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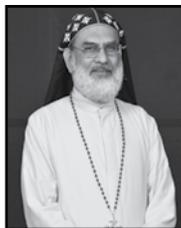
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## Shepherd's Message

In the parable of the tenants (Mt 21:33-41), when all the slaves were beaten by the tenants, the owner of the Vineyard sends his son to collect the produce of the harvest. The tenants saw the son and said to themselves, 'this is the heir.....'. The parable directly alludes to the Heavenly Father and his only son Our Lord Jesus Christ. The tenants recognised the son as the heir, however they chose to do wrong and keep the produce to themselves. In our lives too, we see many indications from God, and also we have the ultimate person of Our Lord Jesus Christ, whom we too recognise as the 'heir', the Lord and Master. Nonetheless, often, we are reluctant to choose the right, we stay indifferent, we try to keep the produce to ourselves.



As we come closer to the season of Advent, it is good to realise that every Christmas is not just mere remembrance and celebration of Lord's birth; it is more a reminder for us to accept the Lord Jesus as the 'heir' in our lives; and get ready to handover our produce to the Son who has been sent to us by the Heavenly Father. It is also a reminder of the mandate of Evangelisation entrusted to us by the Lord. Hence may this season of advent be a motivational one for us to continue and grow fervently in our mission.

The Holy Father has written a letter to the Bishops in India and urged all to spread the Gospel with one mind and one heart. This is a new chapter in the history of the church in India. May the Lord's name be praised and glorified.

Our diocese is happy to have yet another parish in Tripura, first in the North East. Many in that region shall be able to enjoy the source of grace through that Parish. I also congratulate all those who were involved in the successful completion of the MCYM convention which was held in Surat. The theme of Youth; Follower and Evangeliser must continue to be imbibed by all our children. The First Semester Catechism Examination is also coming up. I wish our children all the best and hope that the preparations will be done keeping in mind the goals of faith formation.

I extend my prayerful blessings for a graceful season of Advent!

May God bless you all,

✠ Jacob Mar Barnabas  
Bishop of Gurgaon



## **THE SYRO-MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH**

### **YOUTH DAY 2017**

#### **Message from the Most Rev. Dr. Vincent Mar Paulos, the Chairman of Commission for Youth**

Reverend Fathers, Deacons, Religious, and dear Young Friends  
in Jesus Christ,

Our Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the heavenly Patron of the youth wing of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church as Youth Day on the first Sunday of October. As we celebrate MCYM Day on 1st October 2017, let me greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In a very special way my greetings go to all the Fathers, Sisters and lay people who are involved in the youth ministry of our Church. I encourage the youth animators and youth ministers to commit themselves further to assist and accompany the youth towards attaining a personal and growing relationship with Jesus and His Church.

Dear young friends, you are in the most wonderful period of your human life in this world. God has blessed you with diverse talents, enormous energy, reasoning power and fantastic memory. Your

spirit for inventions and innovations knows no boundaries. You are the present, future and the wealth of the Church and society. You can make the world a better place to live if you build up your life on the foundation of Jesus. I wish and pray that this celebration be a powerful experience of fraternity and joy.

Youth day is an occasion to think of the concerns and anxieties of the young people in living the faith life in the midst of the challenges of the time. As we celebrate the youth day I invite you to reflect and meditate on the directions given by St. Peter the Apostle. "...You who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another...Cast all anxiety on Him, because he cares for you... discipline yourselves, keep alert...steadfast in your faith" (1Peter 5:7,8, 9). Having a heart full of memories of Jesus, St. Peter gives exhortations and directions to the young people.

### **1. Be clothed with humility**

The first exhortation given to the youth is to clothe themselves with the garment of humility. Humility is a virtue very hard to practise in the modern culture. We are vulnerable to all forms of pride, intellectual and spiritual. Humility is the only garment that can protect us from the so many arrows of pride. Hence, St. Paul wrote to the Philippians: "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but with humility; regard others as better than yourselves. Let each one of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others" (Phil 2:3-4). That is the key to practise humility: putting the interests of others in the first place. When it comes to our own needs and interests, this virtue helps us to believe in God's providence and grace. Humility means accepting our own shortcomings and being happy even in the unrecognised situations. It helps us to look at what we have instead of lamenting over what we do not have. "Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he said, "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). We have an inspirational personality for humility in the

life of Pope Francis. The excitement created by him in the Church and society is known as “Francis effect”. He attributes it not to his personality but to a divine person called the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit makes the Church move forward. i. Francis effect moves us to love the poor; ii. Francis effect moves us to be inclusive and welcoming; iii. Francis effect impels us to be evangelizers. Cast all your anxieties upon God because he cares for us. Since God cares for us we can with confidence accept any experience which comes to us. God works for good with those who love him. (Cf. Rom 8:28)

## **2. Discipline Yourself and Keep alert**

The call to cast our burden upon God does not give us the right to sit back and do nothing. We are to be sober and watchful. The real beauty of a young boy or a girl rests not on the physique, but on their discipline and vision of life. The young people need a skill to live a meaningful life. This skill is called wisdom, which enables us to know the purpose and plan of God in our life. It is the capacity to choose the spiritual over the material, the ability to love the world for God’s sake rather than for its own sake. The disturbed and confused youth are unable to formulate a vision of life. When they fail to design their own future, then someone else designs it. They become puppets in the hands of selfish politicians or religious fundamentalists or even terrorists. Real issues of the people are emotionally blackmailed through the wide and aggressive use of social media. The real issues are neglected and emotional and sentimental issues take the centre stage in the public discourse. Technology-driven lifestyle is leading to decadence of mental health and collapse of moral, ethical and spiritual values in personal and public life. Playing computer games instead of playing out and falling in love with gadgets instead of making friends are taking our younger generation to a life which has no spiritual basis.

Technology and media serve to educate, inform and entertain. Without media we can organise neither our private life nor the complexity of our modern society. Pope Benedict XVI already

warned us regarding the positive and negative sides of social networks. “The new technologies allow people to meet each other beyond the confines of space and of their own culture, creating in this way an entirely new world of potential friendships. This is a great opportunity, but it also requires greater attention to and awareness of possible risks” ((Message for the 45<sup>th</sup> World Communications Day, 2011).

Social media is a very powerful temptation, so it can also become addiction. Some youth are easily influenced so they may feel the need to change their physical appearance by comparing themselves to the next person they see in the media. Social websites become their priority, rather than the things that should come first such as family, prayer and sports. Therefore here, youth have to discipline themselves and keep themselves alert. To know more about the right use of media you can refer DOCAT numbers 37 to 46. Using the media sensibly is a challenge for every individual. Values enshrined in the Gospel must lead us to a disciplined way of using the media. Parents and youth animators have a particular responsibility to be model in this regard. Let not the new forms of addictions conquer our young people.

### **3. Be Steadfast in your faith**

The third exhortation which St. Peter gives to the young people is to be steadfast in faith. The same exhortation is given to Corinthians by St. Paul too. “Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong!”(1Cor16:13). ‘Modern culture’ distances the young people from Christian values. So Pope Benedict XVI in his introduction to YOUCAT clearly exhorts the young people to know and to be deeply rooted in faith to confront the challenges of today. “You need to know what you believe. You need to know your faith with that same precision with which an IT specialist knows the inner workings of a computer. You need to understand it like a good musician knows the piece he is playing. Yes, you need to be more deeply rooted in the faith than the generation of your parents did so that you can engage the challenges and temptations of this time with strength and determination.” While

encouraging the youth to live their faith in all facets of life, the Holy Father acknowledges the complex situations of the present day society also.

So dear young friends, come to the youth movement with a heart that wants to learn and live the Catholic faith. St. Peter was able to focus his eyes on Christ in the midst of wind and waves. (Cf. Mt 14:29-33). Liturgy-based life facilitates a love for Catholic faith. Through sharing in the Eucharist, scripture study, service, fun and fellowship, we live, celebrate and witness the faith. Then you will be able to design your future in the light of spiritual values.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for the XV General Assembly of the Ordinary Synod of Bishops in October 2018 clearly touches two questions concerning the young people. 1. How do the young people experience the life of faith amid the challenges of our time? How can you develop a life project by discerning your personal vocation? Let us also reflect on these questions in our unit level meetings and youth day celebrations.

May I recommend you to celebrate this Youth day more meaningfully in the respective units! The Church level Youth day programme will be held in the Eparchy of Bathery on 8th October at Sulthan Bathery. I wish to remind you that the offering of this day shall be remitted to the eparchial finance office. Half of the offering is to be utilized for the youth ministry in the eparchy. I request the eparchial finance officer to send the other half to the Major Archiepiscopal Curia to be utilized for the activities of the youth ministry at the ecclesial level.

God bless you all.

Sd/-

✠ **Bishop Vincent Mar Paulos**

Chairman, Synodal Commission for the Youth,  
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Greetings from Eparchial Pastoral Council Secretariat, Diocese of Gurgaon, Mar Ivanios Bhawan, New Delhi.

