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Dear and Rev. Fathers,

Greetings and prayerful wishes Bishop's House, Thuckalay!

We are entering the month of December. It is a month of festivities in the Church - the season of Annunciation, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother, and finally, the solemnity of the birth of Jesus Christ. We began the season of Annunciation on 27 November 2022, the four weeks, in preparation to the feast of the Nativity of Jesus, celebrated on 25th December constitute this season. In this season we practice abstinence from 1st to 25th December in preparation for Christmas, we call this period "25 days Lent". Let us make known this practice to all our faithful and exhort them to observe the days of 25 days lent.

This season of annunciation is called '*subbara*' in Syriac language. The meaning of this term is 'declaration, 'announcement' etc. What angel Gabriel announced to holy Mary was the greatest glad news to humanity that eagerly waited for the Saviour. Thus, this season is developed in the context of the mystery of incarnation completed in the fullness of time. The Church recalls during these days the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist, the predecessor of Jesus, and also the joyful event of the birth of John the Baptist. As a preparation for the celebration of the mystery of incarnation, this season also recalls creation, disobedience of our first parents and its consequences, the miserable state of the broken humanity, the promise of salvation offered by God, God's covenant with humanity, and the prophecies about the Saviour. During this season we also meditate on the role of Mary in the history of the plan of salvation.

Christmas is about a definitive moment in time, in human history, when God showed that He cared for every one of us by entering into our humanity so that He could walk with us, live with us, lead us, carry us and lift us to that better place. It is, therefore, not just about celebrations, but rather about the love of our God who wanted to become one with us so deeply, that he gave up his divinity to enter into our wretched humanity.

"*Maranatha*" (Rev. 22: 20) is an Aramaic (Syriac) expression that means: "Come, Lord Jesus." It was used as a greeting in the early church. When believers gathered or parted, they did not say hello or goodbye, but "*Maranatha!*" If we had the same spiritual outlook today, it would revolutionize the church and the lives of its members during this season. This should be our prayer and greeting during this season – come, Lord Jesus.

Christmas - the birth of God in a poor manger - is the most celebrated feast in this world. Christmas offers us all an opportunity to recapture glimpses of childhood's sacred memories. There is timelessness about gazing into the crib and coming face to face with the truth that God came down from heaven and dwelt

among us as a helpless baby. The gospel story tells us that at Bethlehem on a starry night the Son of God was born. A burst of light startled the shepherds, and angels sang at his birth. It is the simplicity of this happening that captures the imagination. Christmas is more than a story that is told – it is about a birth that brings heaven right down to earth. Love came down at Christmas, broke the sacred barrier between creature and Creator and gave an eternal value to our lives. God has given us the gift of reaching beyond ourselves and discovering the joy of heaven.

There was nothing romantic about the first Christmas. Christ's birth was a hard and bitter experience for Joseph and Mary, two poor people with doors slammed in their faces. They were the picture of poverty with neither room nor lodgings; forced to shelter in a stable outside the entry walls, where animals gave up their manger for the child Jesus. The Christ who was to die on Calvary outside of Jerusalem was born outside of Bethlehem. The message is clear from the very beginning that the love of God is available to all, but especially the poor, the weak, the disadvantaged. The stable is an indication of our need to see grace and goodness in the most deprived of people. As we kneel before the crib, we can pray for the vision during this short life of ours to see things God's way and for the courage to act according to his will.

Christmas becomes meaningful when we welcome the Lord as he comes to us in the wonder of every human being and as he reveals himself in the value and dignity of every person with whom we live and work. One of the things that makes Christmas very special is being remembered by friends. It is essentially a family feast and an occasion for exchanging gifts and sharing the warmth of our homes in the company of friends. Our hearts and our thoughts are especially with family members who are absent and unable to take part in our festivities. God's presence and love can be experienced in healing misunderstandings, patching up quarrels and letting bygones be bygones. Sometimes removing bitterness can be extremely difficult, but forgiving and forgetting will enable us to enjoy our Christmas happiness to the full.

Christmas is also about kindness, about giving and about the returning of love for love. It's the time of year when our hearts are in the right place and when we realize it is more blessed to give than to receive. We become alive and sensitive to the many needs of the poor who are crying out for our generosity and caring. Spare a thought also for those people who find the going tough and whose lives at this particular time are in the shadow of the crib because of a cross or a recent death. Our joy highlights their sadness. May your Christmas be a holy one because if it is, it will be a happy and joyful one!

