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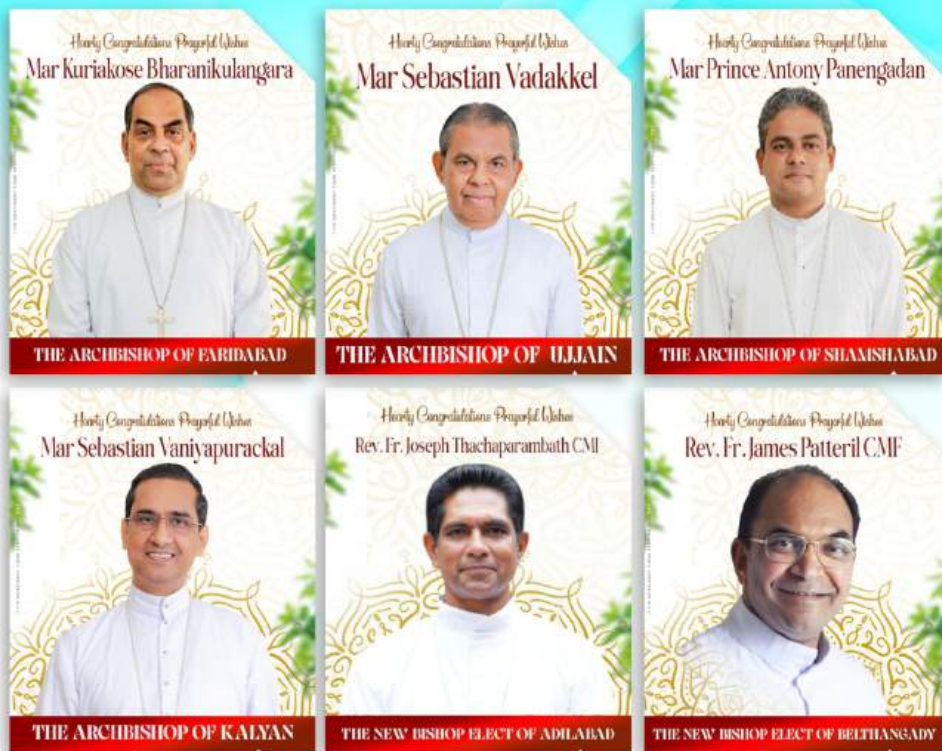


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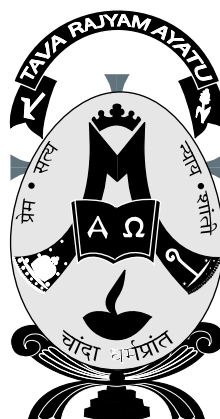
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I. SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear People,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pope Francis is no more and we have a new Shepherd, the vicar of Christ on earth, in Pope Leo XIV.

We shall gratefully remember the tireless efforts of Pope Francis in promoting love, compassion and unity. His dedication to social justice, care for the poor and inter-faith dialogue has inspired countless people worldwide. The world will remember his cheerful nature, the wholeness and happiness that he radiated to all around him. His simplicity is something that has been the hallmark of his life. Social commitment was very beloved to Pope Francis. He would always think of the people on the peripheries - the marginalised and the down trodden. No one was excluded. He preferred the principle of inclusion – holding hands with everyone. May his Soul Rest In Peace.

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, Pope Leo XIV, our new Pope is one with missionary experience. As a missionary in Trujillo in Peru, he worked with the poor and vulnerable. His childhood in America, religious background as Augustinian and mission experiences in Peru will make him a Pope who will unite the whole world in a network of sharing, caring and bearing one another's joys & sorrows, surplus & shortage and conflicts & peace. Pope Leo XIV, who is known for his quiet humility and administrative taking skills, may lead the Church like his predecessor to build bridges, encourage dialogue, establish peace and justice and welcome all who are need of love and compassion.

Viva Papa!



Your Shepherd in the Lord

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

II. PASTORAL LETTER

Prot. No. 246/2025

18/08/2025

PROLIFE SUNDAY

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear people,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Holy Mother Church observes every year Prolife Sunday in January. In connection with the “Year of Sanctity of Life” we shall observe it in the diocese on 21 September Sunday 2025 in the month when we celebrate the feast of Nativity of Mary our Mother. I exhort everyone to celebrate it in every parish and institution befittingly. It is not just a question of respect and love for life but it is also recognition of dignity of human life which is solely a gratuitous gift of God. The fifth commandment of God “Thou shall not kill” (Ex. 20:13) bans any form or practice of voluntarily taking away of life – abortion, murder, euthanasia, suicide, capital punishment etc. The Declaration on Human Dignity, promulgated by Holy See in April 2024 asserts; “The dignity of every human being has an intrinsic character and is valid from the moment of conception until natural death” (# 47). The Declaration continues, “The acceptance of abortion in the popular mind in behavior and even in law itself is a telling sign of an extremely dangerous crisis of the moral sense which is becoming more and more incapable of distinguishing between good and evil, even when the fundamental right to life is at stake” (#47).

On medical assistance in dying, the Declaration says: “There is a widespread notion that euthanasia or assisted suicide is somehow consistent with respect for the dignity of the human person. However, in response to this, it must be strongly reiterated that suffering does not cause the sick to lose their dignity which is intrinsically and inalienably their own” (#51).

We must take every opportunity to proclaim the sacred value of human life by prayerful intercession, by witnessing to others and

supporting organizations whose goal it is to help those facing tensions of crisis. Ours is the voice of truth about life to our family, friends and the wider community. Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of life to guide in our efforts to increase reverence for life and culture of life in our world.

Respect of life refers to the idea of human life being sacred, holy and precious. It is inherent as man is incapable of creating life and therefore, people have no right to take their own lives or those of others. The respect of life or the sanctity of life is usually often contrasted and conflicted with “quality of life” to some extent, is the foundation on which all catholic teachings about the fifth commandment in the Decalogue are built. The right to life comes up in debates about capital punishment, abortion, euthanasia, suicide and 'just' and unjust wars.

As we have set apart 2025 as the Year of Sanctity of Life, I exhort everyone in the diocese to observe some of the following befittingly so as to create an awareness of Sanctity of Life among our people and in the society:

- i) Pro-life Sunday in parishes – Homily on the theme.
- ii) Pro-life Day in schools.
- iii) March for life – Rally in parish level and in schools.
- iv) Sanctity of Life awareness in hospitals + dispensaries.
- v) Respect for life drawing competition – for catechism children.
- vi) Day for unborn babies.
- vii) Day for the sick.
- viii) Day for grandparents and elderly.
- ix) Mothers' Day.
- x) Fathers' Day.
- xi) Family Day.
- xii) Environment Day – Respect for all forms of life.
- xiii) Animals Day – Blessing of Animals etc.

These observances may guide our people to build up a strong society where there is mutual respect, seeking welfare of one another and deep awareness of our participating role in divine life. We shall resolve to make conscious efforts to create awareness of dignity of life

among our faithful and others. Kindly do needful to curtail any tendency of voluntary termination of human life in any form. Cherish and nourish a dignified life to every human person in whatever way possible. May God bless everyone.



Yours devotedly in Christ

Ephrem Nariculam

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

NB: Kindly explain the context and content of this Pastoral Letter during homily 21 September Sunday and do what is needful to create awareness of sanctity and dignity of human life among our faithful and others.



*Hearty
Congratulations...!*



Happy 11th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary
GREETINGS to our beloved
BISHOPJI
MAR EPHREM NARICULAM
(24 October 2025)

PASTORAL LETTER II

Prot. No. 248/2025

04/09/2025

MISSION SUNDAY

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Once again mission Sunday is around the corner. This year it falls on 19 October 2025. May I share some reflections on Mission Sunday to fortify our missionary commitment. The great command of Jesus to the disciples is the foundation stone of Christ's mission in the world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt. 28:19-20).

The origin of mission Sunday can be traced back to the early 20th century. The idea of a universal mission awareness day was first proposed by Pope Pius XI in 1926, during a period when the Church was increasingly focusing on global outreach. The Holy Father's encyclical, *Rerum Ecclesiae*, urged for a collective effort in supporting the Church's missions. This initiative culminated in the establishment of Mission Sunday in 1926, aiming to create a specific day each year to encourage prayer, reflection and financial support for missionary work.

World Mission Day established by Pope Pius XI in 1926 aims to foster a sense of global solidarity in Church's mission to evangelize. It is a day dedicated to create awareness, prayers and financial support for missionary work. The observance undercovers the need for Catholics worldwide to embrace their role in the Church's mission supporting the efforts to spread the Gospel and serve those in need.

World Mission Day assumes a unique significance in the Indian context as we reflect the diversity of religions and cultural traditions. The multifaceted spiritual landscape presents both challenges and opportunities for missionary work. The primary goal of missionary work is proclamation of Good News - "the kingdom of God is at hand

repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mk. 1:15). By signs and wonders it shall be confirmed (Cf. Acts 2:43, 5:12). Thus the disciples witnessed their Christ's representative mission by their love and service. By your love everyone shall know that you are my disciples (Jn. 13:35). Somehow in our context today our mission is misinterpreted as works oriented only for baptism. Though we do not exclude baptism, we do not exclusively mean baptism either. It is the work of the Holy Spirit and with the full consent of the person concerned. To evoke faith in a person there should be internal disposition. Indeed Holy Mother Church categorically denounces forced baptism and wooing anyone through material benefits. However the invitation to the divine banquet (Mt. 22:1-14) becomes poignant as the Church seeks to engage with, and serve vast and varied populations.