In continuation to the WhatsApp Message dated 13.09.2017, this is to inform you that His Excellency Most Rev. Bishop Dr. Jacob Mar Barnabas, Chairman of the Eparchial Pastoral Council of Diocese of Gurgaon has decided to convene the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Eparchial Pastoral Council during the third week of November, 2017 in New Delhi. The EPC Meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 (Friday) from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral Hall at Neb Sarai, IGNOU Road, New Delhi-110068, under the chairmanship of the Diocesan Metropolitan. You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

The agenda points for the meeting would be mainly of follow up of the actions taken on the decisions of the earlier meetings; review of the functioning of the various departments, apostolate, parishes and missions of the diocese; and also planning for the future course of action in the life & mission of the Church in the Eparchy. Detailed agenda would be made available later.

Considering your rich experience, valuable suggestions, support, etc. which would be of very important during the deliberations, we earnestly request you to kindly ensure your active participation in the EPC Meeting and make your travel plans accordingly.

We solicit your continued prayers, support and sincere co-operation for the success of the meeting and other development process of the mission of our Church in the Diocese.

With warm regards and prayerful best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



(N.C. PHILIP)  
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Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, Resp. Head-Teachers, Teachers and loving Catechism Students,

Praise to be Lord Jesus Christ!

Prayerful Greetings! I hope and pray that the faith formation for our children is going on well. On behalf of the department, I sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Benny OIC (Region Catechism Director of Delhi Region) and Rev. Fr. Vishak Scariah along with the brothers of the Girideepam Minor Seminary who led the Jeevan Darshan Camp 2017 for the Delhi Region Catechism Students. The next camp shall be for the children of the Bhopal Region, the dates for the same shall be made known soon. The camps for our children in the mission regions shall also be conducted according to their availability and situation.

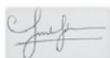
Since we are only a month and half away from the first semester exams (as informed earlier on **Sunday, 3 December 2017**), I request all our teachers to keep up the speed and make sure that the children prepare well and in time for the examinations. **I wish to kindly remind that this examination onwards, the question papers will include questions from anywhere in the Syllabus, and not only from the question banks.** Hence the students must go through and study the text very thoroughly. Question banks may be taken only as a reference.

Those parishes which have not submitted the list of teachers as well as that of the parish level MCCL executives are requested to send the list as soon as possible.

I wholeheartedly welcome good suggestions from you all for the proper spiritual growth of our Catechism Children.

Let us continue to pray and work together for our Children through our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Thank you,



**Fr. Jinto John**  
Director, Department of Catechesis/MCCL

**പുതിയ കുരിയബിഷപ്പ് ചുമതലയേറ്റു**

മേജർ ആർക്കിഎപ്പിസ്കോപ്പൽ കുരിയായുടെ പുതിയ മെത്രാനായി അഭിഷിക്തനായ അഭിവന്ദ്യ യുഹാനോൻ മാർ തെയഡോഷ്യസ് തിരുമേനി 2017 ഒക്ടോബർ 5-ാം തീയതി വൈകിട്ടു 6 മണിക്ക് കാതോലിക്കേറ്റ് സെന്ററിൽ മോറാൻ മോർ ബസേലിയോസ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ ക്ലീമിസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവ യുടെ സാന്നിധ്യത്തിൽ ഔദ്യോഗികമായി ചുമതലയേറ്റു. അഭിവന്ദ്യ സാമൂവൽ മാർ ഐറേനിയോസ് തിരുമേനിയും, ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വൈദികരും സന്യസ്തരും അത്യാപ്രതിനിധികളും തദവസരത്തിൽ സന്നിഹിതരായിരുന്നു.

**പാസ്റ്ററൽ കോഴ്സ്**

മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയിൽ പുതിയതായി വൈദികപട്ടം സ്വീകരിക്കുന്ന ഈ വർഷത്തെ ഡീക്കന്മാരുടെ പാസ്റ്ററൽ കോഴ്സ് 2017 ഒക്ടോബർ 29 മുതൽ നവംബർ 4 വരെ പട്ടം കാതോലിക്കേറ്റ് സെന്ററിൽ നടന്നു. 29-ാം തീയതി ഞായറാഴ്ച വൈകിട്ട് 8. 30 ന് മേജർ ആർക്കിഎപ്പിസ്കോപ്പൽ കുരിയായുടെ മെത്രാൻ അഭിവന്ദ്യ യുഹാനോൻ മാർ തെയഡോഷ്യസ് തിരുമേനിയുടെ ആമുഖസന്ദേശത്തോടെ ആരംഭിച്ചു. പൂത്തൂർ ഭദ്രാസനാധ്യക്ഷൻ അഭിവന്ദ്യ ഗീവർഗീസ് മാർ മക്കാറിയോസ് പാസ്റ്ററൽ കോഴ്സ് ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയിലെ 50 ഡീക്കന്മാർ പാസ്റ്ററൽ കോഴ്സിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തു. അത്യഭിവന്ദ്യ കാതോലിക്കാബാവ. അഭിവന്ദ്യരായ യുഹാനോൻ മാർ ക്രിസോസ്റ്റം, ജോസഫ് മാർ തോമസ്, സാമൂവൽ മാർ ഐറേനിയോസ്, തോമസ് മാർ അന്തോണിയോസ്, ഗീവർഗീസ് മാർ മക്കാറിയോസ് എന്നീ പീതാക്കന്മാരും സഭയുടെ വിവിധ ശുശ്രൂഷകളിൽ നേതൃത്വം വഹിക്കുന്ന ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വൈദികരും മേജർ സൂപ്പീരിയേഴ്സും അതമായരും ക്ലാസ്സുകൾക്ക് നേതൃത്വം നൽകി. 4-ാം തീയതി ശനിയാഴ്ച വൈകിട്ട് 5 മണിയ്ക്ക് കോഴ്സ് സമാപിച്ചു.

**സഭാതലസുവിശേഷസംഘം**

2017 ഒക്ടോബർ18-ാം തീയതി തിരുവനന്തപുരം മേജർ അതിഭദ്രാസനതല കൈവയ്പ് സ്വീകരിച്ച സഭാതലസുവിശേഷസംഘംഗങ്ങളുടെ സംഗമം പട്ടം കാതോലിക്കേറ്റ് സെന്ററിൽ വച്ച് നടന്നു. അവരുടെ കൂടുബാഗങ്ങളും അതിൽ സംബന്ധിച്ചു. അഭിവന്ദ്യ സാമൂവൽ മാർ ഐറേനിയോസ് തിരുമേനി ആമുഖസന്ദേശം നൽകി. അഭിവന്ദ്യ യുഹാനോൻ മാർ തെയഡോഷ്യസ് തിരുമേനി അനുഗ്രഹപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. ബഹു. ഫാദർ ആന്റണി കാക്കനാട്ട്, ബഹു. ഫാദർ ഗോഡ് ജോയ്, എന്നിവർ ക്ലാസുകൾക്ക് നേതൃത്വം നല്കി. സുവിശേഷസംഘംഗങ്ങൾ വഴി വ്യക്തികൾക്കും കുടുംബങ്ങൾക്കും ഉണ്ടായ നന്മകൾ ആത്മീയ ഉണർവ്, നവീകരണം ഇവ കൂടുബാഗങ്ങൾ പങ്കുവെച്ചു. 64 പേർ ഈ പ്രോഗ്രാമിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തു.

**സഭാതലസുവിശേഷസംഘപരിശീലനപരിപാടി**

2017 ഒക്ടോബർ21, 22 തീയതികളിൽ തിരുവനന്തപുരം മേജർ അതിഭദ്രാസനതല സുവിശേഷ സംഘം 2-ാം ബാച്ചിന്റെ 9-ാംപരിശീലനപരിപാടി പട്ടം കാതോലിക്കേറ്റ് സെന്ററിൽ വച്ച് നടന്നു. അഭിവന്ദ്യ യുഹാനോൻ മാർ തെയഡോഷ്യസ് തിരുമേനി സന്ദേശം നൽകി. ബഹു. ഫാദർ ആന്റണി കാക്കനാട്ട്, ബഹു.ഗോഡ് ജോയ് അച്ചൻ, ബഹു. സി. ഉന്നത എസ്. ഐ. സി. സി. മേരി പ്രസാദ് ഡി. എം, എന്നിവർ ക്ലാസുകൾക്ക് നേതൃത്വം നല്കി. കൂട്ടപ്പനക്കൂന്ന് ഡി. എം. ജനറലേറ്റിൽ സുവിശേഷസംഘ പരിശീലനത്തിലായിരുന്ന 17 സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സ് ഈ പരിപാടിയിൽ സംബന്ധിച്ച് കൈവയ്പിനായി ഒരുങ്ങി. വചനധ്യാനം, ആരാധന, കുമ്പസാരം സുവിശേഷാനുസൃത ജീവിതശൈലിയുടെയും സുവിശേഷശുശ്രൂഷഅനുഭവം പങ്കുവയ്ക്കൽ ഇവയും നടന്നു. 53 പേർ ഈ പ്രോഗ്രാമിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തു. നവംബർ 12-ാം തീയതി നടക്കുന്ന കൈവയ്പിനുള്ള ഒരുക്കവും നടന്നു.