On 8 December, we celebrate the solemnity of Immaculate Conception. Mary is the world's most remarkable model of an Advent figure. At a given moment in salvation history, God asked her to mother his Son. It was a demanding invitation and one which troubled her greatly. When she gave her reply to the angel Gabriel, let it be done to me according to your word, the salvation process began and from her humanity came his flesh and blood. To be worthy of such an honour, God graced her with freedom from original sin from the first moment of her conception. Mary had to be immaculate, untouched by sin from the first moment of her birth. The mother, who was carrying God's son, not for herself but for a world in need, could have no hand, act or part in sin. Mary became Christ's first disciple and the very model of what discipleship means.

The solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a doctrinal feast, which celebrates Mary's first moment of existence, in the womb of her mother, St Anne. This feast also celebrates the humility and faith of Mary, a woman who accepted the challenge which God put before her. She is an example of what human life is capable of achieving when touched by the grace of God. Like many a mother she gave a child to the world while remaining unaware of the details of God's plan. We should not think that because Mary was

free from sin her life was without struggles. She was subject to the same doubts and anguishes that we all face. Like her son, she shared all our problems and difficulties showing us the value of patience amidst our own trials, by turning sorrow and trouble into hope and joy.

Mary reminds us of the goodness of God which is the source and root of our life. What he wills for Mary he wills for all of us. In sending his Son into our world, God wanted to share the very best of Himself with us, by making us his adopted sons and daughters. God calls each of us like Mary to welcome Jesus and to make room for him in our lives. If we give him cooperation in living his word and sharing his cross, he will shape us into a worthy dwelling place for his Son. Mary teaches us what it means to abandon ourselves completely to God's will and to be fully at his disposal. We are fortunate to call Mary our mother and to claim her as the model to imitate to the best of our ability. Of all creatures, she is the closest in love to God, nearest to his heart and everything a human being should be. Her Immaculate Conception calls us to be more freely and totally ourselves according to God's eternal plan.

Let us as we enter into this wonderful month of December, let us together with Mary prepare ourselves to welcome the child Jesus. He comes knocking. He stoops low and invites us to find him in the lowly places of this world, in the lowly places of our own life. What are the things in your life that may be crowding out Jesus? What obstacles and preoccupations leave little or no room for him? What keeps you from recognizing Jesus and opening the door wide when he comes? If you have already opened the door to him for many years, praise God and ask the Lord to help you open wider. Even though many of us have invited Jesus in, we have given him poor accommodations, perhaps relegating him to the couch or the floor.

Hence, the message of Christmas, dear Fathers, is this: make room for Jesus. Make more and more room for him in the inn of your soul. The Scripture assures us: "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the power to become children of God" (Jn 1:12). Christmas night is a night of gifts and Jesus stoops low to give us a priceless gift: the power to become children of God. However, the question is: Is there room in the 'inn' of our hearts?

NEWS AND EVENTS

Pastoral Council at Sangamam: The fourth Meeting of the VI Pastoral Council was held at Sangamam on 01 November 2022 at 10. 00 am. In my absence, with my special mandate Rev. Fr. Thomas Powathuparampil, the Vicar General presided over the meeting. In the TNBC Meeting held in the month of July, it was decided to organize awareness programmes in the diocesan level about different welfare schemes of the government for the good of the people. Therefore, an awareness class was organized in the pastoral council on the rights and duties of unorganized workers. Adv. Thenpandian and Rev. Fr. John Paul sdb were the resource persons of the day. In the second session, a fruitful discussion took place on the possibilities of beginning a welfare committee in our diocese under the guidance of laity commission to provide a helping hand to the workers who belong to the unorganized sector. Around 63 members participated in the Pastoral Council and it was ended at 01.30 pm. I thank Rev. Fr. Thomas Sathianesan, the Director and Mr. John Kumarithozhan, the Secretary for organizing it well.

SMYM: Training of Animators and Resource persons: Under the leadership of SMYM, a one day special training for the selected members was held at Kalluvilai on 01 November 2022. The morning session of the programme was animated by Ms. Sherin (Velicham Foundation). The trainer helped the trainees to have a method on analysing the problems faced by the youth in the society and gave the tools to provide solutions. The afternoon session was animated by Fr. Arul Antony sdb, the director of

Vazhikatti together with Fr. John Paul sdb. It was a practical session wherein the youth were asked to take classes on various themes. Twenty youth took part in the training and 6 youth are part of a youth resource team. On the same day from 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm, Ms. Sherin gave training to 30 religious and lay animators. She focused on the problems in the society, our attitudinal change and response. Care for the youth was the central theme for training. I appreciate Fr. Joseph Santhosh for the successful coordination of the programme.

