Message of the Shepherd

Prayerful Greetings,

During the past two months of June and July, we celebrated the feast of Saints Peter and Paul and the Apostle of India, St. Thomas. We also remembered the first saint from our soil, St. Alphonsa. I extend to all of you the blessings of these holy occasions.

As the children of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, we also made the pilgrimage to his tomb of our father in Faith, Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios. The devotion to the heavenly intercession and number of pilgrims are increasing every year. As a diocese, this year too we made the pilgrimage, however this year’s pilgrimage was crowned by the participation of the Syro-Malankara Catholic faithful from the missions in Odisha and Punjab.

Our Lord’s mandate of Evangelization was introduced to our nation through St. Thomas. It was the cherished dream of Mar Ivanios Thirumeni who tirelessly endeavored for this through the efforts of Church unity. The fact that the faithful from the Missions participated in the pilgrimage to the tomb this year, show that the dream of Evangelization throughout India is being gradually realized through the heavenly intercession of our Beloved Mar Ivanios Thirumeni.

Every year this pilgrimage reminds us of the basic fact of our lives in pilgrimage to the our heavenly mansions (John 14:2). During this sojourn we have for our assistance the prayers of the Mother, the Apostles and the saints who closely followed the Lord. They also teach us not just to travel alone but to explore the joy in leading many along with us; which is nothing but the Mission experience. Hence let us pray that may our earthly pilgrimages remind and inspire us to lead our pilgrimage to Our Lord and Master by inviting many others through our lives in the Church.

The new academic year for the Catechism Children has begun and I wish them all the best so that our children may be instilled with this spirit of enthusiasm for the Lord. Similarly the Youth who give dynamism to the Church may find faith as the priority in their day to day life. The Mothers and the Fathers must also grow to greater heights in the faith life setting examples to their young ones.

Kindly continue to pray for our mission especially our latest initiatives in Agartala. Also remember in prayer my month-long visit to Canada for the missions.

May God Bless you all!

* Jacob Mar Barnabas
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ഗവിലൂരും മലബാറിൽ എല്ലാപ്പോയിടങ്ങളും 63-ഓ കാലത്തിന്റെയും

ജനനത്തെ ലിഖിതമായും, മാർ ക്രേഷ്യു ബാസെലിയസ് അനാന്തൻ,
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10-ഓളം വയസ്സിൽ മനോഹരമായ വിഷയങ്ങളിൽ വിദ്യാറ്റിപ്പെട്ടു. പ്രായമേറിയ വയസ്സിൽ മനോഹരമായ വിഷയങ്ങളിൽ വിദ്യാറ്റിപ്പെട്ടു. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ വിദ്യാറ്റിപ്പെട്ട വിഷയങ്ങളിൽ വിദ്യാറ്റിപ്പെട്ടു.

14-ഓളം വയസ്സിൽ ലഭിച്ചു. അവിശ്വാസിക്കലും വിശ്വാസിക്കലും മാത്രമായി വിദ്യാറ്റിപ്പെട്ടു. അതിന്റെ ഫലക്ക് മനോഹരമായ വിഷയങ്ങളിൽ വിദ്യാറ്റിപ്പെട്ടു. പിന്നീട് മനോഹരമായ വിഷയങ്ങളിൽ വിദ്യാറ്റിപ്പെട്ടു.
റീതുക്കളം, പിരുത്തിന്റെ പരാമർശം, പ്രകാർക്കിടക്കുള്ള പ്രായത്തിൽ, മതിയുള്ള സ്ഥലത്തിൽ നാട്ടു ആരാധനക്ക് ലഭ്യമാണ്. പ്രകാരമായി, പ്രായപ്രധാന സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ പ്രതിയൊരു സേവനക്ക് പ്രായത്തിൽ നാട്ടു ആരാധനക്ക് ലഭ്യമാണ്, അതിനാൽ മാത്രമാണ് സ്ഥാപനരുടെ ചെറുമയവും ഓരോ ചെറുമയവും സ്വതന്ത്രമായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നത്. നാട്ടു ആരാധനക്ക് പ്രതി സാമൂഹ്യപ്രാപ്തിയായി പ്രായത്തിൽ നാട്ടു ആരാധനക്ക് ലഭ്യമാണ്, മാത്രമാണ് സ്ഥാപനരുടെ ചെറുമയവും ഓരോ ചെറുമയവും സ്വതന്ത്രമായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നത്. 

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പുരുഷാത്മകാംഗം.
മലയാളവാദ്യ കാളവാദകൾ പ്രതിവാർഡ്

നവരത്സാബായത്തിന് 2006

എന്തിനങ്ങള്ക്ക് അനുഭവിക്കാൻ സമയത്തെ മണിക്കര}

മനുഷ്യൻ, കായലെടുക്കുന്നതിന്, സാമ്യത്തിന്, പതിവുകൊള്ളുന്നതിന്

പക്ഷിയും (നിൽക്കുന്നവരോട് കാഴ്ചയാണ്!)

