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My beloved Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Greetings and love to all!

Closing of Archieparchial Inquiry into the Cause of Canonization



Can you understand the depth of my gratitude to God and the joy I am experiencing after 25 August 2016, the day of the canonical act of closure of the Archieparchial Inquiry into the life and virtues of the Servant of God, Archbishop Geevarghese Mar Ivanios? While, I, as the Postulator of the Cause have an added reason to be happy, the joint efforts of a large number of people for the last 18 years come to a close. I am also inspired by the way the Holy Spirit increased and multiplied the fervour of veneration to the Servant of God by bestowing so much grace on our Church and the faithful who increasingly flocked to the tomb. However, don't assume that our beloved Thirumeni is beatified or canonised by the definitive closure of the Archieparchial Inquiry. Now is the time to deepen our faith and grow in prayer so that a miracle, a sign of the will of God, shall occur at the earliest, through the intercession of the Servant of God, in favour of his beatification.

I will be going to Rome as “Carrier” to consign the documents of the Archieparchial Inquiry to the Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Vatican / Rome and that act will take place, in the presence of our Bavathirumeni on 6 or 7 September.

Canonization of Mother Teresa in Rome - 4 September

The Church in India is getting more blessed with the Canonization of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata on 4 September 2016. Many of you would have had a direct glimpse of her life in different areas of India. Her life was a literal manifestation of Matthew 25:40, “As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me”. She prompted us to be diligent and merciful in our social concern especially in dealing with the down-trodden and vulnerable who are left alone in the society. Her untiring mission in the periphery of the society provided a new vision and spiritual strength to our social commitment. Let us rejoice in the Lord for endowing one more Saint to the league of Saints from India to intercede for us in heaven.

Since I will be in Rome during the time as “Carrier” to consign the documents of the Archieparchial Inquiry of our Cause of Mar

IvaniosThirumeni, I will join the canonisation ceremony and pray for our Exarchate for our families and mission.

Eight-Days-Lent(Ettunombu)

The month of September invites us to celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a treasure trove for a Malankarite to observe the eight-days-fast (ettunombu) and obtain the blessings of Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Mary. I wish you all the fervour and blessings of the ettunombu. We specially dedicate our families and our church activities for the special protection of the Mother of God.

Mathrudinam - 8 September

In continuation with the tradition in the erstwhile MCC ETRI of dedicating 8 September as the Mathrusangham Day (Mathrudinam), let us have a meaningful celebration either on 8 September or 4 September according to the convenience of each Parish. When we celebrate Mathrudinam on the Feast of Mother Mary, let me remind all mothers to strongly hold the hands of Mother Mary and walk beside her Son, Jesus Christ. The celebration of Mathrudinam should bring us all closer to the way of life Mother Mary lived in this world.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross - 14 September

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated on September 14, recalls three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by St Helena; the dedication of churches built by Emperor Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. Christianity without the Cross is meaningless; we can enter into the eternal life only by uniting ourselves to Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross.

"How splendid the cross of Christ! It brings life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great warrior, was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A tree has destroyed us; a tree now brought us life" (Theodore of Studios).

Reunion Day Celebrations in the Eparchy of Puttur - 17, 18 September

It is through the Sabhasangamam and the Reunion Day celebrations that we,

the Malankara Catholics, renew our commitment to communion with the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church and our particular commitment to the vision and mission of our Church, the Church of the St Thomas Christians. This year, our celebrations are hosted by the Eparchy of Puttur on 17 and 18 September 2016. Our Exarchate is in close proximity with the Eparchy. Hence, we with our personal participation and financial support shall actively be part of the celebration. Make “the cover collection” a success! Many of our Ecclesiastical Districts also will be organising get-together to commemorate the event. May the celebrations be for our growth in faith and commitment to God and His Church!

Consecration of Bathery Cathedral - 20, 21 September

The Eparchy of Bathery, erected on 28 October 1978 by His Holiness Pope John Paul II, is the third Eparchy in the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church. Ever since its inception, the Prelates who built up the Eparchy concentrated on erecting Mission Centres and providing basic amenities for the communities developed in and around the mission areas. Even though, the Mission Centres later on flourished into full fledged Parishes and new churches were built in different areas of the Eparchy, the Cathedral remained as a small ordinary church in the Bathery Town. His Excellency Joseph Mar Thomas, the present Metropolitan of Bathery took up the responsibility of building a unique Cathedral, perhaps the biggest in the Malankara Catholic Church, blending Byzantine, Gothic and Malankara traditions. The Consecration of the new Cathedral takes place on 20 and 21 September in Bathery. The Exarchate is indebted to the Eparchy for initiating and building up Malankara Catholic Communities in Bangalore, Surat and Ahmedabad. Let us whole-heartedly offer all intentions of the Eparchy of Bathery before the Lord these days and try our best to be present on the blessed occasion of the Consecration.

Malankara Catholic Youth Day - 2 October

Youth is the backbone of any community. For us Youth is not only the backbone but also the future of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church. The Exarchate has no prospects without the faith living of our Youth Communities of the Parishes of the Exarchate. This year when we celebrate the Youth Day on 2 October, let us seriously reflect upon the MCYM in the Exarchate and our response as a Youth and as a Parish towards the activities

of MCYM proposed from the Centre. I wish all the members of MCYM a blessed MCYM Day and Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

Conclusion

I wish everyone a fruitful month of spiritual celebrations. Let us grow in the Lord!

I thank you for your prayers for me. Since I was away in Switzerland, I will be reaching out to some of our parishes where spiritual services need my presence and development activities require my supervision. Let us also give final touches for the fruitful valedictory spiritual celebrations of the Holy Year. I congratulate our Vasai, Borivili and Malad parishes for their pilgrimage through the Holy Door of our Cathedral in Khadkhi-Pune.

In the month of October, complete the ministry I took up in Switzerland in August, I will be there. I know I will be supported by your prayers.

Invoking God's blessings on all of you, my beloved brothers and sisters,

Your loving Aboon



✠ **Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC**
Apostolic Exarch

Bishop's Diary - September 2016

- 01 : Pune
- 02 : Rome (To consign the documents of the Archieparchial enquiry into the Cause of the Canonization of Mar Ivanios)
- 05 : Participating at the Canonization ceremony of St Mother Theresa - Rome
- 08 : Festal Qurbano Warje, Pune
- 10 : Trivandrum
- 15 : Holy Episcopal Synod - Puttur
- 16/17 : Reunion Day Celebration - Puttur
- 19/20 : Blessing of Cathedral Church - Sulthan Bathery
- 20/21 : NBCLC and Parish visit - Bangalore
- 25 : Reunion Day Celebration - Mumbai
- 28 : Switzerland

ദൈവകൃപയാലും തിരുസിംഹാസനത്തിന്റെ അംഗീകാരത്താലും
മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയുടെ
മേജർ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ്-കാതോലിക്കോസും
തിരുവനന്തപുരം മേജർ അതിഭദ്രാസനത്തിന്റെ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷനുമായ
മോറാൻ മാർ ബസേലിയോസ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ ക്ലീമീസ്
കാതോലിക്കാ ബാവായിൽ നിന്നും

നമ്മുടെ അധികാരത്തിൻകീഴുള്ള മേൽപ്പട്ടക്കാർക്കും കോർ
എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പാമാർക്കും റമ്പാൻമാർക്കും പട്ടക്കാർക്കും
ശെമ്മാശ്ശഗണത്തിനും സന്യസ്തർക്കും വിശ്വാസികളേവർക്കും വാഴ്വ്.

Prof. No. CPL 1/2016



സ്വയംഭൂവും സർവ്വശക്തനും ആദ്യന്തമില്ലാത്തവനും
സാരാംശത്തിൽ സമത്വമുള്ളവനുമായ
ത്രീയേക ദൈവത്തിനു സ്തുതി.

