമികളായി മൂന്ന് അച്ചന്മാരും ഉണ്ട്. ഇടവക വികാരിയും ഭവനത്തിന്റെ ഉത്തരവാദിയുമായി, ജോയി പുതുശ്ശേരിയച്ചനും ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററിന്റെ ഡയറക്ടറായി റോബി കണ്ണൻഞ്ചിറ അച്ചനും, സേവയുടെ മേൽനോട്ടം വഹിക്കാൻ തോമസ് കൊള്ളികൊളവിൽ അച്ചനും .

ഇവർ മൂന്നു പേരും മുൻകാലങ്ങളിൽ അവരുടെ ജോലികളിൽ പ്രാഗൽഭ്യവും പ്രവർത്തന പരിചയവും തെളിയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവരാണ്. ജോയിച്ചൻ ചാന്ദാ മിഷനിൽ വികാരി ജനറാളും പുന, ബലാർഷ എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിലെ പള്ളി വികാരിയുമായി ജോലി നോക്കിയിരുന്നയാളാണ്. എറണാകുളത്തെ ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററിന് പുത്തൻ മുഖഭാവങ്ങളും ദിശയും ദീർഘനാൾ നൽകിയ അച്ചനാണ് ഫാ റോബി. ജഗദൽപൂർ മിഷനിൽ രൂപതയിലും, പ്രോവിൻസിലും ഏറെ നാൾ സോഷ്യൽ സർവീസുറുറൽ ഡെവലപ്മെന്റും വിജയകരമായി നടത്തിയ വ്യക്തിയാണ് തോമസ് അച്ചൻ. ഈ ത്രിമൂർത്തി മുഖങ്ങൾ ഒന്നായി ചേർന്നതാണ് ഇന്നത്തെ സി.എം.ഐ ഡൽഹി മുഖം.

## ഇടയ വഴികൾ

ഈ പള്ളിയിലെ ഇടവക ജനം ഏകദേശം രണ്ടു കിലോമീറ്റർ ചുറ്റളവിൽ സ്വന്തമായ രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ മുറികളുള്ള ഫ്ലാറ്റുകളിലും, വാടകയ്ക്കും താമസിക്കുന്നു. ചങ്ങനാശേരി, കോട്ടയം, പാല, കൂട്ടനാട് എന്നീ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും വിവിധ ജോലികൾക്കായി ഡൽഹിയിൽ സ്ഥിരതാമസമായവരാണ് അവരിൽ ഭൂരിഭാഗവും. വലിയ സമ്പന്നരോ മുന്തിയ നിലയിലുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരോ ഇല്ലെന്നുവേണം പറയാൻ. വെറും ഇടത്തരക്കാർ. കൂടുതൽ സ്ത്രീകളും ആരോഗ്യരംഗത്തും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ മേഖലയിലും പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു. പുരുഷന്മാർ കമ്പനികൾ, സർക്കാർ, വാണിജ്യ മേഖലകളിലുമായി വേതനം തേടുന്നു. ചുരുക്കം പേർ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ മേഖലയിലും ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇടവകയിലെ കൂടുതൽ കുട്ടികളും പഠിക്കുന്നത് ജനക് പുരിയിലെ എം എസ് എഫ് എസ് ഫാദേഴ്സ് നടത്തുന്ന സെയിന്റ് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് സ്കൂളിലും സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സിന്റെ ജീസസ് ആൻഡ് മേരി സ്കൂളിലും, മോണ്ട് ഫോർട്ട് ബ്രദേഴ്സിന്റെ ഹോളി ചൈൽഡ് ഹൂഡ്, കേരള സമാജം സ്കൂളിലും ആണ്. വികാരിയുടെ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ് ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഈ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിൽ എല്ലാം അഡ്മിഷൻ കിട്ടാൻ എളുപ്പവുമാണ്. 130 കുടുംബങ്ങളുള്ള ഇടവകയെ 10 യൂണിറ്റുകളായി തിരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. മാത്യുവേദി, പിതുവേദി, അൾത്താരസഖ്യം, വിൻസെന്റ് ഡി പോൾ, യുവജനസഖ്യം ഇതുകൂടാതെ ഒരു ഇടവക ഗായക സംഘം

വുമാണ് ഉണ്ട്. 80 ഓളം വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ വേദപാഠ അധ്യാപകരുടെ കീഴിൽ വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലനവും നടത്തുന്നുണ്ട്.

ഇടവകയുടെ മധ്യസ്ഥനായ വി. ചാവറ കുരിയാക്കോസിന്റെ തിരുനാളാണ് ഏറ്റവും വലിയ ആഘോഷമായി നടത്തുന്നത്. ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപ്പാപ്പ ഔദ്യോഗികമായി ചാവറയച്ചനെ വിശുദ്ധനെന്ന് നാമകരണം ചെയ്ത നവംബർ മാസത്തിലാണ് അത് ആഘോഷിക്കുന്നത്. വി. ചാവറയുടെ രൂപമലങ്കരിച്ച പേടകവും ഏന്തി, കോളനി ചുറ്റിയുള്ള പ്രദക്ഷിണത്തിന് അകമ്പടിയായി മുത്തുകൂടയും പൊൻകുരിശുകളും താളമേളങ്ങളും അണിച്ചേർത്താണ് മറ്റു നാട്ടിലെ കേരള ക്രൈസ്തവർ പരസ്യ വിശ്വാസ പ്രഖ്യാപനം നടത്തുന്നത്. ഒക്ടോബറിലെ ജപമാലാചരണവും, ദുഃഖവെള്ളി ആചരണവും, ഉയിർപ്പും അതിനു ചേരുന്ന അലങ്കാരങ്ങളോടെ ഭക്തിപൂർവ്വം പരസ്യമായി തന്നെ ആഘോഷിക്കാറുണ്ട്. ഇതിനെല്ലാം കോളനിയിലെ മറ്റു വിഭാഗക്കാരും അടുത്തുള്ള ഇടവകകളും സഹകരിക്കാറുണ്ട്. കേരള സംസ്ഥാന ഉത്സവമായ തിരുവോണനാൾ ഇടവകയുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ചാവറകൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ, കേരള സമാജം എന്നിവർച്ചേർന്നു കോളനിക്കാരുടെ കൂട്ടായ്മയോടെ വലിയ ആഘോഷമേളയായിട്ടാണ് നടത്തുന്നത്. എല്ലാവരും ചേർന്നുള്ള വിവിധ കലാപരിപാടികളും സമൃദ്ധമായ ഭക്ഷണവും ഇതിൽ പെടുന്നു .

ദിനംതോറും ഉള്ള ദിവ്യബലിയിലും ചാവറ നോവേനയിലും ധാരാളം പേർ പങ്കെടുക്കാറുണ്ട്. ഞായറാഴ്ചകൾ

ളിലും വലിയ തിരുനാളുകളിലും ഇടവക മുഴുവനും തന്നെ സജീവമായി തിരുക്കർമ്മങ്ങളിലും ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട മറ്റു പരിപാടികളിലും നന്നായി സഹകരിക്കുന്നവരാണ്. ഡൽഹി അതിരൂപതയിൽ തന്നെ സജീവമായി നടക്കുന്ന ഇടവക പള്ളികളിൽ ഒന്നാണ് സി എം ഐ നടത്തുന്ന ഇടവക എന്നുള്ളത് അഭിമാനാർഹമാണ് .

**ഉപേക്ഷിക്കപ്പെട്ടവരുടെ ഇടയിൽ**

രണ്ടാമത്തെ മുഖം നമ്മുടെ കേന്ദ്ര സി.എം.ഐ സാമൂഹ്യ സേവന വിഭാഗത്തിന്റേതാണ്. ഗാസിയ ബാദിലെ മറിയം നഗറിന്റെ ആരംഭത്തിൽ തന്നെ സി.എം.ഐ സഭയുടെ മുൻ ജനറൽ വിജയാനന്ദന്റെ (ചന്ദായിലെ മുൻ ബിഷപ്പ്) നേതൃത്വത്തിലുള്ള കൗൺസിലാണ് വടക്കേ ഇന്ത്യൻ മേഖലകളെ കേന്ദ്രീകരിച്ച് ഇവിടെ സാമൂഹ്യ സേവന വകുപ്പ് സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നത്. ഇവിടെയാണ് സേവയുടെ ആരംഭം. ദക്ഷിണ ഇന്ത്യ കേന്ദ്രീകരിച്ച് നടന്നിരുന്ന സേവയുടെ പ്രവർത്തനം ഉത്തരേന്ത്യ ഉൾപ്പെടുന്ന മിഷൻ മേഖലക്ക് വലിയ സഹായകമാകും എന്ന ചിന്തയാണ് ഇതിന്റെ പിറകിൽ. അന്നത്തെ കൗൺസിൽ മെമ്പർ ആയിരുന്ന ഫാദർ റൈമൺണ്ട്, ഫാദർ ചെറിയാൻ കൊച്ചുപുര, സേവയുടെ പ്രസിഡണ്ടായിരുന്ന ശ്രീ സി എം ആന്റണി, ജർമ്മനിയിലെ ഫൗണ്ടേഷന്റെ പ്രസിഡന്റായിരുന്ന മിസ്റ്റർ ക്യൂബിൽ എന്നിവർ ഇവിടെ ഇരുന്നാണ് (സിറിയക് ഏലിയാസ് വോളിയന്ററി അസോസിയേഷൻ, CEVA) നോർത്തിന്ത്യൻ സേവ വിഭാവനം ചെയ്തു നടപ്പാക്കിയത്.

ആദ്യ ഡയറക്ടർ ആയി നേതൃത്വം കൊടുത്തത് ചെറിയാൻ കൊച്ചുപുര അച്ചനായിരുന്നു. അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻറെ പിന്നാലെ ബേബി മങ്ങാട്ടച്ചനും, തോമസ് മേടക്കൽ അച്ചനും ശേഷം ഡോമിനിക് കുന്റുംപുറം അച്ചനും ഇവിടെ സ്വതന്ത്രമായി സേവനമനുഷ്ഠിച്ചു. ഉത്തരേന്ത്യൻ സേവയുടെ പ്രയോജനം അങ്ങ് കാൾമീർ മുതൽ ആന്ധ്ര വരെയുള്ള ഏറ്റവും പാവപ്പെട്ട ഗ്രാമക്കാർക്കും നേതൃത്വം നൽകിയിരുന്ന ചെറിയാൻ എൻജിങ് കൾക്കും മിഷനുകൾക്കും മതദേദമില്ലാതെ ലഭിച്ചു. കുറേകാലം നടന്നുകഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ ക്യൂബിൽ ഫൗണ്ടേഷൻ ഇതിൽ നിന്നു പിന്മാറുകയും സേവയുടെ ശക്തി കുറയുകയും ചെയ്തു.

രണ്ടാംഘട്ടം സേവയുടെ പ്രവർത്തനത്തിനുള്ള ധനാഗമന മാർഗ്ഗം സി എം ഐ സഭയിൽനിന്നുള്ള വിഹിതവും സമ്പന്നങ്ങളുള്ള നാട്ടുകാരുടെ സഹായവും അപൂർവ്വം വിദേശ ഏജൻസികളുടെ ഔദാര്യവും കൊണ്ടാണ് ഇന്നും ഇത് പ്രവർത്തന നിരതമായിരിക്കുന്നത് ഗാസിയബാദിൽ എത്തിയ സേവയെ കുറച്ചുകാലം ഫാദർ ഡോമിനിക്കും അതിനു ശേഷം ഫാദർ ജസ്റ്റിൻ അക്കരയും നയിച്ചു. അതിനുശേഷം കുറച്ചുകാലം ഷാജി ഇളംതുരുത്തിയും ഇതിന്റെ അമരക്കാരനായിരുന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ നേതൃത്വം കൊടുക്കുന്ന തോമസ് കൊള്ളികൊളവിൽ അച്ചൻ പ്രധാനമായും ശ്രദ്ധ കൊടുക്കുന്നത് ഡൽഹിയിലെ പാർശ്വ വൽക്കരിക്കപ്പെട്ടവരുടെ ഇടത്തേയ്ക്കാണ്. ഡൽഹി മിലിട്ടറി ക്യാമ്പിന് അടുത്തുള്ള പുറമ്പോക്കിൽ പ്ലാസ്റ്റിക്

കെട്ടിയും ഷീറ്റ് മേഞ്ഞും മരത്തണലത്തും ജീവിക്കാൻ വിധിക്കപ്പെട്ട ഭാരത ജനതയിലേയ്ക്കാണ്.

ഡൽഹി മേഖലയിലെ വലിയ ചേരി പ്രദേശങ്ങളിൽ ഒന്നാണ് ഇത്. സ്വന്തം ജന്മ ദേശത്ത് പണിഇല്ലായ്മയും പട്ടിണിയും വന്നപ്പോൾ അന്നത്തെ അപ്പം തേടി മഹാന ഗരത്തിന്റെ അതിരുകളിൽ കുടിയേറിയവർ. ഇവർ ഉത്തർപ്രദേശ്, രാജസ്ഥാൻ, രാജസ്ഥാൻ, ഹരിയാന, ഒറീസ, ബീഹാർ എന്നീ സ്റ്റേറ്റുകളിൽ നിന്നുമാണ് എത്തിയിരുന്നത്. ഒരു കുട്ടി ചാക്കിൽ ഏതാനും തൂണികളും പാത്രങ്ങളുമായി കുടുംബമായും കൂട്ടമായും നടന്നും കള്ളവണ്ടി കയറിയും എത്തിപ്പെട്ടവർ . ഏകദേശം 3000 തോളം കുടുംബങ്ങൾ. പതിനായിരത്തിലേറെയുള്ള പൗരന്മാർ. ഈ ചേരിക്കു കാവലായി ചുറ്റിലും അമ്പര ചുമ്പികളായ ഫ്ളാറ്റുകൾ നിരന്നു നിൽക്കുന്നത് കാണാം. അതിനിടയിൽ കേന്ദ്രസർക്കാരിന്റെ ആപ്പീസുകളും മിലിറ്ററി ഓഫീസുകളും. എഴുത്തുകാരനായ ആനന്ദിന്റെ നോവലുകളിൽ പലയിടത്തും ഡൽഹി ചേരിയെ ചിത്രീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിന്റെ ഒരു റിയലിസ്റ്റിക് ചിത്രം ഇതിലെ കടന്നുപോയാൽ ഇപ്പോഴും കാണാൻ കഴിയും. ഇവിടെ ഗുണ്ടകളും മര്യാദക്കാരും കച്ചവടക്കാരും ലഹരി വില്പനക്കാരും ഡ്രഗ് അടിമകളും മുടിവെട്ടുകാരും കരകൗശല വിദഗ്ധരും എന്ന് വേണ്ട എല്ലാ തരം മനുഷ്യരെയും കണ്ടെത്താൻ കഴിയും. കുറേ സ്ത്രീ ജനങ്ങൾ സമ്പന്ന വീടുകളിലെ ഫ്ളാറ്റുകളിലും കടകളിലും നിലമടിച്ചും പാത്രം കഴുകിയും മറ്റുള്ളവർക്ക്

കുലിവേല ചെയ്തു കഴിയുന്നവരാണ്. പുരുഷന്മാർ പലരും സർക്കാരിന്റെയും മിലിട്ടറിയുടെയും താഴ്ന്ന തരം കീഴാളപ്പണി ചെയ്ത് ജീവിതം പോറ്റുന്നവരാണ്. പക്ഷേ ഇവരുടെ ഇടയിലേക്ക് മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയോ സർക്കാരോ വെളിച്ചമോ വെള്ളമോ മറ്റു സൗകര്യങ്ങളോ നൽകുന്നില്ല. കാരണം ഇവർക്ക് മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി രജിസ്ട്രറുകളിൽ നമ്പറുകളോ പേരുകളോ ഇല്ല. സർക്കാരും മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയും കൈവിട്ട ഇവരിലേക്കാണ് സേവയുടെ കൈകൾ നീട്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നത്

സേവ പ്രധാനമായും ശ്രദ്ധ തിരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത് ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള തലമുറയിൽ അല്ല. ഇവിടെ ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്ന ചെയ്യുന്നവരുടെ മക്കളിലാണ്. അവർ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും ഡിഗ്രിസിയും ലഭിച്ചാൽ അവർ മാന്യമായി ജീവിക്കാനുള്ള വക സ്വയം കണ്ടെത്തും. അതിന് അവരെ പ്രാപ്തരാക്കുക. രണ്ടാമത്തെ രംഗം അമ്മമാരുടെയും കുട്ടികളുടെയും ആരോഗ്യ പരിപാലനമാണ്. സേവയുടെ മൂന്നാമത്തെത് കുറേ പേരെയെങ്കിലും തയ്യൽപരിശീലനം പഠിപ്പിച്ചു വിട്ടാൽ പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും സ്ത്രീ ജനങ്ങളെ അവർക്കു ജീവിക്കാനും കുട്ടികളെ പരിപാലിക്കാനും കഴിഞ്ഞേക്കും. അതിനായി ഈ പ്രദേശത്തെ 25 സെന്ററുകൾ ആക്കി തിരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. അത്യാവശ്യം വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും നേതൃത്വ ഗുണവും ഉള്ള 22 ഓളം അധ്യാപകരും അവരെ പ്രചോദനം നൽകാൻ പറ്റുന്ന സംഘാടകരുമാണ് ഈ പദ്ധതിയുടെ നട്ടെല്ല്.

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ലും വീടുകളുടെ ചാർത്തുകളിലും വീടുകളുടെ ഉള്ളിലും ഒക്കെയായി എല്ലാ ദിവസവും ടീച്ചർമാരുടെ കീഴിൽ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം നടത്തുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇതിനിടയിൽ കലാപരിപാടികൾക്കും കളികൾക്കും സമയം കൊടുക്കാറുണ്ട്. കുറേപ്പേരെ അടുത്തുള്ള മുൻസിപ്പൽ സ്കൂളുകളിലും നമ്മൾ ചേർത്തു പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. നാലു കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിലായി നൂറോളം സ്ത്രീകൾ കൈവേലകൾ പ്രധാനമായും ടൈലറിങ്ങിന്റെ വിവിധ മേഖലകളിൽ പരിശീലനം നേടുന്നു. ചിലരെല്ലാം സ്വയംപര്യാപ്തരമായി തീർന്നു സമ്പാദിച്ച് ജീവിക്കുന്നവരും ഉണ്ട്. ആശുപത്രികളിൽ നിന്നുള്ള ഡോക്ടർമാരുടെയും നഴ്സുമാരുടെയും സഹായത്തോടെ രോഗ പരിശോധനയും അതിനുള്ള പ്രതിവിധിയും മരുന്നുകളും ആവശ്യമുള്ള പോഷക വസ്തുക്കളും നൽകാറുണ്ട്. അതോടൊപ്പം രോഗ പ്രതിരോധ ജീവിതത്തിനും ശുചിത്വ ജീവിതത്തിനു ഉതകുന്ന ബോധവൽക്കരണ സെമിനാറുകളും ഇവർക്കുവേണ്ടി നടത്താറുണ്ട്.

അന്തർദേശീയവും ദേശീയമായ ദിനാചരണങ്ങളും ആഘോഷത്തോടെ നടത്തുന്നു. ശിശുദിനം, സ്ത്രീ ദിനം സമാധാന ദിനം, സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യ ദിനം തുടങ്ങിയ. ദിനാചരണത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി നടത്തുന്ന പരിപാടികൾ ചേരിയിലെ സ്ത്രീകൾക്കും, കുട്ടികൾക്കും, പുരുഷന്മാർക്കും തങ്ങളുടെ കലാവാസനകൾ പ്രദർശിപ്പിക്കാനും ആത്മധൈര്യം വളർത്താനുമുള്ള വഴിയും ഇടവും ഒരുക്കുന്നു. ഈ അവസരങ്ങൾ സമൂഹ നേതൃത്വം, വ്യക്തിത്വ മഹാത്മ്യം എന്നിവ നേ

ടാനും വികസിപ്പിക്കാനുമുള്ള അവസരങ്ങൾ ആയി പകരുന്നു.

### സംസ്കൃതിയുടെ ശാഖാലി

ഡൽഹി സി എം ഐ ഭവനത്തിലേക്ക് ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററിന്റെ ശാഖ എത്തുന്നത് 2020 ൽ ആണ്. എറണാകുളം കാരിയ്ക്കാമുറി ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററിൽ ദീർഘനാൾ നേതൃത്വം വഹിച്ചിരുന്നത് കൊണ്ട് റോബി കണ്ണൻബിറയച്ചനു ഡൽഹിയിൽ അടിസ്ഥാനമിടാൻ ഏറെ പ്രയാസപ്പെടേണ്ടിവന്നില്ല. എറണാകുളത്തെ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററിന്റെ സഹപ്രവർത്തകരായ നേതാക്കന്മാർക്ക് പലർക്കും ഡൽഹിയുമായി ബന്ധമുണ്ടായിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് വേരുപിടിപ്പിക്കാൻ അല്പം എളുപ്പമായി എന്നു പറയാം. കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ എത്തിയതോടെ സി.എം.ഐ ഹൗസിന് ഡൽഹിയിലെ കലാസാഹിത്യ രംഗത്തെയും രാഷ്ട്രീയത്തിലെയും ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ ചിന്തകരുടെയും അകത്തളങ്ങളിലേക്ക് കടക്കാനുള്ള ഒരു മാർഗ്ഗമായി. ഇത് ഡൽഹി സി.എം.ഐ ഹൗസിന്റെ മൂന്നാം മുഖം എന്ന് പറയാം .

ഇന്ത്യയുടെ മുഖം അധിഷ്ഠിതമായരിക്കുന്നത് വ്യത്യസ്തതയിലേ ഒരുമയിലാണല്ലോ? വിവിധ ഭാഷാസാഹിത്യ രംഗങ്ങൾ, വൈവിധ്യമതസംഘങ്ങൾ, വിവിധ സ്റ്റേറ്റുകൾ ഇവയെ സമന്ജസമായി സമ്മേളിപ്പിച്ച് ബോധവൽക്കരിച്ച് ഒരു പുതിയ തലമുറയെ വളർത്തിയെടുക്കുക എന്നത് മഹായജ്ഞം തന്നെ. ഇന്ത്യയെ മാനവികതയുടെ ഉച്ചിയിലേക്ക് വളർത്തുകയാണ് ചാവറ

സാംസ്കാരിക കേന്ദ്രം വിവിധ പരിപാടികളിൽ കൂടി നടപ്പാക്കുന്നത്.