Painting competition at KKSSS, Kalluvilai: To expose the talents and creativity by painting on plain canvas, a painting competition was organized by KKSSS at Kalluvilai on 01 November 2022. The competition has conducted as part of the Golden Jubilee celebration of KKSSS. 35 students from various schools of the district participated in it. The cash prize was announced for the winners. Congratulation to the winners and coordinators!

Dance Fest at Kalluvilai: Under the directions of Family Apostolate, a dance competition was held at Aseer Auditorium, Kalluvilai on 05 November 2022 for the members of Mathru Jyothis. Fr. Abin Poovathumoottil inaugurated the competition by lighting the lamp. 12 teams from different parishes participated in it. Following teams were awarded prizes: first prize went to Soosaipuram Parish, second prize went to Marappady and third prize to Thakkalivilai and Thuckalay Parishes. I thank Fr. Jimmy for the new initiative for the mothers of our diocese.

KII Animators' Online Meet: An online meeting of the animators of Kuzhanthai Issu Iyakkam was held on 05 November 2022 at 02.00 pm. In the meeting presided over by the Director Fr. Anil Raj, future plans, such as convention, competitions and Christmas celebration were discussed. Animators wished Sr. Lisa SH who celebrated the Silver Jubilee of her first profession. The director thanked for the support given by the animators for the animation programme conducted in the month of September 2022.

Writing Competition at Padanthalumoodu: Eparchial level Bible Fest Writing competition was held on 06 November 2022 at Padanthalumoodu Forane Church campus at 02.30 pm. The first and second place winners of the Forane level writing competitions were the participants of the competition. 168 students participated in the competition. The results will be published on 14 January 2023. I thank the entire team of catechesis department for organizing well the Eparchial level competitions.

'Varnam' Competition at Kalluvilai: In connection with Children's day celebration, KKSSS organized "VARNAM 2022" an interschool Drawing and painting contest for school children on 10 November 2022. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. S. Isias, Principal of St. Alphonsa arts and Science Collage at Karungal. The main focus of program was to promote the creativity of children and to inculcate awareness about their dignity. Above 700 students actively participated in the competition and showed their talents. Winners of painting and drawing competitions are awarded cash prizes, trophies, and certificates. CRS Director Rev. Fr. Celestin, Director of TASOSS; Rev. Fr. Albert Thambidhurai, Director of MIDS; Rev. Fr. John Kumar, Director of KSSS Rev. Fr. John Michael and Director of KIDS, Rev. Fr. Michael participated in the concluding meeting. I thank Fr. Aby Poovathumoottil for the successful coordination of *Varnam*.

Dance and Song Competition for SHG: Dance and Song competitions were held for SHG groups at Kalluvilai on 12 November 2022. 21 SHG groups participated in the song competition and 13 SHG groups participated in the dance competition. In the song competitions, Divine SHG from Manjalumoodu got the first prize and in dance competition, Munchirai team achieved the first prize. A *Kolam* competition was also conducted on the theme Golden Jubilee Emblem. 52 SHG teams participated in the

competition enthusiastically depicting the golden jubilee emblem through their colorful drawing. Congratulations for the winners and coordinators.

26th Diocesan Day Celebrations: In remembrance of the Diocesan Foundation Day on 11 November, the Eparchy celebrated on 13 November 2022, the 26th Diocesan Day at Sacred Heart Forane Church, Padanthalumoodu. The celebrations started at 3.00 pm with a concelebrated Holy Qurbana. I presided over it. Rev. Fr. Thomas Powathuparampil, the Vicar General welcomed all the faithful. An offertory procession was done before the Holy Qurbana by the Kaikars of each parish and the Local Superior of the convents. The Holy Qurbana was followed by an open stage cultural programme presented by the various departments and parishes. Rev. Fr. Joshy Kulathumkal, Chancellor, presented a brief audio visual report of the Eparchy. The first batch of the Sinai Theological Institute, who have successfully completed their degree course in theology were honoured with degree certificate. Many Fathers, Sisters and Faithful participated in the event. Rev. Fr Robins Kuzhikodil, Rev. Fr. Joseph Santhosh and Rev. Fr. Thomas Sathianesan worked hard to make the event a grand success. I thank all of you, dear Fathers, for making the event memorable for all of us.