മലയാളവാദ്യ കാളവാദകൾ തന്നെ നിലമുറാന്തന്റെ

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'അഭിമൃതരാജ അഭിമൃതരാജാലും അഭിമൃതരാജായ' അവർ സാമൂഹ്യ

സാമൂഹ്യീന്തതിന്റെ മൂൻബാഹുകൾ അവിടെയാണ് അവരുടെ പിന്നിലേക്ക്

ഭാവിച്ച മാത്രയാണ് മാത്രയാക്കി പക്ഷികളെ മാത്രയാണ്

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നിൽക്കുന്നവരോട് തുടങ്ങുന്നതാണ് അവരുടെ പ്രത്യേകീന്ത സംശയം

പ്രത്യേകീൻത്രാജാലും ആവശ്യമൂലമാണ് അതിനായി

ഡീ-അം എന്ന നിലമുറാന്തന്റെ അറിവയും അവിടെ

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കോശാംശത്തിന്റെ അടിമാത്തമായും യായും കൂടിയായി ഓപ്പിയിലാണ് (പ്രചുരമായി കൂടിയായിരിക്കുന്നത്) കാണാൻ കഴിയില്ല. “വിലയിൽ പുറത്തുറപ്പിക്കുന്നത് മാനേ പിലകളും ഓളം ഉയർന്നു പുള്ളിക്കുന്നതാണ്. കോശാംശത്തിന്റെ വിവിധ പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും വിവിധ വിവിധമായ വിവിധ പ്രത്യേകിച്ചിടങ്ങളിലും മാനേ പിലകളും ഓളം ഉയർന്നു പുള്ളിക്കുന്നത് കാണാം. കോശാംശത്തിന്റെ വേലയിലാണ് (നേരി നിരക്കുന്നതാണ്).”

നേരി നിരക്കുന്നതെങ്കിലും യായും കാണാൻ സുന്ദരമായതു പറയാൻ പറ്റും പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നിന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാമുഖ്യത്തിലാണ് (നേരി നിരക്കുന്നതാണ്).
ഭൂമിയുടെ ആഘോഷപ്പട്ടയ്ക്കും സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യംവരെ രാജ്യം നിന്ന്
എന്തും വിധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതൊക്കെ താമസം അവരുടെയും അനാട്ടിൽ
നിന്നുൾക്കുറഞ്ഞു.
Dear Rev.Fathers, Sisters, Head Masters, Teachers and loving students of Sunday School,

Greetings from the Department of Catechesis, Eparchy of St.John Chrysostom!

Warm Wishes of the Feast of Sts.Peter and Paul and Blessings of the Dukorono! I am confident that the observance of the Thirteen Nombu was a fruitful experience for each one of you. The holidays too, I believe, were spent in an enriching manner. I was practically stationed at the North Eastern state of Assam during these summer days identifying communities and villages who haven’t heard the Suvishesham. I was greatly assisted by our beloved Joji Uncle from the Khadki-Pune Excharcate.

The opening of the New Academic Year 2016-17 of the Catechism Classes for MCCL students of our Diocese is scheduled for 3rd July 2016. The Syllabus and Question Bank is being sent.

Every New Academic Year is a God given moment for coming closer to Him through experience and learning. The teachers have a prime responsibility in nurturing the Faith of those children entrusted to their care. Text Books in your hands are basic guidelines. Hence, I request you Dear Teachers, to share personal testimonies and life experiences during the Classes in addition to the content of the Syllabus. Do not prepare the Children only for the Semester Exams, moreover, for the test of life they will need to appear as they grow. Plan your Classes creatively in consultation with the Head Masters. Take help from the MCYM in your activities for the Children. The Children should feel the difference in attending a Monday Class in the School and the Sunday Class in the Church. Present the content of the Syllabus in an interesting manner. Every Child Counts! Lest we lose them on account of our
negligence and monotonous manner. Take due care for those Children whose Academic performance in the last year were below expectations.

Those Parishes and Units who haven’t sent the marks of the re-exams to the Department are requested to do so without further delay. The Catechism Text books are available with the Department for those who want. Please inform us your requirements. Text Books in English and Malayalam are available for Class XI and XII, and all our Parishes and Units are requested to take initiative to start Class XI and XII for eligible students from this Academic Year onwards without fail.

This Academic Year 2016-’17 onwards Catechism Students Register and Attendance Register is to be maintained for the Children and Teachers and is available at the Department. Very.Rev.Fr. Philips Vazhakunnathu, the Diocesan Procurator, Rev.Fr.Visakh Scariah, Catechism Director, Delhi Region and Mr.Sunny Mathew Konnathu, the Diocesan Co Ordinator have worked enormously in getting it ready. It will be sent to the respective regions at the earliest.

