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# Message

## Beloved Friends

Greetings from the Diocese of Thuckalay. I am very grateful for your wonderful support to the Diocese of Thuckalay for fulfilling our mission.

Come the month of October and special joy and enthusiasm enters into the minds and hearts of true Catholics. I am reminded to narrate a legend at the doors of Heaven:

Peter was a soldier; he had fought many battles and one day he was wounded during a battle and died. That same day he found himself knocking at the doors of Heaven. St. Peter went to see who he was and found there the soldier who bore his name and who told him, "Let me enter Heaven!" St. Peter took a large book where the soldier's entire life was written and began to read. He arrived at the end but found nothing that allowed him to let the soldier into Heaven.

Then St. Peter called the saints who had been in battle and asked them for help, but all the saints he questioned confirmed that the man could not enter Heaven. Meanwhile, a din was heard, some devils were climbing the stairs to Heaven and screaming that that soul was their property. St. Peter finally called Jesus and while he was waiting for His decision, Mary arrived and handed Jesus a large golden book. Jesus grabbed it, opened it, and began to read and leaf through the pages. Once finished, Jesus nodded and allowed the soldier Peter to enter Heaven.

St. Peter was surprised and went to peek into the golden book that Mary had brought and saw that on each page there were written



thousands of Hail Marys, the only prayer that the rude soldier knew and that Mary had transcribed every time he had recited one.

Isn't that wonderful? Mary is our advocate, we know it, and we know that Jesus never says no to her. But this legend tells us something deeper. Peter was a soldier; he had spent his life in war and knew only the Hail Mary prayer. Who taught him that? It certainly must have been his mother - the earthly mother who teaches her son to pray to the Heavenly Mother. It is mothers who often teach prayers to their children, not because fathers do not do it but because mothers' prayers are often transmitted through intertwined hands, caresses, sweet words etc. And so we imagine Peter, on his mother's lap, embraced by her, as he listens to that prayer that would ensure him eternal life. Then it occurs to me that that mother without knowing it (or maybe she did) gave her son the greatest gift. Of course, this is a legend but if we read the words of the great saints on the rosary, we will discover the true meaning.

During the month of October, I assure you, dear friends, I will remember you in my daily recitation of the Holy Rosary, which serves as an armour to fight against all evil.

May Our Lady continue to keep you all under her protection through the constant recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Yours affectionately,

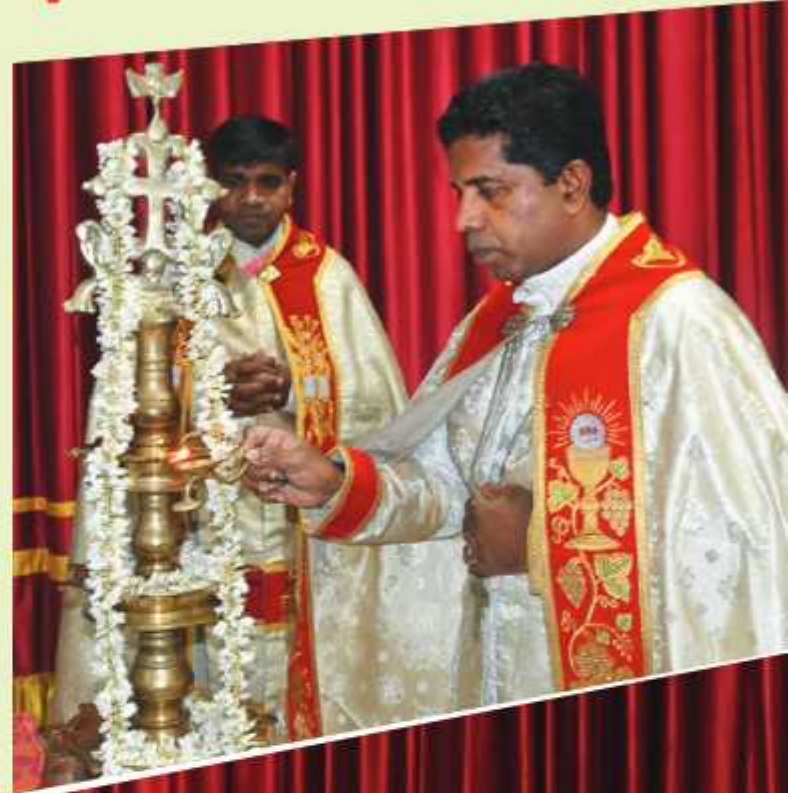
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## Golden Jubilee of Thettiyode Mission