**ദൈവദാസൻ മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് പിതാവിന്റെ
നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ മേജർ അതിരുപതാതല സമാപനം**

അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാക്കന്മാരേ, വന്ദ്യ കോറെപ്പിസ്കോപ്പാമാരേ, റമ്പാൻമാരേ,
ബഹു. വൈദികരേ, ശെമ്മാശ്ശന്മാരേ, സന്യസ്തരേ, കർത്താവിൽ പ്രിയ
വിശ്വാസികളേ!

മലങ്കര പുനരൈക്യ പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ ജനയിതാവും മലങ്കര
സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ പ്രഥമ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തൻ
ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പും തിരുവനന്തപുരം അതിരുപതയുടെ ഒന്നാമത്തെ
ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പുമായിരുന്ന നമ്മുടെ പുണ്യപിതാവ് ദൈവദാസൻ മാർ
ഈവാനിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെ വിശുദ്ധ പദവിയിലേക്കുള്ള
നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ ഭാഗമായി നമ്മുടെ മേജർ അതിരുപതാ
തലത്തിലുള്ള നടപടിക്രമങ്ങൾ (ഇമീീശരമഹ ജൂരിലലൈ) പൂർത്തിയായി
എന്ന വാർത്ത സന്തോഷം സഭയുടെ ഇടയന്മാരും പുരോഹിതരും
സമർപ്പിതരും മക്കളുമായ നിങ്ങളെ എല്ലാവരെയും അറിയിക്കുന്നതിൽ
എനിക്ക് അതിയായ സന്തോഷമുണ്ട്. ഇത്തരുന്നത്തിൽ, നമ്മെ എല്ലായ്
പ്പോഴും വാത്സല്യത്തോടെ സംരക്ഷിച്ച് വഴിനടത്തുന്ന പരമകാരുണ്യ
വാനായ ദൈവത്തിന് ഞാൻ ഹൃദയംനിറഞ്ഞ നന്ദി സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

2016 ആഗസ്റ്റ് 25-ാം തീയതി തിരുവനന്തപുരം പട്ടം സെന്റ് മേരീസ് കത്തീഡ്രലിൽ വെച്ചു നമ്മുടെ സഭയിലെ അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാക്കന്മാരും ബഹു. വൈദികരും സഹകാർമ്മികരായി അർപ്പിക്കുന്ന വി. സമൂഹബലിയോടെയാണ് ശുശ്രൂഷകൾക്ക് തുടക്കം കുറിക്കുന്നത്. കൃതജ്ഞതാ ബലിയർപ്പണത്തിനുശേഷം കത്തീഡ്രലിൽ വെച്ചുതന്നെ തുടർനടപടികൾ നടക്കുന്നതാണ്. നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ ഭാഗമായി നമ്മുടെ മേജർ അതിഭദ്രാസനതലത്തിലുള്ള സമാപനവുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട രേഖകൾ സീൽചെയ്ത് ഒപ്പുവയ്ക്കുന്നതും അതിനാ മുഖമായി നാമകരണ നടപടികളുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ടവരുടെ സത്യപ്രതിജ്ഞ നടക്കുന്നതുമാണ്. രാവിലെ 11.30-ന് ശുശ്രൂഷകളും ചടങ്ങുകളും അവസാനിക്കുന്നതാണ്. കൃതജ്ഞതാ ബലിയർപ്പണത്തിനും തുടർന്നു നടക്കുന്ന കാനോനിക നടപടിക്രമങ്ങളിലും സംബന്ധിച്ച് അനുഗ്രഹം പ്രാപിക്കുന്നതിന് നിങ്ങളെ ഏവരെയും ഹൃദയപൂർവ്വം ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നു.

നമ്മുടെ മേജർ അതിരൂപതാ തലത്തിലുള്ള കാനോനിക നടപടികളുടെ പൂർത്തീകരണത്തിനുശേഷം, സൂക്ഷ്മപഠനാനന്തരം ചുമതലപ്പെട്ടവർ തയ്യാറാക്കിയ 97000 പേജുള്ള ഡോക്യുമെന്റ്സ് വിശുദ്ധ നാമകരണ നടപടികൾക്കായുള്ള തിരുസംഘത്തിൽ (Congregation for the Cause of Canonisation of Saints) ന്യൂഡൽഹിയിലെ അപ്പസ്തോലിക കാര്യാലയം (Apostolic Nunciature) വഴി സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നതും റോമിലെ തിരുസംഘം മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് തിരുമേനിയുടെ വിശുദ്ധ പദവികായുള്ള നാമകരണ നടപടികൾ തുടരുന്നതുമായിരിക്കും. ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള ദൈവദാസൻ എന്ന പദവിയിൽ നിന്നും ധന്യൻ, വാഴ്ത്തപ്പെട്ടവൻ, വിശുദ്ധൻ എന്നീ ഉയർന്ന പദവികളിലേക്കാണ് നമ്മുടെ പുണ്യപിതാവ് ഇനിയും ഉയർത്തപ്പെടുവാനുള്ളത്. സ്വർഗ്ഗത്തിന്റെ ഇഷ്ടത്തിൽ മാത്രമാണ് ഒരാൾ വിശുദ്ധ പദവിയിലെത്തിച്ചേരുന്നത് എന്നോർക്കുമ്പോൾ ഈ വിഷയത്തിലുണ്ടാകേണ്ട കൂടുതൽ പ്രാർത്ഥനയെക്കുറിച്ച് നമുക്ക് ഉറച്ച ബോധ്യമുണ്ടാകണം. ആയതിനാൽ ഈ നിയോഗത്തിൽ കൂടുതൽ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കണമെന്ന് ഏവരെയും ഞാൻ ഹൃദയപൂർവ്വം ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

നാമകരണ നടപടികൾക്ക് തുടക്കം കുറിച്ച ഭാഗ്യസ്ഥരണാർഹനായ സിറിൽ ബസേലിയോസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവാ തിരുമേനിയെ ഇത്തരുന്നത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേകം കൃതജ്ഞതയോടെ ഓർക്കുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ സഭയുടെയും തിരുവനന്തപുരം മേജർ അതിരൂപതയുടെയും ചുമതല ഞാൻ ഏറ്റെടുത്ത ശേഷം നാമകരണ നടപടികളെക്കുറിച്ച് പരിശുദ്ധ സുന്നഹദോസിൽ പങ്കുവെച്ച നിമിഷം മുതൽ ഇന്നുവരെ നമ്മുടെ അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാക്കന്മാർ എല്ലാവരും നൽകിവരുന്ന വലിയ പിൻബലത്തിനും

