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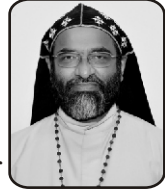
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VOICE OF THE EXARCH



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Prayerful greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

I am back in Pune after a one-month visit to our priests, benefactors and well-wishers in Switzerland, Germany and France. They too send their greetings and love to you. I visited our Rev. Fr Joseph Peedikaparambil who is now incardinated in our Exarchate. He is presently serving the Diocese of Passau in Germany. His commitment for the mission of our Exarchate is quite encouraging.

By the grace of God and your sincere prayers, the visit was fruitful and encouraging. Let us thank the Almighty Lord for all the blessings He is showering upon us through the intervention of kind hearts and helping hands. The visit gave me a better insight about the present situation of the Church generally in Europe and particularly in Germany and Switzerland. The challenges they face now are the fears we have to confront in the near future. It is high time that we ardently prepare ourselves - as families, parishes, eparchies and Church -to overcome the challenges we face in the name of culture, freedom, nationalism, secularism, political agenda, etc. Let us keep our eyes open and hearts ready to comprehend the conflicts and to move ahead with our heads held high and feet firm on the ground rooted in faith.

Beginning of the New Liturgical Year

The first Sunday of November marks the beginning of a new Liturgical Year with the beginning of the Season of Annunciation. The Church celebrates *Qudos Eetho* on 5 November and *Hudos Eetho* on 12 November. *Qudos Eetho* denotes the sanctification of the Church and *Qudos Eetho* the renewal of the Church. These two Feasts are celebrated to symbolize the preparation of the Church to receive Child Jesus into the heart of the Church. As Alexander Pope rightly said, “*What do I profit if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world during this Christmas, but is not born in my*

heart?” It becomes our obligation to sanctify and renew ourselves in order to prepare the way for Infant Jesus to be born in our hearts. The remaining Sundays in the Season of Annunciation are set apart to meditate upon the events of Incarnation in relation to the birth of Jesus the message to Zacharia, the annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, the birth of John the Baptist and the apparition to St Joseph. These meditations will help us to realize better the divine plan of incarnation and the way to prepare ourselves for the miracle of Christmas.

Mission Endeavours of the Exarchate

The Mission Sunday this year became more meaningful for the Exarchate with the inauguration of Bangalore Mission centered on Denkanikottai in the District of Krishnagiri in Tamilnadu. The inauguration was done by blessing the Mission Home rented in Denkanikottai. Fr Amutharaj Thomas, Sr Mary Priya SIC, Sr Saswatha SIC, Bro Jobin, Mr Joshi Raphel and Mrs Mary Joshi have begun the mission in the neighbouring villages. I am especially happy about Mr Joshi Raphel and Mrs Mary Joshi from Padi-Chennai Parish who are serving with the Mission Team as full time Lay Missionaries. The team has identified a tribal village and have already initiated a growth process in the village. The preliminary activities include motivating children to go to school regularly, teaching the children the basics of cleanliness, conducting weekly medical camps in the village, visiting the houses and understanding the situation and supporting the sick and the needy. Let us wholeheartedly congratulate the Mission Team for their initiatives and remember them regularly in our prayers.

The Bapatla Mission is gaining momentum with the Sacrament of Anointing with Holy Myron (Confirmation) received by 31 persons from different villages. Rt Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, the Proto-Syncellus of the Exarchate visited the villages and led the celebration of the Sacrament. Fr Varghese Valikkodath, the Exarchial Director of Missions and Fr Stephen Chempakathoppu, the Priest-in-Charge of Bapatla Mission

assisted him to confirm the people by in faith anointing them with Holy Myron.

Most Rev Joseph Mar Thomas, the Bishop of Bathery, led us to identify a new Mission area centered around Guntur, the Capital Region of Andhra Pradesh. Msgr Mattamana and Fr Valikkodath visited the area and have begun initial discussions with the people there. The area is about 50 kms from Bapatla and can be easily operated by the Mission Team in Bapatla.

The Marathi Mission in Warje Malwadi has entered its next phase with Sunday Holy Qurbano in Hindi. Marathi and Hindi speaking people are regularly attending the Holy Qurbano with deep faith and strong conviction. The mission zeal of Fr George Mathew OIC, the Priest-in-Charge of Warje Malwadi Mission and of the parishioners is really appreciable.

Parish Level Suvisesha Sangham Formation

The Suvisesha Sangham Formation has reached the Parish Level. As I have exhorted during the ceremony of Kaiveppu in the Districts, all Parishes should have a Suvisesha Sangham which lives ardently the Gospel and helps the Parish in spreading the joy of the Gospel. Suvisesha Sangham members who have received Kaiveppu in the Districts have a responsibility to motivate and initiate Suvisesha Sangham in their respective Parishes. All reverend Parish Priests are requested to make sure that Suvisesha Sangham is formed in their concerned Parishes in the month of November itself. I entrust Fr Varghese Valikkodath, the Exarchial Director of Suvisesha Sangham, to equip the Reverend Sisters and the District Suvisesha Sangham members to lead the Formation Programme in the Parishes. The Formation Programme in the Parishes should begin in the month of January 2018. The details will be communicated to you by the Exarchial Director.

Bible Camps for the Catechism Children

Bethany Brothers from Pune conducted Bible Camps for the Catechism children in Hyderabad, Pune and Mumbai Districts.

