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Dear Fathers and Brothers

Prayerful greetings from the Bishop's house. I am happy to share with you some news and information regarding the coming activities in the diocese. Kindly take note of them.

SYMPOSIUM ON ST. CHAVARA AND ST EUPHRASIA HELD

We had a fruitful and informative symposium on St Chavara and St. Euphrasia organized by the CMI-CMC religious communities at Panthalamoodu parish on September 6. I thank you for taking part in the symposium; it was concluded with a priest conference. We need to take this forward to our faithful and prepare them well for the Canonization of these two great saints in the Catholic Church. Solemnly we will inaugurate the preparation process on 21st September, by reading my circular letter in the church and also praying a special prayer prepared for this occasion. The rest of the programs will be announced to you in a later stage.

ST. ALPHONSA SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

As you all know we are celebrating the silver Jubilee (concluding function) of St. Alphonsa Shrine on September 21, 2014. This is a golden opportunity for the diocese to come together and showcase our unity and communion. Our Cardinal George Alencherry will be coming for the function and it will be a great occasion for us to gather around him too. I believe if you give sufficient motivation and personal involvement it will be a great help to the success of the celebration. We have spent a considerable amount of time during the priest conference on this topic and finally we made some conclusions. May I give below the suggested points:

- Read my pastoral letter in the church on September 14, regarding the Silver Jubilee celebration
- Prepare as many people as possible from the parish to attend the function
- Form a small committee, which can take care of the transport and other small details of the journey
- Try to reach St. Alphonsa before 2.30 pm so as to begin the program by 3.00 pm
- It will be nice if you could give the exact number of persons who will be attending the function to Fr. Thomas Pawathuparambil.
- All the Forane Vicars are requested coordinate the travel and other activities within the Foranes. Fr. Jose Muttathupadam will help the Forane vicars
- In the absence of Fr. Christudas in the Nithravilai Forane, Fr. Mijo will see to the coordination activity in the Forane.

INFORMATION

- The Presbytery of Thettiode parish was blessed on September 10.
- Home mission is going in Manchalumoodu parish
- We have began a tuition center at Maruthamparai
- The Pulari offset press is taking printing orders.
- The Thanksgiving Holy Qurbana of Fr. Jinu Jacob will be held on 15th September. All the fathers are welcome to attend the same.
- The Third sitting of pastoral council 2014 will be held on 2nd October at 9.30 am at Sangamam. The priest members must attend the pastoral council at the same time inform the pastoral council members of your parishes.
- The 18th Diocesan day celebrations will be held on 8th Nov. 2014 at Aseer Auditorim Kalluvilai
- The annual spiritual retreat 2014 will be held from 5-10 October, at Attapaddy. We will be taking the train from Trivandurm and will leave from Padanthalumoodu on 5th October at 8 pm.
- Let me once again remind you to keep all the parish and institutions accounts updated and the land documents ready.

JUNIOR PRIESTS SEMINAR

The scheduled meeting of the junior priests (five years and below of ordinations) on September 16 is postponed to 30th September, due to the First Holy Qurbana of Fr. Jinu Jacob on September 15 at Pacha, Kerala. The following fathers to attend the program without fail:

S. No	Name	Address	Date of Ordination
1.	Rev. Fr. Sebastian Puthenpurayil (Mijo)	Christurajapuram	Api 7, 2010
2.	Rev. Fr. John Paul	Vanchinagar	Api 30, 2011
3.	Rev. Fr. Toji Parampiparampil	Athencode	Api 7, 2010
4.	Rev. Fr. Kurian Panthichirackal (Sanal)	Nagarcoil	Api 10, 2010
5.	Rev. Fr. Augustine Alappurackal(Tobin)	Pulari- sengottai	Api 14, 2012
6.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Mundanadackal (Dency)	Guwahati (absent)	Api 10, 2010
7.	Rev. Fr. Prince Maliyil	Thettiode	Api 10, 2010
8.	Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Arackaparampil (Johnslal)	Varuthattu	Api 10, 2010
9.	Rev.Fr. Jinoy Thottiyil	Valiavillai	Api 30, 2011
10.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Mangalamadam (Jomon)	Marapaddy	Api 14, 2012
11.	Fr. Joseph Nettapungu (Sajan)	Annikarai	April 6, 2013
12.	Fr. Philip Puthettu (Alex)	Soosaipuram	April 9, 2013
13.	Fr. Mathew Thekkal (Lijo)	Thettivilai	April 6, 2013
14.	Fr. Antony Madapurakal(Kochumon)	Sengottai-Pulari	April 6, 2013
15.	Fr. Joseph Velikkakathu (Tony)	Padanthalumoodu	April 6, 2013
16.	Fr. Seby	Kattathurai	April 28, 2014
17.	Fr. Linslal	Soosaipuram	April 28, 2014

Thank you
Yours in Christ

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Bishop of Thuckalay