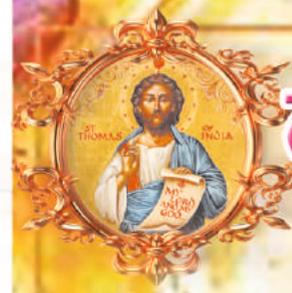


Glimpses of Chanda Family Day Celebrations (Diocese of Chanda)

24-10-2023



Chanda Samachar

Bulletin, Eparchy of Chanda

1. मैं प्रभु तेरा ईश्वर हूँ।
प्रभु अपने ईश्वर की
आराधना करना, उसको छोड़
और किसी की नहीं।
2. प्रभु अपने ईश्वर का
नाम व्यर्थ न लेना।
3. प्रभु का दिन पवित्र रखना।
4. माँ-बाप का आदर करना।

5. हत्या न करना।
6. व्यभिचार न करना।
7. चोरी न करना।
8. झूठी गवाही न देना।
9. परस्त्री की कामना
न करना।
10. पराये धन पर लालच
न करना।

कलीसिया के छः नियम

1. इतवार और हुक्म पर्व में पवित्र बलिदान में भाग लेना।
2. उपवास और परहेज के दिन मानना।
3. प्रतिवर्ष कम से कम एक बार पाप स्वीकार करना।
4. पास्का पर्व के समय योग्य रीति से परमप्रसाद ग्रहण करना।
5. कलीसिया के पुरोहितों को संभालने में भाग लेना।
6. विवाह के सम्बन्ध में कलीसिया के नियम मानना।

“अपने प्रभु ईश्वर को सारे हृदय, अपनी सारी आत्मा,
अपनी सारी बुद्धि और सारी शक्ति से प्यार करो।”
दूसरी आज्ञा यह है - “अपने पड़ोसी को अपने
समान प्यार करो।” सन्त मारक्यू 12:30-31

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First Profession of Sr Goretti Toppe SABS
(09-10-2023)



Golden Jubilee Holy Qurbana at Kaatha Mission
(11-11-2023)



Funeral Service of Fr. Antony Munjanattu
(15-12-2023)



Requiem Holy Qurbana for
Fr. Jomy & Fr. Antony (16-12-2023)

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Thy Kingdom Come (Mt. 6:10)

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*It seems to me that an unjust
law is no law at all.*

– St. Augustine



I. SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and My beloved People,

Thy Kingdom Come!

The Christmas 2023 was celebrated with gaiety and fervour, and now that we have entered to the New year 2024 with zeal and enthusiasm. Seasonal greetings to everyone. As part of our pastoral plan 2019-2023 we have celebrated the year of sacraments in 2023 and we are in the year of the Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church (2024). We dedicate each year in such manner with the purpose of re-catechising to vitalize our faith and Christian charity. I am happy to see that we are doing great many activities to observe these years of dedication meaningfully. In this year of 'Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church' we shall study them in depth and practice them with love for ecclesiastical and civil laws so as to develop a community of love, truth, justice, harmony, respect, peace etc. The year 2024 is also a preparatory year for Jubilee year 2025. Every Jubilee year is a special time for us to come together and grow in our faith. It is a time to renew our commitment to God and to our fellow brethren. It is the time to experience the mercy of God to find hope for the future. 'Pilgrims of Hope' is the theme of the Jubilee year 2025. On earth we are pilgrims marching towards our heavenly home (Ref: 2 Cor 5:1, 1 Pet 2:11). We resolve to avail every opportunity to prepare well our sojourn on earth in our march towards the eternal city of heavenly abode. God bless everyone.



With good wishes
Your Shepherd in the Lord

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

II. PASTORAL LETTER - I

The Year of Decalogue & Precepts of the Church

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and My Dear People,

Thy Kingdom Come!

We know as per our pastoral plan the year 2024 is set aside as the Year of Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church. They are the very basic rules that guide us in our human existence as social beings and members of the Christian community as parts of the mystical body of Christ, the Church. The Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church are pointers to right living as humans and Christians.

Decalogue contains ten laws, of which the first three pertains to our relationship with God:

- I. I am the Lord your God: You shall have no gods before me.
- II. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- III. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

The rest, the fourth to the tenth pertains to relationship among ourselves:

- IV. Honor your father and mother.
- V. You shall not kill.
- VI. You shall not commit adultery.
- VII. You shall not steal.
- VIII. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- X. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The Decalogue helps us to build up our relationship with God and Others. As creatures we give obeisance to God for 'our joy' and build up relationship among ourselves for 'our growth'. They help us to form a good society of mutual respect and love. It also enhances our hope for future and even life after death. The observances of them build up human relationships for joyful living and good neighborhood. The Ten Commandments are summarized into two:

- I. You shall love the Lord your God above all.
- II. You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Jesus exhorted his disciples in the following words: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength” (Mk 12:30-31). The Ten Commandments are given to Moses on mount Sinai (Ex 20:1-17 & Deut 5: 1-21) to teach the people of Israel right worship. God does not deliver them from slavery in order to free them from all attachments, but rather that, they might more fully belong to him. God saves his people and makes them a holy nation, a priestly nation because the people of God now exist for the sake of the whole world to intercede, to make sacrifice, to mediate that others may see the light and be drawn to it.

The Ten Commandments must be read and lived within the background a saving God. It is true that Ten Commandments are for all peoples, and they can be displayed anywhere and everywhere. But the way the Ten Commandments are truly discovered is to see their embodiment in those who believe that they have redeemed by God.

The Precepts of the Church are the following:

1. Attend Holy Qurbana on Sundays and days of obligation.
2. Confess your sins at least once a year.
3. Receive the Eucharist at least once a year.
4. Observe days of fasting and abstinence.
5. Provide for the needs of the Church.

These precepts add beauty to our Christian discipleship as members of the community of the faithful. Each of them is meant to be faithful Christians and members of the Church. The Christian life is centred around Eucharistic celebration, reception of Holy Eucharist and live as reconciled community. “When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift” (Mt 5:23-24). These precepts invite us to form communities after the model of the first Christian community where they lived in one mind and heart. They shared with one another everything they had. There was no one in the group who was in need. They distributed their earnings accordingly to each one's need. (Cf. Act 4:32-37). The Precepts of the Church are certain laws considered binding on the faithful. They are moral and ecclesiastical guidelines for a communitarian living.

The purpose of setting apart a year dedicated to the Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church is ment to study them systematically so as to apply them to our life as Christians for a better living schedule. May God bless everyone.



Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus

† Ephrem Nariculam

Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

NB : (i) Please read to the people the translation of it in local language or explain its content on any convenient Sunday. (ii)Catechesis of Sunday homilies schedule please see in page 69 (iii)Mode of inauguration of the year of Decalogue and the precepts of the Church please see page 18.



40 HOURS ADORATION
Diocese of Chanda



The 2024 Forty Hours Adoration at Cathedral, BPQ will be on 12 Monday to 14 Wednesday February 2024. The daily schedule of Adoration is from 06. 00 AM to 06.00 PM. Ash Day service and Holy Qurbana on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday 13th February will be a common recollection day for all missionaries (Fathers, Brothers and Sisters) as per the schedule given below. There will be Eucharistic procession on wednesday at 5.30 pm :

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13th, 2024

06.00	AM	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	} Recollection Schedule
09.00	AM	Confession	
10.00	AM	Talk	
12.00	PM	Holy Qurbana	
01.00	AM	Lunch. Bye... Bye...	

All are welcome

PASTORAL LETTER - II

Missionary Orientation

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and My Dear People,

Thy Kingdom Come!

“By your love, they will know you are my disciples”. Jesus came on earth with a mission- a mission - to reveal God's plan for the whole world. God sent his only begotten son to the world so that the whole world may be saved (Cf. Jn. 3:6). Salvation of the souls is the primary mission of each missionary. Jesus accomplished it by self-offering of his life. He offered his life as ransom for others (Cf. Mk. 10:44). He taught disciples a lesson of service by washing the feet of the disciples (Cf. Jn. 13:05).

Priesthood is for service (doing) and priesthood is also for life-witness (being). These are two dimensions of priesthood. Being and Doing should go hand in hand with priestly life and ministry. From being proceeds the doing. From the fruits we know the tree (Cf. Mt. 07:16-20). The integrity of our life is the resource of our missionary endeavors. Jesus called his disciples to be with him and to send out (Cf. Mk. 03:14-15). To be with him is to empower us with integrity of life. Unless you abide with me you cannot bear fruits (Cf. Jn. 15:05).

Integrity of life is a practical dimension of life-witness in ministry. There are different concepts that we need to take care in priestly life. The virtues that add charm to our priestly/ religious life are sincerity, co-operation, humility, hard work, fidelity etc.

Sincerity matters a great deal of a character of a person. A basic sincerity covers any other virtues in our priestly/religious life. It demands co-operation from others, humble service, hard work, fidelity to prayer life and life term promises/vows etc. One is called to be sincere to oneself, to others and to God (Cf. Mt. 05:23-24). Sincerity is not only in our daily dealings with others but also in our conscience. It is a radical demand of our call to follow Christ. As missionaries and followers of Christ we are

called to be transparent and trustworthy. We are called to be reliable and reasonable. We are called to be humble and holy. We are called to be prayerful and faithful. We are called to be divine and human. The word of God and sacraments assist us to accomplish these tasks to the divine expectation and the human aspirations. God Bless everyone..



Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

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MURON QURBANA



Let us be united in the Holy priesthood of Christ. Let the celebration of Holy Muron Qurbana fortify our priestly *Koinonia*. Let us deepen our commitment to Christ, Church, Diocese, Congregation and to the people.

Date : Tuesday, 26 March 2024

Venue : St. Thomas Cathedral, BPQ

Schedule

09.00 AM	Adoration & Confession
10.00 AM	Talk
11.15 AM	Holy Qurbana
01.00 PM	Lunch, Departure.

III. CIRCULAR - IV

Prot. No. 290/2023

03/10/2023

To,
All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,
Diocese of Chanda

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

**Thy Kingdom Come!
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

I wish to bring home to your attention the following for your kind perusal:

- i. Rosary Devotion:** It has been a tradition in our Church for many years the month of October is dedicated to holy Rosary devotion. Now we are in the month of October. I learn that many in our diocese do it with much enthusiasm and solemnity. I highly recommend it in all our parishes and institutions. Please remind also our people to do the practice of recitation of rosary in the families on daily basis. Many families do it with great fervour and devotion. If any family without such practice, kindly avail this opportunity of the month of rosary devotion to start and give them necessary guidance with regard to the recitation of rosary and the need of daily prayer in the families. Jesus entrusted Mary to the disciple John as the mother of the Church: “Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home” (Jn 19:27). In the Catholic Church Marian devotion is integral to our practice of Christian faith. We shall resolve to continue it with enthusiasm and zeal.
- ii. Manipur Crisis:** Manipur is still a burning issue in our country. Almost five months elapsed since it has erupted. These days we are not aware of the day-to-day happenings there due to shut down of internet and mass media transmission. We hear only very little of what actually happens there. It is reported that ethnic, political,

economic and religious issues are involved in the crisis. Many people have died and number of churches and christian institutions are attacked and destroyed. So many are displaced as well. The Church in India under the auspices of CBCI is doing the best to help the affected people irrespective any difference. May I request everyone to continue our prayers for a peaceful settlement in Manipur as early as possible.

- iii. Ukraine-Russia Conflict:** Ukraine crisis is also continuing unabated. Again these days we have very little media coverage on the issue in digital, print and social media. One year is completed and yet no solution. The sufferings of the people there are beyond imagination. May I request everyone to continue our special prayers for an amicable solution for Ukraine crisis as early as possible. We shall pray that there shall be peace in the world.
- iv. Evangelization:** “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Mt 28:19-20). The proclamation of the good news is our primary duty. Church by her very nature is missionary (AG 2). Evangelization has been the focus of our diocese ever since the inception of Chanda mission. We shall continue the focus in evangelization and tirelessly work for the conversion of heart, next what follows is the work of the Holy Spirit. We co-operate with God's will to do our best for the people. We live and serve in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. In Mt 10:16 Jesus invites us “to be wise as serpent and innocent as doves”. In our ministry of evangelization, we shall be prudent and cautious especially considering the context of political situation today and the assembly as well as federal elections are fast approaching. I bring this point to everyones' attention at this juncture as I have been informed that some anti-social and anti-christian elements are there in the proper territory of our diocese to destabilize the peaceful co-existence of

the people in the area.

v. **The Year of Decalogue and Precepts of the Church (2024):** The year 2023 we have been observing as the Year of Sacraments and I hope that required catechesis is being done in different levels so as to deepen the faith of our people in sacraments, its worthy reception and love it for a life in sanctity. Thanks to everyone for all initiatives. The next year 2024 as per our Pastoral Plan is going to be the Year of Decalogue and Precepts of the Church. Soon I shall be sending you a pastoral letter with regard to the observance of the same. Please avail every such opportunity to give proper catechesis to our people to deepen their faith and live in Christian identity witnessing Christ's value in daily life. Please do the needful as required. Some guidelines will be given later with regard to the observance of the Year of Decalogue and Precepts of the Church.

vi. **Voters' List:** The federal election is round the corner. Probably it will be held in May-June 2024. May I request everyone to take initiatives to enrol the names in the voters' list. Please inform people also about it and help them in whatever way possible to include everyone's name in the voters' list. It is our civilian duty to use the franchise to elect peoples' representatives to govern our country. Good governance is must for any nation to grow in prosperity and harmony. Please pray for fair means of election process and good governance in the country. We shall continue our prayers for the national and local leaders as well as for the civil officials so that they may serve the nation with sincerity, responsibility and dedication.

I thank everyone for the hard work, encouragement, prayers and mutual support in all our endeavours. God bless you.



Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,

† Ephrem Nariculam,
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

CIRCULAR - V

Prot. No. 293/2023

07/10/2023

To,
Circular - 06
All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,
Diocese of Chanda

Dear Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters,

Thy Kingdom Come!
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Sub: Wide Spread of Viral Fever

Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

Thy Kingdom Come

I wish to bring home to your kind attention regarding the wide spread of viral fever. It is badly affected in some hostels and boardings. May I request every priest-brother-sister-in charge to take adequate care about our hostlers/boarders so that our guys are not badly affected by this influenza. It is reported that many are admitted in the hospitals, and some have to be isolated to cause further spread of the disease.

May I request everyone to take the following precautions:

- 1) Consult a doctor/medical practitioner for any tendency of cold and fever in the initial stage.
- 2) Keep a safe distance from the affected persons and if necessary, use mask.
- 3) Use only boiled water to drink. Avoid the use of cold food and drinks and intake only warm and properly cooked food.
- 4) Pay attention to personal hygiene and cleanliness in and around our residence.
- 5) Start using natural precautions using ginger coffee, tulsi coffee, chukku kappi etc.

Be healthy and stay safe.

