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| **Address** | **Course** | **Date** | The |  |  |  |
|  | Intimacy with Jesus | 21-29 April 2018 |  |  |  |
|  | (Ignatian Retreat for |  |  |  |
|  | priests & Religious) |  | Chanda Samachar |  |  |
|  | Retreat in the spirit of | 23-31 May 2018 |  |  |
|  | Beatitudes (for priests | **CHANDA DIOCESAN BULLETIN** |  |  |
| Navjivan Renewal Centre | and Religious) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Training programme |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4-Raj Niwas Marg, | 10-20 June 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| in basic Counselling |  |  |  |  |
| Delhi 110054 | skills |  |  |  |  |  |
| Email: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of Discipleship |  |  |  |  |  |
| navjivansec@gmail.com |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Ignatian Retreat for | 04-12 August 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| Ph: (011) 23990096 |  |  |  |  |
| priests & Religious) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Psycho-sexual |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | integration & celibacy 15-20 August 2018 |  |  |  |  |
|  | (Fr. Joe Mannath, SDB) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Integral Training of | 13 November |  |  |  |  |
|  | Early Formators (ITEF) | to |  |  |  |  |
|  | Diploma in General | 16 December 2018 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Spirituality |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fr. Francis Pudhicherry SJ | (one year) |  | **Thy Kingdom Come (Mt. 6:10)** |  |  |
|  | 29 October |  |  |
| Email: francisgeorgep@gmail.com Courses in Spiritual | to |  |  |  |  |
| Ph: 9427020442 | Direction and |  |  |  |  |
| JDV Pune | Counselling | 21 December 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| Ramwadi, Nagar Road |  |  |  |  |  |
| (8 weeks) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pune, M.S. - 411 014. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jnana-Deepa |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 21 June | **Bishop’s Home (Balharshah), Ballarpur-442701** |  |
|  | Sabbatical |  |
|  | **Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra, India** |  |  |
|  | Programme | to |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (3 Month) | 14 September 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| **New Phone Numbers** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Fr. Thomas Thadathil CMI - 08275905304** |  |  |  |  |
| **Fr. Sinoj Sebastian CMI - 07025299468** | **Vol. XLI** | **March- April 2018** | **No. 2** |  |
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**X. ONGOING FORMATION**



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|  | **Address** | **Course** |  | **Date** |  |  |
|  | St. Mary’s Convent | Training and |  | Phase I |  |  |
|  | Practice in |  | 16-28 May 2018 |  |  |
|  | Mapusa, Bardez |  |  |  |
|  | Process work and |  | Phase II & III |  |  |
|  | Goa 403507 |  |  |  |
|  | counselling skills |  | 3-13 May 2018. |  |  |
|  | email: smcpwtc@gmail.com |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ph: (0832) 2255131 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09822167546 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Psycho-sexual |  | 30 April - 05 May |  |  |
|  |  | integration and |  | 2018 |  |  |
|  |  | celibacy |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Skills in Youth |  | 07 May - 12 May |  |  |
|  |  | Ministry |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Visvadeep | Psycho-emotional |  | 14 May - 19 May |  |  |
|  | Healing |  | 2018 |  |  |
|  | Kristu Jyoti College |  |  |  |
|  | Bosco Nagar, K. R Puram |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Diploma in Formation |  |  |  |  |
|  | Bangalore 560 036 |  | 07 June 2018 |  |  |
|  | Email:visvadeepsdb@gmail.com | of Faith Educators |  |  |  |
|  |  | to |  |  |
|  | Ph: (080) 28474138 | & Youth Ministers |  |  |  |
|  |  | 19 March 2019 |  |  |
| 09739571290 | (One Year Programme) |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Masters in Theology |  | 07 June 2018 |  |  |
|  |  | with specialization |  | to |  |  |
|  |  | in Youth Ministry |  | 19 March 2020 |  |  |
|  |  | (Two Year Programme) |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Masters in Theology |  | 07 June 2018 |  |  |
|  |  | with specialization |  |  |  |
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|  |  | in Faith Formation |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 19 March 2020 |  |  |
|  |  | (Two Year Programme) |  |  |  |
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|  |  | **SHEPHERD'S VOICE** |  |
| **VIII. NEWS FROM FORMATION HOUSES** |  |  |
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|  | **SV.2/2018** |
| !ArchbishopCyrilVasilSJandMsgr.LorenzoLorussoOP |
| secretary and undersecretary of oriental churches | Dear missionaries of Chanda, |
| visitedSVG and celebrated Holy mass on 9th jan 2018. | Thy kingdom come! |
| ! |
| SVG celebrated Rector's day on first January | "Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told |
| ! |
| Inter Seminary get-together of SVG and St.Thomas More | them, 'I have seen the Lord!' Then she gave them his |
| study center held on 7th January 2018 . | message" (Jn 20:18). Every celebration of Easter is |
| !SVGhadonedayWardhapicnicon5February2018. |
|  | renewing our experience of having seen the Lord in |

