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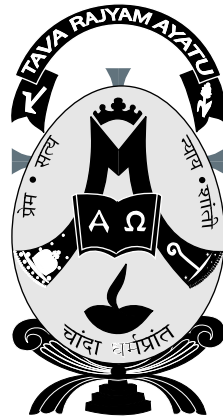


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I. SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear People,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Even in a world full of noise, conflict and uncertainty, peace is still available to us. The world is totally disturbed with wars, terrorism, fanaticism, political upheavals, migration, corruption, despotism, racial cleansing, displacement of people, poverty, eradication of cultures, personal antagonism, abuse and harassment of children and vulnerables, genocide, murders, disharmony in the families, natural calamities etc. They have only NEWS value these days. Are the people in the world stone-hearted and unable to respond to them? God doesn't always change the storm around us, but He promises to give us a calm mind and quiet heart within the storm. *"Be still, and know that I am God"* (Ps. 46:10) Take a deep breath, let go of what you cannot control, and rest in the assurance that you are held by a love far greater than any trouble this world can offer. The words of Jesus renders serenity of mind and joy of the heart, when He says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid' (Jn. 14:27). Peace is a gift. It isn't something we have to manufacture on our own. It is something we receive when we anchor our hearts in God. May the March for Peace we plan on Chanda Family Day (Oct-24) enkindle a 'ray of peace' in the world, if not in the heart. *"The true peace requires internal conversion, active resistance to injustice and non-violent communication."* Pope Leo XIV. In the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, we too shall pray: *"Lord, make me a channel of your peace"* God bless you.



Your Shepherd in the Lord

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

II. PASTORAL LETTERS

PASTORAL LETTER - V

Prot. No. 213/2026

07/08/2026

ON THE CREED AND THE BEATITUDES

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear people,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbours as yourself"
(Lk. 10:27, Mk. 12:30, Dt. 6:5).

Love God and love others, summarises all teachings of Christ. Mt. 22:40 reads: "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Cf. Mt. 22:37–39, 1 Jn. 14:20, Jn. 13:34, Gal. 5:14, Mk. 12:29–31, Rm. 13:8–10). The love of God and the love of neighbours contain the practical dimension of "The Creed" and "The Beatitudes". There is a dynamic relationship between dogmatic faith, "The Creed" and practical Christian posture, "The Beatitudes". The former contains what we believe and the latter manifests the practice of it in our daily life.

Everyday millions of voices recite "The Creed" in unison (Cf. Mt. 16:16). We declare our belief in one God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son and in the Holy Spirit. We lay down the boundaries of our faith with exactness. "The Creed" is our standard - it defines who we are, where we stand, and what we anchor our lives upon (Cf. Heb. 6:19). On the other hand, "The Beatitudes" is the experience of living our faith in daily life. The analogy of human body helps us to understand this relationship much easier way. "The Creed" is the skeleton. It gives structure, strength and form. Without bones, a body collapses into a shapeless mass. Doctrine keeps us grounded so that we are not blown about by every passing cultural wind. It keeps our faith anchored in truth (Cf. Eph. 4:1–14, Ps. 119:160, Jn. 8:32). "The Beatitudes" are the heartbeat and breathing flesh. Bones alone, no matter how strong, make a skeleton, not a living person. A faith

remaining cold, judgmental, or indifferent - is a body without soul. If "The Creed" asks, "What do you believe?", "The Beatitudes" asks, "Whom do you resemble?" Both are understood to grow in endurance, putting on Christ (Cf. Eph. 4:15, 2 Pet. 3:18, Col 2:6-7).

"The Creed" and "The Beatitudes" are interconnected for the sustenance of faith and Charity in daily life. "The Creed" declares while "The Beatitudes" demands. It is a transition from conviction to transformation. That is to say, a moving from deeply held inner belief to a complete, visible change in one's way of living. It bridges the gap between believing something is true and becoming an entirely different person because of it. God is the creator of all things visible and invisible, that we walk with humility ("Blessed are the poor in spirit" – Mt. 5:3), recognizing that nothing we own is truly ours. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, that we may embody mercy ("Blessed are the merciful" - Mt. 5:7), extending the same unearned grace to others that Christ extended to us. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, that we pursue purity of heart ("Blessed are the pure in heart" - Mt. 5:8), living with integrity rather than division. When we recite, "I believe in Jesus Christ," we are not just affirming a historical statement, but we are pledging allegiance to this way of being in the world. To confess him as Lord without adopting His heart for the meek, the mourning, and the peacemaker is to praise the blueprint while refusing to build the house (Cf. Prov 24:27, Ps 127:1, Prov 24:3-4, Mt 7: 24-25).

Faith reaches its maturity when doctrine and dispositions become one (Cf. James 2:17, 26). Real faith in God naturally shows up through good choices and helping others. Actions do not buy salvation, but they act as proof that a person's faith is truly alive. Saying you believe without ever helping people in need means the faith is empty and lifeless. When we encounter conflict, "The Creed" tells us that God reconciled the world to Himself; and "The Beatitudes" calls us to be peacemakers. When we see suffering, "The Creed" reminds us of a God who wept at the tomb of Lazarus (Jn. 11:35), and "The Beatitudes" compel us to mourn alongside who grieve. "The Creed" forms the foundation of our

hope; "The Beatitudes" give that hope a face, a voice, and hands in daily life.

Thus the dedication of the Year of "The Creed" and "The Beatitudes" incessantly invites us to be like Jesus - united with God the Father in faith and prayer, and be compassionate to others in truth, justice, charity and Peace. For, true faith in God is shown when we treat others with kindness and mercy. "And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13). "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen" (1 Jn. 4:20). We shall resolve to love one another as Jesus has loved us (Jn. 13:34) for our love for one another manifests our communion with God (Jn. 13:35). Love of God and love of neighbours fulfils the totality of God's commands by serving as the core summary upon which all moral and religious laws depend. This principle connects our duty to the creator with our duty to humanity. "Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law" (Rom. 13:10). Thus "The Creed" defines what a Christian believes about God, while "The Beatitudes" show how a Christian lives out that faith in daily actions. They bridge core doctrine with visible discipleship. We shall make great strides to grow in genuine Christian discipleship by believing in "The Creed" and practising "The Beatitudes".

Yours most devotedly in Christ,



† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

N.B.: Please explain the content of this pastoral letter in homily on any Sunday in November 2026.

PASTORAL LETTER-VI

Prot. No. 059/2026

11/04/2026

ON MISSION MANDATE

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear people,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

At the very heart of the Church's mission lies a profound and unifying call: to share the Good news of Jesus Christ with all people. This mission, central to Christian identity and practice, is not merely a set of tasks assigned to a select few; rather it is fundamental aspect of what it means to be a follower of Christ. The essence of mission is deeply rooted in the command of Jesus “to go and make disciples of all nations” (Mt. 28:19), and it reflects the Church's commitment to evangelize and bear witness to the transformative power of the Gospel.

The call to mission is *an invitation* to every believer. Each Christian is invited to participate in the mission of the Church in various aspects of life. The heart of mission is fundamentally about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with all people. This call to evangelize is at the core of Christian identity and is a universal vocation that encompasses every aspect of life. As every Christian is a missionary, the mission of the Church is realized through personal witness, acts of service and a commitment to living out the Gospel. By embracing this call, believers contribute to the ongoing mission of Christ, bringing hope, love and redemption to a world in need of the transformative power of Good News. “The Church is a missionary by her very nature” (AG,2). It is in our nature to go out and share the love of God with the world - Pope Francis.

Essentially, only a person who has an encounter with the Lord can proclaim the Good News of the Lord openly and boldly.

The apostles were living witnesses of the life and teachings of the Lord. Having been chosen by God, they lived with the Lord for three years. They were witnesses of all that Jesus said and did in His life (Lk 24:20-40, I Jn 1:1, Acts 1:8,5:30-32, 10:39). They were witness of His passion, death and resurrection (Jn 19:35). Jesus before ascending to the Father gave them the command to go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel (Mt. 28:19-20). They also received the authority by the Holy Spirit at the Pentecost (Acts 2). Filled with this experience of the Spirit they went far and wide proclaiming the Gospel. While proclaiming the Gospel to the nations they were persecuted, severely tormented and put to death, but filled with the Spirit they endured the suffering. In their suffering and death, they became all the more victorious (2 Cor. 11:24–25, Acts 21:30–32,14:19, 16:22–24, 24:27, 28:16).

Trials, oppositions and conflicts in our context are challenges creating opportunities to avail them to shift to new strategies. Challenges develop new reflection, new thinking and new awareness. The burning bush for Moses was a challenge and it opened an opportunity to face Yahweh and listen to divine voice (Ex. 3:1-15). The experience of God in burning bush transformed Moses to be more courageous to stand by God and to accept new strategies in his mission. In this context it is apt to remember the words of Jesus. “Be prudent like serpents and innocent like doves” (Mt. 10:16). The Spirit of God guides us; “When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit” (Mt 10:19-20, Lk 12:11-12, Mk 13:11).

In our context the mission is very clear. Be with our people, visit them, serve them and be their father, mother, brother, sister, counselor, mentor, doctor etc. They still need us, may not be as it used to be in earlier days, but still there is our need for them. In the context of synodal Church we shall walk with them, feel their needs and positively respond to them. We shall follow

our model par excellence: Jesus went around visiting villages and towns teaching, preaching the good news of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness (Mt. 9:35, 4:23, Mk. 1:39, Lk. 4:44).

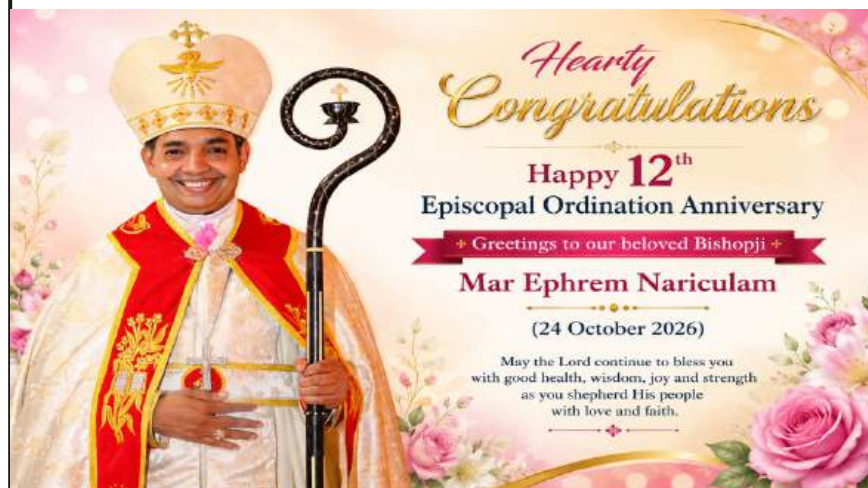
Message of the Holy Father for the 100th World Mission Day 2026 centers on the theme "One in Christ, united in mission". The 100th Mission Sunday falls on 18 October 2026. Holy Father's message emphasizes spiritual communion, overcoming internal divisions, and supporting global missionaries. This year's Mission Sunday theme of "Unity in Christ", grounded in his papal motto "*In Illo Uno Unum*". The Pope stresses that a living union with Christ must heal polarization and mistrust within the Church before it can effectively witness to a divided world. Focusing on the theme of 'Unity in Christ', we shall make great strides to develop unity among ourselves and in our mission. God bless you.



Yours devotedly in Christ,

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

NB: Please explain the content of this Pastoral Letter to the people on any Sunday in October as a preparation for Mission Sunday (18 October 2026).



PASTORAL LETTER VII

Prot. No. 213/2026

07/08/2026

ON CHRISTMAS

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear people,

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

I decided to write this Pastoral Letter in the context as I started meditating on the readings and prayers of liturgical seasons of Annunciation, Christmas and Epiphany. I noticed that the five words repeatedly used in readings, prayers and reflections in these seasons are *Faith, Peace, Joy, Love and Hope*. They form the message of the season and the central feast of the Nativity of our Lord, Christmas. Each virtue not only communicates the message of the incarnational mystery but also imparts a message very contextual to the world that we live in. It gives us a great spiritual reflection for the nourishment of our soul and for building up communion in humanity. In the division-stricken world, due to injustice, war, terrorism, religious fanaticism etc. the theological insight of the incarnational mystery gives consolation, consideration and communion for a harmonious and compassionate living together in the world today.