On 2nd August, 2016 the Church keeps the Sunday School Day. A separate Circular will be sent concerning its observance.


Thanking You,

Fr.Mathew(Jigmy) Koodaparampil

Director, Department of catechesis.


Krupal Nidhan


2016 അഗസ്റ്റ് 7,8,9 ഒമിയാലുകളിൽ ഭൂപക്ഷാലയാലയവും ആഗസ്റ്റ് 29, 30 ലെ അനുയോജ്യമായി അന്തരീക്ഷാലയവും നടന്നു. ഇതിനു ഇത്തരം സമയത്താണ് കാലാവധി അന്തരീക്ഷപ്രകാശ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അവസാനപ്രകാശ കല്ലടിയായി നടന്ന ഭൂപക്ഷാലയാലോ അന്തരീക്ഷാലയാലോ പൂർണ്ണാകർഷണ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അവസാനപ്രകാശ കല്ലടിയായി നടന്ന ഭൂപക്ഷാലയാലോ അന്തരീക്ഷാലയാലോ പൂർണ്ണാകർഷണ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. 

2016 ആഗസ്റ്റ് 19, 20 ഒമിയാലുകളിൽ ഭൂപക്ഷാലയാലയവും ആഗസ്റ്റ് 30,31 ലെ അനുയോജ്യമായി അന്തരീക്ഷാലയവും നടന്നു. ഇതിനു ഇത്തരം സമയത്താണ് കാലാവധി അന്തരീക്ഷപ്രകാശ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അവസാനപ്രകാശ കല്ലടിയായി നടന്ന ഭൂപക്ഷാലയാലോ അന്തരീക്ഷാലയാലോ പൂർണ്ണാകർഷണ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അവസാനപ്രകാശ കല്ലടിയായി നടന്ന ഭൂപക്ഷാലയാലോ അന്തരീക്ഷാലയാലോ പൂർണ്ണാകർഷണ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. 

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Mission visit by H.E. Jacob Mar Barnabas

His Excellency returned after the mission visit to Europe. During the visit he also had a personal audience with the Holy Father Pope Francis. In the meeting they discussed the mission initiatives of the Diocese. His Excellency shall be in Canada in the month of August for the purpose of missions.

Sisters’ Mission Visit

The 10 Sisters from the four different provinces of Tiruvalla, Pathanamthitta, Bathery and Trivandrum visited the different mission centers for having a brief mission experience before they adopt their respective regions of mission work. By the first week of July all the sisters moved to their assigned stations and progressing in their apostolates.

Girideepam Minor Seminary

The Academic Year 2016-17 was officially inaugurated on 9 July 2016 with a solemn Holy Qurbono offered by H.E. Jacob Mar Barnabas and inaugurated the Seminary Academic Year on a blessed note. The evening prayer was followed by the house blessing and a brief cultural program in which the new comers were officially welcomed. Rev. Fr. Justin Raj spoke at the occasion.
The annual Mar Ivanios Pilgrimage to the tomb of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios was held this year too beginning from 11 July 2016. It was inaugurated on Monday 11 July with the solemn Holy Qurbono offered by H.E. Jacob Mar Barnabas. After the Holy Qurbono the pilgrimage cross was handed over to DMCA leaders. The pilgrimage consisting of 115 members boarded the train to Trivandrum on the same day under the leadership of H.E. Jacob Mar Barnabas. The three day journey was a religious pilgrim experience which included prayers session, reflections on the life and works of Servant of God Mar Ivanios, different gatherings of MCYM, Pitruvedi, Mathrusangam etc. This year diocesan pilgrimage was

Brothers of the Diocese - Minor Seminarians

First Years
Bro. Joel Augustine Varghese
Bro. Anto Thomas
Bro. Ajith Kuruvila
Bro. Liju Johnson
Bro. Robin Varghese
Bro. Jafirin V.C
Bro. Ashwin Reji

Second Years
Bro. Alan George
Bro. Akshay S.L
Bro. Anso Chacko Mathew

Third Year
Bro. Nikhil Ninan
(Khadki Exarchate)

Fourth Years
Bro. Sonu Sunny Mathew
Bro. Monu Sunny Mathew
Bro. Jomon Jose
Bro. Robinson J

Regents
Bro. Aby Kurikose
Bro. Varghese Kootereriyathu
Bro. John Pathruvelil

Second Year Theology
Bro. Jose Mundaplavila
specially adorned with the participation of Syro - Malankara Catholic Faithful from Punjab and Odisha. 48 members from these new missions participated in the Pilgrimage. The faithful from Odisha participated in the Padayatra and walked for 5 days from *Perunad* to *Pattom*. The diocesan group reached Trivandrum on 13 July and gathered at the Tomb where the Holy Qurbono was offered by H.E. Jacob Mar Barnabas. After which we joined the main *Padayatra* from Vettinadu and walked till Pattom. All who participated in the pilgrimage, especially the faithful from Mission, shared their deep experience and the heavenly intercession of Servant of God Mar Ivanios.