With good Luck



Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,

Ephrem Nariculam,
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

CIRCULAR - VI

**Prot. No. 349/2023
07/11/2023**

DIAMOND JUBILEE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

To,
All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,
Diocese of Chanda

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

**Thy Kingdom Come!
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

At the very outset I am happy to state that we have gone beyond our target. We planned sixty houses within two years and by the grace of God and co-operation and generous help of everyone by mid-2024 we shall complete the construction of more than sixty houses. I have with me a list of eighty six houses – construction completed, and another nine, the construction already initiated. I am happy to inform you that the Save A Family Plan (India) has granted another ten more houses for the diocese, the construction of which has to be completed before 31 March 2024. It shows that we will construct a total of 105 houses by mid 2024. The houses constructed were – some with full subsidy and the others were given partial help. Some families with *Garkul* subsidy are also included in the list. Thus we could help some families to construct or complete construction of their houses. Thanks to everyone for co-operation. There may be few more houses approved for the diocese with a partial help from Save A Family Plan in the next financial year as well. Fr. Shibu Monipallil and Fr. Thomson Pullashery are facilitating the process to get these additional houses approved from Save A Family Plan (India). May I remind everyone that we have many more applications for house construction. We shall take them one by one. The curia has now decided to do house construction five per year in the years ahead depending on the availability of funds. As I have already

communicated to you we shall not rest until all families in our diocese have roof over their head. One of the focus of our Diamond Jubilee celebration was house construction. We have not neglected other areas either such as healing ministry, education ministry, social apostolate etc. We continued these ministries in the jubilee year by taking extra miles providing financial assistance for education, treatment, self-employment opportunities, toilet construction, drinking water provisions etc. We resolve to do our best for the people in need.

From the feedback of the house construction project may I bring home to your attention the following: I wish all priests-in-charge take special interest for the progress of this project. Kindly make sure that the stipulations are strictly followed and time bound construction is completed. Kindly select only worthy beneficiaries. As the subsidy of Save A Family Plan (India) is credited only to the beneficiary's account, kindly ascertain that it is availed only for the intended purpose.

I wish to thank everyone – Provincials, Institution heads and others – for the whole hearted support in all activities in the diocese and in particular for the Diamond Jubilee House Construction project. May I request everyone to go ahead with our social involvements, but without failing our primary mission of evangelization – home mission, village visit, bible apostolate etc. We shall not forget that a family focused ministry is the need of the hour. When our families are in harmony and morally upright, the Church shall be strong and holy and greatly witness the Kingdom values. Once again thanks to everyone for your presence, support, encouragement and co-operation.



Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,

Ephrem Nariculam

† Ephrem Nariculam,
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

IV. BISHOP'S DIARY**SEPTEMBER**

1. Bishop attended millennium Jubilee of St. Mary's Forane Church, Muttom in Eernakulam- Angamaly Archdiocese and delivered a jubilee message.
3. Bishop blessed a marriage at St. Jude Church, Kadavanthra.
4. Bishop met with Most. Rev. Alex Vadakkumthala, bishop of Kannur, at Bishops house Kannur.
5. Bishop offered Holy Qurbana at Good Shepherd Seminary, and met with Bro. Christo, who is studying at Kunnoth, and visited also Claritian Seminary nearby.
6. Bishop offered holy Qurbana at Holy Family Provincial House, Palakkad and met with Sr. Pushpa the provincial and her councilors. Bishop met with Bp. Peter Kochupurackal, Bishop of Palakkad and Bp. Jacob Mananathodath, bishop Emeritus of Palakkad at Bishops House, Palakkad.
10. Bishop presided over feast Holy Qurbana at Cathedral, BPQ in connection with feast of nativity of BI. Virgin Mary.
- 12-13. Bishop visited Boys' Town, Montfort House, Hyderabad.
16. Bishop attended missionary conference at Bishop's, Home campus, BPQ.
17. Bishop offered Holy Qurbana at Durgapur Church.
19. Bishop addressed the participants of Mathruvedi meet at cathedral parish, BPQ.
- 22-24. Bishop had pastoral visit to Kaotha parish.
23. Bishop presided over Holy Qurbana in connection with the ruby jubilee of the Heavenly entry of Fr. Joseph Kuzhinjalil, the founder of DM Congregation at Chavara auditorium, Darsana, Wardha.
24. Bishop attended 85th Birthday celebration of Bp. Vijayanand, at Provincial House, Bamini.
25. Bishop attended Holy Qurbana Deulugaon village in

Brahmapuri parish where the Sisters of Jesus started a village mission.

30. Bishop met with Rev. Sr. Kusum CSM, the provincial superior of the Snehagiri Sisters of Kothamangalam Province.

OCTOBER

1. Bishop offered Holy Qurbana at Wani Station.
4. Bishop presided over Holy Qurbana for vestition of SABS candidate Gorathi SABS at Cathedral Parish, BPQ.
5. Bishop met with Bp. Tony Neelamkavil, Aux. Bishop of Trichur who visited Bishop's Home.
7. Bishop met with Sr. Reeta DM, the provincial superior at Bishop's Home. Bishop chaired the executive meeting of CSA at Bishop's Home.
8. Bishop offered Holy Qurbana at Chimmur Mission Center.
11. Bishop met with Sr. Terora SHSp the provincial superior of Holy Spirit Sisters at Bishops Home. In the evening bishop had online mission sharing with the CML, catechism teachers and students of Shishumala parish in Mananthavadi diocese.
12. Bishop delivered message for rosary conclusion at SVG, Bamini.
15. Bishop presided over feast Holy Qurbana at Thumbaraserry parish in Irinjalakuda Diocese.
16. Bishop visited the tomb of BI. Kunjachan at Ramapuram. Bishop offered office of the dead in the Cemetry of Ramapuram Parish.
- 20-22. Bishop had pastoral visit to Chincholi parish.
21. Bishop officiated funeral service of Sr. Cicily Joseph DM at provincial house Wardha.
24. Bishop presided over Chanda Family Day Holy Qurbana at Cathedral, BPQ and greeted the jubilarians and addressed the gathering.
25. Bishop met with Fr. Pauly Kannampuzha CSsR, Redeemptorist Provincial Superior at Bishop's Home.

- 26-27. Bishop offered Holy Qurbana at Bhamaragarh Mission and visited other missions in the zone.
- 29. Bishop presided over Holy Qurbana at Nagpur St. Jude Syro-Malabar parish, Uthgana, in connection with patron's feast of the parish.
- 30. Bishop attended Rosary conclusion at Montfort School Campus, and delivered messege.
- 31. Bishop attended Rosary conclusion and offered Holy Qurbana at Cathedral, BPQ.

NOVEMBER

- 2. Bishop presided over All Soul's day requiem Holy Qurbana at Cemetery of Cathedral parish and blessed the newly built graves (vault system) of Cathedral parish BPQ.
- 5. Bishop attended Episcopal Ordination of Msgr. Mathew Nellikunnel CST at Gorakpur.
- 9. Bishop presided over School Day celebrations of St. Clare School, Chimmur. Bishop attended virtual meeting of Bishops and Education Secretaries of Nagpur Metropolitan region.
- 11. Bishop presided over golden jubilee Holy Qurbana at Kaotha mission and blessed the newly constructed school building.
- 12. Bishop presided over Holy Qurbana for Solemn Holy Communion at Ghuguse parish. In the evening bishop presided over festal Holy Qurbana at Gojoli and blessed the School Building.
- 12-17. Bishop attended annual retreat with priests of the diocese at Bp's Home.
- 17. Bishop attended an online Meeting of Bishops, Secretaries of Education and Major Superiors of Nagpur Metropolitan region.
- 18. Bishop inaugurated CSA Chanda Living program at Mount Carmel school, Chandrapur. Bishop visited capsi mission station in Jagadapur diocese.
- 19. Bishop concelebrated Requiem Holy Qurbana for late Bp.

- Simon Stock Palathra CMI of Jagadapur at Cathedral Church, Jagadapur.
- 20. Bishop visited Bhariragarh mission in Jagadapur diocese, visited also sironcha and Chemmur station in Adilabad diocese.
- 20-22. Bishop animated Deacon's Pastoral Orientation Program at Bishop's Home, BPQ.
- 22. Bishop offered Requiem Holy Qurbana for Sr. Dency Jose SMMI at provincial House, Wardha.
- 24-26. Bishop had pastoral visit to Awarpur parish.
- 27. Bishop presided over Diocesan Pastoral Council.
- 28. Bishop presided over joint governing body meeting of Christianand and Christ Hospital at Bishop's Home, BPQ. Bishop attended virtual meeting of Nagpur metropolitan province, bishops , education secrecies and provincial superiors.

DECEMBER

- 03 Was chief guest for the school day Celebrations at St. Mary's School, Koatha.
- 04-05 Visited all the institutions in the Wardha, Sawangi and Sewagram areas.
- 04 Offered Holy Qurbana at Alphonsa Bhavan, Wardha.
- 05 Offered Holy Qurbana at VRO Chapel, Sewagram.
- 06 Visited Vincentian Retreat Center, Tabor, Bombay.
- 08-10 Attended WRBC and Catholic Council of India meeting at Atmashodh Pastoral Center, Vasai, Bombay.
- 11 Offered Holy Qurbana at Trinity College, Jalhander and met with Fr. Ajay Xalxho. Later he met with Bishops : Agnelo, the apostolic administrator of Jalhander diocese and Jose Puthenveetil, the Aux. Bishop of Faridabad. Bishop visited his ailing cousin sister, Sr. Claud CMC at Hoshiapur Hospital.
- 12 Met with Archbishop. Kuriakose Bharanikulangra at Bishop's

- House, New Delhi and visited CMI house at Harinagar, Delhi.
- 13 Offered Office of the Dead for late Fr. Antony Munjanatt at Lisie Hospital.
- 14 Met with Archbp. Joseph Pamplany at Archbishop's House, Thalacherry.
- 15 Officiated Funeral service of Fr. Antony Munjanatt at his home parish St. Jude's Church, Cheparambu in Thalasherry archdiocese. Bishop met with Archbp. George Valiyamattom at Bishop's House, Thalassery.
- 16 Met with Archbp. Cyril Vasil and Bp. Bosco Puthur at Bishop's House, Eernakulam.
- 19 Arrived back to Balharshah.
- 20 Presided over Annual Day Celebrations at Holy Family School, Gadchandur.
- 21 Presided over school Anniversary of St. Anne's CBSE School, Mul and Delivered message.
- 22 Presided over School Anniversary of St. Mary's School (CBSE & State Syllabus) Rajura and delivered message.
- 23 Attended Christmas celebrations at Kalabhavan. Bishop received civil & police officials and leaders of various political parties at Bishop's Home in connection with Christmas.
- 24 Offered Christmas Vigil Qurbana at Christ The King Parish Gomini.
- 25 Proceeded to kerala for ordinations and Synod of Bishops.
- 27 Met with Bp. Joseph Kallarangatt and Bp. Joseph Pallicaparampil at Bp's House Pala. Bp. met with Sr. Melani CMC a pioneering missionary of Chanda at CMC Convent, Thudanganad.
- 27 Ordained to holy priesthood Dn. Jibin Perummakunnel at St. George Church, Urullikunnam, Palai diocese.
- 28 Served Solmn Holy Communion to a child at Kottammam

- parish, in Eernakulam-Angamali archdiocese.
- 30 Ordained to Holy Priesthood, Dn. Rojan Vattoly CMI at provincial House Chapel, Rajagiri, Kalamaserry, and late, Dn Bibin Vellaramkallil CFIC at St. George and St. Sebastian parish in Kothamangalam diocese.
- 31 Attended silver jubilee celebrations of Fr. Baiju Naduparampil at Valliara parish and delivered messege for Madamna Family Associations platinum jubilee celebrations at chertala. Bp visited the tomb of Fr. Njarakkat CMI and later visited Fr. Raju avookkaran at Panavally Parish, near Cherthala.



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24/12/2023

**Inauguration of the Year of Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church- 2024
(Diocese of Chanda)**

I recommend to inaugurate the Year of Dialogue and the Precepts of the Church in our parishes by reading out by parish priest/priest-in-charge in the local language the Decalogue and the Precepts of the Church after homily at New Year Holy Qurbana or on the first Sunday of January 2024 followed by lighting the lamp. Focus the homily on the importance of laws (Divine & Human - Civil and Ecclesiastical) in the societal living and for us Christians the communitarian aspects of worship, moral uprightness in human dealings, family morality etc. The following scriptural passages may be conferred for reflection: Rom 3: 19,29, Gal 3:24, Rom 7:7-8, Eph 2:8-9, Rom 8: 1-4, 1 Jn 2:3-5, Jn 13:34-35. May I request everyone to follow the catechesis schedule of Sunday homilies for the year 2024.



†Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

V. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

JANUARY 2024

- 01 Ordination, Potta, Chalakudy
- 02 Juubilee, Kottayam
- 06 Jubilee, CMI Prior General House, Kakkanad
Marriage, Muvattupuzha
- 08-13 Synod of Bishops, Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad
- 13 Jubilee, Koratty
- 15 To Trivandrum
- 16-18 Palayamkottai & Kottar
- 20 Episcopal Ordination, Kottapuram
- 23 Annual Day at SVG, Bamni
- 25 Episcopal Ordination, Amaravathi
- 26 Republic Day
- 27 CSA Jubilee, BPQ
- 28 *Jeevotsav*, Chincholi
- 29 Recollection for priests and men religious, BPQ
- 30 Pastor's Meet, BPQ
- 30-Feb 8 CBCI, Bangalore

FEBRUARY -2024

- 10 CSA General Body & Executive Meeting, BPQ
- 11 Grotto Pilgrimage, Warur
- 12 & 14 40 Hours Adoration, BPQ
- 13 Monthly Recollection for Priests and Men & Women Religious, BPQ (5.45 PM)
- 14 Ash Day, BPQ

- 12-17 Deacons' Pastoral Orientation Program, BPQ
- 18 *Jeevotsav*, Reppanpalli
- 19-24 PPT Meeting, BPQ
- 25 *Jeevotsav*, Visapur
- 26-29 PPT Meeting, BPQ

MARCH-2024

- 01-03 Pastoral Visit (Gojoli)
- 03 *Jeevotsav*, Jarawandi
- 04-08 PPT Meeting, BPQ
- 08 Finance Council
- 09 Blessing, Capuchin Ashram, Karancha
- 10 *Jeevotsav*, Pattaguda
- 11-12 Quinquennial Meeting
- 14-17 Pastoral Visit (Kurkheda)
- 17 *Jeevotsav*, Wani
- 19 Feast of St. Joseph
- 20-23 PPT Meeting, BPQ
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 26 Muron Qurbana (Common Recollection for Priests, Men & Women Religious, BPQ)
- 28 Maundy Thursday
- 29 Good Friday, Calvarigiri Pilgrimage, Lakkadakot
- 30 Holy Saturday
- 31 Easter Day

APRIL- 2024

- 08-10 Syro-Malabar Bishop's Meeting of mission eparchies, Jagdalpur

- 12-14 Pastoral Visit (Mul)
- 14 *Jeevotsav*, Ettappilly
- 17 Monthly Recollection Diocesan Priests, BPQ
- 22-24 Workshop on Evangelization for priests, men and women religious
(Bro. Thomas Paul)
- 26-27 Workshop on Evangelization for Catechists, Laity and Youth (Bro. Thomas Paul)
- 28-May 10 Major Seminarians' Diocesan Formation Programme (MSDFP)
- 29-May 01 Workshop on Evangelization for Major Seminarians (Bro. Thomas Paul)

MAY-2024

- 01-10 Major Seminarians' Diocesan Formation Programme (MSDFP)
- 04 Priestly Ordination, Chanda
- 05 *Jeevotsav*, Jiwati
- 11 Minor Orders, BPQ
- 14 Third Death Anniversary of Fr. Lawrence Burle
- 16 Priestly Ordination, Kerala
- 18 Betrothal, Cherthala
- 19-July 05 Europe



Quotes

“ *Our greatest Happiness in this life will come as we follow God's commandments and obey his laws!* ”

– Thomas S. Monson

George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop
Syro-Malabar Church



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CIRCULAR
MISSION WEEK CELEBRATION OF THE
SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH - 2024

CARDINAL GEORGE ALENCHERRY
the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Consecrated Men
and Women and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

As in previous years, the Syro-Malabar Church observes the 'Mission Week' from the 6th of January, the Feast of Denha for a week. 'Know the Mission, Be a Missionary' is the motto of the Missionary Week celebrations. The Syro-Malabar Church observes Mission Week to increase the missionary zeal among the members, to encourage our missionary activities, and to provide support accordingly.