## REUNION DAY CELEBRATION OF THE SYRO-MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH AND EPISCOPAL ORDINATIONS



The Syro-Malankara Catholic Church celebrated 87<sup>th</sup> Reunion Day (*Sabha Sangamam*) and Episcopal Ordinations from 19 to 21 September 2017 at Adoor under the auspice of Major Archieparchy of Trivandrum. It was an occasion for the Church to remember and to give thanks to the God Almighty for the abundant blessings which he has showered upon this Church during the course of time. The chief guest of the program was His Beatitude Patriarch Ignatius Youssef Younan III, the Syrian Catholic Patriarch of Antioch, and the other delegates His Excellency Youssef Habash, Bishop of USA-Canada, Archbishop of Egypt- His Grace Youssef Hanoush. All the bishops from the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, number of bishops from the Latin and the Syro-Malabar Church, Malankara Syrian Orthodox Church, Malankara Syrian Jacobite Church and Marthoma Church were participated in the celebration. The program was attended by more than twenty-five thousand people including Vicar Generals, Core-Episcopos, Rambans, Priests, Religious and Lay faithful from various parts of the world. There were representatives from the Hindu and Muslim communities and leaders from various political and other social realms.

As a memorial monument of the 87<sup>th</sup> Reunion day Celebrations, the newly constructed Sacred Heart church at Adoor, was consecrated and opened to all on 19 September 2017. His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, was the principal Celebrant, and His Beatitude Moran Mor Ignatius Youssef III Younan, the Syrian Catholic Patriarch of Antioch and the dignitaries participated in it.

On 19 September, after the hoisting of Papal and Catholicate flags at the venue of the celebration there was an International Quiz competition organized by the Malankara Catholic Youth Movement (MCYM). On 20<sup>th</sup> September there were gatherings of MCCL (children) MCYM (Youth), MCA (Laity) and *Mathrusangam* (Mothers Association) at various venues. More than thousand Sunday school students and teachers took part in the MCCL meeting and Rev. Fr Bony OFM conducted the orientation class. The gathering of MCYM was inaugurated by Dr. Santhosh Mathew IAS, the Chairman, NCTE. Rev. Dr Jacob Manjaly presented the theme. More than three thousand youth participated in the session. The session of the lay people (MCA) was inaugurated by Dr. Cyriac Joseph, Hon' Rtd. Justice of Supreme Court. Dr Jacob Punnoose IPS Rtd., DGP of Kerala, delivered the benedictory address. The gathering of the mothers (Mathrusamagam) was inaugurated by Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, and Adv. Grace Lal, Family Councillor, led the session.

Green protocol of the State was strictly observed throughout the celebrations. Hence, Mrs R. Girija IAS, Hon' District Collector of Pathanamthitta, gave the green protocol certificate to His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos for keeping the entire premises under green protocol of the state. Several charitable acts have been launched during this reunion gathering.

There was a special gathering conducted under the title 'Addressing of the Church in Fire' in view of addressing the issues of the persecuted Church in Syria. The chief guest of the

function His Beatitude Patriarch Ignatius Youssef Younan III, the Syrian Catholic Patriarch of Antioch shared the concerns and anxieties of the people in Syria and Lebanon. As a token of love the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church offered Rs. 65,00000/- to the persecuted church.

## Episcopal Ordinations

The Episcopal Ordinations of His Excellency Most. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Makarios (George Kalayil Ramban) as the Bishop of Puttur and His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Yoohanon



Mar Theodoisus (Yoohanon Kochuthundil Ramban), as Bishop of the Major Archiepiscopal Curia and Apostolic Visitor for Europe and Oceania were taken place on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017. The Principal celebrant was Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos. His Beatitude Patriarch Ignatius Youssef III Younan, all the prelates of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church and other Bishops delegates from various Churches solemnized the ceremony.

Afterwards, the following persons belonging to the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church were awarded for their yeomen service to the society at large: Dr K.M Abraham IAS (the present

Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala), Mr John Mathai IAS (Retired, Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala), Ms Lizy Jacob IAS (Retired Former Chief Secretary, Govt of Kerala), Mr Jacob Punnoose IPS (Retired Former Director General of Police, Govt of Kerala), Dr Alexander Jacob IPS (Retired Former Director General of Police, Govt of Kerala), Dr Santhosh Mathew IAS (Chairman, National Council for Teacher Education), Mr Jacob Thomas Kozhimannil IAS (Retired Former Chairman, Cochin Port Trust), Dr George Onakkur (Malayalam Literary Luminary) and Dr Varghese Kurian (NRI Industrialist).

Prominent religious-social-political leaders like Archbishop Maria Soosai Pakiam (Trivandrum), Archbishop Andrews Thazhath (Trissur), Archbishop Joseph Perumthottam (Changanassery), Archbishop Abraham Viruthukulangara (Nagpur), Mar Mathew Arackal (Kanjirappally), Bishop Stanly Roman (Kollam), Mar Alex Vadakkumthala (Kannur), Mar Jose Pulickal (Kanjirappally), Mar George Madathikandom (Kothamangalam), Mar Sebastian Edayanthrath (Ernakulam), Mar Joseph Pandarassery (Kottayam), Mar George Rajendran (Thakkala), Bishop Markos Mar Chrysostomos (the Evangelistic Association of the East at the Monastery of St. Aphrem, the Syrian), Bishop Mathews Mar Thevodosios (Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church), Bishop Abraham Mar Paulos (Marthoma Church), Rev. Dr. Tony Neelankavil (Bishop-Designate, Trissur), Rev. Dr. Sebastian Vaniapurackal (Bishop-Designate, Syro-Malabar Curia), Rev. Dr. Joseph Plampany (Thallassery) Rev. Fr Boby Alex (Deepika, Chief Editor), Prof P.J. Kurian (Deputy Speaker, Rajya Sabha), Mr M.M Mani (Hon' Minister of Kerala), Justice Kurien Joseph (Hon' Justice, Supreme Court of India), K.M Mani, V.M. Sudheeran, Raju Abraham MLA, Anto Antony MP, Kodikunnel Suresh MP, Francis George, Hon' Rtd. Justice Cyriac Joseph, Kummanam Rajasekharan (BJP State President), were participated in the celebration.

## **Inauguration of the Diocese of Parassala and the Installation of His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius**

The inauguration of the newly erected eparchy of Parassala and the enthronement ceremony of Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius, the first bishop of the Eparchy, was took place at Nazareth Home School, Balaramapuram on 23 September 2017. Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos was the Chief celebrant. His Beatitude Ignatius Youssef III Younan, the Antiochean Syrian Patriarch, Archbishop Giambattista Diquatro, the Apostolic Nuncio to India, Mother Prema, the Superior General of the Sisters of Charity, and other Bishops were given ecclesial reception at the main entrance of the venue. The *sunthroniso* ceremony or the installation was conducted during the concelebrated Holy Mass. Archbishop Giambattista Diquatro, the Apostolic Nuncio to India, gave the homily. It was followed by a felicitation meeting. Rev. Mother Prema, the Superior General of the Sisters of Charity, inaugurated the public meeting. She showed a special thanks to Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos for taking up Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkota as the patroness saint of the newly erected eparchy and offered prayers and support of the congregation to the new Eparchy. It is the first eparchy in the world which took Mother Teresa of Kolkota as the patroness saint. A good number of political-religious and social leaders were participated in the function.

### **Installation of His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Makarios**

The enthronement ceremony of Most Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Makarios, the second bishop of the Eparchy of Puttur, was took place at St. Mary's Cathedral, Nujibalthala, Karanataka on 30 September 2017. Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos was the Chief celebrant. The *sunthroniso* ceremony or the installation was conducted during the concelebrated Holy Mass. His Grace Archbishop Bernard Moris, the Archbishop of

Bangalore delivered the homily. All the bishop's from the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church and His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Aloysius Paul D'sousa (Mangalore), Rt. Rev. Dr. Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy (Belthangadi), and other members of the Bishop's Conference of Karnatka graced the occasion. It was followed by a felicitation meeting in which the Chief-Vip of Karnataka delivered the Key Note Address. A good number of political-religious and social leaders were participated in the function.

## Diocesan News

### Mathrusangham leadership training program



Mathrusangham Gurgaon Diocese organized a leadership training program on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Training program was started with the mass at 8.AM. by Rev. Fr. Simon [Mission Coordinator of Gurgaon Diocese], Rev. Fr. Philips Vazhakkunnathu [Director of Mathrusangham Gurgaon Diocese], Rev. Sr. Keerthana SIC [Regional Animator of Mathrusangham Delhi Region] took classes. After the classes Bible quiz was conducted. 10 teams participated in the quiz. Ever rolling trophies were sponsored by DM Sisters and were given to the winners-St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Nebsarai. Around 80 leaders from different parishes attended the program. The venue of the program was at St. Mary's Cathedral, Nebsarai.

## Shanthi Yatra & Rosary Pilgrimate And Mar Gregorios Memorial Day Celebration



Holy Mass , followed by Shanthi Yatra & Rosary Pilgrimage from ST. GEORGE'S MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH, MAYUR VIHAR, NEW DELHI to Main Road and Back to Church with Candle Light and Rosary. A good number of MCA Members from Delhi Region gathered there and participated in the Shanthi Yatra and Rosary Pilgrimage peacefully.