!Vibhuthiwascelebratedon12Februarydifferentwaysinourdailylifeinparticularatthe

!Plustwoexamstartedforourseminarianson21February.

reception of sacraments. Fifty days of lent is once

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| !SVGjoinedintheparishdaycelebrationsofSt.Thomas |  |
|  | cathedral Bpq. |  |  |  | again a preparation for each one of us to proclaim as |  |
| ! |  |
|  | Fr KA Paul and Fr Tomy Chittinapalli celebrated Holy | Mary Magdalene did - "I have seen the Lord". |  |
| Qurbana during their visit to Chanda. |  |  | Indeed, it was the base of her proclamation - "then |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | she gave them his message". Unless the experience |  |
|  |  | **IX. HEAVENLY BRETHREN** |  |  |  |
|  |  | **MARCH** |  |  | of 'having seen the Lord' is deep-rooted, the witness |  |
| 1. | Sr. Alice FCC | 18-03-2000 Kadukutty | of 'giving his message' can be uprooted or shaky in |  |
| 2. Fr. Mathew Vettoonickal CMI | 14.03.2012 | Mutholy | our life. Observation of lent-practices is very |  |
| 3. | Bp. Januarius Palathuruthy CMI 28-03-1995 | Ballarpur | important for a deeper Christ-experience in the Holy |  |
|  |  | **APRIL** |  |  |  |
| 1. |  |  |  | week liturgy. The remaining days of lent, let us keep |  |
| Fr. George Nedumpalakunnel CMF 04-04-2007Kuravilangad |  |
| 2. Sr. Anil Maria FCC | 08-04-2007 Hoshangabad | aside all celebrations and distractions and prepare |  |
| 3. | Fr. Silas Vadakkayil CMI | 24-04-2003 Kalamassery | intensively for Christ experience so as to proclaim |  |
|  |  | **MAY** |  |  | like Mary Magdalene - 'I have seen the Lord'. I wish |  |
| 1. Fr. Mathew Kaniyamparampil CMI 05-05-2011 | Pala |  |
| 2. | Sr. Darsana SJB | 07.05. 2012 Kuriachera | everyone Happy Easter. God bless you all. |  |
| 3. Sr. Lia CMC | 08-05-2001Thommana | Your Shepherd in the Lord |  |
| 4. Sr. Rose Margaret CMC | 08-05-2012Thommana |  |  |  |
| 5. | Fr. George Chakkalackal CMI | 10.05.2012 | Trichur |  |  |  |
| 6. | Sr. Shaify FCC | 25-05-2002 Kadukutty | †Ephrem Nariculam |  |
| 7. | Bro. Jomon Mattapillil CMI | 30-05-1997 Bellampalli | Bishop, Diocese of Chanda |  |
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**PASTORAL LETTER**

**PL 3/2018/March.1**

**On *Laudato Si***

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear people,

**Thy Kingdom Come!**

The recent encyclical of Pope Francis '*Laudato Si'* has a beautiful subtitle: “on care of our common home” indeed the whole encyclical expresses the great concern that we necessarily should show towards nature/Earth. The precarious state of the earth is the fundamental reason for the Pope to devote, for the first time in the history of the Catholic Social Teachings, an entire encyclical on care of our home. In talking about Earth as our common home in *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis ushers in nothing short of a majorparadigm shift. The Pope warns that we risk the danger of leaving an uninhabitable planetary home for our future generations, unless we are willing to change radically the course of our current civilization.