Based on the experience of the disciples who went to the Emmaus, Pope Francis chose the motto 'Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move' for the Global Mission Sunday of this year. Although those two disciples who went to Emmaus were tired, sad, and depressed, when the risen Lord walked with them, interpreted the Word, and broke the bread for them, their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus. They immediately returned to Jerusalem to share with others the joy of seeing the risen Lord (Luke 24:33). Similar to that day, the risen Lord walks with His disciples today. When they become aimless, discouraged, and fearful of the evil that surrounds them, Jesus strengthens them through the Word of God and the Holy Qurbana. Today, we are called to be the missionaries of hope in a society dominated by wars, persecution, depression, and materialism. As Pope Francis says in his

encyclical 'The Joy of the Gospel', the missionaries of the day need to be careful not to 'lose hope' in such situations.

A true disciple adjusts his life according to the teachings of the Master and attracts others to the discipleship by spreading the message of the Master. All Christians, through their life based on the Gospel, should lead others to Jesus and the Church. Those who do this are called 'the missionaries' by the Church. Every baptized Christian is a missionary. There was a time when missionary work was thought to be the duty of bishops, priests, and consecrated persons only. Today, many lay brothers and sisters are enthusiastically involved in the ministry of evangelization and activities that bear witness to the love and mercy of Jesus. This advancement in the missionary activity made by the laity in keeping with the teachings of the Church is a great blessing and a strong testimony of faith in this age.

It is the Spirit of God that prompts us to evangelize and witness. The Holy Spirit pours out its zeal wherever it will. Enthusiastic individuals, inspired by the Holy Spirit, dedicate their lives to missionary work. Each one fulfills this mission according to the gifts that one receives. The apostolic mission of the Church becomes more effective when all the believers work together in fellowship. The personal relationship of St Paul with Jesus and his commitment to the Gospel made him say: "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:16). We must have this compulsive intelligence of the apostle Paul. We should also be able to accept with all our hearts this call that the apostle makes in his epistle: "Preach the word; act cautiously, whether the circumstances are favorable or not" (2 Tim. 4:2).

The first meeting of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality, held in Rome in last October, reflected on and shared about Communion, Mission, and Participation. This Synod proposed for our thought, prayer, and further action, that the fellowship of the Church is for the apostolic mission and that this apostolic mission should be carried out by all the members of the Church in a participatory manner. In carrying out this mission, all Christians

should live by the gifts of their special vocations and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We must learn to think together, walk together, and work together. Christians are called not to be divided and scattered. We must witness to the Gospel and life of the Messiah in the fellowship of love.

Beloved brothers and sisters, may the Syro-Malabar Mission Week of this year inspire us to follow the example of our Father in faith, St Thomas the apostle, to proclaim to the world that Jesus is the Lord and Saviour and to share his compassionate love with everyone through acts of mercy. Let us pray for all the missionaries all over the world. Let us help the missionary activities of the Church in all ways possible. It is the need of the hour that more priests, consecrated persons and lay brothers should come forward and participate in the services in the mission fields and they should be encouraged for the same. In all our parishes and institutions, those concerned shall make the best efforts to organize the mission week in a meaningful and effective way.

I also request everyone to generously cooperate with the activities and initiatives of the Syro-Malabar Mission office and the Commission for Evangelization which works to coordinate and support the missionary activities of the Syro-Malabar 3 Church. May the promise of Jesus "I am with you forever" (Matthew 28:20) give us inspiration, courage, and guidance in our missionary work.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Given this from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St Thomas, Kakkannad on November 24, 2023

George Alencherry



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Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

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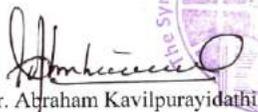
DECREE

Particular Law on Betrothal and Publishing of Banns in Mixed Marriages Solemnized with Dispensation from Catholic Form of Marriage

Whereas the III Session of the XXXI Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church held from August 21 to 26, 2023, in accordance with CCEO c. 110 §1, approved by voting the law on betrothal and publishing of banns in mixed marriages solemnized with dispensation from Catholic form of marriage, the undersigned Cardinal George Alencherry, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, as per c. 112 §1 of CCEO, promulgates the following:

- i. Betrothal and publication of banns shall be allowed in mixed marriages solemnized with dispensation from the Catholic form of marriage if requested by at least one of the parties.
- ii. Banns shall indicate that the marriage announced is solemnized with dispensation from the Catholic form of marriage granted by the Major Archbishop and that it will be solemnized in the Church of the non- Catholic party.

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad on 21 September 2023, the Feast of St. Mathew the Apostle.


Fr. Abraham Kavilpurayidathil
Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor


Cardinal George Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

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Syro-Malabar Church



Prot. No. 1007/2023

DECREE

Particular Law on Civil Registration of Marriage for Obtaining Family Visa before Sacramental Solemnization of Marriage

Whereas the III Session of the XXXI Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church held from 21 to 26 August, 2023, in accordance with CCEO c. 110 §1, approved by voting the law on civil registration of marriage of Syro-Malabar faithful before solemnizing sacramental marriage for the purpose of obtaining family visa, the undersigned Cardinal George Alencherry, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, as per c. 112 §1 of CCEO, promulgates the following:

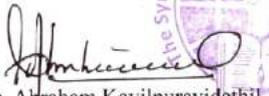
- i. The Syro-Malabar faithful who, for serious reasons such as obtaining family visa to foreign countries find it necessary to register their marriages under relevant civil law before the sacramental solemnization of the marriage in the church, may approach their own local hierarch, with proper application and testimonial letter from the parish priest concerned, for obtaining permission to that effect.
- ii. The party who approaches the local hierarch for permission shall present a written request to that effect which shall carry the undertaking that they will not live together, being aware of the sinfulness of cohabitation before the sacramental marriage and that they will get marriage sacramentally solemnized at the earliest possibility. In addition, the request shall also carry the signatures of both the bride and the bridegroom.
- iii. The testimonial letter shall indicate whether the applicant/s belong to the parishes indicated in the application and whether the facts mentioned are true.

- iv. Ordinarily the request is to be addressed to the local hierarch of the bridegroom. However, when the local hierarch of the bridegroom cannot be accessed, then the local hierarch of the bride may be approached.
- v. In the permission it shall be specifically mentioned that it is granted under condition that the applicants agree not to cohabit before sacramental marriage and that they will get married sacramentally at the earliest possibility.
- vi. After the civil registration of the marriage a copy of the certificate of registration shall be given to both parish priests and the information about the marriage shall be entered in a special section of the marriage registers of both the parishes.
- vii. If at least one of the parties requests for betrothal and publication of banns before the solemnization of the sacramental marriage, the request shall be granted by the parish priests. To do so, no permission from the local hierarch is required.
- viii. The date of marriage to be entered in the marriage register after the sacramental marriage is the date of the sacramental marriage. In the remark column, however, the date of the civil marriage is to be mentioned.
- ix. While issuing marriage certificates the parish priests shall indicate the date of sacramental solemnization.

All contrary dispositions notwithstanding.

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad on 21 September 2023, the Feast of St. Mathew the Apostle.


 Cardinal George Alencherry
 Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church


 Fr. Abraham Kavilpurayidathil
 Major Archiepiscopal Chancellor



VI. CURIA MATTERS

TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS Eparchy of Chanda (September & November 2023)

No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
1	Fr. Harish Puthenpurackal CMI	Priest-in-Charge, Wadsa		11/09/2023
2	Fr. Paul Valiyaparampil CMI		Priest-in-Charge, Wadsa	11/09/2023
3	Fr. Benny Mulackal		Parish Priest, Cathedral, BPQ Manager, Vianney Jubilee School, BPQ (Additional)	08/11/2023
4	Fr. Robinson Chekkathadathil	Parish Priest, Cathedral, BPQ Manager, Vianney Jubilee School, BPQ	Parish Priest, Wardha Manager, St. Antony's National School, Wardha (Continues to be Syncellus - Land, Boarding and Farming & DFO)	08/11/2023
5	Fr. Vincent Pangola	Parish Priest, Wardha Manager, St. Antony's National School, Wardha	Pastoral Mission, USA	08/11/2023
6	Fr. Dinesh Mate	Vocation Promoter (Within the diocese)		08/11/2023

No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
7	Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil		Vocation Promoter (Within the diocese) (Additional)	08/11/2023
8	Fr. Albin Jose	House Administrator, Bishop's Home		08/11/2023
9	Fr. Shine Manjaly		House Administrator, Bishop's Home (Additional)	08/11/2023

**NB: DFO will be available in Bishop's Home from Tuesday to Friday. In his absence kindly contact
Fr. Benny Mulackal for any finance service of the diocese.**



† Bp. Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda



Fr. Shibu Monipalli
Chancellor

CURIA MATTERS				
TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS Eparchy of Chanda (November 2023)				
No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
1	Fr. Shajju Madapallikunnel		Internal Auditor, Diocese of Chanda (With Fr. Benny Mulackal and Fr. Robinson Chekkathadathil)	05/11/2023
2	Fr. Rajat Valiyamangalam		Administrator, Lakkadkot (Additional)	30/11/2023
3	Fr. Somy Varghese	Priest-in-Charge, Lakkadkot		30/11/2023
4	Fr. Jeevan K.D	Priest-in-Charge, Bhamaragarh	Priest-in-Charge, Pompurna	30/11/2023
5	Fr. Sumesh Siby		Priest-in-Charge, Bhamaragarh (Additional)	30/11/2023
6	Fr. Binoy Checkonthayil CMI	PRO, Diocese of Chanda		30/11/2023
7	Fr. Benny Mulackal		PRO, Diocese of Chanda (With Fr. Dinesh Mate and Fr. Subin Kallampally)	30/11/2023

No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
6	Fr. Tomy Chovellikudy		Manager, St. Joseph School, Marakbody	30/11/2023
7	Fr. Benny Mulackal (Director) Fr. Robinson Chekkathadathil Fr. Thomas PUNCHAYIL Fr. Prakash Kerketta Fr. Roby Antony Fr. Somy Varghese Fr. Bernard Kujur		Administration Committee for Aranya Niwas Eco-Farming (AN-Eco Farm), Lakkadakott and Santwadi Centre for Education, Natural-farming and Training (SCENT) Project, Mul	30/11/2023
6	Fr. Emmanuel Kandathil	Priest-in-Residence, Wirur	Priest-in-Residence, Bramhapuri	06/12/2023



Fr. Shibu Monipalli
Chancellor



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DIOCESAN YEAR PLAN 2024 : CHANDA

The Year of Decalogue & the Precepts of the Church

JANUARY

- 01 - Inauguration of the Year of Decalogue & the Precepts of the Church
- 03 - St. Chavara Kuriakose
- 05 - First Friday
- 06 - Feast of Epiphany, World Missionary Holy Childhood Day
- 08-13 - Pray for Syro-Malabar Synod of Bishops
- 08-14 - Syro-Malabar *Preshitha Varam*
- 13 - Logos Quiz, Diocesan Level
- 14 - St. Devasahayam Pillai
- 16-21 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Shengaoon
- 18-25 - Church Unity Octave
- 20 - St. Sebastian
- 23-28 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Chincholi
- 26 - Republic Day, Sts. Timothy & Titus
- 27 - Feast of Evangelists, PPT Meeting
- 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas
- 29 - Major Archbishopal Status to Syro-Malabar Church, Monthly Recollection for Priests and Men Religious, BPQ (General Presbyterium), PPT Meeting
- 30 - World Day of Peace, Pastors' Meet, BPQ
- 31 - St. John Bosco

FEBRUARY

- Lenten Campaign
- Zonal Bible Conventions (CLC)
- CRI online conference for general body
- 01-07 - Pray for CBCI General Body Meeting
- 02 - First Friday
- 10 - CSA Meeting
- 11 - Grotto Pilgrimage, Warur (World Day of the Sick)
- 13-18 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Reppanpalli

- 12 & 14 - Ash Day Service & 40 Hours Adoration (Feb 12,13&14)
- 12-16 - Deacons' Pastoral Orientation Program
- 13 - Monthly Recollection for Priests and Men & Women Religious, BPQ (5.45 PM)
- 19-24 - PPT Meeting
- 20-25 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Visapur
- 25 - Blessed Rani Maria
- 26-29 - PPT Meeting
- 26-Mar 03 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Jarawandi

MARCH

- CRI Zonal level gathering (Lenten preparation)
- 01-03 - Pastoral Visit (Gojoli)
- 01 - First Friday
- 04-08 - PPT Meeting
- 05-10 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Pattaguda
- 08 - World Women's Day, Catechism Exam- Diocesan Level and Bible Quiz
- 08-10 - Youth Retreat (Youth Department)
- 09 - Finance Council
- 11-12 - Quinquennial Meeting
- 12-17 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Wani
- 14-16 - Marriage Preparation Course
- 14-17 - Pastoral Visit (Kurkheda)
- 19 - Feast of St. Joseph
- 19-24 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Mul
- 20-23 - PPT Meeting
- 23 - Patron's Day of Bp Vijay Anand Nedumpuram CMI
- 24 - Palm Sunday
- 25 - Feast of Annunciation
- 26 - Muron Qurbana (Common Recollection for Priests, Men & Women Religious, BPQ)
- 28 - Maundy Thursday + Bp. Januarius' (28th) Death Anniversary
- 29 - Good Friday, Calvarigiri Pilgrimage, Lakkadakot
- 30 - Holy Saturday
- 31 - Easter Day

APRIL

- Vocation Camp
- Music Course (April-May)
- Career Guidance
- English Language Course
- 05 - First Friday
- 06 - Transfers in the diocese
- 07 - Divine Mercy Sunday
- 08-14 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Ettapalli
- 12-14 - Pastoral Visit (Mul)
- 11 - Youth Day Celebration
- 14 - Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti, Holiday
- 17 - Monthly Recollection Diocesan Priests, Ramzan Holiday
- 22-24 - Workshop on Evangelization for priests, men and women religious (Bro. Thomas Paul)
- 24 - Patron's Day of Major Archbishop George Cardinal Alenchery
- 26-27 - Workshop on Evangelization for Catechists, Laity and Youth (Bro. Thomas Paul)
- 28 - Vocation Sunday
- 28-May 10 - Major Seminarians' Diocesan Formation Programme (MSDFP)
- 29-May 01 - Workshop on Evangelization for Major Seminarians (Bro. Thomas Paul)
- 30-May 05 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Jivati