St. Paul's Mission, Thettiyode in the Diocese has a reason to rejoice as the Mission has inaugurated its year-long Golden Jubilee celebrations on 13 September 2021 with the Holy Qurbana officiated by His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb. The Thettiyode Mission was opened by Late Rev. Fr Zacharias Kaithara, one of the pioneer missionaries in Kanyakumari Mission of the Archdiocese of Changanassery. Recollecting the contribution of various priests, sisters and faithful, a brief history of the Mission was presented and the community expressed their thankfulness for the pastoral work and other social service activities of the Syro-Malabar Church. A special logo depicting the golden jubilee was released on the occasion. A Jubilee hymn composed by Rev. Fr Joseph Santhosh, Parish Priest, was sung after the Holy Qurbana. We urge upon the Thettiyode community to consolidate the faith during these celebrations.





## Gratitude to Rev. Sr Elseena SJSM

Rev. Sr Elseena SJSM of the Congregation of the St Joseph Sisters of St Marc volunteered to work in the new mission of Madurai in 2019, after completion of her mission for 23 years in France. She has been transferred to SJSM Provincial House at Alwaye. Madurai Mission witnessed a number of initiatives and development activities during the apostolate of Rev. Sr Elseena SJSM. She took a number of initiatives for a sustainable livelihood of the families by providing vocational training to the women of the Ariyur area where we have our mission. The poor village women are provided training in tailoring and embroidery and many of them have undertaken productive employment. A simple farewell programme was organised on 12 September 2021 at Ariyur, Madurai. Rev. Fr Babu Thattil, Parish Priest, Rev. Fr Anil Raj, Mission Coordinator, Sisters serving in the mission and a few lay people were present for the programme. His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb was present in that simple gathering to express the gratitude of the Diocese of Thuckalay to Rev. Sr Elseena SJSM. The Diocese wishes her a fruitful service in her new mission.





## Forane Priests' Conferences



Forane-wise priests conferences convened by Very Rev. Fr Thomas Pawathuparampil, Vicar General and Rev. Fr Sathianesan, Chancellor were held in the month of September 2021. The main purpose of the meetings had been to have a detailed discussion on the revision of text of the Holy Qurbana and the decision of the Synod to introduce uniform Holy Qurbana in the entire Syro-Malabar Church. The revised text shall be used in the Diocese with effect from 28

November 2021. Rev. Fr Dency Mundunadikal, liturgical animator of the Diocese, was given the task to present the revised texts in Tamil and provide certain directions on the use of the text. The priests were requested to familiarise themselves on the new text with the aim to enhance the piety and solemnity of the Holy Qurbana.

The opportunity was also taken to discuss the programmes to lead to the conclusion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Diocese.

Date	Forane / Region	Place of Meeting
12 September 2021	Manjalumoodu, Kaliyal and Arukani	Arukani
13 September 2021	Nithravilai and Padanthalumoodu	Padanthalumoodu
14 September 2021	Thenkasi Mission and Extended Territory	Sengkottai
15 September 2021	Soosaipuram and Thuckalay-Pilankalai	Kalluvilai





## Ettu Nonbu and Feast of Nativity of Our Lady



The tradition of the Syro-Malabar Church has been very rich when it comes to observing and celebrating the Marian Feasts. The Feast of the Nativity of Our Blessed Mother is commemorated in a special way with the preparation eight day fast known as *Ettu Nonbu* from the first of September. As in the previous years, the *Ettu Nonbu* and the Feast was observed in all parishes of the Diocese with special message to rededicate ourselves to the devotion of Mother Mary for receiving greater blessings.

Due to the pandemic related restrictions, there had been no Church activities from Friday to Sundays; however, on other days special novena prayers and Holy Qurbanas were held in all the parishes, which ended with a celebration of the Feast. His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb celebrated the Holy Qurbana marking the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady on 8 September 2021 at St. Mary's Chapel, Thuckalay. Two young boys received their first Holy Communion on the occasion.