The theme of the Camp, 'Shepherds with the Smell of the Sheep' based on the Sacrament of Priesthood helped the children to have a wider insight into the Sacrament of Priesthood and to look into oneself and decide on his/her call to Priesthood or Religious Life. The texts prepared for the seniors and juniors by the Bethany Brothers under the guidance of Rev. Fr George Ayyaneth OIC, the Director of BVP, were really rich in content with meaningful songs and thought provoking exercises. Hope this Camp has motivated and strengthened at least a few children in our Districts to accept the call of God to be Priests and Religious (including nuns or Sisters) to fulfill God's mission on the earth. I take this opportunity to congratulate all those who have toiled hard to make these camps successful and fruitful.

The Exarchial Catechism Department will be organizing '*Jeevan Darshan Camp*' during the summer holidays for the children from Classes 4 to 12 in all the Districts of the Exarchate under the leadership of the Exarchial Seminarians who are studying in different Major Seminaries. The motto of *Jeevan Darshan Camp* is to 'Grow in Christ; rooted in the Word and guided by the Spirit'. This year, the Camp will be oriented towards enlightening the children about the spirituality of Suvisesha Sangham and inspiring them to follow the spirit of Suvisesha Sangham in their daily lives. An evaluation method for the daily spiritual exercises will be evolved in the Camp and this will be made part of Internal Assessment in the Catechism Classes. The District Directors of Catechesis are expected to arrange these Camps in the Districts by discussing the dates with Rev. Fr Varghese Valikkodath, the Exarchial Director of Catechism. Since it is during the summer holidays, kindly fix and announce the dates in each District in the month of November itself so that the parents plan their family vacation accordingly.

Youth Day Celebrations in the Exarchate

I am happy to note that all the Districts of the Exarchate conducted

programmes in connection with the Youth Day Celebration. I hope most of the Parishes also conducted programmes of the MCYM Patron's Day. The Exarchial MCYM Arts Fest scheduled to be held on 27 January in Pune has to be transformed into an occasion for the gathering of the Youth of the Exarchate. I appreciate your foresightedness in including English Holy Qurbano Songs for the Liturgical Hymn competition. The learning of English Holy Qurbano Songs by the Youth will help the Parishes to fulfill our dream of introducing in our parishes the English Holy Qurbano once in a month.

Social Communication Media Day

The Church celebrates 'Social Communication Media Day' on 19 November. We are all aware of the influence of Media in our daily lives. Media can be used for good and for wrong purposes. The Holy Father, Pope Francis in his message for this day says that our minds are “grinding” the innumerable media messages we receive daily and it is up to us to choose what to feed our minds. He says that human tragedy can too easily turn into entertainment that leads to pessimism and dulls our consciences.

Let's have discussions or seminars or brain storming sessions on this day and learn to use media for human development and for the good of our spiritual lives.

The Sunday collection of this day is to be remitted to the Exarchial Finance Office for the activities of the Social Communication of the Exarchate.

Beatification of Sr Rani Maria FCC

The beatification of Sr Rani Maria, who was martyred 22 years ago in Central India will be held on the grounds of St Paul's School, adjacent to the Bishop's House in Indore on 4 November 2017. Cardinal Angelo Amato, who serves as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints will officially declare her as 'Blessed Martyr' during the Beatification Ceremony.

Sr Rani Maria FCC is a symbol of missionary zeal and social commitment with active involvement in different areas of development of the down trodden and the marginalized. She stands as a symbol of sacrificing one's life for the noble cause of the poor. Beatification of Sr Rani Maria is a timely gift of Pope Francis to the Indian Christian Community to strengthen us in fulfilling the mission of Christ through sharing the joy of the Gospel.

As you are aware, the most astonishing fact about the martyrdom of Sr Rani Maria is that her heavenly intercession has transformed the person who stabbed her around 50 times. I had seen a picture of Samunder Singh, the hired assassin, praying with folded hands in front of the tomb of Sr Rani Maria, which is really heart touching and hope filled. Let us pray to the Lord through the intercession of Blessed Rani Maria to fortify us in the mission of the Lord and to guide us in sharing the joy of the Gospel. Let her be a strong intercessor in our missionary endeavours!

New Eparchies for the Syro-Malabar Church

With happiness we note the erection of the new Syro-Malabara Catholic Eparchies of Shamsabad and Hosur. This is a historic event in which the Syro-Malabar Church obtains canonical jurisdiction all over India. We rejoice with the Church on this occasion and wish the Eparchies all blessings for a good start. I will be representing our Exarchate at the inauguration of these Eparchies.

12A, 80 G, Accounts, Audit and Accountability

I am happy to announce that our Exarchate registered as a religious trust has the 12A certificate by which we are exempted from paying income tax. Similarly SEVA, our social service society registered as a National NGO, has obtained 12A and 80G certificates. 80G grants tax exemption to our donors and benefactors. On behalf of all of you, I congratulate and thank our Finance Officer Rev. Fr Varghese Kaithon and the Director of

SEVA Rt Rev. Msgr Varghese Mattamana and their office colleagues and our Auditor Mr KK George Kuruvilla for their relentless and systematic efforts in obtaining these certificates. I also appreciate those who faithfully and orderly carry out the general discipline of our Church and the Exarchate.