Earth is our common home and the only home. We are earthlings, formed from the dust of the earth (Gen. 2:7), inhabitants of common home Earth. The contemporary ecological crisis, as Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudato Si*, is about the alarming state of our common home. It is our common home that we are in the process of destroying and despoiling. According to the Pope, “we need only take a frank look at the facts to see that our common home is falling into serious disrepair” (*LS* 61). The Pope points out that we have inflicted great harm on our common home “by our irresponsible use and abuse of the good with which God has endowed her,” and “she 'groans in travail” (Rom 8:22; *LS* 2). As he says in the introduction to the encyclical, the protection of our common home is an “urgent challenge” (*LS,* 13)*.*

When we pollute and despoil our common home, we are endangering the quality of our own life, our own well being and that of other living being on Earth, as well as our future



Recently married couples who have not attended this particular course are also welcome.

* Registration Fee Rs 250/-

Each participant may bring a Bible, diary or note book, pen, bed sheets and other toilet articles.

* To get the course completion certificate one has to bring a letter from their respective parish priest and should attend all sessions in full. Those who have already fixed their marriages are encouraged to attend this course together.

**Home Mission Programme**



Parish - Jarawandi

Date - 12th to 18th March 2018

Recourse Team - MSMI Sisters, Wardha

**Parish level Eucharistic Adoration Schedule**

**(March - May)**

|  |  |
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| **March** |  |
| 01 - 10 | - Tarsa / Ashti |
| 11 - 20 | - Gatta |
| 21 - 31 | - Ettapally |
| **April** |  |
| 01 - 10 | - Jarawandi |
| 11 - 20 | - Gomini |
| 21 - 30 | - Kopreli |
| **May** |  |
| 01-07 | - Bhamargad |
| 08-14 | - Repanpally |
| 15-21 | - Sironcha / Chamorshi |
| 22-31 | - Allapally |

1. - Zonal Eucharistic Convention at Allapally Fr. Kurian Panayalil

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|  |  |  |  |  |  | generations, our children and their children. Evidently one |  |  |
|  |  |  | **VII. DEPARTMENTAL NEWS** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | cannot remain indifferent to but passionate about the crisis |  |  |
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|  | **CLC** |  | of our common home, and our common household. Pope |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Benedict XVI insightfully vociferated the truth in his |  |  |
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| !**SAPIENZA** |  |  |
|  | The catechism department conducted diocesan level Bible | message for the world day of peace in 2008 when he said: “for |  |  |
|  | the human family, their home is earth”, and that it is |  |  |
|  | Quiz competition SAPIENZA 2017-18 on 19th February 2018 | “essential to sense that the earth is our common home” (*LS,* |  |  |
|  | at Bishop's Home. Balharshah. This year the preliminary | 7&8). Pope Francis speaks of our common home in a very |  |  |
|  | rounds were conducted in zonal level and the winners were | intimate and 'homely' terms as a sister and as a mother in the |  |  |
|  | selected for the grand finale. 9 team containing 3 members | very first paragraph of the encyclical. He writes: “St. Francis |  |  |
|  | of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister |  |  |
|  | from 9 parishes participated in this event. At the end of a |  |  |
|  | with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who |  |  |
|  | very tough competition, team from Durgapur parish |  |  |
|  | opens her arms to embrace us” (*LS,* 1). Pope invites us to |  |  |
|  | emerged as winners while teams from Brahmapuri and |  |  |
|  | rediscover the fundamental truth of Christian revelation and |  |  |
|  | Awarpur bagged the second and third place. The winners | tradition and increasingly highlighted by contemporary |  |  |
|  | were awarded with trophies and awards. Bp. Ephrem | science that Earth is our common home. |  |  |
|  | Nariculam graced the occasion with his presence and | The paradigm shift of *Laudato Si* consists in Pope Francis' |  |  |
|  | message. Kudos to all the hard work and dedication of | reminder to humanity that our common home is really in |  |  |
|  | Catechism department for conducting this event for several | peril that we need to begin to care for it before it is too late. In |  |  |
|  | the encyclical, the Pope urges the Catholic Church, the |  |  |
|  | years now. Kudos to our proud achievers |  |  |
|  | Christian communities around the world, followers of other |  |  |
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| !**DiocesanlevelCatechismAnnualExam** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | religious traditions, and all people of good will, to earnestly |  |  |
|  | The catechism department conducted Diocesan level | begin to care for our common home that is beginning to |  |  |
|  | Catechism Annual Exam on 19th February 2018 at Bishop's | crumble. |  |  |
|  | Home, Balharshah for the Balharshah, Brahmapuri, Wardha | Pope deplores against the following depletion of the natural |  |  |
|  | and Wirur foranes and for the Allapally forane it was | resources by the wealthy, fresh water crisis, endangering |  |  |
|  | conducted in the Forane church, Allapally. More than 200 | biodiversity (increased risk of extinction of plants and |  |  |
|  | children from our diocese participated in this event. May | animal species), the climate change, problem of waste etc. |  |  |
|  | they be the guiding light of this world and grow in God's | The several aspect of the present ecological crisis are what |  |  |
|  | grace. | Pope calls “cracks in the planet, that we inhabit” (*LS,* 163). In |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | presenting the multiple physical manifestation of the |  |  |
| !**FORTHCOMINGEVENTS** |  |  |
| **Marriage Preparation Course** | contemporary crisis *Laudato Si* succeeds in driving from a |  |  |
| strong message about the magnitude of a precarious |  |  |
|  Date & Time : 2018 March 9th (Friday) 5 pm to 11th (Sunday) |  |  |
| situation of our home. Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato* |  |  |
|  | 1 pm. this course together. | *Si* is precisely about becoming aflame with the zeal to care for |  |  |
|  Venue : Pastoral Centre, Bishop's Home, Ballarpur. | our common home. It is a huge responsibility that we owe |  |  |
| Participants : Candidates who are to be married in one year. | especially to the more vulnerable numbers of our common |  |  |
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household who are the early and disproportionate victims of the degradation of our common home. We owe it also to the future generations.