The World Mission Day reminds every baptized person his/her mission to evangelize by word and deed. Strengthening local mission in education, healthcare and social justice make a tangible impact even today. Fostering global solidarity by our support in cash and kind reinforces the idea that the mission of the Church is universal. World Mission Day inspire the youth empowering them to take an active role in spreading the Gospel and serving their communities. Praying for missionaries provide strength and guidance for all those who are in the forefront of the missions. We shall do our customary practices of prayers, acts of charity, helping the sick and elderly, mission Sunday auction etc. with more earnestness and enthusiasm. World Mission Day offers a profound opportunity for reflection and action, particularly in the diverse and dynamic context of India. With good wishes and prayers,



Yours devotedly in Christ

Ephrem Nariculam

† Ephrem Nariculam

Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

NB: Please explain the content of this pastoral letter to the people on Mission Sunday 19th October 2025.

CIRCULAR - III

Prot.No. 168/2025

15/05/2025

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear People,

**Thy Kingdom Come!
Greetings in the Risen Lord!**

We have a new Pope in His Holiness Leo XIV. We shall thank God for the same. Kindly pray that our new Pope Leo XIV may guide the Church in the path God wills. We shall also pray for his good health. On Sunday 18 May 2025 is the inaugural Mass of his pontificate.

Hereby, I request everyone in the diocese to celebrate the occasion befittingly in all our parishes, missions and institutions. Please do whatever is required for the same. Kindly remind the people to pray for pope and for the Church.

Viva Papa.



Yours devotedly in the Risen Lord.

+ Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda



DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Sixth Death Anniversary of Fr. Jomy Chakkilatharayil falls on Tuesday 16 December 2025. Let us remember him in our prayers.



CIRCULAR - IV

Prot.No. 222/2025

02/08/2025

ON ARREST OF TWO ASMI SISTERS AND ITS AFTERMATH

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

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

"For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil". (1 Pet. 3:17)

The arrest of two ASMI Sisters – Sr. Vandana Francis and Sr. Preethy Mary, raised great hue and cry in Kerala and few other parts of our country. In the Parliament also the issue was raised and took place very heated discussion. The Bishops, Priests, Brothers, Sisters, lay leaders and great number of people from Christian communities irrespective of affiliations have come out in street, particularly in Kerala to protest against the arrest and hippocratic acts of anti-Christian movements and police. They criticised thoroughly the double standard of Chhattisgarh government in the whole issue. The sincerity of the Sisters was very clear in the whole episode and the alleged accusations such as attempt of forced conversion and human trafficking have no base whatsoever, for, the girls involved in the issue are adults, they are already Christians for few years, they voluntarily decided to go for job in Agra with the consent of their parents and they had to give wrong witness under force and physical attack. These things have come to light in detailed investigation and the girls and their parents have divulged it before media. It is very clear that some hidden agendas of anti-Christian movements have worked behind to target Christian missionaries which has been prevalently active in our country for few years especially under the present political regime of our country. The whole episode once again invites us to be prudent like serpents (Mt. 10:16) in marching ahead in our missionary endeavours. We cannot water down our

mission. We are called to be missionaries (Mt. 28:19-20), while being responsible citizens of our country, observing civil laws and respecting all religious faiths, cultures, customs and people all over. Church does not endorse forced conversion. However, we demand the individual freedom of everyone to profess and propagate the religious faith of one's own choice. It is our constitutional right.

When the whole issue is analysed objectively we could see from the very first responses that we have received in the aftermath of the Sisters' arrest was that it could have been settled amicably as there wasn't anything wrong from the part of the Sisters concerned and they are indeed innocent. But the evil intentions of the anti-Christian movements have absurdly turned the issue upside down to curry their favours. It is very clear from the confession of the girls and their parents. The anti-Christian outfits have threatened the girls to give witness against the Sisters. Otherwise they could have got bail in couple of days. My enquiry from the concerned I got the impression that the Sisters would be released in couple of days as they are innocent and alleged accusations are baseless. Indeed, everyone expected that. But things turned other way around. At least in this late hours we shall show our solidarity with our beloved Sisters in their innocent suffering for the mission of the Church. Now we are happy that they are granted bail. We shall continue our prayers for the Sisters and we shall stand with ASMI General, Provincial Superior and the Sisters' family members in their grief and mental agony.

The crux of the issue lies in the ignorance of those girls that the Chhattisgarh State Legislative Assembly enacted a law in 2013 – Private Placement Regulation Act, which requires everyone who migrate to another district or State for any purpose should register their names in a Government portal online. The girls have not done it and the Sisters were unaware about it. Indeed, this law was enacted in the State for the protection of the people, in particular the tribal youth, who move out from native villages in search of job elsewhere in the State and country. In fact the Maoist activities in the State have necessitated such a law in the State. Besides, the entry of these girls to Durg railway

station without valid documents and train tickets added fuel to fire. The Sisters cannot be blamed for such pitfalls. Lack of caution and ignorance from the part of girls might have resulted in such helpless situation. Hidden agendas of some miscreants have manoeuvred the situation shrewdly to target Christian missionaries. They availed the opportunity and worked out 'well' to trap the Sisters. This was not a first instance, there have been many such instances in the past.

Now it is a great relief for all of us that the two Sisters confined behind bars in Chhattisgarh jail is bailed out. We shall stand with the Sisters in their ordeal that they had to undergo in prison for almost nine days. As they are our co-missionaries we are duty-bound to stand with them and support them showing our concern, compassion and communion as they are also the members of the Mystical Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-31).

Anyhow we shall learn some lessons for future from these incidents. We shall take more caution when we extent help to others for job placement in our institutions. And also meticulous care is required when we recruit youths/students for formation or higher studies. Everyone is requested to follow the guidelines as given below for our safety and good of the Church.

- 1) Make sure that everyone always carry valid ID Documents.
- 2) It is highly recommended that parents or siblings of candidates accompany them to the destination.
- 3) Avoid that Priests, Brothers or Sisters accompany the candidates for job, studies or formation.
- 4) In all cases get from the concerned the consent forum duly filled and signed as required, both from the parents and the candidates for job placement, formation/studies.
- 5) In the case of job placement keep ready in advance the agreement form duly signed by the concerned for salary and for other provisions.
- 6) More caution is required when anyone below 18 years is recruited for formation.

I request everyone to pay attention to these guidelines.

Though we have cancelled the scheduled prayer and protest rally, may I request everyone to have a prayer session or adoration tomorrow Sunday 3rd August 2025 in all our parishes and institutions immediately after Holy Qurbana to express our solidarity with the Sisters. Kindly explain to the people the context of this circular so as to create an awareness among them about anti-Christian activities and atrocities against Christian missionaries. Please fortify our people's faith to witness Christ in words and deeds. We shall pray for those two Sisters, their family members and for all the missionaries in the world. God bless everyone.



Yours devotedly in Christ

Ephrem Nariculam

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda



Many Happy Returns of the Day

Dear Bishopji...

(December 10)

Assurance of Our Sincere Prayers....

May the Good Lord shower His
choicest blessings upon you...

We love you and Thanks for your
love and care...



CIRCULAR - V

Prot. No. 249/2025

10/09/2025

2026 THE YEAR OF CREED & BEATITUDES

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear People,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As per our Pastoral Plan the year 2026 is dedicated to the study the Creed and the Beatitudes. The year-wise dedication in the Pastoral Plan is meant for a re-catechizing of ourselves and of our people. The 2026 as the year of the Creed and the Beatitudes, we shall learn them in depth and apply to our ecclesial life and revitalize our faith and witness of Christ in our life and ministry. We shall use different themes connected to the Creed and the Beatitude for our daily meditations, Sunday homilies, ward prayer reflections, monthly recollections etc. Some materials shall be given through Chanda Samachar to serve the purpose. Kindly do also personal research and apply interest to do it better and effective. These exercises will assist us to be missionaries of calibre and charism to give witness Christ of the ecclesial roots with Scriptural base, Tradition and Teaching Magisterium of Mother Church. With warm regards & prayers,

Yours devotedly in Christ



Ephrem Nariculam

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

NB: More materials shall be given in the course of time to observe the Year fruitfully for evangelization and catechizing.



Prot. No. 247/2025

16/08/2025

Dear Fathers, brothers and Sisters,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Please see attached herewith the letter of Archbishop of Nagpur and Brochure of "Pallotti Bread N' Bed". It is a programme initiated by Pallottine Fathers and implemented with the collaboration of the archdiocese of Nagpur. Please do the needful and guide our parishioners to avail the opportunity. Kindly bring this note to the attention of the people in the parish who go for treatments in Nagpur. In the beginning stage it is open only to parishioners (Catholics). To avail the service each one is to carry a letter from parish Priest/Priest-in-Charge. The location is in Sadar very close to SFX Cathedral and Archbishop's House. Thanks to the Archbishop for coordinating the programme and to the Pallottine Fathers for their generous witness of compassion.

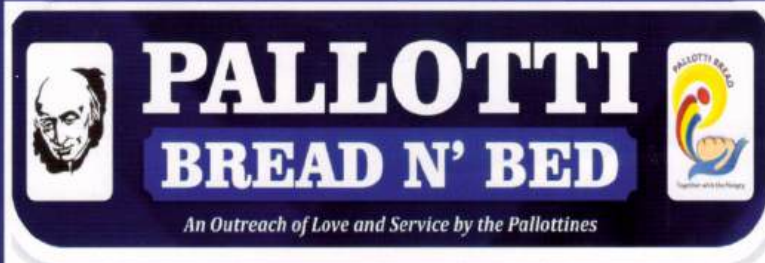


Yours devotedly in Christ

Ephrem Nariculam

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

Eccl: The Brochure of 'Bread N' Bed'.



हमारा उद्देश्य :

- गरीब, बीमार और उपेक्षित लोगों की सेवा करना गरिमा और प्रेम के साथ।
- संकट में फंसे लोगों को सुरक्षित विश्राम स्थान और गर्म भोजन प्रदान करना।

हम क्या प्रदान करते हैं?

- नागपुर में इलाज कराने आने वाले गरीब प्रवासी मरीजों और उनके साथ आए परिजनों के लिए निःशुल्क आश्रय (बेड)।
- हमारी सूप किचन के माध्यम से प्रतिदिन परोसा जाने वाला पोषणयुक्त भोजन (ब्रेड)।

कौन लाभ ले सकता है?