Silver Jubilee Celebration at Perunchilambu: The religious congregation of ‘Little Servants of the Divine Providence’ (LSDP) founded by Rev. Sr. Litty in the year 1978 started their mission at Thuckalay diocese in 1997. Providence Home started to function in a rented house at Kalkurichy near Thuckalay with four Sisters and 7 inmates on 3 December 2022. Then they bought a new plot at Perunchilambu and constructed the house. Blessing of the newly built Providence Home was done on 20 December 1999. The Jubilee Year was inaugurated on 3 December 2021. The concluding celebration of Silver Jubilee was held on 16 November 2022 at 10.00 am at Providence Home, Perunchilambu. In the thanksgiving Holy Qurbana celebrated by me, Rev. Fr. Thomas Powathuparampil, Fr. Thomas Thumbayil, Fr. Thomas Thekkethala and Fr. Mathew Thekkeketu were the concelebrants. The Holy Qurbana was followed by a public meeting presided over by me. Along with Rev. Sr. Rosily LSDP, the Superior General of LSDP congregation a good number Sisters came from Generalate House and many Fathers, Sisters and the public were also present from our Eparchy for the event. We thank Rev. Sisters for their selfless service in our Eparchy.

Vestition & First Profession at Karode: Four novices of FCC San Joe Province Thuckalay made their First Religious Profession and Vestition on 19 November 2022, 10 am at St. Joseph’s Church, Karode. The ceremony began with Solemn Holy Qurbana presided by me. Rev. Fr. Thomas Powathuparampil, Fr. James Pannamkuzhy, Fr. Peter Kizhakkeyil, Fr. Joseph Santhosh, Fr. Vinod Kanakkalil and Fr. John Joseph were the concelebrants. We congratulate the newly professed Sisters – Sr. Majitha M.P., Sr. Abisha R, Sr. Merin Suju M.R. and Sr. Benishma Theres S.B – and wish them God’s blessings in their religious life. I thank Rev. Fr. Ajeesh Attiyil, the Parish Priest of Karode Parish for coordinating the ceremony well.

Home Mission at Palugal Parish: From 31 October to 19 November 2022, Rev. Sisters of SABS Congregation from St. Joseph’s Province, Thalassery conducted a Home Mission Programme at St. Thomas Church, Palugal. A group of 10 Sisters came on 31 October and in three weeks they visited all the families of the Parish, conducted Seminar for youth, Eucharistic Retreat for children and elders and Adoration of Blessed Sacraments which helped for a spiritual renewal in the Parish. On 19th, for the conclusion of Home Mission, I celebrated Holy Qurbana and expressed our gratitude to the Sisters for their service to our Eparchy. I thank Rev. Fr. Jacob Aiyamathra, the Parish Priest, for preparing the faithful for Home Mission and making the necessary arrangements for the Sisters.

Mission Quest Online Quiz Competition: Mission Quest Online Quiz Competition is a unique opportunity for each of the faithful to gain a deeper understanding of the apostolic mission that Christ entrusted, to grow in missionary zeal and learn about missionary activities. This Mission Quiz was conducted via online on 30 October 2022. But due to technical errors, the mission quest could not be completed as per the prescribed criteria. Therefore it was re conducted on 20 November 2022 at 6 pm. In our Eparchy, 114 students and 243 adults participated in the programme. Eparchial level results are published and following are the winners from our Eparchy: In the Students Category, First: Jeswin S, St. Joseph's Church, Soosaipuram; Second: M. Christy, St. Little Flower Church, Puliyarai and Third: T. Kavyadas, St. Little Flower Church, Puliyarai. In the Adults Category, First: Miss Jency St. Joseph's Church, Soosaipuram, Second: Mrs. Regina Bai, St. Joseph's Church, Soosaipuram and Third: Mrs. P. Sindhu Rani, St. James Church, Mankarai. I congratulate all the winners and appreciate the initiatives taken by the catechesis department for organizing it very well in our diocese.