ചെറിയ കാലയളവിൽ ഡൽഹി കേന്ദ്ര സർക്കാരിന്റെ കീഴിലുള്ള സാഹിത്യ അക്കാദമി, ലളിതകലാ അക്കാദമി, നാടക അക്കാദമി, ഫോക് ലോർ അക്കാദമി എന്നിങ്ങനെയുള്ള സാംസ്കാരിക കേന്ദ്രങ്ങൾ, അന്യരാജ്യ എംബസികൾ എന്നിവയിലൊക്കെ ബന്ധപ്പെടാനും നമ്മുടെ സാന്നിധ്യം അറിയിക്കാനും ഈ മുഖത്തിന് കഴിയുന്നുണ്ട്.

മതസൗഹാർദ്ദ യോഗങ്ങളും വിവിധ സ്റ്റേറ്റിലെ നൃത്തരൂപങ്ങളും നമ്മൾ ഡൽഹിയിലെ വിവിധ പ്ലാറ്റ്ഫോമുകളിൽ പൊതുജന സമക്ഷം പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചത് ജനശ്രദ്ധ പിടിച്ചു പറ്റുകയുണ്ടായി. അന്തർദേശീ ഇന്റർ റിലീജിയസ് സെമിനാറുകളിൽ ഡൽഹി സെന്ററിന്റെ സ്വാധീനം എടുത്തു പറയേണ്ടതാണ്. ഈ വലിയ പ്ലാറ്റ്ഫോമിലേ ഉയർന്ന വെളിച്ചത്തിലേക്ക് നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയിലെ ചെറുപ്പക്കാരെയും ചേരി താമസക്കാരായ സാധാരണക്കാരേയും ഭിന്നശേഷിക്കാരായ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളേയും സഹകരിപ്പിക്കാൻ കഴിയുന്നു. ഡൽഹി നഗരത്തിലെ മുന്തിയ സ്കൂളുകളിലും കോളജുകളിലും. മതസൗഹാർദ്ദതയുടെ സന്ദേശം എത്തിക്കാൻ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ ഇപ്പോൾ ശ്രമിച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണ്.

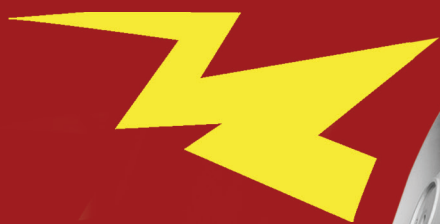
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ഉന്നതരും വിശിഷ്ടരുമായ ധാരാളം വ്യക്തികൾ സി.എം.ഐ ഹൗസിലെ

മൂന്ന് വിഭാഗത്തിലുമായി എത്തുന്നുണ്ട്. സഭാ നേതാക്കന്മാരായ വത്തിക്കാൻ പ്രതിനിധിയുടെ കൗൺസിലർ മോൺസിഞ്ഞോർ ജുവാൻ പാബ്ലോ സറില്ലോസ് മുതൽ മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് റാഫേൽ തട്ടിൽ, കർദ്ദിനാൾ ആലഞ്ചേരി, കേരളത്തിലെ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പുമാർ, മറ്റു പിതാക്കന്മാർ, നോർത്ത് ഇന്ത്യൻ ബിഷപ്പുമാർ തുടങ്ങിയവർ ഇവിടം സന്ദർശിച്ചവരിൽ പെടും. സീറോമലബാർ ഡൽഹി ഫരീദാബാദ് അതിരൂപതയിലെ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് കുര്യാക്കോസ് ഭരണികുളങ്ങര, ഡൽഹി അതിരൂപതയിലെ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് അനിൽ കുട്ടോ, സി എം ഐ സഭയുടെ പ്രിയോർ ജനറൽ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട തോമസ് ചാത്തംപറമ്പിൽ സി. എം. ഐ, കേന്ദ്രസർക്കാരിന്റെയും കേരള സർക്കാരിന്റെയും ഐ.എ.എസ് ഓഫീസർമാർ, എം.എൽ.എമാർ, മന്ത്രിമാർ, തുടങ്ങിയവരും ഇവിടത്തെ വിവിധ പരിപാടികളിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. സി.എം.ഐ സഭാംഗങ്ങൾ തന്നെ ഈ വർഷം പല കാര്യങ്ങൾക്കായി സന്ദർശനം നടത്തി താമസിച്ചവരുടെ സംഖ്യ ഏകദേശം 160 ഓളം വരും. വിശുദ്ധനായ ചാവറയുടെ ആത്മീയതയും സാംസ്കാരിക തനിമയും സാമൂഹ്യ പ്രതിബദ്ധതയും സംഗമിക്കുന്ന ത്രിധാരാ വേദിയാണ് ഡൽഹി ഹരിനഗർ സി.എം.ഐ കേന്ദ്രം. ഈ മൂന്നു മുഖങ്ങളെയും ഒന്നിച്ചു ചേർക്കുന്നതിൽ ഇവിടെയുള്ള മൂന്നുപേരും ഒത്തുചേർന്ന് പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു.

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# NEWS FROM THE PRIOR GENERAL'S HOUSE

## Prior General's Day 2025



The Patron's Day of our Fr Prior General, Rev. Fr Thomas Chathamparampil CMI, was celebrated at the CMI Prior General's House, Chavara Hills, on Thursday, 03 July

2025. Rev. Fr Provincials, along with fathers and brothers, graced the function with their presence. The celebration featured a variety of cultural programs, reflecting the richness of talent within our Congregation. Fr Prior General was felicitated for his exemplary leadership and guidance, as the participants expressed their sincere appreciation for his dedicated service to the Congregation. Later in the evening, the New Auditorium came alive with the dynamic rhythms and performances of REXBAND.

## Formation Coordinators & Vocation Promoters Meet



The General Administration held a one-day meeting for CMI Formation Coordinators and Vocation Promoters at the CMI Prior General's House, Chavara Hills, on 12 July 2025. The Program was inaugurated with a keynote address by Rev. Fr Josey Thamarassery CMI, Vicar General. Rev. Fr Tom Olikarottu led the session on Addressing Contem-

porary Challenges in Vocation Promotion and Coordination, followed by Experience Sharing & Evaluation of the Formation Coordinators and Vocation Promoters. The afternoon session was on “Re-imagining Vocation Promotion & Formation.”

### One day Seminars for Teachers as part of Year of Education



As part of the CMI Year of Education, one-day seminars were organized on 12 July 2025 for the teachers of Kochi, Kottayam, and Thrissur Provinces and on 26 July

2025 for teachers of Trivandrum, Kozhikode, and Muvattupuzha Provinces at the CMI Prior General's House. The programme focused on “Substance Abuse Free Environment (SAFE)” and was organized under the leadership of Rev. Fr Josey Thamarassery, Vicar General, and Rev. Fr Martin Mallathu CMI, General Councilor for Education and Communication Media. Facilitated by the NGO Fourth Wave Foundation under their “VENDA” project, the interactive workshop addressed drug awareness, prevention, and the impact of classroom and community influences, reinforcing the CMI commitment to safe and healthy learning environments. The same program has been organized for the teachers of other provinces also in the subsequent months.

### DVK Office Bearers' Round Table



A Round Table Meeting of the DVK Office Bearers was held at the CMI Prior General's House from 19 to 20 July 2025. The session commenced with an inspiring opening address by Rev. Fr. Prior General. The

morning sessions featured insightful sharing on the Heritage, Foundations, and Realities of DVK led by the Rector, President, Registrar, Deans of Theology and Philosophy, Section Masters, and Animators. The afternoon sessions focused on Future Directions, Academic Development, and Administrative Planning of DVK. The meeting concluded with a meaningful dialogue with the General Councilors and the Auditor, which greatly enriched the deliberations.

### CEVA-AGM



The Annual General Body Meeting of CEVA was held at CMI Prior General's House, Kakkanad on 02 August 2025.

### CMI Kerala Common Houses Meet



A meeting of the members from the CMI Common Houses in Kerala was held at the CMI Prior General's House, Chavara Hills, from 22 to 24 August 2025. The session commenced with an opening address by Rev. Fr. Thomas Chathampampil CMI, Prior General. The gathering was marked by engaging sharing sessions and a meaningful dialogue with the General Councilors and the Auditor, which greatly enriched the meeting.

## Christ University CMI Meet @ Yeswanthpur Campus

As part of the Canonical Visitation of the Prior General, a meeting with the fathers serving across the Christ University Bengaluru campuses and Junior Colleges was organized at the Yeswanthpur Campus for a three-day meeting. The meeting began on the evening of 13 September. The second day's sessions formed the core of the programme, with

the fathers presenting reflections on their learning and teaching experiences in the institution. The afternoon discussions focused on personal futuristic steps to enhance academic engagement and the quality of teaching. The meeting concluded on the morning of 15 September, leaving the participants renewed in vision and strengthened in their commitment to the educational mission of the Congregation.

## Onam



The staff and members of the CMI Prior General's House came together to celebrate Onam on 04 September 2025. The celebrations began with everyone joining hands to create a beautiful and vibrant Onapookalam, reflecting the spirit of unity and togetherness. The day was further enlivened with fun-filled games that brought laughter and friendly competition. The festivities concluded with Onasadya, enjoyed by all, leaving everyone with a sense of joy, gratitude, and shared celebration.

## Major Superiors' Meeting and the Meeting of the Staff of CMI Major Study Houses



The Major Superiors' Meeting and the Meeting of the Staff of the CMI Major Study Houses were held at the CMI Prior General's House, Chavara Hills, from 27 to 29 September 2025. The first day was dedicated to the meeting of Major Superiors, which commenced with an opening address by Rev. Fr Thomas Chathampampil CMI, Prior General, followed by sharing sessions led by the General Council. On the second day, the meeting with the staff of the Major Study Houses began with an orientation talk by the Prior General. Reports were presented by the Rectors, DVK President, VC of Christ University, Deans, representatives of Masters, and Spiritual Directors. A presentation on survey findings by Fr Sony Palathara CMI was also featured. The afternoon sessions included the meeting of the Personnel Board, after which the staff sessions concluded, while the Major Superiors' meeting continued with sharing by the Provincials. The third day of the Major Superiors' meeting focused on the discussions for conducting the General and Provincial Synaxes in 2026, including presentations on their procedures. Following common discussions, the meeting concluded with remarks by Fr Prior General.

### CMI Educators Meet

As part of the CMI Year of Education, a series of meetings for members engaged in the educational apostolate has been planned at

the CMI Prior General's House, Chavara Hills.

These meetings were held on all the week ends from 10 Octo-

ber 2025 to 14 December 2025, province-wise. Fathers serving in various capacities in the educational institutions of different Provinces participated in the sessions. The discussions centered on the past, present, and future of CMI educational institutions,

highlighting their mission, challenges, and opportunities. The meetings concluded with a meaningful dialogue with the General Councilors, short input sessions by Fr Prior General and the General Education Councilor and the common discussions.



## Reception to Bishop Mar Joseph Thachaparambath CMI



A reception to the newly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Adilabad, Mar Joseph Thachaparambath CMI was given at the CMI Prior General's House.. The Prior General's House Community congratulated him on his new pastoral responsibility as the Bishop of Adilabad and wished him success in his future endeavours.

## Quinquennial @ Rsihikesh



As part of our ongoing formation initiatives, the 'Quinquennial' renewal and gathering for junior priests took place on 10–12 October 2025 at Samanvaya, Rishikesh. The program was formally opened with an inspiring inaugural message and keynote address by Bishop John Vadakel. The opening session introduced the theme "From the Seed to the Fruit: Personal Evaluation and Individual Sharing of Religious and Ministerial

Life,” inviting participants to reflect deeply on their journey. This was followed by group sharing sessions that allowed the junior priests to exchange experiences and insights. In the evening, the community enjoyed ‘Rishikesh Darshan’, a brief visit to local landmarks. The final day featured a thought-provoking session by Fr Anto Chakiath CMI on “The Proper and the Improper to Fulfil the Will: Reflections on Religious and Priestly Life.” After dedicating time to Adoration and Confession, the gathering concluded with closing remarks by Fr Josey Thamarassery CMI, Vicar General, bringing the program to a meaningful conclusion.

### Inservice-Programme 2025



The General Administration organized a three-day workshop for formators on the theme “The Relevance of Spiritual Direction and Its Dynamics” at the CMI Prior General’s House, Chavara Hills, from 21 to 23 October 2025. Fr Mathew Anatharackal CMI, Sr Nirmala FCC, and Fr Anish Ettakkakunnel delivered insightful talks, exploring various aspects of spiritual direction and its significance in formation.

### Quinquennial



The final 'Quinquennial' renewal for junior priests for this year was held on 21–23 November 2025 at the CMI Prior General's House, Chavara Hills. The gathering opened with an inspiring address by Fr Biju Vadakel CMI, followed by the keynote session on the theme "Futuristic Priests to Achieve the Extraordinary," led by Prof. Angela Susan Mathew. Participants took part in group discussions on Personal Evaluation and shared their experiences of Religious and Ministerial Life. The community also visited the Chavara Cultural Centre, Kochi, in the evening to attend the 'Nritya' Dance Festival. The final day featured a reflective talk by Fr Anto Chakiath CMI, after which Adoration and Confession were held. The program concluded with closing remarks from Fr Josey Thamarassery CMI, Vicar General.

### Christmas Celebrations



The Christmas Celebration, "Gloria 2k25," was joyfully held on 20 December 2025 at the CMI Prior General's House, Chavara Hills, bringing together the Generalate staff, friends, and neighbours in a spirit of fellowship and festivity. The evening began with a warm welcome by Rev. Fr. Josey Thamarassery, Vicar General. Rev. Fr. Thomas Chathamparampil, CMI, Prior General, then delivered an inspiring Christmas message, after which he ceremonially cut the Christmas cake. The programme continued with a delightful array of cultural performances presented by the staff and friends, adding colour and cheer to the occasion. A special highlight of the evening was the vibrant musical performance by the CMI Priests' Musical Band, "MEN IN CASSOCKS," which was warmly received by all present.

# NEWS FROM PROVINCES

## MAR THOMA PROVINCE, CHANDA

### Pilgrimage to the Tomb of St Chavara



Educational and Spiritual Excursion to Kerala- God's own country was organized by Carmel Academy CISCE School, Chandrapur with 85 Students and 10 teachers participating. The Trip was a perfect blend of learning, fun and faith.

One of the most memorable moments of the journey was the visit to the tomb of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, the founding father of the CMI Congregation. Standing before his sacred tomb, the students and teachers felt a deep sense of reverence and gratitude for his life of holiness, service and his remarkable contributions to education and society. It was a truly inspiring experience that deepened everyone's understanding of the CMI legacy. The group also enjoyed exploring the beauty of Kerala's backwaters, lush greenery and cultural landmarks of Munnar and Alapuzha. From boat rides to traditional Kerala cuisine, each activity added joy and excitement to the trip.

### A Warm Welcome to Msgr. Joseph Thachaparambath CMI

Mar Thoma Province, Chanda gave a warm reception to Msgr. Joseph Thachaparambath CMI, the Bishop-elect of Adilabad Diocese on 20<sup>th</sup> September (Saturday) 2025 at BJM Carmel Academy, Tukum. Fr Paul Valiaparampil CMI, Provincial received him with Flower Bouquet at the entrance gate and accompanied him with Students' Band. Felicitation

Meeting was held at 6.00 pm in BJM Auditorium. Students from BJM, Carmel Academy ICSE, Brothers from St Thomas Moore Study House, and students from St Mary's Parish Durgapur added colour and melody to the evening programme.

Bishop Mar Ephrem Nariculam was the Chief Guest. Bishop Emeritus Mar Joseph Kunnath CMI and many other dignitaries were present on the occasion.



## PRESHITHA PROVINCE, COIMBATORE

### Divyodaya – 46<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day & Presentation of the First Fr. John Peter Peace and Harmony Award



The 46<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Divyodaya Inter-Religious Centre was celebrated on 01 August 2025 at its campus in Coimbatore. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the first "Fr. John Peter Peace and Harmony Award," instituted in memory of Rev. Fr. John Peter CMI, founder of Divyodaya. The award was conferred upon Dr. B. K. Krishna-

raj Vanavarayar, a distinguished Gandhian, educationist, and Chairman of Kumaraguru Educational Institutions and Chairman Emeritus of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Coimbatore. Rev. Dr. Fr. Saju Chackalackal CMI, Provincial of the Preshitha Province, presided over the celebration. Dr. Kezevino Aram, President of Shanti Ashram, and Dr. K. A. Kuriachan, Former District Governor of Rotary International, were the Guests of Honour who shared reflections on peace and leadership. Fr. Wilson Chakkyath CMI, Director of Divyodaya, highlighted the centre's 46-year journey of fostering inter-religious dialogue and harmony. Over 200 participants, including dignitaries, industrialists, academicians, Priests, and Sisters, attended the event. The programme reaffirmed Divyodaya's mission as a beacon of peace and harmony.

### New Meadows with Zealous Pastors



Six of the newly ordained Priests of the Eparchy of Ramanathapuram joined the Provincial Community on 16 August 2025 and celebrated the Holy Qurbana for the Eucharistic community. Congratulations to dear fathers and prayerful best wishes for your fruitful ministry ahead in the vineyard of the Lord.

### Initiation into the Novitiate



Four of our brothers—Bro. Chennamparambil Christin, Bro. Pulikkottil Richard, Bro. Renold John Selvaraj, and Bro. Velliyath Elbin—com-

menced their canonical Novitiate at Arul Illam CMI Novitiate, Vellamthavalam, on 08 September 2025. Rev. Fr. Wilson Chakkyath CMI, the Vicar Provincial, presided over the sacred ceremony. Fathers and sisters from various communities gathered to offer their prayers and extend warm greetings to the newly initiated members of the CMI congregation.

### Hundred Years of Spiritual Radiance



The Centenary of the Sainthood of St. Thérèse of Lisieux was commemorated with great fervour at various levels. The Tamil Nadu State Level celebration was devoutly observed at Carmelite Theology College, Trichy, on 01 October 2025. Members from houses under the patronage of the Little Flower participated in the celebration, joined by Fathers, Sisters, and Brothers from different Religious Congregations of the Carmelite Family of Tamil Nadu (CFT), along with members from the Province. Fr. Saju Chackalackal CMI, the Provincial, delivered felicitations during the public gathering that followed the Eucharistic celebration. A noteworthy highlight was the thematic presentation by our Aspirants from Pollachi, depicting the life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and emphasising the contemporary relevance of a virtuous life.

The Lisieux Group of Institutions at Saibaba Colony and Saravanampatti also marked the centenary with enthusiastic celebrations. Inter-school competitions, tournaments, parish-level contests, and presentations were organised to acquaint the faithful with the life and enduring legacy of the saint. Many celebrations and competitions were conducted across different communities of the Province and in St. Therese's Sub-region, Kenya, commemorating this historic milestone with devotion and joy.

## Preshitha Day Celebrations



The Preshitha Community Day, coinciding with the Centenary celebration of the Sainthood of St. Thérèse of Lisieux—the patroness of the province—was observed with great reverence on Saturday, 04 October 2025, at the Preshitha Provincial House. The festivities commenced with a contemplative Prayer Service on the preceding eve. The Community Day unfolded with a concelebrated Divine Liturgy followed by a joyous family gathering. Vibrant cultural programmes and the communal sharing of food from various communities enriched the celebration with colour and warmth. Distinguished awards were announced and prizes bestowed upon the victors of province-level competitions during the gathering. Following a sumptuous lunch, sports competitions were conducted among different zones. The day proved to be a memorable occasion celebrating the joy, love, and fraternity flourishing among the members.

## Creating Records – Epic Feats



At Vishwadeepthi Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Pollachi, a

world record attempt was successfully carried out on 11 October 2025 as part of the school's Golden Jubilee (50<sup>th</sup> year) celebrations. Ms. Shyamala Navaneethakrishnan, Chairman, Pollachi Municipality kick-started the record attempt. A total of 222 students participated in this grand event, performing 50 Silambam movements continuously for 50 hours, 50 minutes, 50 seconds, thereby setting a world record and bringing immense pride to the institution. The programme was organised under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Joy Karippai CMI, Principal, and was coordinated and verified by Perumal, adjudicator from the World Record Organisation, and Arthika Kaleeswaran, event organiser. Teachers, parents, and students rejoiced together in witnessing this historic accomplishment, celebrating Chavara's legacy of discipline, unity, and excellence. Hearty congratulations to the management, staff, and students of Vishwadeepthi HSS for this remarkable feat!

### SAFE: Education Workshop



A workshop for educators on 'Substance Abuse Free Environment' was organised on 18 October 2025 at Lisieux Matriculation Higher Secondary School Auditorium, Saibaba Colony, Coimbatore, in collaboration with the CMI General Department of Edu-

cation and Communication Media and the Fourth Wave Foundation. Rev. Fr. Josey Thamarasery CMI, Vicar General; Fr. Saju Chackalackal CMI, the Provincial; and Fr. Philips Panackal CMI, Provincial Councillor for Education and Mass Media, graced the occasion as Guests of Honour. Ms. Manju Thressiana and Ms. Ranjini Stanley from the Fourth Wave Foundation served as resource persons. The workshop aimed to educate and empower teachers on preventive measures against substance abuse and foster a healthy, drug-free school environment. Through interactive sessions and discussions, participants gained valuable insights into promoting responsible life choices and creating a safe and supportive learning community.

## Commemoration of Fr. Dunstan Olakkengil CMI



The Nineteenth Death Anniversary of Fr. Dunstan Olakkengil CMI was solemnly commemorated at Bharathamatha Ashram on Monday, 20 October 2025. Rev. Fr. Saju Chackalackal CMI, the Provincial, presided as the main celebrant, while Fr. Tony Kollannoor CMI delivered an inspiring homily that reflected upon the exemplary life and legacy of Fr. Dunstan. Members from various communities who had witnessed the saintly life of Fr. Dunstan participated devoutly in the Holy Qurbana and the brief gathering that followed. During this fellowship, they warmly shared their cherished memories and personal experiences with Fr. Dunstan, keeping his spirit alive through their testimonies.

*“What does love look like?  
It has the hands to help others.  
It has the feet to hasten to the poor  
and needy.  
It has eyes to see the misery and want.  
It has the ears to hear the sighs and  
sorrows of men.  
That is what love looks like.”*

*- St Augustine*



## SACRED HEART PROVINCE, **KOCHI**

### Novitiate Entrance at Neriamangalam



On September 8, 2025, six Novices entered the Canonical Novitiate at Neriamangalam. The ceremony was graced by the presence of the Provincial Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara CMI, the council members, and a number of fathers.

### CONFLUENCE 2.0 – A Grand Convergence of Innovation, Inspiration, and Industry



In celebration of the CMI Bicentennial and in alignment with the declaration of the academic year 2025–26 as the Year of Education, the higher Education Institutions of the Province hosted Confluence 2.0, an event that showcased innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit.

At RVCAS, Vengoor, the School Meet on September 22, 2025, brought together students from across Kerala for a day of creativity and learning. The event began with a welcome by Dr. Jimson D. Parampil, Principal, RVCAS, and a presidential address by Rev. Fr. Dipin Karinken CMI, Associate Director.