## Missionary Spirit through Mission League




The Cherupushpa Mission League (CML) has been engaged in promoting missionary spirit in the parishes, particularly among the children and young members of the Church in order to promote the Church's universal mission. An animation programme cum meeting of the executive members and the Forane level leaders was organised on 17 September 2021. The programme was attended by Bishop George Rajendran sdb and the Vicar General of the Diocese, Very Rev. Fr Thomas Powathuparampil. This was also an opportunity to introduce the new director of Mission League, Rev. Fr Printo Kurias. The Bishop urged upon the members to focus a lot on the spiritual orientation of the children in the parishes and suggested few areas where the new team could concentrate. The gathering went on to create the action plan for the association.



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## Presbyterial Council on Priests Welfare Association



The Presbyterial Council of the Diocese met on 30 September 2021 at Sangamam to reflect and deliberate on the Priests Welfare Association (PWA) and for conducting a self evaluation of our ministry in the Diocese. Rev. Fr Joshy Kulathumkal, Secretary presented the bylaws of PWA and after deliberations, clarifications and suggestions, the Council approved the bylaws and the same shall be presented to the presbyterium.

The Council also took up the need and importance for undertaking a systematic evaluation of the life and mission of Diocese as we conclude the Silver Jubilee celebrations. The discussions have led to the affirmation of the

need and the Council has set up a four member committee under the leadership of Rev. Fr Joseph Santhosh to come up with areas, type, items and mode of evaluation.

His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb highlighted the opening of the General Synod of Bishops on "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission" by the Holy Father and that the inauguration of the Synod at the local Church would begin on 17 October 2021. The Council formed a four member committee headed by Rev. Fr Sathianesan, Chancellor of the Diocese to study and prepare the Diocese for this Synodal preparation.





## New Provincial for CMC province of Thuckalay

Congregation of the Mother of Carmel (CMC) of the Province of Thuckalay had their Synaxis and elected Rev. Sr Vinaya CMC as their new provincial on 23 September 2021. She had served as the Headmistress of St. Mary's School at Kaliyal and at the time of election she has been serving as the Vice Provincial. The Synaxis also elected Rev. Sr Jessie CMC, Rev. Sr Pavana CMC, Rev. Sr Ann Maria CMC and Rev. Sr Philo CMC as Provincial Council members. His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb visited the provincialate and greeted the new Provincial team and with assurance of prayers conveyed the best wishes of the Diocese.



## CHAT Animation Programme



Catholic Health Association of Tamil Nadu (CHAT) has been serving the people with the motto 'Health For All'. His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb, being the ecclesiastical adviser to CHAT had attended the Annual General Body Meeting cum Animation of CHAT from 28-29 September 2021 at Vellankanni. The Bishop appreciated the members for the support provided during this pandemic in spiritual and health care of people and urged upon them to strengthen the efforts of CHAT by coming together at the Diocesan levels.



## Ezhuvom Iyakkam Cancer Care Campaign Project



The CARITAS India's funding assistance for *Ezhuvom Iyakkam Cancer Care Campaign Project* has been extended until September 30 next year. Two staff members from the Kanyakumari Social Service Society (KKSSS), the social arm of the Diocese, attended the three-days training program held in Udhagamandalam Social Service Society, Ooty, Tamilnadu from 1st to 3rd September 2021. The participants acquired skills, knowledge and values

for the implementation of the program in the operational areas of KKSSS successfully. We have been asked to implement action-based interventions and to mobilize and utilize the local resources to ensure the sustainability of the Program. During the interaction and sharing, the Palliative Care activities of the KKSSS were greatly appreciated by the Team for its application of innovative ideas in the care of the elderly and the neglected people.

## Silver Jubilee and Action Plans of Departments



Every department and the Pious Association give important contributions for the formation and consolidation of faith and charitable activities of the Diocese of Thuckalay. Meetings of heads of the departments and pious associations was organised on 17 and 22 September 2021. Chaired by His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb, separate meetings were held for Kuzhanthai Iso Iyakkam, Mission League, Catechism, Youth Departments and Vincent de Paul, Family Apostolate, Mariyavin Senai and Laity Council. All the leaders expressed

their regret for not being able to organize all the planned activities and programmes for the Silver Jubilee of the Diocese due to Covid-19 lockdown restrictions. Some online programmes received very good welcome from the faithful and participants. On the suggestion to carry out some programmes under the Jubilee Action Plan in the coming year, it was decided that renewal of spirit is very important and we would organise the events in the coming months and years.