**Church Blessing at Gurgaon**

Sacred Heart Syro-Malabar Catholic Church at Gurgaon was blessed on 24 July 2016. H.E. Jacob Mar Barnabas attended the blessing in which the H.G. KuriakoseBharanikulangra was the main celebrant in the blessing of the new parish in the Diocese of Faridabad.

**Caritas, National Assembly**

The Annual National Assembly of Caritas India was held on 20-21 July 2016 at St. John’s Medical College, Bangalore. The meeting included all the Diocesan Social Service Directors. Rev. Fr. Visakh Scariah from the Diocese of Gurgaon participated in the two day meeting. Resource Development and Buildings Alliances was the major theme of the Assembly.
The Catholic Bishops’ of the Northern Region gathered together at Jalandhar, Punjab on 4-5 July 2016. They discussed issues related to the Church in the Northern Region of India. During the conference the Bishops also gathered at the Holy Trinity Regional Major Seminary. The new academic was inaugurated with a solemn Holy Mass, during which the Homily was delivered by H.E. Jacob Mar Barnabas.

**Prachodana Social Service Society**

**Non Formal Education Program** - Prachodana reaches to the education sector through its Non Formal Education Centers situated in Manasarovar Park and Nebsarai. Prachodana takes care of children’s individual educational needs by teaching them and by providing counseling services to them.

More children join our centre after the summer vacation: this initiative helped many school dropouts joined the Govt. schools. After vacation, new students (15 Girls and 20 boys) were enrolled in our centers and more emphasis is also laid on co-curricular activities so that children not only acquire academic learning, but also vocational proficiency, personal character and societal values. Students are encouraged to use English language as well.
Prachodana Parents Meetings:

On July 15th 2016, a parents-teachers meeting was held at Nebsarai to update the parents about their child’s development. In the meeting it was decided to conduct regular parent teacher meetings every month and house visits on a regular basis. “Prachodana Children’s Saving Scheme” was another major discussion in this Parents’ Meeting. Apart from these meetings the teachers make regular house visits and also meet parents at school for any special needs of the child. New students were also found out through the house visits.

Prachodana Children’s Saving Scheme:

Prachodana Children’s Saving Scheme (PCSS) is one of the future plans of Nebsarai Non Formal Education Centre and it aims to improve the saving skill of children in our centre. In the lives of low- and moderate income people by increasing their financial security, developing their financial capability, and improving their educational outcomes Prachodana will bring hope to many of our children to make them successful in their lives. It also includes supplemental grants or incentives by Sponsors so that by the time they leave; they can develop a good amount of money to bear their future education needs. Further discussion will be taken place regarding the same and will be implemented soon.

Shanti Ashram

As it was highlighted by the News and Media, the Ashram helped a person dwelling in streets for the last three years. Mr. Suresh ended up in the streets of Delhi, after being abandoned his relatives due to accident. He was brought to the Shanti Ashram by Rev. Fr Biju P. Thomas (Vicar, Mar Gregorios Orthodox Church, Janakpuri). Mr. Suresh belonged to Thevalakara in Kerala. Noting this incident, Member of Parliament Shri Kodikunnel Suresh visited the Shanti Ashram and Thevalakara Ward member and other eminent social leaders extended their support. Though he
was treated properly by the Mr. Anil and other staff of Shanti Ashram, he was seriously ill and was admitted in the ICU of the Holy Family hospital, Okhla. He died on the next day before his brother reached from Kerala. His body was taken to his native place by the help of the well-wishers. Director of Holy Family Hospital, Fr. George, also supported with the concession in the hospital expenses.

**Parish Jubilee Celebrations**

H.E. Jacob Mar Barnabas participated in the 25th Jubilee celebrations of Bethel Marthoma Parish, Neb Sarai on 10 July 2016. H.G. Yohanon Mar Chrysostom Valiyametropolita the chief guest of the day was. Several other priests and faithful were present on the occasion.