At RSET, Kakkanad, the Industry–Academia Summit on September 27,

2025, centered on “The Future of Sovereignty and Self-Reliance.” The session was inaugurated by Mr. V. K. Mathews, Chairman, IBS Software and GTech, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara CMI, Provincial and Manager; Rev. Fr. Jose Kuriedath CMI, Director; and Fr. Dr. Jaison Paul Mulerikkal CMI, Principal.

Highlights included a panel discussion on self-reliance, and an inspiring fireside chat with Group Captain Prasanth B. Nair, member of India’s Axiom 4 Space Mission.

At Mithradham, the International Seminar on “Energy Future for Sustainable Development of the World” commemorated its Silver Jubilee. Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara CMI inaugurated the event by symbolically activating Mithradham’s solar panels, reaffirming Rajagiri’s commitment to sustainability.

At RCMAS, Kakkanad Confluence 2.0 – featured entrepreneurial stalls, Sportico, and expert sessions on innovation and enterprise. Adding to the celebrations, the Rajagiri International Film Festival (RIFF), organized in association with MACTA, was held from September 24 to 26, 2025. The festival brought together aspiring media students and leading professionals from the Malayalam film industry. Over 22 renowned film personalities—including Sibi Malayil, Blessy, Lal Jose, and Sunny Joseph—graced the event as speakers and mentors. With the theme “Confluence: Where Creativity Meets Craft,” RIFF 2025 beautifully blended academia and industry, inspiring creativity, dialogue, and cinematic excellence.

Rajagiri Conclave – “Now to Next”, was hosted by RCSS- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) and Rajagiri Business School on September 23–24, 2025, at the RBS Campus, Kakkanad.

The event featured the Entrepreneurship Summit and HR Fraternity Meet, along with insightful talks, panel discussions, film and literature festivals, hackathons, exhibitions, and interactive sessions. It served as a vibrant platform connecting students, professionals, and alumni—celebrating ideas, innovation, and collaboration for a better tomorrow.

Complementing the spirit of collaboration, Sacred Heart College, Thevara, hosted the Lakeview Envirothon International Conclave 2025 on “A Catch-22 of the Anthropocene”, promoting sustainability

and freshwater conservation. The event united experts and students in discussions on sustainability and included exhibitions, a visit to Mithradham, and the Lakeview Envirothon Marathon promoting freshwater conservation.

CONFLUENCE 2.0 stood as a powerful testament to Rajagiri's vision – uniting academia, industry, and community to foster creativity, sustainability, and self-reliance for a better tomorrow.

### **Guruvandanam 2025 – A Tribute to the Guiding Lights of Education**



As part of the CMI Year of Education, the CMI Sacred Heart Province, Kochi, hosted “Guruvandanam at Rajagiri – Honouring the Former Staff” at the Fr. Francis

Sales Auditorium on October 18, 2025. The event, presided over by Provincial, Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara CMI, paid heartfelt tribute to the former staff whose dedication shaped Rajagiri's legacy of excellence. Rev. Fr. Mathew Koikkara CMI led a remembrance for the departed members, while Rev. Fr. Ajeesh Puthussery CMI extended a warm welcome. Rev. Fr. Paulose Kidangan CMI offered felicitations, making the ceremony a graceful expression of gratitude and reverence to torchbearers of education in the Sacred Heart Province.

### **Education Convention 2025 – United in Education, United in the CMI Mission**



As part of the CMI Bicentennial and the Year of Education, the Sacred Heart Province, Kochi, hosted the Education Convention 2025 on Oc-

tober 25 at the RSET Auditorium, Kakkanad. The convention was inaugurated by Archbishop Mar Joseph Pamplany. Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara CMI, the Provincial presided over the meeting. The General Councillor for Education, Rev. Fr. Martin Mallath CMI, gave the benedictory address and a Keynote Address was given by Prof. K. M. Francis. Rev Fr Ajish Pudussery, the councillor for education welcomed all and spoke on the relevance of the event. Bringing together around 2500 educators from various CMI institutions, the convention celebrated the shared mission of holistic and transformative education through sessions of reflection, fellowship, and vibrant cultural performances.

### **Rajagiri Centre of Excellence for Workplace Happiness and Compliance (RWHC)**



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences & Rajagiri Business School started a new centre- Rajagiri Centre of Excellence for Workplace Happiness and Compliance - on June 25, 2025. Mr. Prasad K Panickar, Executive Chairman, NAYARA Energy was the Chief guest. It was followed by One-day training programme for Online Taxi Drivers on June 26, 2025.

### **RVCAS Hosts National Seminar on Indian Psychology and Yoga**



Rajagiri Viswajyothi College of Arts and Applied Sciences (RVCAS) organized a three-day National Seminar on “Indian Psychology and Yoga”

from June 21–23, 2025, in collaboration with Patanjali Yoga Training and Research Centre, Rishihood University, and other partners. Inaugurated by Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Hon'ble Governor of Kerala, the seminar brought together over 300 participants for keynote sessions, paper presentations, and yoga demonstrations. Rev. Dr. Augustine Thottakara was honoured by the Governor for his outstanding contributions to Yoga and Indian Psychology. The seminar concluded with a valedictory address by Dr. G. Kishore, highlighting yoga's role in emotional resilience, followed by the serene chanting of the Shanti Mantra.

### RSET Celebrates 25 Years of Engineering Excellence



Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology (RSET) marked its Silver Jubilee with a grand celebration on September 27, 2025, inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, who praised RSET's contributions to education and social progress. Rev. Dr. Jaison Paul Mulerikkal CMI welcomed the gathering, and Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkkara CMI, Provincial and Manager, delivered the Presidential Address, highlighting RSET's 25-year legacy of innovation and excellence. A proud moment came as Group Captain Prasanth B. Nair, of India's Axiom 4 Space Mission, was honoured by the Chief Minister. The event also featured felicitations from dignitaries including Shri P. Rajeev, Smt. Uma Thomas, and Shri Loknath Behra, and blessings from Archbishop Mar Antony Kariyil CMI and other CMI leaders. The chief architects of RSET including the former Directors and Principals were honoured. The celebration concluded with vibrant cultural performances, marking a proud milestone in RSET's inspiring journey.

## Sahrudaya Celebrates International Day of Senior Citizens



In observance of the UN International Day of Senior Citizens, around 250 members from seven Sahrudaya Centres gathered at Sevagram Hall on October 11, 2025. The event was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Shinto Thalian CMI and presided over by Rev. Fr. Jaimon Oliyappuram CMI. Dr. Geetha K. Nair (MBBS, DGO) led an awareness session on health and well-being. Cultural performances and a fellowship meal made it a joyful celebration of unity and life.

### Carlo Meet - "Be Different, Be Holy: Gen Z for Christ"

Yuvanirmithy Rajagiri organized a vibrant three-day youth camp, Carlo Meet, from September 19–

21, 2025, at RCMAS College, Rajagiri Valley Campus. Inspired by the life of Saint Carlo Acutis, the camp encouraged young people to live their faith creatively in the digital age. The camp was inaugurated by Provincial Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkkara CMI and concluded by Rev. Dr. Jaison Mulerikkal CMI, who urged the youth to stay rooted in faith while striving for excellence.



### NAAC Accreditation

Two colleges of the Province were accredited by NAAC for the first time. The RCMAS, Rajagiri College of Management and Applied Sciences, Kakkanad received the NAAC 'A' Grade (CGPA 3.11) in the First Cycle and RCVAS (Rajagiri Viswyajyothi College,) Vengoor, received B++ CGPA 2.95) in the First Cycle.

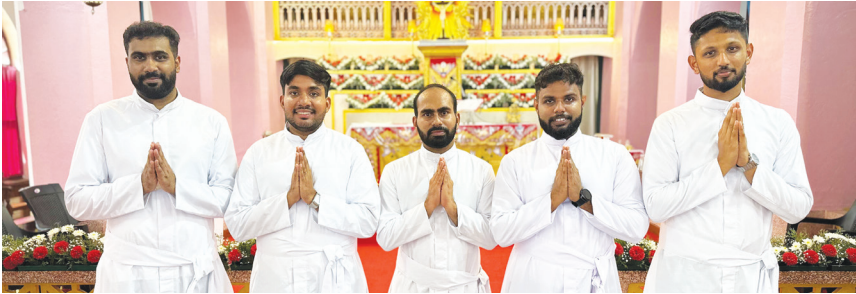
## ST. JOSEPH PROVINCE, KOTTAYAM

### St Chavara Pastoral Centre, San Benito, Peru

The blessing and inauguration of St Chavara Pastoral Centre was held on May 16, 2025, at 7.00 PM. The ceremony began with a solemn Holy Mass, followed by the blessing and inauguration of the

new pastoral centre by Rev. Jorge Izaguirre Rafael, the Bishop of Chosica. A fraternal gathering and a colourful cultural programme marked the joyful occasion. The foundation stone of the newly inaugurated building had earlier been laid by Rev. Fr Abraham Vettiyanckal CMI, Provincial.

### Final Profession 2025



The Final Profession of Bros. Tom Perumalil, Abin Thekkemanavath, Bibin Panthalanickal, Joseph Nedumparampil, and Subin Oonnupalathinkal was celebrated on May 22, 2025, at 2.30 PM at St John's Monastery, Mutholy. Rev. Fr Abraham Vettiyanckal CMI, Provincial, was the main celebrant of the solemn Eucharistic celebration, joined by Fr Mathew Anatharackal and Fr Joby Punnilathil as concelebrants. Fr Jossy Aerathedathu preached the homily. The event was graced by the presence of many fathers, brothers, and parents who joined in prayer and thanksgiving.

### Kristu Jayanti College Officially Becomes Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University)

In a landmark recognition of its unwavering pursuit of academic excellence and its enduring commitment to nation-building,



Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, has been officially conferred the status of Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University) by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. This historic achievement marks the culmination of 25 years of dedicated service to higher education by the institution. This elevation to university status positions Kristu Jayanti to further its mission of shaping future leaders and innovators, reinforcing its role as a beacon of excellence in the Indian higher education landscape. This historic declaration is built on a strong foundation of remarkable accomplishments. Kristu Jayanti has been accredited with the highest possible Grade A++ by NAAC, with an exceptional CGPA of 3.78 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of accreditation, placing it among the top institutions in the country. It is ranked 60<sup>th</sup> in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) by the Ministry of Education in 2024. The institution has also been awarded the prestigious Gold Rating Campus status by the Government of India, and has won national recognition for being the Best Clean and Smart Campus. As per the India Today Survey, Kristu Jayanti holds the distinction of being the No.1 Emerging College

across all streams, further validating its reputation as a progressive and future-ready institution.

Beyond academics, the college has consistently demonstrated outstanding achievements in sports and cultural pursuits, having been crowned Bengaluru North University Champions for the 17th consecutive time. As it transitions into Kristu Jayanti Deemed to be University, the institution stands at the threshold of a new chapter, one that promises to uphold the vision of National Education Policy 2020, Viksit Bharat 2047, and promoting Bharatiya Knowledge Systems, deeper engagement with cutting-edge research, wider global collaborations, and continued service to society through value-based education. This recognition is a collective triumph for the management, faculty, students, alumni, parents, employers and all the stakeholders who have been an integral part of this inspiring journey. The university now looks forward to scaling new heights while staying true to its motto: "Light and Prosperity."

### **Blessing and Inauguration of CMI Anpakam:**

The construction of CMI Anpakam (Ashram) on the Mary Matha College campus has witnessed



remarkable progress. The entire structural work has been successfully completed, with the Ground Floor and First Floor finalized as part of the first phase. The project has now entered its final stage, focusing on interior finishing and aesthetic enhancements.

The foundation stone for CMI Anpakam was laid on September 25, 2022, by Rev. Fr. George Edayadiyil CMI, then Provincial, marking the beginning of this spiritual and community-centered initiative. The Blessing and Inauguration Ceremony of the Ground and First Floors was held on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16, 2025, and was solemnly officiated by Rev. Dr. Abraham Vettiyankal CMI, Provincial. Conceived as a home of prayer, fraternity, learning, and mission, CMI Anpakam stands as a testament to the congregation's vision of holistic growth and service.

To commemorate the occasion, a High Tea for both Teaching and Administrative Staff Members was organized on July 17, 2025, at CMI Anpakam, fostering a spirit of togetherness and gratitude among the MMC fraternity.

### **Consecration of Ashram Chapel – St Dominic's Carmel House, Chakkupallam**



The newly constructed chapel at St Dominic's Carmel House, Chakkupallam, was solemnly consecrated by His Excellency Mar Jose Pulickal, Bishop of the Eparchy of Kanjirappally, on August 12, 2025. Rev. Fr Abraham Vettiyankal, Provincial, and Fr James Neendussery CMI, Councillor for Pastoral Ministry, were the main concelebrants. The ceremony was attended by CMI fathers from nearby ashrams and a good number of lay faithful, making it a moment of grace and joy for all.

## Commencement of the Canonical Novitiate



The Canonical Novitiate for the new batch of novices commenced on 8<sup>th</sup> September with the solemn celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The ceremony marked the formal beginning of the novitiate journey for nine novices, five from Kottayam Province, two from Bhavnagar Province, and two from Hyderabad Province. The Holy Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr James Neendusery CMI, Councillor for Pastoral Ministry with Rev. Fathers Jomy Panthiruvellil (Novice Master), Aneesh Ollickal, Bobin Thekkanal and Melbin Elamplasseril, the former rectors of the novices during their aspirancy, concelebrating. Fr Melbin delivered the homily, inspiring the novices as they embarked on this new phase of formation. In preparation for the entrance, a retreat was conducted under the guidance of Rev. Fr Mathew Madayankal.

### Parents' Meet of the Second-Year Novices:

A Parents' Meeting for the second-year novices was held on 4<sup>th</sup> October. The gathering began with the Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Rev. Fr Provincial, who also preached a homily during the Holy Qurbana. The event provided an opportunity for parents to share in the spiritual growth of their sons and to strengthen their

bond with the formation community.

### Concluding Ceremony of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Peru Mission

The inaugural session of the Concluding Ceremony of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the CMI Peru Mission was held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Rev. Fr Binesh Kattacknadayil, Sub-Regional Superior, welcomed the gathering.

Rev. Fr Abraham Vettiyankal, the Provincial, delivered the presidential address, recalling with gratitude the missionary journey of the past five decades.

His Excellency Shri Vishvas Vidu Sapkal, Ambassador of India to Peru, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He formally inaugurated the celebration by lighting the ceremonial lamp and inspired the audience with a thought-provoking inaugural address. Felicitations were offered by Rev. Fr Martin Mallath, General Councillor for Education and Communication Media, and Rev. Fr Joshy Puthussery, Coordinator of the CMI Mission in South America. The session concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Rev. Fr Kurian Perumpallikunnel.

The second session featured reflections on the Peru Mission. Rev. Fr Biju Vadakkal, General Councillor for Social Apostolate, Rev. Fr Joseph Kallampallil, Provincial of St Chavara Vice Province, Bhavnagar, along with Rev. Fr James Narithookkil and Rev. Fr Sebastian Elanjickal, former Provincials, shared their experiences and insights. This was followed by the sharing of testimonies by fathers currently serving in the Peru Mission. In the evening, a Thanksgiving Holy Mass was

celebrated at San Benito Parish Church, with Rev. Fr Martin Mallath as the main celebrant, marking a fitting spiritual conclusion to the first day's celebrations.

The second day marked the central and most solemn part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations. Rev. Fr Binesh Kattackanadayil CMI, the Sub-Regional Superior, presented a comprehensive Power-Point presentation that beautifully depicted the origin, growth, and development of the Peru Mission over the past fifty years.

The solemn Holy Qurbana was presided over by His Excellency Most Rev. Paolo Rocco Gualtieri, the Apostolic Nuncio to Peru. His Excellency Most Rev. Jorge Enrique Izaguirre Rafael, Bishop of Chosica, and Msgr. Víctor García Terese, Vicar General, were present to grace the occasion. Rev. Dr Abraham Vettiyankal CMI, Provincial of St Joseph Province, Kottayam, Rev. Fr Martin Mallath CMI and Rev. Fr Biju Vadakal CMI, General Councillors, Rev. Fr Joseph Kallampallil CMI, Provincial of Bhavnagar Province, Rev. Fr Joshy Puthussery CMI, South American Coordinator, and Rev. Fr Binesh Kattackanadayil CMI, Sub-Regional Superior, concelebrated the Holy Eucharist.

Following the Qurbana, the Golden Jubilee Souvenir was formally released by Rev. Dr Abraham Vettiyankal CMI, Provincial. The solemn Eucharistic celebration and the subsequent public meeting witnessed the participation of a large gathering of priests and sisters serving in Peru and other South American countries, along with lay faithful who have been closely associated with the CMI mission.

The day thus became a profound moment of thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings upon the mission and for the tireless service of all those who have con-

tributed to its growth over the past five decades.

As part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, a solemn Requiem Mass was offered in remembrance of our departed missionaries who dedicated their lives to the Peru Mission. Rev. Fr Abraham Vettiyankal, our Provincial, was the main celebrant and delivered an inspiring homily, gratefully recalling the selfless service and enduring legacy of our fathers who served in this mission. In the afternoon, a guided trip was organized to visit some of the significant landmarks in and around Lima City.



### Superiors' Meeting

The Superiors' Meeting was held on 21 October 2025 at Anugraha Renewal Centre, Vazhoor. Fr. Bastian Mangalathil, Councillor for Education, welcomed the gathering. Rev. Fr. Provincial delivered a fitting introduction to the

meeting. Thereafter, the Councillors and the Provincial Auditor presented brief reports of their respective departments. All the Superiors then shared concise reports of their respective Ashrams. Fr. Joby Manjakalayil, Councillor for Finance, proposed the vote of thanks.

## CARMEL PROVINCE, MUVATTUPUZZHA

### Fr. Antony Urulianickal Honoured for His Media and Music Ministry



Rev. Fr. Antony Urulianickal was honoured by Bishop George Madaathikandathil during the Epar-

ochial Day Celebration of Kothamangalam Diocese, held at St. Rita's Church, Kaliyar on June 28, 2025. The recognition was bestowed in appreciation of his outstanding contributions to the Church through his music ministry.

Hearty congratulations, dear Fr. Antony, on this recognition! It is indeed a moment of joy and pride for the entire CMI Congregation.

### 'Koinonia 2025' Celebrates CMI Year of Education



The Carmel Province, Muvattupuzha, celebrated the CMI Year of Education through 'Koinonia 2025', a gathering of teaching and non-teaching staff held at Carmel Public School, Vazhakulam. The event was inaugurated by Goa Governor P. S. Sreedharan Pillai, who praised St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara as a leading figure of Kerala's renaissance and a pioneer of educational reform.

Major Archbishop Mar Raphael Thattil of the Syro-Malabar Church delivered the benediction address. The function was presided over by Rev. Dr. Josey Thamarassery CMI, Vicar General of the CMI Congregation. A session on the CMI educational legacy was led by Rev. Dr. Kuriyan Kachappilly CMI. Provincial Rev. Dr. Mathew Manjakunnel CMI, Rev. Dr. Martin Mallath CMI, Dean Kuriakose MP, and Fr. Biju Vettukallel CMI also spoke on the occasion.

## “Vachanamezhuthu” Competition



The prize distribution ceremony of the Bible Writing Competition, “Vachanamezhuthu,” organized for the mothers of the Diocese of Idukki under the auspices of the Pastoral Department of Carmel Province, Muvattupuzha, was held at Vazhathope Cathedral Church, Idukki, on July 5. Mar John Nellikunel, Bishop of Idukki, distributed the prizes. Rev. Fr. Roy Kannanchirayil CMI, Vicar Provincial and Councillor for Pastoral Ministry, took the lead in organizing the event.

### Best Fish Farmer Award for Rev. Fr. Jose Kaduval



As part of the celebration of National Fish Farmers’ Day on July 10, the Kothamangalam Block Panchayat honoured the best fish farmers of the region. This day commemorates the historic

achievement of Indian scientists Dr. K. H. Alikunhi and Dr. H. L. Chaudhury, who successfully induced the breeding of Indian major carps (Catla, Rohu, and Mrigal) on July 10, 1957 – a milestone that transformed India’s aquaculture sector.

On this occasion, Rev. Fr. Jose Kaduval, Director of CMI Carmel Bhavan, Bhoothathankettu, was honoured with the Best Fish Farmer Award for his commendable efforts in sustainable fish farming. Congratulations to Fr. Jose!

## Widows' Meet at Jyothidarsana, Pulluvazhy



A Widows' Meet was organized at Jyothidarsana Counselling Center, Pulluvazhy, on July 12, 2025. The programme was inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Mathew Manjakunnel, Provincial, and presided over by Rev. Fr. Jose Kariamadam. Sessions on the theme "How to Overcome Stressful Situations in Life" were conducted by Rev. Dr. Gilson John, Director, and Mrs. Rani Kuriakose, Counsellor. A total of 40 widows participated in the meet, which provided them with valuable guidance, support, and encouragement. The center continues its mission of serving individuals from diverse walks of life by organizing classes, workshops, and seminars that promote personal growth, resilience, and well-being.

## New Social Upliftment Projects at Santhigiri, Vazhithala

Santhigiri Institution, Vazhithala – the social arm of the Carmel Province, Muvattupuzha – inaugurated a series of new and innovative projects aimed at the upliftment of the poor and the needy.

Building on its ongoing initiatives such as the Santhigiri Press, Training Centre, Workshop for the Specially Aabled, and Wheelchair Park, the institution launched several new ventures including Santhi Bhavan (Housing Project), Santhi Shakthikaranam (Job Training Programme), Medical Camps, Distribution of Medical Aids, and Meet-ups for the Disabled.

The inaugural function was held at Fr. Bede Hall, Santhigiri College on 26 September 2025.

## Upasana Cultural Centre Celebrates Ruby Jubilee



The Upasana Cultural Centre, Thodupuzha, which has been a

hub of cultural and intellectual activity for the past four decades is in its Ruby Jubilee. The function was presided over by Rev. Fr. Mathew Manjakunnel CMI, Provincial of the Carmel Province, Muvattupuzha, and inaugurated by Kottayam MP, Sri. K. Francis George on August 10, 2025, at the Upasana Auditorium. Dr. Cyriac Thomas, former Vice-Chancellor of M.G. University, delivered the keynote address.

Established in 1985 by Rev. Dr. Albert Nampiarambil CMI, Upasana has played a vital role in fostering cultural dialogue and creative expression in the region. The Ruby Jubilee celebrations will conclude with a grand event on December 14, 2025.

Director Rev. Fr. Prince Parathannal CMI, Secretary Dr. John Muzhuthattu, and committee members Thomas Kuninji, Sukumaran Arikuzha, and Shaji Muthukulam are coordinating the Jubilee programmes.