MAY

- Prayer Day for Priests, Men & Women Religious and People - Parish Level (One day recollection in the parishes)
- 01 - May Day (International Labour Day), St. Joseph, the patron of workers
- 01-10 - Major Seminarians' Diocesan Formation Programme (MSDFP)
- 03 - First Friday

- 06 - St. Dominic Savio
- 11 - Minor Orders, BPQ
- 12 - Feast of Ascension, Mothers' day
- 14 - Third death anniversary of Fr. Lawrence Burle
- 16 - Priestly Ordination, Kerala
- 19 - Feast of Pentecost
- 26 - Feast of Holy Trinity, Recollection (Parish Level)
- 31 - Visitation of Bl. Virgin. Mary

JUNE

- Hindi & Marathi Language Courses
- 02 - Feast of Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
- 05 - World Environment Day
- 07 - Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus, First Friday
- 08 - St. Mariam Thresia, Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 09 - St. Ephrem, Patron's Day - Bp. Ephrem
- 17 - Monthly Recollection for the diocesan, Zonal level (Zonal Level Missionary Conference)
- Catechism Teachers' Seminar
- 25-30 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Balapur
- 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul

JULY

- CRI online seminar for general body
- 03 - St. Thomas the Apostle and the patron of our diocese, Inauguration of Catechism Class
- 05 - First Friday
- 07 - *Sabhadhinam* Collection
- 14 - Feast of Seventy Disciples
- 16 - Feast of Mount Carmel
- 22 - Monthly Recollection for Priests and Men Religious (ONLINE)
- 24-28 - Pastoral Visit (Repanpalli)
- 25 - St. James
- 26 - Sts. Joachim and Anne
- 28 - St. Alphonsa + Day of grant parents and elderly

- 29 - St. Martha + Muharam/Ashura Holiday
- 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

AUGUST

- 01 - St. Alphonse Ligouri
Fifteen days fast in preparation for the feast of Assumption of our Lady begins
- 02 - Monthly Recollection for Diocesan priests (BPQ), First Friday
- 03 - Vianney Day (SVG)
- 04 - St. John Maria Vianney, Priests Sunday
- 06-11 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Lakkadakot
- 10 - CSA Meeting
- 14 - Third death anniversary of Fr. Kozhikothickal Joseph
- 15 - Feast of Assumption, Independence Day & Chanda Establishment Day (1962)
- 18 - Chanda Establishment Day Sunday Collection
- 19 - Raksha Bandhan Holiday
- 20-Sep 01 - Pray for Synod of Bishops
- 21 - St. Pius X
- 24 - St. Bartholomew
- 26 - Janmashtami Holiday
- 27 - St. Monica
- 28 - St. Augustine
- 29 - St. Euphrasia

SEPTEMBER

- Seminar for Mothers
- 01 - Eight days fast in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary begins,
- 05 - St. Theresa of Calcutta
- 06 - First Friday
- 07 - Missionary Conference, Ganesh Chaturthi Holiday
- 08 - Feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 14 - Exaltation of the Cross, CRI General body meeting at CMI provincial house, Bamni
- 15 - Onam

- 18-22 - Pastoral Visit (Gomini)
- 21 - St. Mark the apostle
- 23 - International Children's Day
- 24 - Birthday of Bp. Vijayanand CMI
- 27 - St. Vincent de Paul
- 28 - Milad un-Nabi, Holiday
- 29 - Archangels - Michel, Gabriel and Raphael
- 30 - St. Jerome

OCTOBER

- Month for Rosary devotion
- Couples Meet (CLC)
- 01 - St. Theresa of Child Jesus
- 01-06 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Rajura
- 02 - Gandhi Jayanthi, Guardian Angels, Diocesan Pastoral Council
- 04 - St. Francis of Assisi, Patron's Day - Pope Francis, First Friday
- Fasting in preparation for Chanda Family Day
- 05 - Holy Hour in preparation for Chanda Family Day
- 07 - Feast of Holy Rosary
- 12 - Chanda Family Day, Dussehra Holiday
- 15 - St. Theresa of Avila
- 16 - Blessed Kunjachan
- 17-20 - Pastoral Visit (Brahmapuri)
- 18 - St. Luke, the Evangelist
- 22 - St. John Paul II
- 24 - 10th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of Bp. Ephrem,
- 27 - Mission Sunday
- 28 - Sts. Simon & Jude

NOVEMBER

- Youth Convention
- Catechism Students Zonal Level Competition
- CRI Zonal level gathering
- 01 - All Saints Day, First Friday
- 02 - All Souls Day

- 03-08 - Priests Annual Retreat
- 05 - St. Zacharias & Elizabeth
- 15 - Presbyteral Council (10 AM), Consulters Meeting (3.00 PM)
- Guru Nanak Jayanti Holiday
- 17 - World Communication Day
- 24 - Christ the King
- 30 - St. Andrew, the apostle

DECEMBER

- Advent collection for Seminary Fund
- CRI Zonal level recollection (Advent Season)
- 01 - Advent abstinence begins
- 03 - St. Francis Xavier, The World day for the Physically Challenged
- 06 - First Friday
- 07 - St. Ambrose
- 08 - Feast of Immaculate Conception of Mary
- 10 - Birth Day of Bp. Ephrem Nariculam
- 10-15 - Jeevotsav parish retreat at Aksapur
- 13-15 - Marriage Preparation Course
- 14 - St. John of the Cross
- 15 - Seminary Fund collection
- 16 - Fifth Death Anniversary of Fr. Jomy Chakkalatharayil
- 21 - Advent Recollection for Priests and Men & Women religious (BPQ) & Christmas Gathering
- 25 - Christmas
- 26 - St. Stephen
- 27 - St. John the Apostle
- 28 - Feast of Holy Innocents
- 29 - Divine Motherhood of Mary
- 31 - Feast of Holy Family, Year ending

SPIRITUAL ORIENTATION FOR MISSIONARIES

Monthly Recollection Schedule - 2024 (Diocese of Chanda)

Month	Date	Time	Occasion	Participants	Venue	Special Event	Organizer
January	Jan 29	05.45 PM	Recollection	Priests and Men Religious	BPQ	General Presbyterium	Proto- Syncellus
February	Feb 13	05.45 PM	40 Hours of Adoration (Feb 12-14)	Priests and Men & Women Religious	BPQ	Preparation for Great Lent	Cathedral Vicar
March	Mar 26	10.00 AM	Holy Muron Qurbana	Priests and Men & Women Religious	BPQ	Preparation for Holy Week	Proto-Syncellus
April	Apr 17	05.45 PM	Recollection	Diocesan Priests	BPQ	Diocesan Presbyterium	CLC Director
May	Prayer Day for priests, Men & Women Religious and People (Parish Level) (Please fix the date according to the convenience in the parish)						
June	June 17	06.00 PM	Recollection	Priests and Men & Women Religious	Zonal Centre	Parish day/Gathering	Respective Priest in charge
July	July 22	06.00 PM	Recollection	Priests and Men Religious	Online	Zonal level Missionary Conference	Zonal Vicar
August	August 02	05.45 PM	Recollection	Diocesan Priests	BPQ	Vianney Day	Bishop's Secretary
September	Sep 07	10.00 AM	Missionary Conference	Priests and Men & Women Religious	BPQ	Missionaries' Diocesan level gathering	CLC Director & SVG Rector
October	Oct 12	10.00 AM	Chanda Family Day	All Missionaries and Lay delegates from parishes	BPQ	A Gathering in Diocesan Level	Cathedral Vicar
November	Nov 04-08	04 - 9.00 PM 08 -afternoon	Priests' Annual Retreat	Priests and Men Religious	BPQ	Priests Renewal + Spiritual Orientation	Proto- Syncellus
December	Dec 21	09.30 AM	Recollection	Priests and Men & Women Religious	BPQ	Christmas Gathering	Bishop

+ Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

JEEVOTHSAV RETREAT

We thank Almighty God for allowing us to begin the Home Mission and Retreat this year and also express special gratitude to Our Bishopji, Rev. Fathers and Sisters, Benefactors especially department for Evangelization Marthoma Province Chanda.

JEEVOTSAV RETREAT.1.

On 17th to 23rd Oct 2023.

St. Francis Assisi Church Kurkheda.

Three days Home Mission started on 17th October 2023 . Rev Sisters from SABS, CMC visited All the families prayed and invited the faithful for the retreat. The retreat began on 20th and Rev fathers preached the word of God. Prayers , praise and worship, daily adoration and Holy Qurbana made the presence of the tangible God experience. SH sisters full day intercessory prayers before the blessed sacrament during these days brought God's abundant blessings on everyone. Bishop Ephrem Nariculam's personal presence and blessings through the Solemn Eucharistic Procession in the Church Campus and his valuable messages for the faithful enriched the blessings in the retreat on 23rd Oct 2023. Fr. Jose Zade thanked everyone for the selfless dedication for the Jeevotshav retreat.

JEEVOTHSAV RETREAT 2.

On Nov 28, to Dec 3rd 2023

St. Alphonsa Church , Nandgaon.

Rev. Sisters from SD, SABS, DM started the Home Mission in this parish on 28th Nov. and the retreat began on 1st December. Although the days we experienced Gods providence. Our beloved fathers and sisters preached the good news. Ephrem Nariculam, our Bishopji celebrated the Qurbana and blessed all on 2nd December. The retreat ended with the solemn eucharistic procession. Rev. Fr. Anish Kuthoor thanked all .

JEEVOTSAV RETREAT 3.

On 5th to 10th December 2023.

Shanti Nivas Church Wirur.

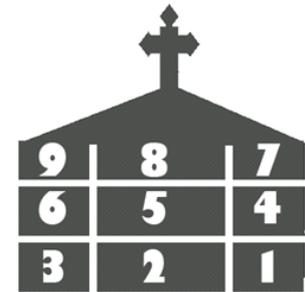
The home mission began on 5th December. Rev. Sisters from MSMI, DM, SABS visited every home, prayed and invited for the retreat. Retreat began on 8th Dec 23. Sincere gratitude to all the Fathers and Sisters for your commitment and love to preach the Gospel. Rev. Sr. Soosi MSMI spend all three days for counseling the retreatants at Wirur. The retreat ended with Solemn Eucharistic Procession in the Church Campus. Rev. Fr. Mathew and the parishioners thanked all.

JEEVOTSAV Parish Retreat Program
Theme: Jesus Christ is our Life (Jn 10:10)

Month & Year	Home Mission	Retreat Dates	Parish/Mission Station
January 2024	Jan 16, 17 & 18	Jan 19, 20 & 21	Shengaon
	Jan 23,24 &25	Jan 26,27 & 28	Chincholi
February 2024	Feb 13,14 & 15	Feb 16,17 & 18	Reppanpalli
	Feb 20,21 & 22	Feb 23,24 & 25	Visapur
Feb. & Mar. 2024	Feb 26,27,28 &29	Mar 1,2 & 3	Jarawandi
March 2024	Mar 5,6 & 7	Mar 8,9 & 10	Pattaguda
March 2024	Mar 12,13 & 14	Mar 15,16 & 17	Wani
March 2024	Mar 19,20 & 21	Mar 22,23 & 24	Mul
April 2024	Apr 8,9,10 & 11	Apr 12,13&14	Ettapalli
Apr. & May 2024	Apr – May 30, 1 & 2	May 3,4 & 5	Jivathi
June 2024	Jun 25, 26 & 27	Jun 28, 29 &30	Balapur
August 2024	Aug 6,7 & 8	Aug 9,10 & 11	Lakkadakot
October 2024	Oct 1,2 & 3	Oct 4, 5 & 6	Rajura
December 2024	Dec 10,11 & 12	Dec 13, 14 & 15	Aksapur

BALHARSHAH CATHEDRAL CEMETERY (VAULT SYSTEM)

The first block was built in October 2023 and was blessed by Bp. Ephrem Nariculam on 02 November 2023. It has nine tombs. Each vertical lane of tombs has a pit behind of the size 2^{1/2}ft X2^{1/2}ft. Each pit has an opening at the back parallel to the lowest tomb which is of the size of 2ft height and 1 1/2 width. It is openable in case of necessity to remove any remains in the pit for any purpose whatsoever. Vertical tombs are of one set which has no air passage with the other set of tombs except through air pipe. There is air pipe behind the pit at upper edge of the top level tomb connecting all the three sets of tombs which are elevated from the top set of tombs for air release. The order of interment should be left to right of the lowest level followed by middle row of tombs and then the top level of tombs (follow the order of number). A tomb shall not be open before completion of at least four years for the next interment. At each interment it may be preferred that the wooden and metal remains are taken out and the rest be pushed to the pit behind. The grooves in the wall between tombs is meant to insert a stand so as to place candles, flower vase, incense stick etc. It is removable and inserted when it is required.



Ephrem Nariculam

† Ephrem Nariculam,
 Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

VII. NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, AWARPUR

Bishop had his pastoral visit to the parish from Nov 24-26. He visited all the families in the parish. DM sisters have brought a piece of land in Gadchandur of which they plan to give little land to the diocese to construct a chapel and priest's residence. Its process is underway. As soon as it is done we plan to start the construction.

CHRIST BHAVAN FORANE CHURCH, BRAHMAPURI

Feast of Christ, the King

The flag hoisting for the Parish Feast was done on 23 November 2023. Rev. Fr. Aisteen CMI hoisted the flag. The Parish Patron's Feast celebration started on 25 November with Bhajan at Hospital campus. It was followed by the sermon by Rev. Fr. Jose Zade, then the procession to Church. The main attraction of the procession was the tableau, well decorated statue of Christ, the King and the prayerful atmosphere created by te faithful. Almost 950 people participated. Rev. Fr. John Bosco led the adoration and healing service. After the agape there were a number of cultural programmes put up by the parishioners. Thanks to catechism students, youth, nurses, Children from Deulgaon village, Matrusangh, Pithrusangh and Nagbhir parishioners for your wonderful programmes. Thankfully remember all the well wishers, priests and religious from nearby communities for your presence and participation.

The feast day, was marked by the Solemn Holy Qurbana. The New Priests of the Diocese of Chanda, Rev. Fr. Alwin Varghese, Fr. Linto Varghese, Fr. Naveen Varghese, Fr. Deepak Tirkey, Fr. Vishal Janagam were the celebrants. Fr. Binu Muthalakuzhiyil also joined for the Holy Qurbana. The new priests were also felicitated after the liturgical celebration.

Rosary Devotion

In view of month of Rosary, Brahmapuri parish started Rosary in families from 07.09.2023. Most of the parishioners attended the prayers. Almost 60-70 people attended it daily. The solemn Rosary Devotion at the parish Church was from 25 October to 31 October. On 31 October 2023, there was solemn Holy qurbana along with Rosary procession. Fr. Aisteen CMI was the main celebrant. Fr. Suresh CMF delivered the homily.

Village Mission of SJ Sisters

The Sisters of Jesus (SJ) from Sagar diocese started a village mission in Deulgaon of Brahmapuri parish.

Two sisters started living in the room attached to the village chapel.