In this context, I would also like to bring to the kind attention of all, that we have to be faithful, systematic and disciplined in our accounting. It has been brought to my notice that in spite of repeated conscientisation and reminders, in certain parishes, those responsible for the upkeep of the accounts have not submitted all details bank balance, fixed deposit details, etc. for auditing. This has caused a delay in completing the audit this year. Besides undermining a Christian conscience in this matter, they are also inviting troubles for our Church before the Income Tax Department and the Government. This can lead to cancelling our 12A and 80G benefits. Kindly see that, this is not repeated.

Similarly those who default in sending the earmarked offerings to the Finance Office to be transmitted to the specified purposes is a breach of discipline. The Finance Officer has sent a list of payments from all our parishes to the Parish Priests. Kindly see it.

The situations of those who have applied for exemptions will be considered favourably according to the merit of the case. I know that you are all aware of the sources of income and expenses of our Exarchate. With God's grace, we, all of us together, will fulfill our mission!

Annual Retreat of Your Bishop and Priests

Dear Friends, I request your prayers for me and all the priests of our Exarchate. We will be coming together and spending the days from 13 to 17 November 2017 in Annual Retreat in Pune. It is an occasion for us to renew our spiritual life and commitment in priesthood to love God and to serve the People of God. Your prayers will strengthen us.

Diaconate Ordination

Rev. Bro Manu Kurishingal who has completed his Theology course will be receiving Diaconate Ordination on 17 November 2017. Thereafter he will be doing his Diaconate Ministry and preparing to receive the priestly ordination. Kindly keep Bro. Kurisinkal in your prayers.

Conclusion

As I conclude this message of this month, I thank God for his wonderful ways of leading us in the ministry of our Exarchate. I thank each and every one of you, Priests, Sisters, Seminarians, Parents, Youth and Children for what we are doing together for the greater glory of God and the good of our Church. I thank you for your constant prayers for me and for the mission of our Exarchate. In a very special way let us continue to pray for the success of our mission to share the joy of the Gospel.

May all of us be imbued with the spirit of the Advent and prepare for the coming of the Lord into our hearts, homes and communities through Christmas!

May the blessing of the Almighty God, through the intercession of our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Thomas our Apostle in Faith, the Blessed Rani Maria and the Servant of God Mar Ivanios, be with us all!

Your loving Aboon

+ *Mar Anthonios*

✠ Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC
Apostolic Exarch

EXARCHIAL NEWS

National Symposium

A National Symposium on “Amoris Laetitia in the Indian Situation” was held at St Pious College, Goregaon-Mumbai from 13 to 15 October 2017. Prof. Saji Daniel, Mrs Lizy Koshy, Mrs Sara Mani Kuriakose, Mrs Rosamma Rajan and Mrs Julie Philip attended the symposium representing the Exarchate of St Ephrem, Khadki-Pune.

EXARCHIAL DISTRICT NEWS

MUMBAI DISTRICT

1. Reunion Day Celebration

The Mumbai region celebrated Reunion Day on 24 September 2017, at St Francis D' Assisi Institute of Management, Borivali. Most Rev Vincent Mar Paulose, the Bishop of Marthandom was the main celebrant of the Holy Qurbano. Rev Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, Rev Fr Philip Pulipra along with the other priests from the district concelebrated the Holy Eucharist. Faithful from the whole Mumbai region participated in the whole day program. In a public meeting held thereafter, the students who scored highest marks in the SSC, HSC, CBSE, ICSE and Graduation examinations were awarded. The senior citizens, couples celebrating silver or golden jubilee year of married life and the couples who were blessed with more than 2 children were also felicitated.

2. Family Counseling Seminar

Mumbai Regional Mathrusangham and MCA jointly organized a one day seminar on Family Counseling level on 08 October 2017 at St Mary's MCC Sakinaka. The seminar began soon after the Holy Qurbano celebrated at 7:30am by Rev Fr Manoj Varghese OIC, the MCA director of Mumbai District. During the Qurbano prayers for the commemoration of His Grace Most Rev Benedict Mar Gregorios was also held. A memorial speech on Mar Gregorios was delivered by Mr Thomas Mathew, the MCA Secretary. The

session was led by Rev Fr Wilson Tharayil CMI, the family apostolate director of the Syro Malabar Church. He spoke on the challenges of married life and parenting. Individual counseling was also organized on the occasion which was done by Fr Thomas Irumbukuttyil and Fr Johnson Pamplanikkal. All the parish priests and religious and a around 290 faithful from the district participated in this seminar. The programs were held in the guidance of Fr Manoj OIC, the Director for MCA and Fr Benedict OIC, the Director for the Mathrusangham for the Mumbai District, Rev. Srs Kiran SIC and Bhavya SIC the animators for the MCA and Mathrusangham respectively. Rev Fr Philip Pulipra gave leadership to the programs as the Proto Presbyter of the Mumbai District.

3. BBS Camp, Mumbai District

The annual Bethany Bible Studies Camp for the catechism children in Mumbai district was held from 17 - 19 October 2017 at St Joseph Bethany High School, Ulhasnagar. 111 students and 12 teachers attended the camp from 10 units in Mumbai. The camp was arranged by the Department of Catechism Mumbai district under the leadership of District director of Catechism Rev Fr Philip Pulipra and Sister in-charge Lucia SIC. The theme of the camp was “Shepherds with the Smell of the Sheep” focused on the Sacrament of Priesthood.