പ്രാർത്ഥനയ്ക്കും ഞാൻ പ്രത്യേകം നന്ദി അർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ ഔദ്യോഗിക അപേക്ഷകരായ (Petitioners) തിരുവനന്തപുരം മേജർ അതിരൂപതയേയും ബഥനി ആശ്രമത്തേയും ബഥനി മഠത്തേയും മേരീമക്കൾ മഠത്തേയും കൃതജ്ഞതാപൂർവ്വം സ്മരിക്കുകയും നൽകിയ സഹായങ്ങൾക്ക് പ്രത്യേകം നന്ദി അർപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ പോസ്റ്റുലേറ്ററായി സേവനം അനുഷ്ഠിച്ച അഭിവന്ദ്യ ഡോ. തോമസ് മാർ അന്തോണിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായ്ക്കും വൈസ് പോസ്റ്റുലേറ്റർ റവ. ഡോ. സിസ്റ്റർ സാമ്ര എസ്.ഐ.സി.യ്ക്കും ഹൃദയംനിറഞ്ഞ നന്ദി സഭയുടെ നാമത്തിൽ ഞാൻ അർപ്പിക്കുന്നു. ചരിത്ര കമ്മീഷന്റെ അധ്യക്ഷൻ റവ. ഡോ. ജെയിംസ് പുതുപറമ്പിൽ ഒ.ഐ.സി., അംഗങ്ങളായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ച റവ. ഡോ. ചെറിയാൻ വാരിക്കാട്ട് അച്ചൻ, റവ. ഫാ. പ്രഭീഷ് ജോർജ്ജ്, റവ. ഫാ. ജോസഫ് പുവത്തുംതറയിൽ എന്നിവർക്കും, എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പൽ ഡെലഗേറ്റ് റവ. ഡോ. മൈക്കിൾ വട്ടപ്പലം, പ്രൊമോട്ടർ ഓഫ് ജസ്റ്റീസ് റവ. ഡോ. സാജു അഗസ്റ്റിൻ കുട്ടോടി പുത്തൻപുരയിൽ സി.എസ്.ടി, നോട്ടറി റവ. സിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് മേരി എസ്.എച്ച്, അഡ്ജന്റ് നോട്ടറി പ്രൊഫ. പുഷ്പ അഗസ്റ്റിൻ എന്നിവരോടുള്ള പ്രത്യേക നന്ദി അറിയിക്കട്ടെ. അനേകം ബഹു. വൈദികരും സിസ്റ്റേഴ്സും വൈദിക വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളും അത്മായ പ്രേഷിതരും യുവജനങ്ങളും ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി ഓരോ ഘട്ടത്തിലും നാമകരണ നടപടികളിൽ സഹായിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത് കൃതജ്ഞതയോടെ സ്മരിക്കുന്നു.

ആ യ ത് ദ ദ വ മാ താ വായ പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യകാമറിയത്തിന്റെയും, അപ്പസ്തോല സമൂഹത്തിന്റെയും, വിശിഷ്ടാ നമ്മുടെ പിതാവായ മാർത്തോമ്മാശ്ലീഹായുടെയും, സകലവിശുദ്ധരുടെയും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളാൽ തന്നെ, ആമ്മീൻ.

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മേജർ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ്-കാതോലിക്കാ ബാവ.

**ദൈവദാസൻ മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് പിതാവിന്റെ
നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ മേജർ അതിരൂപതാ നാൾവഴികൾ**

1. ജൂലൈ 15, 1997 - നാമകരണ നടപടികൾ ആരംഭിക്കാനുള്ള അപേക്ഷ ബഥനി സന്യാസ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ സൂപ്പീരിയർ ജനറലായിരുന്ന വെരി. റവ. ഫാ. ജെറോം പീടികപറമ്പിൽ ഓ.ഐ.സി., ബഥനി സന്യാസിനീ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ സൂപ്പീരിയർ ജനറൽ മദർ ഫിലോമിനഎസ്.ഐ.സി., മേരിമക്കൾ സന്യാസിനീ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ മദർ ജനറൽ മദർ ഫെലിക്സ് ഡി.എം. ഉം ചേർന്ന് തിരുവനന്തപുരം അതിഭദ്രാസനാധ്യക്ഷൻ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തൻ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ് അഭിവന്ദ്യ സിറിൽ മാർ ബസേലിയോസ് തിരുമേനിക്ക് സമർപ്പിച്ചു.
2. ഫെബ്രുവരി 25, 1998- റവ. ഡോ. ആന്റണി വലിയവളയിൽ ഓ.ഐ.സി.യെ നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ പോസ്റ്റുലേറ്ററായി തിരുവനന്തപുരം അതിഭദ്രാസനാധ്യക്ഷൻ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തൻ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ് അഭിവന്ദ്യ സിറിൽ മാർ ബസേലിയോസ് തിരുമേനി നിയമിച്ചു.
3. ജൂലൈ 15, 2005: നാമകരണ നടപടികൾ ഔദ്യോഗികമായി ആരംഭിക്കുവാനുള്ള അപേക്ഷ പോസ്റ്റുലേറ്റർ, മേജർ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ് മോറാൻ മോർ സിറിൽ ബസേലിയോസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവായ്ക്ക് സമർപ്പിച്ചു.
4. ജനുവരി 18, 2007 - ഭാഗ്യസ്ഥരണാർഹനായ സിറിൽ ബസേലിയോസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവ കാര്യം ചെയ്തു.
5. മാർച്ച് 5, 2007 - മോറാൻ മോർ ബസേലിയോസ് ക്ലീമീസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവ മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെയും തിരുവനന്തപുരം മേജർ അതിഭദ്രസനത്തിന്റെയും അധ്യക്ഷനായി സ്ഥാനമേറ്റു. തുടർന്ന്, മോറാൻ മോർ ബസേലിയോസ് ക്ലീമീസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവ നാമകരണ നടപടികൾ തുടരുന്നതിന് പോസ്റ്റുലേറ്ററോട് ആവശ്യപ്പെടുകയും, വിഷയം മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ പരിശുദ്ധ എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പൽ സുന്നഹദോസിൽ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.
6. ജൂലൈ 14 - 2007 - നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ ആദ്യഘട്ടമെന്ന നിലയിൽ പരിശുദ്ധ സുന്നഹദോസിന്റെ ആലോചനയിൽ മോറാൻ മോർ ബസേലിയോസ് ക്ലീമീസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവ മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് തിരുമേനിയെ ദൈവദാസനായി പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചു.
7. നവ. 11, 2009 - റോമിലെ വിശുദ്ധരുടെ നാമകരണത്തിനായുള്ള അപ്പസ്തോലിക തിരുസംഘത്തിലേക്ക് നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ തുർന്നുള്ള നടത്തിപ്പിൽ നയാമിക തടസ്സങ്ങളില്ല (Nihil Obstat) എന്നുള്ള രേഖ ലഭിക്കുന്നതിനായി കാതോലിക്കാബാവ അപേക്ഷ സമർപ്പിക്കുകയും അത് ലഭിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.
8. ഡിസം. 15, 2009 - നാമകരണ നടപടികൾക്കാവശ്യമായ ചരിത്ര കമ്മീഷൻ മോറാൻ മോർ ബസേലിയോസ് ക്ലീമീസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവ സ്ഥാപിച്ചു.

ഇതിന്റെ ചെയർമാനായി റവ. ഡോ. ജെയിംസ് പുതുപറമ്പിൽ ഓ.ഐ.സി.യും റവ. ഡോ. ചെറിയാൻ വാരിക്കാട്ട്, റവ. ഫാ. പ്രഭീഷ് ജോർജ്ജ് എന്നിവരെയും നിയമിച്ചു. തുടർന്ന് റവ. ഫാ. പ്രഭീഷ് ജോർജ്ജിന്റെ സ്ഥാനത്ത് റവ. ഫാ. ജോസഫ് പൂവത്തുംതറയിൽ നിയമിതനായി.