It was inaugurated by Bishop Ephrem last evening (28.09.23). He offered Holy Qurbana in the chapel and blessed the room for the sisters. In the morning hours the sisters plan to spend time in prayer and adoration and in the afternoons they will visit villagers and involve in some social apostolate. Two sisters started living in the village.

Sr. Kusum SJ the Superior General and few SJ sisters from Sagar besides few fathers and sisters from Brahmapuri zone were present on the occasion. There were around 150 people participated in the function

Retreat for the Parishioners

A retreat for the parishioners was conducted in view of the Parish Feast. Fr. John Bosco (Priest from the diocese of Indore) was the preacher. He is the Official exorcist of the Indore diocese. Sr. Divya SJB also joined for preaching and counselling. Almost 200 people attended the three days retreat from 23 November to 25 November. Indeed it was a spiritual nourishment for the parishioners.

Mission Quiz

The parishioners participated in the Mission Quiz organized by Syro Malabar mission and commission for catechesis on 28 October 2023. Two of our children Sundas Bada and Allen Joseph received first and third prize respectively. Almost 24 people participated in the online quiz. Congratulations to the winners and participants

Catechism Children's Competitions

The catechism children of Brahmapuri parish participated in the Zonal Level Catechism Children's competitions held on 27 November at Marakbodi. The following are the items in which the children performed and got prizes:

Bible Quiz	-	First prize
Tableau	-	First prize
Fancy dress	-	First and Third
Bible verse writing	-	First
Group dance	-	second
Group song	-	second
Rangoli	-	Second

Congratulations for all the children for your participation.

All Souls Day

On 2 November 2023, along with the universal Church, the Christ Bhavan Church, Brahmapuri also commemorated all Souls. The Holy Qurbana was offered for the departed brethren. Office of the dead and other special prayers conducted at the cemetery.

Chanda Day Programme

Brahmapuri parish performed a musical drama on Chanda day, held at bishop's home, ballarpur. The programme was very well appreciated by the audience. Congratulations to the performers and a special thanks to Pitrusangh for coordinating the programme.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH, CHANDRAPUR

We, St. Thomas Catholic Church Chandrapur, conducted ten days of Rosary, Novena, and Holy Mass every evening. We specifically remembered the blessings we received from Mother Mary, the mother of Jesus. On most days, almost all parishioners were present. The Rosaries were conducted by different prayer groups in our parish. It was a great experience for the people. Everything was organized under the leadership of Fathers Bibin Thekkekara and Josekutty T.J, as well as the sisters, parish council members, and prayer group leaders. October 31 was the last day of the program. It was a very solemn program. Almost 250 people were present for the program. We had some eminent personalities with us on the last day, including Mr. Kishore Jorgewar (MLA)'s mother, Miss Gangubai Jorgewar, CEO Mr. Vivek Johnson and his family; and Fr. Benny Mulackal. At the end, we provided a delicious dinner for all. It expressed unity among the people of God.

November 2nd was another day we celebrated in our church, the commemoration of the dead. On that day evening, we started a prayer service at the graveyard followed by Holy Mass. Family members of each family decorated their dear one's tombs and prayed. Almost 150 people were present at the graveyard for prayer.

Our catechism department achieved many rewards this time. We became the overall champion in Ballarsha and Wardha zone competitions. Some of the students got the first prize in diocesan-level competitions. One of the students got the first prize in the online mission quest competition conducted by the Syro-Malabar department. On December 3rd, we conducted a seminar for catechism students and youth. The main speaker was Mr. Vivek Johnson (CEO). It was a good experience for students and parents because there was an open discussion about the future of children. Parents cleared the doubts they had. 11 youths participated in the diocesan youth program conducted at

Vachanashram, Bamini. As preparation for the Bible Quiz Competition, we conducted a Bible Quiz Competition for ward members. It was well arranged and conducted well.

Mission Sunday was an attractive day for our church because it shows our unity among us. Almost all participated in the option, and we collected a good amount of money also.

Since we are closing in on Christmas, we had a recollection Sunday. On that day, we had a talk, confession, and Holy Mass. All parishioners prepared well for the coming of Jesus Christ. We, St. Thomas Catholic Church Chandrapur, wish you a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ASHIRVAN CHURCH, CHINCHOLI

Bishop had canonical visitation to the parish from October 19-22. He visited all the families in the parish. He also offered Holy Qurbana in Subai and Amritguda villages. On Sunday 22 he presided over holy Qurbana at parish church and inaugurated auction in connection with mission Sunday. SD convent renovation just started and it will be completed in couple of months. Thanks to Peter Claver Sisters, SD Provincial, Brahmapuri Christianand Society, Fr. K A Paul, Bishop's House and others for financial support in renovation.

CHAVARA BHAVAN CHURCH, ETTAPPILLY

A youth Camp was held on 10 & 11 of November. It started with a Campfire on 10 November evening. Jesus Youth Team from Nagpur animated the camp. There were almost 150 participants. Thanks to all for co-operation.

MARIA RANI CHURCH, GATTA

SMS Provincial visited Gatta couple of weeks ago. The renovation of the convent adding a guest room, chapel with

varandha is progressing. The altar renovation is done and it will be blessed and open for use in couple of weeks.

ST. JUDE CHURCH, GOJOLI

On 12th November we celebrated the feast of patron saint St. Jude. Bp. Ephrem offered holy Qurbana. The newly constructed school building also was blessed by Bp. Ephrem on the same day. As it was sponsored by St. George Forane Church, Angamaly in the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly there was the assistant parish priest and few lay people represented their parish on the occasion. Gojili parish gratefully remembers all benefactors from Angamaly parish.

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, GOMINI

On 19th November, there was a Parish feast celebration of Christ the King at Gomini. It was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm. In connection to the feast a one-day retreat was conducted by Sr. Divya SJB and her team. The retreat was attended by many people from the parish, and it was a time for reflection and spiritual renewal. The event started with a mass at 5 pm, which was followed by a procession, healing service, and an agape. The main celebrant for the mass was Fr. Benny VG, and the newly ordained priest were the co-celebrants. The mass was attended by a large number of people from the parish, other parishes and the surrounding areas. After the mass, a procession was held in which people carried the image of Christ the King through the streets. The procession was accompanied by prayers and Rosary, and it was a beautiful sight to behold. Following the procession, a healing service was conducted. The healing service was led by Fr. Jeevan. After the prayer service, felicitation was given to Fr. Benny and the Newly Ordained priest. Finally, an agape was held where people shared food and fellowship with one another. The atmosphere was filled with joy and happiness, as people celebrated the Feast of Christ the King together.

ST. JOHN MARIA VIANNEY CHURCH, GHUGUS

Independence Day (Aug.15) was celebrated with fervor and gaiety. Bp. Ephrem was Chief Guest. The solemn Holy Communion was held in November 2023. There were eleven communicants. Bp. Ephrem officiated it and offered Holy Qurbana. The CMC sisters from Mount Carmel school, cement Nagar and Sindhola are planning to leave the administration of the schools by the end of this academic year as the cement factory is taken up by the Adani group.

ST. ALPHONSA CHURCH, KALMANA

We have started tuition centers in three villages for children as a new initiative with the support of Mission Partners guided by Sebastian k Thomas from Bangalore. A guruji is appointed to monitor the program. The priest-in charge and the sisters are taking interest to run the program well. Mr. Sebastian K. Thomas is financially supporting the program.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KAOTHA

The golden jubilee of the mission was celebrated on 11 November 2023. Solemn Holy Qurbana was presided over by Bp. Ephrem. Fr. Panthenus Pukkatt CMI was the Homilist. The pioneering missionaries of the mission were felicitated during the meeting that followed the Holy Qurbana. Later Bishop also blessed the newly constructed wing of St. Mary's school. On 30 November was the school anniversary. Bp. Ephrem was the chief guest. The variety of cultural programs added charm to the evening.

KARANCHA

The capuchin missionaries started the mission a year ago. Now we reside in a rented house. We are three in the community.

Fr. Mathew Paikada OFM Cap, Fr. Sharon OFM Cap and Bro. Arun OFM Cap. The construction of Ashram is progressing well. It should be completed by March 2024. The construction of the school building is also initiated. We are doing our best to solve the problem of water scarcity.

KISANWADI CHURCH, KOPERALI

Parish activities are going on well. A medical camp was held in October 2023. There were more than 200 patients visited the camp. The camp was served by a medical team from Sewagram Medical College Wardha under the leadership of Dr. Sr. Sally SJB. Adding kitchen and dining hall to the boarding the facilities for the sisters' residence is being enhanced. The work will be completed by January 2024. Thanks to Christanand Society Brahmapuri for the financial support.

ST. FRANSIS ASSISI CHURCH, KURKHEDA

The first *Jeevotsav* retreat was conducted from 17 to 22 October. CMC Sisters came for home mission. Bp. Ephrem presided over Eucharistic procession on the last day. The people enthusiastically participated in the *Jeevotsav* retreat. Almost 100 people participated in the retreat. Thanks to bishop and all the Fathers and sisters for their presence and cooperation. There was intercessory prayer before Blessed Sacrament during all the days of retreat.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, MARAKBODY

There was RHM for deceased faithful from mission station and special prayers and office of the dead and blessing of thumbs at Marakbody , Reypur , Krawafa , and Salatola villages.

Brhampuri Zonal level competition for catechism students conducted at St. Joseph National School Dongrangaon on 27/11/2023 and students from Brhampuri Forane church won

overall championship and students from Marakbody became runners-up

December. There was special prayers and carol and Christmas celebration at Reypur village on 21/12/2023. There was a facility for confession, carol, Holy mass and Christmas celebration at Salatola on 22/12/2023 . Fr. Shain Manjaly was the main celebrant for the holy Mass. Faithful from villages such as Potegaon , Reipur , Karwafa , Tatri , Bedikanar and Cithekanar were present

On the 24th evening, there was a solemn Christmas celebration, Holy mass, and dinner at St. Joseph Boys home, Dongragon. Fr. Vishal was the main celebrant and All faithful under Marakbody mission station were part of the celebration. 31st evening there was year-ending prayer, adoration, and holy Mass and new Year celebration At St. Joseph Church Marakbody.

ST. ALPHONASA CHURCH, NANDGAON

Everything is progressing well. The convent renovation is done and it is blessed on 30 November 2024. We hope to complete it by December. Thanks to Sr. Philo CMI, Provincial Superior for her assistance in renovating of the Convent. The rest of the amount is given from Bishop's Home.

MARY MATHA PARISH, RAJURA

Church Feast

The Feast of 'Our Lady of Holy Rosary' was solemnly celebrated in October, the Month of Rosary, on 8th October. Rev. Fr. Benny Mulackal, the new Vicar General of the Diocese was the Main Celebrant who was accompanied at the Altar by the New Priests of Chanda Diocese. The Feast Celebration was preceded by Nine weeks of remote preparation with each Sunday having a special theme and special intentions for the Novena and Mass sponsored by different families of the Parish.

The immediate preparation for the feast began with a One-day Retreat preached by Rev. Sr. Divya SJB from Wardha on 1st Oct and Flag hoisting on 5th October. The feast celebration was well attended by a good number of Priests, Nuns, faithful of the neighboring parishes and communities, as well as by seminarians from Sant Vianney Gurukul and CMI Minor Seminary, Bamni.

Month long Rosary Devotion

The Parish Community observed the Month long Rosary Devotion in the month of October with piety and fervor. After the church feast on 8th October, the statue of Mother Mary was handed over to the families at the end of the Thanksgiving Mass on 9th evening. Rev Fr Vivek, the former parish priest was the celebrant on the occasion. Mother Mary visited all families of the Parish each day as all gathered at each one's home in the evening for the Rosary Devotion. On 31st October the Rosary Devotion was solemnly concluded with Rosary Procession, Divine Liturgy and *Preetibhoj*. Rev Fr. Benny Mukulel CMI was the celebrant of the day, who preached a beautiful Homily on the Role and Importance of Mary in our spiritual life.

ST. ANTONY FORANE CHURCH, WARDHA

September

1. Rev. Fr. Joseph Thachaparampath CMI (Provincial, Mar Thomas Province, Chanda) hoisted the festal flag of Mother Mary's feast on 1st September in preparation to *Arogya Matha Parv* and Novena.
2. Feast of Mother Mary was solemnly celebrated on 10th September and the newly ordained Priests presided over the Holy Mass.
3. Members of *Mathruvedi* attended a seminar on 19th September at Balharsha.

October

1. On 1st October, the month specially dedicated to rosary devotion was solemnly officiated with Holy Qurbana. Ward wise Rosary devotion was also arranged in different families in connection with Rosary month.
2. A seminar on the sacrament of Holy Orders was held for the Faithful on 15th October. The resource person of the seminar was Rev. Sr. Aneja CMC
3. Mission Sunday was solemnly celebrated on 22nd October at Sevagram sub-station and on 29th in the Parish Church. Faithful participated in the auction.
4. Month of Rosary devotion was concluded on 31 October with Holy Qurbana followed by the procession and Agape.

November

1. Rev. Fr. Vincent Pangola was relieved from the office Parish priest on 8th November and Rev. Fr. Robinson Chekkathadathil was appointed as the new Parish priest.
2. On 6th November a send-off gathering was held to wish farewell to Rev. Fr. Vincent Pangola on behalf of the priests and religious of the Wardha forane.
3. On 12th November the new Parish priest, Rev. Fr. Robinson Chekkathadathil was welcomed in the parish together with the send-off to Rev. Fr. Vincent.
4. Some of our youth participated in the youth gathering held in Balharsha.
5. A seminar on the sacrament of Marriage was arranged for the Faithful on 26th November. The resource person of the seminar was Rev. Fr. Tomy Chirappurath CMI.
6. Our Catechism Children participated in the Zonal wise Catechism competition on 27th November at Babupeth and secured the position of Runners-up.

December

1. Send-off was given to our youth Coordinator Rev. Sr. Priya SJB on 3rd December. Wardha Parish *Parivar* is grateful to Sr. Priya for all her services and cordially welcomes Rev. Sr. Reshmi SJB as the new youth Coordinator.
2. On 3rd December our Catechism Children were appreciated and awarded for their stunning performance in the Zonal wise catechism completion held in Babupeth.
3. Catechism exam was conducted on 10th December.
4. A seminar on the sacrament of anointing of the sick was arranged for the Faithful on 10th November. The resource person of the seminar was Rev. Fr. Jose Koonath CMF.
5. Ward wise Christmas Carol was conducted on 18th, 19th & 20th of December.
6. Birth of our Lord was solemnly celebrated on 25th December.