After the Shanthi Yatra and Rosary Pilgrimage, Doopa Prarthana was performed at Church for remembering the Arch Bishop Benedict Mar Gregorios.

A traditional meeting was conducted at the Church after the Doopaparthana :

Welcome speech and a brief speech of MCA Delhi Region workings for the last one year in Delhi was given by General Secretary, Shri T. Thomas and was given the high light of "Unnikoru Veedu" project for the support to our Mission Work of Diocese and it was decided that all members should contribute your own funds and collect from 5 out-side community peoples atleast Rs.1,000 from each person and mainly for the spreading the message of "Unnikoru Veedu" to outside community.

Facilitation was given by Rev. Fr. Sam Pathackal, [District Vicar] and Vote of Thanks by Shri K. Alex, [Unit President - Neb Sarai].

Mar Gregorios Memorial Day Speech was given by Msgr. Rev. Dr. Shaji Thomas Manikulam, Vicar General of Gurgoan Diocese which had a touch in our day to day life. He had also shown his satisfaction of the MCA Delhi Region functioning till date.

All our Delhi Region Priests had attended the function and had actively participated in the Shanthi Yatra , the Rosary Pilgrimage and the Mar Gregorios Memorial Day Celebrations. The celebrations were ended by Agape which was served by St. George Malankara Catholic Church, Mayur Vihar, MCA Unit.

## Church blessing in North East



On 11th Oct. 2017 the first Malankara Catholic Church in North-East St. Mary's Syro Malankara Catholic Church was blessed by His Grace Most. Rev. Thomas Mar Koorilos in the presence of Bishop Lumen Monteiro, Bishop of Diocese of Agartala and Bishop Jacob Mar Barnabas. On the next day itself Bishop Jacob Mar Barnabas celebrated the first holy mass in the newly blessed church. The blessing of Holy Mary Convent School also was held on the same day.

30 people had received baptism in Tripura Raishyabari Mission which was given by His Grace Most. Rev. Thomas Mar Koorilos in the presence of Bishop Jacob Mar Barnabas, Msgr. Rev. Dr. Shaji Thomas Manikulam, and Fr. Toju . From lay community Mr. Varghese Maman and Mr. Benjamin were also present there. Program was held at Raishyabari DM convent in the presence of Shubha Jose and Sr. Teena Alphonse.

Mission in charge Fr Christuraj OIC

## **IVANIA'17 -1<sup>st</sup> Youth Convention, Surat**

### **Theme: Youth the Follower and Evangelizer,**

The first youth retreat, ever after, the formation of St .John Chrysostom Diocese of Gurgaon was held in St Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Surat from 19th to 21st October, 2017. The pioneering attempt to gather together as the promising future of our Mission Diocese was attended by over 200 youths from Bhopal, Delhi and Odisha regions. The blessed event was marked by the presence of our patron, His Excellency Dr Jacob Mar Barnabas, Vicar General Most Reverend Monsignor Shaji Manikulam and over 15 priests of Gurgaon diocese , sisters, animators and MCYM regional and unit executives as well. The three day event started with the inaugural session which was solemnized by His Grace Dr Stanley Fernandez, Apostolic Administrator of the Baroda Diocese. The resource team for the convention comprised of the vibrant Salesians of Don Bosco from Mumbai comprising of Rev. Fr Mcenrone Lopes, Rev. Fr Leon Rodriguez and Mr. Richardson and Mr. Carson Medonza. Sessions were also taken by the Mr. Saji Daniel, animator of MCYM, Gurgaon Diocese and Mr .V. A George on the uniqueness of our Mission Diocese and how to answer the call to our vocation by youths who comprise the now that is the present of the diocese. With sessions on exploring the practical dimension of youth as follower and evangelizer and putting it to optimal use through social media, the importance of mission followed by adoration and the critical importance of confession to prepare ourselves for our vocation, Ivania 2017

was a blessed and a truly holistic experience for all due to the eclectic mix of cultural events and sports as well to facilitate our brotherhood in Christ in a healthy competitive manner. The event concluded with open senate meeting where the regional and diocesan level half yearly reports of MCYM were presented followed by open discussion where executives from MCYM Central Secretariat shared their experiential wisdom on the role of executives and the importance of senate meeting in MCYM. Ivania Youth Convention 2017 ended on 21st Oct around 1 p.m. but the fire and passion it has ignited in the minds of the young will continue to burn to give light to the Mission Diocese of Gurgaon.

### **Seminar for Young Couples, ‘Theology of the Body’**

The Family Apostolate of Diocese of Gurgaon organised a One-day Seminar for Young Couples, named ‘Theology of the Body’ (TOB Conference) on 15th October 2017 at St. Thomas Parish, Sewak Park, West Delhi. The programme began with Holy Qurbano, followed by the Classes and Interactions led by Professor Babu John, USA (Malankara Catholic Missionary). Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Shaji Manikulam, the Vicar General of Diocese of Gurgaon, inaugurated the Seminar and introduced the Resource Person – Professor Babu John. The classes were based on the Word of God and Catholic Teachings – CCC. There were about 200 participants, mainly young couples, senior youth and few senior couples from different parishes in Delhi Region. Representatives from Jesus Youth had also participated. Very Rev. Fr. Sam Pathackal (Proto-Vicar of Delhi Region and Diocesan Director of Family Apostolate) together with Young Couples Forum, supported by West Delhi Parish Committee gave leadership for various arrangements of the Seminar. The gracious presence of Vicar General and the Diocesan Director throughout the programme was a motivation to the participants and organizing team.

## Prachodana News

### Teachers Day Celebrations at Non Formal Education Centres, Prachodana



Teachers' day (September 5, 2017) was celebrated in our both Non Formal

Education Centres of Prachodana at Nebsarai and Mansaravor Park. To honour the contributions of the Teachers and their help in their development, children made some rose flowers and gifted to their loving teachers. Competitions were conducted and prizes were distributed. The day was really an opportunity to recall the services of the teachers to the society. It was the time for both students and teachers to look back and they got inspired by Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and his principles. Fr. Aji Thannimmottil and Sr. Emily Thomas were the chief guests in Nebsarai and Mansaravor Park centres respectively. After the function food was served in both centres on September 6, 2017.

### Onam Celebration

Onam was celebrated in Prachodana on September 5, 2017 as it is a festival of unity, sharing, caring and love. Staff and children were given "Onasadhya". Games were arranged for Onam. They shared the true spirit and culture of the Onam festival by joining and enjoying together through games, food and sharing etc.

### Gandhi Jayanthi

On October 3rd, our Non Formal Education Centre children at Nebsarai celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi and the programme began

with a prayer song. As part of this, children and teachers cleaned the church premise and nearby areas and took initiative to start a garden in church courtyard, planted different types of plants and after that they were given sweets. The programme was concluded by singing the National anthem.

## Deepali Celebration at Manasovar Park



On 23rd October 2017, the children and staff at Mansaravor Park celebrated the festival of lights. The celebration went so colorful as children and staff decorated the centre with diyas (lights) and candles. Every

member of centre enthusiastically took part in the preparation of the festival. Everyone enjoyed this event as well as also participated in it by singing and dancing. Competitions of Action Song and Singing were held and winners were given prizes. After the programme food was served to children and their parents.

## BVM Holy Cross MSW children and staff visit to NFEC Mansaravor Park, Prachodana

BVM Holy Cross College, Cherpunkal, Kerala is one of the pioneering institutions in Kerala offering multiple graduation and post-graduation courses including MSW. As part of their curriculum, MSW students (17 students and 2 faculties) had made a visit to our centre to study about the agency and its functioning in Mansaravor Park on 26th October 2017. They spent some time with the children by singing and dancing together. Last year also they had visited the centre.

## List of 10 members of Prachodana Monthly Contribution Scheme

1. Mr. Varghese M Mathew, Nebsarai
2. Mrs. Suja Ayanagar, Nebsarai
3. Mr. Manu Thomas, Nebsarai
4. Late Mr. Madan Choudary, Nebsarai
5. Mr. Ghanshyam Tiwari, C/o Mrs. Salamma
6. Dr. Priyanka Aggarwal, C/o Mrs. Salamma
7. Mr. Archana Raheem, C/o Mrs. Salamma
8. Dr. Priyanka Lahori , C/o Mrs. Salamma
9. Mrs. Salamma Babu, Nebsarai
10. Mr. Anupam C/o Mrs. Salamma

**Other members' details will be included in the coming volumes**

<b>List 7: Send A Child To School</b>		
1	Alwin Thomas	Nebsarai
2	Ashie Alwin	Nebsarai
3	Amen Thomas	Nebsarai
4	Purnima Das	C/o Nebsarai
5	D.M Convent	Mayur Vihar
6	Dileep Kaitharam	Mayur Vihar
7	Rakesh Aggarwal	C/o Mayur Vihar
8	Donia Jiji Joseph	West Delhi
9	Issac T Thomas	Mayur Vihar
10	Tessy Simon	Mayur Vihar
11	Jee Mol Shaji	C/o Fr.Devasia
12	Mr. Johnson	Nedumkunnam C/o Fr. Devaasia
13	Remya Anoop	Dilshad Garden
14	M.C. Varghese	Kottayam
15	George Kuruvila	Keshavadasapuram

## Girideepam Minor Seminary

### Vianney Fest 2k17 and Diwali Celebration

The Girideepam Minor Seminary conducted its Annual Sports and Cultral meet- Vianney Fest 2k17 from 5<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. The brothers were divided into two teams: Knights and Warriors. There were many intra matches, events, and competition that were conducted such as Basketball Matches, newspaper making, group singing, solo singing, essay writing comeptition, poetry competition, drawing competition, shotput, relay,cultural programme, quiz, and many other. Brothers participated in all the events with true sportsman spirit and with the zeal and enthusiasm to win all the events for their team. It is part of their formation in becoming the true disicples of Christ and becoming a zealous missionary.