- 9. ഏപ്രിൽ 14, 2011 - തിരുവനന്തപുരം മേജർ അതിഭദ്രാസനം നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ പെറ്റീഷണറാകുന്നതിനുള്ള അപേക്ഷ മോറാൻ മോർ ബസേലിയോസ് ക്ലീമീസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവ പരിശുദ്ധ സിംഹാസനത്തിന് സമർപ്പിച്ചു.
- 10. ജൂൺ 14, 2011 - നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ വൈസ് പോസ്റ്റുലേറ്ററായി റവ. സിസ്റ്റർ ഡോ.സാന്ദ്ര എസ്.ഐ.സി.യെ മോറാൻ മോർ ബസേലിയോസ് ക്ലീമീസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവ നിയമിച്ചു.
- 11. ജൂൺ 14, 2011 - നാമകരണ നടപടികൾക്കാവശ്യമായ ദൈവശാസ്ത്ര കമ്മീഷനെമോറാൻ മോർ ബസേലിയോസ് ക്ലീമീസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവ നിയമിച്ചു.
- 12. ജൂൺ 14, 2011 - കാതോലിക്കാബാവ തിരുമേനി നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ ഭാഗമായി രൂപതാതലത്തിലുള്ള അന്വേഷണ കമ്മീഷൻ സ്ഥാപിച്ചു. റവ. ഡോ. മൈക്കിൾ വട്ടപ്പലം എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പൽ ഡെലഗേറ്റായും റവ. ഫാ. സാജു അഗസ്റ്റിൻ സി.എസ്.ടി. നീതിന്യായ നടത്തിപ്പുകാരനായും നിയമിതരായി. റവ. സി. ജോസ് മേരി എസ്.എച്ച്. നോട്ടറിയായും പ്രോഫ. പുഷ്പ അഗസ്റ്റിൻ വൈസ് നോട്ടറിയായും നിയമിതരായി.
- 13. ആഗസ്റ്റ് 18, 2011- റോമിലെ പരിശുദ്ധ സിംഹാസനം തിരുവനന്തപുരം മേജർ അതിഭദ്രാസനത്തെ ദൈവദാസൻ മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് തിരുമേനിയുടെ നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ പെറ്റീഷണറായി അംഗീകരിച്ചു.
- 14. ജൂൺ 23, 2014 - മോറാൻ മോർ ബസേലിയോസ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ ക്ലീമീസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവയുടെ അധ്യക്ഷതയിൽ ദൈവദാസൻ മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് പിതാവിന്റെ കബർ തുറന്ന് ഭൗതികാവശിഷ്ടങ്ങൾ കാനോനികമായി പരിശോധിക്കുകയും ഔദ്യോഗികമായി സ്ഥിരീകരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.
- 15. ആഗസ്റ്റ് 25, 2016 - നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ മേജർ അതിഭദ്രാസനതലത്തിലുള്ള സമാപനം സെന്റ് മേരീസ് കത്തീഡ്രലിൽ മോറാൻ മോർ ബസേലിയോസ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ ക്ലീമീസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാവയുടെ പ്രധാനകാർമ്മികത്വത്തിൽ നടത്തുന്നു.

N.B: ഈ കല്പനഅടുത്തു വരുന്ന ഞായറാഴ്ച വി. കുർബാനമദ്ധ്യേ നമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ പള്ളികളിലും, മിഷൻ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിലും ആരാധനാകേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിലും വായിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

EXARCHIAL NEWS

1. CCI Conference - Hyderabad

The 13th CCI conference was held at Hyderabad from 27 to 29 July 2016. The Exarchate of St Ephrem was represented by Mr T M Johnson, the Exarchial MCA President and Mrs Lizy Kozhy, the Exarchial Matrusangam President.

2. Mar Ivanios Day and Padayatra

a. Mumbai District

The 63rd commemoration of the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios was held at St Mary's Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, Kharghar of Mumbai District on the 24th of July 2016. The Holy Qurbono was concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Mathai Iranathara OIC, Fr. Benedict Moozhikara OIC, Fr. Benedict Kaniyantayyathu OIC, Fr. Stephen, Fr. John Britto OIC, Fr. Manoj Varghese OIC, Fr. Joseph Thomas OIC and Fr. Philip Pulipra. The Padayatra began from Kharghar Church and ended back in the church. Around 800 faithful including Bethany Sisters from Mumbai participated in the Padayatra and received blessings.

b. Pune District

The Pune District Padayatra in commemoration of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios was held at the Cathedral Church on 24 July 2016. The day began with the solemn Holy Qurbono concelebrated by Rev. Frs. Varghese Kaithon, Joseph Venmanath, Varghese Valikkodath, Joseph Noble OIC, Thomas Bijli OIC, Shaiju Kurian OIC, Arundas Desari OIC, Paul Naveen OIC and George Mathew OIC. The Pune District Suvisesha Sangham members and the toppers of HSC and SSC were felicitated after the Holy Qurbono. Soon after the lunch the faithful along with the clergy and religious began the Padayatra from the Cathedral to Bethany Ashram, Ramwadi. The Padayatra concluded with the final blessing and tea at Bethany Ashram.

● St Mary's MSCC, Aurangabad

In solidarity with the remembrance of Servant of God Mar Ivanios held at Trivandrum, Padayatra was also held at St Mary's MSCC Aurangabad of the Pune District on 24 July 2016. Special prayers and Holy Qurbono

were offered by the Vicar Rev Fr Jose Konathuvila. All the parishioners from the Aurangabad region were present on the occasion.

c. Bangalore District

The Bangalore District of the Exarchate organised Mar Ivanios Padayatra on 17 July 2016. The main celebrant for the Holy Qurbano was HE Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC and the co-celebrants were V. Rev. Fr. Varghese Kadakketh, Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Kaithavana, Rev. Fr. Aby OIC, Rev. Fr. Mathew Varikkatt, Rev. Fr. Sunil Maria Benedict, Rev. Fr. Mathew Puthenpurackal, Rev. Fr. John Aluvila OIC and Rev. Fr. Blesson OIC. The Padayatra began from the Sacred Heart Brothers' Campus, Gedalahalli upto St. Mary's Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, Hennur. The other highlights of the day included the felicitation of Mr CE Joy and Mr Sabu Pappachen (Suvisesha Sangam members) for receiving the Kaiveppu during the Mar Ivanios day celebrations at Pattom this year, the inauguration of Prabodhanam- the monthly Faith Formation programme for MCA and Mathrusangam members and the launching of the Mar Ivanios Prayer Ladder (MIPL). Lunch marked the end of the day's proceedings. All the faithful, religious, priests and Seminarians from Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram was present for the Padayatra.

d. Chennai District

The Chennai District celebrated the 63rd Commemoration of Mar Ivanios on the 23rd and 24th July 2016. A padayatra was organised on 23rd July from Mar Gregorios College to St. Thomas Malankara Syrian Catholic Church. The Padayatra began with the Holy Qurbano at Mar Gregorios College. On 24th, solemn Holy Qurbano was celebrated and agape was served. The six members from the District who received the kaiveppu as part of the Ecclesial Suvisesha Sangam, were also felicitated.

e. Hyderabad District

The Hyderabad District celebrated Mar Ivanios Day with the celebration of the Holy Qurbano on 24 July 2016. A padayatra was organised to Mother Mary Malankara Syrian Catholic Church. The MCYM of Hyderabad took the initiative for the Padayatra.

3. Parish Council Orientation Program

a. Mumbai District

At the behest of His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC a half day orientation program was organized for the parish council members of Mumbai parishes on 31 July at St. Mary's Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, Sakinaka. The orientation talks were led by Rev Fr Varghese Kaithon, the finance officer of the Exarchate, Mr Saji Daniel and Mr V A George Pune. The program was attended by 46 parish council members from 10 parishes of Mumbai. The session started with prayer by Rev Fr Philip Pulipra. After Bible reading Mr MD Jose Trustee, Mumbai district pastoral council welcomed the gathering. Rev Fr Varghese Kaithon then addressed the gathering. Mr Saji Daniel, in his session, invited all parish council members to take inspiration from His Holiness Pope Francis who teaches by practice. Whereas Mr V. A George then continued the session by demonstrating how to write a proper ledger and prepare various statements of accounts. Mr Daniel Babu, Secretary-Mumbai district pastoral council thanked all the members present.

b. Pune District

The Parish Council meeting in Pune was held on 07 August 2016 at the Cathedral Church. Around 40 members from all the parishes in Pune attended this very important meeting. The meeting was chaired by Msgr. Rev. Fr. Varghese Mattamana, Rev. Fr. Varghese Kaithon and Rev. Fr. Joseph Venmanath. The meeting started with a Prayer Song followed by Bible reading by Mr. P.V Thomas and Prayer by Mr. P.V. Koshy. Rev. Fr. Joseph Venmanath welcomed all the members to the meeting. Exarchate Finance Officer Rev. Fr. Varghese Kaithon introduced the canon of the church related to the responsibility of the committee members and finance matters of church. A detailed information sheet for the same was also distributed prior. Exarchate MCYM Animator Mr. Saji Daniel took a short session on the quality and approach required by the leaders of the church, especially quoting to follow the attitude of Pope Francis. Mr. V.A. George showed the expected way of maintaining the accounts, viz. Cash book, ledger and balance sheet. He also presented the finding and improvement required on the basis of auditing done. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana addressed the meeting and clarified the doubts raised.