## Animator's Training cum Meeting on Good Food Campaign



A training cum meeting of the animators of KKSSS was held on the theme Good Food Campaign for the field workers of SHGs in the Multipurpose Hall on 25th September, 2021. In the technical session, the Resource person, Dr. Mary Sheeja, Siddha Doctor and Professor, explained the significance of traditional and natural foods and asked the participants to make changes in the life style and food style of the people in order to maintain good health of the family and community.

We also organized a function to recognize the services of the three animators namely Mrs. Valsala, Mrs. Sunitha and Mrs. Lorentia for their selfless service. Rev. Fr Thomas Sebastian extended his sincere gratitude for their commendable work for the development of the Diocese of Thuckalay and the KKSSS. They shared their field experiences and the contribution of the KKSSS for their personal and for the societal development.

## Priests' Conference



The monthly priests' conference held online on 18 September 2021 for all the Fathers of the Diocese, including the priests studying / serving in Germany and Italy. The reports of various departments were presented for the knowledge and understanding of all. Many of the priests expressed their difficulties such as permission to open the Churches has been denied from Friday to Sunday. The Bishop urged upon the priests to arrange for liturgical celebrations and activities for the benefit of the faithful and the beneficiaries as far as possible on the days we are allowed to function and that the standard operating procedures are to be strictly followed.

The Jubilee Monitoring Committee also presented the one-month intensive programme for the conclusion of the Jubilee and requested cooperation and support of all the priests at all levels. The celebrations would culminate on 12, 13 & 14 November 2021. It was also informed that our Major Archbishop, Bishops from Kanniyakumari District along with other leaders would be invited for the Holy Qurbana and the public meeting.



## CTWWC and Children



Changing the Way We Care (CTWWC) is a unique program of Catholic Relief Service (CRS), particularly in upholding the rights of children and our KKSSS has collaborated with the program. A one-day training program was organized at Annai Atha Training Centre, Azhagiyamandapam with the objective of providing training for the child welfare workers for psycho-social support and for skill development. The resource person, Rev. Fr Nelson explained the various dimensions of the challenges that the children have been encountering due to the closure of schools and the ways and means to

reach out to them and assist them according to individual needs.

Using the opportunity, the meeting of the Directors of Social Service and Co-ordinators of the four Catholic dioceses of the Kanyakumari District was held. The past performances and achievements were evaluated in order to strengthen the activities in the future. We also had an additional session for creating awareness on the COVID-19 guidelines to face the third wave of the pandemic, if we may have to encounter the same.

*You can come forward to partner the Diocese of Thuckalay in our Charitable Works.*

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## Looking Beyond Pandemic in Education



The Principals and Correspondents of all the schools including the schools run by the religious in the Diocese virtually gathered on 21 September 2021 to discuss the way forward in our education mission. All the participants expressed their joy in having welcomed a section of the students (Classes 9-12) back to the campus. They expressed their continued concern of financial difficulties in the payment of salary for the staff of the schools. All of us hope that the situation in every aspect will improve and that the schools will get back soon to our regular mode with the grace of God.

It was also an opportunity for the Diocese to inform and seek the support of all the schools for the new initiatives the Diocese is taking. The Diocese, in collaboration with Don Bosco Vazhikatti, Trichy is going to begin a Students' Help Desk at TCYM office, Kalluvilai. Rev. Fr Arul Antony sdb, Director of Vazhikatti, spoke to all the Principals and Correspondents regarding the ministry of Vazhikatti and requested our whole-hearted support. Rev. Fr Roy Kannanchira CMI talked about the new initiative that Deepika has taken to supply General Knowledge books to all the schools. He also highlighted that the proceeds would be used for the development of Deepika. His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb exhorted all the Fathers and Sisters to give whole-hearted co-operation for these initiatives.

## The Special Schools and Charitable Institutions



An online meeting of all the principals of all the special schools and leaders of Charitable Institutions of the Diocese was held on 28 September 2021 organised by Rev. Fr Abin Poovathumootil, Director, KKSSS. All the Sisters from the special schools presented the educational and charitable programmes that they have been organising during the Covid-19 lockdown. It was heartening to note that every school was involved in the life and education of the special children. The Sisters visited the homes of these children a number of times distributing groceries. All the schools are taking classes online for the children. All the charitable institutions in the Diocese had difficult time during the Covid-19 lockdown. However, with the help of God, all the inmates were spared of the pandemic. The Bishop shared with the Sisters and the Fathers regarding the manner of celebrating the forthcoming World Mental Health Day. It was decided that 10 teachers each from every special school and some staff from the charitable institutions would gather at Devasagayam Nalvazhu Nilayam (DNN), Karode on 9 October 2021 to celebrate the World Mental Health Day. It was also decided that one Sister from every special school would be inducted as member of Diocesan Health Unit.