CMC, CARMELODAYA PROVINCE, WARDHA

- ❖ Sr. Arpitha went to Assam for one month Gospel journey from 4th August to 2nd September, 2023. Many could experience God's love and compassion through her ministry.
- ❖ Our Sisters, Sr. Josy, Sr. Jency, Sr. Philomine, Sr. Johnsy, Sr. Maria, Sr. Flowery and Sr. Irine attended the Mission meet from 15th to 17th September 2023, at Mancherial Provincial House.
- ❖ As a part of Global Mission of CMC, Mother Philo - Our Provincial Superior visited Brazil from 10th to 20th October 2023 in view of establishing a new community in the fertile land of Latin America.
- ❖ Social work and FFT meet was organized in the Provincial House to all those sisters who were engaged in this field on 14th and 15th of October 2023. There were 21 participants.
- ❖ Aiming at the renewal and revival of our Catholic Families,

- Disability day was celebrated very meaningfully. An amount of Rs 6 lakhs equipment were received from the ministry of social justice and empowerment of person with disabilities. 25 hearing aids, 19 educational toolkits to special children, tricycles, rollators and CP chairs were distributed on the day of celebration.
- Various medical camps, awareness programs on health, sanitation and nutrition were held in the villages of Wardha district in collaboration with Data Megha Hospital.
- Observed world AIDS day and distributes 55 nutrition kits to people living with HIV/AIDS from the marginalized community in the presence of Civil surgeon.



HEARTY Congratulation



Shilpa Narayan Gawale, a parishioner of Shengaon has been selected for a job in Intelligence Buereau as chief security executive. She was a student of Akshara program of DM Sisters, Shengaon initiated by Sr. Seena DM.

Pavitra Jumde from the Reppanpally parish (Chellawada) who completed her B.Sc Nursing in Sevagram and was working in the past two years at Sevagram got a job in Ireland. She serves as a head staff nurse in a hospital in the Republic of Ireland.



Chanda Family conveys Hearty Congratulations to both for their achievements. Indeed, proud moments for Chanda Family. Prayers assured.

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VIII. FORMATION NEWS

CLARETIAN ASHRAM, WARDHA

1. Value Education Programme (13-09-23)

As part of CASA (Claretian Ashram Social Apostolate) students of Claretian ashram conducted special value education classes on 23rd September, 2023 at St. John's school, Allipur. The main theme of this program was “Character Formation” with special emphasis on sub themes like discipline, respect, time management, friendship and screen addiction. The groups were divided into three and they worked hard and developed above themes through power point, video presentation and action songs. These enriching programs bettered the confidence of the students to venture into different ministries of the same kind.

2. St. Claret Feast Celebrations (24-10-2023)

“The missionary thrust of St. Antony Mary Claret who was impelled by the fire of the Holy Spirit, spreading the unquenching flames of God's love has given us a paradigm to work for the glory of God and salvation of souls” said Rev. Fr. John Mathew the chancellor of Amaravathi diocese during the homily of the festal mass presided over by him on 24th October, 2023 at Claretian Ashram. The solemn celebration of the feast of our founder was a celebration of fellowship. Many priests and religious attended the spiritual fest and the agape thereafter. The program began at 6.00 pm with solemn Holy Eucharist. This was the culmination of Novena to St. Antony Mary Claret, the patron of cancer patients, which began on 15th October. The celebration was also marked with the special display historical frescoes prepared by the students recalling the legacy of the growth of the congregation on 175th anniversary of its foundation.

3. Mission Exposure Program (From 27th Oct. to 5th Nov.)

The sole purpose of seminary formation is to prepare the students for mission. Reiterating this aspect of formation for

evangelisation, the third- and second-year students of Claretian Ashram went to two Claretian mission centres at Adilabad missions and Dying destitute home at Badlapur, Mumbai. Sixteen second year students went to Kaghaznagar, Penchikalpet and Marthidi Claretian mission parishes. They visited villages, conducted prayer sessions and worked with them. Eighteen third year students went to Sant Claret Anaat Ahsram, Badlapur, Mumbai for one week experience. They had a unique experience wherein they cleaned, gave bath and served more than 140 destitute brethren who were brought from different parts of Mumbai streets. Mission exposure program was a great impetus for the vocational growth of the students that gave them new convictions.

4. Community Day and Campfire (26-11-23)

Community formation is one of the most important aspects of formation of the students. How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity (Ps. 133:1a). Reliving the words of the psalmist, the formators, students and the staff of Claretian ashram, celebrated the community day with a special, creative rosary devotion conducted in 5 different languages followed by a rejuvenating campfire. The programs included community games, action songs and food prepared and served by the students. Undoubtedly, this celebration cemented the bond among the members and helped them to share light moments of joy and positive vibes.

5. Mission Auction (30-11-23)

Enlivening the Mission Sunday 2023 theme “hearts on fire, feet on the move,” based on the story of the disciples who encountered Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35), the community of Claretian Ashram celebrated the mission day and conducted the auction on 30th November, 2023. The celebrations began with The second-year batch of students spearheaded the programs of the day which included creative games, food pavilions, auctioning of verities of materials and a film show.

6. Spiritual Harvest (02 to 07 Dec, 2023)

Annual retreat is a graceful occasion to reap the best of the spiritual harvest for the entire year. All the students at Claretian Ashram were privileged to participate in the annual retreat animated by Rev. Dr. Arul Jesus Robin, CMF, the director of ICL, Bangalore from 2nd Dec. to 8th Dec. Reigniting the pristine spirit of our founder St. Anthony Mary Claret, they could attend this discernment retreat with a spirit of renewal and growth.

CMI DARSHANA SEMINARY

NOORJAHAN

Darsana family witnessed to the extravaganza of NOORJAHAN, the inaugural function of DKS and DSKS. The various programs added more colour to the occasion and simultaneously the brothers-in-charge presented an analysis about the bygone semester and their new ventures. NAVDARSAN, the monthly newsletter of Darsana, was also released.

BOHEMIAN EVE

In connection with the section feast of the juniors, on the feast of St Alphonsa, they showcased their different distinguished talents through a one and half hour program titled 'BOHEMIAN EVE'. Fr. Francis Aykaraparampil, the Rector, was the chief guest. The sumptuous agape was prepared by the seniors. The cultural programs were appreciable and rejuvenating.

Bp. Januarius Endowment Lectures

On 12th August as part of the initiative auspices of Darsana, Bp Januarius Endowment Lectures was held on the topic of 'Formation according to the Magisterial Teachings'. The source was Bp. Mar Thomas Padiyath, the Auxiliary Bishop of Shamshabad diocese. The lecture was a 2 hours orientation program. The presence of the members from different neighbouring communities doubled its spirit.

'ALOHA'

The unity, generosity and creativity of the seniors were turned into a new dais titled 'Aloha'. They celebrated their section feast in connection with the feast of St. Euphrasia in a very solemn way. Their zeal and vibes were so expressive in the Holy Mass and the cultural eve conducted on 27th August. The programs were so captivating and appreciable.

ONAM CELEBRATION-2K23

Onam is a prestigious celebration for all Keralites, and for Darsana family too. As early as the sun was risen, brothers commenced the preparations for a meaningful celebration. The presence of Maveli and Vamanan doubled the joy of the community. Teachers from our school, neighbours and our helpers also were invited for the sumptuous sadya prepared by our own brothers. The Onam games, organized by the captains added colours to the day.

GURU VANDANAM

In connection with the Teachers' Day, the Students' Council of the Institute made up a 1 hour program on 5th. The Teachers were revered and gratefully remembered through the program 'Guru Vandanam'. Students put up some different cultural extravaganza too. And they reiterated the love and concern they have towards the Faculty. The message by Dr. Rajesh Kavalackal CMI was so gripping to the students.

HIREATH

Under the auspices of Darsana, the students get aware and interested to the untapped exposures and may nurture for the future. 'HIREATH' was an *Atmodaya* Extension Lecture presented by Dr. Varghese Puthuparampil CMI. It was all about his travel to the different corners of India and Nepal. Students

enthusiastically gave ears to his adventurous journey and it instilled in them a passion to bear wanderlust for knowledge and enlightenment.

Canonical Visitation

Rev. Fr. Thomas Chathamparampil CMI, the Prior General, and his team were in Darsana from Oct 3-6 for the Canonical Visitation. The Darsana Family was immensely happy to have them here. The seniors had the personal meeting with Fr. Prior General whereas juniors met with Fr. Vicar General. Finally, Fr. Prior General called out for gathering for all the students in Darsana. It was so thought-provoking for them.

Jubilee Celebration

Darsana Family solemnly celebrated the Golden jubilee of the religious profession of Rev. Fr. Prior General on 3rd October. We had organized an hour programme in the auditorium, inviting our neighbouring communities. Fr. Rector greeted him with a beautiful felicitation. The programme was followed by a sumptuous dinner.

Matrudham Feast

As this month was specially dedicated to the Mother Mary, the *Matrudham* feast was celebrated in a very solemn way from 13-22 October. Ten-day rosary devotion was conducted by different neighbouring communities. On the concluding day we had a procession in the compound of Darsana. It was a memorable day for *Darsanites* as well as for all the devotees who had attended in it. Thereafter *preetibhoj* was provided.

Pallivasam

The second-year brothers have gone for their village exposure programme for a week in the diocese of Adilabad. Their

missionary activities are well-appreciated by the parishioners and the priests.

EK-SAATH

Darsana community day titled *EK SAATH* was conducted on 26th. It was a day of happiness and togetherness. We started the event with a prayer service at 06:30Pm. Various entertaining programs and speeches followed by an agape went on till 09:00. It was an informal program inviting all our domestic staff members and some of our teachers. The prizes of the sports day were distributed on that day. The memorable event resonates in us a spirit of oneness always.

KHELOTSAV 2K23

Sports Day in Darsana is just like a celebration of union and communion. We commenced it on the on 24 November with a marathon from Darsana to EVB, Paloti. Darsana conducted 'KHELOTSAV 2K23', the sports day event on 25th under the appreciable organization of the Captains. Fr. Sijo Cherukarayil CMF, the Rector of Claretian Ashram inaugurated the event with flag receiving ceremony and March past. Sisters from different communities were also present for the inaugural ceremony. The various games rejuvenated the sportsmen spirit in our brothers.

SANT VIANNEY GURUKUL, DAHELI

The SVG community attended annual retreat at Divine Vachan Ashram from September 3-7 under the guidance of bro. Thomas Paul.

First years (12 brothers.) had Wardha darshan from September 8-11. They visited some of the mission stations as well as different institutions.

On 12 October we concluded the 10 days rosary at SVG. Bishop Ephrem Nariculam was blessed the occasion with his presence, celebrated Holy mass and he also met all the brothers personally.

On 13 October the first year bros. Had Allapalli darshan. They visited some of the important mission stations.

From 26-31 October SVG brothers had half yearly exams.

The Svg community had sports and cultural week from 1-5 November. Fr. Shine inaugurated this event. Brothers. Actively participated in various games and literary items.



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POMPURNA MISSION

(Decree of Declaration)

Hereby I declare Pompurna as a mission in the diocese of Chanda w.e.f. 30 November 2023. Henceforth it will be an independent mission with the Catholics residing in the villages around as its members. It shall be developed as a full fledged mission in the course of time. St. Ephrem, the Syrian will be the patron saint of this mission.

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda



Fr. Shibu Monipallil
Chancellor



IX. DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

CLC

1. Youth camp of the diocese of Chanda was conducted on 10-11 and 18-19 of November 2023 at St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara Church, Ettapalli and Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini respectively. There were 286 participations present for the convention. Jesus Youth from Nagpur Arch Diocese animated the camp.
2. The zonal wise competition for catechism students was held on 27th November 2023 at four mission stations of our Diocese, namely Tera Pream Church warur, St. Joseph Church Marakbody, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara Church, Ettapalli and St. Joseph church, Bapupeth. Students from various mission stations and parishes took part in it.
3. The Diocese of Chanda organized parish level Logos Quiz on 10th December in respective parishes and the diocesan level Logos Quiz will be held on 13th January 2024 at Bishop's Home campus.

Youth & Children's seminars in the dioceses of Chanda 2023

Date	Place	Youth seminar & Youth Camp	Children's Seminar
14 th April	Our Lady of Carmel, Gadchiroli		✓
15 th April	St. Alphonsa Church, Jarawandi		✓
21 th April	Maria Rani Church, Gatta		✓
22 th April	St. Alphonsa Church, Nandgaon	✓	
5 th May	Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini	✓	
1 st October	St. Lawrence Church, Nagepalli	✓	
15 th October	St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara Church, Ettapalli		✓
10-11 November	St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara Church, Ettapalli	✓	
18-19 November	Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini	✓	

NEWS FROM LOKSAMGRAHA SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (LSSS)

Loksamgraha Social Service Society (LSSS) has successfully implemented various developmental projects in partnership with several philanthropic agencies from September, 2023 to November, 2023. The Organization is proud to say that it has successfully completed the construction of 30 houses in partnership with Save A Family Plan India. The Organization has also provided medical and educational assistance to the needy living in the territorial limits of the Diocese of Chanda through the project "Love and Care" implemented in partnership with Archdiocese of Toronto. Furthermore, we also provided assistance to some of the hostels under the Diocese of Chanda through the provision of foodstuffs. Moreover, through the project "The Good Shepherd" implemented in partnership with Missio Austria, the Organization has distributed sanitary napkins amongst adolescent girls and menstruating women as well as distributed provisions for Income Generation like cows, goats and hens amongst the parishioners from the ten parishes located at Gadchiroli district where the project is being implemented. In addition, as we are in the season of advent, the Organization has planned distribution of blankets amongst the poor, downtrodden and marginalized communities. The funds for this activity will be raised through crowd funding.



Grotto Pilgrimage

Tera Prem Church, Warur

DATE : 11 February 2024

Holy Qurbana : 03.30 pm

(Detailed Schedule will be given later)



WORKSHOP ON EVANGELIZATION

Resource Person : **BRO. THOMAS PAUL**

SCHEDULE

I
2024 April 22-24 - Workshop on Evangelization for priests, men and women Religious (to confirm Discernment and Dedication to Evangelize)
Venue - Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamni

II
2024 April 26-27 - Workshop on Evangelization for Catechists, Laity and Youth (to prepare lay missionaries lay evangelizers)
Venue - Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamni

III
2024 April 29 May 01 - Workshop on Evangelization for Seminarians (to Instil the spirit of evangelization in the budding missionaries)
Venue - Sant Vianney Gurukul, Bamni

- For all workshops the participants are also welcome from outside the diocese.
- Please register names before 31 March 2024
Kindly contact:

Fr. Tinson VC, Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamni - Ph: 9567388264 Schedule I

Fr. Shine Manjaly, Bishop's Office, BPQ - Ph: 7025943781

Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil, CLC, BPQ - Ph: 9423742125 - Schedule II

Fr. Shibu Monippallil, Rector, SVG, Bamni - Ph: 8830381080 - Schedule III

- Accommodation for all the participants will be arranged in different institutions in BPQ and Bamni.

Fr. Ephrem Naricilam

Bp. Ephrem Naricilam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda



Fr. Raphael VC
Chief Co-ordinator



PASTORAL VISIT 2024

Sl. No.	Parish/Mission Station	Date
1	Nandgaon	February 15-18
2	Gojoli	March 01-03
3	Kurkheda	March 14-17
4	Mul	April 12-14
5	Repanpalli	July 25-28
6	Gomini	September 18-22
7	Brahmapuri	October 17-21

29TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Bp. Januarius' 29th death anniversary falls on Thursday 28 March 2024. Please observe the day in every parish and institutions in the diocese. There will be Holy Qurbana and Office of the Dead at Cathedral, Ballarpur at 6.00 AM.