The camp was led by 5 Bethany Brothers from Pune. Games, Quiz and camp fire ensured the active participation from all children. All the priest and sisters from the district were part of the camp by their presence and support. V. Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana and Rev Fr. Varghese Valikkodath felicitated our kids during the closing ceremony.

4. MCCL Election

MCCL election for the year 2017-18 was held on October 18. Every unit had two nominees. The candidates were elected by voting. Rev Fr Philp Pulipra, Rev Fr Thomas Bijily OIC, Sr. Lucia SIC, Sr. Kiran SIC and Sr. Agnel SIC over saw the election proceedings, and the following were elected.

President	:	Riya Mathew	Thane
Vice President	:	AlbinBijuKoshy	Vasai
Secretary	:	Sharon Jacob	Sakinaka
Jt. Secretary	:	Sereena Varghese	Ulhasnagar

5. Catechism Teachers' Seminar

The Catechism Teachers' seminar was held on 19 Oct from 10:30 am to 3:30pm at St Joseph Bethany High School, Ulhasnagar by Rev Fr Varghese Valikkodath, the Exarchial Director of Catechism. The seminar was attended by 55 teachers from all the 10 units in Mumbai. The topic was “Church History from Pentecost to Punaraikyam”. It was a very informative and enlightening experience.

6. MCYMArts Festival

The MCYM Mumbai District Secretariat Team under the leadership of the Director Rev Fr Ani Zacharia OIC and Mr Shiju Thomas, the MCYM President conducted the Mega event "Y-Zest October 2017" successfully on October 21, 2017 at St Joseph Bethany Convent School, Ulhasnagar. This year close to 105 youth had registered their participation for the contest from 8 Units. The Following Events were conducted this year - Bible Verse Writing, Bible Quiz Competition, Duet Song with Karaoke, Mono Act, Psalms recitation, Exarchate Got Talent, Liturgical song, and Margam Kali. The MCYM Sakinaka Unit bagged the Overall Championship Award, while the Ulhasnagar & Thane Unit bagged the 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up position respectively. Mr Jobin Mathew and Ms Sani Shaji were declared as the Individual Champions for Male & Female category, respectively.

PUNE DISTRICT

1. MCA & Mathrusangham Seminar

A One day Seminar for MCA and Mathrusangham members of the Pune District was held on 14 October 2017 at St Mary's Cathedral Church, Khadki on the topic “Challenges of Christian Families in the current Social Scenario”. The Seminar was inaugurated by Rev Fr Varghese Kaithon, the district MCA Director. Rev Fr Mathew Punakulam introduced the topic of the seminar emphasizing on the

importance and need of prayer in the families. Rev Fr Rajan Punnackal and Rev Fr Bivin Kalambadan led the Seminar. After the seminar, Mr Alex Valavil was felicitated for his contributions towards the Mission activities in the Exarchate.

2. Youth Day, Pune District

The feast of St Francis of Assisi was celebrated by MCYM Pune District on 08 October 2017 at St Antony's MSCC, Vishrantwadi in the name '*CONFERO*'. 60 youths from the different parishes of Pune participated in this program. The day started with the Holy Qurbano followed by hoisting of the MCYM flag by Rev Fr. Varghese Kaithon.

The main Highlights of the day were as follows:

1. **Session on life of St Francis of Assisi** Mr Dinu Babu the MCYM Pune District Secretary took a one hour session covering all the aspects and incidents of the life of St Francis which was an inspiration for all.
2. **Organ Donation Awareness Presentation** Mrs Sulekha Joshi an award winning social worker from the NGO - Zonal Transplant Co-ordination Centre (ZTCC) explained the importance of Organ donation through a movie and also answered all doubts related to Organ donation. She also distributed Organ donation forms after her session.
3. **Inter Unit Debate Competition** - The topic for the Debate was "*Can corruption and bribery be wiped away from India*". 5 units participated which were divided as 2 teams speaking against the Topic and 3 teams speaking for the Topic. The competition was judged by Fr George Mathew OIC, Sr Arpana DM and Sr Molly and was moderated by MCYM Pune District Gen. Secretary Merin Varghese. It was a healthy competition which saw all the participants giving in their best. MCYM Pimpri unit were declared the winners, represented by Jitin George & Prince Ponnachan, 1st runners up went to Pune Central unit represented by Anson Andrews & Anto Jacob. Anson Andrews from Pune Central was given the best Debator award.