**Delhi Region**

**Regional MCYM Meeting and welcome to the New Director**

The MCYM, Delhi Region welcomed its newly appointed Director, Fr. Felix O.I.C in a meeting held at St. Thomas Malankara Catholic Church, West Delhi on 26th June, 2016. Mr. Shijin P Jose, the Vice-President of MCYM, DR introduced the newly appointed Director to the whole team. Sr. Nirmal S.I.C, the Sister Animator of MCYM, DR welcomed the new Director with a bouquet of flowers. A total of 14 members were present in this meeting including Sr. Anila Paul, D.M who was specially invited. A discussion on the rules & regulations of *Kalolsavam* was done particularly in relation to the ‘Group Dance’ competition wherein a suggestion was made by
the Director of Delhi Region to remove the rule of submitting the ‘music track’ of the dance to the organizers before 48 hours of the competition in order to avoid any kind of discrepancies among the competitors. Everyone present there was in support of this suggestion and the Diocesan Executives who were present in the meeting took this suggestion positively and assured to amend the rules and send a revised version of the rules soon. The venue for the Regional Kalolsavam will be St. Thomas Malankara Catholic Church, West Delhi and it will be held on 31 July soon after the Holy Qurbono. There should be maximum participation of the youth members from all the units in the Mar Ivanios Padayatra, which will be held in Delhi on 23 & 24 July.

All the units to select a person as the Coordinator for Send a child to school scheme for the smooth functioning of the project to ensure that timely payments are made without a break. The Regional Coordinator for Send a child to School project will be Jeffin T Kaleekkal (Jasola unit).

**DMCA Meeting and Farewell to Rev. Fr. Benedict OIC**

Delhi Malankara Catholic Association and Delhi Regional Pastoral Council together bid a heartfelt farewell to Rev. Fr. Benedict Mozhikkara OIC on 15 June 2016 at St. Mary’s Malankara Catholic Church, Neb Sarai, followed by combined meeting of Delhi Malankara Catholic Association and Delhi Regional Pastoral Council.

The meeting was chaired by Proto Presbyter Very Rev Fr. Sam Pathackal. Gurgaon Diocese Procurator, Very Rev Fr. Philips Vazhakkunath, our Parish Priest, Rev. Sisters, President MCA Gurgaon Diocese Adv. Abraham M. Pattiyani, Diocese Pastoral Council Members and General Secretary Mr. N. C Philip, DMCA/ RPC Office bearers, and Parish council members from different parishes were present in the meeting.

Rev. Fr. Benedict Mozhikkara OIC served Delhi Region for 4 years. He served as a Parish Priest for Mother Mary Malankara
Catholic Church, Ghaziabad, St. George Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, Mayur Vihar and St. Antony’s Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, Dilshad Garden. Also he was Delhi Regional Director for M.C.Y.M and Catechism. After erection of Gurgaon Diocese he was the Diocesan Secretary for Religious Commission for the last one year.

Meeting started with a floral welcome of Fr. Benedict Mozhikkara OIC to meeting by Mr. N. C Philip (General Secretary - Diocesan Pastoral Council). Then felicitation messages given by Adv. Abraham M. Pattiyani (President – MCA Gurgaon Diocese), Mr. Sunny Mathew (Diocesan Co-ordinator Catechism Department/DMCA), Mr. Shijin (Vice-President M.C.Y.M Delhi Region), Rev. Sr. Immaculate DM (Mother Superior) and Very Rev. Fr. Philips Vazhakkunath (Procurator Gurgaon Diocese). After this Mr. K. G John (Vice-President DMCA) presented the gift on behalf of DMCA and Regional Pastoral Council. All the speakers wished him success in his higher studies and prayerful wishes for his upcoming assignments also highlighted and acknowledged his praiseworthy services.

In his reply speech Rev. Fr. Benedict Moozhikara OIC extended his love and gratitude to all of us and specifically our Beloved Bishop H.E Jacob Mar Barnabas, fellow Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters and parish member from Ghaziabad, Dilshad Garden and Mayur Vihar. The meeting ended with prayer and agape.

**Regional Catechism Teachers’ Meeting**

The decisions taken at the Catechism Council meeting held on Sunday, 26-06-2016 at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Nebsarai under the chairmanship of Rev. Fr. Scariah Visakh, Catechism Director – Delhi Region are as follows:-

- There will be a teacher’s orientation programme on 28-08-2016 at St. Jude Syro Malankara Catholic Church Jasola, the registration fee will be Rs.200/- per head.
• MCCL CAMP will be from October 10 to 12, 2016.
• This year’s MCCL Kalolsavam will be on 29-10-2016.
• Every Catechism unit Headmasters are requested to submit their Unit Report 2015-16 to the Regional Secretary at the earliest.
• There will be a visit to each unit by the Catechism Inspectors.
• For the easy passing of MCCL unit information/talent, it is decided to start an MCCL bulletin at the DSR level. Mr. Shaji John from Burari will be the Coordinator.
• Decided to give cash Award to the catechism students who bagged first and second position of Catechism Exam from 4 to 12 standard.
• Catechism classes for the academic year 2016-17 will start on 3 July, 2016 and MCCL day will be celebrated on 7 August, 2016. Please ensure that every church/unit will arrange special program for Sunday School Day.
• Each unit should conduct a picnic for the MCCL students and teachers this year.