- ग्रामीण या आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर पृष्ठभूमि से आने वाले मरीज और उनके परिजन।
- वे लोग जो नागपुर में चिकित्सा उपचार के लिए आए हैं लेकिन आवास या भोजन वहन नहीं कर सकते।
- सभी के लिए खुला, विशेष रूप से जरूरतमंद ईसाइयों के लिए विशेष देखभाल।
- सिर्फ रेफरेंस के माध्यम से प्रवेश।



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Mar Raphael Thattil
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

Prot. No. 0620/2025

21 August 2025

CIRCULAR

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Dear brother and sisters in Jesus Christ,

As you know, our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has asked all Catholics around the world to observe Friday, 22 August 2025, as a day of fasting and prayer for peace and for all those suffering because of war. In response to the exhortation of the Holy Father, I, along with the Bishops of our Church gathered for the Synod, invite every member of the Syro-Malabar Church to join in this day of fasting and prayer tomorrow.

I urge everyone who can fast to do so tomorrow, and I request that every parish and religious house, as far as possible, arrange at least one hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

As we pray together for peace and justice with the Holy Father and the Universal Church, let us pray also for our Church, and for all our intentions. Let us seek the intercession of the Blessed Mother, the Queen of Peace, so that the Lord may shower His mercy upon the whole world and upon us!

Yours in the Lord,

✠ **Raphael Thattil**

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church



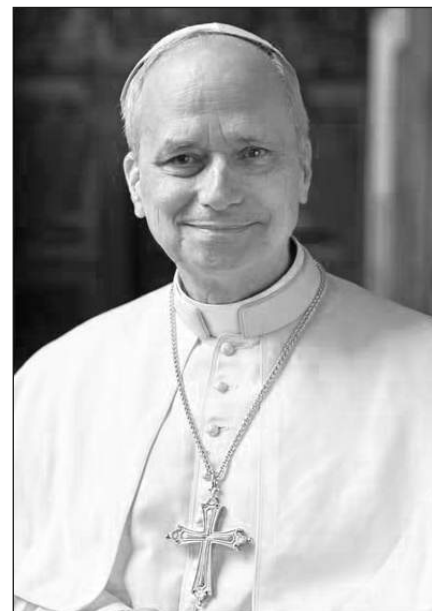
POPE LEO XIV

(Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost OSA)

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| Birth | : 14 September 1955 |
| Place of Birth | : Chicago Illinois State, USA |
| Parents | : Louis Marius Prevost (Italian) Milred Martinez (Spanish) |
| Siblings | : Two brothers: Louis Martin & John Joseph |
| Schooling | : St. Mary of Assumption Church Parish School in Southern Chicago & St. Augustine Seminary High School in Holland, Michigan |
| College | : B. Sc. (Mathematics) – Villanova University |
| Philosophy | : Villanova University |
| Theology | : Catholic Theological Union, Chicago |
| Licentiate (Canon Law) | : Angelicum, Rome (1984) |
| Doctorate | : Angelicum, Rome (1987) |
| Doctoral Thesis | : “The role of the local Prior in the Order of St. Augustine” |
| First Profession | : 2 September 1978 |
| Final Profession | : 29 August 1981 |
| Priestly Ordination | : 19 June 1982 |
| Priestly Ministry | : Vocation director & Mission director Formation director (1988-98) Prior (1988-92) Instructor for professed member (1992-98) Judicial Vicar (1989-1998) Professor of Canon Law, Patristics and Moral Theology Pastor of Our Lady of Mother Church (1988-1999) |

Parish Administrator of Our Lady of
 Monserrat (1992-1999)
 Provincial Prior (1999-2001)
 Prior General (2001-2013)
 Episcopal Ordination : 12 December 2014 (Bishop of Chiclayo)
 Episcopal Motto : “In Illo uno unum” (In the one Christ, we
 are one)
 Vice President of Peruivan
 Episcopal Conference : 2018
 Member of Dicastery
 for Clergy : 13 July 2019
 Member of Dicastery
 for Bishops : 21 November 2020
 Apostolic Administrator
 of Peruvian Diocese of
 Callao (Additional) : 15 April 2020
 Prefect of the Dicastery
 for Bishops : 30 January 2023
 Created Cardinal : 30 September 2024
 Member of Dicasteries
 for Evangelization : 4 October 2023
 Elected Bishop of Rome: 8 May 2025
 Inaugural Holy Mass : 18 May 2025

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected as the 267th pope of the Roman Catholic Church becoming the first pope from the United States. The sixty-nine-year-old prelate chose the papal name “Leo” as he was inspired by pope Leo XIII, who addressed social issues during the First Industrial Revolution through the 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. Two-days later after his election, in his first meeting with the cardinals, he announced his intention to further develop the Catholic Church's social doctrine, emphasising the principles of human dignity, solidarity and common good, continuing the legacy of his predecessor, Pope Francis. He said that the new industrial revolution and



developments in Artificial Intelligence are posing new threats for the defence of human dignity, justice and labour. Pope Leo XIV underscored that the Church continues to offer its social tradition to confront these contemporary challenges. During his meeting with the cardinals Pope Leo also asked them to renew their complete commitment to the major reforms enacted by the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s which included celebrating the Mass in local languages rather than Latin and pursuing dialogue with other religious.

Pope Leo XIV election reflects his leadership and dedication within the Church hierarchy, marking a significant milestone in the Church's global evolution. His journey – from humble Chicago roots to global leadership – reflects his commitment to compassion and peace. Pope Leo appeared on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, he greeted the world with a heartfelt message: “peace be with all of you”. On May 28, during the General Audience, Pope Leo XIV addressed a powerful message to the international community and all believers on the importance of compassion and the urgency of peace. He exhorted humanity to practice active compassion and to seek peace during current conflicts, especially in Ukraine and Gaza, reminding us that helping one's neighbour is an act of humanity that transcends all religions.

Reporter, Chanda Samachar



IV. BISHOP'S DIARY

MAY

- 1 - Bishop blessed the foundation stone for the Church at Kalamana parish.
- 1-2 - Bishop animated Major Seminarists Diocesan Formation Program at SVG.
- 3 - Conferred Minor Orders at Cathedral.
- 6 - Ordained deacon Christo Kavil to holy Priesthood at St. Raphael's Church, Kallur East in Trichur archdiocese.
- 7 - Attended online recollection for Priests and Men Religious.
- 8 - June 30 - Bishop visited our Priests serving in US and Canada and met with their respective bishops, visited also different donor agencies and the diocesan benefactors.

JULY

- 1 - Presided over funeral service of beloved mother of Fr. George Kulangara CMI at Kokkunnu parish in Ernakulam-Angamaly archdiocese.
- 4 - Inaugrated Formation Year at SVG, New Daheli.
- 5 - Presided over WRBC organising committee meeting at CMI Provincial House, Bamini.
- 7 - Bishop received Western Region Bishops at Wardha and accompanied them to Vinoba Ashram, Bapukutty and also visited few institutions in Wardha and some on the way to Ballarshah.
- 8-9 - Attended Western Region Bishops' Council at CMI provincial House, Bamini.
- 8 - Presided over Holy Qurbana in Marathi at Cathedral, BPQ along with Western Region Bishops (18), Social Service Directors of WRSSF and other invited Priests, Religious and people.
- 12 - Attended Episcopal Ordination of Bp. Jose Sebastian of Jullandhar at Holy Trinity Seminary Campus, Jullandhar.
- 14 - Attended monthly recollection of Diocesan Priests at BPQ.

- 18 - Sr. Tancy SMS, the Provincial Superior of Snehagiri Sisters visited bishop at Bishop's Home.
- 22 - Bishop presided over Holy Qurbana for the silver jubilee of SD Krupadham Province and silver and golden jubilee celebration of their Sisters at Darsana Auditorium, Wardha.
- 30 - Bishop met with Fr. James Kallumkal VC, the Vincentian Provincial at Angamally.
- 31 - Bishop blessed a marriage at St. George's Church, Edapalli in Ernakulam-Angamaly archdiocese.

AUGUST

- 3 - Bishop attended the monthly recollection for Diocesan Priests at Bishop's Home, BPQ.
- 4 - Bishop attended Vianney Day celebration at SVG. Bishop presided over the meeting of Zonal Convenors and Heads of Departments.
- 5 - Sr. Reena Tom SH, the Provincial Superior SH Sisters Thamarassery Province met with bishop at Bishop's Home, BPQ.
- 8 - Sr. Joice Chittinappilly FHGS, the Provincial Superior of FHGS Sisters visited bishop at Bishop's Home, BPQ.
- 9 - Attended CSA meeting at Jiwathi School.
- 11-12- Bishop attended Nagpur Metropolitan Council at Bishop's House, Aurangabad. Later, he met with Bp. Edwin Colaco and Bishop Ambrose D'Mello.
- 13 - Bishop presided over the wedding Silver Jubilee Holy Qurbana at Cathedral, BPQ.
- 18-29- Bishop attended Synod of Bishops of Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad.
- 30 - Wedding Jubilee Holy Qurbana at Sacred Heart Church, Arunootampadam in the archdiocese of Changanassery.



V. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 4-7 - St. Joseph's Seminary, Mangalore.
- 8 - Nativity Holy Mass, Milagris, Mangalore.
- 9 - Bishop's House, Palakkad.
- 13 - CRI General Body.
- 14-19 - Priests Annual Retreat.
- 20 - SABS Vestition, Cathedral, BPQ.
- 21 - Blessing, Sanjo Bhavan, New Daheli
- 24-26 - Allahabad.
- 27 - Jubilee, Mannumpetta, Trichur.
- 30 - Year Plan Committee, BPQ.
- MSMI Jubilee, Wardha.