EXARCHIAL COMMISSION NEWS



1. Malankara Catholic Youth Movement

a. *Patmos 2016* - A Two Day Retreat for MCYM Bangalore

The MCYM of Bangalore District conducted its annual residential youth retreat, 'Patmos 2016' on August 14th and 15th at St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Hennur. The primary resource person of the event was Fr. Varghese Vinayanand OIC from Trivandrum who led the two day event through a series of informative and intellectually stimulating sessions. While the overarching theme of the sessions revolved around 'Holy Qurbano', there were multiple Q&A sessions which provided a platform for the youth to pose challenging questions that plague our minds today. These discussions ranged from questions of conversion, radicalism and theology to family life, sexuality and human psychology. The event was further made lively thanks to Fr. Sunil Maria Benedict who taught several songs of praise during the course of the event. The first day also included adoration and confessions for the youth. The participation of nearly 65 youth members from all the four units in Bangalore along with the animators and reverend Sisters made this programme an unforgettable experience.

b. MCYM Resource Team Formation in Bangalore

The MCYM Resource Team and Promoters of the four Parishes in Bengaluru along with the District Animator gathered on Sunday, 7 August 2016 at St Mary's Church, Hennur for the fourth session of the Resource Team Formation. The session, led by Rev Fr Varghese Valikkodath, was about 'Intoxication and its ill effects'. The session covered various forms and levels of 'Intoxication' and also included aspects of Pleasure v/s Happiness. Further, the discussion involved a series of question and answer exercises which brought out several symptoms and remedies of drug and alcohol abuse. The session concluded with biblical references against the influence of alcohol.

c. *Ivania 2016* - Mar Ivanios Quiz in Chennai

IVANIA - 2016 was a Quiz competition conducted under the leadership of MCYM Chennai on 31 July 2016. It was a quiz competition on the life history of Servant of God Mar Ivanios which had a participation of an initial 21 teams from various missions and pious associations of the Chennai Church. The proceedings happened with a prayer and

inauguration by the Vicar, Fr. Sabu Maruthoor.

The quiz competition was the first of its kind to happen in Chennai and was a huge success and motivation to the parish members and participants. The MCYM unit of Padi-Chennai deserves a big applause for the initiative and its success. The first three winners were given cash awards.

The winners were:

1st Prize - Kunjumol Sam and Mary Joshi.

2nd Prize - Joshi Raphael and Simi Mathew.

3rd Prize - Riya Martin and Lijimol Philip.

d. IMPACT - Personality Development Programme and Agenda Inauguration in Mumbai

MCYM-Mumbai District conducted 'IMPACT Influencing My Personality As Christian Teen' together with the inauguration of the Annual Agenda for the Year 2016-17 at St. Thomas Malankara Church, Thane on 15 August 2016. The day began with the Holy Qurbano at 8 am con-celebrated by Fr. John Britto OIC and Fr. Varghese Valikkodath.

In order to pay the tribute to the Nation and the National Leaders on the Independence Day, Fr. Varghese Valikkodath hoisted the National Flag and Ms Liny Varghese led the community in the National Pledge.

The main focuses of the day other than Annual Agenda was to aid the youth to develop a personality, with Christ as the epicenter. MCYM-Mumbai was privileged to have Mrs. Anne Anish from Pune District as the trainer of the day. She groomed our youth on Intelligence, Emotional and Spiritual Quotient which are the essential elements for the personality development of any individual.

The outgoing Director of Mumbai-MCYM, Fr John Britto OIC was accorded a thankful farewell and the new Director, Fr Joseph Menekaleeckal OIC was given a warm welcome on the occasion. All the new youth members from across the District to the MCYM family was cordially incorporated through an ice-breaking session.

Later on the Day, the Protopresbyter of Mumbai-District, Fr. Mathai Iranathara OIC handed over the Annual Agenda to the MCYM District Director, Fr. Joseph Menekaleeckal OIC hence inaugurating the Annual MCYM District Agenda.

All the Unit Secretariats were appreciated for the efforts in the past year

The Exarchial Commission Events



The 4th MCYM Resource Team Session - Pune



Agenda Inauguration MCYM Mumbai District



The Inauguration of Prabodhanam by the MCA & Mathrusangham in Bangalore & Chennai



MCYM Resource Team Formation Bangalore & Mumbai

MCCL Day Celebration



BARC



Dehu road



Hyderabad



Ayapakam



Warje Malwadi



Ulhasnagar



Sakinaka



**The Sakinaka MCYM
receives the Y'Zest trophy**



**Charity Baking Workshop,
MCYM Sakinaka**



**Retreat at St Mary's MSCC
Warje Malwadi**



**Farewell to Fr Britto and welcome to
Fr Manoj OIC, Ulhasnagar**



MIPL Inauguration, Hyderabad



IVANIA Quiz Competition - Chennai



**Mar Ivanios Memorial Volleyball
Tournament, SHSS - Padi**



**Felicitation of Suviseshasangham
Member - Mr Daniel,
Kalewadi Parish**



Independence Day at Vishrathwadi, Warje Malwadi and SHSS - Chennai



Farewell to Rev Fr Paul Naveen OIC & Welcome to Fr Joseph Noble OIC, the new Vicar of Dehu Road



Festal Holy Qurbano at Hyderabad



Commemoration of Bishop Zacharias Mar Athanasios 28 September

and were encouraged by giving appreciation certificates to each Unit. IMPACT was another successful event of MCYM Mumbai District which received a tap on their shoulder with the grace of the Almighty Father. The event was witnessed by more than 100 youths and almost all the Parish Priests, Sisters and Animators of the District.

e. MCYM Resource Team Formation in Pune

The fourth Resource Team Formation session of Pune District was held on 14 August 2016 at St Mary's Cathedral, Khadki. The session was led by Mr Saji Daniel, the Exarchial Animator of MCYM and the topic was 'INTOXICATION'.

Points discussed are as follows:

- Meaning of intoxication, its types and categories
- Difference between pleasure and happiness
- Chief entrants of intoxicants and how it turns into addiction
- What scripture says about intoxication
- Causes and effects of intoxication

Methods adopted were:

- Power point presentation
- Group discussion
- Case study

The session triggered the conscience of the Youth and helped them come up with solutions and alternatives for tackling these challenges, specially faced by the youngsters.

The members were divided into groups and had discussion over varied situations and challenges arising due to peer pressure, lack of motivation, lack of spiritual inclination, disorganized goals and other factors leading one to intoxication. Unless one attain a solution, the discussion remains futile. The groups came up with effective measures that could be put into practice to eradicate intoxication.

f. Report Of Mcym Resource Team Class 4 Chennai

The forth resource team gathering of MCYM Chennai was held on Saturday, 06 August 2016. The meeting was led by Rev Fr. Varghese Valikkodath in the presence of the MCYM Animateur of Chennai Rev Sr Mahima SIC. The session was started with a welcome note by the president of MCYM Padi unit Mr Rinson V Thomas, followed by a brief self-introduction of all the members. The MCYM members of Padi and Ayapakkam parishes participated in this session.