Regional Mathrusangam Meeting

Details of the First Regional Executive Meeting held on 26 June 2016. The following points were discussed:

1. Conduct two meetings at least in a month at unit level, one official meeting (with an agenda such as Prayer, Welcome address, Presidential speech, report presentation, discussion on report, small speech/class, vote of thanks and Anthem) and one spiritual meeting (Prayer, Bible reading, sharing/discussion from the reading, Rosary/spontaneous prayer.)
2 Once in a month a seminar must be conducted at unit level regarding any particular subject related to day to day life. Subject for this month – “Mar Ivanios Pithavinte Jeevithavum Darshanavum”.

3 Give more attention to catechism children. (To send the child on time to Church and make sure they are participating the church activities, attending the catechism class and give more attention to the girls dress code)

4 Every unit has to contribute Rs.1000/ yearly to Diocesan Mathrusangham as we are in an initial stage.

5 Strengthening the Unit level Mathrusangham, to start a self-help group by collecting money within the mathrusangham and giving it to those who need as loan.

6 Planning to conduct a couples retreat in the month of October 2nd and decided to honour the couples those who are completed 25/50 years of their marriage. Request to Unit executives, collect the details and inform on time.

7 As this is the Year of Mercy, everybody should give their bit by contributing clothes, money, food items and their time for the needy & sick people (Hospital visit, Home visit etc) and send the report to the diocesan Mathrusangham. We may arrange “Year of the Mercy” concluding program on November 27 before the executive meeting. All Unit & Regional Executives and at least 10 members from each unit can attend this meeting.

8 Support individually / unit level to our Bishop’s dream project : “Accompany a family / Send a Child to School” (Rs.1000/- Per month)

9 Make a chart listing the monthly programme of Mathrusangham.
10 Conduction an essay competition- “Sthreesakthikaranam - IvaniosPithavinteVeekshanam” and Bible verses writing regarding on “Mercy” - (from the POC Bible/RSB.) “Both are in Malayalam & English.”

11 Conducting Mathrusangham emblem drawing competition in November.

12 To contribute Rs.5000/- unit to the centre from the Christmas Cake Sale.

13 Region Executive meetings: conduct at least 6 executive meetings in a year. August 21, September 25, November 27, January & April.

November & April meetings unit executives also required. Working report and statement of account (half yearly) is to be submitted in these 2 meetings.

14 Participation & Prayers of the members for the coming Mar Ivanios Padyatra (both Trivandrum and Delhi) are expecting.

Regional Padayatra and Commemoration of the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios

Delhi Malankara Catholic Association and Delhi Regional Pastoral Council together celebrated the 63rd Feast of Commemoration of the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios on 23rd and 24th July 2016 at St Mary’s Cathedral, Nebsarai, New Delhi.
The Padayatra in relation with the commemoration of the 63rd feast of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios started from Mothera Mary Malankara Catholic Church Ghaziabad on 23rd July 2016.

The Padayatra started after The Holy Qurbono, Msgr. Daniel Kuzhithadathil Cor-Episcopo was the main celebrant for the Holy Qurbono and our all regional parish priest were co-celebrants. Cor-Episcopo blessed the Vallikurishu and handed over to Padayatra Captain Rev. Fr. Felix OIC and inaugurated the Padayatra.

After breakfast Padayatra progressed to Neb Sarai Cathedral via Indirapuram Velankanni Church, after a grand reception and refreshment at Velankanni Church, by noon Padayatra reached at St. George Malankara Catholic Church, Mayur Vihar. At Mayur Vihar Church Padayatra traditionally received by Parish Vicar Rev. Fr. Felix OIC and Parish members and followed by Dhoopa Prarthana. After reception everyone had lunch and rest.

In the evening by 4.00 PM Padayatra re-started from Mayur Vihar and proceeded to Jasola. By 8.00 PM Padayatra reached at St. Jude Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, Jasola. At Jasola Church, the Padayatra was traditionally received by Parish Priest Rev Fr. Vishak Scaria and Parish members along with the Parish Community of the neighboring Syro-Malabar Community and followed by Dhoopa Prarthana. After grand reception everyone had dinner and halt for the day.
Next day 24 July 2016, at 6.00 AM the Padayatra started after Morning Prayer from Jasola Church and proceed to final destination of St. Mary’s Cathedral Nebsarai. By 10.30 AM Padayatra reached at St. Mary’s Cathedral. H E Jacob Mar Barnabas along with Cathedral Vicar Rev Fr. Philips Vazhakunnath and Parish Members received the Padayatra.

The two days long celebrations concluded with the solemn Holy Qurbano celebrated by H E Jacob Mar Barnabas and all the regional priests were co-celebrants. His Excellency highlighted the features of the spirituality of Mar Ivanios: Trust in God, Imitation of Christ, Unity and Reconciliation. Mar Ivanios teaches us is his stress on the Imitation of Christ. The day was concluded with *Dhoopa Prarthana*, Special Prayer, *Luthiniya, Nercha* and Agape.