### **Fr. Roby Kannanchira Invited as Panelist at Vatican Education Jubilee**

Rev. Dr. Fr. Roby Kannanchira CMI, Director of Chavara Cultural Centre, Delhi, has been invited to serve as a Panelist at the Jubilee of the World of Education – 2025,

to be held at the Vatican, Rome, from October 30 to November 2, 2025.

The international event is organized by the World Union of Catholic Teachers (UMEC-WUCT) in collaboration with the Italian Association of Catholic Teachers (AIMC), European Education Law and Policy Association (ELA), Institute for African Compact on Education (IACE), and the International Foundation Religions and Societies (FIRS), under the patronage of the Dicastery for Education and Culture and the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life of the Holy See.

Heartily congratulations to Fr. Roby on this distinguished recognition, which brings joy and pride to the CMI Congregation. Our prayerful wishes accompany him as he participates in this global gathering of Catholic educators.

### **Parish Priests' Meet at Sanjo Public School, Koduvely**

As part of the celebration of the Patron's Day of Parish Priests, St. John Maria Vianney, Sanjo Public School, Koduvely, organized a special gathering of parish priests and assistant parish priests of the students of the school on 04 August, 2025. Priests from 23 parishes

participated in the event. The programme served as a heartfelt tribute to their dedicated service

and became an inspiring occasion for the students to reflect on the values, call, and purpose of priestly life.



**Best Institution for Agriculture  
Infant Jesus, Vazhakulam**



Infant Jesus School, Vazhakulam, received the Best Institution for Agriculture Award from Manjalloor Panchayath on 17 August 2025.

The school has showcased commendable initiatives in guiding and moulding students towards a nature-friendly and hardworking culture.

Hearty congratulations to Rev. Fr. Biju Elenjedath and the team for their dedicated and inspiring efforts.

**All Kerala Basketball  
Champions – Carmel Public  
School, Vazhakulam**



Carmel Public School, Vazhakulam, on 27 August 2025, secured the Overall Championship in the All Kerala CBSE Sahodaya Basketball Competition. Congratulations to the team and the school management for this remarkable achievement!

**Golden Achievement for  
Calvary Mount School**

Ms. Devapriya of Calvary Mount High School, Calvarymount, won

the gold medal in the 100m race (Sub-Junior Category) at the All-Kerala School Athletics Meet, breaking a 38-year-old record in this event. This remarkable feat marks a golden milestone in the school's achievements in the field

of athletics. The school has also secured the top position in athletics at both the sub-district and district levels, reflecting its consistent excellence and commitment to nurturing young talents.



## ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE, TRIVANDRUM

### Koode- Lifeline of Hope:



As part of The Helping Hand – July 2025, the Koode Dialysis Support Programme extended financial aid to 60 underprivileged dialysis patients. The official handover took place at Mahajubilee Memorial Hospital, Edathua, marking a key milestone in Koode's mission to provide life-sustaining medical support.

An initiative of Snehathanal, led by the CMI Fathers of St. Joseph's Province, the programme ensures fair healthcare access as a basic human right. Beneficiaries were selected through a strict verification process in collaboration with hospitals. A consolidated cheque was handed over to enable uninterrupted treatment. The event was coordinated by Fr. James Madathichirayil CMI, with valuable support from the Snehathanal team.

### Chethipuzha Remembers Bro. Brocard Ampattu CMI on his 30<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary

A solemn Holy Mass was held, at Chethipuzha Monastery Church

to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Bro. Brocard Ampattu CMI. The remembrance service, held on June 15, 2025, saw the participation of many family members, who gathered to pay their respects and offer prayers for their beloved departed.

The Holy Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Xavier Ampattu CMI, Provincial Auditor, Fr. Josey Kollammalil CMI, and Fr. Joseph Chennamattam CMI. The service provided an opportunity for the

community and family to reflect on Bro. Brocard Ampattu's life and contributions, honoring his memory three decades after his passing.



### Porukara School's Generosity shines with Successful Charity Drive



Fr. Thomas Porukara Central School, Champakulam, successfully organized the Porukara Charity Drive 2025, an initiative dedicated to extend support to the people of Kannamaly, Ernakulam. The programme, which spanned over two months, witnessed wholehearted participation from students, teachers, parents, non-teaching staff, alumni, and the PTA. This collective effort reflects the school's deep commitment to nurturing values of compassion, empathy, and social responsibility within its community.

A total of Rs 46,733 was raised through the contributions of students, teachers, parents, alumni, and non-teaching staff. With these resources, 100 family kits containing essential groceries, stationery, books, and clothing were prepared and distributed to selected families in Kannam-

aly, amounting to a total value of Rs 5,74,000/-.

In addition, housing support was extended with Rs 25,000 each provided to two families—Mr. Krishnakumar and Mr. Ouseph P.—in Kannamaly, and Rs 1,00,000 contributed towards the construction of a house for Mr. Joseph P.A., Panackal, Champakulam, bringing the total housing contribution to Rs 1,50,000.

Altogether, assistance worth Rs. 7,24,000 was extended through this noble initiative. The remarkable success of the Porukara Charity Drive 2025 stands as a testament to the generosity and compassion of our school community, and it reinforces the values of service and solidarity that we strive to instill in every member.

### Zonal Gatherings



St. Joseph's Province successfully concluded a series of Zonal Gatherings, fostering a spirit of community and shared purpose. The gatherings, which followed canonical visitations by the Provincial, were held in three different zones: Kanyakumari on July 19, Punalur on July 30, Chethipuzha on August 09, Mannanam on August 17, and Pulincunnoo on August 23, Alappuzha on August 30, West Bengal on September 20.

Each meeting commenced with canonical prayers and brought together all priests and brothers from the respective zones. The Provincial and all councilors were in attendance, providing updates and addressing concerns related to their departments. House superiors also had the opportunity to share information and raise concerns. The gatherings proved to be a valuable

platform for open discussion, community building, and sharing experiences, strengthening the bonds within the province.



### Kristu Jyoti Group of CMI Educational Institutions marks success with “One Year Home Project”



The Kristu Jyoti Group of CMI Educational Institutions continued its commitment to social responsibility by completing and blessing two more homes under its “One Year Home Project” initiative. This noble project aims to provide shelter and hope to those in need.

The 17<sup>th</sup> home built under the initiative was blessed in a ceremony on Thursday, July 17, 2025. This was followed by the blessing of the 18<sup>th</sup> home on Thursday, August 14, 2025.

The school management and the

entire team of the Kristu Jyoti Group have been congratulated for their unwavering dedication to this project, which continues to make a significant difference in the lives of many families.

**പ്രകൃതി ദുരന്തം: വിലങ്ങാട് ഭവനം ഹിതർക്കായി സി.എം.ഐ. സഭയുടെ ആഗമത്തെ വീട് സമർപ്പിച്ചു**



വിലങ്ങാട് പ്രകൃതി ദുരന്തത്തിൽ വീടുകൾ നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടവരെ പുനരധിവസിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള സി.എം.ഐ. സഭയുടെ കൂട്ടായ പ്രവർത്തനത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി നിർമ്മിച്ച ആഗമത്തെ വീടിന്റെ വെഞ്ചരിപ്പ് കർമ്മവും താക്കോൽദാനവും നടന്നു.

ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട പ്രൊവിൻഷ്യലച്ചൻ ഫാ. ആന്റണി ഇളംതോട്ടം വെഞ്ചരിപ്പ് കർമ്മവും താക്കോൽദാനവും നിർവ

ഹിച്ചു. വിലങ്ങാട് ദുരന്തത്തിൽ ഭവന രഹിതരായ ജോർജ്ജ് വട്ടക്കുന്നേൽ കുടുംബത്തിനാണ് 15 ലക്ഷം രൂപ ചിലവിട്ട് നിർമ്മാണം പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയ പുതിയ വീട് കൈമാറിയത്.

സെന്റ് ജോസഫ്സ് പ്രൊവിൻസിന്റെ സാമൂഹ്യ വകുപ്പ് വിഭാഗത്തിന്റെ കൗൺസിലർ ഫാ ജെയിംസ് മാത്തിചിറ ചടങ്ങിൽ അധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ചു. സെന്റ് തോമസ് പ്രൊവിൻസിന്റെ സാമൂഹ്യ സന്നദ്ധ

സംഘടനയായ 'സ്റ്റാർസ്'ന്റെ ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ ജോസ് പ്രകാശ് സ്വാഗതം ആശംസിച്ചു.

സി.എം.ഐ. സഭയുടെ ഭവന നിർമ്മാണ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ 'സ്റ്റാർസ്'ന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിലാണ് വിലങ്ങാടും വയനാട്ടിലുമായി നടക്കുന്നത്. പ്രകൃതി ദുരന്തത്തിൽ എല്ലാം നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ട നിരവധി കുടുംബങ്ങൾക്ക് ആശ്വാസം നൽകുന്നതാണ് സഭയുടെ ഈ കൂട്ടായ സംരംഭം.

### Nirmalgi Novitiate House Welcomes New Novices



On September 8, 2025, the Nirmalgi Novitiate House in Punalur, Kollam, celebrated the Commencement of the Canonical Novitiate of four novices: Devasia Thottakkara, George Srampickal, Antony Vattaparambil, and Joel Erethara.

The solemn Holy Mass was held at 10:30 am to officially mark the beginning of their canonical novitiate. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Antony Elamthottam CMI, the Provincial of St. Joseph's Province, Thiruvananthapuram.

Rev. Fr. Joji Marangattu CMI, the Novice Master and Rev. Fr. Luka Chavara, the Aspirants Rector were the co-celebrants. The inspiring homily for the occasion was delivered by Rev. Fr. Jojo Athikalam CMI.

### Protest Rally Under the Auspices of Mannanam Ashram Church

A strong protest rally was held

under the leadership of the Mannanam St. Joseph's Ashram, St. Chavara Pilgrim Centre, and the St. Joseph's Parish Community to



strongly react and register protest against the increasing persecution of Christians and the violation of minority rights in India.

The rally commenced from the premises of the Mannanam Ashram Church on August 1, Friday, following the Holy Mass scheduled for 4:30 PM. The protest rally was led by Rev. Dr. Kurian Chalangady, the Prior of Mannanam Ashram. Other priests who are members of the Ashram, Sisters from various congregations, and the faithful participated in the event.

Carrying rosaries and lit candles, the participants walked in silence, reciting the Rosary and proclaiming that the essence of Christian faith is selfless service. The Rosary Rally reached the Fatima Mata Chapel at Mannanam Junction, where Rev. Fr. Kurian Chalangady extended a welcome to everyone. Rev. Fr. Sijo Chennad, Creative Director of Sarga-Kshetra, spoke at the gathering, conveying a strong protest against the injustices faced by Indian Christians in

the recent past. He asserted that no power can stop our efforts to integrate the helpless people into the mainstream of society.

### FREQUENS TREE Season 3



പരിസ്ഥിതി ദിനവുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് മനസ്സിൽപ്രകൃതി സ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ ആദ്യ അക്ഷരങ്ങൾ കുറിയ്ക്കുക എന്ന ലക്ഷ്യത്തോടെ, സർഗക്ഷേത്ര 89.6 എഫ് എമ്മിന്റെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ FREQUENZ TREE Season 3 നടത്തി. ഒരു വൃക്ഷത്തെ എങ്ങനെയാണ് നടുന്നതെന്നും അത് എങ്ങനെ ഭൂമിയിൽ വളരുന്നുവെന്നും കുട്ടികൾ അനുഭവിച്ചറിയുക എന്ന ലക്ഷ്യമാണ് FREQUENZ TREE Season 3 പദ്ധതിയിലൂടെ ലക്ഷ്യം വയ്ക്കുന്നത്. കെ.ഇ.സ്കൂൾ മാനാനം, സെന്റ് ജോസഫ്സ് യു.പി സ്കൂൾ മാനാനം, ഗിരിദീപം ബഥനി സെൻട്രൽസ്കൂൾ, ഗിരിദീപം ബഥനി എച്ച്.എസ്.എസ്, ഹോളി ക്രോസ് വിദ്യാസഭൻ, ഹോളി ക്രോസ് എച്ച്.എസ്.എസ് തെള്ളകം, സെന്റ് മേരീസ് യു.പി.എസ് തുരുത്തി, സെന്റ് മേരീസ് എൽ.പി സ്കൂൾ അതിരമ്പുഴ, എന്നീ സ്കൂളുകളിൽ കുട്ടികൾക്ക് വൃക്ഷത്തെ വിതരണം ചെയ്തു.

സർഗക്ഷേത്ര 89.6 എഫ് എം, മാനേജിങ് ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ. അലക്സ് പ്രായിക്കളും, സ്പോൺസർ ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ. സിജോ ചെന്നാടൻ എന്നിവരുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിലാണ് പരിപാടികൾ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചത്. FREQUENZ TREE Season 3 യുടെ ഉദ്ദേശലക്ഷ്യങ്ങളും, പരിസ്ഥിതി ദിനത്തിന്റെ പ്രാധാന്യവും, വൃക്ഷത്തെ പരിപാലനത്തെ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനായി ഉള്ള രക്ഷിതാക്കളുടെ പങ്കാളിത്തവും ഉൾക്കൊള്ളിച്ചുള്ള നോട്ടീസും വൃക്ഷത്തെ യോടൊപ്പം വിതരണം ചെയ്തു.

**45-ാമത് എന്റെ ജീവിതം പ്രഭാഷണ സംവാദ പരമ്പരയിൽ സിബി മലയിൽ**



സർഗക്ഷേത്ര പ്രൊഫഷണൽഫോറത്തിന്റെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിലുള്ള നാല്പത്തിയഞ്ചാമത് എന്റെ ജീവിതം പ്രഭാഷണ സംവാദ പരമ്പരയിൽ പ്രശസ്ത സിനിമ സംവിധായകൻ സിബി മലയിൽ തന്റെ ജീവിതാനുഭവങ്ങൾ പങ്കുവെച്ചു. ഹൃദയസ്पर्ശിയായ നിരവധി സിനിമകൾ മലയാളികൾക്ക് സമ്മാനിച്ച സംവിധായകനാണ് സിബി മലയിൽ. തൻറെ എല്ലാ വിജയങ്ങളുടെയും പിന്നിൽ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കരസ്്പർശം ഉണ്ടെന്നും. ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹം മാത്രം ആണ് തന്റെ നേട്ടങ്ങൾക്ക് പി

ന്നിൽ എന്നും അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു.

**സർഗക്ഷേത്ര വിമൻസ് ഫോറം ഹെയർ ഡൊണേഷൻ പ്രോഗ്രാം**



ക്യാൻസർ രോഗികൾക്ക് കൈത്താങ്ങാകാൻ എന്ന ലക്ഷ്യത്തോടെ സർഗക്ഷേത്ര വിമൻസ് ഫോറം നടത്തുന്ന ഹെയർ ഡൊണേഷൻ പദ്ധതിയുടെ ഈ പ്രവർത്തനവർഷത്തെ രണ്ടാമത്തെ പരിപാടി സെപ്റ്റംബർ 25 വ്യാഴാഴ്ച എസ്. എച്ച് ഹെയർ സെക്കൻഡറി സ്കൂളിൽ വെച്ച് നടന്നു. വിമൻസ് ഫോറം സെക്രട്ടറി, വൈസ് പ്രസിഡന്റ്, ഹെയർ ഡൊണേഷൻ പ്രോഗ്രാം കോർഡിനേറ്റർമാർ എന്നിവർ പങ്കെടുത്ത ചടങ്ങിൽ, എസ്.എച്ച്.എച്ച്. എസ് പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ ശ്രീജ ആന്റണി സ്വാഗതം ആശംസിച്ചു. വിദ്യാർത്ഥിനികളായ അനഘ സജീവ്, ജിയാ ജോഷി, പാർവതി. എസ് എന്നിവർ മുടി ദാനം ചെയ്തു.

**റീബിൽഡ് മെറ്റീരിയൽ ചലഞ്ച് ഉദ്ഘാടനം: മാർ സെബാസ്റ്റ്യൻ വാണിയപ്പുരയ്ക്കലിന് സ്വീകരണം**



സർഗക്ഷേത്ര സീനിയർ സിറ്റിസൺസ് ഫോറവും ജോർജ്ജ് പടനിലം ഫൗണ്ടേഷനും സംയുക്തമായി സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച റിബിൽഡ് മെറ്റീരിയൽ ചലഞ്ച് പദ്ധതിയുടെ ഉദ്ഘാടനവും, സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയുടെ കല്യാൺ രൂപത നിയുക്ത ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് അഭിവന്ദ്യ മാർ സെബാസ്റ്റ്യൻ വാണിയപ്പുരയ്ക്കൽ പിതാവിനുള്ള സ്വീകരണവും 2025 സെപ്റ്റംബർ 29ന് നടന്നു. ചങ്ങനാശ്ശേരി എസ്.ബി. കോളേജ് എൻ. എസ്. എസ് യൂണിറ്റ്, ക്രിസ്തുജ്യോതി കോളേജ് എം.എസ്.ഡബ്ല്യു ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ്, സർഗ്ഗക്ഷേത്ര 89.6 എഫ്.എം., മറ്റ് സന്നദ്ധ സംഘടനകൾ എന്നിവയുടെ സഹകരണത്തോടെയാണ് പരിപാടി

സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചത്. പദ്ധതിയുടെ ഔദ്യോഗിക ഉദ്ഘാടനം മാർ സെബാസ്റ്റ്യൻ വാണിയപ്പുരയ്ക്കൽ പിതാവ് നിർവഹിച്ചു. ഉപയോഗിക്കാതെ വെച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന കെട്ടിട നിർമ്മാണ സാമഗ്രികൾ, വീട്ടുപകരണങ്ങൾ, മറ്റ് ഗാർഹിക സാധനങ്ങൾ എന്നിവ ഉദാരമതികളിൽനിന്ന് ശേഖരിച്ച്, സഹായം ആവശ്യമുള്ള നിർധനരുടെ വീടുകൾ നവീകരിച്ച് നൽകുക എന്നതാണ് ഈ മഹത്തായ പദ്ധതിയുടെ ലക്ഷ്യം. ഫാ. അലക്സ് പ്രായിക്കളം സി.എം. ഐ, ഡോ. ജോർജ്ജ് പടനിലം, ജോസ് നടുവിലേഴം, എം.ടി. സെബാസ്റ്റ്യൻ, ജോർജ്ജ് കണ്ടങ്കരി എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.

# THROUGH THE INSTITUTIONS

## DHARMARAM, BANGALORE

### Perpetual Profession 2025

Forty-five CMI brothers made their perpetual profession in their provinces in the last week of May 2025. Among them 24 are Dharmaram students. The preparation for perpetual profession commenced on April 28 with a week-long spiritual retreat held at the Jerusalem Retreat Centre. The retreat was based on the theme "You did not choose me, but I chose you (John 15:16)." Following the retreat, from May 5

to 14, theological and formation classes took place at CSR Pariyaram. These sessions addressed essential themes such as religious life, evangelical vows, ecclesial responsibilities, and pastoral commitment. The immediate preparation for the perpetual profession continued with another retreat from May 15-20 at CSR Pariyaram, directed by Rev. Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal, CST. Rev. Fr. Peter Kochalumkal, the Master of second year theologians, coordinated

various programmes in preparation for the perpetual profession.

### **Dharmaram Mourns Pope Francis**

Dharmaram received with great sadness the news of the death of Pope Francis on 21 April, 2025. He was known for his simple life style and his concern for the poor and the marginalized. He advocated world peace, promotion of the protection of environment, social justice and the rights of the migrants. He set the church on a reformative path by promoting synodality and women's participation in the administration of the church and decision making. His encyclicals such as 'Laudate Si' and 'Fratelli Tutti', attracted the attention of even non Catholics. On the day of his funeral a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for him in the Dharmaram Chapel presided over by Rev. Fr. Rector. In his homily Fr. Rector recalled with gratitude his love for the Indian church, manifested in the canonization of five Indians including our founder St. Chavara Kuriakose Elias and the granting of all India jurisdiction to Syro Malabar Church.

### **Annual Retreat**

The annual retreat for the Dharmaram community was conduct-

ed from May 25 to 31, 2025. Rev. Fr. Roy Palatty CMI(Malayalam) and Rev. Fr. Sebastian Cheeramvelil SDS(English) were the retreat preachers. Fr. Roy initiated the retreat with the theme of "Christification," emphasizing the imperative of allowing Christ to be formed within each individual. He referenced Revelation 2:4, which addresses the church in Ephesus, reminding the community to return to the foundational love it initially experienced. Fr. Sebastian developed his retreat talks on the parable of the lost coin (Lk 15: 8-10). The retreat focused on three key questions: Who is God? Who am I? Who is my brother?, which represents the three sides of a "coin".

### **Blessing of the Renovated Darsanatheeram**

The renovated Darsanatheeram at Dharmaram College was blessed on Saturday, May 31, 2025, by Fr. Varghese Vithayathil, the Rector. The blessing ceremony began with a solemn prayer service, invoking divine blessings upon the renewed space. In his message, Fr. Rector emphasized the significance of Darsanatheeram as a place where conservation meets contemplation. Following the prayers along with Fr. Rector, Fr. Mathew Attumkal, President

DVK and Fr. Nilson Pellisserry, the Coordinator of Christ Group of Schools, blessed the Darsanatheeram premises by sprinkling holy water.

### **Dharmaram College Welcomes Newcomers**

Dharmaram College commenced the academic year 2025-26 with the warm reception of new students across its C, D, and F Sections, marking a vibrant beginning to another year of academic and spiritual formation. The first group of brothers arrived on April 30, 2025, with 27 brothers joining the F Section to begin their philosophical studies at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram (DVK). They were formally welcomed by Fr. Roy Vettikuzhy, Section Master for the first year philosophers. Subsequently, on May 24, 2025, 21 brothers were admitted to the C Section to pursue their theological studies. Fr. Siby Kavattu, Section Master for first year theologians, welcomed them into the Dharmaram community. Followed by this 9 brothers joined the D Section on May 31, 2025. Fr. Babu Paul Kalathuparambil, Section Master for the D Section, received the new brothers. This year the total strength of Dharmaram College student community is 172.

### **Wayanad Social Exposure Program**

The brothers of F Section, Dharmaram College, undertook an exposure program at Pulpally, Wayanad as part of their social and pastoral formation. The batch of thirty brothers were divided into two groups. The first group was at St. Thomas Church, Marakavu and the second at Infant Jesus Church, Sisumala. Over the course of program, brothers actively participated in a range of social and pastoral initiatives aimed at community building and empowerment. Key activities included street plays, house visits, data collection, and classes for various age groups. Special focus was given to the marginalized groups through tribal visits, women empowerment sessions, and various camps for children and youth. Moreover, brothers conducted English training programs, motivational sessions, coaching classes, and CML gatherings, contributing to the educational and personal development of the local population. The street play on drug addiction and menace of wild animals, started at Irulam town and then throughout thirteen towns of the locality and finally concluded at Pulpally town, not only created awareness but

also attracted the media. The Wayand House Project for a poor family at Amarakuni Parish, financially supported by Dharmaram College and fruit of our manual labour, is getting ready for its blessing.