OCTOBER

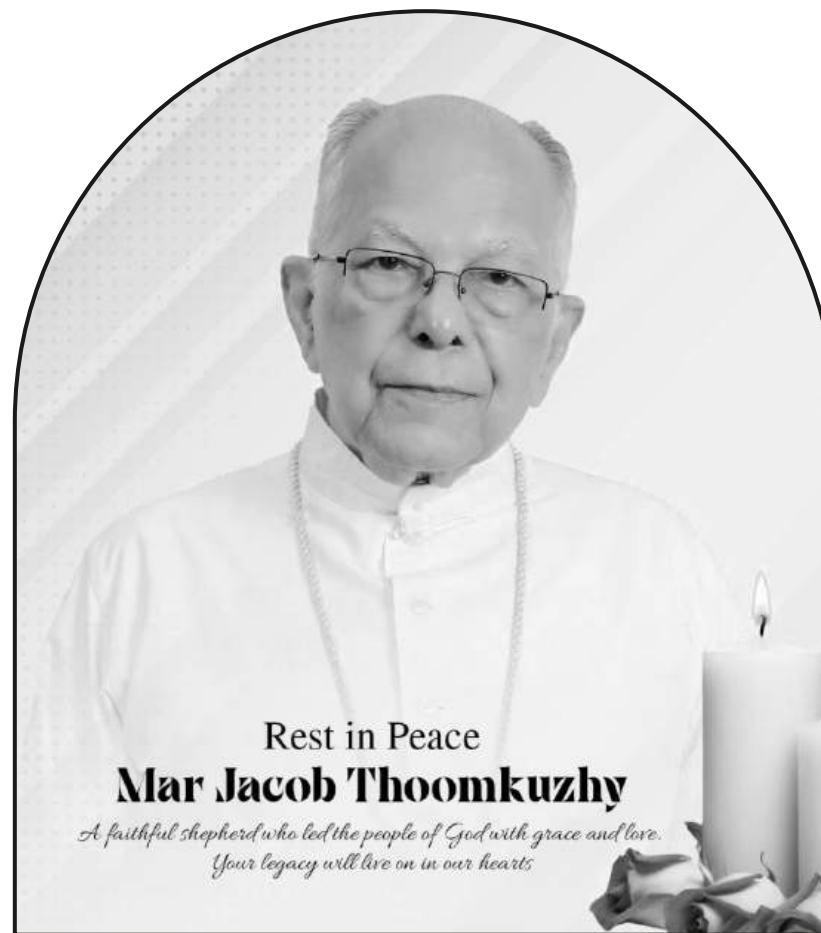
- 2 - Holy Year gathering of Nagpur Metropolitan Province at Nagpur.
- 4 - CMC Jubilee, Wardha.
- 5 - Jeevotsav Retreat, Wasa.
- 11 - Chanda Family Day.
- 12 - Feast Holy Qurbana, Rajura.
- 17 - CSA Chanda Living, Samudrapur
- 19 - Installation, Kalyan
- 20 - SABS Jubilee Qurbana, Sanjo Bhavan, New Daheli.
- 25 - Episcopal Ordination, Adilabad
- 26 - Installation, Shamshabad, Hyderabad
- 27-31 - Deacons' Pastoral Orientation Programme.

NOVEMBER

- 2 - Installation, Faridabad, Delhi
- 5 - Episcopal Ordination, Belthangad
- 8 - Beatification, Vallapadam, Ernakulam
- 15 - Jubilee, Gughus.
- 29 - Missionary Conference

DECEMBER

- 4-7 - Jeevotsav Bible Convention, Divine Vachan Ashram
- 8 - Presbyteral Council and Consulters meeting.
- 12-14 - WRBC and Catholic Council, Bombay.
- 18 - School Day, Pipri, Wardha
- 20 - Advent Recollection and Christmas gathering.



| SPIRITUAL ORIENTATION FOR MISSIONARIES Monthly Recollection Schedule - 2025 • (Diocese of Chanda) | | | | | | |
|--|---------|----------|-----------------------|--|-------|---|
| Month | Date | Time | Occasion | Participants | Venue | Special Event |
| October | Oct. 11 | 10.00AM | Chanda Family Day | All Missionaries and Lay Delegates from Parishes | BPQ | A Gathering in Diocesan Level |
| November | Nov. 29 | 10.00 AM | Missionary Conference | Priests and Men & Women Religious | BPQ | Diocesan level gathering for missionaries |
| December | Dec. 20 | 09.30 AM | Recollection | Priests and Men & Women Religious | BPQ | Christmas Gathering |
| | | | | | | Proto-Syncellus |
| | | | | | | Cathedral Vicar |
| | | | | | | Bishop's Home Administrator |

The Holy See

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2025**

19 October 2025

Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples

Dear brothers and sisters!

For World Mission Day in the Jubilee Year 2025, the central message of which is hope (cf. Bull Spes Non Confundit, 1), I have chosen the motto: “Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples”. It reminds individual Christians and the entire Church, the community of the baptized, of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope. I trust that it will be for everyone a time of grace with the faithful God who has given us new birth in the risen Christ “to a living hope” (cf. 1 Pet 1:3-4). Here, I would like to mention some relevant aspects of our Christian missionary identity, so that we can let ourselves be guided by the Spirit of God and burn with holy zeal for a new evangelizing season in the Church, which is sent to revive hope in a world over which dark shadows loom (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 9-55).

1. In the footsteps of Christ our hope

Celebrating the first Ordinary Jubilee of the Third Millennium after that of the Holy Year of 2000, we keep our gaze fixed on Christ, the centre of history, “the same yesterday and today and forever” (Heb 13:8). In the synagogue of Nazareth, Jesus declared that Scripture was fulfilled in the “today” of his presence in history. He thus revealed that he is the One sent by the Father with the anointing of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God and to inaugurate “the year of the Lord’s favour” for all humanity (cf. Lk 4:16-21).

In this mystic “today”, which will last until the end of the world, Christ is the fullness of salvation for all, and in a particular way for those whose only hope is God. In his earthly life, “he went about doing good and healing all” from evil and the Evil One (cf. Acts 10:38), restoring hope in God to the needy and the people. He

experienced all our human frailties, save that of sin, even those critical moments that might lead to despair, as in the agony in the garden of Gethsemane and on the cross. Jesus commended everything to God the Father, obediently trusting in his saving plan for humanity, a plan of peace for a future full of hope (cf. Jer 29:11). In this way, he became the divine Missionary of hope, the supreme model of all those down the centuries who carry out their own God-given mission, even amid extreme trials.

Through his disciples, sent to all peoples and mystically accompanied by him, the Lord Jesus continues his ministry of hope for humanity. He still bends over all those who are poor, afflicted, despairing and oppressed, and pours “upon their wounds the balm of consolation and the wine of hope” (Preface “Jesus the Good Samaritan”). Obedient to her Lord and Master, and in the same spirit of service, the Church, the community of Christ’s missionary disciples, prolongs that mission, offering her life for all in the midst of the nations. While facing persecutions, tribulations and difficulties, as well as her own imperfections and failures due to the weakness of her members, the Church is constantly impelled by the love of Christ to persevere, in union with him, on her missionary journey and to hear, like him and with him, the plea of suffering humanity and, indeed, the groaning of every creature that awaits definitive redemption. This is the Church that the Lord always and for ever calls to follow in his footsteps: “not a static Church, but a missionary Church that walks with her Lord through the streets of the world” (Homily at the Concluding Mass of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, 27 October 2024).

May we too feel inspired to set out in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus to become, with him and in him, signs and messengers of hope for all, in every place and circumstance that God has granted us to live. May all the baptized, as missionary disciples of Christ, make his hope shine forth in every corner of the earth!

2. Christians, bearers and builders of hope among all peoples

In following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to hand on the Good News by sharing the concrete life situations of those whom

they meet, and thus to be bearers and builders of hope. Indeed, “the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts” (Gaudium et Spes 1).

This celebrated statement of the Second Vatican Council, which expresses the sentiment and style of Christian communities in every age, continues to inspire their members and helps them to walk with their brothers and sisters in the world. Here I think especially of those of you who are missionaries ad gentes. Following the Lord’s call, you have gone forth to other nations to make known the love of God in Christ. For this, I thank you most heartily! Your lives are a clear response to the command of the risen Christ, who sent his disciples to evangelize all peoples (cf. Mt 28:18-20). In this way, you are signs of the universal vocation of the baptized to become, by the power of the Spirit and daily effort, missionaries among all peoples and witnesses to the great hope given to us by the Lord Jesus. The horizon of this hope transcends the passing things of this world and opens up to those divine realities in which we share even now. Indeed, as Saint Paul VI observed, salvation in Christ, which the Church offers to all as a gift of God’s mercy, is not only “immanent, meeting material or even spiritual needs... completely caught up in temporal desires, hopes, affairs, and struggles. Rather, it exceeds all such limits in order to reach fulfilment in a communion with the one Absolute, which is God. It is a salvation both transcendent and eschatological, which indeed has its beginning in this life, but is fulfilled in eternity” (Evangelii Nuntiandi, 27).

Impelled by this great hope, Christian communities can be harbingers of a new humanity in a world that, in the most “developed” areas, shows serious symptoms of human crisis: a widespread sense of bewilderment, loneliness and indifference to the needs of the elderly, and a reluctance to make an effort to assist our neighbours in need. In the most technologically advanced nations, “proximity” is disappearing: we are all interconnected, but not related. Obsession with efficiency and an attachment to material things and ambitions are

making us self-centred and incapable of altruism. The Gospel, experienced in the life of a community, can restore us to a whole, healthy, redeemed humanity.