## THE INNER STRENGTH

### Abinesh: From Blindness to Sight at Aseer Vidyalaya

Aseer Vidyalaya Special School for the Mentally Challenged, Thettiode is a place where many encounter God in His mysterious love. A lot of testimonies prove this fact, where many young children have returned miraculously to the normality of their life. Abinesh was only six years old when God led him to Aseer Vidyalaya. He was accompanied by his mother Kasthoori and his aunt. At the first sight itself, the sisters recognised clearly the misery that they were in. The gashed dresses and the empty stomach had revealed the difficulty through which they were leading the life. Kasthoori was a physically handicapped lady, who needed always an external support to move. Abinesh was blind besides his mental disabilities. Both of them were living under the care of the sister of Kasthoori. The father of Abinesh left them immediately after his birth.

Today they witness to everyone that their arrival at Aseer Vidyalaya transformed their life in all aspects. FCC convent sisters kindly helped them for the daily life needs like food, dresses, payments for essential services and so on. Besides, sisters and teachers of Aseer Vidyalaya helped them to gain their pension rights from the government. Slowly they became a part of the Aseer home. Abinesh was not capable of doing anything on his own as he could not see. During the initial days of his schooling, he was found at the corners of the hall crying and refusing to eat. He was afraid of talking to anyone. But the love and care of the teachers and sisters of Aseer began to show the difference in his outlook. He gradually overcame his own personal fear. Slowly he started laughing with others and talking with his friends. When music was played during the intervals, he started recognizing the rhythm by showing it on his body language. He began to play on the lunch box and on benches. Teachers encouraged him a lot to improve his talent to play drums and singing songs. With the help of a music teacher Abinesh learnt Tabla and Harmonium and he became official musician of the school.







One day he revealed his long desire to his teachers to regain the sight to see those who loved him and see all whom he loved. The school took initiative to bring him to a hospital in Tirunelveli and after a successful operation, Abinesh regained his sight. To the joy of Abinesh and to the joy of everyone who knows him, he considers it to be a second birth. Now, he took his turn as he began helping many children who find difficulty in the school. He had participated for many competitions at different levels and won many prizes. One of his best achievements was the one act play on St. Alphonsa which was long, about 25 minutes. He has now presented it in more than 30 stages and he has received so much applause from the audience. He has had the opportunity to sing along with famous play back singers Anuradha Sriram and Mano during a programme at Nagercoil. After 15 years of his long life in Aseer Vidyalaya, now Abinesh takes care of his mother, whose life has become terrible with physical problems. He always shares his good experiences at Asser Vidyalaya where his life has been transformed through the love of teachers and sisters. He doesn't even hesitate to remind us the duty of a son to take care of his mother.



*For more information on the services for the Mentally Challenged by Aseer Vidyalaya:*

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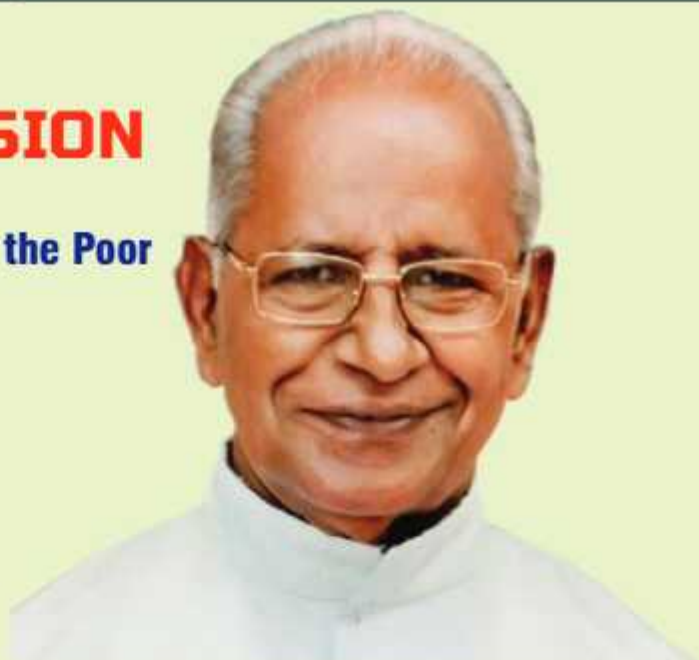