Details of the Gathering are as follows:

- The topic of the session was **“Intoxication”**
- What is intoxication, main types & categories of drugs.
- Discussed on how the conscience should work in special situations.
- A quiz competition was held based on 'drugs', where everyone participated actively.
- The gathering was trained on how to take this class in an interesting way in our units.
- The session concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Rinson V Thomas.

g. MCYM Resource Team Formation in Mumbai

Another important enlightening successful resource session on Intoxication was led by Mr. Saji Daniel, the dynamic Exarchate MCYM Animateur at St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Sakinaka, Mumbai, on August 13, 2016 at 4:30 pm, under the Directorship of Rev. Fr. Varghese Valikkodath. The session witnessed an active participation of 25 youth members. A beautiful strengthening session for the youth which not only laid emphasis on how and when one falls prey to Intoxication, its effects and consequences but also brought into light the answer to it all spiritually and socially. Positive discussions and opinions from the youth boosted the spirit of Resource Team.

The members found this too, a just and worth attending session for the youth especially at a turning phase of life from youth to adult hood where they accidentally or intentionally come across these cases. All found to be obliged and took back with them the self confidence of being clutched and secured with God's love.

2. Malankara Catholic Suvisesha Sangham



a. Suvisesha Sangham Formation in Chennai

The Suvisesha Sangham Formation Programme was held at St Thomas Church, Padi-Chennai on 6 August 2016 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. The Programme was led by Fr Varghese Valikkodath, the Exarchial Director of Suvisesha Sangham on the topic, 'The Relevance of Mother Mary in the Ecclesial and Spiritual Life of Malankara Catholic Church'. He illustrated the life of Holy Mary as seen in the Holy Bible and the way she walked beside Jesus all through the life of Jesus in this world. He explained in detail the Catholic Dogmas regarding Mother Mary and the Devotions seeking her intercession.

The Session began with a prayer and keynote address by Rev. Fr. Sabu

Maruthoor and concluded with the vote of thanks by Mr Joshi Raphael, Secretary, Padi Parish Council and Noon Prayer.

b. Suvisesha Sangham Formation in Bangalore

Suvisesha Sangham Formation Programme was organized in Bangalore on 6 and 7 August 2016 at St Mary's Church, Hennur. Rev Sr (Dr) Sophia Paul DM took class on background of all four gospels in detail. She beautifully narrated the civilization and sufferings of the Christian society from death of Jesus till 100 AD. Everyone felt the class was very productive and useful to build a foundation before getting in to every events of gospel.

Rev Sr Francina DM reiterated to the members about the importance of being a role model to rest of the church members.

The Formation Programme concluded with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the sharing of the members about their experiences as being a member of Suvisesha Sangham.

c. Suvisesha Sangham Formation in Pune

The Monthly Formation Programme of Suvisesha Sangham in the District of Pune was conducted at St Mar's Cathedral, Khadki on 12 August 2016. 32 members from various Parishes of Pune District participated in this session. Rev. Sr. Francina DM conducted the classes, focused on moral excellence ie. virtues based on Bible in detail. A detailed information about Mar Ivanios Prayer Ministry, Mission Ministry, Children's Suvisesha Sangham and training about Suvisesha Prabodhanam were also given during the Sessions. The classes were concluded with vote thanks by Fr Varghese Valikkodath, the Exarchial Director of Suvisesha Sangham

d. Suvisesha Sangham Formation in Mumbai

Monthly Formation Programme of Suvisesha Sangham in Mumbai District for the month of August 2016 was held at St. Mary's Church Sakinaka on 15 August 2016 from 2 pm to 6 pm. 48 Suvisesha Sangham members attended the meeting. Sr. Francina DM, Secretary of Suvisesha Sangham at Church level, led the Formation Programme. Fr. Philip Pulipra, Mumbai District Director of Suvisesha Sangham, introduced Sr. Francina and welcomed her. The subject of Sr. Francina's session was 'Christian Discipleship' based on Mark. 3:13-19. Jesus appointed 12 disciples (i) to be with him (ii) to be sent out to proclaim the gospel and (iii) to have authority to cast out demons. Suvisesha Sangham members are called out to perform the same responsibility. Sr. Francina also explained in detail about the lifestyle of a true disciple,

sacrifices expected from a disciple, goal or aim of a disciple etc.

In between the sessions, Fr. Varghese Valikkodath, the Exarchial Director of Suvisesha Sangham, briefly addressed the gathering. He felicitated Fr. Philip Pulipra on being appointed as Mumbai District Suvisesha Sangham Director. Fr. Valikkodath also announced that House Visiting services will be conducted at Ulhasnagar and Dombivili parishes on 4 and 5 of September respectively. (Later it was decided to postpone the visit at Ulhasnagar parish to 11 September due to some unforeseen circumstances).

41 Suvisesha Sangham members have given their willingness to become part of Mar Ivanios Prayer Ladder, by giving fixed time slot of their choice, to do intercessory prayers on daily basis for the intentions of others.

The meeting was over by 6 pm with concluding prayer of Sr. Francina and vote of thanks by Mr. Thomas Mathew. After the meeting, Fr. Valikkodath celebrated Holy Mass for the convenience of those who could not attend the Holy Qurbano of Feast of Assumption in their parishes.

Days of Remembrance

- 01 Sept : 8 Days *Nombu* begins
- 02 Sept : Mar Simon Destuni
- 05 Sept : St Mother Theresa
- 08 Sept : Nativity of Our Lady, 8 Days *Nombu* ends
- 14 Sept : Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 20 Sept : The Syro-Malankara Re-union Day
- 21 Sept : Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius
- 23 Sept : St Padre Pio
- 27 Sept : St Vincent de Paul
- 28 Sept : Commemoration of Bishop Zacharias Mar Athanasios
- 29 Sept : Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael



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Dear Rev. Fathers, Sisters and Members of Mathrusangham
Prayerful Greetings from Mathrusangham – Exarchate of St Ephrem,
Khadki.Pune!

This is the first Circular I am writing exclusively on behalf of Mathrusangham. In the beginning itself, let me remind you all regarding certain important things I had already brought to your attention in the last Circular from the Directorate of Exarchial Commissions:

The name, phone number and email id of all Office Bearers of Parish and District levels are required in the Directorate in order to communicate directly and in time. So I request the Secretaries of all Organizations in the Parish level to forward these details to the corresponding Secretaries in the District level and in turn the District level Secretaries will forward them to the Exarchial level Secretaries. The Exarchial level Secretary of MCYM, MCA and Mathrusangham is bound to forward the consolidated details to the Directorate of Exarchial Commissions latest by 1 August 2016.

According to the Bylaw of Mathrusangham formulated in the erstwhile MCC ETRI, we celebrate Mathrudinam on 8 September every year. Taking into consideration the convenience of each Parish, the Day can be celebrated either on 8 September itself or on 4 September, the first Sunday of the Month. The offering of the Day has to be collected and sent to the Finance Office of the Exarchate for funding the Exarchial Mathrusangham activities.

Let me gently remind you the initiation of Prabodhanam, the faith formation programme for the members, in this month itself. Kindly do follow the Syllabus prescribed from the Centre because there will be follow.up Quiz Programmes in every 3 months.

Wish you all the blessings of the Eight.days.Lent and the Feast of Nativity of Mother Mary!

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Exarchial Director of Mathrusangham

EXARCHATE DISTRICT NEWS

Pune District

a. Holy Redeemers MSCC, Kalewadi

Mar Ivanios Padayatra

The parish actively participated in the padayatra held at the district level. Around 70 members including the Vicar attended the holy qurbono and the padayatra. Mr L Daniel, the member of the parish was felicitated on this day for receiving the Kaiveppu for suviseshasangham from His Beatitude Baselios Cardinal Cleemis. He was also felicitated in the parish by the Vicar Rev. Fr. Joseph Noble OIC and the parish trustee Mr. Varghese Joseph.

