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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Cordial greetings from the Bishop's House.

### **JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT SUSAIPURAM**

At the outset may I express my happiness about our Diocesan gathering for the **Gratitude cum Jubilee Celebrations** at the Susaipuram parish. The celebrations were well organized, thanks to the efforts of our fathers, sisters, and parishioners of the Susaipuram parish. I would like to make a special mention of Fr. Antony Jose, the Parish Priest of Susaipuram, and Fr. Linslal and the parishioners who made it a memorable day for the Jubilarians by the detailed and painstaking arrangement of the place and the events.

I once again congratulate our dear Fathers and Sisters who celebrate their jubilees of commitment and fidelity to the Lord. May the Lord continue to support, bless, encourage and lead each one of them in the mission he has entrusted to them.

### **ANNUAL RETREAT**

As we are spiritual animators of the people of God, mother the Church expects each of us to go through spiritual renewal ourselves. One of the moments of spiritual renewal provided and obligated by the Church for all of us priests, is our Annual Spiritual Retreat.

There was a suggestion earlier that we the presbyterium can profit much from the retreat for priests conducted at Attapady. But there are only few signatories who desire to attend the retreat at Attapady to be conducted from 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of October.

The retreat at Attapady will be arranged only if there are a sufficient number of participants. Otherwise it will be arranged in the diocese itself for the convenience of every one. Kindly do not arrange any program during the days of retreat. Fr. Jose Muttathupadam, our VG will contact you personally in this regard. The priests belonging to Religious congregations are free to attend this retreat or can follow the discipline as prescribed to them by their superiors.

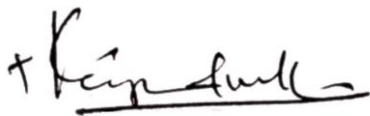
### **SEMINAR ON ST. CHAVARA AND ST. EUPHRESIA**

Our Syro-Malabar Church and the Indian Church is going to be blessed with the declaration of the Sainthood of Bl. Chavara and Bl. Euphresiamma. We will be communicating and teaching the faithful, the life history of these saints, their holiness, and their heroic virtues. We ourselves at first need to get to know the details and their stories. In view of this, there will be a seminar conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> September at Padanthalumoodu from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm. I urge every priest of the diocese to attend this seminar and gain by it.

### **PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DN. JINU**

Dn. Jinu Jacob will be ordained priest on September 13 at St. Alphonsa parish, Nagarcoil. I welcome every one of you to be present for the celebration.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Rajendran", with a horizontal line underneath.

**+ George Rajendran sdb**  
Bishop of Thuckalay