Responding to the crisis of our common home can indeed be a truly “ecumenical” experience that can recreate “one home” for the whole of humanity. What is important is that we act together, now, as the question is extremely urgent.

The true foundation of our hope rests on our faith that we are assisted in the task of rebuilding our common home by the love and strength of our Lord. God bless our Earth and bless us all.

Your shepherd in the Lord,



* Ephrem Nariculam Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

**CIRCULAR**

**Cir.1/2018/April 1**

**Zero Budget and Natural Farming**

Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear people,

**Thy Kingdom come!**

I have heard about *zero budget and natural farming* for long, but only recently - more precisely after having come to Chanda as bishop - that I learnt more about it. I wish to share with you some practical aspects of the same. I do not wish to keep it in sharing level - I strongly recommend to everyone to practice because there are practical advantages to it.

As I understand "zero budget" - it only means 'do something with less expense or if possible with no expense at all'. There are a number of things that can be done either ways. There is in it an aspect of simplicity and practice of poverty! I am surprised and feel guilty when I see some recently built



missionary work. Congratulations dear Sister….!!!

On the occasion of 150th year of publishing 'Chavarul' (Oru Nalla Appante Chavarul) we have decided to distribute 'Chavarul' in Malayalam ,English and Hindi to the families.

Srs. Vandhana and Litty attended the annual national seminar on 'Contemplation and Proclamation: Carmelite Charisma for a Renewed Indian Mission at CMI Prior General's House, Chavara Hills, Kochi.

Sr. Amala gave one day retreat to the parishioners of Pattaguda and she assisted Rev. Fr. Jeevan for 2 days.

**WIRUR ZONE**

Stella Maris School, Rajura celebrated its Silver Jubilee on 25th Jan 2018 with grandeur and enthusiasm. The function commenced with prayer, lighting of the lamp and the guard of honour accompanied by the school band. The Chief Guest was Rev. Bishop Ephrem Nariculam, Bishop of Chanda Diocese. Mr. Subhash Dhote, MLA Rajura, Rev. Mother Flower Maria, Provincial Superior, Daughters of Mary, Amala Province Wardha, Mr. Ravindra Holi, Tahsildar Rajura, Rev. Fr. Vincent Pangola, Parish Priest Mary Matha Church, Rajura, Mr. Vivek Dikshit, Manager Axis Bank Ballarpur were the Guests of honour.The consolidated report of the school was presented by Principal Sr. Tomcy D.M. The Silver Jubilee Souvenir was released on the day by Rev. Bishop Ephrem Nariculam. Former Principals and Sisters who served here were felicitated. Students rocked the stage with spectacular cultural events on that day. The chief guest in his address urged all the children to take active interest in Educational, Cultural and. Sports activities. The programme came to an end with Vote of Thanks conveyed by the Head Boy of the school Master Sanskar.