One Day Retreat, Goa



**Class on Life After Death by
Fr Jolly Karimbil, Chinchwad**



MCA and Mathrusangham Family Counselling, Mumbai District



**Mar Ivanios Prayer Group with the Children
of Carmel Syro-Malabar Church, Pune**



**The Exarchial Members at
National Symposium, Mumbai**



Y-ZEST, Arts Festival - Mumbai District



Youth Day Celebrations



Thane



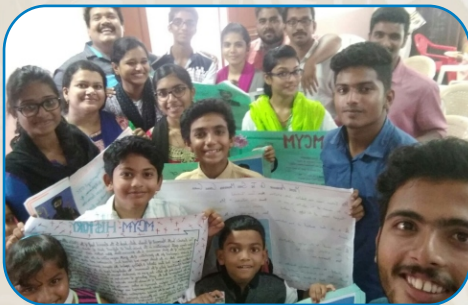
Goa



One Day Seminar, Ayappakam - Chennai



Debate Competition Pune



Picket & Jeedimetla, Hyderabad



Children's Bible Camp



Bapatla, Andhra



Hyderabad



Mumbai



Kalewadi



**Visit to Orphanage,
Thane Mathrusangham**



**Newly Elected MCCL Leaders with
Mumbai District Executives**



**Mumbai District Catechism
Teachers' Seminar**



**Releasing of Mathrusangham
Annual Agenda, Mumbai**



Charity Donation, Sakinaka



**Festal Celebration of
Sr Adarsh DM, Khadki**



Onam Celebration, Vishratwadi & Dehu Road



Reunion Day Celebration, Goa



Rosary at the Grotto, Khadki



**Training the Women and participation in CSR Connectivity
Workshop in ARC Center at Panvel by SEVA**



HYDERABAD DISTRICT**BBS Camp**

This year's BBS Camp in Hyderabad District was held with a lot of enthralling experience for the Sunday school students. The camp was led by four Bethany brothers from Pune namely Br Jithin, Br Tenny, Br Alen and Br Henry. '*Salve of Salvation*' was the theme for the year where the students got to know more about the sacrament of anointing of the sick. There were various competitions held based on the theme. Thus it was a memorable experience for the students. Around 50 students from both the parishes in Hyderabad participated in the camp along with the catechism teachers and parents.

CHENNAI DISTRICT**Youth Day Celebration**

A one day seminar was conducted for the youth as part of the Patron's Day at St George MSCC, Ayapakkam. Youths from all the parishes in the Chennai District nearing to 60 participated in the seminar led by Prof. George Fernandus, VP of Loyola college. The program was hosted by the Ayapakkam unit MCYM.

OBITUARY

The Exarchate expresses her deepest
condolences and prayers
on the sad demise of
Ms Anu Jose from St Mary's MSCC,
Borivali on 18 October 2017

And

Mr Johny Mathai from St Thomas MSCC,
Thane on 12 October 2017.

May their souls rest in eternal peace.



EXARCHIAL PARISH NEWS

PUNE DISTRICT

1. St Mary's MSCC, Khadki

Mother's Day: Mothers Day was celebrated on 24 September 2017. Special offertory was brought by the mothers for the Holy Qurbano. In a short programme held after the Holy Qurbano, the Sunday School children felicitated the mothers with a bouquet. A session was conducted by Br Sijo Chennath from CMI congregation informing the importance on the upbringing of children and family relationships.

Feast of St Francis of Assisi: The Feast of St Francis of Assisi was celebrated by offering the Holy Qurbano for the youth. Master Neel Liju gave a session on the life of St Francis of Assisi through a power point presentation.

Feast of Rev Sr Adarsh DM: Feast of Sr Adarsh DM was celebrated on 01 October 2017. The Vicar along with the catechism children felicitated Sr Adarsh by giving a bouquet and gift. She was thanked for all her services and contributions to the church.

Felicitation of Mr V A George: Mr V A George was honoured for his exemplary missionary services at the MCA Global Meet at the 87th Reunion Celebration in Kerala. He was felicitated at the Cathedral church by Mr Johny Abraham who briefed the various missionary activities that he has undertaken for the church. Mr Thomas Varghese presented him the bouquet and Fr Joseph Venmanath gave him a gift during the felicitation.

Rosary Prayer

Under the initiative of the Vicar and the youth every day the Holy Rosary is recited at the Cathedral church in the evening in Hindi. Each day is dedicated to one family of the parish. The youths also recite the Holy Rosary after the Holy Mass on Sunday at the Grotto.

2. St Antony's MSCC, Vishrantwadi

The parishioners actively participated and celebrated the Onam festival on 01 Oct 2017. As part of the Patrons day celebration, Holy Qurbano was offered for the youth of the parish. This Parish hosted the Confero 17, an inter unit debate competition under the aegis of MCYM Pune district. There was also an Organ donation awareness presentation, a session on St Francis of Assisi followed by the Inter unit debate competition.

3. St Thomas MSCC, Chinchwad

One Day Seminar: A session on 'Life after death according to the Catholic tradition' was held in the parish. The day's program started with Hindi Qurbano by Rev Fr Jolly. In the session he explained how as a Christian we need to interpret the information of Life after Death according to Catholic tradition.

4. Holy Redeemer's MSCC, Kalewadi

Onam Celebration: Onam was celebrated by the parishioners on 17 September 2017. The day began with Holy Qurbano. The MCYM took lead in organizing games for all the parishioners which was followed by *Onasadhya*.

BBS Camp: BBS Camp was conducted on 14, 15 & 16 October 2017 under the leadership of Brothers from Bethany Ashram, Ramwadi. Brs Jithu, Henry, Jaison and Derin conducted the camp. Around 75 students from the 06 parishes in Pune District participated in the camp.

5. St Joseph MSCC, Dehu Road

Mr Alex Valavil, a member of the parish was honoured for his 'Meritorious Mission Leadership' during the Reunion Day Celebrations held at Mar Ivanios Nagar, Adoor on the 20 September 2017. On account of this he was extended a felicitation by our Vicar and Parishioners on the 08 of October 2017. It is a great honour for the parish and for the entire Malankara community to be blessed with such personalities who selflessly

render their services for the community. Mr. Alex Valavil expressed his sincere gratitude towards the parishioners.