### **Pastoral Management and Leadership programme**

The Centre for Pastoral Leadership and Management of Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram organised a 10-day Diploma course in Pastoral Management and Leadership from May 13 to 23, 2025 in collaboration with Christ University. The programme was attended by 26 priests and religious leaders from across India. The course was inaugurated by the Auxiliary Bishop of Bangalore Rt. Rev. Dr. Arokia Satishkumar. At the closing ceremony, Fr. Mathew Attumkal, the President of DVK stressed the importance of pastoral leaders understanding people's needs and serving with integrity in a complex and secular world.

### **Memorial Lecture Celebrating the Prophetic Vision of Pope Francis**

In a profound tribute to the spiritual legacy of Pope Francis, a commemorative lecture was organized at DVK on 20 June,

2025. Mr. Roberto Cartlano from Sofiana, Italy, a noted theologian and member of the Focolare Movement, was the speaker of the day. The event concluded with remarks by Fr. George Kulangara, who spoke on the truthfulness and authenticity of Pope Francis's life and mission, affirming that his papacy remains a beacon for the Church in a fractured world.

### **Twelfth Annual Chavara Lectures**

As a part of exploring the life and legacy of St. Chavara, Centre for the Study and Research on St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara (CSRKEC) organized its Twelfth annual lectures entitled "St. Chavara: A Seeing Voice and a listening Heart", on 24 June, 2025. Dr. Annie Kunnath, Professor at Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi was the speaker. The programme began with an invocation by the Jnanodaya Sisters, followed by a welcome address by Fr. Jomon Mularikkal CMI, Director of CSRKEC. In his inaugural message, Fr. Mathew Attumkal CMI, President of DVK, emphasized the relevance of St. Chavara's mission in addressing today's societal and spiritual challenges. The sessions were moderated by Fr. Benny Tharakkunnel CMI, Sr. Bincy CMC and Fr. Thomas Parayil CMI.

In addition to lectures, the event featured a visual presentation on St. Chavara by I DPh students of DVK, which creatively portrayed his life and legacy.

### **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Dharmaram College Celebrated the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on 29 June 2025. In preparation for the feast celebrations, the brothers of A-Section conducted a prayer service on the evening of 28 June 2025. The solemn celebrations on the feast day commenced with Concelebrated Holy Qurbana with Fr. Thomas Parayil, administrator of Dharmaram Collage, as the main celebrant. More than sixty priests took part in the concelebration along with the parishioners from St. Thomas Forane Church. Fr. Bijo Manjalil CMI gave the day's message. Adding to the solemnity was a grand choir of 30 brothers. Followed by the Holy Qurbana there was a Eucharistic procession to JBC auditorium at DVK.

### **CSWR Observes the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama's Birthday**

The Centre for the Study of World Religions (CSWR) of Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram organized a spiritually enriching program on 8 July 2025 to celebrate the

birthday and honour the legacy of His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama, a global ambassador of peace, compassion, and inter-religious harmony. The event began with a prayer song by the first-year Philosophy brothers, setting a serene tone. Fr. Jeff Shawn Kaipettiyil warmly welcomed dignitaries: Mr. Jigme Tsultrim, chief representative officer of the Central Tibetan Administration; Ven. Deshe Jampa Choewag, Director of the Sera Jey Education Department; Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil; and Dr. Roy Vettikuzhiyil, Director of CSWR.

Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil delivered the Keynote Address, and Ven. Deshe Jampa Choewag shared a thought-provoking message on interfaith understanding and moral leadership. All dignitaries were honoured with a shawl and memento, and the revered Buddhist monks were presented with shawls and bouquets, expressing CSWR's fraternity and appreciation.

### **Denha Lectures 2025**

The Denha Lectures 2025 were held on 27<sup>th</sup> July at St. Mary's Church, Bommanahalli. The event was organized by the Faculty of Theology, Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram (DVK), Bengaluru,

with the purpose of deepening the historical awareness of the St. Thomas Christian heritage among the faithful. The program was coordinated by Fr. Siby Kavattu, Director of the Placid Podipara Centre for Eastern and Indian Christian Studies. The resource person for the day was Fr. Alen Pathiyil. He delivered a clear and engaging lecture on the topic: "The Genesis and Evolution of St. Thomas Christians: A Historical Overview." Through his presentation, Fr. Alen outlined the arrival of Christianity in India through St. Thomas the Apostle and explained how the St. Thomas Christian community developed through various historical phases.

### **Deepika Children's League 2025**

On 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025, the Deepika Children's League (DCL) hosted a vibrant inter-school cultural fest that brought together students from 18 schools across the city. Held at Christ University, the event was inaugurated at 9:00 am by Devika Sanjay, noted film actress and guest of honor, alongside Fr. Thomas Parayil, Administrator and Fr. Babu Paul, Coordinator of DCL. The day featured three major competitions: Little Blooms, Writathon, and Artista the competitions on the day with more than 1500 budding artists

showcased their talents. The event concluded with a grand valedictory ceremony at 3:00 pm at the JBC Auditorium, Dharmaram Vidya Kshethram.

### **Canonical Visitation of Rev. Fr. Prior General**

The canonical visitation of Very Rev. Fr. Prior General at Dharmaram College, Bangalore, began on 1<sup>st</sup> September with an introductory talk at 7:00 p.m, followed by Ramsa. On 2<sup>nd</sup> September, the Prior General presided over the Holy Mass in the morning, marking the second day of the visitation. Throughout his stay, he personally met all the fathers, brothers and student priests giving them words of encouragement and paternal guidance. The visitation officially concluded on 19<sup>th</sup> September with the concluding address of the Prior General, in which he inspired the community to live their vocation with zeal and responsibility.

### **Renovation of Dharmaram Publications**

On September 8, the renovated Dharmaram Publications was solemnly inaugurated in a graceful ceremony. The blessing of the renewed centre was administered by Fr. Thomas Parayil, Administrator of Dharmaram College, mark-

ing a new chapter in its mission of service through publications. Heartfelt congratulations were extended to Fr. Jeffshawn and Fr. Joby Kochumuttom, whose selfless dedication, hard work, and commitment made this renewal possible.

### **The Bishop Jonas Thaliath CMI Endowment Lectures 2025**

The endowment lectures on African Inclusive Ecology and Climate Change were held at the PKM Auditorium on 15-16 September 2025. The programme opened with an invocation and lighting of

## **DARSANA, WARDHA**

### **A New Look For Darsana**



Darsana, after the two months of dedicated hard-work was refurbished by the new Academic Block, Section blocks, Library and Chapel. The new library gave an astounding factor in enhancing the academic curriculum by intro-

the lamp. Fr. Joy Philip Kakkanattu extended the welcome address, followed by the Presidential Address by Fr. Mathew Attumkal. The lectures were delivered by Rev. Prof. Dr. Aidan G. Msafiri, Senior Lecturer and Research Fellow in Climate and Business Ethics at Mweka College, Tanzania, and UN Climate Change Ambassador. The two-day programme was enriched with scholarly moderation, interactive discussions, and academic reflections, drawing wide participation from students, faculty, and church leaders.

ducing new individual and group study carrels. Read, Reflect and Realize is the new maxim for our library.

### **A New Chapter Unfolds @ Darsana**



Darsana cordially welcomed the new Philosophy Batch 2025-2027 comprising of 18 brothers

from various CMI provinces and from the Dioceses of Alleppey and Shamsabad after the one month intensive language course at Samanvaya, Kolchoor. We are also blessed to have Rev. Fr. Lijo Thekkanath CMI, the new animator for 1<sup>st</sup> year philosophy batch and as a new member to the faculty of philosophy.

### Inauguration of the New Academic Year



The new Academic year of DIP 2025-26, was commenced with due solemnity and grandeur DIP, Wardha got reopened on 24<sup>th</sup> June with its Inaugural ceremony. Solemn Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Dr. Francis Aykarapar-

ampil CMI. Rev. Dr. Joshy Nelli-velil CMI, the Director of Studies welcomed the gathering. Rev. Dr. Aquin Noronha OP, Rector, St Charles Seminary Nagpur delivered the keynote address signifying the relevance of Philosophy in every day. DIP is privileged to welcome 31 new Philosophy students and 51 Atmadarsan students to the academic fraternity.

### Viveza De Colores



Darsana was enthused with the vibrant talents and performances of the 1<sup>st</sup> year philosophers' Fresher's Day Viveza De Colores. The evening was swirled by the stunning performances and other fun.

### Visit of Bishops



On July 7, Darsana was blessed by the graceful visit of Card. Oswald Gracias (Mumbai) and Card. Filipe Neri (Goa) and 12 other Bishops of the Western Regional Bishop Council (WRBC). Darsana welcomed them with much hospitality and love. Cardinal Oswald Gracias shared some replenishing thoughts on the philosophical formation for shaping the future priesthood.

### Opera Fest

DKS and DSKS, the cultural and social spheres of Darsana were inaugurated under the guidance of Fr. Lijo, director and secretaries of DKS and DSKS. Sr. Sheethal SSpS graced the occasion by delivering the inaugural address.

Brothers rocked the evening by their talents and performances.



### Feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel



On the feast of our lady of Mount Carmel, Darsana family gathered together with due reverence for the renewal of the vows. Fr. Lijo gave the message of the day highlighting the vowed life and cultivating the spirit of humility within each one of us.

### L'Amour Eve



The section feast of the junior brothers was held with much hue of colorful programmes. There was a 10 day preparatory novena to St. Alphonsa seeking the intercession of this great saint. Jun-

iors was deliciously treated with an awesome dinner party Retro Night hosted by the senior brothers.

### Bp. Januarius Endowment Lectures 2025



The Endowment Lectures in honor of Bp. Januarius was presided over by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Joseph Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur. The lectures focused on the “Challenges of mission in the present day socio political context of India.” His insights reshaped the vision of evangelization amidst the listeners.

### Revera Reloaded



The Section feast of senior brothers Revera Reloaded was held

with much vibrant energy and dynamic blend of talents. There was a 10 day preparatory novena to St. Euphrasia seeking the intercession of this great saint. As a tribute to the senior brothers, junior brothers organized a fun filled event and a delicious dinner Arabian Nights.

### Onam Mood



‘Onam Mood’, Onam celebrations 2k25 was held with much vibrancy and color. The brothers prepared a wonderful *athapookalam*. Traditional *onakkalikal* and other celebrations brought happiness and cheer to everyone. Celebrations were also held in the *Pavitu Parivar* community engaging everyone in the vibrant hue of Onam.

## Festal and Birthday Greetings to Fr. Rector



Darsana fraternity celebrated the feast and birthday of Fr. Rector with much cheer and love. Fr. Rector offered the festal Holy Mass interceding special prayers of his heavenly patron St. Francis of Assisi. The festal and birthday greetings offered by the brothers underlined his sincere efforts in building up Darsana to its grandeur along with his remarkable efforts in the formation of brothers here. We together prayed for his intentions, continued guid-

ance and support in the coming years.

## Mathrudham Feast



The Mathrudham feast was solemnly celebrated from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of October. It was marked by the ten day long solemn rosary led by the neighboring communities here. The concluding day was marked by solemn rosary procession, final blessing by Rev. Fr. Robinson C.J. (Vicar St. Antony's Forane Church, Wardha) and *preeti bhoj*. Everyone actively participated in making the feast a truly blessed one.

## Canonical Visitation of Fr. Prior General



Very Rev. Fr. Thomas Chathamparampil CMI, Prior General along with Rev. Fr. Babu Mattathil CMI, General Auditor and Rev. Fr. Sijo Vattekkadan, Secretary to Fr General, visited the Darsana family. Rev. Fr. Prior General gave messages which highlighted the essence of hope - filled life ahead. He met all fathers and brothers personally and in group. He appreciated the works and endeavors of Darsana and assured his prayers and support in the coming days.

## CARMEL VIDYABHAVAN, PUNE

### New Responsibilities

Following the words of Pope Francis, "Being close to the people is trusting that the grace God faithfully pours out on us," our first-year brothers have been entrusted with new responsibilities in the community and the Parish pastoral field. To remain close to the people of God and serve them with a profound heart, they resolved to work with their hearts set on fire, alongside other brothers in various associations and family units.

### House Feast



The Carmel Vidya Bhavan (CVB) community strives forward under

the patronage and protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, whose constant intercession and guidance are ever felt deeply in their lives. To show our gratitude and commemorate the many blessings received through her intercession, CVB celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on 16 July 2025 in a prayerful and solemn manner. In keeping with CMI hospitality, CVB tradition, and the JD legacy, high tea was served to all staff and students of JD. The benefactors of CVB and the religious in the neighbouring communalities joined us for a prayer service and dinner.

A newly installed grotto adjacent to the CVB now houses the statues of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara. It serves as a reminder of the call to live according to God's Will—a call engraved in our founder's core values and taught by Mother Mary. The grotto was blessed by Rev. Fr. James Thayil CMI (Rec-

tor) on July 15, 2025, and offered to the people of God for prayer.

Basketball and volleyball matches between the CMI and Bethany Brothers added colour to the festival celebrations.

### Monsoon Picnic



As monsoon rains chill the Konkan region with continuous showers, the community—fathers and brothers together—travelled to the tranquil environment of Mulshi village. To enjoy the season, we undertook a steep and long trekking in the cool climate. We were challenged by the hard and stony route to Devkund, the "divine pond," but reaching the waterfalls was our reward. A deep dive into the pure water provided rejuvenating energy. The community shared a strong sense of fellowship throughout the journey.

### Rosary Devotion

The October Rosary devotion is a special occasion of spiritual enrichment and a season of Marian bond for the CVB and parish community in Pune. Carmel Parish, Pune, held ten days of solemn rosary devotion, and the brothers of CVB contributed fruitful Marian reflections during this time. The conclusion of the rosary month on October 31, 2025, with Rosary procession, captured the essence of this devotion for all parishioners.

### Halo Fest '25



Holiness and its relevance are frequently questioned among the Gen-Z. To address their questions and strengthen their connection with the Church and God, the CVB brothers, along with the Carmel catechism department, conducted Halo Fest '25. This three-day camp for students in classes 5 through 12 intertwined prayer, play, and fun to create a unique

and meaningful experience. This was a formative experience, both for the CVB Brothers and for the Carmel Parish children.

### Mission Tour



During the Diwali holidays, the CVB Community embarked on a three-day's mission tour to Mumbai. Mumbai, the city that never disappoints! In the buzzing, ever-rushing city, there is a mission of Christ that is ever fresh! For us

it was a mission to know the heart-beat of this city up and close. The hectic traffic and towering buildings showcased the pride of a progressive nation, while the soothing breeze at Juhu beach and the views from Alibaug forts painted nature's bounty. The hospitality of the CMI brethren at Malad and Koparkhairane was praiseworthy. This journey prompted an inner search for the meaning of mission and the moderation of needs. Visits to Alibaug, the many pilgrim centres, forts, and beaches, along with the adventure of testing the suburban and metro rides, the ferry rides and local bus rides, added glitter and learning experiences to the tour.

## SAMANVAYA, BHOPAL

### Academic Inauguration



The academic year 2025–26 at Samanvaya Theological College, Bhopal, commenced with a solemn and inspiring Academic Inau-

guration held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The event was marked by a spirit of renewal, reflection, and commitment to theological excellence and spiritual formation.

The inauguration was graced by Rev. Fr. Biju Vadakkel CMI, Councillor for Social Apostolate of the CMI Congregation, who officially inaugurated the academic year. In his address, Fr. Biju emphasized the vital role of theology in today's rapidly changing world and encouraged the students to

become transformative agents of faith and justice in society.

The ceremony was conducted under the able leadership of Rev. Fr. Benny Thettayil CMI, Director of Studies at Samanvaya Theological College. His welcome address set the tone for the day, highlighting the academic vision and pastoral commitment of the institution.

A comprehensive report on the previous academic year was presented by Rev. Fr. Joshy Pazhukathara CMI, Rector of Samanvaya Theological College. The report outlined the academic achievements, spiritual growth, and community outreach activities carried out during the past year.

The highlight of the day was the *Lectio Brevis*, delivered by Rev. Fr. Jaino Chunayanmackal CMI, Animator of Samanvaya Theological College. His reflection provided deep theological insights and inspired both faculty and students to approach the new academic year with renewed zeal and intellectual curiosity.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and a prayer for God's guidance and blessings on the academic year ahead. The inauguration was a fitting beginning to a year dedicated to theological

reflection, academic excellence, and spiritual growth.

### **Fresher's Day 2025**

On June 26, 2025, the vibrant community of Samanvaya Theological College, Bhopal, celebrated Fresher's Day 2025 with great enthusiasm to warmly welcome the newly admitted brothers into the seminary. The event fostered a sense of fraternity, belonging, and joy. The occasion was made even more special by the gracious presence of brothers from Paderiya, who joined the celebrations, adding to the sense of a wider community.

The programme commenced with a heartfelt welcome address by Br. Praveen CMI, who greeted the fresher's with warm words of encouragement and joy. This was followed by an introduction video, giving a beautiful glimpse into seminary life and its rich traditions.

Rev. Fr. Joshy Pazhukkathara CMI, the Rector, greeted the fresher's with flowers, symbolizing blessings and hospitality. Rev. Fr. Cyril Kuttianickal, Provincial of Bhopal, then addressed the gathering with inspiring words, encouraging the new brothers to embrace their formation journey with dedication and openness.

The first-year brothers took to the stage with a melodious group song, expressing their joy and gratitude. They were welcomed and encouraged further by Rev. Fr. Jacob Marangattu CMI, who shared words of wisdom and motivation.

Adding to the festive spirit, the third-year brothers presented a group song, followed by a video presentation that highlighted memorable moments of seminary life. The first-year brothers then returned with an energetic dance performance, showcasing their talents and unity.

The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Br. Evin CMI, who expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, organizers, and participants who made the event a meaningful and joyous experience.

Fresher's Day 2025 was a beautiful celebration of unity, talent, and the beginning of a new journey of faith and formation.

### **Inauguration of Literary, Cultural, and Arts Activities**

The vibrant spirit of creativity and talent came alive at Samanvaya Theological College, Bhopal, on 18th July 2025, as the community gathered for the inauguration

of the Literary, Cultural, and Arts activities for the academic year 2025–2026.

The programme began on a spiritual note with a soulful prayer song led by the brothers, invoking God's blessings upon the event and all creative endeavours of the year. This was followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the illumination of minds and the awakening of artistic expression.

Br. Abin Kootappally extended a warm welcome to the chief guest, dignitaries, staff, and students, setting the tone for an engaging and meaningful event. The creative identity of the year was then unveiled through a video presentation of the official logo, showcasing the themes of unity, culture, and imagination.

The gathering was honoured by the presence of the chief guest, Rev. Fr. Thomas Kollapilly, Principal of St. Paul's School, Bhopal, who delivered an inspiring address. He emphasized the importance of integrating faith with artistic expression and encouraged the students to use their talents to reflect truth, beauty, and goodness in the world.

A group song by the brothers filled the hall with harmony and

joy, followed by a motivational speech by Rev. Fr. Joshy Pazhukathara, Rector of the seminary. He reminded the students that culture and the arts are powerful tools in evangelization and human formation.

Adding a youthful and energetic vibe, Br. Ajay Ekka captivated the audience with a lively rap performance, which was both entertain-

ing and thought-provoking. The programme continued with a vibrant dance performance by the brothers, which reflected unity, rhythm, and cultural richness.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Br. Amit Kispota, who acknowledged the contributions of all those who worked behind the scenes to make the inauguration a success.

### **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Sports Inauguration**



On 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025, the community of Samanvaya Theological College, Bhopal, joyfully celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a day deeply cherished by the Carmelite family. The celebration was marked not only by spiritual devotion but also by the inauguration of the Sports and Games activities for the academic year.

The day's festivities were highlighted by the official inauguration of the sports season by Rev. Fr. Cyril Kuttianickal CMI, Provincial of Bhopal Province. In his inaugural address, Fr. Cyril encouraged the brothers to

actively participate in sports as a means of fostering fraternity, discipline, and holistic development.

The spirit of the day came alive with a friendly and energetic football match between the brothers from Paderiya and Samanvaya, drawing cheers and enthusiasm from the entire community. The match served as a symbol of unity, healthy competition, and the joy of brotherhood.

The celebration beautifully combined devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel with the values of physical well-being and community life. It marked the beginning of a year filled with sporting spirit, collaboration, and joyful fraternity.

### **St. John Maria Vianney Day**

On the auspicious occasion of St. John Mary Vianney Day, the patron saint of parish priests, Samanvaya Theological College, Bhopal, joyfully celebrated and honoured the priests who actively guide and accompany the third-year brothers during their parish ministry formation.

The celebration began with a meaningful prayer service, invoking God's blessings on all priests, especially those who dedicate themselves to parish pastoral work. Following the prayer, the college community extended a warm felicitation to the invited parish priests, acknowledging their selfless dedication, guidance, and invaluable role in the pastoral and spiritual formation of seminarians.

Each of the priests was honoured,

greeted, and presented with a token of appreciation as a gesture of gratitude from the staff and students of the college. The spirit of fraternity and thanksgiving continued during the agape meal, where everyone shared joyful fellowship.

### **Community Movie Outing**

The seminary community enjoyed a refreshing movie outing on 29<sup>th</sup> August. It was a pleasant break from the regular seminary schedule, giving the seminarians and formators an opportunity to relax and spend time together in a joyful atmosphere.

The outing helped strengthen community bonds and provided a sense of togetherness and renewal. Everyone returned with happy memories and a renewed sense of fraternity, making the day both enjoyable and meaningful.

## Colorful Onam Celebration



Samanvaya Theological College joyfully celebrated Onam on 5<sup>th</sup> September with great enthusiasm and cultural spirit. The celebration brought together students, staff, and formators in a vibrant atmosphere filled with traditional songs, dances, and games.

The event began with a prayer and a brief reflection on the values of unity and joy that Onam symbolizes. The highlight of the day was the beautiful Pookalam (flower carpet) prepared by the students, showcasing their creativity and teamwork. Traditional Onam songs and cultural performances added color and cheer to the occasion.

### **Basketball Match between Samanvaya and SVD Theological College**



A friendly basketball match was held between Samanvaya and SVD Theological College on 25<sup>th</sup> September. The game took place in a spirit of sportsmanship and fraternity, bringing together students from both institutions for an enjoyable and energetic competition.

The friendly match strengthened the bond between the two

institutions and highlighted the importance of sports in building unity and healthy relationships within the seminary community. Everyone appreciated the event as a joyful and memorable experience.

### Solemn Rosary Devotion

During the first ten days of October, the Samanvaya community observed a solemn Rosary devotion in the chapel. Each day, seminarians and formators gathered in prayer, honoring Our Lady and seeking her intercession for the Church and the world.