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|  | hearted support of the province to the new venture. Fr. |  |  | churches and other buildings for our residence (this is not |  |  |
|  | Tomy Chirapurath, Dean, | Darsana | Institute of |  |  | necessarily within the diocese). I also have been very |  |  |
|  | Philosophy, Sawangi proposed vote of thanks. |  |  |  | complacent with spiritual awakenings in the Church and |  |  |
|  | **S e r v i c e s** : M a r r i a g e a n d f a m i l y c o u n s e l i n g , |  |  | some church buildings and others as well. We need to make |  |  |
|  | child/adolescent counseling, | individual/group |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | conscious efforts to be simple and to practice poverty, for, we |  |  |
|  | psychotherapy, | skill | development and | training for |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | follow him who had no place to lay his head (Lk. 9:58). It is |  |  |
|  | teachers, | nurses | ND for those | in | helping | professions, |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | always good to think in this direction - we will be able to do |  |  |
|  | Marriage | enhancement | program | for couples, | one-day |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | something at least. |  |  |
|  | seminars on topics of mental health for the general public. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | I know there are practical problems connected with natural |  |  |
|  | **Postal address:** Samvaad, Chavara Sadan, Zade layout, |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | farming. However a blind eye to its advantages cannot be |  |  |
|  | Ward no. 3, Mhasala, Wardha -442001 M. S. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | !MountCarmelSchool,Arvicelebratedschooldayon10thjustifiedeither.Strikethebalance-*virtusstadismedis*(virtue |  |  |
|  | February 2018. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | stands in the middle) - should be the right approach. In this |  |  |
|  | **Carmelodaya Provincial House, Wardha** |  |  |  |  |  | context I exhort everyone who can do natural farming should |  |  |
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|  | !DarsanaandCarmelodayahadajointcelebrationofgoforit.Initialproblemsarenecessaryevil.Wehavethough |  |  |
|  | St.Chavara's feast on 14th | January 2018. Rev. Fr. Varghese | a few - successful stories even in our diocese. The fruit of |  |  |
|  | Puthupamabil CMI was the | main celebrant . The | which is healthy food and healthy living! All the more |  |  |
|  | neighbouring communities and parishioners were present |  |  |
|  | strikingly important is love and respect for mother earth. We |  |  |
|  | for the function. We had a solemn procession from Darsana |  |  |
|  | are using it today and our future generations have every right |  |  |
|  | to Carmelodaya carrying the relics of St. Chavara led by |  |  |
|  | to use it tomorrow. Restricting/restraining one from using |  |  |
|  | Rev. Fr. Suresh CMF, the Rector of Claretian | Ashram |  |  |
|  | Wardha. We distributed the Book of Chavarul to all those | his or her right is a question of justice. By writing on natural |  |  |
|  | who gathered .The programme was ended with meal of | farming my sole intention is to exhort everyone not to simply |  |  |
|  | love . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | disregard it citing its practical problems, but consider also its |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| !ProvincialSuperiorandsistersattendedtheMissionmeet |  |  |
|  | at POC Kochi, as part of the |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | practical advantages. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | In our diocese we have land attached practically to every |  |  |
|  | golden jubilee celebrations of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | station. We should not allow our land unused. All of us may |  |  |
|  | Pastoral Orientation Centre of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | not be experts in farming but all can learn it with a good will. I |  |  |
|  | KCBC, on 26-28 January 2018. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | mean to say, try to make use of the land. Recently I happen to |  |  |
|  | T h e y f e l i c i t a t e d | t h e |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | missionaries who served many |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | read an article titled 'Spirituality of Agriculture' in which the |  |  |
|  | years in the mission during |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | author affirms that God gave us land as a gift to make food for |  |  |
|  | this conference. One of our |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | others as our gift to them - a beautiful thought indeed. If |  |  |
|  | great missionaries of Chanda |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | every land in our stations cannot be used for agriculture |  |  |
|  | Diocese, Sr. Freedia CMC was |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | crops, why can’t we think of using it for commercial crops. |  |  |
|  | specially honoured for zealous |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Can't we think of planting Eucalyptus in our unused lands? Another excuse of some for not using the land for farming is lack of fencing. Can't we think of natural fencing - lf we start planting cactus or thorny bushes today, in 5 to I0 years we are going to have a strong fencing around our farm land. Let us be farsighted than short-sighted in planning. The Talent Club for Capacity Building project launched in our diocese will bear fruit only after 10 years. Patience, forbearance and hard work will bear lasting fruits/effects.

Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology *Laudato Si* is a great

inspiration to do something in the line of natural farming. In

Chanda situation it will be contextual application. I exhort

everyone to read *Laudato Si* and be inspired to natural

farming. Bp. Januarius CMI, the architect of the diocese, had a

great vision when he bought so much land to every station.

Bishop Vijay Anand CMI, was vociferous in different forums

arguing for natural farming. I think we must do something

very concrete, but practical, considering the pros and cons for

us, for earth and for future generation. We shall be sincere

and resolve to do our best.

God bless you



the Lord



Ephrem Nariculam, Bishop, Diocese of Chanda



**“Every one’s talent and involvement are**

**needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God’s creation.”**

**Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* 14**



St. Mary's English Medium school Kaotha celebrated School day On 2nd February 2018

Valedictory function was celebrated at Darsana seminary on 26 January 2018

SJB and DM sisters celebrated jubilee on 10th February 2018 at St. Antony church and Amala Provincial house Wardha respectively.

***Samvaad***, center for dialogue, counselling andpsychotherapy, a novel venture of CMI Mar Thoma Province Chanda was formally launched and inaugurated at Mhasala, Wardha on Saturday, 10th February, 2018 - on the auspicious occasion of CHAVARA JAYANTI. The center is located in a pristine and serene piece of land. The location has added importance as it is very near to Gandhiji's Bapukuti Ashram at Sewagram and Vinoba Bhave's Ashram at Pawnar.

Fr. Joshy Vazhappilly, the director of the center welcomed the guests and introduced the concept of Samvaad and gave a brief description of the philosophy, core values and the services provided at the center. Dr. Varghese, Vicar General of Chanda Diocese inaugurated the center by lighting the traditional lamp.

Mr. Bharat Mahodaya, director of Institute of Gandhian Studies, Gopuri, Wardha, Dr. Bharati Taksande, professor of medicine, MGIMS, Sewagram, Prof. Anil Dube and Ahmed Shakeel from MGAHV, Wardha, Dr. Sally John SJB, Associate Professor, department of psychiatry, JNMC, Sawangi, Dr. Suresh CMF, Rector, Claritian College of Philosophy, Sawangi, Fr. Raju Avookaran, Parish Priest, Wardha and Sr. Arpita SJB, Provincial Superior, St. John's sisters Wardha graced the auspicious gathering with their presence and enlightening words. A good number of people from the neighbouring locality too was present on the occasion. Dr. Benny Joseph, the Provincial Superior of Mar Thoma Province Chanda presided over the function and while giving the presidential address assured whole-