Faith is often described as a "leap" but biblically speaking, it is more of an anchor. It isn't the absence of doubt; it is the presence of trust in the middle of it (Jas. 1:6, Prov. 3:5-6). The most famous definition comes from letter to the Hebrews "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (11:1). In the original Greek, the word for "assurance" is *hypostasis*, which literally means a "foundational substructure". Think of faith as the concrete foundation of a house. You don't see the foundation while you're standing in the living room, but the only reason you feel secure is because that foundation is holding everything up. Walk by faith, not by sight says St. Paul. (2 Cor 5:7)

Biblical faith isn't just a mental “vibe” it's an action (Jas. 2:17). Noah built a boat when there wasn't a cloud in the sky (Gen. Ch. 6-9). Abraham packed his bags without a GPS coordinate (Gen. Ch. 12). Peter stepped out of a boat onto a stormy sea (Mt. 14:29). None of them waited for the circumstances to make sense before they moved. They trusted the character of the caller more than the chaos of the moment. You don't need a mountain of faith to move a mountain; you only need a mustard seed's worth (Mt. 17:20). It means God isn't looking for “super-believers” who never struggle. He is looking for people who bring their small, honest, and perhaps trembling trust to Him. Faith doesn't mean the storm stops; it means you know who is in the boat with you. It's choosing to believe that God's promises are more “real” than the problems currently staring you in the face. “For by grace you have been saved through faith” (Eph. 2:8-10).

At the birth of Jesus, the angels sang: “Glory to God in the highest and peace to everyone of goodwill” (Lk. 2:14). Peace is not just stillness, neither silence. It is something very pro-active. “Be still and know that I am God” (Ps. 46:10). Peace is being in the presence of God. It is knowing God and to be known by God (Gal. 4:9). In the midst of poverty, injustice, hatred, enmity, wars and religious fanaticism, where can one find peace? It is not a final product but a process of togetherness in mutual respect and understanding. Jesus affirms that the peace He gives is different from what the world gives (Cf. Jn. 14:27). It is a state of inner calm, tranquillity and harmony. It is a feeling connected with something greater than ourselves. It gives freedom from turmoil and stress. It is an experience of wholeness. Jesus brought this wholeness by entering into the world in the human form at Christmas. “Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called sons of God” (Mt. 5:9).

In the spiritual sense, joy should be understood as a deep sense of contentment that comes from within. It is not just happiness of complacency where our every need is met. It is inner delight where a feeling of pleasure and satisfaction is connected to higher power beyond human reach, where we have experience of only an ice-berg. It is better understood as transcendence – a sense of joy that goes beyond everyday worries and troubles. Joy is the

fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22). Joy is comforting, content and full of peace. It is an enduring attitude of the heart and Spirit and a natural part of the Christian faith. Jesus increases the joy of the disciples by his presence and words (Jn. 15:11). The fruit of joy gives added connectedness with God. At the birth of Jesus, the angels announced to the shepherds: “Behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people” (Lk 2:9). In the biblical sense, joy is “Emmanuel” – God with us (Is. 7:14 & Mt. 1:23). The presence of the divine gives us the joy of heaven, connected to repentance (Lk 15:7). Repentance is *metanoia* – turning back to God and being reconciled with God. “For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son” (Jn. 3:16-17). God's love for the world is for our redemption. “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice” (Phil. 4:4).

The 'gift of love' is a gratuitous bounty of God to the world. 'God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son to the world' (Jn. 3:16). Though unworthy, God made us worthy through Jesus Christ. Jesus is the personification of God's love for the world (Jn. 1:14, Col. 1:15, Heb. 1:3). His invitation is to love one another as He loved us (Jn. 13:34). The love of God has transforming power (Rom. 5:8). It is unconditional and selfless (Jn. 15:13, Phil. 2:3-4, I Cor. 13:4-5). It is universal, transcends boundaries and embraces all beings. It is the fundamental aspects of the divine. It bridges gaps between people fostering a sense of oneness. It inspires empathy and caring actions towards others. In many spiritual traditions, love is the path to the divine or the reflection of the divine nature. Paul describes love as follows: “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away (1 Cor. 13:4-8). Christ's discipleship is witnessed by unconditional and compassionate love for one another (Jn. 13:35). “God is love and those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them” (I Jn. 4:16).

The theological virtue of hope is eschatological – assurance of eternal life. A genuine hope does not disappoint us (Rom. 5:5). Christmas is the celebration of hope. The ancient promise made to Israel is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. “A Virgin will bear a Son and he will be called Emmanuel – God is with us” (Is 15:7). Hope is anchored in faith (Heb 11:1-2). Hope illumines the path forward even in uncertainty. It fuels resilience and courage to face life's trials. It opens doors to new beginnings and growth. It looks beyond present struggles lies a fuller reality. It connects with ultimate fulfilment. Jesus assures us a certainty of hope when He says, “I will go and prepare a place for you” (Jn. 14:2-3). Hope fortifies and beautifies our life on earth. “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 15:13).

Where there is faith, there is peace,
Where there is peace, there is joy,
Where there is joy, there is love,
Where there is love, there is hope
and where there is faith, peace, joy, love
and hope, there is God.
God Almighty help us to grow in faith,
peace, joy, love, and hope.

Yours fraternally in Christ



† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

NB: Please explain the content of this pastoral letter to the faithful on any Sunday of December.

III. CIRCULARS

Prot. No. 181/2026

27/06/2026

CIRCULAR – 04/2026 27/06/2026

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We are all aware of the socio-religious and political context in our country. The new laws, regulations and amendments are not in any way favourable to our various activities in the mission. Somehow, for one reason or other each and every activity of ours is looked up with suspicion by others in the country far and wide. Once again it reminds us that we need to be prudent and cautious. FCRA amendment is now promulgated and CBCI is trying its best to create not only awareness but also to initiate processes to adapt with the situation and to find an amicable solution to the issues that Church in India may face in the aftermaths of the FCRA Amendment by the Parliament.

The CBCI President Most Rev. Antony Cardinal Poola has already announced to keep Sunday 28th June as a day of prayer and fasting. Kindly do it meaningfully as directed in all our Parishes, mission centres and institutions. I earnestly request all priests and religious to do all what is required to keep the day to pray for our Nation, our national leaders and for every citizen in our country. Let unity, harmony, patriotism and tolerance prevail in our mother country India. May the prayer of Jesus for unity - "...that they may all be one" (Jn. 17:21) reverberate in our hearts. In the second place I wish to remind that the CBCI has invited us for a signature campaign for an amicable solution to the issue in discussion. The matter for Memorandum is given attached herewith. Please adapt it according to the local context of each parish, institution, Religious Congregation etc. and do needful as required.

It is not meant to instigate anyone or anybody for this matter of our great concern, but to get justice done for the good of all. As we all know that all our activities are meant to build up a welfare society where equality, justice, freedom and fraternity prevail, which are nothing but the human values framed in the Constitution of our Nation. Indeed, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, envisioned a welfare society of Kingdom values such as love, truth, justice, respect, peace etc. 'Love God and love one another...', for it contains all the law and the prophets' (Cf. Mt. 22:37-40). "... outdo respecting one another." (Rm. 12:10). "...and the truth will make you free" (Jn. 8:32). "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt. 5:48). Thus we shall become '... the fragrance of God in Christ Jesus' (2 Cor. 2:15). We shall pray for one another and everyone in the world. May peace and harmony prevail in the world. We shall be reminded the words of St. Paul constantly: "If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rm. 8:31). With good regards and prayerful wishes,



† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

NB: Please read through the amendments of FCRA and guidelines given from the office of CBCI. A random look on the amendment lucidly shows that it is too stringent and there are loopholes to catch for punitive actions. In the amendment it is very clearly articulated the purpose/activities under five heads: Religious, Cultural, Economic, Educational and Social. The amendment stipulates too many details not to make the process easy or transparent but to create confusion and complicate the procedures. One of the paradoxes of the amendment is that it has increased the clerical work while reduced the allotment of money for the same. Keep in contact with our respective auditors so as to be in proper track in accepting foreign contributions, implementation of projects and accounting.

Prot. No. 188/2026

23/07/2026

CIRCULAR – 05/2026
15/07/2026
ON
Circular on FCRA Notification

Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The notification and the proposed amendment of FCRA Bill pose before us more responsibility and additional care in accounting, finance transactions, project implementation etc. I wish to bring to everyone's notice the following:

1. Proper management and transaction of money.
2. Transparency in accounting and be faithful in all matter connected to finance.
3. Strictly follow the stipulations laid down with regard to FCRA projects.
4. We shall bear in mind that the notification lay undue emphasis on the use of FCRA money for proselytization / conversion and so be very cautious.
5. The five categories of 'activities and purposes' laid down in the notification shall be strictly observed in project implementation
6. The utilization of fund as per the purpose shall be punctiliously abided by.
7. FCRA correspondences shall be done promptly and regularly as required.
8. Writing the minutes of the governing body meetings, reporting to the concerned offices, change report etc. shall be done as per the law stipulates.

9. Time framework of reporting and stipulated forms for various purposes shall be discerningly used (FC-6F, 6E, 3A,3B,3BB,3C etc.).
10. Study the notification and apply it in letter and spirit, lest we face with untoward challenges and issues.
11. Credit and use of FCRA money of a minimum Rs. 10 lakhs over the preceding two financial years is a tricky clause in the notification.
12. Keep in close contact with auditors at each step and whenever there is a doubt.
13. Someone should be specially appointed with some permanency to monitor FCRA transaction on regular basis.
14. Launch programmes and projects of self-supporting.
15. Focus more on local finance resource mobilization.

It looks that the notification is to complicate the process and confuse those involved in the procedures so that the officer can easily identify human errors and take punitive action or cancel 'the registration. The reason stated for the cancellation of many FCRA registration is that there wasn't any foreign money transaction in the past three years. They haven't pointed out any irregularity. It is a clear evidence that they are targeting NGO's so that they stop functioning, serving in the society. Having said all that we have to confess that there are a few cases of some NGO's do misuse the FCRA money and they are brought to the public attention. Probably that could also be a reason the Government has come out with notification. It is pity that these NGO's do serve society with commitment and sincerity are also badly affected. All the same we shall be resolved to do our best to continue our service to the needy, downtrodden and marginalized. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25:40). With warm regards,



Yours devotedly in Christ,

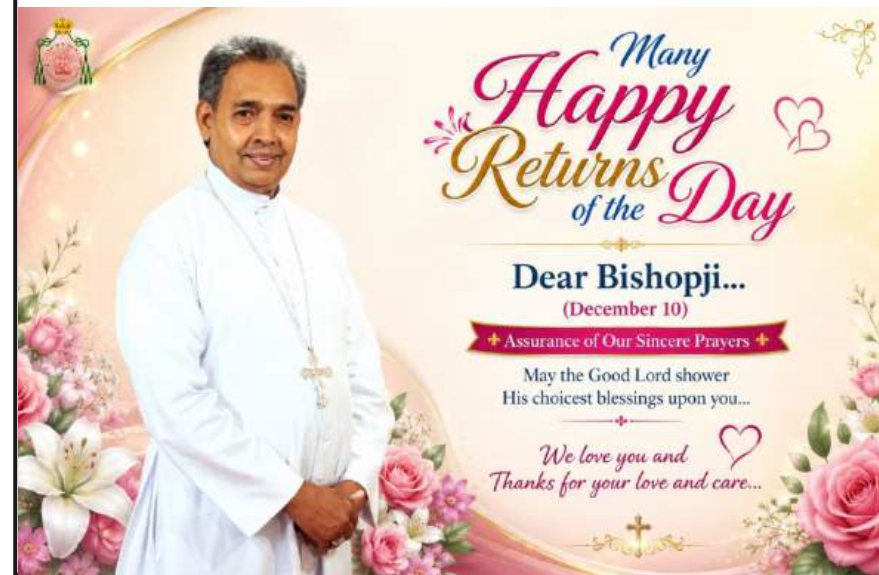
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Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

CHANDA FAMILYDAY- 2026

Date :October 24, Saturday

Chief Guest : Mar. Sebastian Vaniyapurackal,
Archbishop of Kalyan

09.00 : Arrival
09.15 : vesting,(Infront of Vianney Jubilee School
09.40 : Procession Starts (with dance)
Flag Hosting, Holy Qurbana, Felicitation
11.30 : March for Peace Rally to Dilasagram School
Healing service, Pledge for peace in the world
& Benediction
Agape... Bye...Bye.....