## VOCATION AND MISSION

**Rev. Fr Joseph Madathil**

**A Missionary with a Golden Heart for the Poor**

Majority of the young priests do take a lot of inspiration from pioneering missionaries who served for the Catholic Church in trying conditions, sacrificing literally everything of their lives. Many elderly missionary priests often say, "I go to bed very tired most nights, but I go to bed all the nights truly expressing my gratefulness for having been able to be a priest today." These words of the pioneer missionaries had brought forth blessed fruits of the kingdom of God in different mission centres of Kanyakumari Mission, which has formed into the Diocese of Thuckalay. Among the missionaries, Rev. Fr Joseph Madathil had a significant role to mould this mission, serving people day and night especially during a period that was marked with famine and poverty. After being ordained in the year 1961, he served as Assistant Parish Priest in Thathampally, Nedumkunnam and Nithiravilai. The one-year experience at Nithiravilai in Kanyakumari District amidst challenges paved an extraordinary vision in his priestly life, according to him. In 1963, he was appointed as the Parish Priest of St. Theresa of Child Jesus' Church, Manjalumoodu by Archbishop Mar Mathew Kavukatt. It was an adventurous mission in his life especially as one who was born and brought up in Kerala. While he stepped into the mission, now parishioners remember, "Manjalumoodu was like a land without shape". Geographically and socially it was a difficult area with very less chances that the people in general gave for a sustainable development and therefore no one was concerned for the progress of the local people. At this juncture of uncertainty, Fr. Joseph Madathil came not only as a pastor for the spiritual caring of the people but as a prophet and a leader to raise his voice for the poor. His service realm was not limited to Manjalumoodu, rather he was so zealous to bring the Good News to other places as well.



Mukkuttukal, Thettivilai, Malaicode, Marappady and Valiyavilai missions are the results of his tireless missionary activities. He worked hard to build Churches in these places and to teach them gospel values. As transport facilities were very scarce, he used to go on foot to visit families and to celebrate Holy Qurbana. He routinely paid house visits in order to understand the reality of his people. Final blessings after the visits are still remembered by people in the area with much gratitude. Initially, he managed to carry out all the mission services alone, but later having realised the need for assistance, in 1965 he brought Sacred Heart Sisters from Changanacherry to involve in the mission activities. They started their service staying in a rented house near Manjalumoodu Church. They accompanied Rev. Fr Joseph Madathil to different mission stations on foot and at the end of the day they would remain for many hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament seeking God's grace to face the difficult situations.

In 1968, Rev. Fr Cyriac Koottummel came as Assistant Parish priest to Rev. Fr Madathil. It was an unimaginable help to him those days to continue his mission as well as to begin new ventures in different places. Both of them together rendered a new face to the whole Manjalumoodu village bringing people to the frontline, sending children to schools and youth for higher education etc. They had tried hard to improve the life of the people restructuring houses and implementing new financial saving schemes. He identified resources to give loans for agriculture and



for other compelling needs of the people. The beneficiaries were selected without any kind of distinction of caste or creed.

In the realm of education, he introduced various challenging initiatives for children as well as adults. He began nursery schools attached to every Parish Church and at the weekends adults were welcomed for the basic tuition classes. SH Sisters helped him to carry out this education ministry among the villagers. Holy Family School at Mukkottukal, which was established in 1969, is the existing testimony to these initiatives undertaken by Rev. Fr Joseph Madathil. The Holy Family School had taken initiatives to alleviate hunger among the children of very poor families.

In the realm of health, Rev. Fr Joseph Madathil contributed a lot to improve the health care of the people. As there were no hospitals in Manjalumoodu area, he observed that there were many deaths without getting emergency health care interventions. For this primary concern, Rev. Fr Joseph Madathil, with the support of the Sisters, had taken initiative to begin a dispensary in the Convent. This helped many poor people to get access to basic health care services for the improvement of their health.