House Visits

Rev. Fr. Joseph Noble OIC the Vicar took special initiative to visit the families of the parish in view of strengthening the relation between the parishioners and the Vicar as part of the Year of Mercy. He is continuing his visit to the rest of the families.

Unit MCYM

The MCYM members participated in the feast of St Mary's Malankara Catholic Cathedral Church Khadki and Ghorpodi Orthodox Church. They performed the melodious Dolthasha during the festal procession.

b. St Joseph's MSCC, Dehu Road

On 7 August the parish celebrated Catechism Day. The Holy Qurbono was jointly celebrated by Msgr. Varghese Mattamana and Rev. Fr. Paul Naveen OIC. The Catechism students put up various stage shows on account of the Catechism Day. It was also the farewell to Rev. Fr. Paul Naveen OIC and welcome to the Vicar Rev. Fr. Noble Joseph, OIC. The Trustee, Ladies Wing President of Dehu Road and one representative from the Sunday School extended heartfelt farewell to our outgoing Vicar and a hearty welcome to the incoming Vicar. All the reverend fathers spoke on the importance of Sunday School Day and felicitated our outgoing Vicar and Msgr. Rev. Fr. Varghese Mattamana handed over the charge of Vicar to Rev. Fr. Joseph Noble, OIC. A greeting card incorporating prayers and wishes of all the parishioners was handed over to Rev. Fr. Paul Naveen, OIC ensuring our prayers for Rev. Fr. at all times.

c. St Mary's MSCC, Warje Malwadi

Bethany and Feast of John Maria Vianney

The parish celebrated the feast of the Saints of Bethany on 31 July 2016 felicitating the Vicar Fr. George Mathew OIC and the brothers coming for pastoral ministry including Bro. Michael OIC, Bro. Benjamin OIC and Bro. Geo OIC. The same day Vianney Day festal greetings was also extended to the vicar and very specially to Bro. Tony Jose from the archdiocese of Tiruvalla doing 3rd year theology in JDV and doing pastoral ministry in the parish.

Sneha Sangam Retreat

Sneha Sangam retreat is conducted on the fourth Sunday of every month with a view to fulfill the spiritual needs of the local people aspiring to know more about Jesus Christ. In the retreat held on 31st July more than 250 people attended and it was a good spiritual experience for all the participants.

Catechism and St Thomas Day

On 7th August, the parish celebrated the Catechism day. The children brought offerings for the Holy Qurbano. Bro. Michael OIC gave the message for the day. Special classes and games were organized for the children under the leadership of Bro. Benjamin OIC and Bro. Tony Jose. The parish celebrated the feast of St. Thomas feast on 3rd July. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Vicar Fr. George Mathew OIC and nercha was distributed to all.

Hindi Prayer Meeting

The Suvishesha Sangam team members under the leadership of Fr. Varghese Valikodath and Mr VA George visited the houses of people in the nearby areas of the church. After the discussion with them prayer meetings were organized at some of these houses. To start with prayer meetings were held at the residences of Mr. Pagare and Mr. Sampat on 6 and 10 July respectively. It is being continued every month.

Mar Ivanios Day

Two members from the church participated in the 5 days Padayatra in Kerala from Perunad, Ranni to the tomb of Mar Ivanios at Pattom. On 17 July, after the Holy Mass a special input session on the life of Mar Ivanios

was given by Bro. Michael OIC. MCYM team arranged a video presentation for all which was greatly appreciated.

Inauguration of MCYM Yearly Programme

The yearly program of MCYM Warje was inaugurated on 17th July by the unit director Fr. George Mathew OIC. This year many new initiatives have been planned for the growth of the youth. The Animateur, Mr Subi Babu has been providing all the needed encouragement for the same.

Mumbai District

a. St Mary's MSCC, Sakinaka

Catechism Day Celebration

The Sakinaka Parish celebrated Catechism Day on 03 August 2016. Students brought offerings to the Holy Altar. Rev Fr Joseph OIC celebrated the Holy Qurbono. The students displayed their unique talents by presenting a beautiful skit and singing delightful songs on the day.

Independence Day

On 14 August, the MCYM conducted a charity baking workshop. Around 20 youths participated in the event and the fund raised is proposed to be used for charity work. Eleven youth of the parish also participated in the annual agenda releasing of MCYM Thane unit. The unit also received appreciation award for its performance for the year 2015-16.

b. Holy Family MSCC, Vikroli

Catechism Day and Festal Celebration

The parish celebrated the Catechism Day on 07 August 2016. Rev. Fr. Joseph Thomas OIC celebrated the Holy Eucharist with offerings of special intentions for the Catechism students. After the Holy Qurbono, a short program was presented including group song by students of lower grades & upper grades, speech by Ms. Angel Mathew and message for the day by Sr. Kiran SIC and Rev. Fr. Joseph Thomas OIC. On the same day the parish celebrated the feast of Rev Sr Kiran SIC which was initiated by the Mathrusangham and MCYM, the unit as a whole wished Sr. Kiran and rendered their best wishes for all her future endeavors.

Saints and Friendship's Day

The parish observed the Friendship Day along with the remembrance of St. John Maria Vianney, St. Monica (mother of St. Augustine) & St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe. After the Holy Eucharist the MCYM conducted an informative programme where Ms. Clinta Thomas alongwith Mr. Sherin Varghese & Ms. Litty Johnson spoke about the saints and conducted a small quiz. After the programme the MCYM tied friendship bands to mark the occasion.

One Day Seminar

Vikhroli MCYM members attended the District Level One Day Seminar called the 'IMPACT-Influencing My Personality As Christian Teen' held at St. Thomas Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, Thane on 15th August 2016. Members of the unit participated in the Holy Qurbana observing the feast of Assumption of Mother Mary and the programme in which Ms. Anne Anish from Pune was the main speaker of the day. The unit was appreciated for its contribution towards the success of the events held during the previous year.

c. St Mary's MSCC, BARC

Catechism Day

Catechism Day was celebrated on 07 August. The Catechism students and teachers brought various offerings for the Holy Qurbano. Catechism students organized a short program after the Holy Qurbano where Rev. Fr. Benedict OIC was the Guest of Honor. Mrs. Preethy Daniel, the Catechism Headmistress welcomed the gathering and introduced the selected theme of the day "Merciful Messengers for the world". During the program, there were various individual and group performances by the students followed by the reading of the report by the Catechism Secretary Mrs. Justin Simon. Sr. Jeena SIC spoke explaining the selected theme and emphasizing its relevance. Mr Joseph Koshy shared his views on the importance of Sunday school day. The guest of honor Rev. Fr. Benedict OIC spoke on the occasion felicitating the BARC Catechism students and teachers. Prizes were given to all Catechism students and teachers were felicitated with a memento. The highlight of the evening was the felicitation of the Vicar Rev Fr Mathai Iranathara OIC on account of the feast of John Maria Vianney. Ms. Jeffi Ann Thomas

proposed the vote of thanks and the meeting ended with the papal anthem. Dinner was arranged for everyone by the teachers.

d. St Mary's MSCC, Dombivali

Inauguration of Catechism

It was a very proud moment for all parishioners when Catechism was officially inaugurated in the newly formed Dombivali Parish on 17 July 2016 with a count of 25 catechism students. Offerings were brought by students and the Holy Qurbono was dedicated to the catechism Students. Mrs. Susan Johnson has been appointed as the Sunday School Headmistress for the parish.

Oath taking of the Parish Committee Members

On 17 July 2016, the swearing in ceremony of the Dombivli Parish Committee members took place. The ceremony took place under the guidance of the Vicar Rev Fr Britto OIC.

Welcoming of New Sister In charge

Rev Sr Kiran SIC was appointed as the Sister In charge for the Dombivali Parish. Rev. Fr. John Britto OIC welcomed Sister to Dombivali Parish. Mr Anish Mathew, the Unit MCYM Vice President welcomed Sr Kiran on behalf of MCYM.