Mar Raphael Thattil

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Prot. No. 0444/2026

**PASTORAL LETTER OF MAJOR ARCH BISHOP
DUKRANA – SABHADINAM 2026**

Raphael Thattil, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Consecrated Men and Women and Lay Persons of the Syro-Malabar Church.

May the Grace of the Lord be with you all!

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Once again, we celebrate the *Dukrana* of our Father in Faith, St. Thomas, the Apostle. Thomas, who encouraged his fellow disciples who were overcome by fear, saying, “Let us also go, that we may die with him” (Jn. 11:16), came to India to proclaim the Gospel and suffered martyrdom at Chinnamalai, near Madras, in A.D. 72. One of the greatest testimonies to the missionary activities and martyrdom of St. Thomas is the living community of St. Thomas Christians in India who continue to cherish and live according to the tradition handed down to them by the Apostle. For the Syro-Malabar Church, the 3rd of July is a day of profound spiritual and ecclesial identity. It is for this reason that we celebrate the feast of the martyrdom of St. Thomas as the *Sabhadinam* of the Syro-Malabar Church.

The Gospel account in which the Apostle Thomas insists on seeing the Risen Lord for himself, refusing to rely solely on the testimony of the other Apostles, is deeply moving. The doubt of Thomas was not an expression of disbelief in the negative sense. The one who initially doubted was ultimately transformed into a courageous witness to the faith. The journey of Thomas - from doubt to faith, from inquiry to witnessing, from discipleship to martyrdom - is to

be the spiritual journey of every Christian. It is for this reason that St. Gregory the Great remarked that “the unbelief of Thomas has been more beneficial to our faith than the faith of the other disciples” (*Homiliae in Evangelia*, 26, 7).

The present generation lives amid doubts and uncertainties. This age of artificial intelligence and the information revolution presents numerous challenges. The first encyclical letter of the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, to the Universal Church, entitled *Magnifica Humanitas*, has drawn the attention of people throughout the world and has been widely received with interest and reflection. The central vision of this encyclical is that technology must serve the human person, who bears the image and glory of God, and that humanity must never be reduced to servitude under its own technological creations. The Holy Father states: “Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that precedes and transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of his unfailing love” (*Magnifica Humanitas*, 50). The encyclical further reminds us that every generation has the responsibility to build a world marked by justice and fraternity while safeguarding the dignity and greatness of the human person.

In today's digital media culture, which often causes polarization and hostility, the Holy Father reminds us that Christians have an urgent duty to seek the truth and arrive at wise and responsible decisions. In an age when rumours spread rapidly and truth is frequently obscured, we must become seekers of truth like St. Thomas. There is no doubt that social media is beneficial in many aspects of life. Yet it has also become a platform where falsehood, hatred, and defamation are deliberately disseminated. When messages that malign others, harm the innocent, and spread falsehood are created or shared indiscriminately, the fifth commandment, “You shall not kill,” is violated, for such

actions can wound a person's dignity, reputation, and well-being. Today, more than ever, we need the prudence and vigilance to examine carefully what we encounter, to verify what we do not know, to refrain from promoting what is untrue, and to courageously oppose falsehood wherever it appears.

Today, our society often neglects the poor and the powerless. Elderly parents frequently become victims of the indifference or cruelty of their own children. When relationships break down within families and at various levels of society, it is often those who stand for justice and fairness who suffer most. The growing incidence of violence among school and college students is a cause for serious concern. The abuse of drugs and the violence associated with it threaten the well-being of society. Situations that undermine and destroy human dignity are found in many places. As the Holy Father urges, each of us must remain vigilant within our own sphere of responsibility so as to dismantle the towers of Babel, the symbol of human pride and self-sufficiency, and to build the City in which God and humanity dwell together, where justice and peace prevail (*Magnifica Humanitas*, 1).

The family is the first school of faith. Praying together, sharing meals together, and participating together in the responsibilities of family life are among the cherished traditions that have long nurtured and strengthened our families. At a time when each person in the family is occupied with personal schedules and professional commitments, we need to examine ourselves and ask whether we are failing to preserve the shared spirituality of family life. Parents must transmit human and Christian values to their children alongside the proper use of technology. In his encyclical, Pope Leo XIV specifically warns against the danger of digital slavery. Excessive use of mobile phones, diminished communication among family

members, growing dependence on screens among children, and the neglect of prayer are among the challenges confronting families today. It is beyond doubt that the family environment exercises a profound and decisive influence on the spiritual and human formation of a person. Therefore, I urge all families to observe regular periods of 'digital fasting', to refrain from using mobile phones during meals, and to set aside time each day for family prayer.

Communion is at the very heart of the Church's nature. Therefore, all the members of the Church are called to live and work in communion and to foster communion. Differences of opinion may naturally arise within the Church. However, factional or sectarian attitudes are contrary to the spirit of the Church. The Church is a big family that embraces us all. Hence, everyone has the responsibility to work in harmony with the institutions of the Church. The words of St. Cyprian remain relevant: "One cannot have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother" (*Habere non potest Deum Patrem qui Ecclesiam non habet matrem, De Catholicae Ecclesiae Unitate*, 6).

The year 2026 is being observed in our Church as the Year of Community Empowerment. All concerned should ensure the effective implementation, at the various levels of the Church, of the various programmes designed by the Commission for Public Affairs and approved by the Synod for the observance of this special year. As a community of believers, while firmly upholding our legitimate rights, we must also cultivate respect for others, cooperate in matters of public concern, and join hands with others wherever possible. The Church remains committed to dialogue and collaboration with all people for the common good of society and for the building of a just world. We must move forward as a Church that reaches out to all with love and truth, excluding no one and unafraid of differences.

We have the duty to follow the courageous example of our Father in Faith and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ without fear. We thank God that members of our Church are serving in various parts of the world as ministers of the Gospel. On this occasion, we gratefully recall the significant advances our Church has recently made in the field of evangelization. I consider it a blessing that many lay missionaries, together with priests and religious, are actively engaged in this mission. I am happy to announce the inauguration of the *Jeevan Jyothi*, a movement at the Major Archiepiscopal level, intended to coordinate and empower the evangelizing efforts of the lay missionaries of our Church. Let us support all missionary endeavours in every way possible and pray earnestly for their success.

It is a matter of great joy that, under the leadership of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Hosur, a pilgrimage centre is being established near the Santhome Cathedral in Mylapore, where the sacred tomb of St. Thomas the Apostle is located. I would like to congratulate Mar Sebastian Pozholiparambil, Bishop of Hosur, and the entire Eparchy for taking the initiative in this noble and historic undertaking. I gratefully remember all those who have generously supported the Eparchy in bringing this project to fruition. I also take this opportunity to appeal to all our parishes to extend their wholehearted cooperation in whatever way possible, so that this cherished dream of establishing a worthy place of worship and pilgrimage near the tomb of our Father in Faith, St. Thomas the Apostle, may be fully realized for the spiritual benefit of future generations.

Dearly beloved in Christ, in this age, we are called to bear witness to the faith in Jesus Christ that has been handed down to us through St. Thomas, the Apostle. Not all are called to shed their blood physically in witness to the Lord in our times. Nevertheless, our times demand from us a daily martyrdom of truth, justice, faith and patience in the Church,

in society, in our families, and in every circumstance of life. Let us not be builders of the Tower of Babel; rather, let us become builders of the Kingdom of God, constructing communities where God and humanity dwell together in harmony within the Church, society, and family.

I extend the greetings of the Feast of *Dukrana* and the *Sabhadinam* to all. May the intercession and blessings of our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Thomas the Apostle, and all the saints and blessed be with us and all our endeavours!

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad on June 20, 2026.



✠ **Raphael Thattil**

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Reminder

September

13-18 : Priests' Annual Retreat

October

18 : Mission Sunday

24 : Chanda Family Day

November

29 : Missionary Conference

December

19 : Advent Recollection for priest and Men and Women Religious

1. United in mission – That the world may believe in Christ the Lord

The unity of disciples is not an end in itself; it is directed towards mission. Jesus states this clearly: “So that the world may believe that you have sent me” (Jn 17:21). It is through the witness of a reconciled, fraternal and united community that the proclamation of the Gospel acquires its full communicative power.

From this perspective, it is worth recalling the motto of Blessed Paolo Manna, “All the Churches united for the conversion of the whole world,” which succinctly expresses the ideal that inspired the establishment of the Pontifical Missionary Union in 1916. On its 110th anniversary, I convey my gratitude and my blessing for its commitment to inspiring and forming the missionary spirit of priests, consecrated persons and lay faithful, promoting the unity of all evangelizing efforts. In fact, no baptized person is exempt from or indifferent to mission: everyone, each according to their own vocation and condition of life, participates in the great work that Christ has entrusted to his Church. As Pope Francis repeatedly reminded us, proclaiming the Gospel is an action that is always harmonious, communal and synodal.

For this reason, unity in mission means safeguarding and nurturing the spirituality of communion and missionary cooperation. By daily fostering this attitude, divine grace gradually teaches us to see our brothers and sisters through the eyes of faith. We also learn to recognize joyfully the good that the Spirit inspires in each person, to embrace diversity as a treasure, to bear one another's burdens and always to seek the unity that comes from above. Indeed, we all share in one mission in “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all” (Eph 4:5-6). This spirituality constitutes the daily expression of missionary discipleship. It helps us to recover a universal

vision of the Church's evangelizing mission, and to overcome a lack of coordinated efforts and the creation of factions among the followers of the one Lord — such as “I belong to Paul,” “I to Apollos” (cf. 1 Cor 1:10-12).

Needless to say, missionary unity should not be understood as uniformity, but rather as the convergence of different charisms for the same purpose, namely to make Christ's love visible and to invite everyone to encounter him. Evangelization is achieved when local communities cooperate with one another and when cultural, spiritual and liturgical differences are fully and harmoniously expressed in the same faith. I therefore encourage all institutions in the Church to strengthen their sense of ecclesial missionary communion and to develop creative and concrete ways of cooperating with one another for and in the mission.

In this regard, I would like to thank the Pontifical Mission Societies for their service to missionary.

cooperation, which I experienced with gratitude during my ministry in Peru. These Societies — Propagation of the Faith, Holy Childhood, Saint Peter the Apostle and Pontifical Missionary Union — continue to nurture and form missionary awareness for the faithful of all ages, and to promote a network of prayer and charity that connects communities throughout the world. Here, it is worth noting that the founder of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, Blessed Pauline Marie Jaricot, established the Living Rosary two hundred years ago. Even today it continues to bring together many of the faithful throughout the world to pray for every spiritual and missionary need. It is also worth remembering that, following a proposal from the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, Pius XI established World Mission Day in 1926. The annual offerings collected on this day are distributed by the Society, on behalf of the Pope, to support the various needs of the Church's mission. The four Societies, therefore, as a whole and each in its own specificity, still play a valuable role for the entire Church. They

Message of the Holy Father for the 100th World Mission Day, 25.10.2026

Dear brothers and sisters,
For World Mission Day 2026, which marks the centenary of a celebration established by Pius XI that is very dear to the Church, I have chosen the theme “One in Christ, united in mission.” Following the Jubilee Year, I wish to encourage the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. This requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust.

As we reflect on being one in Christ and united in mission, let us allow ourselves to be guided and inspired by divine grace, “to renew in ourselves the fire of our missionary vocation” and advance together in the commitment to evangelization, in this “new missionary age” in the history of the Church (Homily, Jubilee of the Missionary World and of Migrants, 5 October 2025).