Blessing & Inauguration of Home for Senior Citizens at Moolamattam: Mrs. Mercy Jose (Kappen), one of our benefactors, donated to the Eparchy one and a half acres of land along with a specious and beautiful building at Moolamattam to begin a Home for Senior Citizens. She built it in memory of her husband late Mr. Jose Tharian, the founder of Geetha Village and Children home. The house is names as *Snehavilla*. On 23 November 2022, at 04.00 pm I blessed the Chapel of the house and celebrated Holy Qurbana. Mar Sebastian Pozholiparampil, Bishop of Hosur, was one of the concelebrants for the Holy Qurbana. At 06.00 pm, in the presence of Bishops, Political leaders, Fathers, Sisters and a big number of people, Mrs. Mercy Jose opened the Home by cutting the ribbon and the Bishop of Hosur had done the stone laying ceremony. Mar Joseph Kallarangatt, Bishop of Palai, blessed the building. The blessing ceremony was followed by the Public Meeting. I officially welcomed the dignitaries and Rev. Fr. Thomas Powathuparapil delivered vote of thanks. Mar George Madathikandathil, Bishop of Kothamangalam inaugurated the public meeting. Mar Joseph Kallarangatt, Bishop of Palai and Mar John Nellikunnel, Bishop of Idukki felicitated the event. Mr. Dean Kuriakose MP, Mr. P. J. Joseph MLA, Mr. Mani C Kappan MLA, Mr. Francis George Ex MP, Rev. Fr. Kurian Kalayil, the Forane Vicar of Moolamattam Parish, Mr. Augustine Kappen, Chairman of Kappen Family, Adv. Biju Parayanilam, Catholic Congress Global President, Sr. Biji ASSJM, delegate superior of Augustinian Sisters and Mr. K. S. Vinod, Panchayath President felicitated the occasion. Rev. Sr. Rose Chakkalakunnel, Mother General of FDSHJ was present for the function. During the meeting we honoured Mrs. Mercy Jose for her generosity to donate the Snehavilla to our Eparchy. 10 Fathers and three deacons from our Eparchy participated in the programme. I appreciate and thank the hard work of Fr. Ginoy Thomas and Fr. Joshy Kulathumkal for organizing the entire event.

Blessing & Inauguration of Jyothi Community Animation Centre: Blessing and Inauguration of Jyothi Community Animation Centre along with the conclusion of Golden Jubilee Celebration of Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (OMMI) were held at Padanthalumoodu on 25 November 2022 at 10.00 am. I blessed the newly built Animation Centre and the chapel. The blessing ceremony was followed by a public meeting presided by me. Rev. Fr. Jesurethnam, Vicar General of Kuzhuthurai, Rev. Fr. Jose Bright, Vicar General of Marthandam, Rev. Fr. Thomas Sathianesan, Rev. Fr. Dency Mundunadackal, Miss Thresiamma Mathew OMMI, Director of Jyothi Jeeva Poorna Trust and many other officials felicitated the event. I congratulate the OMMI Sisters for their dedicated service in our Eparchy and for the new achievements in the field of social work.

Seminar on Eparchial Assembly: I have decided to convoke in the year 2023 for the first time in the history of our Eparchy, an Eparchial Assembly, one of the major organs that assist the bishop in the governance of the Eparchy especially in matters that regard the special needs of the Eparchy. As a remote preparation, a half day seminar was organized at Sangamam on 26 November 2022 for a selected group

of faithful from priests, religious and laity. Special invitation was given to Curia members, College of consultors, Forane Vicars, Directors of selected departments, Provincials and delegates from congregations, representatives from Pastoral council, Youth and Mathru Jyothis. Rev. Fr. Jose Ettolil from the Arch eparchy of Changanacherry was the resource person. He presented very well everything related to Eparchial Assembly and provided practical suggestions on the procedure of conducting it in our Eparchy. In the second session, after my presidential address, a short discussion took place where the participants shared some relevant themes for the discussion in the assembly. I thank Rev. Fr. Chancellor for organizing the meeting with 36 participants.

Anniversary of Sangamam Garments Unit: The first anniversary of Sangamam garments was held at Sangamam on 28 November 2022. In the presence of the directors of Sangamam and KKSSS and the Panchayath President, I inaugurated the meeting by lighting the lamp. Around 75 people participated in this event. Then the dance and song cultural events were happening by the Sangamam garment members showed their talents through various cultural programmes. My sincere appreciation for the coordinators of the anniversary!

Sirumalar Platinum Jubilee Ezhuchipayanam: Sirumalar Mission League is celebrating its Platinum Jubilee in the year 2021-2022. The global level conclusion will be hosted by our diocese on 29 January 2023. The SIRUMALAR EZHUCHIPAYANAM that we are conducting in all the Foranes as a preparation for the concluding ceremony of Platinum Jubilee continues its journey by filling energy and enthusiasm in all the students. Except in Thuckaly Pilankalai Forane, it is going to be concluded by the end of November. This was really an occasion for our Eparchy to renew the spirit of unity and love in Sirumalar members. I congratulate and appreciate Fr. Printo Kurias for this new venture in view of upcoming Platinum Jubilee of Mission League.