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|  | Golden Jubilee of the Priestly | Ordination of Fr. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **III. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS** |  |  |  |
|  | Prasannabhai along with the reception to the Newly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Ordained Priests Fr. Thomas Thadathil and Fr. Sinoj |  |  | **March** |  |  |
|  | Puthenpurackal took place at Prabhu Sadan Monastery, |  |  | 3 |  | - Holy Qurbana, Lamboori |  |  |
|  | Tarsa on 19th February 2018 at 10.30 am. Fathers and sisters |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 4 |  | - Holy Qurbana, Jiwathi |  |  |
|  | of various congregations, diocesan priests, CMI priests |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | from Hyderabad province and a good number of |  |  | 5 |  | - Curia meeting |  |  |
|  | parishners were present for the programme. |  |  | 5-8 |  | - Diocesan deacons' pastoral orientation |  |  |
|  | **WARDHA ZONE** |  |  |  |  |  |  | programmes BPQ |  |  |
|  | !St.Antony’sNationalSchool,Wardhacelebratedschool |  |  |
|  | day on 27& 28 January 2018. |  |  |  | 13-15 - PPT meeting, BPQ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 19 |  | - Holy Qurbana, Babupeth |  |  |
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|  | !Mr.NitinNanajiGhodeaSportsTeacher,StAntony |  |  |
|  | National School, Wardha is awarded *with 'Zilha Gunvant* | 25 |  | - Palm Sunday, Durgapur |  |  |
|  | 27 |  | - Holy Muron Qurbana, BPQ |  |  |
|  | *Krida Sanghatak Puaraskar 2017-18'* | by KRIDA-YUVAK |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Finance Council |  |  |
|  | SEVA SANCHALANALAY, MS PUNE through District |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sports Office Wardha on 26 January 2018. Mr. Sadashiv | 28 |  | - Bp. Januarius Death Anniversary, BPQ |  |  |
|  | Khot (State Minister, Agriculture, horticulture and | 29 |  | - Holy Thursday, St. Thomas Cathedral, BPQ |  |  |
|  | Marketing) felicitated Mr Nitin Ghode along with all | 30 |  | - Good Friday, Wani & Lakkadakot |  |  |
|  | dignitaries present on the dais, such as Collector, SP, CEO, | **April** |  |  |
|  | DSO of Wardha. This award is presented to Mr. Nitin for his | 1 |  | - Easter Sunday, Babupeth |  |  |
|  | strenuous contribution to develop and organize sport and |  |  |  |
|  | 8 |  | - Laban Tola chapel blessing |  |  |
|  | sports events through last ten years in and around Wardha. |  |  |  |
|  | 14 |  | - Episcopal Ordination, Ahmedabad |  |  |
|  | The nature of Award is Rs. 10.000/-, Memento and |  |  |  |
|  | Certificate. |  |  |  | 17 |  | - Episcopal Ordination, Sagar |  |  |
|  | Mr Nitin wishes to thank all for their continued support, | 23 |  | - Monthly Recollection BPQ |  |  |
|  | “in enabling him to contribute to sports, not only in the | 29- May 11 - Major Seminarians' gathering, BPQ |  |  |
|  | school but in the district and as far as possible”. He thanks | **May** |  |  |  |  |
|  | the St. Antony National School Management and family for | 12 |  | - Vestition, Minor Orders & Diaconate, BPQ |  |  |
|  | the enthusiastic and whole hearted support and |  |  |  |
|  | 14 |  | - FHGS Vestition, Akaparambu |  |  |
|  | encouragement. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 15 |  | - Ordination, Cheppukulam |  |  |
|  | His Excellency, Bishop Ephrem Nariculam of Chanda |  |  |  |
|  | 16 |  | - Ordination, Vannapuram |  |  |
|  | Diocese presented a token of appreciation to Mr Nitin on |  |  |  |
|  | 19 |  | - First Holy Communion, Manimala |  |  |
|  | behalf of the St Antony Family, acknowledging his |  |  |  |
|  | achievement. The SANS family wishes Mr Nitin, all the | 20 |  | - Betrothal, Elamkulam |  |  |
|  | Very best and God's choicest blessing in future too. | 23 |  | - Wedding, Kodungallur |  |  |
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| !St.Antony’sparishcelebratedparishdayon7January |  |  |
| 2018. |  |  |  |  | 26 |  | - Wedding, Fort Kochi |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 27 |  | - First Holy Communion, Puthenpally |  |  |
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**IV. BISHOP’S DIARY**

**January**

1. - Blessed the renovated ceiling of St. Joseph's Church, Karayamparambu

- Ordained deacon Antony Kurikaveli of Ernakulam-Angamali to Holy Priesthood at St. Joseph's Church, M a d a c k a l . I n t h e a f t e r n o o n b l e s s e d a house at Vendoor Church.

1. - Administered a baptism at Karayamparambu .
2. - Visited Holy Family Church, Tabor

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| 5 | -Blessed *Kodimaram* and presided the Eucharistic |
|  | procession at Precious Blood | C h u r c h , |
|  | Thanneermukkam |  |
| 6 | - Presided over Jubilee felicitation meeting of Sr. |
|  | Agatha SHSp and her | n e p h e w F r . |
|  | Vincent Varekulam CM and Sr. Mercy Varekulam SD |
|  | at St. Mary's Church, Kanjoor. |  |

1. - Holy Qurbana and a house blessing at St. Antony's Church, Kodanad.

8-13 - Participated at Synod of Bishop at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad.

9-10 - Visit of Archbishop Cyril Vasil and Msgr. Lorenzo Lorrusso OP, Secretary and Under Secretary of the Congregation for Eastern Churches in Rome, to the diocese of Chanda. (see report)

1. - Participated in the Silver Jubilee celebration of Major Archiepiscopal status of Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad
2. - Holy Qurbana at St. Mary's Church, Neduvannur.