1. One in Christ – Missionary disciples united in him and with our brothers and sisters

The mystery of union with Christ lies at the heart of mission. Before his Passion, Jesus prayed to the Father, “that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us” (Jn 17:21).

These words reveal Jesus' deepest desire, as well as the identity of the Church as a community of his disciples. That is, a communion that flows from the Trinity, and continues to be sustained by the Trinity. A communion at the service of fraternity among all human beings and harmony with all creation.

Being a Christian is not primarily about practices or ideas; it is a life in union with Christ, in which we share in his filial relationship with the Father in the Holy Spirit. It means abiding in Christ, like branches on the vine (cf. Jn 15:4), immersed in the

life of the Trinity. This union gives rise to mutual communion among believers and is the source of all missionary fruitfulness. Indeed, just as Saint John Paul II taught, “communion represents both the source and the fruit of mission” (Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, 32).

In this context, the Church's primary missionary responsibility is to renew and sustain spiritual and fraternal unity among its members. In many situations, we encounter conflicts, polarization, misunderstandings and a lack of mutual trust. When this occurs even within our communities, it undermines our witness. The evangelizing mission that Christ entrusted to his disciples requires, above all, hearts that are reconciled and eager for communion. Consequently, it is important to intensify ecumenical efforts with all Christian Churches, building upon the opportunities arising from the joint celebration of the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

Last but not least, being “one in Christ” calls us to keep our gaze fixed on the Lord, so that he may truly be at the center of our lives and communities, the center of every word, action and interpersonal relationship, leading us to say with amazement: “It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me” (Gal 2:20). By constantly listening to his word and through the grace of the Sacraments, it will be possible for us to become living stones in the Church. Today, the Church is called to take up the fundamental themes of the Second Vatican Council and the subsequent Papal Magisterium, in particular that of Pope Francis. In fact, as Saint Paul says, “we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord” (2 Cor 4:5). For this reason, I reiterate the words of Saint Paul VI: “There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed”.

(Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 22). This process of genuine evangelization begins in the heart of every Christian in order to reach all of humanity.

Therefore, the more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusts to us.

are a living sign of unity and ecclesial missionary communion. I invite everyone to work with them in a spirit of gratitude.

1. Mission to love – Proclaiming, living and sharing God's faithful love

If unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence. The Good News that we are sent to proclaim to the world is not an abstract ideal; it is the Gospel of God's faithful love, which became flesh in the face and life of Jesus Christ.

The mission of the disciples and the Church as a whole is to continue the mission of Christ in the Holy Spirit: a mission born of love, lived in love, and leading to love. In fact, the Lord himself, in his great prayer to the Father before his Passion, after invoking unity among his disciples, concludes: “so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them” (Jn 17:26). Impelled by the love of Christ, the Apostles then went out to evangelize for Christ (cf. 2 Cor 5:14). In the same way, throughout the centuries, multitudes of Christians — martyrs, confessors and missionaries — have given their lives to make this divine love known to the world. Thus, guided by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of love, the Church's evangelizing mission will continue until the end of time.

I would like to express my special gratitude to today's *ad gentes* missionaries. Like Saint Francis Xavier, they have left their homeland, their families and all sense of security in order to proclaim the Gospel and bring Christ and his love to places that are often challenging, poor, conflict-ridden or culturally distant. Despite adversity and human limitations, they continue to give themselves joyfully, because they know that Christ himself, and his Gospel, are the greatest treasures we can offer. Through their perseverance, they demonstrate that God's love transcends all barriers. The world still needs these courageous witnesses of Christ, and ecclesial communities still need new missionary vocations. We must always keep them close to our hearts and continually pray to the Father for them. May he grant us the gift of young people and adults who are willing to leave everything behind to follow Christ on the path of

evangelization even to the ends of the earth!

Filled with admiration for men and women missionaries, I make a special appeal to the whole Church to join them in the mission of evangelization through the witness of our lives in Christ, through prayer and through our contributions to the missions. As Saint Francis of Assisi said, “Love is not loved,” and we look to him in a special way on the eight hundredth anniversary of his passing to heaven. Let us find inspiration in his desire to live in the love of the Lord and to transmit it to those both near and far, because, as he said, “this love Who hath loved us much is much to be loved” (Saint Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, *The Life of Saint Francis*, chap. IX, 1; *Fonti Francescane*, 1161). Let us also draw inspiration from the zeal of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, who declared that she would continue her mission even after death: “I shall desire in heaven the same thing as I do now on earth: to love Jesus and to make him loved” (Letter 220 to l'Abbé Bellière, 24 February 1897).

Inspired by these testimonies, let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization — which is always a work of love — according to our own vocation and the gifts we have received. Your prayers and practical support, particularly on World Mission Day, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion. I renew my heartfelt gratitude “for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world” (Video Message for World Mission Day 2025, 19 October 2025). To foster spiritual communion, I give you my blessing with this simple prayer:

Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful love for all creatures.

Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelization in every corner of the earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognize in Christ the light that saves. Amen.

From the Vatican, 25 January 2026, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

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IV - BISHOP'S DIARY

May

- 3-15 : Bishop animated Chanda Diocesan Major Seminarian's formation program.
- 13 : Bishop blessed the newly constructed chapel of SJB sisters at Kopreli.
- 16 : Conferral of Diaconate and Vestition - Holy Qurbana presided over by bishop at Cathedral, BPQ.
- 25 to June 30: Bishop's visit abroad (Australia).

July

- 05 : Bishop blessed newly constructed Kalmana Church.
- 7- 8 : Bishop attended Western Region Bishops' Council at Nagpur.
- 08 : Bishop attended the joint meeting of Nagpur Metropolitan Council, the Bishops of Nagpur, Chanda, Aurangabad and Amaravati with all provincials and regional superiors of respective dioceses attended the meeting at Nagpur.
- 14-15 : Bishop animated Quinquennial priests' meet at BPQ.
- 18 : Presided over Consultations on Church's Challenges in India Today – meeting of Provincials, Regional

- Superiors, Principals and Managers at BPQ.
- 19 : Bishop presided over Holy Qurbana for elderly sisters of SD Krupadhan province at Asha Bhavan, Kalmana.
- 21 : Bishop attended funeral service of Mar Gregory Karotemprel CMI, Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of Rajkot at Prem Mandir, the Cathedral of the Eparchy of Rajkot.
- 23 : Bishop offered Holy Qurbana at DW Convent, Bamini and met with Sr. Rani DW, the Superior General of the Congregation of Daughters of Wisdom.
- 24 : Sr. Lisa SHSp the provincial superior of the Holy Spirit sisters met with bishop in the Bishop's Home. Bishop consecrated the newly installed altar at AMI Sisters' Chapel, Gojoli.
- 26 : Bishop offered Holy Qurbana at Pattaguda parish and blessed Grandparents in the parish.
- 27 : Bishop attended online meeting to finalise Marathi Thaksa with Central Liturgical Committee.
- 27 : The SD novices visited the bishop.

August

- 03 : Bishop attended Vianney Day monthly recollection.
- 04 : Bishop offered Holy Qurbana and attended the programmes connected with Vianney Day at SVG, New Daheli.
- 11 : CMI prior general Very Rev. Fr. Paul Achandy CMI visited bishop at Bishop's Home
- 08 : Bishop chaired CSA meeting, BPQ. Bishop attended Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee celebration of Fr. PL Joseph at Vijaynagaram.
- 16 : Bishop blessed a newly constructed chapel in St. Joseph's Parish, Chunangamvely in Ernakulam-Angamali Archdiocese.
- 17-28 : Bishop attended Bishops' Synod at Kakkanad.
- 23 : Bishop attended Centenary Celebrations of SD Congregation at their Generalate, Thottumugham, Aluva.

V. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

September

- 06 : Festal Holy Qurbana, Nativity of Our Lady, Cathedral, BPQ.
 08 : Festal Holy Qurbana, Bellappally.
 07 : MSMI Jubilee, Wardha.
 13–18 : Priests' Annual Retreat, BPQ.
 19 : Blessing, CMC, Bamini.
 23–27 : Pastoral Visit, Wardha.

October

- 3 : Province Day & Jubilee Celebration, CMC, Wardha.
 8–11 : Pastoral Visit, Wasa.
 17–18 : Pastoral Visit, Wadsa.
 19–23 : Engaged
 22–23 : Bp. Sebastian Vaniyapurackal, Bishop of Kalyan, visits the Diocese.
 24 : Chanda Family Day.

November

- 01 : All Saints Day.
 02 : All Souls Day.
 5–16 : Bombay – Pune.
 18 : Presbyteral Council and Consultors' Body.
 19–22 : Pastoral Visit, Chandrapur.
 30 - Dec. 4 : Deacons' Orientation Programme, BPQ.

December

- 05 : Vestition, SD, Wardha.
 12–13 : Catholic Council Meeting, Bombay.
 13–14 : Western Region Bishops' Council, Bombay.
 19 : Christmas Recollection & Gathering, BPQ.
 25 : Christmas,
 26 : Betrothal, North Parur.

- 27 : Ordination, Kalamassery.
 29 : Ordination, Muthalakodam.
 30 : Meeting, Sanjopuram.
 31 : Ordination, Kannur.

2027, January

- 02 : Marriage, Kothamangalam.
 03 : Requiem Holy Qurbana, Sanjopuram.
 06–13 : Synod of Bishops, Kakkanad.
 17 : Festal Holy Qurbana, Idivanna, Nilambur.
 23 : Back from Kerala.

February

14 -18 : 3rd Balharshah Jeevotsav Bible Convention.

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL (*EVANGELII GAUDIUM*) (31/08/2026)

Bishop Ephrem Nariculam

I wish to share with you all, the joy of the Gospel experience in Bhamragarh, couple of days ago. It was my casual visit to Bhamragarh as part of my mission visit to Allapalli forane. After my visit to Aksapur, Ashti, Gomini and Repanpally, sometime in the evening around 8:00 PM on 29 July, I arrived Bhamragarh. On my way water level at Bhamragarh was two feet below the main bridge near the town. In the morning after Holy Qurbana and breakfast when I was about to set out to Allapalli it was noticed that water level was increasing and by 10:00 AM the force of water increased and by noon every building in the campus (Church, School, Convent and Presbytery) was inundated with water.

The car and jeep was parked in the highest spot in the campus. Yet the both vehicles were submerged to the tyre level. The floor mats in the vehicle were drenched in dirty with muddy water. The

motor bike was kept safe inside the building.

Slowly water level rose and the force of flowing water increased. Thanks to God it was stable by 3 o'clock and by 4 PM water level started subsiding. When water level was sinked down below the floor level of the buildings we started cleaning one by one. First the Convent, then the Church followed by presbytery. We were around 23 in the Campus: 16 Boarders, 3 Sisters, Fr. Sumesh, Br. Jefin, Driver Chandan and me. Eight workers also joined us in the campus for safety who were mazons, working in the forest guest house. We provided them also food for the whole day.

By midnight water subsided from surrounding areas of the buildings in the campus. But the road was inundated with water for another 24 hours, so also the bridge. There was no electricity or internet for three days. Diesel was getting over. Drinking water got drained off. Borewell water started turning muddy. Still a little drinking water was remaining in the tank. Thank God there wasn't any medical emergency.

On the following day 31 July we started cleaning the school building. It got over by evening. All the campus including boarders toiled in the cleaning work. On 1st August morning by 9:00 AM the road and the bridge were opened for traffic. Though car and jeep were submerged in the muddy water, by the grace of God it did not affect the functioning of the engines. Three days we could not contact the rest of the world. No news going out and no news coming in. somehow we could manage food and water, including for the workers who came to the campus for safety. I returned and arrived Bishop' Home by 3:00 PM on 1st August. On the way back between Bhamragarh and Allapalli, there were felling of trees, thus blocking the road in six places. The road was cleared anyway. It was a great experience of the Joy of the Gospel.



DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Seventh Death Anniversary of Fr. Jomy Chakklatharayil falls on Wednsaday 16 December 2026. Let us remember him in our prayer

"I cried because I had no shoes until
I met a man who had no feet." - Helen Keller

"Give Thanks in all circumstances; for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thes. 5:18

Chanda Family Day& March for Peace Rally (24th Oct. 2026)

This year we are planning to conduct Chanda Family Day in a different way as follows: After Holy Qurbana and greeting the Jubilarians in the Cathedral, we shall take a rally (March for Peace) to Dilasagram School ground. The rally will end at Dilasagram School ground with a short healing service, pledge for peace in the world, and Benediction, which will be followed by lunch and then dispersal. The purpose of the rally is to call the attention of the world to sustain peace in the world, which is stricken by wars, fanaticism, terrorism, political antagonism, pseudo-nationalism, etc. A rally for peace in the light of the Pope's invitation to pray for peace in the world in the Franciscan Jubilee year, commemorating the 800th year of the passing of St. Francis of Assisi, is worth meaningful. This peace rally shall be made colourful and attractive by tableaux, placards, banners, Papal Flags, badges, caps, etc. It should communicate a real message of the need to sustain peace in the world where it is too much disturbed by pseudo peace initiatives, wars, terrorism, etc. To make our rally successful, we shall try to collect the maximum number of people for Chanda Family Day on 24th October 2026. There should be a minimum of 1000 people for the rally, with more people from the neighbouring parishes of Ballarshah. It is also suggested that henceforth we shall have Holy Qurbana for Chanda Family Day, with all priests concelebrating with full vestments. So priests are requested to bring full vestments for concelebration on Chanda Family Day. This shall be done in the years to come. Bishop Sebastian Vaniyapurackal, Archbishop of Kalyan, will be the chief guest for this year's Chanda Family Day.

Various Mission Centers, Schools, and institutions shall take initiatives to have tableau or some presentations to communicate the message of peace to the world. The rally will make clear to the world the stand of Christians where much anti-Christian propaganda is at its height these days. I request everyone's cooperation to make the March for Peace rally a success. Other details shall be communicated later. Your suggestions are welcome.

Bp. Ephrem Nariculam

**RESEARCH AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE FOR WRCFE (RNR)**

A common venture under the auspices of Nagpur Metropolitan Council (Archdiocese of Nagpur and Dioceses of Amaravati, Aurangabad and Chanda) has launched Research and Resource Development Centre for Western Region Council for Education (WRCFE). It is primarily meant to strengthen the leadership skills among educationists in our institutions in Vidarbha and Marathwada region spread out in four arch/dioceses. RNR will enhance pedagogical competencies suited to 21st century learners, including competency-based learning, inclusive education, digital pedagogy, and assessment reforms. It also aims at promoting collaboration and networking among Catholic schools in the region, enabling shared learning and resource development. The centre also plans to equip schools for NEP 2020 compliance while preserving the distinct mission and character of Catholic education. RNR also will conduct seminars and training programmes for pastoral management, Faith formation, leadership skills, formation of Church personnel etc. Resource persons will be made available for seminars and programmes in local level. The Centre is located in the Pastoral Centre of the Archdiocese of Nagpur in the Archbishop's House Campus. The first programme is scheduled on 5 - 7 August 2026: On going Formation of Middle Aged Clergy (15 years and above).

I recommend to everyone to avail this facility for training and formation of our Priests, Brothers, Sisters and also Staffs of our institutions in the diocese.

Ballarpur
07.08.2026

Bp. Ephrem Nariculam

VI. NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS

1. St. Thomas Cathedral Ballarpur

- 1) The Diaconate Ordination of Bro. Tony Vadakkeveettilan and vestition of Bro. Fredin Kattookaran Vestition took place on 16 May at St. Thomas Cathedral. The ordination was conferred by Bishop Ephrem Nariculam.
- 2) Fr. Deepak, Assistant Parish Priest, was transferred from our parish to Aksapur. At the same time, we warmly welcomed Fr. Louis (Abhilash Kurungattu) as our newly appointed Assistant Parish Priest.
- 3) On 28 June, we joyfully celebrated the birthday of our Parish Priest, Fr. Binny Mulackal.
- 4) On 26 June, our Catechism teachers participated in the Catechism Teachers' Seminar held at Prerana Hall, Vianney Jubilee School.
- 5) On 5 July, we inaugurated the new academic year of our Catechism Classes, seeking God's blessings upon the students, teachers, and parents.

2. Shanti Nivas Church, Wirur

- 1) Arrival of the New Parish Priest : Fr. Saju Chamakalayil took charge as the new Parish Priest of Shanti Nivas Church, Wirur, on 16 May 2026. He was officially welcomed by the parishioners on 17 June 2026, Sunday after the Holy Mass.

2) Deacon Tony Vadakkeveettil is serving in the parish. The Principal of the school Sr. Suneetha SD is under treatment. We have scarcity of teachers problem in the school. This year we have 241 students in the school with 11 new admissions. SD Sisters' presence and service in the parish is greatly appreciated.

3) Feast of St. Thomas : On 3 July 2026, the Feast of St. Thomas was celebrated in the parish. The C. L. C director, Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil, was the main celebrant of the festal Holy Mass. The celebration was followed by a fellowship meal.

4) Feast of St. Alphonsa ; On 28 July 2026, the Feast of St. Alphonsa was celebrated in Shanti Nivas Church. The celebration was organised by St. Alphonsa Ward. Fr. Saju Chamakalayil was the main celebrant.

5) Catechism Inauguration : On 5 July 2026, the new Catechism academic year (2026-2027) was inaugurated.

6) New Parish Council Members: New Parish Council members and Ward members were elected on 12 July 2026. The Prayer Wards were also assigned the names of their respective Patron Saints.

7) Grandparents' Day Celebration : On 26 July 2026, the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne was celebrated as Grandparents' Day in the parish. The grandparents were honoured for their invaluable contribution to family and faith, and the celebration concluded.

3. St. Antony's Church, Wardha

4/6/26 : Preparation to St. Antony Parve; The Flag was hosted by Fr. Francis Aykaraparampil the rector of Darshana. Nine days Novena and Holy Mass was arranged.

5/6/26 : Newly elected Rajkot provincial Fr. Wilson Vettumani Visited the Church and offered the Holy Mass

13/6/26: Wardha parish celebrated the titular feast of St. Antony on 13th July. Fr. Antony Kuttiani CMI and the newly ordained priests Frs. Algin, Abhilash, Sarith CMI and our Assit. Parish priest Fr. Joby was the celebrants for the feast day Holy Mass.

Many faithful joined and received the blessing of St. Antony
21/6/26: St. Antony youth and Alter boys visited the Holy Door of Indulgence in Karaja mission.

3/7/26: we have celebrated the feast of St. Thomas, the patron saints of DST Sisters and Fr. Shimon

5/7/26: We had a special Holy mass for the inauguration of our Catechism class. We welcomed the students and Children offered themselves in the Holy Mass

4. Tera Prem Church, Warur

Sr. Sneha SHSP, the Principal of the school for the past 6 years got transferred. We are still waiting for a new appointment. The dispensary is running well under the management of Sr. Regina SHSP. The overbridge and road construction giving some inconvenience to those who visit the station. It will be done in a few months. The school strength is 326 and there are 45 boarders in our tribal boarding. Vilas Guruji who was looking after boys' boarding left for his home village.

1) Farewell and Welcome of Assistant Parish Priests: On 3rd May 2026, the parish community gathered to express heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr. Ajay Puthukattuchira who faithfully served as the Assistant Parish Priest of Tera Prem Church for the past one year. A special farewell programme was organised to acknowledge his dedicated pastoral ministry, spiritual guidance, and loving service to the parish community. The faithful assured him of their prayers and wished him God's abundant blessings in his new assignment. On the same day, the parish joyfully welcomed Rev. Fr. Chisto Kavil as the new Assistant Parish Priest. Parishioners extended a warm reception and assured him of their wholehearted cooperation and support in his pastoral ministry. The community looks forward to growing together in faith under his guidance.

2) Mission Experience of Postulants: As part of their formation and missionary exposure, seven postulants from SHSp Congregation arrived at Tera Prem Church for a mission experience programme. During their stay, they actively participated in parish activities, visited families, engaged with the faithful, and gained valuable pastoral experience. Their presence brought youthful enthusiasm and missionary zeal to the parish. The postulants concluded their mission experience and returned on 14th May, carrying with them cherished memories and

valuable lessons from their interaction with the parish community.

3) Reopening of Lourdes Matha Vidya Mandir : After the summer vacation, Lourdes Matha Vidya Mandir reopened on 30th June 2026. Students returned to the campus with renewed energy and enthusiasm, marking the beginning of a new academic year. The school community welcomed the students warmly and invoked God's blessings upon the teachers, students, and parents for a fruitful and successful year ahead.

4) Solemn Inauguration of Catechism Year : The new catechism academic year was solemnly inaugurated on 19th July 2026 with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Catechism students, teachers, parents, and parishioners participated prayerfully in the Holy Mass. The inauguration highlighted the importance of faith formation and Christian education in nurturing young disciples of Christ. The parish prayed for all catechism children and teachers, seeking God's guidance throughout the year.

5) Family Day Celebration : On 26th July 2026, the parish community came together to celebrate Family Day in a spirit of love, unity, and thanksgiving. The celebration began with the Holy Mass, during which special prayers were offered for all families of the parish. Following the Eucharistic celebration, parishioners gathered for a fellowship meal and spent joyful moments together. The event strengthened the bonds of friendship and mutual care among the faithful, reflecting the parish's commitment to living as one family.

5. Nav Jyothi Church, Aksapur

A hurricane blew off the roof of the church on 9 May 2026. The renovation work already started. We hope to complete it in couple of months. This year we have four Disciples of Christ Sisters who are serving in the parish. The old buildings in the school campus is demolished and the school is given a new face lift. This year the total number of students is 87 with 29 new admissions.

6. Christuvan Church, Gomini

Fr. George CMI took charge of the parish as new priest-in-charge in May 2026. As new priest- in-charge I am trying to give life to

the parish spiritual orientation, facility development and maximum utilisation of land for cultivation. Thanks to CMI Fathers for helping to put up bore-well and pump in the campus for cultivation. Bunds in the field, deepening of talabs, paddy field edges repairs have made the paddy cultivation better for future. There are now 18 students in the hostel. Thanks to Kiranoday for the support to maintain our hostel. All houses in the parish were blessed and Qurbana was celebrated in every village. Thanks to Fr. Benny CMI, Provincial Superior, for encouraging the brothers and sisters in the stations. The old church is renovated and made ready for nursery school. There are 40 students in Nursery in the parish.

7. Shanti Bhavan, Pattaguda

Grandparents day was celebrated in the parish on 26 July 2026. Bishop was the celebrant for Holy Qurbana. Bishop greeted all grandparents and honoured them with shawl and flowers.

8. St. Alphonsa Church, Kalmana

The newly constructed church was blessed on 5 July 2026 by Bp Ephrem. The parish community grateful to all Fathers, Brothers and Sisters for their presence and support. A special word of thanks to all benefactors: Syro- Malabar Community, Qatar, a few parishioners from Tamarassery, Kanjirapally diocese, Priests, Religious and all others.

9. St. Thomas Church, Jiwathi

The silver jubilee of the school was solemnly inaugurated on 22 July 2026 by Rev. Fr. Benny Mulackal. A short cultural program was arranged on the occasion. The school activities are going on well. Thanks to CHF sisters for their generous corporation. For the new academic year total strength in the school is 450 with 66 new admissions. Sr. Leena Therese CHF is the new principal. Lambori village Qurbana is done regularly

10. Kisanwadi Church, Kopreli

We thank Sr. Mercy SJB for her service. Sr. Preethi SJB is the new sister to be in charge of the dispensary. The newly constructed convent chapel was blessed on May 13 at the hands of Bp. Ephrem

There are 5 boys and 7 girls in the boarding. The students in the Nursery is now 14. Sr. Nuthan SJB is in charge of the Nursery. Fr. Benson is down with leg fracture and Sr. Augustine pallivathukal CMI and Fr. CC George CMI are helping us now.