THE YEAR OF DECALOGUE AND THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH 2024
(Catechesis Schedule in the Diocese of Chanda)

It is highly recommended to follow the schedule as given below for Sunday homilies / reflections from January to December 2024. Please do it on 2nd and/or 3rd Sundays of every month.

Month	Decalogue / Precepts	Scriptural Text and CCC & CCEO	Points for Reflection
JANUARY	I – You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.	Mt 4 : 10, 22 : 37 Lk 10 : 17, Dt 6 : 4 CCC 2084 - 2140	<u>Monotheism :</u> Faith, Hope and Charity Adoration and Prayers Superstition, Idolatry, Irreligion Atheism, Agnosticism etc.
	II - You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.	Ex 20 : 7, Dt 5 : 11 Mt 5 : 33-34, Ps 29 : 2 CCC 2142-2167.	<u>Respect to the Name of God:</u> False vows and Promises Blasphemy and Oaths.
FEBRUARY	III - Remember the Sabbath day, keep it Holy.	Ex 28 : 8-10 Dt 5 : 12-15 Mk 2 : 27-18 CCC 2168 – 2195 Precepts of the Church 1 - 4.	<u>Importance of Sabbath</u> Sunday Obligation, I m p o r t a n c e o f Community worship. A day of grace and rest from work. (Gen 2: 2)
MARCH	IV - Honor your father and your mother.	Ex 20 : 12, Dt 5 : 16 Lk 2 : 51 Mk 7 : 8 – 13 Eph 5 : 21-6:4. CCC 2197- 2257	<u>Respect for the Parents</u> Nature of Family, Christian family, Duties of family members, Family in God's Plan.
APRIL	V - You shall not kill.	Ex 20 : 13, Dt 5 : 17 Mt 5 : 21-22 Gen 4 : 8-12 Jn 10 : 10 CCC 2258-2330.	<u>Respect for Human Life:</u> Self-defense, Murder, Abortion, Euthanasia, Suicide, Dignity of Human Person, Bodily integrity, Avoidance of War

APRIL	VI - You shall not commit adultery.	Ex 20 : 15, Dt 5 : 18 Mt 5 : 27-28 Gen 1 : 27-28 CCC 2331-2400.	<u>Family Integrity :</u> God's plan of Creation of the Human species as Men and Women. Vocation to Christianity. Sins of lust, fornication, pornography, prostitution etc. Conjugal Fidelity and Gift of children.
MAY	VII - You shall not steal.	Ex 20 : 15, Dt 5 : 19 Mt : 19 : 18 CCC 2401-2403.	<u>Right to ownership :</u> Respect for person and their goods. Respect of integrity of creation. Social justice. Just Wage. Love for the poor.
JUNE	VIII - You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.	Ex 20 : 16, Dt 5 : 20 Mt 5 : 33, 14 : 6. Jn 1 : 14, 8 : 12 CCC 2464-2513	<u>Sincerity :</u> Love for Truth. Uprightness in speech and action. Right of Reputation. Rash judgment.
JULY	IX - You shall not covet your neighbor's wife/Husband.	Ex 20 : 17 Mt 5 : 28 Mt 5 : 8. CCC 2514-2533	<u>Marital Fidelity :</u> Charity and Sexual Rectitude – Purity of heart and body. Sexual continence. Purity requires modesty.
	X - You shall not covet your neighbor's goods/Property.	Ex 20 : 17 Dt 5 : 21 Mt : 21 CCC 2534-2557.	<u>Self-Integrity :</u> Poverty of Heart. Simplicity. Self complacency. Respect the right of others to ownership. Detachment of worldly possessions.
AUGUST	Summary – I Love God above Everything.	Mt 22 : 37-38 1Jn 43 : 20 Dt 7 : 9	Keep God as Primary Goal of Life. Have faith in God and be tension Free. God is the source of Love and God is the ultimate goal in life.

18	Lomesh Ushtu Chaudary	Mul	Save A Family	Completed
19	Prabhakar Rajeswar Yermalwar	Mul	Save A Family	Completed
20	Atul Kujur	Murrangaon	Save A Family	Completed
21	Nagnath Shrirang Kamble	Pattaguda	Save A Family	Completed
22	Tulsiram Bapu Munjamkar	Reppanpalli	Save A Family	Completed
23	Datta Shamrao Komle	Shengaoon	Save A Family	Completed
24	Premkumar Babu Gottamukale	Shengaoon	Save A Family	Completed
25	Ravikumar Raghunath Suryavanshi	Shengaoon	Save A Family	Completed
26	Rekha Nabhilar Bhagat	Shengaoon	Save A Family	Completed
27	Uttam Raghoba Kamble	Shengaoon	Save A Family	Completed
28	Rakesh Namdeo Khandale	Visapur	Save A Family	Completed
29	Milind Maroti Zade	Warur	Save A Family	Completed
30	Narendra Yelaya Kolagantiwar	Wasa	Save A Family	Completed
31	Suma Bhai	Aksapur	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
32	Pradeep Kira GoddseIwar	Aksapur	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
33	Ashoke Durge	Aksapur	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
34	Asha Abhay Khubera	Kopereli	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
35	Dileep Wakmare	Pattaguda	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
36	Avinash Wagmare	Pattaguda	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
37	Devaji Janagam	Reppanpalli	Toronto Arch Diocese, Bishop's Home, BPQ	Completed

38	Gnaneshwar Tukaram Jumde	Reppanpalli	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
39	Namdev Ramji Kamble	Jiwathi	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
40	Ramkant Amraj	Ballarpur	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
41	Robert Anthony Francis	Ballarpur	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
42	Jyothi Eliasus Xalxho	Ettapalli	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
43	Yogapati Guruji	Tarsa	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
44	George Regutawar	Wirur	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
45	Bichu & Mandabai Zillewar	Gomini	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
46	Sitaram Raju Pingatti	Kalmana	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
47	Vinod Vittoria Rohane	Lakkadakkot	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
48	Hanumand Karuji Rohankar	Nandagaon	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
49	Sambhaji Regundalvar	Kalmana	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
50	Jeevan Mate	Balapur	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
51	Uttam Kamble	Shengaoon	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
52	Narandra Kolgantiwar	Wasa	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
53	Anil Kujur	Sindasur	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
54	Mikhel Kujur	Sindasur	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
55	Prem Gottumulkale	Shengaoon	Toronto Arch Diocese	Completed
56	Bandhu tara Bolliwar	Sumthana	SAB School, Sumthana	Completed
57	Dinesh Bandhu Bolliwar	Sumthana	SAB School, Warora	Completed

58	Vidya Meghiraj Pimpal Shende	Warora	SAB School, Warora	Completed
59	Raju Kobra	Gondpipiri	Sanjo School, Gondpipiri	To be Completed
60	Shalu Purushotham Attaram	Gadchandur	Holy Family School, Gadchandur	To be Completed
61	Devlal Minj	Nagappalli	ASMI Sisters Allappalli	Completed
62	Balu Thogre	Shengao	DM Provinciate & Durgapur School	Completed
63	Jayashree Vijarao Dodake	Hinganghat	SJB School, Hinganghat	Under Construction
64	Dinesh Tigga	Hinganghat	SJB Sisters	Completed
65	Sarala Vijay Dhokepande	Hinganghat	SJB Sisters	To be Completed
66	Bibina Minj	Wardha	Claritian School, Chimmur	Completed
67	Arunabhai Sudhakar Kudasange	Wardha	Darsana	Under Construction
68	Vijay Wagnare	Pattaguda	Bishop's Home, BPQ	Completed
69	Blasius	Wardha	St. Anthony's School, Wardha.	To be Completed
70	Purushottam Jangleker	Walgaon (Hinganghat)	CMC School, Samudrapur.	Under Construction
71	Tarzan Arun Biloriya	Ballarpur	Vianney Jubilee School, BPQ.	Completed
72	Chayabhai Balaji Kamde	Wani	Catholic School Association (CSA)	Under Construction
73	Suhadeo Tukaram Sakhon	Sindevahi (Balapur)	Bishop's Home, BPQ	Completed
74	Jyothi Dhaly	Ballarpur	Dilasagram	To be Completed
75	Vikram Satpute	Ballarpur	CMI Marthoma Province	Completed
76	Suresh Shende	Tarsa	CMI Marthoma Province	Completed
77	Santhosh Godselwar	Lakkadakkot	CMI Marthoma Province	Completed

78	Ankita Zade	Chandrapur	CMI Marthoma Province	Completed
79	Anil Chalak	Chandrapur	CMI Marthoma Province	Completed
80	Pratul Lakshmapure	Chandrapur	CMI Marthoma Province	Completed
81	Sukru Bhakuiya	Koperali	CMI Marthoma Province	Completed
82	Daniel Barwa	Wardha	CMI Marthoma Province	Completed
83	Wasant Gurnule	Gadchiroli	CMI Marthoma Province	Completed
84	Santhosh Korke	Gadchiroli	CMI Marthoma Province	Completed
85	Champat Nanaji Kosare	Gojoli	Ankamali Forane Church (Earnakulam)	Completed
86	Nandaram Parihar	Rajura	Stella Maris Tailoring Centre & Convent, DM Sisters, Rajura	Completed
87	Amrut Toppo	Rajura	Stella Maris Schools, DM Sisters, Rajura	Under Construction
88	Johny D'Cruz	Wardha	DM Provincial House, Wardha.	Completed
89	Raju Rengundalwar	Kalmana	Montfort School	Under Construction
90	Sambhaji Rengundalwar	Kalmana	Montfort School	Under Construction
91	Mala Bhai	Chandrapur	Mount Carmel School, Chandrapur	Completed

NB: Some were given full subsidy and the others only a partial help. Those who had *Garkul* project could be assisted to complete the house construction. The discussion is on process to get partial help for another thirty more houses in the financial year 2024-25. The construction of all the houses as per the list above will be completed by mid-2024.

Fr. Shibu Monippalli
Coordinator, Diamond Jubilee
House Construction Project
Diocese of Chanda

X. CHANDA HEAVENLY BRETHREN

JANUARY

1. Sr. (Dr.) Prasanthi ASMI	03-01-2013	Nuzvid
2. Fr. Zacheus Edakkalathoor CMI	03-01-2001	Shornur
3. Sr. Lawrence FCC	04-01-1999	Hoshangabad
4. Fr. Liguori Mundackal CMI	05-01-1995	Vazhakulam
5. Fr. Abraham Thuruthumaly CMI	11-01-2007	Jagdapur
6. Sr. Lilly Joseph DM	13-1-2016	Wardha
7. Fr. Alipius Kuttickatt CMI	16-01-1995	Pavaratty
8. Sr. (Dr.) Fidelis SD	17-01-2008	Gaziabad
9. Fr. Polycarp Madukkakuzhy CMI	20-01-2007	KalaQurbanaery
10. Fr. George Pullankav CMI	21-01-2011	Karikkattur
11. Sr. Jaina Therese DM	25-01-2009	Wardha
12. Fr. Johny Arackaparampil	29-01-2007	Thevara
13. Fr. George Kalapura CMI	24-01-2021	Aluva
14. Sr. Regina ASMI	25-01-2021	Allapalli

FEBRUARY

1. Fr. Thomas Plathottathil	05-02-1984	Ayarkunnam
2. Sr. Elsa CSC	07-02-1995	Naduvarambu
3. Sr. Pavithra DM	11-02-2006	Wardha
4. Sr. Josephine DM	11-02-2009	Kerala
5. Sr. Goretti Francis ASMI	21-02-2007	Nagpur
6. Fr. John Damacene Manamel CMI	25-02-1984	Chethipuzha
7. Fr. Augustine Aikaramattam CMF	28-02-2002	Kuravilangad

MARCH

1. Fr. Prasannabhai CMI	05-03-2022	Vazhakkulam
2. Sr. Alice FCC	18-03-2000	Kadukutty
3. Fr. Mathew Vettoonickal CMI	14.03.2012	Mutholy
4. Bp. Januarius Palathuruthy CMI	28-03-1995	Ballapur

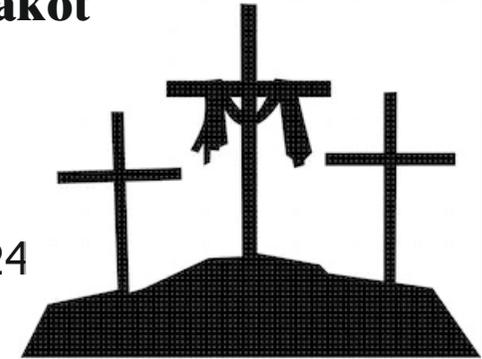
APRIL

1. Sr. Purissima Mappilassery Sd	02-04-2022	Choottuvely
2. Fr. George Nedumpalakunnel CMF	04-04-2007	Kuravilangad
3. Sr. Anil Maria FCC	08-04-2007	Hoshangabad
4. Fr. Silas Vadakkayil CMI	24-04-2003	KalaQurbanaery
5. Fr. Paul Kattamkottil CMI	29-04-2021	Kothamangalam



**Calvarigiri Pilgrimage
Lakkadakot**

Good Friday
29 March 2024



DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

Dear Fathers, you are requested to hand over the following collections to DFO latest by 31 January 2024:

1. Sabha Dinam
2. Chanda Foundation day
3. Mission Sunday
4. Seminary Fund

Your are requested to make the following collections:

1. Preshitavaram (14 January)
2. Lenten Campaign
3. Good Friday Collection for Holy Land (29 March)



OBITUARY

Chanda Family conveys hearty condolences to Archbishop Felix Toppo, auxiliary bishops, priests, religious and the faithful of the archdiocese of Ranchi at the sad demise of His Eminence Archbishop Telesphore Cardinal Toppo. His service to the Church at local, national and global level is gatefully remembered. May his soul rest in peace.



Rev. Fr. Thomas Maliekal (85), the founder of Sadhu Sevana Sabha (SSS) passed away on 15/11/2023. The funeral was on Friday 17/11/2023 at St. Mary's Church, Mallusery at 02.30 PM. Chanda Family conveys heartfelt condolences to Sr. General and the sisters of Sadhu Sevana Sabha and to his near and dear ones. Let us pray for the repose of his soul.



Quotes

“ *Live your life as though your every act were to become a universal law.*

– Immanuel Kant ”

Sr. Cicily DM

In the small village of Monippally, Kottayam, on January 24, 1951, the remarkable journey of Rev. Sr. Cicily Joseph DM began. Sr. Cicily was Silly Kunju or Sillen to her other six siblings, who include Rev. Amal Jose DM, and was born as the sixth child among seven to Late Mr. Ouseph and Late Mrs. Mariam. Her roots in St. Thomas Church, Cheenkallel, under the diocese of Pala, laid the foundation for a life devoted to service.



SR. CICILY JOSEPH DM

Sr. Cicily's educational journey took her through institutions like N.S.S LPS and Holy Cross UPS in Monippally, Kunichithanam HS, and further studies in St. Steephan's College, Uzhavour, culminating in a BSc from St. John's College, Anchal. Little did these early years foretell the extraordinary path she would tread in the service of others. Her dedication to learning later earned her B.Ed from the studies she carried out from 1980 to 1981 at Mar Theophilos

College, Trivandrum.