The Seminary celebrated the festivle of Light- Diwali by lighting the whole Church and its premises with diya and offering mass in the evening for our benefactors and for the mission in the Diocese.

The Girideepam Minor Seminary will conduct its Seminary Day on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the evening.



## Delhi Region

### Report on Teacher's Seminar 2017



The Teachers Seminar was conducted on 01st October, 2017 at St. Mary's Senior Secondary Convent School, Faridabad. It began with a solemn Holy mass celebrated by Rev. Fr.

Mathew Manaluvila OIC. Thereby Mr. Saji Manalel, Secretary - Department of Catechism Delhi Region welcomed the gathering.

The first and second session was taken by Rev. Fr. Mathew Manaluvila OIC. It was an informative session focusing on the technique of teaching, how to maintain relation with catechism students in the modern world and mould them to face challenges on the basis of Jesus' teachings. Through his session he was reminding that Catechesis, as a special call of God. The final session was taken by Rev. Fr. Jinto John, Director, Department of Catechesis/MCCL - diocese of Gurgaon. He emphasized that teachers should be roll model. Discussed various points to help the department for improving teaching method and examination mode.

This was followed by a common discussion session by Rev. Fr. Benny OIC (Director, Department of Catechesis / MCCL Delhi Region). Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Shaji Manikulam, Vicar General of Gurgaon Diocese, with his presence and thought provoking words on the importance of teachers in the church. The presence of Mr. Sunny Konnathu, coordination - Department of Catechesis / MCCL - diocese of Gurgaon was awesome. A total of 62 teachers from the 9 parishes / mission centre of Delhi region attended the Seminar and memento distributed to them. Vote of thanks extended to all by Mr. Reji Samuel, Treasure-Department of Catechism Delhi Region. The Seminar went off successfully; concluded with prayer and blessing by our beloved Vicar General.

## DELHI REGION MCCL JEEVAN DARSHAN CAMP 2017



The most awaited Delhi region MCCL Jeevan Darshan Camp (JDC) for the children of 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> classes was conducted from 29-09-2017 to 01-10-2017 at St.Mary's Senior Secondary Convent School, Faridabad.

The camp was conducted by Rev Fr. Jinto John and Girideepam minor seminarians, Bro. Dains, Bro. Anto and Bro. Jose. 152 MCCL members participated in the same. It was preceded by the inaugural JDC procession. The participants were divided into three groups; Punjab, Tripura and Odisha; which had special importance as these names were taken from our mission centres. Odisha was declared as the best team and Master Edison Biju {West Delhi} & Kumari Diana Monachen {Dilshad Garden} as the best campiers. The three day camp comprised of sessions by Rev. Fr. Hans from Germany, Rev. Fr. Jinto John, Bro. Dains Raj, Mr. Saji Daniel and Rev. Fr. Simon, various games, action songs, cultural night, campfire and adoration which helped the children from different places to live in togetherness and happiness

The camp was concluded in the presence of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Shaji Manikulam (Vicar General Gurgaon Diocese), Very Rev. Fr. Sam Pathakal (Proto Vicar Delhi region), Rev. Fr. Benny OIC (Director, Department of Catechesis/MCCL Delhi Region) Rev.

Fr. Mathew Manaluvila OIC, Rev, Sr, Tomsy SIC (Principal, St. Mary's Senior Secondary Convent School, Faridabad), Mr Sunny Konathu (Coordinator-Department of Catechesis/MCCL- Gurgaon diocese) and representatives from various pious movements of Syro Malnakara Catholic church. Delhi region catechism toppers for the year 2016-17 were awarded.



A special word of appreciation to Rev. Fr. Jinto John, all the priest of Delhi Region, all the Seminarians, Seminary

Rector, council members of catechism of Delhi Region, and the management of St. Mary's Senior Secondary Convent School, Faridabad whose thorough and sincere efforts made this camp a cherishable one. Exceptional thanks and gratitude goes to Rev. Fr. Benny OIC, Director, Department of Catechesis/MCCL Delhi Region.

## **Mathrusangham Kaloltsavam**

Mathrusangham Delhi Region celebrated Mathrusangham Kaloltsavam on 2nd October 2017. Kaloltsavam started with mass at 7.30.AM. with Main Celebrant as Rev. Fr. Shaji Manikulam Vicar General Gurgaon Diocese. After the holy mass a small meeting was arranged and we had welcomed Our Vicar General Rev. Fr. Shaji Manikulam to Mathrusangham. Then the Competitions were started. Around 250 members from 8 parishes participated. Winner were awarded the prizes. The venue of the program was St. Mary's Cathedral, Nebsarai.

## SPANDAN 2017



MCYM Delhi Region Organized SPANDAN 2017 on 8th of October, a day to showcase the cultural talents of Delhi Region youth. The youth actively participated in events like photography, short film, choreography, duet singing, and talent show and made the event successful with their vibrant and enthusiastic performances. West Delhi unit was announced as the winner of SPANDAN 2017. Neb Sarai and Dilshad Garden units bagged the first and second runners up positions respectively.

### Redeemers Cup

**An Upcoming event of MCYM West Delhi - Redeemers Cup is an Ecumenical Football Event. This is the second season of the Cup which will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017. 30 teams will be fighting to be the legend. Welcoming all to be a part of this exciting event.**

**THE FIRST SEMESTER CATECHISM EXAMINATIONS SHALL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2017. ALL THE MCCL STUDENTS AND CATECHISM TEACHERS ARE REQUESTED TO PREPARE WELL.**

## Faridabad

### Feast of Our Beloved Mother Mary



St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church celebrated The Feast of Mother Mary and Yearly "Perunaal" of the church on 8th September 2017. The much awaited feast began with the hoisting of the flag on 1st September 2017 after Holy Mass by the Parish Priest Fr. John Felix OIC. Evening Prayers were conducted thereafter every evening till the Big Day. An adoration session by Fr. Francis Karthanam V.C. of the Bathola Divine Ashram, Faridabad on the 3rd went on to become an addition for people of the Parish to open up their hearts out to the Lord and Our Immaculate Mother. Holy Eucharist was offered on the 5th day along with the Evening Prayer. Another Retreat session followed on the 7th by Fr. Francis Karthanam V.C after the Holy Mass. The whole parish commemorated the 8 days of Fast with abstinence. The church glowed in praises to St. Mary on the Festal Day. Hundreds of devotees flock to the church for the feast of St. Mary. 5 priests from different parishes of Malankara Churches came together for the Holy Mass on the Festal Day. The procession saw a rich conflux of spiritual exercises and events. The spectacular display of fireworks, music of worship to our Mother, beaded ornate umbrellas, lighted candles made the procession an event

cherished by people. The traditional procession started off from the St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Faridabad keeping in mind our cordial relations with the Sister Church. Believers from both the Rites and from across the regions came forward for this blessed day. The Day ended with dinner for everyone and Payasam was served to everyone as Nercha. A day of blessing and peace and satisfaction indeed. The Festal Flag was taken down the next Sunday on 10th after the Holy Qurbana. May the intercession of our Mother be us all always.

### **Born Again In Christ**



24th September 2017 witnessed yet another blessed day when 3 children accepted the Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the Holy Communion. The Holy Communion made the children partakers of HIS abundant blessing. The day was made more auspicious with the presence of H.E. Jacob Mar Barnabbas. Fr. John Felix OIC was also present. Children who took part in Holy Communion were:

- **Master. Allen Raju**
- **Kumari. Sherin Rachel Shaji**
- **Kumari. Sharon Rachel Shaji**

Communion is important because it's a command to remember. Jesus wants us to remember every time we taste bread and wine, and even when we sit at the tables in our own homes, that He is the one who provides all we need. He gives us the physical food that we need to survive and the spiritual nourishment we need to keep taking next steps with Him.

The entire church prayed for the kids, who made their first penance a day before. Children resembled heaven's being, encased in white attire and beautiful head gears. A Holy Qurbano celebrated by His Excellency gave the masses contentment in heart and to the soul. His words of enlightenment indeed added to the spirituality. Communion is not an obligation, but a celebration. A celebration of Gospel, where Christ was broken for each one of us so that we can be fixed by Him. The celebration ended with delicious lunch served in love and consumed in unity.