11. Krupastrot Catholic Church, Mul

Rev. Fr. Tigi Karakkunnel assumed charge as the Priest-in-Charge of Krupastrot Catholic Church, Mul, on 25 April 2026. The Holy Qurbana in the parish church and in the mission stations are done with interest and devotion. This year we have 5 boys in our boarding. Thanks to SAB Sisters for their presence and Support. The Santwadi Green Campus Project (Santwadi Centre for Education, Natural Farming and Training – SCENT) will gradually be realised is our hope. Fr. Somy is using his expertise and contact to build up the project. The twinning program with Gadchiroli school may help him to better in the years ahead. The catechist Mr. Nagarao's assistance is gratefully acknowledged. Rev. Sr. Blessy SABS, the Provincial Superior of SABS Congregation had her Canonical Visitation to the convent on July 02.

Following Easter, the traditional Blessing of Houses was carried out throughout the parish, bringing the joy and blessings of the Risen Lord to the faithful.

The Feast of Pentecost was solemnly celebrated on 24 May 2026 with the active participation of the parish community.

On 28 May 2026, the parish launched a village-based catechism programme to help the faithful gain a deeper understanding of the basic teachings of the Catholic faith.

The Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle was solemnly celebrated on 3 June 2026. On the same occasion, the catechism classes for the academic year were formally inaugurated. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Jibin Perumamkunnel.

A one-day parish retreat was held on 12 June 2026 under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Thomas Thekkekara VC with the assistance of the SAB Sisters. Counselling sessions for women were conducted by the SAB Sisters.

On the same day, a special opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation was arranged for the youth and children of the

parish.

The Lord's Day and the Feast of St. Anne were joyfully celebrated on 26 July 2026. The parish community felicitated the SAB Sisters in appreciation of their dedicated service and apostolate.

To catechize the faithful on the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the boarding children presented a meaningful catechetical skit demonstrating how to make a proper confession. On 2 August 2026, the parish celebrated Shetkaryancha Ravivar (Farmers' Sunday). Special prayers were offered for farmers, and seeds and seedlings were blessed, invoking God's abundant blessings upon the agricultural community.

12. Jeevan Jyothi Church, Hinganghat.

May 3: We bid farewell to Fr. Vbinto CMI, who served as Priest-in-Charge, and extended a warm welcome to Fr. Shimon Cheenikkal, who has assumed the leadership role.

May 10: The parish celebrated Mother's Day, with mothers felicitated by the Pithur Sangh with greetings and wishes.

June 3: A farewell was held for Fr. Joseph Mathew Cap., recognizing his two years of dedicated and enthusiastic service to our church.

June 7: We bade farewell to Srs. Pauline CMC, Alisha CMC, Prasada SJB, Shilpa SJB, Bertilla SJB. On the same day, we felicitated Fr. Prince CMI on his election as the Social Work Councilor of the Mar Thoma CMI Province, Chanda. The community also celebrated the feast of St. Mariam Thresia, marked by the planting of saplings and the distribution of Prasad.

June 12: The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was observed with Eucharistic Adoration, Consecration to the Sacred Heart, and Solemn Mass, followed by the distribution of Prasad.

June 13: The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Antony was celebrated with Solemn Holy Mass, Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the distribution of rosaries.

June 21: Fathers' Day was organized by the Mathursangh, featuring a felicitation ceremony and gift presentation for the fathers.

June 28: The Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist was

celebrated by the SJB community at Alipur, featuring a three-day Novena, Solemn Mass, procession, felicitation and prasad distribution.

July 3: The parish marked the Feast of St. Thomas and the inauguration of the Catechism year with Solemn Mass, procession, and a community meal.

July 5: Celebrations for the Feast of St. Thomas continued with "Newcomers Day." and welcomed Srs. Surabhi SJB, Valsa SJB, Nikita SJB, Anita CMC, Rosemary CMC, 10 candidates, a family and kitchen staff. We were blessed to welcome new members, who commemorated the occasion by planting saplings.

July 6: Jeevan Jyoti Church celebrated its 51 years of existence.

July 19: The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated with Solemn Mass, procession and felicitation under the leadership of the Samudrapur CMC community. Scapulars and Prasad were distributed

July 24: A Requiem Mass was held for Sr. Sudhara SJB, a pioneering member of our parish community.

July 26: The parish celebrated Grandparents' Day and the Feast of St. Anna. This event, organized by the parish Catechism department, honored all the grandparents of the parish and Srs. Sneha SJB, Kavitha SJB, Shubha SJB, Valsa SJB, Anitha SJB, and Sr. Anita CMC, who celebrate their heavenly patroness day. a family and kitchen staff. We were blessed to welcome new members, who commemorated the occasion by planting saplings.

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13. Maria Rani Church, Gatta

1) Welcome to Fr. Kurian Panayalil : The faithful of Maria Rani Church, Gatta, joyfully welcomed Fr. Kurian Panayalil on 3 May 2026. A solemn Holy Mass was celebrated, followed by a felicitation programme in his honour. Parishioners gathered in large numbers to express their love, prayers, and support as Fr. Kurian began his pastoral ministry in the parish. We pray that God may bless him abundantly and guide him in his service to the Church.

2) Visit of the Superiors of the Snehagiri Missionary Congregation: The Maria Rani Church family was honoured to welcome the superiors of the Snehagiri Missionary Congregation on 25 May 2026. Sr. Divya SMS, Superior General of the congregation, visited the parish along with Sr. Lini SMS, Provincial of the Pala Province; Sr. Tess Mathew, Provincial of the Malabar Province; Sr. Rosjo SMS, General Councillor; and Sr. Ranjita SMS, General Councillor. The parish community received the distinguished guests with great joy and gratitude. Their visit strengthened the bond between the congregation and the faithful of Maria Rani Church, Gatta.

3) First Profession of Sr. Shanti Minj SMS: It was a joyful and proud moment for the Maria Rani Church family as our parishioner, Sr. Shanti Minj SMS, made her First Profession at Jagdalpur on 27 May 2026. Fr. Kurian Panayalil, sisters from the parish, Sr. Shanti's parents, relatives, and well-wishers attended the ceremony and shared in this blessed occasion. We thank God for the gift of her vocation and pray for God's continued blessings upon her.

4) Reception Ceremony of Sr. Shanti Minj SMS: The reception ceremony of Sr. Shanti Minj SMS was solemnly celebrated at her home in Dudepalli village on 1 June 2026. Fr. Kurian Panayalil was the main celebrant, and Fr. Ajay Xalxo delivered the homily. Many priests,

5) Thanksgiving Mass and Farewell to Sr. Kusum SMS : A Thanksgiving Mass and farewell programme for Sr. Kusum SMS were held on 7 June 2026 as she completed one year of service in

Gatta Parish. Following the Holy Mass, Fr. Kurian Panayalil and the parishioners expressed their gratitude for her dedicated and selfless service and wished her God's blessings in her future ministry.

6) Welcome to Sr. Sumita SMS: The Maria Rani Church family joyfully welcomed Sr. Sumita SMS to the parish on 13 June 2026. This was her first appointment after her First Profession, making the occasion especially memorable. The parish community assured her of their prayers and support as she began her ministry among the faithful of Gatta Parish.

7) Inauguration of the Catechism Year 2026–2027 The Catechism Year 2026–2027 was inaugurated on 19 June 2026 at Maria Rani Church, Gatta. Fr. Kurian Panayalil spoke about the importance of faith in our daily lives and encouraged the children to grow spiritually through prayer and study. The children and their study materials were specially blessed, and a small programme was conducted after the Holy Mass.

8) Celebration of the Feast of Dukhrana: The Feast of Dukhrana, commemorating the martyrdom of St. Thomas the Apostle, was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm. Fr. Kurian Panayalil delivered an inspiring homily on the life, faith, missionary zeal, and martyrdom of St. Thomas. The faithful participated prayerfully in the celebration and thanked God for the gift of faith.

09) Inauguration of Maria Rani Church Nursery School: The nursery school of Maria Rani Church, Gatta, was inaugurated on 5 July 2026. The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Fr. Kurian Panayalil, followed by a message to the children and their parents. Sr. Neeta SMS, Sr. Sumita SMS, and other distinguished guests were present on the occasion. Twenty-five children were enrolled in the nursery school this year.

10) Feast of St. Alphonsa and the Feast Day Celebration of Sr. Sumita SMS: The Feast of St. Alphonsa and the feast day celebration of Sr. Sumita SMS were solemnly celebrated on 28 July 2026. The celebration began with the Holy Mass, followed

by a cultural programme and an agape meal. The parish community joined together in prayer and fellowship and wished Sr. Sumita God's abundant blessings.

11) Welcome to Sr. Ancin SMS : The Maria Rani Church family joyfully welcomed Sr. Ancin SMS to the parish on 1 August 2026. The parish community assured her of their prayers, love, and support as she began her ministry at Maria Rani Church, Gatta. May God bless her abundantly in her service to His people.

14. Snehashram, Bhamragarh

The parish activities are running well. The school strength has improved this year. There are now a total number of 268 students with 60 new admissions this year. Total number of children in the boarding are 16.

On 30 July we had a flood in Bhamragarh. The church, convent, school and the presbytery were inundated with water. Life without electricity, internet connectivity, phone connectivity, closed roads and bridges, no access to medical facility was a New-Gospel experience. Bp. Ephrem also was held up in Bhamragarh for three days who came for a casual visit. He too helped us in cleaning.

15. St. Alphonsa Church, Jarawandi:

Everything goes well in the parish. Fr. Sarith CMI served in the parish as assistant priest-in-charge for three months and later he got transferred. The three court cases due to Jeep accident three years ago got verdict in favour of us. The SMS Sisters' co-operation in all activities of the parish is gratefully acknowledged. This year there are 52 students in the boarding. Two boys from the parish joined SVG this year for priestly formation. The pending application for a jeep submitted by bishop during his visit to Germany in 2024 was approved by Missio this year and we have now a new jeep - Bolero 10. Thanks to Missio for their generosity.

16. Gadchiroli (Complex):

The school activities are progressing well. Thanks to the St. Anne's Sisters for their generous co-operation and active

involvements in the school activities. The total strength of the school this year is 1211 with 202 new admissions. Sr. Blessy SABS, the Provincial Superior did her Canonical Visitation to the convent on 8th to 10th July. Thanks to Fr. Tomy Chovelikudiyl for his hard and systematic assistance rendered to the school.

17. Aranya Nivas, Lakkadakot:

The mission activities in the parish are progressing tremendously well. We have from DC Sisters in the convent and they co-operate with every activity in the parish. There are new 05 girls in the boarding and 45 children in the playschool. Kostala Village Chapel Qurbana is done regularly. Aranya Niwas Eco-Farming Project (AN-Eco) activities are advancing in stable pace. The fish pond is restructured, water body is re-arranged, mango garden is pruned and ploughed, fruit trees are planted, canal to collect rainfall water is prepared, the whole land under our possession is made cultivable, poultry shed work is initiated, piggery farm work is half-done, worker's quarters facility is improved, Tin sheet over entrance of main building is done, more land is cultivated this year and the works done until now. The following works will have to be initiated very soon as part of the AN-Eco project: Cow shed, Rabbitry, second poultry farm shed, Goatry shed, Grow house farming, Servants quarters etc.

Thanks to Rottenburg Diocese for their finance support in the first phase of the project. Gratefully remembered also bishop's support and guidance in launching the project in Lakkadakot. The total Annual turnover expected to be 70 lacs this year. As the whole land is fenced this year with bamboo the attacks of cattle on cultivation was comparatively less this year. Bro. Donny's presence and support for various activities in the parish is gratefully acknowledged. If the project AN-Eco project progresses well as planned it will be a great blessing for the diocese is our hope and prayer.

18 Jyothi Niwas Church, Wani:

Missionary activities are progressing well. There are 6 children in the boarding and 35 children in the Nursery. The dispensary is serving well. The sisters render invaluable service in dispensary,

parish, boarding and Nursery. Lahan Wani cultivation is done by the parish. New bulls are bought for ploughing. We hope better yielding this year.

19. St. Thomas Church, Shengaon:

Parish activities are going on full swing. Thanks to DM Sisters for their co-operation. The nursery school has a face-lift last year and the numbers of students increased. This year we have 87 students in our school in Shengaon. The presbytery is renovated and it has become more convenient. The tin sheet over the church and presbytery gave them a new look. Thanks to Fr. Roby for his hard work.