For this reason, I once more invite all of us to carry out the works mentioned in the Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee (Nos. 7-15), with particular attention to the poorest and weakest, the sick, the elderly and those excluded from materialistic and consumerist society. And to do so with God's "style": with closeness, compassion and tenderness, cultivating a personal relationship with our brothers and sisters in their specific situation (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 127-128). Often they are the ones who teach us how to live in hope. Through personal contact, we will also convey the love of the

compassionate heart of the Lord. We will come to realize that "the heart of Christ... is the very core of the initial preaching of the Gospel" (*Dilexit Nos*, 32). By drawing from this source, we can offer with simplicity the hope we have received from God (cf. 1 Pet 1:21) and bring to others the same consolation with which we have been consoled by God (cf. 2 Cor 1:3-4). In the human and divine heart of Jesus, God wants to speak to the heart of every man and woman, drawing all of us to his love. "We have been sent to continue this mission: to be signs of the heart of Christ and the love of the Father, embracing the whole world" (Address to Participants in the General Assembly of the Pontifical Mission Societies, 3 June 2023).

3. Renewing the mission of hope

Faced with the urgency of the mission of hope today, Christ's disciples are called first to discover how to become "artisans" of hope and restorers of an often distracted and unhappy humanity.

To this end, we need to be renewed in the Easter spirituality experienced at every Eucharistic celebration and especially during the Easter Triduum, the centre and culmination of the liturgical year. We have been baptized into the redemptive death and resurrection of Christ, into the Passover of the Lord that marks the eternal springtime of history. Consequently, we are a "springtime people", brimming with hope to be shared with all, since in Christ "we believe and know

that death and hate are not the final word" pronounced on human existence (cf. Catechesis, 23 August 2017). From the paschal mysteries, made present in liturgical celebrations and in the sacraments, we constantly draw upon the power of the Holy Spirit in order to work with zeal, determination and patience in the vast field of global evangelization. "Christ, risen and glorified, is the wellspring of our hope, and he will not deprive us of the help we need to carry out the mission which he has entrusted to us" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 275). In him, we live and bear witness to that sacred hope which is "a gift from God and a task for Christians" (*Hope is a Light in the Night*, Vatican City 2024, 7).

Missionaries of hope are men and women of prayer, for "the person who hopes is a person who prays", in the words of Venerable Cardinal François-Xavier Van Thuan, who was himself sustained in hope throughout his lengthy imprisonment thanks to the strength he received from faithful prayer and the Eucharist (cf. *The Road of Hope*, Boston, 2001, 963). Let us not forget that prayer is the primary missionary activity and at the same time "the first strength of hope" (Catechesis, 20 May 2020).

So let us renew the mission of hope, starting from prayer, especially prayer based on the word of God and particularly the Psalms, that great symphony of prayer whose composer is the Holy Spirit (cf. Catechesis, 19 June 2024). The Psalms train us to hope amid adversity, to discern the signs of hope around us, and to have the constant "missionary" desire that God be praised by all peoples (cf. Ps 41:12; 67:4). By praying, we keep alive the spark of hope lit by God within us, so that it can become a great fire, which enlightens and warms everyone around us, also by those concrete actions and gestures that prayer itself inspires.

To conclude, evangelization is always a communitarian process, like Christian hope itself (cf. Benedict XVI, *Spe Salvi*, 14). That process does not end with the initial preaching of the Gospel and with Baptism, but continues with the building up of Christian communities through the accompaniment of each of the baptized along the path of the Gospel. In modern society, membership in the Church is never something achieved once for all. That is why the

missionary activity of handing down and shaping a mature faith in Christ is “paradigmatic for all the Church’s activity” (Evangelii Gaudium, 15), a work that requires communion of prayer and action. Here I would emphasize once more the importance of this missionary synodality of the Church, as well as the service rendered by the Pontifical Mission Societies in promoting the missionary responsibility of the baptized and supporting new Particular Churches. I urge all of you, children, young people, adults and the elderly, to participate actively in the common evangelizing mission of the Church by your witness of life and prayer, by your sacrifices and by your generosity. Thank you for this!

Dear sisters and brothers, let us turn to Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ our hope. To her we entrust our prayer for this Jubilee and for the years yet to come: “May the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!” (Bull Spes Non Confundit, 6).

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 January 2025, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

FRANCIS



PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for our Deacon.....

DN. ALGIN PALLIVATHUKKAL

(Diocese of Chanda)



Date of Ordination : 6th January 2026

Venue : Christ Raj Church
Valiyathovala


Time : 09.15 AM

VI. CURIA MATTERS


TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS Eparchy of Chanda (April-May 2025)


| Sl. No. | Name | From/Relieved | To/ Appointed | W.e.f. |
|---------|-------------------------------|---|---|------------|
| 1. | Fr. Jose Zade | Residence, SVG | Residence, SVG | 17/05/2025 |
| 2. | Fr. Joseph Mathew OFM Cap | Leave of absence for one year from Hinganghat | Studies, Rome | 05/09/2025 |
| 3. | Fr. Thomson Pullassery | Director, Kalabhavan | Pastoral Mission, Ap. Visitation, Europe | 20/06/2025 |
| 4. | Fr. Tony Villiadath | Asst. Director, Kalabhavan | Director, Kalabhavan (Additional) Director, Priest Home (Additional) | 20/06/2025 |
| 5. | Fr. Tiji Karakunnel | | Asst. Director, Kalabhavan (Additional) | 20/06/2025 |
| 6. | Fr. Sinoj Puthenpurackal CMI | Priest-in-Charge, Gadchiroli | | 30/06/2025 |
| 7. | Fr. Bijo Velloothottathil CMI | | Priest-in-Charge, Gadchiroli | 30/06/2025 |
| 8. | Fr. Augustine Alencherry CMI | Priest-in-Charge, Sironcha | | 30/06/2025 |
| 9. | Fr. Linesh Moleparambil CMI | | Priest-in-Charge, Sironcha (Additional) | 30/06/2025 |
| 10. | Fr. Joby Illimoothil | | Priest-in-Substitute, Gomini (Additional) | 11/08/2025 |
| 11. | Fr. Vibinto Chirayath CMI | Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Gatta | Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Hinganghat | 11/08/2025 |

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| 12. | Fr. Alwin Varghese | Asst. Parish Priest, Cathedral & Asst. to House Administrator, Bishop's Home | 06/08/2025 |
| 13. | Fr. Deepak Tirkey | _____ | 06/08/2025 |
| 14. | Dn. Algin Pallivathukkal | _____ | 05/07/2025 |
| | | Diaconate Ministry, Kalamana (Residence in SVG) | 06/09/2025 |
| | | Diaconate Ministry, Jarawandi | |
| Regents | | | |
| 15. | Romario Edasseriparambil | _____ | 01/06/2025 |
| 16. | Jeffin Joseph | _____ | 01/06/2025 |
| 17. | Ajo Thazhathuveetil | _____ | 08/09/2025 |
| 18. | Prince Chittilapilly | _____ | 08/09/2025 |



† Bp. Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda





Fr. Vigil Parassery
Chancellor

VII. NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS

ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL, BALLARPUR

- Five of our children participated the Bible course conducted at St. Thomas Cathedral from June 2 to June 10, 2025. Thanks to Elizabeth Madam for her service.
- St. Anthony's Feast was celebrated with pomp and gaiety on 13th of June. After the solemn Mass, we had Agape, sponsored by Mr. Sunny John. Thanks to him.
- 15 of our children attended the retreat for Catechism Children from June 11 to June 14 at Divine retreat centre, Bamini.
- Catechism teachers attended the teachers' training conducted by the CLC Department on June 22, at Vianney Jubilee Hall, Bpq.
- Congratulations to the winners of Catechism results.
- We began our Noveena to the Blessed Virgin Mary on June 28, in preparation for the Feast of our lady of Health.
- Celebrated the St. Thomas Day on July 3, Patron of our Church and our diocese. We had beautiful Holy Eucharist, procession and Dinner followed.
- Congratulations to new Ward Leaders and Parish council members for a term of three years. We appreciate the generous service of our outgoing members.
- We solemnly inaugurated the Catechism class for the new academic year 2025-26, on July 6, 2025.
- The July 8 was a remarkable, joyous and memorable day for our Cathedral Parish as we welcomed Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops of Western Region along with Social work directors of western region, comprising of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Daman & Diu. The reception was given at the entrance by offering 'pheta' (Turban) on their head welcomed them to the Church by Kalabhavan children's dance. We had Marathi Qurbana by His Excellency Bishop Ephrem Nariculam and homily was delivered by His Grace Most. Rev.

Elias Gonsalves of Nagpur. The beautiful Qurbana celebration, Felicitation to our esteemed guests and Agape made the entire community proud and Cheerful. I appreciate the volunteers for their selfless work.

11. We celebrated the feast of St. Alphonsa on Sunday, July 27 even though the feast falls on July 28.
12. St. Vianney's feast was celebrated on Sunday, August 3. Rev. Fr. Vivek was the main celebrant and shared the qualities of St. Vianney. In the introduction, Mr. Joseph Domala, said the history and life of St. Vianney. After the Mass, we greeted our Bishop Ephrem, Fr. Benny, the parish priest and Fr. Alwin and Fr. Vivek. On this joyful occasion we distributed cakes and sweets to all.
13. We had our first meeting our newly elected members of our parish council held on August 7, 2025. We discussed various matters regarding our Parish feast and assigned the members with various duties for the development and day to day running of the parish.
14. General body meeting of our Parish was conducted on August 10, in preparation of our Feast of Our Lady of health on September 8. The purpose of this meeting was to make various committees for the Feast.

CHRIST BHAVAN FORANE CHURCH, BRAHMAPURI

The vibrant months of May, June, July, and August unfolded like a colourful tapestry of spiritual, social, and community events, each thread strengthening our bonds and brightening our shared journey.

Maharashtra Day Celebration

The day began with a heartfelt flag hoisting and the singing of the Maharashtra anthem, filling the air with patriotic fervour. The occasion also carried bittersweet emotions as we bid farewell to our beloved teachers Srs. Gincitta, Magy Rose, and Sandhya sending them off with love, gratitude, and blessings.