## **Budding Actors and Choreographers**



The Regional Kalolsavam for MCYM “SPANDAN 2017” was held at St. Thomas Malankara Catholic Church, West Delhi and energetic youth from Faridabad participated in the socio-cultural meet. Among a total of 5 competitions, Faridabad MCYM bagged 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up positions for 2 competitions, Short Film and Dance.

The hard work of the youths paved off well and everyone showcased their talents under competitive spirits.

## Commemorating The Feast of St. Francis Assisi



St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Faridabad celebrated its MCYM Day on Oct 1st. MCYM flag was hoisted after Holy Qurbano by Fr. Aji Thomas Thannimoottil. In a short trail of events, all the youth members gathered together for Flag Hoisting. Thereafter MCYM Anthem was read by Vice President, Blessy Mary Mathew and everyone followed. MCYM anthem was sung to bring the event to the end. Fr. Aji Thannimoottil congratulated every youth and asked each to keep moving forward.

MCYM Day is celebrated as the Feast of St. Francis Assisi, the Patron of MCYM. Through his life, he taught the youngsters that it is okay to fall into traps, to have a sinful past, to be confused at times. However, Our Lord Jesus Christ is gracious and loving enough that he pulls us out from the darkness of the worldly sins and through his life, Francis Assisi has shown us all, especially the vulnerable sects of the society, i.e. youths that in Lord lies our redemption. Even if we are not in our comfort zone, even though we feel that things are not going our way, God always speaks through our sufferings and prayer is essential in a human life.

## Mathrusamajam Day



**“The natural state of motherhood is unselfishness. When you become a mother, you are no longer the centre of your own universe. You relinquish that position to their loved ones”**

Faridabad Parish celebrated Mathrusamajam Day on 3rd September this year. The Day began with the offertory by our beloved mothers followed by Holy Qurbana by the parish priest, Fr. John Felix OIC. Thereafter, Fr. Francis Karthanam V.C. of the Bathola Divine Ashram, Faridabad conducted an adoration session. The session was beautified with worship songs and enlightening speech by Fr. Francis. It created a platform for all to open up their hearts to Our Lord and the entire church experienced an ambience of peace and solace as we moved close to The Almighty. The Day ended by giving away Nercha.

### **Mathrusangham Kalolsavam**

23 members from Mathrusangham Faridabad unit reached the Neb Sarai Cathedral on Oct 2nd to compete against other zones for the inter-zonal Kalolsavam. Through competitions, our dear mother’s proved that they are not less talented. We bagged 2nd runner up positions for Solo Singing as well as Speech, both awarded to Mrs. Philomina Johny. Keep going up and God bless all.

## Mayur Vihar

### **Mathrusangham Day Celebration**



3rd September 2017 was observed as ‘Mathrusangham Day’ at St. George Malankara Catholic Church, Mayur Vihar Parish. The Holy Qurbano celebration was dedicated for the mothers of our unit. The choir was led by Mathrusangham members. They were convened for ‘Sthothrakazhcha’ and were blessed by the celebrant as well as the Parish Vicar, Rev. Fr. John Felix OIC.

### **Onam Celebrations 2017**



With beaming smiles, unbridled laughter, loads of fun packed with lump sum frolic, St. George Malankara Catholic Church, Mayur Vihar Parish, welcomed Maveli and set off the Onam celebrations on 3rd September 2017.

The Holy Mass was solemnized by Parish Vicar, Rev. Fr. John Felix OIC. It was followed by the Onam celebrations. It is a festival that children, youth and elders look forward to, all alike. The parishioners were all dressed in traditional outfits to join in the Onam spirit and merriment. The celebrations were a resplendent collective of traditional onam song and dance performances, new generation song mashups and dance styles. The powerhouse, our MCCL kids, presented a fun dance based on the traditional 'Vanjipattu' in adorable boatman attire. Other dances included solo, duet, group performances and 'Thiruvathira'. The church choir presented an Onam song to revive the environment. Another group song performance comprising of nostalgic medley, led the audience cheerily humming to the tunes of old Malayalam favorites. The elders of our church i.e members of Pithrusangham also showcased their vocal skills by singing old malayalam hits. In between celebrations, Onam auction-cum-sale, an initiative of the MCYM, was phased in and led by the Parish Vicar and other elders of the church. It was an all 'sold-out' and an impressively successful initiative that was hugely supported by the parishioners. The celebrations wound up with everyone coming forward and joining for the traditional 'Onasadhya'. Everything was reminiscent to the celebrations we recollect from our homeland, where people of all ages enjoy and have a memorable time.

## MCYM Day

1st October 2017, Sunday, was commemorated as MCYM Day at St. George Syro Malankara Catholic Church, Mayur Vihar Parish. The Holy Qurbano was solemnized by the Parish Vicar Rev. Fr John Felix OIC. All the youth members were convened for 'Sthothrakazhcha' and were blessed. The MCYM flag was hoisted by Rev. Mother Immaculate. It was followed by an MCYM general body meeting that was led by the MCYM Unit



President, Ms. Stefy Babu in the presence of MCYM animators Mr. Jose Kattanam and Mrs. Salomi Samuel. A brief session on MCYM Day was delightfully shared by Mother Immaculate DM. The meeting was dispersed after the MCYM anthem.

### **Mathrusangham Kalolsavam**



The stage for the mathrusangam kalolsavam was set at St. Mary's Syro Malankara Catholic Church, Neb Sarai, Delhi.

On 30th September 2017, In the Bible quiz competition, 2nd position was secured by Jessy Roy, Leena Mathews and Elizabeth Reji from our unit.

The participants from our unit also took part in various segments held on 2nd October 2017. In group song category, our unit bagged the 2nd runners up position. The group members were Jisha Jose, Rosy Roy, Philomina Saji, Beena Jose, Elsy Jose, Daisy Saji & Anitha Baby. In the solo song senior category, 1st prize was secured by Mrs. Jisha Jose.

## MCYM Kalolsavam, SPANDAN



The Delhi Region MCYM Kalolsavam, Spandan 2017, was organized at St. Thomas Syro Malankara Catholic Church, West Delhi. The youth from our church participated in numbers and displayed their zeal and potential. Abraham Varghese & Akshara George bagged the 1st runners up in the ‘Duet Song’ category. Shijin S. Koshy bagged the 2nd runner up position in the ‘On the Spot Photography’ segment.

MCYM Youth Convention, Ivania 2017: By the grace of Lord Almighty, Ivania Youth Convention: Follower and Evangelizer, the first ever after the formation of St. John Chrysostom Diocese of Gurgaon was held in St Mary’s Syro Malankara Catholic Church, Surat from 19th to 21st October, 2017. Over 200 youths from Bhopal, Odisha and Delhi regions attended the convention and it was a blessed and holistic experience for all. 13 youth from Mayur Vihar unit were active part of this memorable and blessed event. Manu Mathew, the General Secretary presented the half yearly working report of our unit in the regional senate meeting. Ruby Roy, Alan T John, Shijin S Koshy and Ellen John were part of the beautiful cultural night events of the convention too.

## West Delhi

### **Ettu-Nombu Feast celebrated at West Delhi**

The Feast of Nativity of Mother Mary was solemnly celebrated 31st August to 7th September 2017 at St. Thomas Parish, West Delhi. Every-day evening there were Rosary, Evening Prayer, Holy Qurbano, Message on Marian theme, Intercessory Prayer and Nercha distribution. The main celebration was on 7th evening. Large number of faithful among Parish Community attended the celebrations and received divine blessings. Rev. Fr. Sam Pathackal, the Vicar and Parish Committee gave leadership in organizing various arrangements of the celebration.

### **Mathrusangham Day celebration**

St. Thomas Parish, West Delhi celebrated 'Mathrusangham Day' on 3rd September 2017 (Sunday). Special Offertory by Mathrusangham Members, Holy Qurbano, Message of the day by the Vicar, Public Meeting with Cultural Performances, Refreshments, etc. were there. Mathrusangham Executives gave leadership in organizing the event.

### **Onam Celebration**



St. Thomas Parish, West Delhi celebrated 'ONAM' on 10th September 2017 (Sunday). Holy Qurbano, Cultural performances, Onapookkalam, Games, Vadam-vali, Ona-Sadya, etc. were the specialities. Frontal organizations of

the parish community actively participated in the programme. Pithurvedi and MCYM together with Parish Council gave leadership in organizing various arrangements

## MCYM Day celebration

St. Thomas Parish, West Delhi, celebrated MCYM day in the parish on 1st October 2017. Special Offertory, Holy Qurbana, Public meeting & flag hoisting were organised highlighting the importance of the day. Sweets were distributed in the parish after the celebration.

## Annual Sports Meet



Annual Sports Meet organised by the Orthodox Church Janakpuri was held on 23rd September 2017 at St. Gregorios School, Dwaraka. MCYM West Delhi parish team participated in the same & they played really well.

## SPANDAN 2017



On 8th October 2017 MCYM Regional Kalolsavam was organised at St. Thomas Malankara Catholic Church. The

youth members actively participated in all the events. We received the first position in group dance, second position in talent show &

first position(Ms.Airy B.S.& Roshini Sam) & third position(Ms. Sneha Roy & Mr.Binu Raju) in duet singing. MCYM West Delhi was declared the Champions of Spandan 2017.