20. Christ Bhavan, Brahmapuri:

Thanks to service of Fr. Kurian Panayalil for the past three years, who served in Brahmapuri Parish as parish priest and Christanand Hospital administrator. Fr. Binu Muthalakuziyil and Fr. Shibu Monippalli took charge of Parish Priest and Hospital Administrator respectively. Sisters of Jesus, who were in Deulgaon village, had shifted to Pomburna. The cases connected with hospital and the school is slowly settling down. Sr. Naveen FCC, who was principal of school for the past four years, is transferred. Br. Ajay Chirayath has come to the parish for his studies. This year there are 2 students in the boarding.

21. Chavara Bhavan Ettapalli:

Everything is going well in the parish. Deacon Romario is assisting in the parish and school. The number of students in the school is stable. The Surjagad Memorial School has not affected the strength of our school much. If things go well, we hope for some improvements in the future. There are 19 boys and 33 girls in the boarding. The service of the ASM Sisters is gratefully acknowledged. We got a new school bus this year for the school. The scarcity of qualified teachers for the school is a challenge. If the school is upgraded to the 10th grade, there is great scope for development.

22. Ashirvan Church, Chincholi:

Things are moving well in the parish. The village Qurbana is done

regularly. The SD Sisters actively involve in all activities of the parish. Some pending works of the conventis being completed. these days. During summer holidays the major seminarians of our diocese came to the parish and did cleaning works around the convent and church campus. The boarding ceased to exist from last year.

23. Asha Niketan Church, Wasa:

Fr. Anish (Joseph) Peter Chollakunnel CMF joined the team this year. Bro. Albin Nedumthakidiyil CMF, who was Regent last year, has gone for his theological studies. The school is running well. Some renovation was done in the school this year. We have now 178 number of students in the school. This year's admission is 55 There are 13 boys and 16 girls in the boarding.

Vilas Guruji is specially appointed from CLC for mission in Wasa parish. We are three Claretian Fathers and three FCC Sisters serving in the parish. Boys' boarding has done some repair works. In the coming time we will have to do renovation for presbytery, boys' boarding, convent and girls' boarding. We are planning to renovate or rebuild the church and village chapel and start regular service in the village. We thank Bishop's Home, Ballarpur, Provincial team, St. Clare School, Chinnur and Vianney School, Gadchiroli for all support to Wasa Station.

24. Krupa Nilay, Dhanora:

We are two in the community – Fr. George Koonathan CMF and Fr. Sanu Pulivelil CMF. Regular service in Mumagram, Gajamadi and Sindewahi is done. We have a newly appointed Guruji, Mr. Thomas, appointed from CLC Department, who takes up responsibility also in other parishes. Our residence is now shifted to Muranagram and we are planning for a building in Dhanora shortly. The First Holy Communion of 45 Children was held in May 2026 at Sindewadi. Thanks to all who cooperated with it.

25. Kiranoday:

Everything moves well in Kiranoday. Thanks to the Bishop, VG, DFO and partners for their continuous guidance and support. Kiranoday, Devdan Press and Tailoring Centre together always

on profit side. on profit side They are taken separately sometime it shows negative profit. The following suggestions are proposed for a profitable running of Kiranoday Enterprises: 1) Regular bill payments from our institutions. 2) Let all institutions do their shopping with Kiranoday Enterprises (shopping at doorstep facility is planned in the future for Wardha and Allapally zone institutions). 3) May all schools in the diocese do their printing works (Diaries, ID cards, note books, stationery, bag items etc.) with Kiranoday. 4) Adopt one uniform policy for all schools in the diocese. 5) Introduce monthly payment scheme for various items (such as cycles, cutleries etc.) for mission centres/institutions in the diocese. Thanks to everyone for support.

26. Kalbhavan

Kalbhavan is blessed to have this year 35 inmates and the academic year 2026-27 solemnly inaugurated on 29/06/26 by the blessing of God Almighty. Rev. Fr. Vigil Parassery celebrated the holy Qurbana and officially inaugurated the academic year. Fr. Vigil blessed the whole Kalabhavan and L.S.S. campus and addressed an inspiring and motivated session to the children and presented small gifts as a token of love. As it was the feast of Fr. Vigil, we greeted him with festive greetings.

IX - NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS HOUSES

1. Carmelodaya Province, Wardha

Perpetual Commitment: Heartiest congratulations to dear Sr. Nilima, who made her perpetual commitment on May 25, 2026, at Mount Carmel Generalate, Aluva. May her lifelong journey in Carmel be abundant and fruitful.

Jubilee Joy: In an atmosphere filled with joy and gratitude, the Golden Jubilee of Mother Lilly Grace and the Silver Jubilee of Sr. Deepthy, Sr. Pavana, and Sr. Pavithra were celebrated at St. Xavier's Church, Pullur on 11 May 2026. The solemn Holy Liturgy was presided over by Mar Pauly Kannookadan, Bishop of Irinjalakuda. By God's abundant grace, the day's celebrations unfolded gracefully and meaningfully.

Memorial Mass & Family Fellowship : On May 12, the family members of our departed sisters were warmly invited for a special day of remembrance and togetherness at Carmelodaya Convent, Thommana. The gathering featured the Requiem Mass, the Office for the Dead, and a shared fellowship meal—a meaningful gesture to nurture lasting bonds, express deep solidarity, and offer heartfelt care to our beloved families.

Day of Sanctification: On July 11, 2026 in a powerful spirit of prayer and quiet devotion, the entire CMC Congregation observed a dedicated *Sanctification Day*, spending the entire day in silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. This holy day was offered in deep atonement for personal shortcomings and counter-witness within the religious community, as well as in earnest intercession for global and societal concerns—including religious persecution, black masses, drug addiction, war, terrorism, and the growing exodus from the Catholic faith.

Financial Management & Cloud Tally Workshop: 12 & 13 July, A comprehensive finance course commenced for all school Principals and accountants, gathering a total of 23 participants. The opening sessions were gracefully led by Mother Philo and Sr. Serene. Following their presentation, Mr. Bosco, Mr. Bijesh, and their team provided hands-on instruction and demonstrations on *Cloud Tally*, guiding the interactive learning sessions.

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: On July 16, all our convents and institutions solemnly celebrated the feast of our heavenly Patroness. May the Mother of Carmel, our sure refuge, guard us and keep us safe beneath her maternal mantle.

Leadership & Growth: On August 1 & 2, 2026. Superiors, Convent Accountants, Faith formation Animators gathered for an enriching joint course focused on personal well-being and pastoral vitality. On this Occasion Rev. Fr. Shibu Monipallil from Chanda Diocese delivered an inspiring session on faith formation strategies. Dr. Sr. Sally John SJB led a transformative workshop titled "*Mental Health: From Care to Flourishing*," emphasizing emotional wellness as a cornerstone for religious life, community communion, and active mission.

VII - NEWS FROM FORMATION HOUSES

1. Sant Vianney Gurukul

The Major Seminarians' Formation Programme was held from 3rd May to 16th May, with the participation of 10 major seminarians. The programme was animated by our Bishop, who guided the seminarians through various sessions of formation. The programme included sharing of their seminary experiences and regency ministry, along with other formative programmes. As part of their practical formation, the seminarians actively participated in cleaning work at the Bishop's House, Kalmana, Chincholi, and other mission centres. From 12th to 14th May, the seminarians attended a retreat in preparation for their Vestition and Diaconate Ordination. The retreat was preached by Fr. Benson Puthenpurakal. On 16th May, the Vestition of Bro. Freddin Kattookaran and the Diaconate Ordination of Bro. Tony Vadekkevittilan were conferred by Bishop Ephrem Nariculam at St. Thomas Cathedral, marking an important milestone in their journey towards the priesthood.

On 7th May 2026, Fr. Mathew Azhakanakunnel of the Faridabad Diocese joined the Seminary community as the Vice Rector. The Seminary community warmly welcomed him. His presence and experience are expected to contribute significantly to the integral formation of the seminarians and the life of the Seminary.

Seminary reopened on 15th June 2026 for the Formation Year 2026–2027. This year, the Seminary has a total of 14 Brothers: 2 Third-Year Brothers, 5 Second-Year Brothers, and 7 First-Year Brothers. Following the vacation, the seminarians returned with renewed enthusiasm and zeal, beginning the new formation year in a spirit of prayer and openness to God's will.

From 18th to 25th June 2026, the CLC Department organized a Marathi Language Crash Course for the regency brothers of the Diocese. Bro. Donny Ezhekkadan served as the resource person for the programme. The course was designed to strengthen the brothers' proficiency in the Marathi language and enhance their

their communication skills, enabling them to engage more effectively in pastoral ministry and to prepare themselves for their future mission in the Diocese.

The Seminary community solemnly celebrated the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle (Dukrana) on 3rd July 2026 with the celebration of the Holy Qurbana and special prayers, drawing inspiration from the Apostle's unwavering faith, missionary zeal, and witness to the Risen Lord.

The Formation Year 2026–2027 was formally inaugurated on 4th July 2026 by Bishop Ephrem Nariculam. In his inaugural address, he exhorted the seminarians to embrace their formation with dedication, discipline, and fidelity to their vocation, encouraging them to grow in holiness and become committed missionaries of Christ.

On 5th July 2026, the entire Seminary community actively participated in the Blessing and Dedication Ceremony of Kalamana Church. The seminarians generously rendered their services in various liturgical, organizational, and hospitality responsibilities, reflecting a spirit of collaboration, fraternity, and pastoral commitment.

Regular formation classes commenced on 6th July 2026, marking the official beginning of the academic and formation programme for the Formation Year 2026–2027. With renewed enthusiasm and a spirit of commitment, the seminarians began another year of integral formation, striving for growth in the human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions of priestly life.

On 4th August 2026, the Seminary community joyfully celebrated the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney (Vianney Day), the patron saint of priests. The celebration began with the solemn celebration of the Holy Qurbana, presided over by Bishop Ephrem Nariculam. The concelebrants included the newly ordained priests, Fr. Louis and Fr. Algin, while Fr. Robinson, celebrating his priestly jubilee, was specially honoured. The homily was delivered by Fr. Priju, who reflected on the exemplary life and priestly spirituality of St. John Mary Vianney, inspiring all to embrace their vocation with renewed zeal. The celebration was graced by the presence of all the diocesan priests of the

Diocese, making the occasion a beautiful expression of diocesan fraternity and communion. Following the liturgical celebration, the minor seminarians presented a vibrant cultural programme in honour of the priests. A friendly basketball match between the Fathers and the Brothers added joy and enthusiasm to the festivities, fostering fellowship and healthy interaction. The celebrations concluded with a fellowship lunch. The day served as a meaningful occasion to strengthen the spirit of koinonia among the clergy and seminarians and was truly a grace-filled celebration of priestly fraternity, thanksgiving, and renewal.

The Seminary community celebrated India's 79th Independence Day on 15th August 2026 with great patriotism and gratitude. The celebrations began with the hoisting of the National Flag, followed by the singing of the National Anthem and a prayer for the nation. The Rector reminded the seminarians of their responsibility to be committed citizens and faithful disciples of Christ, serving the country through lives of integrity, justice, peace, and selfless service. The community also offered special prayers for the well-being, unity, and progress of the nation, remembering in a special way all those who sacrificed their lives for India's freedom.

The Monthly Recollection for the month of August was conducted at the Seminary from 21st to 22nd August 2026. The recollection was preached by Fr. Louis Kurungattu.

2. Claretian Ashram, Wardha

16 May 2026 – Grateful Farewell and Hearty Welcome : On 16 May, the community extended a heartfelt farewell to our dear Rev. Fr. Joseph Vadakkemurickanakuzhiyil, CMF, the former Econome of our community, in grateful appreciation for his dedicated and selfless service to the wellbeing of the community. On the same occasion, the community warmly welcomed Rev. Fr. Binoy Chunayanmakkel, CMF, as the new Econome and wished him God's abundant blessings in his new ministry.