A Day of Blessings and Gratitude

With great joy, we celebrated Rev. Fr. Kurian Panayalil's birthday and ordination anniversary through a solemn Eucharistic celebration. Our prayers and appreciation rose to heaven in thanksgiving for his dedicated and selfless service to the community.

Honouring the Heart of Healthcare

On May 12, Christanand Hospital paid tribute to its devoted nursing staff. With deep appreciation, we recognized their tireless dedication, compassionate care, and unwavering commitment to serving those in need.

One-Day Seminar at Devulgavu

On May 16, the catechism children of our parish enjoyed a one-day program at Devulgavu, filled with faith, fun, and fellowship. The day featured an inspiring talk by our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Kurian Panayalil, engaging interactions with Srs. Megha Francis FCC, Sandya FCC, Mary Tom SABS and Josemin SABS, exciting competitions that fostered skills and teamwork, and a joyful outing that brought smiles to every face. It was a beautiful blend of learning, spiritual growth, and enjoyment, leaving the children with cherished memories.

Farewell and Blessings for Rev. Fr. Naveen

On May 18, a grand farewell was held for Rev. Fr. Naveen, beginning with a thanksgiving Holy Mass. Having served Christanand for one and a half years with zeal and dedication, he now embarks on a new mission at Kurkheda. We offer him our heartfelt gratitude, prayers, and blessings for this next chapter.

Christanand School & Junior College Shines in Board Results

May brought immense pride to Christanand School and Junior College, Brahmmapuri, as our students achieved remarkable success in the SSC and HSC examinations.

SSC Results

Distinction: 115 students

Grade I: 39 students

Grade II: 7 students

Total: 161 students

A special mention goes to Aditi Walde, who topped the taluka with an outstanding 96%, bringing great honor to the school.

HSC Results

Topper: Palak Nikhare – 86.3%

These stellar results reflect the dedication and perseverance of our students, the committed guidance of our teachers, and the unwavering support of the entire school community. Heartiest congratulations to all achievers!

Welcoming Sr. Dr. Princely SRA

Christanand Hospital joyfully welcomed Sr. Dr. Princely SRA into our midst. Her compassionate presence and healing touch as a doctor promise to bring comfort, hope, and care to many in our community.

Warm Welcome to Rev. Fr. Christo

On June 8, Christ Bhavan Church, Brahmapuri, joyfully welcomed Rev. Fr. Christo, a newly ordained priest, as the new Assistant Parish Priest. The parish community greeted him with warmth and cordiality, embracing him with open hearts and prayers for a fruitful ministry among us.

Farewell to Our Beloved FCC Sisters.

On June 8, we bid a fond and heartfelt farewell to Srs. Gincitta, Magy Rose, and Sandhya. Sr. Gincitta and Sr. Magy Rose served our community for three years, while Sr. Sandhya blessed us with her dedicated service for six years. Their selfless contributions have touched countless lives, and though their transfer fills us with sadness, we remain deeply grateful for the memories, love, and inspiration they leave behind.

Catechism Children's Spiritual Retreat

On June 11, seven of our parish catechism children embarked on a

transformative three-day journey to the Bamini Divine Retreat Centre. The retreat became a haven of spiritual nourishment, where their young hearts were filled with faith, inspiration, and a deeper love for God. These enriching days will surely bear fruit in their lives and in our parish community.

CARMEL MATHA CHURCH, CHAMORSHI

The faithful of Carmel Matha Church, Chamorshi, joyfully celebrated the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle on July 3, 2025. The celebration commenced with a solemn Holy Mass at 6:00 PM in the parish church.

The main celebrant for the Eucharistic celebration was Rev. Fr. Jose Koikara CMI, Superior, Tera Nur Kerala, who led the congregation in deep spiritual reflection on the life and mission of St. Thomas, the Apostle of India. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Vayalil CMI, the Parish Priest and Rev. Fr. Jilson Kuzhuppilly CMI served as the concelebrants, enriching the liturgy with his inspiring presence.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and a large number of parishioners gathered to honor the great saint who brought the message of Christ to Indian soil. The celebration was marked by prayerful devotion, meaningful homily, and active participation by the faithful.

Following the Holy Mass, a fellowship Dinner was organized, strengthening the spirit of community and togetherness among the parish members.

The celebration of St. Thomas Day was a reminder of the enduring legacy of the apostle's faith and courage, inspiring the community to live as witnesses of the Gospel in today's world.

ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH, CHANDRAPUR

Congratulations to Nithin Thambi Velliringal

St. Thomas catholic Church, chandrapur joyfully congratulates Nithin Thambi Velliringal, one of our dedicated parishioners, on successfully completing the Chartered Accountancy Final Examination (May 2025). His remarkable achievement is the fruit of years of dedication, perseverance, and hard work. Nithin's

success stands as an inspiration to all our youth, proving that with faith, focus, and determination, great goals can be achieved.

May God bless him abundantly in his professional journey ahead.

Obituary

Sad demise of Mrs. Philomina George (Age 71) on 3 June 2025. She was an active and faithful parishioner.

Heartfelt condolences from St. Thomas Catholic Church, Chandrapur.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

St. Thomas Day

On the occasion of St. Thomas Day, the faithful of St. Thomas Catholic Church, Chandrapur, gathered together in great joy and devotion to honor their patron saint. The celebration began with a solemn Holy Mass, during which the life and missionary zeal of St. Thomas the Apostle were remembered and reflected upon. Special prayers were offered for the parish community and for the growth of faith among all believers.

After the Mass, the celebration concluded with a fellowship meal, strengthening the bonds of love and community among the faithful.

Catechism inauguration

The Catechism Year was solemnly inaugurated at St. Thomas Catholic Church, Chandrapur on July 6 with great devotion and enthusiasm. The celebration began with the Holy Mass, during which a special blessing was imparted upon all the catechism students and teachers.

ST. JOSEPH NATIONAL SCHOOL, DONGARGAON

1. The new academic year began on 2nd June with the reopening of classes. Students and staff returned with renewed enthusiasm and hope for the year ahead.

St. Joseph Church, Marakbody

2. The Feast of our Patron, St. Joseph, was celebrated solemnly on

1st May with special prayers and activities. The day reflected on the life and virtues of St. Joseph, inspiring students to follow his example.

3. St. Thomas day celebrated solamly

4. Catechism classes for the academic year were inaugurated by Fr. Joyal CMF on 13th July, marking the beginning of a renewed journey in faith formation.

5. On 27th June 2025, we solemnly celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On this day, we specially remembered the Sisters of FDSHJ as they observed their Congregation Feast. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Christo, a newly ordained priest. In honor of his priestly ordination, our parish joyfully felicitated him.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, DURGAPUR

Rev Srs. Teena and Hannah DM got moved to Jarkhand and Shengaon respectively on transfer and Srs Anice and Sharon DM moved in to be part of the Durgapur parish family. Both were accorded a cordial welcome at the Holy Mass on 15/06!

The parish family has decided to celebrate the months of July, August and september as 'Three months of grace' (krupaon ke teen mahine) with an intention of wooing the reluctant members to the Sunday Holy Mass. The results have started to show.

The Pitr Sangh got revamped on 22/06 and Mr Joseph Ramteke was elected president. It was decided that the pitr Sangh would assist at the Holy Mass and Adoration on the First Fridays and serve snacks to the gathering after the liturgical celebrations.

A retreat for the Pitr Sangh was held on 13/7. The preacher was Fr Vivek. The day's activities culminated with the Sunday Mass and a community meal at around 2.30 pm.

Vidyarambh (initiation to school life) was done at the church during Sunday Mass with Fr Jose Vadakkemuri CMI scribbling the Holy name of Jesus on the forehead and tongue of four nursery beginners. Text books and notebooks of school students were also blessed at the Holy Mass.

Catechism classes started on 06/07 and Catechism text books, notebooks and Bible diaries were distributed to children. Catechism teachers were given their record books, too! Students were taught Infant Jesus prayer which they are to say at the beginning of the sunday classes. The strength of the sunday school is 51 this year.

29/ 07 was celebrated as the Grandparents Day with all grandchildren presenting rose flowers to their grandparents and them in turn blessing the grandchildren. Sweets were distributed after the Holy Mass.

Deacon Sarith Edayadiyil CMI started assisting the parish priest and the nuns with house visits, house blessings, Catechism classes and homilies. He is expected to continue his services at the church for a month more.

The feast of Saint Alphonsa was celebrated on 03/08 following nine days of Novena and Holy Masses! A community meal was also held. The Alphonsa ward leaders took initiative in organizing the feast.

Four notice boards were fixed in front of the church to showcase the artistic and literary talents of the pitr sangh, matr sangh, youth and catechism students.

Parishioners contributed an amount of Rs.21,300/- (twenty one thousand and three hundred) towards the renovation of the rectory which is a Rs 140000/-(fourteen lakh) project. The renovation work is progressing!

CHRISTUVAN CHURCH, GOMINI

1. Mother's Day Celebration

We celebrated Mother's Day in our Church. After that, we conduct the cultural program.

2. One Day Outing

Fr. Linesh and the Sisters and some of the boarding children went on an outing to Bhamargad Parish.

Fr. Linesh was appointed in Sirochira. He went to Sirochira on the 12th of June. As a substitute, Fr. Vibinto Chirayath CMI came to Gomini parish on the 10th. We welcome our Church after the Holy Qurbana.

3. Paddy Plantation

We prayed and put seeds in our agricultural land. We started our paddy cultivation on the 6th of July. There were 11 lady workers and 2 men workers were there in the paddy fields.

4. Praying for the Departed Soul

Sr. Roslin's brother passed away on the 23rd June. We prayed for the departed soul. After the Holy Quran, we had the office for the dead.

5. Reopening of Hostel and Kindergarten

We reopened our boarding hostel on 30th June 2025. We have 21 boarding children including boys and girls. And Kindergarten was reopened on 1st July. We have about 40 children this year.