### An Ecumenical Gathering Commemorating the Council of Nicaea



An ecumenical gathering commemorating the Council of Nicaea was held on 13 October 2025 at Samanvaya Theology College,

Bhopal. The event brought together representatives from various Christian denominations and nearby religious communities to celebrate the spirit of unity and shared faith rooted in the Nicene Creed.

The Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Cyril CMI, Provincial, graced the occasion with his inspiring presence. He delivered the keynote address and presented an insightful paper on the theological and historical significance of the Council of Nicaea, emphasizing its enduring role in shaping Christian doctrine and fostering unity among churches.

Representatives from different traditions also contributed their



perspectives. Fr. Jijin from the Orthodox Church presented a paper highlighting the Nicene heritage and its influence on Orthodox

theology and worship, while Fr. Maju from the Marthoma Church discussed the Nicaean perspective within the Reformed Eastern tradition, focusing on faith, liturgy, and ecclesial identity.

The celebration concluded with

a note of gratitude and a renewed commitment to uphold the unity of faith professed in Nicaea, affirming the shared Christian mission of witnessing to Christ in the world through communion and mutual respect.

### **Samanvaya Brothers Participate in OVBS Program at Orthodox Cathedral Church**



On 22 October 2025, the Samanvaya Brothers took part in the OVBS program at the Orthodox Cathedral Church, Ashoka Nagar, held under the theme “Be Mindful and Stay Blessed.” The event offered a valuable opportunity for inter-church interaction, spiritual growth, and appreciation of Orthodox traditions. Through prayers, songs, and reflections, participants were encouraged to live with awareness of God’s presence and blessings. The experience enriched the brothers’ understanding of Christian unity and diversity. The Samanvaya community expressed gratitude to the Orthodox Cathedral Church for their warm hospitality and the meaningful ecumenical encounter.

### **New Seminary Building and the Central Library of Samanvaya Theology College**

The construction of the new Sem-

inary Building and the Central Library at Samanvaya Theology College is nearing completion, located adjacent to the Poornod-

aya buildings in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. These newly established facilities will present a revitalized image for the Samanvaya campus and are equipped with enhanced resources to support the holis-

tic formation and well-being of future students. The inauguration of both the new Seminary Building and the Central Library is scheduled to take place in January 2026.

## CHAVARA CULTURAL CENTER, KOCHI

### ചാവറ ചെറുപുഴ ഏകദിന സെമിനാർ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു



മഹാത്മാ ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാല ചാവറ ചെറുപുഴ ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററും ചേർന്ന് സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച ഏകദിന സെമിനാറിൽ എം.കെ സാനു മുഖ്യ പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. സി.എം.ഐ.സഭ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ മാധ്യമ വിഭാഗം ജനറൽ കൗൺസിലറും ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ ചെറുപുഴ മായ റവ. ഡോ. മാർട്ടിൻ മുള്ളാത്ത് സെമിനാർ ഉദ്ഘാടന പ്രസംഗം നടത്തി. ചാവറയച്ചന്റെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ നിലപാടുകളും ദർശനങ്ങളും എന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ പ്രൊഫ. ജോർജ്ജ് ജോസഫും, കേരള നവോത്ഥാന ചരിത്രവും ചാവറപിതാവും എന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ റാം മോഹൻ പാലിയത്തും പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. മഹാത്മാ ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാല സ്കൂൾ ഓഫ് ലെറ്റേഴ്സ് ഡയറക്ടർ പ്രൊഫ. സജി മാത്യു , സെന്റ് ജോസഫ് കോളേജ് ഓഫ് ടീച്ചർ എഡ്യൂക്കേഷൻ പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ സിസ്റ്റർ ശാന്തിനി സി.എം.സി., ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ, അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് സി.എം.ഐ., മംഗലപ്പുഴ സെമിനാരി റെക്ടർ ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി പൂൽപുറയിൽ, എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

### വയനാടിനായി 24 ചെറുനാളങ്ങൾ പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു

വയനാട് മുണ്ടക്കൈ, ചുരൽമല മേഖലകളിൽ ഉണ്ടായ ഉൾപൊട്ടലിന്റെ

പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ ഡോ. രമ്യ മാത്യു എഴുതിയ “വയനാടിനെ 24 ചെറുനാളങ്ങൾ” ജോസഫ് അന്നംകുട്ടി ജോസ്, ഡോ. ലവ്ന മുഹമ്മദിനു

നൽകി പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു. ശ്രീകണ്ഠൻ നായർ, ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് സി എം ഐ, ഉമർ അലി ഷിഹാബ്, ഷാജി ജോർജ്ജ് പ്രണത എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു. വയനാട് ദുരന്തത്തിന്റെ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ പുഞ്ചിരിമട്ടം, അക്ഷരങ്ങളെ കോർത്തിണക്കിയ സ്വരാക്ഷര ഗീതം എന്നിവയുടെ സംഗീതം

ചെയ്ത അശോകൻ അർജുനനെയും രചന നിർവഹിച്ച ബഷീർ അഹമ്മദിനെയും പാടിയ ഗണേഷപ്രഭു, ചിത്രസംയോചനം നടത്തിയ നസ്റീൻ, ഷമീ നൗഷാദ് എന്നിവരെയും ശ്രീകണ്ഠൻ നായർ ഉപഹാരം നൽകി ആദരിച്ചു.



**“മധുരം ഈ ജീവിതം” പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചു**

കൊച്ചിൻ ഫിലിം സൊസൈറ്റി സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച ഫിലിം സ്ക്രീനിങ്ങിലും തുടർന്ന് ചർച്ചയിലും പ്രസിദ്ധ സംവിധായകൻ സിബി മലയിൽ മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് സംവിധാനം ചെയ്ത “മധുരം ഈ ജീവിതം” പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചു. തുടർന്ന് ചാവറ ഫിലിം സ്കൂളിലെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ വയനാട് ഉരുൾ പൊട്ടലിന്റെ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ തയ്യാറാക്കി റോണി പീറ്റർ ജേക്കബ് സംവിധാനവും അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് കഥയും എഴുതിയ ഉരുൾ പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചു.

**പ്രൊഫ. എം. കെ സാനുവിന് പ്രണാമം**

തലമുറകളുടെ ഗുരുനാഥൻ പ്രൊഫ. എം. കെ സാനുവിന് ആദ

രമർപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ കൊച്ചിയിലെ വിവിധ സംഘടനകളുടെ സഹകരണത്തോടെ ആദരാഞ്ജലികൾ അർപ്പിച്ചു. ജസ്റ്റിസ് ദേവൻ രാമചന്ദ്രൻ മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. സാമൂഹ്യ,സാഹിത്യ, രാഷ്ട്രീയ രംഗത്തെ പ്രമുഖർ പങ്കെടുത്തു .

**സാതന്ത്ര്യ ദിനാഘോഷവും ദേശീയ ഗാന, ദേശഭക്തി ഗാന മത്സരവും.**



സാതന്ത്ര്യ ദിനത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് ദേശീയ പതാക ഉയർത്തുകയും

ദേശീയ ഗാന, ദേശഭക്തിഗാന മത്സരം സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. സി. എം. ഐ. സഭ സാമൂഹ്യ സേവന വിഭാഗം ജനറൽ കൗൺസിലർ ഫാ. ബിജു വടക്കേൽ സി.എം.ഐ., ദേശീയ പതാക ഉയർത്തി. കൊച്ചി കോർപ്പറേഷൻ കൗൺസിലർ ശ്രീമതി പത്മജ എസ് മേനോൻ സന്ദേശം നൽകി. സമാപന സമ്മേളനവും സമ്മാനവിതരണവും ടി ജെ വിനോദ് എംഎൽഎ നിർവഹിച്ചു. സൈബർ ഡോം സർക്കിൾ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ എ. അനന്തലാൽ മുഖ്യാതിഥിയായിരുന്നു.

**നീലക്കുയിൽ സിനിമയുടെ നവീകരിച്ച പതിപ്പ് പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചു.**

ചാവറ കൾച്ചർ സെന്ററിന്റെയും കൊച്ചിൻ ഫിലിം സൊസൈറ്റിയുടെയും നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ നാഷണൽ ഫിലിം ആർക്കൈവ്സിന്റെ സഹകരണത്തോടെ നീലക്കുയിലിന്റെ നവീകരിച്ച പതിപ്പ് പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചു. പഴയകാല സിനിമയെ സ്നേഹിക്കുന്നവരും പുതുതലമുറയിൽ പെട്ടവരും നിറഞ്ഞ സദസ്സിലാണ് പ്രദർശനം നടന്നത്. പ്രദർശനത്തിന് മുന്നോടിയായി സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച ചടങ്ങിൽ മിസ് കുമാരിയുടെ മകനും തത്യാശാസ്ത്രജ്ഞനുമായ ബാബു തളിയത്തിനെ അരവിന്ദൻ പൊന്നാടയണിയിച്ചു. വിപിൻ മോഹനനെ, ആർടിസ്റ്റ് ടി. കലാകാരൻ പൊന്നാടയിച്ചു. പ്രൊഫ. സി എസ് ജയറാം, ഫാ.അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് സി എം ഐ, ഐഷ സലീം, വി എ ബാലചന്ദ്രൻ എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

**‘മാന്യയായ വേശ്യ’ നാടകം**

ഫ്രഞ്ച് നാടകകൃത്ത് ജീൻ പോൾ

സാർത്രെ രചിച്ച ദി റെസ്പെക്റ്റബിൾ പ്രോസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ട് എന്ന കൃതിയുടെ മലയാളം പരിഭാഷ ടി എം എബ്രഹാം മിന്റെ ‘മാന്യയായ വേശ്യ’ നാടകവായനയായി അവതരിപ്പിച്ചു.



**അപ്പ ഏകപാത്ര നാടകം അരങ്ങേറി**



അപ്പ ഏകപാത്ര നാടകം ചാവറ കൾച്ചർ സെന്റർ പ്രിവ്യൂ തീയറ്ററിൽ അരങ്ങേറി. പാഥേയം ക്രിയേഷൻസിന്റെ ബാനറിൽ കെ.പി.എ.സി. ഷാജി തോമസ് ഏകാഭിനയത്തിലൂടെ പ്രേക്ഷക മനസുകളെ കീഴടക്കി.

**യുവജനങ്ങൾക്കായി ഏകദിന ശില്പശാല**

ലഹരിക്കെതിരെ യുവ ശക്തിയെ അണിനിരത്തിക്കൊണ്ട് ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ, ഹരിത കേരള മിഷൻ എറണാകുളം ഡിവിഷനു

മായി സഹകരിച്ച് കോളേജ് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കായി ഏകദിന ശില്പശാല മീറായി 2025 എന്ന പേരിൽ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു ഡി ബി ബിനു, ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് സി.എം.ഐ. കൊച്ചി സിറ്റി സൈബർ ഡോം ഇൻസ്‌പെക്ടർ എ. അനന്തലാൽ, ഹരിത കേരളം മിഷൻ ജില്ലാ കോഡിനേറ്റർ എസ് രഞ്ജിനി, നിസ നിഷാദ്, വിമുക്തി മിഷൻ കൗൺസിലർ സിജി തോമസ്, ഫാ.സന്തോഷ് രാജ്, അഡ്വ. ജോസ് എബ്രഹാം, പി പി ജോയി എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു. സമാപന സമ്മേളനം ടി ജെ വിനോദ് എംഎൽഎ ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്ത് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റുകൾ വിതരണം ചെയ്തു.

കാരന്യമായ സന്തോഷ് കീഴാറ്റൂരിന്റെ ഏകപാത്ര നാടകമായ പെൺ നടൻ, ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ തീയറ്ററിൽ അരങ്ങേറി. വിക്രമാദിത്യൻ, പൃഥ്വിമൂരുകൻ, ദി ഗ്രേറ്റ് ഫാദർ തുടങ്ങിയ നിരവധി സിനിമകളിൽ പ്രമുഖ വേഷങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഏറെ നിരൂപക പ്രശംസ നേടിയ നാടകമാണ് പെൺ നടൻ.



**ഗോൾഡൻ മെലഡി ലൈവ് മ്യൂസിക് കൺസെർട്ട്**

പ്രാണ സംഗീതവും ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററും സഹകരിച്ചു ഗോൾഡൻ മെലഡി ലൈവ് മ്യൂസിക് കൺസെർട്ട് ചാവറ തീയറ്റർ ഹാളിൽ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. പ്രദീപ് സോമസുന്ദരം, വിജേഷ് ഗോപൽ, മൃദുല വാര്യർ, അരവിന്ദ് ദിലീപ് നായർ, സോണി സായി, അപർണ്ണ രാജീവ് എന്നിവർ ഗാനങ്ങൾ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചു.

**പെൺ നടൻ ഏകാഭിനയ നാടകം**  
പ്രമുഖ സിനിമ നടനും നാടക കലാ



**എം. കെ. സാനു ഗുരുപ്രസാദ പുരസ്കാരം**



സാനു മാഷിന്റെ കൈപ്പടയിലുള്ള ഒരു അഭിനന്ദനം ലഭിക്കുകയെന്ന

ത് വളരെയധികം സന്തോഷം നൽകുന്നുവെന്ന് എൻ. എസ് മാധവൻ പറഞ്ഞു. എം. കെ. സാനു ഫൗണ്ടേഷൻ ഏർപ്പാടുത്തിയ എം. കെ. സാനു ഗുരുപ്രസാദ പുരസ്കാരം സ്വീകരിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു എൻ. എസ് മാധവൻ. പ്രൊഫ എം തോമസ് മാത്യു, മനോരമ ന്യൂസ് ഡയറക്ടർ ജോണി ലൂക്കോസ്, കെ ആർ മീര, ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് സി. എം ഐ, എം.എസ് രഞ്ജിത് എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു

**‘മനുഷ്യത്വത്തിന്റെ മാർഗത്തിൽ’ പുസ്തക പ്രകാശനവും ‘പ്രാണൻ’ ഡോക്യുമെന്ററിയുടെ പ്രദർശനവും**

എം കെ സാനു ഒടുവിലായി എഴുതിയ, ‘മനുഷ്യത്വത്തിന്റെ മാർഗത്തിൽ’ എന്ന പുസ്തകത്തിന്റെ പ്രകാശനം പ്രൊഫസർ എം തോമസ് മാത്യു നിർവഹിച്ചു. വിഖ്യാത ചലച്ചിത്രകാരൻ ഷാജി എൻ കരുൺ സംവിധാനം ചെയ്ത ‘പ്രാണൻ’ എന്ന ഡോക്യുമെന്ററിയുടെ പ്രദർശനവും സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് സി.എം ഐ അധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ച ചടങ്ങിൽ സംഗീത നാടക അക്കാദമി മുൻ സെക്രട്ടറി ഡോ. പി വി കൃഷ്ണൻ നായർ പുസ്തകത്തിന്റെ ആദ്യ പ്രതി ഏറ്റുവാങ്ങി.

**പുസ്തകപ്രകാശനം**

ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററും ലളിതാംബിക അന്തർജ്ജനം സെന്ററും സംയുക്തമായി സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച പുസ്തകപ്രകാശനത്തിൽ കെ. എ. ബീനയുടെ ‘ആ കസേര ആരുടേതാണ്’ എന്ന പുസ്തകം അരുൺ എഴുത്തച്ഛൻ പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു. പരിമള പവിത്രന്റെ ‘പവിത്രമി വീഥികൾ’

എന്ന പുസ്തകം കെ.എ. ബീന, വിനോദ് എം-ന് നൽകി പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു.



**നാല് ദിവസത്തെ ജ്വതികളടക് ഫിലിം ഫെസ്റ്റിവൽ**

കൊച്ചിൻ ഫിലിം സൊസൈറ്റിയും ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററും ഫെഡറേഷൻ ഓഫ് ഫിലിം സൊസൈറ്റിയുടെ സഹകരണത്തോടെ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച നാല് ദിവസത്തെ ജ്വതികളടക് ഫിലിം ഫെസ്റ്റിവലിൽ ശ്രീ കെ.ൻ. ഷാജി മുഖ്യ പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി.

**ലഹരി വിരുദ്ധ വോളന്റീർ പരിശീലനം**



ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ, ഹരിത കേരളം മിഷൻ കൊച്ചി, വിവിധ കൊ

ഭേദം എന്ന് വിശദീകരിക്കുന്നതിനായി നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ലഹരി വിരുദ്ധ വോളന്റീർ പരിശീലന പരിപാടി സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. ഉത്തരവാദിത്വമുള്ള സൗഹൃദം (റെസ്‌പോൺസിബിൾ ഫ്രണ്ട്‌ഷിപ്പ്) ലഹരി വിരുദ്ധ വോളന്റീർ പരിശീലന പരിപാടി എറണാകുളം ജില്ലാ ഉപഭോക്തൃ തർക്ക പരിഹാര കമ്മീഷൻ പ്രസിഡന്റ് ഡി. ബി. ബിനു ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. വിമുക്തി മുൻ ജില്ലാ കോഡിനേറ്റർ വി. ടി. ജോബ് ക്ലാസ് നയിച്ചു.

**പോളണ്ടിൽ നിന്നുള്ള ജോൺ കൊച്ചൻസിക് നയിച്ച ഏകദിന മീഡിയ ശില്പശാല**

ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ, മൈൽ സ്റ്റേഡിയോസുമായും ഇന്ത്യൻ ആഡ്ഫിലിം മേക്കേഴ്സുമായും ചേർന്ന് നടത്തിയ ഏകദിന മീഡിയ ശില്പശാല സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. ആപ്പിൾ സെർട്ടിഫൈഡ് ട്രെയിനർ, ജോൺ കൊച്ചൻസിക് (John Kochanczyk) പരിശീലനത്തിന് നേതൃത്വം നൽകി. എഡിറ്റിംഗ്, കളറിംഗ്, സൗണ്ട് ഡിസൈൻ എന്നീ മേഖലകളെ കുറിച്ചും എ.ഐ. സാധ്യതകളെ കുറിച്ചും ക്ലാസുകൾ നടന്നു.

**നിത്യ വിസ്‌മയ സാനു**

സാനു മാഷിന്റെ സാമൂഹ്യ പ്രതിബദ്ധതയാണ് പൊതുവിടങ്ങളിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് കൂടുതൽ താല്പര്യം ഉളവാക്കിയിരുന്നതെന്ന് കേരള നോളജ് ഇക്കണോമി മിഷൻ ഡയറക്ടർ പി എസ് ശ്രീകല അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററും ലളിതാംബിക അന്തർജനം സാഹിത്യ വേദിയും സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച 'നിത്യ വിസ്‌മയ സാനു', മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തുകയായിരുന്നു പി എസ് ശ്രീകല. ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് സി.എം.ഐ അധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ചു.

**ഗാന്ധി സ്മരണ**



ഗാന്ധിജി സർവമത സമഭാവനയെന്ന മതനിരപേക്ഷതയ്ക്ക് പുതിയ വ്യഖ്യാനം നൽകിയെന്ന് കേരള കലാമണ്ഡലം കൽപ്പിത സർവ്വകലാശാല മുൻ വൈസ് ചാൻസിലർ ഡോ. കെ .ജി. പൗലോസ് അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച ഗാന്ധി സ്മരണയിൽ പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം.



## ചാവറ ഫിലിം സ്കൂളിൽ വിദ്യാരംഭം



സിനിമ ആത്യന്തികമായി ഒരു ക്രിയേറ്റീവ് പ്രോസസ് ആണ്. എന്നാൽ ആ ക്രിയേറ്റീവ് പ്രോസസ് നടക്കണമെങ്കിൽ സാങ്കേതികതയും അറിയണം. അതിന് ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ടുകളിൽ പഠിക്കുന്നത് നല്ലതാണെന്ന് ചാവറ ഫിലിം സ്കൂളിൽ വിദ്യാരംഭം ഉദ്ഘാടനം നിർവ്വഹിച്ചു. പ്രശസ്ത സംവിധായകൻ സിബി മലയിൽ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. സി.എം.ഐ. സഭ സാമൂഹ്യ സേവന വിഭാഗം ജനറൽ കൗൺസിലർ ഫാ. ബിജു വടക്കേൽ അധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ചു. സി.എം.ഐ.സഭ വികാർ ജനറൽ ഫാ. ജോസി താമരശേരി സന്ദേശം നൽകി. ഗാന രചയിതാവും തിരക്കഥ കൃത്തുമായ ഷിബു ചക്രവർത്തി, പ്രജേഷ് സെൻ, ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് സി.എം.ഐ., ഫാ. മാത്യു കിരിയാന്തൻ സി.എം.ഐ., ശ്രീകാന്ത് മുരളി, ജോൺസൺ സി. ഏബ്രഹാം, ജോസഫ് മാത്യു, ജോസഫ് സെബാസ്റ്റ്യൻ, ശബരി കിഷോർ , ജെയ്മോൾ മേരി , ജോ ഫിലിപ്പ് , ആനന്ദ ഗൗൾ , സഞ്ജു സാമുവേൽ എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു ..