04 June 2026 – Welcome to the New Staff : On 4 June 2026, the Claretian Ashram community joyfully welcomed Rev. Fr.

Thomas Vayalattuparambil, CMF, as a new member of the staff, expressing its heartfelt gratitude or his generous acceptance of this ministry and assuring him of its prayerful support. He also assumed the responsibility of Prefect of the First-Year students, and the community wished him God's abundant blessings, wisdom, and strength as he undertakes his formative mission.

06 June 2026 – MELTING POT 2K26: Integration Programme “MELTING POT 2K26” – *“Unity in Diversity: Of One Heart and Mind”* – a two-week integration programme for the newcomers of Claretian Ashram for the academic year 2026–2027 commenced on 7 June 2026. The programme was animated by Rev. Fr. James Kannanthanam, CMF. Ten newcomers from the Provinces of St. Thomas, North East, and Bangalore were gradually integrated into the community through a series of formation sessions, group sharing, team-building activities, and group therapy. As part of the programme, from 15–19 June, Rev. Fr. James Ekka, Parish Priest of Cincholi Parish in the Diocese of Chanda, conducted basic Hindi classes to help the newcomers adapt more effectively to the local context. Rev. Fr. Thomas Vayalattuparambil, CMF, also animated sessions on the sacred liturgy, introducing the newcomers to the spirit, meaning, and celebration of the Church's liturgical life during the integration programme.

07 June 2026 – *Plenus Gratiae*: Farewell to Rev. Fr. James Kannanthanam, CMF, and the Novice Candidates : On 7 June 2026, the Claretian Ashram community organised a heartfelt farewell programme in honour of Rev. Fr. James Kannanthanam, CMF, and the six third-year brothers preparing to enter the Novitiate. The community expressed its sincere gratitude to Rev. Fr. James Kannanthanam, CMF, for his dedicated and inspiring service as the Spiritual Director of Claretian Ashram during the past year, and also acknowledged the generous contributions of the six novice candidates to the life of the community, wishing them God's abundant blessings as they begin their new formative journey at Claret Bhavan, Carmelaram, Bangalore.

21 June 2026 – Benjamin's Day 2026 : On 21 June 2026, Claretian Ashram, Wardha, joyfully celebrated Benjamin's Day 2026 under

the theme "Called, Chosen and Sent" to extend a warm welcome to the new brothers joining the community.

The celebration commenced with a Solemn Holy Eucharist, presided over by Rev. Fr. George Kollamparampil, CMF, in the morning, followed by a vibrant Cultural Fiesta in the evening, organised by the third-year students. The day concluded with an Agape Fellowship, fostering fraternity, communion, and a joyful beginning to the newcomers' journey of faith, formation, and mission in the Claretian family.

03 July 2026 – Celebration of the Co-Patron's Day of the Claretian Congregation : On 3 July 2026, the Claretian Ashram community joyfully celebrated the Co-Patron's Day of the Claretian Congregation, together with the feast day of Rev. Fr. Thomas Manamel, CMF, and Rev. Fr. Thomas Vayalattuparambil, CMF. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr. Thomas Vayalattuparambil, CMF, and the community also commemorated St. Thomas Province Day, expressing gratitude for the blessings received through the Province. The celebrations concluded with a vibrant cultural programme and a festive Agape meal, strengthening the bonds of fraternity and thanksgiving within the community.

16 July 2026 – Foundation Day Celebrations and the Inauguration of CALA & CASA : On 16 July 2026, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Claretian Ashram, Wardha, celebrated the 178th Foundation Day of the Claretian Congregation. The Solemn Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by Rev. Fr. Thomas Manamel, CMF. In the evening, together with Claretian Koinonia, the Ashram inaugurated the Claretian Ashram Literary Association (CALA) and the Claretian Ashram Social Apostolate (CASA) under the theme "Concordia – One Mission, One in Mission." The Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Jijo Jose Machukuzhiyil, CMF, Superior of St. Claret Vidya Niketan Community, Chimur, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing communion, fraternity, and shared mission. The celebration also featured the release of the Claretian Ashram Handbook and Calendar 2026–2027, vibrant cultural performances by the students, and concluded with a festive Agape meal, marking the

beginning of the literary and social apostolate activities for the academic year.

3. St Thomas More Study House, Bamini

6 June 2026 Farewell to Br. Shijin and Warm Welcome to the Provincial

The community came together in a spirit of gratitude and fraternity on 6 June 2026 to bid a heartfelt farewell to Br. Shijin and to extend a warm welcome to Rev. Fr. Provincial and the members of the Provincial House Community. The gathering was marked by prayer, fellowship, and joyful celebration, reflecting the strong bonds of the CMI family.

The farewell programme was organized in honour of Br. Shijin, acknowledging his dedicated presence, generous service, and valuable contribution to the community. Members expressed their gratitude for his commitment and wished him God's abundant blessings as he embarks on the next phase of his religious journey. Following the farewell programme, an Agape was held, providing an opportunity for the community to celebrate together in an atmosphere of friendship and communion. The occasion also served as a warm reception for Rev. Fr. Provincial and the Provincial House Community, who were welcomed with great respect and affection.

The programme was graced by the presence of Most Rev. Bishop Vijayand, Rev. Fr. Sebastian Thattil CMI, Rev. Fr. Aisteen Vadakkumcherry CMI, Rev. Fr. Johnson Nellikkanam CMI, Rev. Fr. Bonis Karottukizhakkal CMI, Br. Sony, and Br. Jison, whose participation added to the significance and joy of the occasion.

The gathering concluded with the Agape meal, where members shared moments of fellowship and mutual encouragement. The event became a memorable expression of gratitude, unity, and the spirit of community life, strengthening the bonds among all who were present and inspiring everyone to continue their journey of service with renewed zeal and commitment.

2 July 2026: Arrival and Welcome of the New First-Year Brothers
Five new first-year brothers arrived at the community on 2 July 2026, marking the beginning of a new chapter in their formation journey. They were accompanied by Rev. Fr. Jose Koykara CMI

and Br. Joseph, the Regent, who escorted them from Kerala. Upon their arrival, the newcomers received a warm and cordial welcome from Rev. Fr. Rector, Rev. Fr. Oswald, and the third-year

Upon their arrival, the newcomers received a warm and cordial welcome from Rev. Fr. Rector, Rev. Fr. Oswald, and the third-year brothers. The reception reflected the spirit of fraternity and hospitality that characterizes community life, helping the new members feel at home as they commenced their period of formation.

Inauguration of the Academic Year 2026–2027

The Academic Year 2026–2027 was solemnly inaugurated in an atmosphere of prayer and spiritual fervour with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, presided over by Rev. Fr. Aisteen Vadakkumcherry CMI.

The Eucharistic celebration invoked God's blessings upon the entire academic community as a new year of formation, learning, and spiritual growth commenced. In his homily, Rev. Fr. Aisteen encouraged the brothers to embrace the new academic year with renewed commitment, discipline, and openness to God's grace, reminding them that intellectual formation and spiritual growth go hand in hand in the journey towards religious life.

Following the Holy Eucharist, the Academic Year 2026–2027 was officially inaugurated, marking the beginning of another year dedicated to academic excellence, holistic formation, and faithful preparation for future ministry. The inauguration served as an occasion for the community to renew its commitment to the ideals of the Congregation and to seek God's guidance in all its academic and formative endeavours.

The community prayerfully entrusted the new academic year to the Lord, invoking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for abundant blessings upon the formators and brothers throughout the year.

News from CLC Department

The Department of Catechesis conducted a one-day Catechism

Teachers' Seminar on 26 June 2026 at the Bishop's Home Campus. A total of 108 catechism teachers from various parishes and mission stations of the Eparchy participated in the seminar. The sessions were animated by Rev. Fr. Augustine Antony of the Archdiocese of Nagpur and Rev. Fr. Benny Mulackal. The seminar was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Vijil Paracherry, while the concluding remarks were delivered by Rev. Fr. Louis Kurungattu.

The Catechism Academic Year 2026–2027 was officially inaugurated across the Eparchy of Chanda on 3 July 2026, the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle.

The Zonal Competition for catechism students was conducted on 27 August 2026 in the four zones of the Eparchy, with enthusiastic participation from children representing various parishes and mission stations.

Quotes

- **He who possesses God is satisfied with God alone.”**
— St. John of the Cross
- **“The tears of the saints are precious in the sight of God.”**
— St. Padre Pio
- **“Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength.”**
— St. Francis de Sales
- **“Our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”**
— St. Augustin



DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Third Death Anniversary of Fr. Antony Munjanatu falls on Sunday 13 December 2026. Let us remember him in our prayer

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1. Heavenly Brethren

SEPTEMBER

1. Sr. Hilaria Kochuparambil SD	01-09-2014	
2. Sr. Deepthi SJB	09-09-2009	Vettukad
3. 0Bro. Jose Vetticattil SG	18-09-2005	Hyderabad
4. Fr. Dan Thottakara CMI	20-09-1997	Kalamassery
5. Fr. Eugene Thopmas CMI	22-09-2002	Bellampally
6. Sr. Mercy SSS	23-09-2006	Mallusery
7. Sr. Justina Francis ASMI	26-09-2000	Cherthala
8. Sr. Stephy Maria DM	30-09-1994	Ballarpur
9. Fr. Suresh V.C.	30-09-2012	Janampet

OCTOBER

1. Sr. Catherine Francis ASMI	11-10-1988	Cherthala
2. Sr. Dency Jose MSMI	13-10-2023	Wardha
3. Sr. Cicily Joseph DM	17-10-2023	Wardha
4. Fr. Thomas Manickam CMI	24-10-2010	Kurianad

NOVEMBER

1. Fr. Felician Vadakumcherry CMI	09-11-1998	Bellampally
2. Sr. Borgia ASMI	11-11-1989	Allapally
3.Sr. Serine CHF	11-11-2014	Palakkad
4.Sr. Emil Mary Valummel SD	12-11-2018	Wardha
5. Sr. Rosy Puthuparampil FDSHJ	19-11-2021	Punnavelly
6. Fr. Jose Parayaruthottam CMI	20-11-1988	Ballarpur
7.Fr. Mathew Poovakulam CMI	23-11-1978	Ballarpur
8. Sr. (Dr.) Gabriel ASMI	26-11-2013	Rampur
9. Bro. Chacko Urumbil CMI	28-11-2013	Koodathai

Quotes

“One of the differences between some successful and unsuccessful people is that one group is full of doers, while the other is full of wishers”

- Edmond Mbiaka

DECEMBER

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| 1. | Fr. George Vettukallapuram CMI | 01 -12-2008 | Bellampally |
| 2. | Sr. Bonitus CMC | 02-12-2000 | Wardha |
| 3. | Sr. Neena Varghese CHF | 04-12-2005 | Palakkad |
| 4. | Fr. Chrisostom Thomas | 06-12-2015 | Pala |
| 5. | Sr. Pulcheria Eluvathingal CMC | 06-12-2021 | Choondal |
| 6. | Sr. Rose Mary ASMI | 10-12-1989 | Cherthala |
| 7. | Fr. Antony Munjanatu | 13-12- 2023 | |
| 8. | Fr. Jomy Chakkalatharayil | 16-12-2018 | Chembalam |
| 9. | Sr. Lysa Rose FCC | 17-12-2003 | Kadukutty |
| 10. | Br. Thomas Chakkunnpuram CMI | 25-12-1973 | Ballarpur |
| 11. | Bro. Chacko Pinakkatt CMI | 29-12-1977 | Ballarpur |



In loving memory of our beloved Shepherd

OBITUARY



Mar Gregory Karottemprel, CMI,
Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of Rajkot.

entered into eternal rest on
Sunday, 19 July 2026

A faithful Shepherd, a humble servant and a man of deep faith and compassion. His life was a shining witness to Christ's love, dedicated to the people of God with wisdom, kindness and generous service.

"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much."
- Matthew 25:21

POPE INTENTIONS
September

For the care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

OCTOBER

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses..

NOVEMBER

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less

DECEMBER

For single-parent families

Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times..

Quotes

"Prayer is an inner bath of love, a stretcher of small human hearts, and a direct conversation with God"
-St John Vianney