On the 17th of July 1972, Sr. Cicily Joseph embarked on a profound journey as she entered the convent, guided by the encouragement of Rev. Sr. Mary Mathew DM. Under the mentorship of Sr. Philip Neri during postulancy and Sr. Immaculate during the novitiate, she embraced the path of religious life, leading to her First Profession on May 15, 1974, under the watchful eye of Rev. Mother Mary Monica, the Superior General at that time. These years laid the spiritual groundwork for the immense impact she would make in the years to come. Sr. Cicily's commitment to the Lord culminated in her making the Final Profession on January 20, 1981, a significant moment blessed by the then Superior General, Rev. Mother Immaculate.

Sr. Cicily Joseph's life as a DM nun was a testament to unwavering

commitment and selfless service. Alongside pioneers Srs. Virgin and Abhaya, she embarked on missionary work, laying the foundation for the DM congregation's Chanda Mission. Together, they provided free tuition, dance classes, and medical treatment to the local community. The trio received invaluable support from the Late Rev. Fr. Joseph Koyikkara CMI and Rev. Fr. James Manjappuzha Thundiyl CMI, both dedicated priests serving the parish of Durgapur. The First Bishop of Chanda, Bp Januarius, welcomed them, setting the stage for years of impactful service in direct evangelization, house visiting, and teaching catechism.

In the educational realm, she played a pivotal role as the vice-principal of Stella Maris Junior College at Awarpur from 1982 to 1991. Her influence extended beyond academics, as she took charge of evangelization in the parish during her tenure. Her leadership skills shone during her roles as Superior and Head Mistress at Karivarakkundu (1991-1994) and later as Superior and Principal at Laksar (1994-1998).

A significant chapter unfolded when she completed her MA in 2001, returning to Chanda to serve as the Principal at Stella Maris Junior College, Awarpur. For an impressive 18 years, she dedicated herself to the growth and development of the institution.

Her journey as a leader continued as she assumed the role of Provincial Superior of Amala Vice Province, Chanda, from 2008 to 2011. Later, from 2012 to 2015, she served as a staff and student counselor at Stella Maris School, Rajura.

The subsequent years saw her, as the Asst. Novice Mistress at Nirmal Niketan, Kalmeshwar, from 2015 to 2019. Her final assignment was at the Provincial House, where she resided from 2019 until her passing. Sr. Cicily's life was a tapestry of dedication, touching the lives of many through her service, leadership, and compassion.

In the twilight of her remarkable journey, Sr. Cicily Joseph bore the weight of her tireless life, and her health succumbed to the toll of various illnesses. In her final chapter, she found herself in the hospital for about 15 days. Even when the doctor recommended her discharge on the 16th of October, she exhibited a resolute spirit, insisting that she would leave the hospital on the 17th. Little did we know, it wasn't a

discharge from the hospital but a departure from this world that awaited her on that poignant day, the 17th of October. Her unwavering determination and faith echoed till her last breath, leaving behind a legacy of strength and conviction.

As we reflect on our Cicilyamma's extraordinary life, we realize that this year marks her Golden Jubilee in religious profession—a testament to five decades of dedicated service to her Master and God. What a poignant time for her to return to Him and receive the eternal reward after spending exactly 50 years serving Him and His people. May this milestone illuminate the gratitude and admiration we hold for her profound commitment and selfless contributions.

Sr. Cicily Joseph, a woman of multifaceted grace, adorned her life with the melodies of devotion and the poetry of compassion. An exceptional singer, administrator, teacher, and missionary, she radiated a good sense of humor, maintaining self-discipline throughout her remarkable journey. Her daily diary chronicled a life filled with purpose and poetic reflections.

The news of Sr. Cicily DM's passing has cast a profound shadow on our hearts. As an educator and leader, her commitment to education left an indelible mark, inspiring admiration and gratitude. In her wisdom, kindness, and leadership, she touched the lives of all fortunate enough to know and work alongside her.

Today, we bid a final farewell to our dear Sr. Cicilyamma. Her departure leaves a void, yet her memory remains as a testament to a motherly love that knew no boundaries. A woman of God, she embraced sobriety and honesty, making her life a living testimony to faith. The DM sisters find solace in gaining another intercessor in heaven.

Dear Cicilyamma, your smiling face and innocent nature will endure in our hearts. As we bid you farewell in this earthly chapter, we find comfort knowing that you now sing the mercies of the Lord in heaven. Until we meet again in that celestial realm, farewell, dear Sr. Cicily Joseph DM. May your soul find eternal peace in the loving arms of the Divine.





SR. DENCY JOSE MSMI

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints”

(Ps. 116:15).

Sr. Dency Jose was born as the youngest daughter of Mrs. Rosa and Mr. Joseph Manamel Puthenpura on 23rd July 1973 at Charal, Kannur Dt, in the Archdiocese of Thalassery, Kerala. She has two elder sisters and an elder brother. She was baptized on 1st August 1973 and her baptismal name was Rosamma. She was called 'Jancy' at home. She completed the school education at the Sacred Heart High School, Angadikadavu in 1991. In the same year she joined the MSMI congregation with full zeal and enthusiasm to dedicate herself totally for the glory of God and the service of His people. After completing the initial stages of religious formation and the canonical novitiate, she made her first profession on 28th November 1994. Her perpetual profession took place five years later, on 4th May 1999.

After her first profession, she was sent to Chandanakkampara for community experience and then she was at Nellikutty. Sr. Dency was very enthusiastic and active, and joyfully fulfilled all the duties entrusted to her. She came to Kaotha Mission Station in the year 1996. From Kaotha she was transferred to Kulathuvayal where she served at the retreat centre. Sr. Dency rendered her valuable services at Koothuparamba and Thermala, during which time she completed her degree studies privately. She was then appointed as the manager of the Sanjose Book Stall, Thalassery which is owned by the Archdiocese of Thalassery.

After devoted service in the Book Stall, she was sent to Vimal Vidyashram, Chivargaon, in the Jagdalpur Mission. In the year 2009 she was appointed as the Superior and hostel in-charge at Jayrani Convent, Kaotha. Later she got transferred to Josgiri Convent, Ottappalam for a few months where she rendered her dedicated services

in the community as well as in the parish. She did help also at the Bishop's House, Balharshah in the reorganization of the archives.

Sr. Dency got transfer to Chiplun as Superior of the community in the year 2013. In the same year, when she came for Superiors' meeting in the month of November, she expressed some symptoms of impairment of memory which accelerated long term forgetting. She was then taken to Kerala for treatment. She stayed at the Kannur community for further checkup and treatment. Finding no improvement, she was taken to Velloor Hospital on 10th February 2015. Though she had undergone various kinds of medical tests, yet a proper diagnose was still far. Afterwards, she was not sent to any communities because of the visible behavioral disorders. She was at Jaikrista Convent, Pahurbel for a short time for rest and relaxation; then she was brought to the Provincial House. In between, she was given psycho-spiritual counseling to diagnose the real problem to give her proper treatment. Since there was no improvement in her health condition, we took her to Kusumagiri Hospital of MSJ sisters in Ernakulam on 27th November 2018. After a thorough check up the medical experts told us that, Sr. Dency was affected by MERRF (Myoclonic Epilepsy with Ragged Red Fibers) a rare incurable disease, due to genetic mutations in the DNA. And we were told that there is no specific treatment for MERRF but some medications and nutritional management. Realizing and accepting the reality, she was brought back to the Provincial House and was under the care and protection of the Sisters. All these years it was Dr. Sr. Sally John SJB who used to visit her and give us proper advices regarding the care of Sr. Dency.

The suffering of Sr. Dency was indescribable. She felt a great rush of sickness and was unable to manage anything by herself. Gradually, her health was declining, and there started occasional epilepsy and jaw dislocation. Since she was unable to do anything by herself, a girl was appointed to be with her giving her constant company, and helping out in all needs. Sr. Dency was given proper caring by cleaning and feeding on time. All our dear Sisters were ever ready to help her because she was the “passion flower” of the Pavanatma Province.

Sr. Dency Jose was a loving person. She had the habit of reading

books and she won prizes for literary competitions such as story writing and essay writing. While her health was fine, she was very active, energetic and cheerful all the time. When the health began weakening, she had gone through the thorns of suffering which she offered for saving souls. Whenever, somebody approached and requested for prayer, though she was not able to convey the message verbally, she used to assure them of her prayers through actions. She prayed silently, accepted everything by remaining years in the four walls of the same room, perhaps suffering, loneliness and physical pain, for long years at the mercy of others. She offered everything for the purification of souls knowingly and unknowingly.

On 8th October, due to uneasiness in breathing she was taken to hospital. Since her health was worsening further, she was given the sacrament of the anointing of the sick and she received the Holy Communion. Dr. Sr. Saly SJB, visited her along with her community members and prayed for her. Rev. Fr. Vincent, the parish priest, Rev. Fr. Tiji, the asstt. parish priest and DST sisters visited her and prayed for her. That evening Mr. Mathews and wife visited her. Mother Rita DM and community members visited her occasionally and prayed for her to get strength to accept her suffering. Meanwhile, many fathers and sisters from nearby communities visited her and prayed for her.

Month of October is dedicated to Mother Mary and being a child of Virgin Mary, on 13th October, as we all were praying for her beside at 8.30 pm, this child of Mother Mary completed her earthly sojourn. It was the dawn of a new life for Sr. Dency. Her noble soul flew away leaving back for us some good memories.

Dear Sr. Dency, words do not suffice to express the heartfelt sorrow that we feel at your passing away. We cherish your memories and we include you in our daily prayers. Pain purifies and atones for sins; pains that are accepted for the sake of the crucified Lord sanctify the soul. We believe that Sr. Dency was purified in and through her sufferings, and now enjoys the heavenly bliss.

We express our heartfelt condolences to the beloved family members of our Sr. Dency, and all her dear and near ones. May the Lord console all of them.

Fr. Antony Munjanattu

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die”. – Jn 11:25-26



Fr. Antony was born on 06 October 1985 to Mr. Antony and Mrs. Alice Antony Munjanattu house at Chepparambu in Thalassery archdiocese. He has two siblings: Subeesh, elder brother and Fr. Prince CMI, younger brother. He did schooling at St. George Higher Secondary School, Chempanthotty. He joined Sant Vianney Gurukul, diocesan minor seminary of Chanda in 2003. After his minor seminary he passed philosophy in Ujjain seminary and theology in Nagpur seminary. He did regency at Sant Vianney Gurukul (2010). He was ordained to priesthood on 21 May 2015 in St. Jude's Church, Chepparambu at the hands of Bp. Ephrem Nariculam, bishop of Chanda. He served in the following parishes: St. Thomas Church, Chandrapur (Assistant vicar), Jyothi Niwas Church, Wani (Priest-in-Charge), St. Mary's Church, Durgapur (Priest-in-Charge). Later he went to Kerala to pursue post-graduation in Hindi in the Payyanoor campus of Sanskrit university, Kalady. He was appointed priest in residence at St. Thomas Church, Payyanoor parish to facilitate his studies. Unexpectedly he was called to eternal rest on 13 December 2023. May his soul Rest in Peace.

As he was serving in St. Thomas parish, Payyanoor some complications developed in liver functioning. He was admitted in a hospital in Thalassery on 06 December. On 8 December he had to be shifted to Lisie hospital for further treatments. As his liver

functioning worsened the doctors suggested liver transplantation. Bishop Ephrem, bishop of Chanda gave green signal to proceed with liver transplantation. Accordingly Fr. Prince CMI, his brother sought for a donor and his own elder brother Subeesh consented to donate his liver. Subeesh, his brother was admitted in the hospital for different tests in preparation for liver donation. Tests were successful and as doctors were about to decide the date of liver-transplantation, they observed that Fr. Antony's kidney is infected. On 11 December the doctors diagnosed that his other organs are also infected and they expressed doubt about successful liver-transplantation at that stage. Due to multiple organ failure, Fr. Antony was shifted to CICU and was given ventilator support on 12 December. The doctors treated him lost hope of his survival due to his multiple organ failures. On 13 morning the doctors confirmed his brain death and by noon the doctors declared his clinical death. Meantime his brother who was admitted in the hospital for liver donation process was discharged. By evening the body of Fr. Antony was shifted mortuary in the hospital.

Fr. Antony arrived Lisie hospital Ernakulam on 7 December very fresh and cheerful. On 8 December on his request he made confession, received holy communion and also received the sacrament of extreme unction. On 13 December at 02.30 PM he was called to eternal rest. Chanda Family gracefully and gratefully remembers Fr. Antony's commitment to the Church and to the diocese of Chanda. Thanks to his commendable service to the Church for the last eight years. Everyone with sorrowful heart remembers his untimely death. May the soul of Fr. Antony, departed, rest in peace.

His body was taken to Thalassery on 14 noon. The body was kept in St. Joseph's Hospital mortuary, Karuvanchal. On 15 morning the body was taken to his home in Chepparambu. The funeral service started at 09.00 AM. Archbishop Joseph Pamplany conducted funeral service at home. He also gave the funeral oration at home. The service at the Church was conducted

by Bp. Ephrem Nariculam. He was laid to rest in the tomb at about 11.00 AM in the cemetery of St. Jude's Church, Chepparambu. A great number of people, priests and religious gathered in the Church campus for the funeral. After the interment Fr. Prince Munjanattu CMI, his younger brother and other priests celebrated Requiem Holy Qurbana in the Church for the reposed soul of Fr. Antony.

Archbishop Joseph Pamplany in his funeral oration remembered Fr. Antony as a faithful and compassionate priest who dedicated his priestly ministry for the people of God. Bp. Ephrem in the funeral oration in the Church highlighted his active involvement in the ministry entrusted to him particularly at Durgapur parish in Chanda diocese and his special skill in Hindi language which facilitated for he being selected for higher studies. Chanda Family conveys heartfelt thanks to Fr. Prince CMI and Munjanattu family for the offer Fr. Antony to the Church and to the diocese of Chanda. Thanks to everyone who co-operated for each one's service to Fr. Antony in his last days and his journey to eternal life. The diocese of Chanda remembers with gratitude Archbishop Joseph Pamplany, the priests of Thalassery archdiocese especially Fr. Jinu the Parish priest of Cheparambu parish, the directors, doctors and the other medical staffs of Lisie, (Ernakulam) St. Joseph's (Karuvanchal) and Ameya (Payyanoor) hospitals, Fr. Prince and Fr. Joby Illimoottil, the Munjanattu family, friends and relatives of Fr. Antony, Mar Thomas Province Chanda, the sisters the parishioners of Cheparambu parish and all others. We shall continue our prayers for Fr. Antony.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”
(1 Pet 1:3).

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Sr. Sophy MSMI (84) (MSMI Provincial house, Wardha) is called for her eternal reward on 30/12/2023. Funeral service was at 02.00 PM at MSMI Provincial house, Wardha on 31/12/2023. Please pray for the repose of her soul. We shall remember her services to Chanda mission. Chanda Family extends heartfelt condolences to MSMI confreres and her near and dear ones.



**THE PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER
ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER
NETWORK FOR THE YEAR 2024**

JANUARY

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

FEBRUARY

FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

MARCH

FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR DAY, WITNESSES TO CHRIST

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

APRIL

FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

MAY

**FOR THE FORMATION OF MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS,
AND SEMINARIANS**

Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

Pope Francis