Around 750 devotees participated in the two days celebrations from all over the Delhi Region. The celebration was very much delightful to all the devotees participated in Padayatra, Holy Qurbano and Prayers. Devotees went to home with full of joy and peace in heart.

All the preparations were done in the headship of Proto Presbyter Very Rev Fr. Sam Pathackal and team members Mr. K. G John (Vice President), Mr. Sijin Mathew (Gen. Secretary), Mr. Sunny Mathew (Secretary), Mrs. Valsamma Simon (Secretary), Mr. T. Thomas (Treasurer) and Mr. Jayan Mathew (Joint-Treasurer). We thank everyone who help us, guide us and support us.

*St. Thomas Day, Parish Feast, West Delhi*

The Feast of St. Thomas the Heavenly Patron of West Delhi Parish was celebrated with various programs between 26 June to 3 July 2016 Festal celebrations started on 26 June after the Holy Qurbano with flag hoisting by Rev. Fr. Aji Thannimootil, Rector Girideepam Minor Seminary. The following days were dedicated to MCCL, MCYM, *Matrusangam & Pitruvedi* with Holy Mass
Friends of Christ Camp, West Delhi

MCYM west Delhi conducted the much awaited summer FOC camp 2016 on 25 June 2016. The theme chosen for the same was - Family, the joy of love. The event began with Bible rally, with children enthusiastically moving around the locality in a procession, energetically chanting slogans bearing the word of God; thus marking the start of a spiritually exciting day. Camp was inaugurated by Rev. Sr. Immaculate DM, followed by the inaugural address by Rev. Sr. Anila DM. The day saw happy children beaming with joy, gleaming in Christ’s love while interacting with their brothers and sisters. The topic, especially inspired by the latest encyclical ‘Amoris Laetitia’ by the Holy Father Pope Francis was especially chosen to affirm it to children the Church’s teaching that stable families are the building blocks of a healthy society and a place where children learn to love, respect and interact with others. Classes were conducted by Rev. Sr. Immaculate, Mr. Je-phin Philip, Mr. Sajo Sunny and Ms. Sneha Roy wherein the main theme was further classified into sub topics with respect to the categorically divided groups of children. Energetic and melodious action songs, interesting games like ‘treasure hunt’, ‘puzzle’, new events like debate and talent show in the end added onto the
fun factor of the day. Rev. Fr. Visakh Scariah graced the occasion and addressed the Children. Presence of Rev sisters, Mr. NC Philip representing the diocese of Gurgaon, MCYM west Delhi animator Mrs. Sheela Benzon and Sunday school teachers made the day a successful one. Tasty food prepared by the lovely prisoners of STMCC was another feather onto the cap.

The camp was greatly appreciated by the children and has paved ways for the youth to form a rapport with the juniors. It has been essentially instrumental in the spiritual nurturing of both the youth members and also the MCCL members, and it has also given rise to a healthy environment wherein both the parties learn to dwell more in the love of God from each other.

Inspiring and innovative, FOC camps have been the biggest boost to the MCYM members of west Delhi. It urges us to strive hard and make a difference in our own selves to set up good examples for our beloved young ones, who look up to us.

**Delhi Regional MCYM Kalolsavam – Ivania – Yuvotsav, 2016**

The Delhi Region, MCYM Kalolsavam was held at St. Thomas Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, West Delhi on 31 July 2016. The gathering was inaugurated after the flag hoisting in the presence of Rev. Fathers and sister and MCYM member of the Deli Region. The Delhi Region Protopresbyter V. Rev. Fr. Sam Pathackal inaugurated the kalolsavam. Rev. Fr. Devasya the diocesan MCYM Director was also present on the occasion. Several individual and group
competitions were held to foster the talents of the MCYM members and above all to felicitate the ecclesial spirit in the youth of our Church. The event concluded with the concluding meeting and prize distribution. There were a total of 109 participants in various categories like Solo singing, Speech, Bible Declamation, Mono Act, PowerPoint presentation, MCYM Hindi Anthem, Liturgical Songs and Group Dance. The unit wise results are as follows;

Overall winners- St. Thomas Parish, West Delhi
First Runner’s up – St. George Parish Mayur Vihar
Second Runner’s up- St. Mary’s Parish Faridabad