In the realm of employment programmes, Rev. Fr Madathil brought about new schemes for the villagers, especially for women. It was a venture to bring women out of the four walls to the forefront of life and help them in building their capacity to earn a decent income on their own. Through the khadi schemes of the central ministry, he ensured that many women were trained and obtained an employment. He always managed the resources to construct buildings to begin such kind of programs for the empowerment of the people. At one point of time, while he was in the Kanyakumari Mission, more than 200 people were working at different places like Manjalumoodu, Mukkuttukal, Malaikode, Karode and Marappadi.

After his 10 years of long and selfless service in Kanyakumari District, in 1973, he was transferred to Amboori. However, his



heart longed to return to the Kanyakumari Mission. God fulfilled his heart's desire as in 1982, he was again appointed as the Parish Priest of Nithiravilai Church. He was also taking care of Christurajapuram and Vayalinkarai. In 1983, he was transferred and given the twin missions of Anikarai and Palugal. In Anikarai, he started St. Mathew's Primary School, which then remained as a lamppost to shed light of knowledge to many. From 1983 to 1987 he also served as the Unit Director of Manjalumoodu Area of the Kanyakumari Social Service Society (KKSSS), rendering yeoman service in for the development of the people.

Rev. Fr Joseph Madathil is ever remembered by the faithful of the Thuckalay Diocese for all the blessings which they received through his selfless interventions. Even though he is at present in the Priests Home, Ithithanam, Archdiocese of Changanassery, spending his retired life in prayer and reflection, there are many from the Diocese of Thuckalay who still visit him seeking his prayers and blessings. He celebrates his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priestly life this year. We all in the Diocese of Thuckalay pray for his good health and happiness.





# Silver Jubilee

## *Drawing to Its Close*

We are drawing close to the two years of activities and functions in view of the Silver Jubilee of the Diocese of Thuckalay. It is important to recall the commitment we made on 10 November 2019 at Padanthalumoodu as we inaugurated the Jubilee with the theme Put out into the deep (Lk: 5:4) distributing jubilee candles, posters and prayer cards. The Diocese had organised a number of formative spiritual programmes with the theme of the Jubilee to help us go deeper in to our own faith and to give witness to the Gospel.

The programmes and activities were undertaken very enthusiastically by various departments and pious associations, however, due to the lockdown induced by the pandemic situation, we organised them online. Unfortunately, we could not organise some of the programmes that we had planned.







The Jubilee Monitoring Committee has prepared an intensive spiritual preparation for the conclusion of the Jubilee. Some of the important programmes in the coming days until we conclude the Silver Jubilee on 14 November 2021 are:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
	<i>Online Bishop's Meeting with the Faithful (7:00-8:15 PM)</i>
13 October 2021	Nithravilai Forane
14 October 2021	Padanthalumoodu Forane
15 October 2021	Arukani Forane and Malayalam Speaking Parishes and People
16 October 2021	Thuckalay – Plankalai Forane
17 October 2021	Manjalumoodu Forane
18 October 2021	Kaliyal Forane
19 October 2021	Thenkasi and all other Missions
	The Bishop has already met the faithful of Soosaipuram Forane.
24 October 2021	Parish Level Chain Rosary (8:00 AM-6:00 PM)
26-28 Oct. 2021	Diocese Level Chain Adoration (starting @ 7:00 AM)
05-06 Nov. 2021	Diocesan Retreat for all Faithful (Online 7:00-8:30 PM)
12 Nov. 2021	Cultural Program by Departments and Parishes (Online 6:00-7:30 PM)
13 Nov. 2021	Silver Jubilee Celebration of Episcopal Ordination of Major Archbishop, His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry, the first Bishop of the Diocese, with Priests and Religious at Kalluvilai (10:00 AM-1:00 PM)
14 Nov. 2021	Silver Jubilee Concluding Ceremony at Little Flower Church, Manjalumoodu (starting @ 9:00 AM)

***Jubilee Celebrations Shall End, Our Commitment to the Gospel of Christ is Ever Alive.***





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## Episcopal Ordination *Anniversary*

The Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of His Excellency Mar Rajendran sdb was celebrated by the Diocese in a small manner on 16 September 2021. The community at the Bishop's House and the Fathers serving in parishes and mission centres around the Bishop's House gathered to wish the Bishop.

In the evening, the Bishop visited for a Holy Qurbana in Lourdu Matha Church at Chenamcode where the religious sisters and some faithful joined the parish priest to wish the Bishop on his Episcopal Ordination anniversary and wished him good health and assured their prayers for fruitful mission as the Shepherd of the Diocese of Thuckalay.

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