Farewell and Welcome to the Vicars

The Dombivali parishioners joined Ulhasnagar unit in bidding farewell to Rev Fr John Britto OIC who was vicar for the last 04 years. In the function Rev Fr Manoj Varghese OIC was welcomed as the new vicar.

e. St. Joseph's MSCC, Ulhasnagar

Farewell and Welcome

On 31 July 2016, at Ulhasnagar Paris both the parishes (Dombivli and Ulhasnagar) gave farewell to Fr. John Britto OIC and small token of love was given to Achan and the new vicar Fr Manoj Varghese was welcomed by the parishioners. MCYM, MCA, Mathrusangham shared their feelings with achan and wholeheartedly welcomed Fr. Manoj Varghese as the New Vicar of Ulhasnagar and Dombivali parishes

Catechism Day Celebration

On 07 August 2016, catechism day was celebrated. The Holy Qurbono

was celebrated by Fr. Benedict OIC. The catechism students showcased their talents in the form of skit, group songs, solo songs, etc. under guidance of Lizy Raju, the Headmistress and Sr Jobin SIC. Thereafter the students were felicitated for their achievements. Sara Serin and Steffy Varghese were the main anchors for the event. Fr Manoj Varghese and Fr Benedict shared their views regarding Sunday school day.

Mar Ivanios Day Prayer Sessions

The MCYM members conducted prayer sessions from 01 July to 15 July 2016. Around 15 members attended the prayer sessions.

Mumbai Zone MCYM Annual Agenda Inauguration

On 15 August 2016 the MCYM Ulhasnagar unit, attended the event in thane. Around 15 members participated in the event. The new members who have joined MCYM this year participated in this grace filled event. The event was well organized by the Mumbai Zone MCYM Secretariat.

f. St Thomas' MSCC, Borivili

Catechism Day

The St Thomas Parish, Borivili celebrated Catechism Day on 07 August with the district Director, Rev Fr Philip Pulipra. He celebrated the Holy Qurbono. There was a session after the Qurbono in which he addressed the parishioners, Catechism teachers and students about the importance of faith formation process in this generation. The celebration was graceful and generated a lot of enthusiasm among the teachers and students and it was a privilege for them to have the Director with them on that auspicious day. As a mark of mercy during this special year, the students collected a sum to help a poor student.

Hyderabad District

a. Visit of His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis

The Exarchate and the parish community in Hyderabad were blessed by the visit of His Beatitude Moran Mor Cardinal Cleemis to the parishes in Hyderabad. His Beatitude made this visit while attending the 13th CCI conference held in Hyderabad from 27-29 July. The parish community from Hyderabad served and participated in the Syro-Malankara Qurbono during the CCI meeting. His Beatitude offered prayers with the community members. It was really blessed moments for the exarchate

especially for the community members in Hyderabad.

b. Catechism Day

Catechism Day was celebrated in both the parishes in Hyderabad 07 August 2016. The catechism kids brought various offerings for the Holy Qurbano and Fr Jobi OIC, the Vicar specially prayed for them. Cultural programmes were presented by the catechism students after the Holy Qurbano.

c. Feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary

The Feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary was celebrated with spiritual fervor from 12-15 July 2016. Holy Qurbano and Novena were offered on 12 July by Rev. Fr. Joby Thundiath OIC. Fr. Benedict OIC led the proceedings on the second day. The highlight of the third day was a solemn procession from the Mother Mary parish to St. Andrew's Orthodox Church nearby. The parish priest and community of St. Andrew's parish welcomed the procession and prayers were offered. On 15 August, V. Rev. Fr. Varghese Mattamana, the protosyncellus of the Exarchate concelebrated the solemn Festal Holy Qurbano along with Fr. Jacob Dayanand OIC, Fr. Benedict OIC and Fr. Joby Thundiath OIC. In the public meeting held after the Holy Qurbano, the Mar Ivanios Prayer Ladder was officially launched in the District and prizes were given away to students who excelled in catechism studies and in academics.

Chennai District

1. Institutional News

(i) Mar Gregorios College

a. Fresher's Day

On 29 July 2016, the college celebrated Fresher's day. First Year Students from 15 UG departments of Shift I and Shift II showcased their versatile talents in Western and Classical dance, Mimicry, light Music, Poetry and Skit play. The programme was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Sabu M George, Secretary and Dr. K. Mohandoss, Principal of the College. The official swearing in ceremony of the students convener and co-conveners of various associations also took place on the same day.

b. Post Graduation Orientation Programme

The student of I MSW, MSc in Computer Science and MCom General

had their orientation programme on 13 July 2016. Rev Fr Sabu M George blessed the gathering. Senior students gave a red carpet welcome to their juniors.

c. 70th Independence Day Celebrations

The secretary Rev Fr Sabu M George hoisted the flag at MGC campus. NSS volunteers and all the teaching and non-teaching fraternity joined the celebrations. Principal Dr. Mohandoss delivered a patriotic Independence Day message.

(ii) Sacred Heart Matriculation Higher Secondary School

a. 23rd Mar Ivanios Memorial Volleyball Tournament

The 23rd Mar Ivanios Memorial Volleyball Tournament was inaugurated by Mr S Sivasankaran- Assistant Security Commissioner, Railway Protection Force ICF on 18 July 2016. The Chief Guest Mr. R. Prabhakaran Ex-Olympian, ICF Hockey Player, distributed the trophies and prizes to the winners of the tournament on 19 July, 2016. Rev Fr Sabu M George, Rev Fr Moncy Kaleeckal and Sr Mahima SIC were also present for this event.

b. 70th Independence Day Celebrations

The Vice Principal of Mar Gregorios College Mrs S V Geethapriya hoisted the flag at the school campus. The NSS volunteers and all the teaching and non-teaching fraternity joined the celebrations. The Chief Guest Mrs. S V Geethapriya delivered the Independence Day message. Rev Fr Sabu M George, Rev Fr Moncy Kaleeckal and Sr Mahima SIC were also present for this occasion.

c. 18th Alumni Meet Celebration

The 18th Alumni Meet was celebrated on 15 August, 2016. All former students since 1998 to 2016 attended and made this event a grand success. Mr M Haridas President, Mr Binny Mathew - Secretary and Fr Moncy Kaleeckal, the Principal wished the students good luck for bright future.

(iii) Little Flower Nursery School

a. Independence Day Celebrations

The tiny tots of Little Flower Nursery school celebrated Independence

Day along with the Principal, Staff and parents. Competitions were conducted for the kids, which included Fancy Dress, Drawing, Coloring, Dance, etc. The programme was inaugurated by Sr Mahima SIC, Headmistress of Sacred Heart Matriculation Higher Secondary School. In the message stories were told to the children about India's freedom fighters. The programme concluded with PTA meeting.

2. Parish News

St. Thomas Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, Padi

a. Catechism Day

On 07 August 2016, Catechism day was celebrated, beginning with procession from St. Thomas Bethany Convent to St. Thomas Malankara Syrian Catholic Church. The children actively participated in the Holy Qurbono and led the altar service and choir. Fr. Moncy Kaleeckal celebrated the solemn Holy Qurbono. He also conducted a liturgical awareness class for the kids. Catechism students were highly motivated on spiritual aspects.

b. Festal Celebrations

The feasts of St John Maria Vianney, St Alphonsa and the Bethany Saints were celebrated in the parish with devout piety. On the Bethany feast day the Bethany Sisters were specially felicitated with mementos.

Upcoming Events

The 86th Reunion Day Celebration in the Eparchy of Puttur
on 17 & 18 September 2016

Prayerful Greetings

The Exarchate prays and Congratulates
Most Rev Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius on the occasion
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