### **YOUCAT Session**

MCYM West Delhi, on 24th September 2017 a Youcat session was organised after the Holy Qurbano. Mr.Richu Thomas & Br.Midhun Francis led the class on the Creed . A total of 30 members participated in the same. It was an enriching session.

### **IVANIA Convention**



The 1st MCYM Convention was held in Mary Martha Bethany Public School, Surat from 19th Oct - 21st Oct 2017. The theme for the Convention was “Youth, the Follower and the Evangelizer”.

A total of 27 members participated from the unit. Some members represented the Regional Volleyball Team which won the Champions trophy in both boys and girls & also participated in cultural show. We all realised our inner call for being the Follower of Christ & our responsibility of Evangelization.

## Bhopal Region

### MCA Bhopal Region commemorated Sunday 8th October as Mar Gregorios Memorial Day and also held the Regional Meeting



MCA Bhopal Region commemorated Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October as Mar Gregorios Memorial Day and also held the Regional Meeting at Mount Carmel Cathedral Church, Mirzapur, Ahmedabad.

Around 100 representatives from Ahmedabad, Baroda and Surat attended the function. After the Holy Qurbana led by Rev Fr Jose Kuntharayil, Vicar of Ahmedabad /Baroda & Spiritual Advisor of MCA, Gurgaon Diocese and Rev Fr Augustine, Vazhavila of Mavelikara Diocese, a meeting was organised wherein Rev Fr Jose Kuntharayil welcomed the gathering. During the Knowledge Sharing Session, Rev Fr Augustine, Vazhavila delivered a thought provoking speech on ‘Who am I and my relationship with God’ which was very informative and appreciated by all.

Mr Reji Thomas, Vice President of MCA, Gurgaon Diocese and Pastoral Council Member spoke on the relevance of MCA in the society and Mr Joseph George, President, MCA, Ahmedabad gave an insight into the spiritual life of Late Archbishop Most Rev Benedict Mar Gregorios and shared the personal experiences he had with him. During the open forum, activities of MCA, Bhopal Region were reviewed and future plans and suggestions were discussed. Mr P.G.James, President, MCA, Bhopal Region expressed vote of thanks and the meeting concluded with agape at 2 pm

## Baroda

### Catechism Day



The MCCL celebrated the catechism day on 6th August, 2017 and the day started with a prayer song. The theme taken up for the day was to proceed with the mission to help the poor/ needy people. The programme was taken not only to help the needy but also to bring

awareness amongst the children that on one hand people around us are living lavishly and on other hand people are suffering for want of shelter to live, food to eat and cloth to wear.



Donations collected from Teachers and Students were used to purchase Rice, Oil & household items for distribution at the Mother Teresa Missionaries of Charity, Baroda.

### MCYM Day



Baroda MCYM celebrated the MCYM day on 1st October 2017 with a talk on St. Francis of Assisi, Adoration and Offertory collection to be used for special

cause. After the Holy Qurbano, Fr. Monson Kuriakose hoisted the MCYM flag and all the Youth sung the MCYM anthem.

## Onam Day Celebration



Baroda Makankara community celebrated the regional festival of Kerala, Onam on Sep 16, 2017 at the Rosary Cathedral. Members of the community gathered together to cook food, have fun with Onam games and songs and finally have the Onam Sadhya.



## Moment of Prayer - Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil



During the Baroda Onam celebrations, a moment of candle light prayer was observed thanking the release of Fr. Tom. It was a gesture of gratitude towards the Almighty for answering the

prayers of his faithful multitude. Priests from the Latin and Syro-Malabar Rite were also a part on the occasion.

## **Surat**

### **Feast of Nativity and Parish Feast**

Feast of Mother Mary and Parish Feast was celebrated by Surat Parish from 1<sup>st</sup> Sep to 8<sup>th</sup> Sep, 17. It started with evening prayer at 7 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday followed by Kodiyettu, Holy Qurbana, intercession prayer and nercha. Vachana Sandhesam was delivered on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept & 6<sup>th</sup> Sept by Rev Fr Mathew Thomas, St. Mary's Jacobite Church, Surat Rev Fr James Pulichumackal, MCBS, St Joseph's English Medium School, Surat and Rev Sr Maria, CSSH congregation, Surat respectively. On all days, there were intercession prayers and nercha. Procession held on 7<sup>th</sup> Thursday led by Rev Fr Monson Kuriakose, OIC. Liturgical Reception given to Most Rev Bishop Mar Thomas Anthonios, Exarchate of Apostolic Exarchate of Saint Ephrem of Khadki on the concluding day of 8<sup>th</sup> Sep followed by Holy Qurbana, meeting and fellowship.

### **Felicitation of Catechism Rank holders**

Out of the seven ranks in the Region/Diocese, Surat was proud to bag five ranks in the Catechism examination of 2016-17. On 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, being the concluding day of the parish feast, students were felicitated by giving special prizes by Most Rev Bishop Mar Thomas Anthonios. Awards were given to the following students:

1. Daya Susan Thomas – Class X- 1st Rank
2. Sijin Mathew – Class IX – 1st Rank
3. Subi Varghese- Class VIII- 1st Rank
4. Jacob John – Class VIII- 2nd Rank
5. Anneta Siby- Class VI- 2nd Rank

## Onam celebration



Onam of 2017 was celebrated with full vigour and excitement after the Holy Qurbana on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept,17. There was full participation of all and games and plays by MCCL, MCYM, Mathruvedi and Pithruvedi added fun and flavour to the celebrations. Mathruvedi took the initiative to prepare dishes for the Sadya in their individual houses. Onam programs concluded with the delicious and lip-smacking Sadya

## Mission Sunday



While Church all over the world celebrated 22nd October, 2017 as Mission Sunday, apart from the traditional collection of offerings, it was a very remarkable and symbolic day in the history of St Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Surat. The parishioners had the unique opportunity of having Holy Qurbana with around 40 members from the Odisha Mission. This was a testimony of proving that all are one in God irrespective of all odds. Further, it was a delightful and divine experience that Rev Fr Jinto John, who was serving in Odisha Mission, became the celebrant of Holy Qurbana. August presence of Rev Sr Sanathana, SIC, Rev Sr Anaswara, SIC, Rev Sr Nimiya DM and Rev Bros Manu and Mathew who were serving and staying with our beloved members of Odisha ignited harmony and divinity to the occasion

After the Holy Mass, the team was taken for a trip around Surat by MCYM and Pithruvedi. Sunset at Suvali Beach, scenes of Tapi river banks and Essar Township at Hazira were enjoyed by them

## Sunday School Dinam Celebration- MCCL

St. Paul says, *"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but it is God who makes it grow"* (1 Cor. 3:6)



Sunday, the 6th August, 2017, being the Catechism Day, also the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus, was celebrated in a meaningful and elegant way. The

young catechism students thronged into the aisle of the church dressed in white with offertory before the commencement of the Holy Qurbana.

The day was a memorable and divine one as the solemn and wonderful Holy Qurbana was led by the MCYM Director of Gurgaon Diocese & Mission coordinator of Odisha, Rev. Fr Devasia, Kuthirakalil and Regional Director of MCYM, Bhopal, Rev Fr. John Wilson Meledath. The Holy Mass rounded up with distribution of gifts to all the Catechism students and special prizes to the toppers of Catechism exams.

The day was celebrated in a special way but with a difference. All the students along with teachers visited the Home of destitute and leprosy patients run by Missionaries of Charity at Variav some 30 kms away from Church. Around 300 inmates, most of them suffering from diseases like leprosy, TB, mental challenge etc. and the Rev Sisters greeted and offered a warm welcome. Clothes collected by the students and the offertory were presented to the inmates as their gifts.

It was a special emotional treat for the inmates when the students met them, greeted them and sung songs for them. Some of the senior inmates also danced and performed to the tunes of the songs sung by our students.

The experience was overwhelming and very touching for both the inmates and the students and teachers of Sunday School.

### **Dawn of a new beginning in Evangelization...**



“Vachanolsavam’ magazine (Festival of the Word of God) published from Potta Ashram, Kerala contains reflections of the Word of God, its different interpretations and testimonies of how God’s Word worked in the life of people by way of physical healing, inner healing, freedom from sin, forgiveness of sins, repentance, unity, anointing of Holy Spirit, etc. and is adjudged as one of the best and effective means of evangelization.

A good gospel magazine gives a clear, concise gospel message that can be memorized and used in a one on one conversation. It leaves the recipient with a clear gospel message that they can read on their own.