**സാമ്പത്തിക ലാഭം നോക്കിയല്ല  
ഷോർട്ട് ഫിലിമുകളും  
ഡോക്യുമെന്ററികളും  
നിർമ്മിക്കുന്നത്: എ. വി. അനൂപ്.**

വി കെ സുഭാഷിന്റെ ഷോർട്ട് ഫിലിം സ് ആൻഡ് ഡോക്യുമെന്ററി ഫെസ്റ്റിവൽ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്ററും ചാവറ ഫിലിം സ്കൂളും സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. നിരവധി അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര പുരസ്കാരങ്ങൾ നേടിയിട്ടുള്ള വി കെ സുഭാഷ് സംവിധാനം ചെയ്ത ഷോർട്ട് ഫിലിം, ഡോക്യുമെന്ററി ഫിലിം ഫെസ്റ്റിവൽ ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു നിർമ്മാതാവും മെഡിമിക്സ് മാനേജിംഗ് ഡയറക്ടറുമായ എ വി.അനൂപ്. വി കെ സുഭാഷ് സംവിധാനം ചെയ്ത്, ദി ഗ്രീൻ മാൻ, ഫീമെയിൽ ഡോഗ്, 16 എം.എം



സ്റ്റേജിംഗ്, അകലെയൊന്നെങ്കിലും, ശില്പ എന്നീ ചിത്രങ്ങൾ പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചു. ചടങ്ങിൽ 'ക്രിയേറ്റീവ് ജീനിയസ് പ്രൊഡ്യൂസർ' അവാർഡ് ശ്രീ. എ. വി. അനൂപിന് ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പും, ബാലകൃഷ്ണൻ കോമത്ത് മെമ്മോറിയൽ അവാർഡ് കവിയൂർ ശിവപ്രസാദിന് ജസ്റ്റിസ് കെ. സുകുമാരനും നൽകി. ഭൂമിമിത്ര അവാർഡ് മരണാനന്തര ബഹുമതിയായി കല്ലൂർ ബാലൻ വേണ്ടി മക്കൾക്കും സമർപ്പിച്ചു. വി. കെ. സുഭാഷിനെ ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് പൊന്നാടയണിയിച്ചു ആദരിച്ചു. പ്രജേഷ് സെൻ, നടീ പൗളി വത്സൻ, എം. എ. ബാലചന്ദ്രൻ, ഞാറക്കൽ ശ്രീനി, അനിൽ പ്ലാവിയൻസ് തുടങ്ങിയവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

**ചക്കപ്പറമ്പിലെ വിശേഷങ്ങൾ നാടകം**



വില്ലുവണ്ടി തിയേറ്റേഴ്സ് മുഖ്തമെന്റ് ചക്കപ്പറമ്പിലെ വിശേഷങ്ങൾ നാടകം അവതരിപ്പിച്ചു. ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ തീയേറ്റർ ഹാളിൽ നടന്ന നാടകത്തിൽ സാജു നവോദയ (പാഷാണം ഷാജി) മുഖ്യ കഥാപാത്രമായിരുന്നു. സമകാലിക സമൂഹത്തിൽ ഏറെ പ്രസക്തമായ വിഷയമാണ് നാ

ടകത്തിലൂടെ സംവിധായകൻ വിപിൻ എൻ വേലായുധൻ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചത്. രശ്മി സാജു, ഷിബുരാജ് എരമല്ലൂർ, ആതിര ഉണ്ണി, പുഷ്കരൻ, നീതു വിപിൻ, വിനീഷ്, ജയകൃഷ്ണൻ, മനോജ് എന്നിവർ അഭിനയിച്ചു. എ. എം. എം. എ. (അമ്മ) പ്രസിഡണ്ട് ശോഭന മേനോൻ, സെക്രട്ടറി കൃഷ്ണ പരമേശ്വരൻ, നടൻ ടിനി ടോം, സംവിധായകൻ നാദിർഷ, കെ. എസ്. പ്രസാദ്, കലാഭവൻ ഷാജോൺ, പയ്യന്നൂർ മുരളി, സന്തോഷ് കീഴാറ്റൂർ, വിപിൻ ജോർജ്ജ്, മണികണ്ഠൻ, പ്രജേഷ് സെൻ, ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് സി.എം.ഐ, എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

**കഥക്**



പ്രശസ്ത കഥക് കലാകാരനായ പണ്ഡിറ്റ് രാജേന്ദ്ര ഗംഗാനിയുടെ കഥക് ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ തീയേറ്റർ ഹാളിൽ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചു. അനൂപ വാര്യർ ഒപ്പം ചേർന്നു. ഫത്തേ സിംഗ് ഗംഗാനി തബലയും, നവീൻ പ്രസാദ് ഹാർമോണിയവും സംഗീതവും, രവിശങ്കർ ശർമ്മ സിതാറും പിന്നണിയിൽ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു.

**വിവരാവകാശ നിയമം  
വിപ്ലവകരമായ ചുവടുവെപ്പ്:  
ജസ്റ്റിസ് പി ജി അജിത് കുമാർ.**



വിവരാവകാശ കമ്മീഷണർ ഡോ. അണ്ണുൽ ഹക്കീമിന് യാത്രയേപ്പും വിവരാവകാശ സെമിനാറും ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്ത് പ്രസംഗിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു ജസ്റ്റിസ് പി ജി അജിത്കുമാർ. ചാവറ കൾച്ചറൽ സെന്റർ, പ്രവാസി ലീഗൽ സെൽ, ആർ ടി ഐ കേരള ഫെഡറേഷൻ, പരിവർത്തൻ കേരള എന്നിവയുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിലാണ് സെമിനാർ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചത്.

**ചാവറയിൽ ഓണം  
രാമായണമാസം, ദീപാവലി  
ആഘോഷം സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു.**

മത സൗഹൃദത്തിന്റെയും പരസ്പര സന്നേഹത്തിന്റെയും ആശയങ്ങൾ പങ്കുവെച്ചു കർക്കിട മാസത്തിലെ ആദ്യദിവസം രാമായണ പാരായണം സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. മലയാളിയുടെ ഏറ്റവും വലിയ ആഘോഷമായ ഓണം സമുചിതമായി മത്സരങ്ങളും ഓണസദ്യയുമുൾപ്പെടെ ആഘോഷിച്ചു. കരിക്കാമുറിയിലെ നിവാസികൾ, പൗര പ്രമുഖർ, തൊഴിലാളികൾ,

ഹരിതകർമ്മസേന പ്രവർത്തകർ എന്നിവർ പങ്കെടുത്തു. ദീപാവലി ആഘോഷത്തിൽ ശ്രീ ടി.ജെ.വിനോദ് എം.എൽ.എ മുഖ്യാതിഥിയായിരുന്നു. ലൈറ്റ് ടു ലൈഫ് മൈത്രി പുരസ്കാരത്തിനർഹനായ എറണാകുളം കരയോഗം ജനറൽ സെക്രട്ടറി ശ്രീ പി. രാമചന്ദ്രനെ അനുമോദിച്ചു.

**ചാവറ അന്തർ സർവകലാശാല  
പ്രസംഗ മത്സരം**



വാക്കുകളിലൂടെ ആശയങ്ങളുടെ ശില്പമുണ്ടാക്കുക എന്നതാണ് പ്രസംഗത്തിന് പ്രസക്തിയെന്ന് മുപ്പത്തഞ്ചാമത് ചാവറ അന്തർ സർവകലാശാല പ്രസംഗമത്സരത്തിന്റെ സമ്മാനദാനം നിർവ്വഹിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് പ്രൊഫ. എം തോമസ് മാത്യു പറഞ്ഞു. സി എം ഐ സഭ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ, മാധ്യമ വിഭാഗം ജനറൽ കൗൺസിലർ ഫാ. ഡോ. മാർട്ടിൻ മുള്ളാത്ത് അധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ചു. ടി എം എബ്രഹാം, സിജോ പൈനാടത്ത്, പി പി പ്രകാശ്, ജോൺസൺ സി എബ്രഹാം, ഫാ. അനിൽ ഫിലിപ്പ് സി എം ഐ എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു. കൊല്ലം ഗവൺമെന്റ് മെഡിക്കൽ കോളേജിലെ ദിവ്യ ട്രീസ ഒന്നാം സമ്മാനവും (20,000 രൂപയും ട്രോഫി

യും), ആലുവ യൂസി കോളേജിലെ ഷറഫുനീസ കരോളി രണ്ടാം സമ്മാനവും (15,000 രൂപയും ട്രോഫിയും) തിരുവനന്തപുരം യൂണിവേഴ്

സിറ്റി കോളേജിലെ സോജോ സി ജോസ് മൂന്നാം സമ്മാനവും (10,000 രൂപയും ട്രോഫിയും)സീകരിച്ചു.

## CSR, PARIYARAM

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake” (Psalm 23: 1-3). With the green pastures at the river bank of Chalakudy River CSR is a destination for many religious.

CSR has provided the accompaniment of the Lord Jesus Christ to thousands of people seeking spiritual realization in the Catholic Way over the last more than forty years of its service. Numerous Catholic religious, both men and women, irrespective of the rites, secular clergy, and lay people have found spiritual solace here.

We organise residential retreat for religious, clergy and lay people. We also make this campus available for those seeking accommodation and other services to conduct spiritual retreats and Catholic religious renewal sessions.

CSR is running with solar power from 2024 onwards to generate

electricity. The main chapel is furnished with teak wooden benches which made the chapel very cosy. Thanks to Rev Fr Prior General and Councillors with whose support the place is running smoothly.

In January 2025, we provided the space for Salesian Brothers to conduct a retreat. There was a retreat for CMC sisters belonging to the province of Irinjalakuda conducted by the CSR Team. Also, there was training for the superiors of Samaritan sisters, conducted by themselves. Then there were sisters of presentation community, and St. Anne’s Charity Community, attending retreat here at CSR in English.

The month of February was busy with the retreats for Salesian Fathers. There was also a retreat for Dominican sisters conducted by themselves.

March was another busy week with a lenten retreat for religious conducted by CSR team. Then there was a retreat for lay people conducted by a lay Broth-

er Nandu John and team. Then a second training for the superiors of Samaritan sisters, conducted by themselves was organised. A retreat for health professionals organised by the Jesus Youth was also conducted here at CSR.

In April there was a lenten retreat for religious and then there was a Holy Week retreat for the lay people conducted by Fr Shaji Thumpechirayil, which were attended very well. Then there was an orientation course for the superiors CMC sisters of Nirmala Province, Trissur, conducted by the CSR team. Then a retreat for teachers was also conducted at CSR during the vacation.

May is normally a month dedicated for the final profession of the CMI scholastics. Our brothers were here from 4 to 20 May. And then there was a Malayalam retreat for religious in the month of May which was attended very well.

Then there was a retreat for lay people in the month of June and another Malayalam retreat for the religious conducted by the CSR team. There was a retreat organised by Jesus Youth Family Team also in June.

July, August, September, were busy with superiors' orientation

courses for the SABS sisters conducted by the CSR team. July started with the retreat for CMI Fathers conducted by Fr Dr Peter Kochalunkal CMI. August was busy with the orientation course for the Adoration Sisters. About 500 sisters attended the orientation program in seven batches.

In September, we conducted a retreat for religious during the Onam holidays and there was also another retreat for religious conducted by Fr Manuel Vallipalam OCD. We organised it and this was a contemplative retreat, which was well received by the priests and religious who attended it. There was another retreat for lay people conducted by Brother Nandu John and team.

Every year one month is dedicated for jubilarians and this October, a jubilee month, was marked with a retreat from 10 to 15 October for those religious and priests who celebrated Jubilee this year. 34 sisters of secular Institute Caritas Christi attended a retreat for a week under their retreat preacher.

In November, we had a retreat for the lay people from 14 to 16 and for religious there was a retreat from 21 to 26. There were about 10 sisters attending private re-

treat here at CSR in November.

Then we had a retreat for CMI Fathers, which is conducted every year as a preparation for the feast of our Lady of Immaculate Conception from 30 November to 6 December. It was preached by Fr Tony Kattakayam CSsR.

December was again another month dedicated for CMI scholastics. Our Deacons were here from 9 to 20 December attending retreat in preparation for the ordination.

In addition to the retreats, the daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist, permanent adoration to the Blessed Sacrament at Sanidhi, availability of the sacrament of reconciliation, counseling services of experienced and gifted religious, weekly 4 Holy Masses for the cloistered convent

of SD congregation, are the services provided at CSR. Our team also make ourselves available for confessions and conduct retreats in Malayalam and English as requested, reaching out to other places. Also we have a team of lay people coming to CSR for intercessory prayers on every Monday. All prayer intentions of the world, the Church, CMI congregation and in particular of those who seek prayer by their petitions are raised to the Lord between 9.45am and 12.45pm every Monday.

Beautiful cottages for accommodation and balanced healthy meals make this serene, quiet, green, and well maintained campus situated beside Chalakudy river, a much sought after place for spiritual renewal.

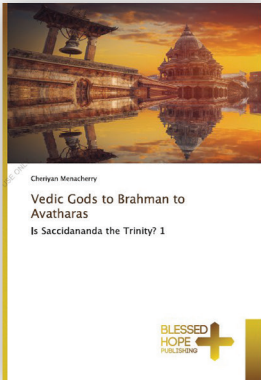
## CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Jose Poovattil CMI has achieved an outstanding academic milestone, successfully earning his Doctorate in Systematic Theology (Dogmatic Theology) from Vinzenz Pallotti University in Germany.





## VEDIC GODS TO BRAHMAN TO AVATHARAS



**Author: Prof Dr Cheriyan Menacherry CMI**

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The first volume of the book series, Vedic Gods to Brahman to Avatharas: Is Saccidananda the Trinity? provides an overview of indirect expressions of the experience of the mystery of the Trinity as Saccidananda from the Vedas through the Upanishads to the Tapaniya Upanishad. The experience of God through nature, the Vedic gods, turned in the Upanishads to the impersonal absolute Brahman. In the Tapaniya Upanishads, Saguna Brahman remained not only on the level of Maya, illusion, but entered human history as personal gods, as avatars such as Rama Brahman and Krishna Brahman, Whether Rama or Krishna were real persons in history or whether some prominent persons in history were deified is beyond the scope of this book.

# OBITUARY

- Rev. Fr. Paul Pallipadan CMI (84), belonging to St. Paul Province, Bhopal and a member of Navchetana Bhopal was called to eternal reward on June 12, 2025. The funeral was held on 16 June 2025 at Mata Mariam Church, Patel Nagar, Bhopal
- Rev. Fr Joy Kochupurackal CMI (53) belonging to St Paul's Province, Mysore was called to eternal reward on Wednesday 06 August, 2025. The funeral was held on 18 June at St Paul's Carmel House, Thandavapura.
- Rev. Fr Joy Kodiyan CMI (53) belonging to Devamatha Province, Thrissur was called to his eternal reward on 13 August, 2025. The funeral was held at Carmel Bhavan, Chalakudy on 14 August, 2025
- Rev. Bro Paul Thomas Malieckal CMI (88) belonging to St Joseph Province, Kottayam was called to his eternal reward on 07 September, 2025. The funeral was held at St John's Monastery, Mutholy on September 9, 2025.
- Rev. Fr. Joseph Kulakkat CMI (89) belonging to Carmel Province, Muvattupuzha was called for his eternal reward on 13 September, 2025. The funeral was held at LF Monastery Church Koduvvely on 14 September, 2025.
- Rev. Fr Panthenus Pookatt CMI (88) belonging to Mar Thoma Province, Chanda was called for his eternal reward on 24 September, 2025. The funeral was held at Carmel Monastery, Vazhakulam on 26 September, 2025
- Rev. Fr Raphael Pullokkaran CMI (83), belonging to Preshitha Province, Coimbatore was called for his eternal reward on 25 September, 2025. The funeral was held at Bharathamatha Ashram, Palakkad on 27 September, 2025.
- Rev. Fr Mathew Vattathara CMI (74) belonging to Sacred Heart Province, Kochi was called for his eternal reward on 30 September, 2025. The funeral was held at Sacred Heart Provincial House, Kalamassery on 2 October, 2025.
- Rev. Fr Emmanuel Gnavallil

CMI (80) belonging to St Joseph Province, Kottayam was called for his eternal reward on 01 October, 2025. The funeral was held on 03 October, 2025 at St John's Monastery, Mutholy.

- Rev. Fr Davis Cassian Chittilappilly CMI (91) belonging to Devamatha Province, Thrissur was called for his eternal reward on 26 October, 2025. The funeral

was held on 27 October, 2025 at St Teresa's Monastery, Kottakkal (Ampazhakad).

- Rev. Fr Francis Muringathuparambil CMI (61) belonging to St Paul Province, Bhopal, was called for his eternal reward on 30 October, 2025. The funeral was held on 01 November, 2025 at Sagar Bhavan, Thrissur.



### **FR. JOSE POTTAKARAN CMI (1939-2025)**

<b>Birth</b>	<b>: 05/04/1939</b>	<b>Profession</b>	<b>: 16/05/1959</b>
<b>Ordination</b>	<b>: 17/05/1967</b>	<b>Death</b>	<b>: 11/05/2025</b>

Rev. Fr. Jose Pottakaran CMI, aged 86, a devoted member of the St. Paul Province, Bhopal, was called to his eternal reward on May 11, 2025, at Sagar Bhavan, Mission Quarters Road, Thrissur.

Born on April 5, 1939, to Chummar and Kathareena in Kalady, Fr. Jose hailed from Elinjipra, Pariyaram in the Diocese of Irinjalakuda. He was baptized on April 12, 1939, at St. Sebastian's Church, Kanjoor in the Archdiocese of Ernakulam, and later received the sacrament of Confirmation at his home parish in Pariyaram. His spiritual journey began early, echoing the biblical call of the Prophet Samuel, as he responded to God's voice during his school days with a simple, heartfelt words.

After joining St. Berchmans' Aspirants House in Elthuruth and completing his schooling at St. Aloysius High School, he continued his formation at St. Pius X Aspirants House, Varandarappilly, and entered the Novitiate at Ampazhakad, where he professed his First Vows on May 16, 1959. His Perpetual Vows followed on May 16, 1962, at Dharmaram College, Bangalore, where he was ordained a priest on May 17, 1967, by Mar Sebastian Valloppilly.

Fr. Jose was deeply inspired by the spirituality of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, founder of the CMI Congregation. His first appointment as secretary to the Venerable Fr. Canisius, then Provincial of the Devamatha Province, introduced him to another spiritual guide whose motto "Only the Will of God, that's all"-became deeply ingrained in Fr. Jose's heart.

In 1972, after earning a 5.A. in Arts from Karnatak University, Dharwad, Fr. Jose answered a call to mission that would define his life. At the request of his Provincial, Fr. Clemens Thottungal CMI, the then Exarch and later the first Bishop of the Diocese of Sagar Fr. Jose embarked on a missionary journey to Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, a remote and unfamiliar land. With the faith of Abraham, he went forth without hesitation (Genesis 12:1), committing himself wholeheartedly to this challenging mission.

For decades, Fr. Jose served the Sagar Mission in various roles: secretary to the Exarch, parish priest, chaplain, and most memorably, as host to visiting guests at the Bishop's House. His gift for hospitality was exceptional. He treated every guest as Christ, transforming ordinary receptions into joyful celebrations.

In 1979, he earned a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. Upon returning to Sagar, he was appointed head of the diocesan tribunal and chancellor of the diocese. Known for his integrity and clarity, his words were trusted without question. He lived the Gospel directive "Let your Yes be Yes, and your No, No" (Mathew 5:37), becoming a model of truthfulness in word and deed.

Fr. Jose held several key leadership roles in the CMI community, including Regional Superior of the Sagar Mission, Vicar Provincial of the St. Paul Province, and Prior of Christ Home Monastery, Guna. Despite the

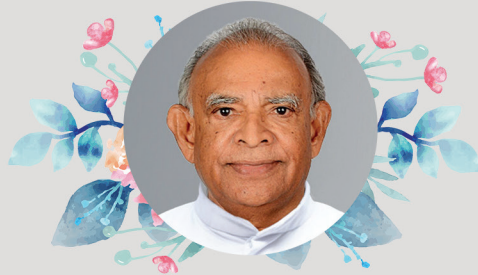
heavy responsibilities, he remained a humble servant of God.

In his later years, another unexpected call came, this time to Michigan City located in Indiana, USA, where he served as hospital chaplain for 17 years. His compassion, punctuality, and unwavering dedication earned him deep admiration from the sisters who managed the hospital. They retained him for nearly two decades, acknowledging that he was irreplaceable in his fidelity and care.

On returning to India, Fr. Jose longed to return to the mission fields of Madhya Pradesh. But declining health confined him to Sagar Bhavan, Thrissur. Even as his condition worsened and he became completely dependent on others, he accepted his suffering as a participation in the Passion of Christ. He united himself with the crucified Lord, surrendering his spirit with the words: "It is finished" (John 19:30).

His funeral was held on May 15, 2025, beginning with the enshrinement of his mortal remains at the Sagar Bhavan Chapel. The Office of the Dead was led by Fr. Antony Thattil CMI, followed by a series of solemn rites: The First Part of the Funeral Service was conducted by Rev. Fr. Cyril Kuttiyanickal CMI, Provincial of St. Paul Province, Bhopal; The Second Part was officiated by Mar Pauly Kannukadan, Bishop of Irinjalakuda, Fr. Jose's home diocese. The Requiem Holy Mass and Third Part of the Rites were presided over by Rev. Fr. Josey Thamarassery CMI, Vicar General, joined by the Provincials: Rev. Fr. Cyril Kuttiyanickal, St. Paul Province Bhopal, Rev. Fr. Jose Nandhikkara CMI, Devamatha Province Thrissur, and Rev. Fr. Saju Chakkalackal CMI, Preshitha Province Coimbatore. Fr. John Ollukaran CMI delivered a stirring homily, weaving Scripture and anecdotes into a powerful tribute. Mar Tony Neelankavil, Auxiliary Bishop of Thrissur, led the final commendation. Archbishop Mar Andrews Thazhath arrived at the conclusion to pay his final respects. The funeral witnessed the presence of many CMI confreres from various provinces, priests, religious, laity, and his beloved family members - all united in love and gratitude for a life that touched so many.

As members of the CMI fraternity, it is our sacred duty to remember Fr. Jose in our prayers and offer suffrages for the departed as prescribed in the CMI Directory. Let his life continue to guide and inspire us as we walk forward in our own spiritual and missionary journey.



## **FR JUSTIN KOYIPURAM CMI (1935-2025)**

<b>Birth</b>	<b>: 08/12/1935</b>	<b>Profession</b>	<b>: 14/09/1954</b>
<b>Ordination</b>	<b>: 17/05/1962</b>	<b>Death</b>	<b>: 07/06/2025</b>

Rev. Fr Justin Koyipuram CMI (89), a member of St John's Monastery, Mutholy, belonging to St Joseph Province, Kottayam, was called to his eternal rest on Saturday, June 7, 2025. His mortal remains were brought to St John's Monastery, Mutholy, at 9.00 AM on Monday, June 9, 2025, and the funeral service was held at 2.30 PM in the monastery chapel.

He was born on 08 December 1935 at Mutholy in the diocese of Pala, made his first vows on 14 September 1954, had his philosophical studies at JDV, Pune and theological studies at Dharmaram College and was ordained a priest on 17 May 1962.

Fr Justin, who had a doctorate in Philosophy from Gregorian University, Rome was instrumental in purchasing two houses for the CMI congregation in Rome and consequently in the establishment of the CMI Procura and the Chavara Institute of Indian and Inter-religious Studies (CIIS) in Rome. He served as our Procurator General in Rome in various terms (1971-1981; 1999-2002 & 2009-2014) for about 18 years. Dharmaram was blessed to have his dedicated service as professor of philosophy (1963-1964; 1969-1971) and as Rector (1981-1984). It was a recognition of administrative skills that he was elected the Provincial of St Thomas Province, Kozhikode thrice (1987-1990; 1993-1999), and as the General Councillor of Finance (2002-2008). He also rendered invaluable contributions as the Rector of Carmel Vidya Bhavan, Pune (1999-2002), Vicar Provincial of St Thomas Province, Kozhikode (1990-1993), Director of CSR Pariyaram (2008-2009) and as the pro-

vincial auditor of St Joseph Province, Kottayam. As the General Councillor of Finance, he played a significant role in the establishment of our Prior General's House at Chavara Hills, Kakkanad.

Despite being in key administrative positions for a long time, Fr Justin always remained simple, humble, and unassuming and was never hesitant to lend a helping hand to others. As we remember his life and legacy, let us honour his memory by continuing the work he so passionately led.