6. Feast Day Celebration

We celebrated the feast of St. John the Baptist. Koproli community members are invited to the feast day celebration. Fr. Saju celebrated the Holy Qurbana. After that, we wished the SJB sisters. Two of the sisters were celebrating their silver Jubilee, Sr. Sunita and Sr. Margret. They cut the cake. We had a delicious meal.

We celebrated the feast of St. Thomas on the 3rd of July. We had morning prayer at 6:15 AM and continued with the Holy Qurbana.

We celebrated the feast of Mount Carmel. We had a holy Qurbana in the morning. We invited Fr. Shimon. He was the chief guest for the program in the evening. We had the Holy Rosary followed by the cultural events and dinner.

ST. ALPHONSA CHURCH, JARAWANDI

In our parish, the month of May is specially dedicated to the veneration of Mother Mary. Throughout the month, the faithful

gather daily in each household to pray the Holy Rosary. In particular, the villages of Bhugamtola, Jamurgatta, and Venaar marked the conclusion of the month with a grand celebration.

For this occasion, priests from nearby parishes, along with our own parish priest, were invited to lead the faithful in prayer and worship. The celebrations included a solemn Rosary procession, the Holy Mass, and vibrant cultural programs, all expressing deep devotion and honor to our Blessed Mother.

This year, our parish joyfully celebrated two grand feasts — the Feast of St. Thomas and the Feast of St. Alphonsa. On each of these special days, a solemn Holy Mass was offered in the evening to allow for the full participation of the faithful. The celebrations were marked by fervent prayers, uplifting hymns, and a deep spirit of devotion. These gatherings served not only as moments of grace and blessing but also as occasions to strengthen the unity and faith of our parish community.

During the months of June and July, we bade farewell to two of our beloved sisters — Sr. Jeslin and Sr. Rini Maria. Sr. Jeslin had been serving in our parish for the past three years, and Sr. Rini Maria for the past year. Both sisters carried out their ministry with faithfulness, dedication, and a spirit of service. The parish community expressed their heartfelt gratitude, offered prayers for their intentions, and wished them God's blessings for their future.

VIANNEY BHAVAN, KODAKARA

A few of our diocesan priests visited Vianney Bhavan Kodakara. We visited schools and parishes in some dioceses and also the houses of the students for this year and next year as part of vocation promotion. The parents and students came to Vianney Bhavan and we had an interaction and prayer section before coming to Chanda and they started their journey to Chanda on 17th June. Seven Students joined Chanda Diocese this year. Fathers. Vigil, Vivek and Priju Deacons. Algin and Romario helped a lot for vocation promotion.

ST. ANTONY CHURCH, WARDHA

Fr. Ajay Varkey the assistant parish priest was transferred to Tera Prem Church Warur. The whole Wardha parish community expressed their gratitude for the service he has rendered in Wardha since last one year. Some of the parishioners along with Fr. Robinson and DST sisters reached him to Warur on 1st May.

We started our patron St. Antony's Novena on 4th June. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Jose Zade followed by flag hosting by Rev. Fr. Thomas Punchayil.

On June 13, the Wardha community celebrated the Feast of St. Antony with great joy. The celebration began with a solemn Holy Mass offered by newly ordained priests Frs. Christo and Vibinto CMI, followed by Procession and Adoration conducted by Fr. Jose Zade and a fellowship meal. A large number of priests, sisters and faithful participated with deep devotion, seeking blessings from the Lord through the intercession of St. Antony.

July 3rd was a special day for us. we joyfully celebrated the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Thomas Punchayil. During the Mass, special prayers were offered for Fr. Thomas Punchayil on the occasion of his feast day.

The Inauguration of the Catechism Academic year 2025-2026 was done on 6th July. The inaugural ceremony started with Holy Mass followed by Cultural Programme. All the Catechism students were welcomed by giving sweets. Fr. Thomas Punchayil was the chief guest of the day.

On 7th July 2025 Cardinals Oswald Gracias and Filip Neri along with Western Regional Bishops visited St. Antony Catholic Church Wardha. School band under the leadership of Fr. Subin, the principal, Rev. Fr. Robinson the parish priest, fathers from Darshana, sisters from different congregations and parishioners welcomed them with a bouquet. They spent some time here and visited Darshana, Claretian Ashram, DM Provincialate, SJB Provincialate and Bapuuti. The Bishops enriched their visit by

exploring significant landmarks in Wardha. We expressed our heartfelt gratitude to the Bishops for gracing us with their presence.

Fr. James Ekka, the newly appointed assistant parish priest joined Wardha community on 14th July and Sunday on 20th July he was welcomed solemnly in the parish after the Holy Mass.

The feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel was solemnly celebrated in the parish on 27th July. It was arranged and organized by CMC sisters. The day began with solemn Eucharistic celebration followed by breakfast and the distribution of scapular to all gathered. On the same day CRI meeting of the Wardha zone was conducted in the evening at St. Antony Church.

On 3rd August the holy Mass was offered as the thanksgiving Mass for the release of sr. Vandana Francis ASMI and Sr. Preethy Mary ASMI who were confined behind bars in Chhattisgarh jail. During the Eucharistic celebration special prayers were offered for them and their whole congregation.

TERA PREM CHURCH, WARUR

- Rev. Fr. Ajay Varkey, Newly appointed assistant Parish Priest of Tera Prem Church, Warur and Rev. Sr. Mary Kusumalayam SHsp was welcomed to Warur Parish by
- Rev. Fr. Dinesh, Parish Priest of Warur and parishners.
- Tera Prem Church, Warur celebrated the feast of Holy Spirit. This occasion held a special significance for Sisters of Holy Spirit as they celebrate their patronal feast.
- Dukhrana, the feast of St. Thomas was celebrated on the following Sunday of the feast.
- Fr. Dinesh celebrated the Holy Eucharist and a fellowship meal was arranged in parish in connection with the feast of St. Thomas.
- The inauguration of the catechism children held in the parish on 14th July. The inauguration event marked by Holy Eucharist and cultural programme as the beginning of another year of

formation for the children of the parish.

- Tera Prem Church, Warur celebrated Grandparents day in the parish as the direction given by Bishop. All the grandparents of the parish were wished by parishners with flowers and small gifts as a token of their love.
- The feast of St. John Mariya Vianney was held in the parish on the following Sunday with cultural events by the parishners and hostel children. Parishners extended their greetings to Fr. Dinesh and Fr. Ajay as they celebrated their patrons feast.

LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH, WASA

Chanda diocese has handed over Wasa mission to Claretian congregation for 50 years on 17th May 2025. The agreement of handing over was signed on 19th March, 2025 between Mar Ephrem Nariculam, and Fr. Siby Njavallikkunnel CMF, Provincial superior of St. Thomas Province of Claretian Congregation. Claretian fathers started to stay and look after the activities of the mission from 4th April 2025 onwards and officially took over the charge of Wasa mission station on 17th May 2025.

On 17th April Mar Ephrem lead the Mounty Thursday Holy Qurbana in Asha Niketan Church, Wasa.

Srs. Lisy FCC and Savita FCC were transferred from Assisi Convent, Wasa and Sr. Lisa Maria FCC has joined as the superior of the Assisi Convent, Wasa and Sr. Magi Rose FCC as the member of the same.

On 29th June, 2025 hostel for boys and girls is reopened and presently there are 16 girls and 8 boys in hostel.

On 2nd July, 2025 new academic year in Little Flower English Medium School started and it is going on well.

On 29th July, 2025 Sr. Julie FCC, the General councilor for Spiritual Animation and Mission, of FCC congregation had an official visit to Wasa Mission and stayed for two days.

VIII. NEWS FROM FORMATION HOUSE

SANT VIANNEY GURUKUL

- June 25 : The SVG Community united in joy to celebrate the feast day of our Rector, Rev. Fr. Vigil. The warm presence of Rev. Fr. Praveen and the sisters greatly enhanced the event, fostering a strong sense of unity.
- July 1 : We honoured Rev. Fr. Jose Zade on his birthday with a vibrant gathering filled with lively programs and heartfelt gratitude, reinforcing our deep appreciation for his invaluable contributions.
- July 3 : Our community solemnly commemorated and celebrated the feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle of India. Solemn Holy Qurbana was celebrated by Bishop Mar Ephrem Nariculam. This ceremony inaugurated the new formation year 2025, bringing together fathers, teachers, and invited guests in support of our shared journey.
- July 16 : Bishop Mar Ephrem graced the brothers of SVG with his pastoral visit, offering personal guidance and encouragement that inspired us all to reach for greater heights.
- July 27 : We celebrated Deacon Algin's birthday and the esteemed presence of Bishop Mar Ephrem, created cherished memories and strengthened mutual bonds.
- July 28 : The feast of St. Alphonsa was honored through prayers and reflections on her holy life, providing us with a profound moment for spiritual growth and inspiration.
- July 29 : We had the privilege of welcoming Bishop Mar Prince Panengaden of Shamshabad and priests from the Adilabad Diocese, enriching our seminary's spirit and fostering collaboration.
- August 4 : We celebrated the feast of St. John Mary Vianney with a meaningful Holy Qurbana led by Bishop Mar Ephrem, complemented by cultural programs, games, and fellowship meals that deepened our community ties.

- August 14 : Brothers engaged in a fulfilling visit to the Gomini Parish mission station, strengthening their connection to missionary life and reigniting their passion for our Church's mission.
- August 15 : Our community commemorated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and India's 79th Independence Day through Holy Qurbana and a flag-hoisting ceremony, celebrating our shared faith and national pride.



Hearty Congratulations...!