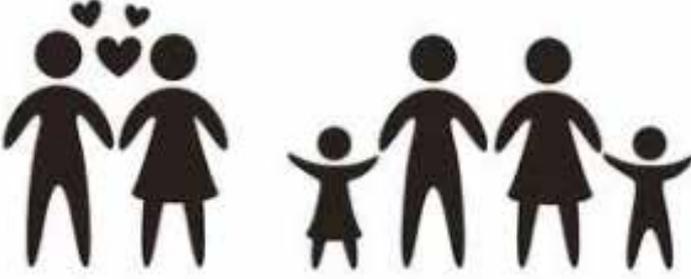
As said in Isaiah 55:11, ***“Word goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty; I will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it”***

Inspired by the zeal and enthusiasm of our beloved members of Odisha Mission and to partake in the divine vision of our Diocese to spread the joy of Gospel, Pithruvedi & MCA of Surat Malankara Church initiated the distribution of Hindi Edition of Vachanolsavam in Odisha mission every month. This noble mission is made possible through the generous contribution of Mr.O.V.Kunjumon and family of the parish

Malayalam Edition is already in circulation to parish members

The Project is formally launched by handing over a copy of the magazine to Very Rev. Msgr. Shaji Manikulam, Mission Coordinator of Gurgaon Diocese by Rev Fr Shoby Mathew, OIC, Vicar of St Marys Malankara Catholic Church on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, 17 during the MCYM convention held at Surat.

Let the wings of the hope and faith in the form of Word of God spread everywhere to glorify our Lord in heaven



Project: **“Shubh Chintak”**

–“शुभचिंतक”

(Meaning: “A Well Wisher”)

**A noble mission for loving, caring and sharing**

**Vision from the Gospel:** *“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine you did for me”*: Mathew 25:40

### **Background and inspiration**

From the realisations and convictions drawn out of the visit of our delegates in Odisha Mission during Aug, 17, it was felt that our fellow members are living in poor conditions and are being isolated and marginalized. They seldom have the privileges of an enlarged social circle or friendship .As a true Malankarite, it is our moral obligation to support them through our prayers, love and care. It was the vision and mission of Servant of God, Mar Ivanios to establish the kingdom of God on earth by giving greater care and opportunities to the marginalized, destitute, lower castes, women and the poor

## Scheme

Each member of MCCL & MCYM will select a member of our Mission in Odisha and he or she will be treated as one's own brother or sister and an extended member of the family. On special occasions of celebrations and happiness like birthdays, anniversaries, achievements in studies or job and so on, when we spent for shopping, treats etc as a token of remembrance of our brothers and sisters who are living in poverty and deprived of such enjoyments and privileges, either a similar item will be bought for them too or the amount thereof will be kept apart for sharing with them. Mathruvedi will promote this culture in each house and Pithruvedi will make arrangements for sharing the same periodically to the Mission. The mutual friends will be communicated of their names and addresses so as to remember in their daily prayers too and also for individual sharing of gifts etc., if required. The feeling that somebody is caring, loving and praying for them in Surat will be of greater motivation and inspiration to them to lead a true spiritual life. Mutual prayers will also safeguard each from all evil spirits

### Aim and objectives

1. Happiness quite unshared can scarcely be called happiness; it has no taste and love grows only by sharing. When we share joy and happiness with others, it gets doubled. Through this, we can encourage the younger generation to share what God has given to us with others.
2. It is our works and not our words that reveal the real Malankarite in us and it is the simplest and best method of spreading the love of our Lord as per the vision of Servant of God, Mar Ivanios.

3. We can bridge the social, cultural, educational and geographical barriers in Malankara community by having a son or daughter from a remote village of Odisha as an extended member of our family
4. Our Lord Jesus Christ identified himself with the poor, the persecuted, the oppressed, and the marginalized in society (Mathew. 25: 45). As a true Christian and follower of Christ, we are duty bound to exhibit our spirit of caring and loving others to the world at large.
5. It encourages children to do small sacrifices. Christian love is sacrificial and as Jesus demonstrated this by dying on the cross, parents and children are called to make sacrifices for each other.
6. The respective families can also establish mutual relationships
7. Once it is successfully implemented in Surat, other Parishes may also fall in line with this objective and can extend this scheme to other missions in Punjab, Assam etc. It is hoped that through this, we can partake in the mission of our beloved Mar Ivanios Pithavu in global evangelization.

### **Launching the scheme**

The scheme was formally launched on 19<sup>th</sup> October during MCYM Convention at Surat.

Mr Jomon Joseph and Ms Daya Susan of MCYM, Surat selected Mr Pavitro and Ms Elisha Suna of Odisha Mission as their mutual friend (Shubh Chintak) by handing over gifts

## “This is the day which the LORD has made!”



August 6th was an unforgettable day in the history of the Surat Malankara Church wherein the community witnessed the acceptance of the body and blood of Jesus in the form of first Holy Communion by an orphan girl belonging to Odisha.

Anjali, belonging to Jolthar village of Odisha was in Surat for the last two years with Holy Spirit Sisters. Realising her innate desire and acceding to the request to receive our Lord in her life, Rev Sisters prepared herself for the same. She was taught the basic lessons in her own mother tongue by Rev Sr Mariyalit, OSS, who is fluent in Odiya, perhaps a miraculous divine intervention of God.

Adding flavor to the occasion, Holy Mass was performed in Hindi by Rev. Fr Devasia, Kuthirakalil, MCYM Director of Gurgaon Diocese and chief coordinator of Odisha Mission and Rev Fr. John Wilson Meledath, Regional Director of MCYM, Bhopal Region. It was an emotional experience for Anjali to witness and realize that she is no more an orphan and parents of the community became her own parents and children became her own brothers and sisters. Anjali was made to feel surprised and shocked when she was offered special gifts by representing MCCL, MCYM, Mathruvedi, Pithruvedi and MCA.

Rev Fr Shoby Mathew, OIC, other Rev Fathers and Rev Sisters specially congratulated her on the special day of her life. On behalf of Anjali, Rev Sr Vimala, OSS, Mother Superior, acknowledged boundless gratitude to all those made the event beautiful and unforgettable

### **Important Days**

- 1 Commemoration of All Saints
- 3 Commemoration of H.E. Paulose Mar Philexinos
- 5 QudosEetho Sunday, Beginning of the Liturgical Year
- 8 All Angels
- 9 St. Theodore
- 10 Prophet Samuel, St. Pope Leo the Great
- 12 Hudoseetho Sunday, St. John of Alexandria
- 13 Feast of St. John Chrysostom, the Patron of our Diocese
- 14 St. Philip the Apostle
- 15 St. Albert
- 16 St. Mathew, the Apostle
- 19 Message to Zachariah, Social Communication Media Day
- 21 Entrance of Mary Mother of God into the Temple
- 22 Mar Philemon, Mortho Cecilia
- 23 Pope St. Clement, St. Felicita
- 26 Annunciation to Mary, Mother of God, Feast of Christ the King
- 28 St. Catherine
- 30 St. Andrew, The Apostle

### **Feast**

- 1 Rev. Fr. Jinto John
- 5 Rev. Fr. VisakhmScariah
- 14 V. Rev. Fr. Philips Vazhakunnathu
- 16 Rev. Fr. Mathew Koodapparambil & Rev. Fr. Mathew Kuttiyil
- 20 V. Rev. Fr. John Felix OIC

### **Birthday**

- 3 Rev. Fr. John Wilson
- 18 Rev. Fr. Justin Raj R

## **Important Days**

- 1 Beginning of the 25 Days Nombu
- 3 Visitation of Mary, Mother of God to Elizabeth, St. Francis Xavier
- 4 St. John Damascene
- 5 Mar Sabas & Mar Clement of Alexandria
- 6 Mar Theophilus of Antioch
- 7 St. Ambrose
- 8 Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary
- 10 Birth of John the Baptist, Mar Behnan the Martyr and his Sister Sarah 40 Martyrs
- 14 St. John of the Cross, Mar Abraham Kidunoyo
- 16 Erection of the Eparchy of Marthandom
- 17 Apparition of the Angel to St. Joseph, Mar Rabula
- 18 The Miraculous Cross of Mylapore
- 25 Yaldo (*Christmas*)
- 26 Exaltation of Mary, Mother of God
- 28 Comm. of the Infants Killed by Herod; David, the King & Prophet
- 31 Bible Sunday

## **Feast**

- 25 Rev. Fr. Christuraj OIC

## **Birthday**

- 25 Rev. Fr. Benny John Velunthara OIC
- 28 Rev. Fr. Mathew Kuttiyil

## Bishop's Diary

### November

- 2 Nunciature, FIGS, India International Centre - New Delhi  
3 Indore  
4 Beatification of Sr. Rani Maria-Indore  
5 Holy Mass - Santhi Nikethan Ashram  
6 Swiss Benefactor's Visit  
9 Cantas Conference on Voluntarism - Delhi  
10 Prayer Day  
11 CBCI Council for Women Inter Ritual Meet-Delhi  
12 First Communion - Gurgaon  
15-16 Priests and Religious Meet - Delhi  
17 Pastoral Council Meeting - Delhi  
19 Church Feast - Dilshad Garden  
20 Marriage - Bhopal  
21-22 Visit to Nursing College and School - Bhopal  
24 Catechetical Training Programme  
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26 Baptism - Neb Sarai, Job Mar Philexinos Memorial Talk-Dilshad Garden  
27-29 Catechetical Training Programme  
30 Gulf Meet-Dubai

### December

- 1-3 Gulf Meet - Dubai  
6-7 CBCI Northern Region Meet  
8 Prayer Day  
19-20 Visit from Toronto Archdiocese - Canada  
24 Cathedral, Christmas Eve - Neb Sarai