MUMBAI DISTRICT

1. St Mary's MSCC, Kharghar

Felicitation: During the Reunion Day Celebration held on 24 September at Borivali Mr John Thomas and Mrs Leena John were felicitated as they celebrate silver jubilee year of their wedding. Ms. Angel Maria Jose was awarded for her excellence in Sunday school, and Ms Feba Jacob for securing highest in HSC Commerce Board Exams.

Half Yearly Pothuyogam: The half yearly meeting was conducted on 15 October 2017. The report for six months was presented by parish secretary Mrs Sally Thomas and the accounts for the period was presented by Mr Shaji Mathew, Trustee.

Commemoration of His Grace Benedict Mar Gregorios: There was a solemn Qurbano and *dhoopa prarthana* commemorating our Pithavu on 15 October. *Anusmarana prabhashanam* was given by Mr Mathew Geevarghese.

Congratulations: St Mary's MCC, Kharghar, congratulates our dear parish members Mr Babu George and Mr Zachariah Pawath for being felicitated for their exemplary contribution towards the growth of the church, as well as for being entrepreneurs playing important role in building the community. The award was given at Adoor during the reunion celebration this year. They were felicitated in the parish.

2. St Mary's MSCC, Sakinaka

Suvishesha Sangham: Suvishesha Sangham conducted a follow up meeting of members from the parish who had received “*Kaiveppu*”. The meeting was presided by Exarchial Director Rev Fr. Varghese Vallikkodath. The members conveyed their information regarding the monthly visit and the visit to the ill and that of the other activities.

Vincent De Paul: Rev Fr Philip Pulipra and St Vincent De Paul

members of Sakinaka parish handed over a cheque to a Maharashtrian Family residing at Marol as part of charity programme on 15 October after Holy Qurbano. The amount is for supporting a member who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Sunday School: Annual Inspection of Sunday School was held on 15 October by District Sunday School Inspector Mrs Gracy Thomas.

3. Holy Family MSCC, Vikhroli

Reunion Day Celebration: 55 members from the parish attended the celebration held at the district level at Borivali. Ms Sini Isaac was awarded the scholarship for securing highest in SSC Board Exams.

One day Seminar: 25 members from the parish participated in the Family Counselling Seminar held at the district level at Sakinaka.

Half Yearly *Pothuyogam*: The half yearly meeting (*pothuyogam*) was conducted on 15 October 2017. The report for six months was presented by Parish Secretary, Mr P S Thomas and the accounts for the period was presented by Mr Peter K Daniel, the Trustee. The *pothuyogam* winded up with major decisions regarding the activities of the parish.

Rosary Month: The parish observed the month of October as the month of the Rosary under the initiative of the MCYM of the parish who had erected a beautiful grotto outside the church. On every Friday before the Holy Qurbano, the parishioners recited the Holy Rosary in honour of our Blessed Mother Mary.

4. St Thomas MSCC, Thane

Mathrusangham Day Celebrations

Mathrusangham members celebrated Mathru Day on 03 Sep. After the Holy Qurbano, all the Mathrusangham members visited an orphanage "Divya Prabha", a home for girls in distress, under the leadership of Rev Sr Kiran SIC. Mathrusangham members entertained the inmates with games and offered them lunch and

few basic necessities.

Onam Celebrations

Onam was celebrated on 17 Sep. Rev Sr Kiran SIC inaugurated the celebrations. MCA Unit President Baby John delivered the Onam message. Cultural programmes were performed by the Sunday school students and members of MCA, Mathrusangam and MCYM. The celebrations ended with a delicious *onasadhya* which was prepared by the parish members.

HYDERABAD DISTRICT

1. Mother Mary MSCC, Picket

MCYM Patron's Day: The day was celebrated on a different note by showing the significance of our Church Footprints, our Bishops and Why MCYM through an Exhibition. The youth of our church creatively prepared Charts and displayed them after the Holy Qurbano and explained their significances. This exhibition brought awareness and instilled confidence in our youth. Rev Fr Blesson OIC and Rev Sr Vimal SIC guided the youth and the event was made successful with the help of the elders. The youth also distributed Food Packets among the Poor. They actively participated in the Holy Qurbano and hoisted the MCYM Flag and recited the MCYM pledge.

2. St Joseph's MSCC, Jeedimetla

MCYM Patron's Day: After the Holy Qurbano, a team of 20 youth members visited Thara Orphanage which is a home for 110 boys. The youths spend good amount of time with the children of the orphanage. The Youth members engaged them in various activities like action songs, games, sports etc. Lunch was served and prepared by the MCYM member. Gifts were also given to the children.

● St Ephrem MSCC, Goa

Reunion Day: The parish celebrated the Reunion day beginning with Holy Qurbano and prayers for the Malankara community. A

prayerful procession was also held from the parish to Khursh Adi.

One Day Retreat: On Sunday, 15 October 2017, the "Mathrusangham" of the parish organised a one day retreat for the parishioners after the Holy Qurbano. Br Johnson from Bangalore redefined the meaning of Love be it in the family, society or amongst the parishioners. He also spoke on the importance of Prayer to increase Faith and Love. The retreat was indeed an enriching experience.

INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Mar Gregorios College, Chennai

1. Memorial Prayer Session: A Memorial Prayer Session was organized in loving memory of Rev Fr K C George Former Principal and Director of our college by the Department of Social work, under the leadership of Rev Fr John Peter on 19 September, 2107. Senior Teaching Faculty members were invited to join the prayer session. The invited faculty members who were closely associated with Rev Fr K C George were invited to share their thoughts and experience. The Staff and students paid their respects to Rev Fr K C George's portrait placed at the entrance of our campus by the Department of Social work.

2. UNICOM FEST- 2017: Department of Commerce Shift II, Organized department activity "UNICOM FEST" under the headship of our Principal Dr K Mohandoss in MAR IVANIOS Hall. Chief Guest was our MGC Alumni, Mr Thendral Arasu, Project Manager IT Solution Cognizant, London. He shared broad ideas with the students about the basic expectations of the interviewers of different concerns. He gave important information about the students who have a greater opportunity to go abroad and how to get it.

3. PULAM 2017: Department of Tamil, Shift II, organized their department activity "PULAM 2017" under the leadership of our Principal Dr K Mohandoss in Mar Ivanios Hall. Professor M Ramesh Nandhanam Arts and Science College, Chennai, was the

Chief Guest, who delivered the speech on “*Kavithai vasithalum Purithalum*”. The department conducted various events and distributed the prizes to the winners.

4. MGC CYBER 2K17: Department of Computer Application, Shift II organized their department activity “MGC CYBER 2K17” on 18 September 2017 under the leadership of our Principal Dr K Mohandoss. Chief guest Mrs T S Uma Maheshwari, gave a motivational speech on value of education to students. Various events like Paper Presentation, Cooking without fire, Technical Quiz, Best from Waste were conducted and prizes were distributed.

5. Electro Fest 2017

The Department of Electronics and Communication organized a 1-Day SYMPOSIUM on 18 September 2017. Students from third year designed and displayed mega projects. Students from first and second year displayed mini projects. More than thirty projects were displayed. The event was inaugurated by Mrs Uma Maheshwari, former Head, Department of Electronics and Communication Science, Mar Gregorios College. Staff and students of various departments visited the exhibition and encouraged our students by giving positive feedback.

6. KULAM 2017: Department of Tamil Shift I, organized Literary Ceremony “KULAM 2017” on 21st September 2017 in MGC. Chief Guest Professor Mr. Sirgurunathan from Dr. Ambedkar Govt. Arts and Science College, gave speech on “Science in Tamil” through Power point presentation. He explained How Sangam time poets who lived 2000 years ago knew science. Prizes were awarded to students for the events conducted by the department.

7. COMKREAT 2017: Department of Commerce Shift II, organized an intercollegiate department Program on 25th September 2017 in Mar Ivanios Hall. Twenty Nine Colleges from

in and around Chennai were participated. Various events like Adzap, Corporate Walk and 2 Minutes to fame, Paper Presentation, Quiz, Face Painting & Plan D'Affairs were conducted. Sri Kannika Parameshwari College for Women got the Overall Champion. The Chief Guest on that day was Dr. V. N. Parthiban, Associate Professor and Head, R.K. Vivekananda College, Mylapore.

8. SYNERGY2017: Department of Business Administration, Shift II organized “SYNERGY2017” on 26th September 2017. Chief Guest Dr.V.Saravanan, Head and Assistant Professor, Kumara Rani Meena Muthaiah College delivered a speech on “Business Motivation” to the students. Various competitions were held by the department like Off stage events: Mock interview, Market mayhem, Product packaging, Paper presentation, Face painting, 50 ka Funda, Management quiz. There were onstage events such as Adzap, Corporate walk- individual. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

9. COSTA 2K17: Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Shift II organized “COSTA 2K17” on 27th September 2017 under the leadership of Principal, Dr.K.Mohandoss. Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr.Lakshmi Narasimman, Founder of Nandhavanam Educational & Charitable Trust, Avadi, delivered Motivational speech on “How to prepare for the competitive Exams”. Various events like Speech, Paper Presentation, Quailing and Connection are conducted and prizes awarded to the winners,

10. Student & Staff Retreat 2017: On 02 October 2017, Students and Staff Retreat was organized in MGC. Rev Fr Peter X Francis Conducted 3 Sessions of Meeting with the Theme “You are not far away from the Kingdom of God”. Group Discussion with the situation topic was conducted. Lot of Non-Christian students also participated and benefited. The Retreat concluded with Holy Qurbano celebrated by Rev Fr Peter X Francis & Rev Fr John Peter.