Hearty Welcome to the MMG Sisters (Missionaries of Mary Mother of God Congregation, commonly known as Divya Deep Sisters). In the Capuchin mission, Karancha in Wardha forane, a new Congregation of Sisters have started a community. It is their first community in the diocese



IX. NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS HOUSES

CARMELODAYA PROVINCE, WARDHA

- The Second Session of the Eleventh Provincial Synaxis of Carmelodaya Province was held at the Provincial House from 4th to 10th May 2025.
- Heary Congratulations to our dear Sr. Rose Mary who made her perpetual commitment on 26 May 2025 at Mount Carmel Generalate, Aluva. May her life be fruitful in Carmel.
- The Golden Jubilee of Sr. Lisieux Rose and Silver Jubilee of Sr. Deepa were celebrated on 29 May 2025 at St. Xavier's Church, Pullur - Kerala together with their family members. Congratulations to our dear Sisters who reached a remarkable milestone of their religious life and prayerful wishes for the days ahead too....
- In the month of June, Nutritious Kits were distributed to the TB Patients at Wardha, Arvi, Samudrapur, Jam, Deoli, Seloo, Ashti, Anji, Rohanna and Kharangana Blocks in collaboration with Ni – kshay Mitra, Wardha.
- On 16th July, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - the Patroness of our Congregation was celebrated solemnly in all our Convents and Institutions. May the Mother of Carmel - the sure refuge, protect us from all harm and keep us all safe under her Maternal Mantle.
- On 27th July, Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at St. Antony's Parish Church, Wardha along with all the parishioners in a befitting manner. Rev. Fr. James Ekka- the Asst. Parish Priest officiated the solemn Liturgy. After the Holy Mass the “Scapular” was distributed to all. Breakfast and tea were provided to all.
- A Training Programme on Leadership, Soft skills, Psycho – Spiritual development, Effective dialogue and Time Management was arranged for the Sisters including Superiors

and Principals from 06 to 11 August, 2025.

The Resource Person was Fr. Sibi Pallupetta from Bijnor Diocese.

KRUPADHAM PROVINCIAL HOUSE, WARDHA

- S.D. Krupadham stands at the threshold of its Silver Jubilee. We are certain that each passing year is inscribed in silver lines in the history of Krupadham.
- The Congregation of the Sisters of the Destitute came into existence in 1927 through the efforts of the Most Rev. Venerable Father Varghese Payyappilly, a diocesan priest of the Archdiocese of Ernakulam.
- In 1985, the Congregation was divided into three provinces: St. Mary's Province, Ernakulam; St. Vincent's Province, Kothamangalam; and St. Joseph's Province, Changanassery. Later, each province undertook its own mission areas in different parts of the country. Under the maternal care of St. Joseph's Province, the Krupadham Region — consisting of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra - was raised to the status of a province in the year 2000.
- Today, Krupadham renders its sincere services in eight dioceses through twenty-one communities. Wherever we work and whatever we do, our prime concern is always the destitute.
- July 21st and 22nd, 2025, were red-letter days in the history of Krupadham. Sisters from all twenty-one communities gathered in Wardha. On the evening of the 21st, a solemn vigil conducted, and the melody of prayer filled the chapel.
- After the prayer session, there was a get-together in the courtyard. A beautiful presentation took us back to the roots of our charism, reminding us that we are called to light a lamp where there is darkness. We honoured our elderly sisters and presented cash awards to those who participated in the various

competitions held as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations. We also honoured and congratulated our Golden and Silver Jubilarians.

- On the evening of the 22nd, we had a solemn Eucharistic celebration graced by the presence of His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop Ephrem Nariculam, Bishop of the Diocese of Chanda. Rev. Fr. Robinson, Parish Priest and Syncellus of our Diocese; Fr. Joseph Thachaparampath CMI, Provincial of Chanda CMI Province; Fr. Francis Aikkarapambil CMI, Rector of Darshana; and Fr. Sijo CMF, Rector of Claretian Ashram, were the co-celebrants. We were blessed to have around thirty priests, along with countless sisters and formees from various religious Congregations. The celebrants processed towards the altar, accompanied by a dance procession of twenty-five formees
- Krupadham's Silver Jubilee celebration shone even brighter with the presence of Golden Jubilarian Sr. Ushas Kalaprampath SD and Silver Jubilarian Sr. Anuroopa Charalayil SD. The Jubilee message, delivered by His Excellency Bishop Ephrem Nariculam to the S.D. missionaries, was:
- “Love the work that you do, rather than doing only the work you love. Prayer is not part of the day, but the heart of the day. It is better to wear out than to rust out.”
- After the Eucharistic celebration, we held a felicitation hour. A symbolic “nest,” representing a place where many found solace and shade, was beautifully and meaningfully presented through a documentary. A Jubilee Souvenir was released, and we fondly remembered and honoured our Provincial Superiors from 2000 to the present.
- Our Silver Jubilee became even more meaningful with the presence of our Mother General, Mother Liss Grace, and Mother Deepthi Jose, Provincial of the Mother Province. The

celebration concluded with a melodious Jubilee Anthem, followed by a delicious meal.

AGRAGAMI PROVINCIAL HOUSE, MHASALA, WARDHA

• **Novitiate House Inauguration**

The newly erected Novitiate House at Sevasadan Convent, Sewagram was solemnly blessed and inaugurated on 24th June 2025 by Rev. Fr. Benny Mulakkal, the Protosyncellus of Chanda Diocese. On the same day, three Postulants entered into the Novitiate. Sisters Esther and Bindu also lit their Jubilee lamps, stepping into their Silver Jubilee year with grace and gratitude.

• **Visit of Office bearers of Western Region of CBCI**

On 7th July 2025, Atragami Provincial House had the esteemed privilege of welcoming the office bearers of the Western Region Bishops' Council (WRBC). Their presence brought immense spiritual encouragement, as they spent time in prayer and bestowed their blessings upon the community.

• **Mental Health Advocacy by Dr. Sr. Sally**

Dr. Sr. Sally, along with a team of sisters from various congregations, successfully organized the first physical meeting of the Treasure Group at CHAI, Secunderabad. The event, known as the Treasure Orientation Forum, was well attended by members from across India, including participants from SDFI. The gathering was deeply enriching, with meaningful discussions and strategic planning for the future of the Treasure initiative. CHAI generously sponsored the accommodation and logistics.

Sr. Sally also presented a session on mental health care of religious sisters- Indian context at an international forum called Global Sisters Report (GSR)- Health and Wellness forum- an online forum working for the wellbeing of sisters across the globe. Prior to this she gave an interview on the same topic to GSR.

She also conducted a session on stress management for the Doctor Sisters Regional Forum in Mumbai, equipping sisters with practical tools for emotional and psychological well-being. Additionally, she offered a mental health care class for ASMI sisters in Allapally, and has been conducting similar sessions online for various congregations and at leadership building forums, extending her expertise widely.

• **Retreats at Sanjeevani**

Regular three-days and one-day retreats continue at Sanjeevani, led by Sr. Esther. Mrs. Agnes and her team enriches the sessions with teaching and personal counselling.

• **Commemoration of Sr. Ludgardis**

On June 30 2025, Jeevan Vikas community commemorated the death anniversary of Sr. Ludgardis with a heartfelt tribute. In her honour, 10 tailoring machines were distributed to women in need, an initiative led by Rev. Sr. Tessy Sebastian, Provincial, promoting empowerment through skill development.

• **Support for Children with Disabilities**

With the kind assistance of Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Eknath Shinde, two children with disabilities received ₹50,000 each toward their education. This generous contribution was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Jeevan Vikas Society.

• **Orientation Program for Sister Teaching Staff**

On July 20, 2025 all the sisters involved in education ministry from Wardha–Nagpur zone gathered for an orientation program at Agrabami Provincial House. The event brought together around 30 sisters from various educational institutions across the region, providing a platform for reflection, renewal, and skill enhancement for those committed to the mission of teaching. Rev. Fr. Sijo, the esteemed resource person for the day, conducted the sessions with remarkable insight and inspiration, leaving participants enriched and motivated for their educational ministry.

REMINDER

PLEASE BLOCK THESE DAYS.

1. Chanda *Parivar Divas* (Chanda Family Day)

Date : Saturday 11 October 2025

Venue : Cathedral, BPQ

Time : 10.00 AM

(Invitees: All missionaries of Chanda and the representatives of the laity)

2. Monthly Recollection and Christmas Gathering

Date : Saturday 20 December 2025

Venue : Cathedral, BPQ

Time : 09.30 AM

(Invitees: All missionaries of Chanda)

Fr. Vigil

Fr. Vigil Parassery
Chancellor
Diocese of Chanda



DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Second Death Anniversary of Fr. Antony Munjanatu falls on Saturday 13 December 2025. Let us remember him in our prayers.





THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS ENTRUSTED TO THE WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK FOR THE YEAR 2025

AUGUST

FOR MUTUAL COEXISTENCE.

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

SEPTEMBER

FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION.

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

OCTOBER

FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

NOVEMBER

FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE.

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

DECEMBER

FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

- POPE FRANCIS

X. CHANDA HEAVENLY BRETHREN

SEPTEMBER

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| 1. Sr. Hilaria Kochuparambil SD | 01-09-2014 | |
| 2. Sr. Deepthi SJB | 09-09-2009 | Vettukad |
| 3. Bro. 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 | Mallussery |
| 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

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| 1. Fr. Thomas Manickam CMI | 24-10-2010 | Kurianad |
| 2. Sr. Catherine Francis ASMI | 11-10-1988 | Cherthala |

NOVEMBER

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| 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. Br. Chacko Urumbil CMI | 28-11-2013 | Koodathai |

DECEMBER

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| 1. Fr. George Joseph 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. Jomy Chakkalatharayil | 16-12-2018 | Chembalam |
| 8. Sr. Lysa Rose FCC | 17-12-2003 | Kadukutty |
| 9. Bro. Thomas Chakkunumpuram CMI | 25-12-1973 | Ballarpur |
| 10. Bro. Chacko Pinakkatt CMI | 29-12-1977 | Ballarpur |