INFORMATION

- **Pioneer Missionaries**, Rev. Fr. Kurian Puthenpura, Rev. Fr. Antony Poroorkkara and Rev. Fr. Philip Vaikkathukaran came to our Eparchy and visited the parishes established/served by them on 10 November 2022. We remember them with gratitude!
- **Rev. Deacons** reached back to the Eparchy for the diaconate ministry on 11 November 2022, after the completion of their seminary formation. They began their ministry in the following Parishes: Dn. Ajin at Virudunagar, Dn. Georgekutty at Soosaipuram, Dn. Liju at Nithiravilai and Dn. Prince at Nagercoil. We welcome them to the Eparchy and wish them a fruitful ministry.
- I undertook a visit to USA from 28 September to 13 November to meet our friends and benefactors. I thank you for your prayer support!
- **St. James High School, Mankarai** celebrated its 44th annual day on 24 November 2022 at Mankarai school campus.
- **CMI Malarnilayam, Pilankalai** celebrated its Golden Jubilee and the Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Thomas Thekkethala on 24 November 2022.
- **Alphonsa Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Nagercoil** celebrated its 33rd annual day on 25 November 2022 at school campus.
- **Holy Family Higher Secondary School, Mukkoottukal** celebrated its 54th annual day on 25 November 2022 at school campus.
- **Mr. Jose kutty** (68), the elder brother of Sr. Mary Tom FCC, is called to eternal rest on 25 November 2022. On the next day, 26 November, his wife, Mrs. Salimma Jose is also called to eternal rest. We express our sincere condolences and prayers to Sr. Mary Tom and her family and pray for the departed souls.

- **Mr. Jose Valliserry** (75), the elder brother of Sr. Clarelet CMC, is called to eternal rest on 26 November 2022. We express our sincere condolences and prayer to Sr. Clarelet and her family and pray for the departed soul.
- **Carmel Jyothi Matriculation School, Colachel** celebrated its 23rd annual day on 28 November 2022 at school campus.
- **Holy Family High School, Arukani** celebrated its 48th annual day on 30 November 2022 at school campus.
- **Fr. Kochumon Madapurackal** came back to the parish on 30 November 2022 after having taken necessary voice rest for the last five weeks. We continue to pray for him.
- **Christmas Greetings:** Dear Fathers, you will receive my personal Christmas Greetings to the faithful, liturgical wall Calendar 2023 and Christmas poster in the first week of December. Kindly distribute it when you go for Christmas carol singing to the families. There is a self-addressed envelope in the pack, kindly encourage all the faithful to contribute generously to the Eparchy. You are personally asked to collect the envelope from the faithful and later submit the same to the Eparchial financial officer.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

02-04 December	-	Bible Convention at Kalluvilai
05 December	-	KKSSS Golden Jubilee Celebration at Kalluvilai
07 December	-	Chapel Blessing of <i>Anbu illam</i> , Tenkasi & Blessing of Charitable home at Pavoorchatram, Tenkasi
11 December	-	Silver Jubilee of St. Vincent de Paul Thuckalay Central council & VAAN Inauguration
14 December	-	9 th Death Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Thomas Thekkel
17 December	-	Christmas Gathering with CRI members at Nithiravilai
19 December	-	Priests' Conference and Christmas Gathering with Presbyterium

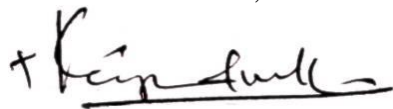
Diocesan Bible Convention

Place: Sinai Retreat Centre, Kalluvilai
 Dates: 02-04 December 2022, Friday-Sunday
 Time: 08.30 am – 04.30 pm

CONCLUSION

We are entering the last month of the year 2022. The year has been very momentous for the Eparchy in many ways. We have achieved much during this year. God has been blessing us with vocations, resources, and even personnel from other Eparchies, to continue our mission work in the extended territories of the Eparchy. Let us raise our minds and hearts to God in gratitude for all the blessings that we have received throughout this year. Let me take this occasion to wish everyone a Christ-filled Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2023! With my prayers and blessings,

Yours in Christ Jesus,



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