**REV. FR. PAUL PALLIPADAN CMI  
(1941-2025)**

<b>Birth</b>	<b>: 18/02/1941</b>	<b>Profession</b>	<b>: 16/05/1962</b>
<b>Ordination</b>	<b>: 17/05/1970</b>	<b>Death</b>	<b>: 12/06/2025</b>

Rev. Fr. Paul Pallipadan CMI was called to eternal rest in the early hours of 12 June 2025 at Navchetana, Bhopal.

Fr Paul was born on February 18, 1941 at Snehagiri in Irinjalakuda Diocese to the parents Thomas and Tressia as the youngest of their seven children. He joined CMI congregation and made his religious profession on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1962. His elder brother Itoop had joined the Jesuit congregation.

Fr Paul was ordained on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1970 and his first appointment was at Boys Home, Pavaratty. In 1973 he was sent to Germany for studies and pastoral works where he stayed till 1978. As it was time to return, he was personally called by Bishop Clemens Thottungal CMI to work in the diocese of Sagar. In 1978 he was appointed rector of the scholastics in Jyoti Bhavan, Sagar, studying in the University of Sagar and the parish priest of Jyoti Bhavan Parish. As a formator he was an inspiration to

the young religious.

He realized that communication media is necessary and the best medium for the evangelization. During his time Jyoti Bawan was made a communication centre and the student organization SUNS - Students' Union for New Society- was started and its magazine Pratibha was launched. Good number of cassettes and programmes were produced from this centre. The communication centre and SUNS continued the activities till 1990.

In 1986 he took sabbatical and went for Art and Culture course at Shantiniketan Kolkata and course on Film and Television at Pune Film Institute.

After the Sabbatical in 1987 he was appointed the Priest in Charge of Begumganj and the chaplain of Benedictine Sisters. From Begumganj he launched the Tulsipar Mission where he worked tirelessly until 2018. At the core of activities was his creativity, by which he transformed his environment and extended this transformation to his human relationships.

Fr. Paul knew that the backbone of rural economy is agriculture. He experimented with many novel ideas in agriculture, which attracted the rural folk. They benefited from his experiments, which gained recognition from the MP state government. His initiatives in sustainable farming, reforestation and eco-conscious practices were not just social projects, but were expressions of his belief that caring for earth is a sacred work. He championed the cause of the rural poor through creative efforts like informal education centres and small scale self-help groups that helped restore dignity and hope to countless lives.

For many years he worked as the director of Pontifical Mission, Holy Childhood and Mass Media department of Sagar Diocese. In 2018 after his retirement from active mission work, he joined the Navchetana community where he continued till the end of his life on 12, June 2025. At Navchetana he inspired the community for new projects in the media works, including the grand initiative Maseeha - a video series on the life of Christ. In his final days Fr Paul faced suffering with the same grace that defined his life.

His funeral was held on 16 June at Mata Mariam Church, Poornodaya,

Bhopal. His Grace Sebastian Durairaj, Archbishop, Bhopal was the main celebrant along with Fr Josey Thamarassery CMI, Vicar General and Fr Cyril Kuttianikkal CMI, Provincial, St Paul Province, Bhopal. The burial of Fr. Paul Palippadan at Yesu Ashram was presided over by Fr. Cyril Kuttianikkal, the Provincial.

Let us offer this noble soul to the mercy of God and pray that perpetual light shine upon his face and the Almighty Grant him eternal life.



**REV. FR. JOY KOCHUPURACKAL CMI  
(1971-2025)**

<b>Birth</b>	<b>: 30/12/1971</b>	<b>Profession</b>	<b>: 19/03/1994</b>
<b>Ordination</b>	<b>: 27/12/2003</b>	<b>Death</b>	<b>: 06/11/2025</b>

Rev. Fr. Joy Kochupurackal CMI (53), of the CMI St. Paul's Province, Mysuru, was called to eternal rest on August 6, 2025, in Pampakolpa, Arequipa, Peru. He was found deceased in the morning due to a massive cardiac arrest.

Born on December 30, 1971, Fr. Joy hailed from St. Antony's Church, Balal, in the Archdiocese of Thalassery. He was the son of Abraham and Mary Kochupurackal. After completing his high school studies at Balal, he began his initial seminary formation at the St Mary's Aspirants' House Koppa, Kushalnagar. His novitiate and juniorate were at Blessed Chavara Novitiate House, Thandavapura and made his first profession in 1994. He completed his Philosophical and Theological studies at Dharmaram College, Bangalore. He was ordained a priest on December 27, 2003, at St. Antony's Church, Balal, by Mar George Valiyamattam, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Thalassery.

His early ministry included pastoral and administrative roles at St.

Paul's Carmel House, Thandavapura (2004-2005) and Siddhi Vihara (2005-2006). These experiences prepared him for his long and zealous missionary commitment in Argentina (2006-2017), where he served with remarkable zeal, building communities, and sharing the Gospel with compassion.

Upon his return to India, Fr. Joy was appointed Superior of St. Mary's Carmel House, Koppa (2018-20). He then pursued a Licentiate in Spirituality and Counselling at DVK (2020-22), which enriched his pastoral sensitivity. In 2023, he volunteered for the Peru Mission, embracing the call with wholehearted dedication.

Fr. Joy Kochupurackal's life was a radiant embodiment of the missionary spirit of the CMI Congregation. Whether serving at his Province or in distant missions in Latin America, he lived the Gospel through: Humility in leadership and service, Simplicity in lifestyle and relationships, Selfless dedication to the poor and marginalized, Spiritual depth rooted in prayer and study. A joyful presence that uplifted communities His sudden departure is a great loss to the St. Paul's Province, Mysuru, the CMI Congregation, and all who were touched by his ministry.

The funeral of Rev. Fr. Joy Kochupurackal CMI was held on August 18, 2025. The first part of the funeral service took place at Pampakolpa, Arequipa, Peru on 6 August and was led by Rev. Fr. Lucas Vallikattukuzhy CMI, Councillor (Peru Sub Region). His mortal remains reached Mysore on 17 August and the second part of the rites was officiated by Rev. Fr. Augustine Paimpallil, Provincial, on August 17 at Carmel Bhavan, Mysuru.

On the morning of August 18, Fr. Joy's mortal remains were shifted to St. Paul's Carmel House, Thandavapura, for the Requiem Mass. The mass was presided over by Bishop Thomas Vazhapilly, Bishop Emeritus of Mysuru Diocese, along with Rev. Fr. Josey Thamarassery CMI, Vicar General, and Rev. Fr. Biju Vadakel CMI, General Councillor. A heartfelt homily was delivered by Fr. Joby Kunnath CMI. Rev. Fr. Josey Thamarassery CMI, Vicar General, led the final rites of the funeral. Following the service, his mortal remains were laid to rest in the crypt of St. Paul's Carmel House, Thandavapura. May his soul rest in eternal peace. We kindly ask you to offer suffrages for the departed soul in accordance with the directives, D 58 (b) and D 60.



ഈ പാസായി ചാവറ മിഷൻ മേഖലയിൽ അജപാലന രംഗത്തും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ രംഗത്തും തന്റെ ശുശ്രൂഷകൾ സ്മൃതപൂർവ്വമായ രീതിയിൽ നിർവഹിച്ചു. 2003-ൽ ചാലക്കുടി പോട്ട ചാവറ കുര്യാക്കോസ് എലിയാസ് യു.പി സ്കൂളിൽ അദ്ധ്യാപകനും, പുള്ളൂർ ആശ്രമ ഇടവകയിലെ അജപാലന ശുശ്രൂഷയിലും, പുള്ളൂർ ബോയ്സ് ഹോം റെക്ടറായും, പോട്ട ഇടവകയിലെ സഹവികാരിയായും, 2018 മുതൽ പോട്ട യു.പി സ്കൂളിന്റെ പ്രധാന അദ്ധ്യാപകനായും ജോയ് കൊടിയനച്ചൻ തന്റെ ശുശ്രൂഷകൾ ചെയ്തുവരികയായിരുന്നു.

അർബുദം ബാധിച്ച് സഹനങ്ങളുടെ ഉന്നതസോപാനം കയറുമ്പോഴും, സഹനങ്ങളേയും രോഗമൂലം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്ന എല്ലാ വേദനകളേയും ഈശോയുടെ സഹനത്തോട് ചേർത്ത് വെച്ച് ജോയിയച്ചൻ അവയെ ദൈവികപുണ്യമായി മാറ്റുകയായിരുന്നു.

മൃതസംസ്കാര ശുശ്രൂഷയുടെ ഒന്നാം ഭാഗം ആഗസ്റ്റ് 14-ാം തീയതി രാവിലെ 6.30-ന് അമലയിലെ സാന്ത്വനത്തിൽ വെച്ച് തൃശ്ശൂർ അതിരൂപതാ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്ത മാർ ആൻഡ്രൂസ് താഴത്ത് പിതാവിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. തുടർന്ന് മൃതദേഹം പോട്ട യു.പി. സ്കൂളിൽ പൊതുദർശനത്തിന് വെച്ചു. ഒരുപാട് ഇടവകജനവും, മാതാപിതാക്കളും, കുട്ടികളും നാനാജാതി മതസ്ഥരും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് അന്തിമോപചാരമർപ്പിക്കുവാൻ വന്നിരുന്നു. തുടർന്ന് ജോയിയച്ചൻ അംഗമായ ചാലക്കുടി സി.എം.ഐ ഭവനിൽ മൃതദേഹം എത്തിക്കുകയും അവിടെ വെച്ച് സി.എം.ഐ സഭയുടെ പ്രയോർ ജനറാളായ പെരിയ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട തോമസ് ചാത്തംപറമ്പിലച്ചന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ മൃതസംസ്കാര ശുശ്രൂഷയുടെ രണ്ടാംഭാഗം നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. തുടർന്ന് മൃതദേഹം ചാലക്കുടി കാർമ്മൽ ഭവൻ ചാപ്പലിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്ന് മൃതസംസ്കാര ശുശ്രൂഷയുടെ മൂന്നും നാലും ഭാഗങ്ങൾ നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. വി ബലിക്ക് തൃശ്ശൂർ ദേവമാതാ പ്രവിശ്യയുടെ പ്രൊവിൻഷ്യൽ ഫാ ഡോ. ജോസ് നന്ദിക്കര മുഖ്യ കാർമ്മികത്വം വഹിച്ചു തിരുഹൃദയ പ്രവിൻഷ്യൽ ബഹു ബെന്നി നൽക്കരയച്ചനും, മൈസൂർ സെന്റ് പോൾസ് പ്രൊവിൻഷ്യൽ ബഹു അഗസ്റ്റിൻ പയ്യമ്പിള്ളിയച്ചനും, സി.എം.ഐ ഭവൻ ഡയറക്ടർ ഷൈൻ പഴയാറ്റിലച്ചനും ധാരാളം വൈദികരും സമൂഹബലിയിൽ സംബന്ധിച്ചു. സതീർത്ഥ്യനായ ബഹു ഡേവിഡ് പാണാടനച്ചനാണ് അനുസ്മരണ പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തിയത്. തൃശ്ശൂർ അതിരൂപതാ സഹായ മെത്രാൻ മാർ ടോണി നീലങ്കാവിൽ പിതാവ് പ്രാർത്ഥനയ്ക്കായി കാർമ്മൽ ഭവനിൽ വന്നിരുന്നു. അന്ത്യകർമ്മങ്ങൾക്ക് ഇരിഞ്ഞാലക്കുട രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ പോളി കണ്ണക്കാടൻ പിതാവും, ചിക്കാഗോ രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ ജോയ് ആലപ്പാട്ട് പിതാവും നേതൃത്വം നൽകി.

തുടിപ്പുകൾ നിലയ്ക്കാത്ത ഓർമ്മകളുമായി മാലാഖമാരുടെ അകമ്പടിയോടെ സ്വർഗഗേഹത്തിലേക്ക് യാത്രയായിരിക്കുന്ന ബഹു. ജോയ് കൊടിയനച്ചൻ നമുക്കും സ്വർഗത്തിനുമിടയിൽ ഒരു മധ്യസ്ഥനായി തീരുകയും ചെയ്യട്ടെ. ബഹു ജോയ് കൊടിയനച്ചന്റെ ആത്മശാന്തിക്കായി സി.എം.ഐ സഭാനിയമം (D.58) അനുശാസിക്കുന്ന ദിവ്യബലിയും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും നടത്തണമെന്ന് സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.



## **REV. BRO PAUL THOMAS MALIECKAL CMI (1937-2025)**

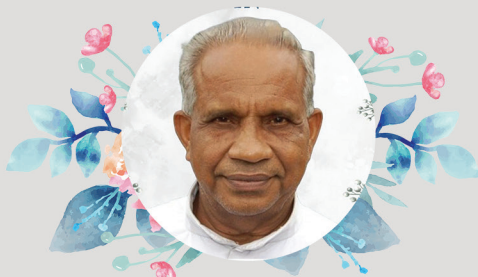
**Birth** : 21/03/1937                      **Profession** : 16/05/1960  
**Death** : 07/09/2025

Rev. Bro Paul Thomas Malieckal CMI (88), a member of St John's Monastery, Mutholy, belonging to St Joseph Province, Kottayam was called to his eternal reward on Sunday, September 7, 2025. His mortal remains were brought to St John's Monastery, Mutholy at 08.30 AM on Tuesday, 09 September 2025. The funeral service was held at 02.00 PM, followed by the concluding funeral rites at the Monastery Chapel.

He was born on 21 March 1937 at Kanjiramattom in the diocese of Pala, made his first vows on 16 May 1960 and the final profession on 16 May 1966. Immediately after his first vows, from 1960 to 1963 he served at Dharmaram College, Bengaluru, taking care of the mess department. In these early years, he demonstrated a practical generosity and reliability, ensuring that the daily needs of the community were met with order and care. From 1963 to 1965, he was in charge of reception and chapel at the Prior General's House, Ernakulam. For long eighteen years, from 1965 to 1983, he rendered invaluable service as the monotype machine operator at the Deepika Press, Kottayam. From 1983 to 1993, he served as the manager of the Deepika Book House, Kottayam and from 1993 to 2018, as the manager of the Deepika Book House, Kattappana.

He combined in him, practical acumen with a compassionate spirit and discharged faithfully and efficiently the duties entrusted to him with meticulous planning, commitment and dedication. His life was marked by quiet perseverance, a spirit of service that never sought the spotlight, and a deep, abiding devotion that sustained him through all challenges.

As we remember him, we give thanks for a vocation well lived: a Carmelite religious brother who believed that ordinary tasks, performed with love and fidelity, become extraordinary offerings to God and neighbour.



**REV. FR. PANTHENUS POOKATT CMI  
(1939-2025)**

<b>Birth</b>	<b>: 02/02/1939</b>	<b>Profession</b>	<b>: 16/05/1959</b>
<b>Ordination</b>	<b>: 17/05/1967</b>	<b>Death</b>	<b>: 24/09/2025</b>

Rev. Fr. Panthenus Pookatt CMI, a devoted and exemplary member of the CMI Mar Thoma Province, was called to his eternal reward on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 at Samaritan Hospital, Pazhangand.

Born on the 2 February 1939 at Vazhakulam, in the Diocese of Kothamangalam, he was the eldest son of the late Elikkutty and Kuriakose of the Pookatt-Nambiaparampil family. After completing his schooling at Vazhakulam, he discerned his vocation to religious life and joined the CMI Congregation.

He began his aspirancy at St. Antony's Monastery, Aluva, and completed his second year at St. Joseph's Monastery, Koonammavu. He then proceeded to Christ the King Monastery, Karukutty, where he undertook his novitiate and made his First Profession on 16 May 1959. He pursued his philosophical and theological studies at Dharmaram College, Bengaluru, and completed his regency at the Sacred Heart Provincial House, Kalamassery. During his first year of theology in 1965, he volunteered for missionary service in the newly established Chanda Region. He was ordained a priest on 17 May 1967.

Following the post ordination course, he began his ministry in Chanda in 1968. His first assignment was at Prabhu Sadan, Tarsa, where he

worked closely with its founder, Fr. Hermenegild. After a six-month tenure, he proceeded to Sangamner (Jesuit Mission), Ahmednagar District, to pursue studies in the Marathi language. In 1970, he was appointed Assistant Priest at St. Anthony's Church, Wardha, with a special mandate to minister to the Catholic community at the Central Ammunition Depot (Military Camp), Pulgaon. While catering to the needs of the existing community attached to the Garrison Church, he looked for a suitable plot of land and identified one at Kaotha (Zhopdi). The present St. Mary's ICSE School and the Marian Shrine are on the sprawling plots of land which he had purchased half a century ago. From 1980 to 1984, he served in the Brahmapuri Mission, where he nurtured local Christian communities and provided dedicated care to the school and boarding house. From 1984 to 1986, he pursued his Master of Theology at JDV, Pune, while also serving as Spiritual Director at Carmel Vidya Bhavan, the major study house of the Congregation.

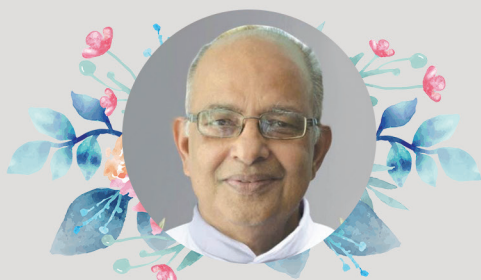
Upon completing his studies, he returned to Wardha and became Spiritual Father at the Darsana Institute of Philosophy in its inaugural year. From 1987 to 1990, he served as Rector of Aspirants at Tukum, Chandrapur. He was then elected Councillor for Finance and Agriculture of the Mar Thoma Province, a responsibility he held for two consecutive terms (1990-1996). From 1996 to 1999, Fr. Panthenus served as Superior of Tarsa Ashram and parish priest, organizing housing projects in nearby villages and establishing a girls' boarding at Tarsa. He later returned to Tarsa as Prior of the community (2005-2008). Fr. Panthenus served as Provincial from 1999 to 2002, launching new initiatives in Nagpur, and later as Novice Master at Anudhavana, Mancherial (2002-2005). In his later years, he was Spiritual Father at Samanvaya, Bhopal (2008-2011) and at Darsana, Wardha (2011-2017).

Known for his ardent and disciplined prayer life along with love of manual work, he found joy and solace in gardening and farming. His love for gardening, his hands-on missionary work, and his spiritual leadership all reflects his harmonious blend of contemplation and action. His love for mother earth contributed to his good health. After his service at Darsana in 2017, he was assigned to Carmel Ashram, Gadchiroli. From 2017 to 2025, while residing in Gadchiroli, he took a deep and active interest in the spiritual well-being of priests and religious sisters in the region. He regularly organized monthly gatherings, recollections, and Eucharistic adorations, serving as their spiritual mentor and confessor with dedication and pastoral care.

After a long and fruitful religious, priestly, and missionary life, the Lord called him to eternal rest on 24 September 2025 at Samaritan Hospital, Pazhangand. On the 26 September 2025, his mortal remains were brought to Tera Nur, Aluva. Rev. Fr. Thomas Chathamparampil, Prior General of the CMI Congregation paid homage and led the Office for the Dead.

The first part of the funeral ceremony began at 11:30 a.m., led by Rev. Fr. Paul Valiaparampil CMI, Provincial of the Mar Thoma Province, Chanda. The mortal remains were carried to Carmel Monastery Chapel, Vazhakulam, his native place. The second part of the funeral ceremony and Requiem Mass was led by Bishop Ephrem Nariculam of Chanda. A befitting homily, highlighting the noble qualities of Fr. Panthenus Pookatt, was delivered by Rev. Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil CMI. The final part of the funeral rites was conducted by Monsignor Joseph Thachaparampath CMI, Bishop-elect of Adilabad Diocese. The funeral was attended by, among others, a large number of priests from Chanda, religious sisters and brothers, parishioners, and relatives of Fr. Panthenus from Vazhakulam.

Let us thank the Lord for the countless blessings bestowed upon the CMI Congregation, the Chanda Province, the Mission Diocese, and the People of God through the simple, noble, and exemplary life of Rev. Fr. Panthenus Pookatt CMI. May the Risen Lord grant him everlasting joy and peace. Let us also pray for him by offering suffrages for the departed, as directed in Article 58 of the CMI Directory.



## **FR EMMANUEL GNAVALLIL CMI**

**(1945-2025)**

<b>Birth</b>	<b>: 29/09/1945</b>	<b>Profession</b>	<b>: 16/05/1965</b>
<b>Ordination</b>	<b>: 18/12/1975</b>	<b>Death</b>	<b>: 01/10/2025</b>

Rev. Fr Emmanuvel Gnavallil CMI (80), a member of CMI Provincial

House, Kottayam, belonging to St Joseph Province, Kottayam and a zealous missionary of San Mateo Sub-region, Peru, was called to eternal reward on Wednesday, 01 October 2025. His mortal remains were brought to St John's Monastery, Mutholy at 09.00 AM on Friday, 03 October 2025. The funeral service was held at 02.00 PM, followed by the concluding funeral rites at the monastery chapel.

He was born on 29 September 1945 at Karoor in the diocese of Pala, made his first vows on 16 May 1965 and after the completion of his philosophical and theological studies at Dharmaram College was ordained a priest on 18 December 1975.

Fr Emmanuel, a simple, humble, unassuming, ever smiling and joyful religious priest spent a major part of his life in Peru Mission as a zealous and passionate pastor. He excelled himself as an efficient pastor cum missionary and was able to win the love and admiration of people and confreres. He loved to be at the Peru Mission and served the mission for long 34 years. He was always ready to take up any duty entrusted to him and did it with utmost care, dedication and commitment. He had served as Asst. Director, Dharmaram Dairy Farm (1976-1977), Asst. boarding rector, St. Aloysius Boarding, Mannanam (1978-79), Asst. boarding rector, St Vincent Boarding, Pala (1979-1980), Boarding rector, St Vincent Boarding, Pala (1980-1984), Prior, St Pius X Monastery, Amanakara (1984-1987), Prior, St. John's Monastery, Mutholy (1987-'90) before moving to the Peru mission in 1990. In Peru, he held many responsible pastoral roles such as Asst Parish Priest, Parroquia San Benito (1990-1994), Asst Parish Priest, Parroquia Santísima Trinidad, Tingo (1994-2000), Parish Priest, Parroquia Santísima Trinidad, Tingo (2000-2003), Parish Priest, Parroquia San Luis Maria de Montfort, Nana (2003-2006) and as Parish Priest of Parroquia San Benito, Las Flores from 2006.

Fr Emmanuel returns to the Heavenly Father's house leaving behind a lasting legacy of service, kindness, compassion and love which will live on in the hearts of all who were touched by his ever loving, inspiring and empowering presence and dedicated service.



**CMI Major Superiors with Major Archbishop Mar Raphael Thattil**

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