EXARCHATE OF ST.EPHREM

Sr. No	Parish Name	Palm Sunday/ Social Welfare day 09.04.17	Good Friday 21.04.17	Seminary Day 23.04.17
1	St.Mary's MSCC Church, Khadki	3540	28720	1090
2	Holy Redeemer's MSCC. Kalewadi	4510	12744	3380
3	St.Antony's MSCC, Vishrantawadi	7750	19140	4500
4	St.Joseph's MSCC, Dehuroad	540	2210	490
5	St.Thomas MSCC, Chinchwad	910	4000	840
6	St.Mary's MSCC, Warje Malwadi.	2310	3160	1605
7	St.Mary's MSCC, Aurangabad.			
8	St.Thomas MSCC, Nashik.	860	3580	410
9	St.Mary's MSCC, BARC	970		1085
10	St.Mary's MSCC, Kharghar	3221	11240	
11	St.Mary's MSCC, Dombivali			
12	St.Thomas SMCC, Borivilli	4456	14415	2315
13	St.Mary's MCC, Malad			
14	St.John The Baptist MSCC, Vasai			
15	St.Mary's MCC, Sakinaka	3340	10154	4925
16	Holy Family MCC, Vikhroli	2000	5000	1500
17	St.Thomas MCC, Thane	3780	8730	1405
18	St.Joseph's MSCC, Ulhasnagar			
19	St.Thomas MSCC- Padi			
20	St.George MCC - Ayyappakkam			
21	St.Mary's MSCC, Hennur			
22	St.Joseph's MSCC, Mathikare	4900	4440	2150
23	St.John's MSCC, Singasandra			
24	Mother Mary MSCC, Secunderabad_picket	1998	2140	1155
25	St.Joseph's MSCC, Hyderabad			
26	St.Ephrem MSCC, Goa			
27	St.Alphonso MSCC, Carmelaram-(M)			
28	Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, Nagpur		2820	

Subscriptions of 2017-18

Laity Day /MCA 07.05.17	Sunday School 06.08.17	Justice Sunday 20.08.17	Mathru sangam 10.09.17	Reunion day cover	MCYM 01.10.17	Mission Sunday 22.10.17
2895	3125	2058				
2145	3572	2687	7220		2654	
3870	4290	3460	4350	10000	5375	10000
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2030	2950	2160	2710		2581	2120
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1245	2295	2370	2807			
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3170	4120	2520	3710	-	2875	2760
2135	2120	1920	2190			
1332	1240	1005				



The Ephremite Matrimonial Column

1. Malankara Catholic Parents based in Pune seeking suitable alliance for their daughter, 30/166, BE IT, working as a technical lead in a leading IT company. Parents of Qualified and well employed boys may contact: 99213048021/9921304589.
2. "Malankara Catholic Parents from well to do family, based in Pune, seek suitable alliance for their daughter, 23/157, BE Civil, Pursuing ME, employed in Pune. Parents of qualified and well employed boys may please contact: 9423559064, 9822771903."
3. Alliance invited from Pune settled Malankara Catholic keralite parents from St. Anthony's Malankara Catholic Church, Visharthwadi, Pune for their God fearing, good looking son and daughter, Masters in Computer Management 30 years old, 68Kg, 5.8 feet, working as Senior Software Quality Engineer. Name: Alexander Chandy. And God fearing, good looking daughter, Electrical Engineering, 25 years old, 52Kg, 5.2 feet, working as Software Quality Engineer. Name: Shilby Chandy (Preferred proposals from Maharashtra) Please Respond to Mr. P. V. Chandy / Mrs Mariamma Chandy on 9860680629.
4. Alliance invited from Pune settled Malankara Catholic keralite parents from St. Anthony's Malankara Catholic Church, Visharthwadi, Pune for their God fearing, good looking daughter, Electrical Engineering, 25 years old, 52Kg, 5.2 feet, working as Software Quality Engineer. Name: Shilby Chandy (Preferred proposals from Maharashtra and out of India) Please Respond to Mr. P. V. Chandy / Mrs Mariamma Chandy on 9860680629

SOCIAL COMMUNICATION MEDIA DAY, 19 NOVEMBER

The desire for digital connectivity can have the effect of isolating us from our neighbours, from those closest to us... The digital world can be an environment rich in humanity... Personal engagement is the basis of the trustworthiness of a communicator. Christian witness, thanks to the internet, can thereby reach the peripheries of human existence.

Pope Francis, from his message for
the 48th World Communications Day



A network not of wires but of people

Upcoming Events

- 04 : Pune District Catechism Teachers Seminar at Khadki
12 : Mumbai District Mathrusangham Literary Competitions at Sakinaka
13 - 16 : Retreat of Exarchate Priests, Pune
17 : Diaconate Br Manu Kurishingal
Exarchate Priests Meet (Religious & Diocesan)
26 : First Semester Catechism Examination

Days of Remembrance

- 01 - All Saints Day
03 - Comm. of Bp Paulose Mar Philexinos
05 - Qudos Eetho Sunday, Beginning of the Liturgical Year
12 - Hudod Eetho Sunday, Renewal of the Church
13 - Feast of Bishop Yoochanon Mar Chrysostom
14 - St. Philip, the Apostle
16 - St. Mathew, the Apostle
19 - Social Communication Media Day
26 - Annunciation to Mary, Mother of God
29 - Feast of Bishop Geevarghese Mar Divannasios
30 - St. Andrew, the Apostle

Bishop's Diary - November 2017

- 01 : Return from Switzerland
04 : Pastoral Course, Trivandrum
05 : Nalanchira, Trivandrum
06 : Vallicode Kottayam
07 : Mumbai
08 : Baroda
09 : Samrakshana, Telangana
11 : Tabore Retreat Centre, Kalyan
Mumbai
12 : Kalewadi, Pune
17 : Diaconate Br Manu Kurishingal
Exarchate Priests Meet (Religious & Diocesan)
19 : KCA Silver Jubilee, Vasai - Mumbai
24 : Carmel Parish Jubilee Celebration, Vadgoansheri Pune
25 : Pune

Glimpses from Mar Gregorios College, Padi - Chennai



Feast of Commemoration

Most Rev Paulose Mar Philexinos,
03 November

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