Bhopal Region

Jaipur Bible Convention

St. Mary’s Malankara Catholic Church, Jaipur had organized its 12th Jaipur Bible Convention from 23 June to 26 June, 2016 at St. Thomas The Apostle Church, Mansarovar, Jaipur. Rev. Fr. Mathew Assariparambil, Prominent Charismatic Preacher and Director, Mother Home Retreat Centre, Pariyaram, Kannur and team conducted the retreat. The three day bible convention started daily at 5:30 p.m. with Holy Mass. On 23 June 2016 the Retreat started with Holy Mass in Latin Rite and Inaugural
The 63rd Feast of commemoration of the servant of God, Founder Archbishop Mar Ivanios was celebrated by the Baroda Malankara church by undertaking the annual memorial “Padyatra” at Vadodara on Sunday, 24th July 2016. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel Kuzhithadathil, CorEpiscopo, Gurgaon diocese led the Padyatra of devotees at 8.30am from the Rosary Cathedral to the shrine of the Mother of Forsaken, Fathegunj. After offering memorial prayers and Dhooparpanam at the shrine, the Padyatra returned to the Rosary Cathedral for the Holy Eucharistic celebration. The Eucharistic celebration was led by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel Kuzhithadathil along with Msgr. Joel VG (Vadodara Diocese), Rev. Binoy OIC, Rev. Shoby OIC, Rev. Jose Kuntharayil, Rev. Joseph OIC, Rev. Abhayanand OIC which was concluded with the Apostolic blessings and Agape. The Padyatra witnessed the presence of Rev. Vincent SJ, Rev. George, Advocate Abraham Pattiyani and Mr. K K Jose and members from Malankara churches of Ahmedabad, Surat, Vapi and Jaipur.

On this occasion, the awards for Department of Catechism, Diocese of St. John Chrystosom – Gurgaon were presented to the children after the Holy Mass by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel Kuzhithadathil Corepiscopo and Msgr. Joel VG (Vadodara Diocese)
1. Class IV - 2nd rank – AchsahThankachan
2. Class VII - 1st rank – Jacob John
3. Class VII - 2nd rank – Shane Joe Jacob
4. Class VII - 3rd rank – KeziahThankachan
5. Class VIII - 1st rank – Sijin Mathew
6. Class IX - 1st rank – Daya Thomas
7. Class X - 1st rank – Ria Jose

All the members of the Pithruvedi, Mathruvedi and MCA of the Malankara Church from Baroda, Ahmedabad, Surat, Jaipur and Vapi participated in the common meeting led by Fr. Jose Abraham. The special Invitee, Advocate Abraham Pattiyani took a class on the “Role of an individual in the Malankara church and its importance” About 35 MCYM youth members from Baroda, Ahmedabad, Surat and Vapi participated in a meeting conducted under the leadership of Regional animators Mr. Shaji Mathew and Mrs. Jessy James. Point of discussion was the upcoming Ivania fest and updates on the activities being conducted at unit level.

**Odisha Region**

**Foundation Stone Blessing at Odisha**

The foundation stone for a new chapel was laid down in Simlimunda, Odisha on by Odisha Region Associate Mission Cordinator, Rev. Fr. Jose Thathanparambil. Another chapel’s work has also begun. This will enable the faithful to gather under a roof and felicitate the liturgical worship.
Mission visit

Mr. VA George from Pune was engaged in Mission visits to the regions of North East and Punjab in the month of May. He visited the houses and took classes to the local people on catechism and building up of community.

DIOCESAN INFORMATIONS

New Appointments

Chancellor of the Diocese and Associate Mission Co-ordinator and PRO– Very Rev. Fr. John Felix OIC

Mission Co-ordinator – Very Rev. Fr. Sam Pathackal

- Fr. Justin Raj. – Arunachal Pradesh
- Fr. Jose Thathanparambil – Odisha

Regents

- Bro. Aby Kuriakose – Girideepam Minor Seminary
- Bro. Varghese Kootereriyathu – North East Missions

Catechism Rank holders for Class X – (2015-16)

1st - Riya Jose; Baroda
2nd - Dhanya; Faridabad
3rd - Adarsh M Babu; West Delhi
### Days to be remembered

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9 FR  Mar Joachim & Martha Hanna
14 WE  Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 TH  The Mother of Sorrows
16 FR  St. Cyprian
19 MO  St. Januarius
20 TU  The Syro - Malankara Re-Union Day
21 WE  Episcopal Ordination of H.E. Thomas Mar Eusebius
23 FR  St. Padre Pio
27 TU  St. Vincent De Paul
28 WE  Comm.of Bishop Zacharias Mar Athanasios
29 TH  Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
30 FR  St. Jerome, St. Sophia

Feasts

August
4 - Rev. Fr. John Wilson
25 - Rev. Fr. Titus Cheravallil OIC

September
Fr. Mathew Kalarikalayil 21
Fr. Mathew Shobi OIC 21

Date of Birth

August
1 - Very Rev. Fr. Aji Thomas
4 - Rev. Fr. George Abhayanand OIC
4 - Rev. Fr. Joseph Kileeckal

September
25 - Rev. Fr. Devasia Kuthirakallil
# Bishop’s Diary

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