Blessed a marriage at Holy Family Church, Tabor. Presided over catechism annual day celebrations at Neduvannur parish

1. - Administered a baptism at St. Mary's Church, Chouka, Elinjipra. Blessed a marriage at St. John Nepumsian's Church, Konthuruthy.



Concluding day there was a Eucharistic procession and table fellowship for all present.

**St. Mary’s church, Durgapur**

Observation of year of Adoration

As directed by the Balharshah Forane. Eucharistic adoration was conducted at Durgapur from 1 to 4 February, 2018. Two Fellowship ministry members kept the adoration alive from 7 am, preceded by Holy mass till 6.30 pm concluded by Eucharistic blessing on all the first 3 days. The faithful, sisters, teachers and students in turns and in small groups took part in the adoration. Youth and Church committee members arranged for the food and accommodation of the Fellowship members in the priest quarters. On the last day that is on February 4th adoration started at 7 am as usual, Holy mass at 8.30 am followed by Adoration and Eucharistic procession. Over all the participation of the faithful was satisfactory.

Ash Day: Ash day was celebrated with traditional piety on Monday, February 12, 2018. There was good attendance of the faithful.

Parish Retreat: In view of the Lent-season a 3 day retreat was arranged on February 23,24,25. The Divine Vachan Ashram team conducted the retreat. First two days we had evening sessions (from 5.30pm to 9pm). Final day it was full day session (8.30am to 6.30pm) concluded with Holy mass and Eucharistic blessing. Participation of the faithful was rather good.

**CMI Provincial House, Bamini**

One day Seminar on Chavarul (*Oru Nalla Appante Chavarul)* A one day seminar on Chavarul “Oru Nalla Appante Chavarul” was arranged for the CMI priests at CMI Provincial House, Bamni on 13th February 2018. A good number of priests were preset in the programme. Fr. Antony Njallmpuzha CMI was the resource person for the programme.

Jubilee Celebrations

The Golden Jubilee of Prabhu Sadan Monastery, Tarsa,



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| !Annualcatechismexamwasconductedon18February17-OfferedHolyQurbanaatCMCconvent,Koonamavu. |  |
| 2018. Two best performers were selected for Diocesan level | 18 | - Visited the Holy Relics of St. Thomas the Apostle at |  |
| catechism exam. |  | CMI monastery Church, Azhikode. |  |
| **Jyothi Niwas Church, Chandrapur** |  | In the evening bishop participated in the Episcopal |  |
| Chavarul was celebrated in a grand way in the parish on |  | Silver Jubilee celebrations of Bp. Jacob Manathodath |  |
| ! |  |
| February 2. The CMI Fathers and CMC sisters of |  | at Major Archbishop's house, Ernakulam-Angamali. |  |
| Chandrapur took the initiative for the celebration. Fr. Binoy | 21 | - Presided over the Holy Qurbana of the Golden Jubilee |  |
| was the main celebrant and Fr. Antony Kuttiany was the |  | celebrations of FCC sisters at Christ Bhavan Church, |  |
|  | Brahmapuri. |  |
| preacher. Frs George Uthimattam and K.D.Chacko were the |  |  |
| 23 | - Presided over the Silver Jubilee celebrations of St. |  |
| other con-celebrants. The celebration came to a conclusion |  |
|  | Anne's School, Mul |  |
| with sumptuous meal for all. About 200 people were |  |  |
| 24 | - Presided over the school day celebration, Jiwathi |  |
| present. |  |
| 25 | - Presided over the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Stella |  |
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| !FreemedicalcampswereconductedrecentlybytheChrist |  |
| Hospital in Marakbody, Jaravandi, Pattan and a village |  | Maris School, Rajura. |  |
| 26 | - Hoisted the Flag for the Republic day celebrations at |  |
| near Korpana. |  |
|  | Vianney Vidya Mandir, Ghugus |  |
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| !FacilityfordialysisisavailablenowatChristHospital.The |  |
| newly purchased equipment was declared inaugurated by | 27 | - Presided over the School Day celebrations at St. |  |
| the Central State Minister, Hansraj Ahir on 4th February. |  | Antony's National School, Wardha |  |
| He spoke to the people gathered for the medical camp that | 28 | - Inaugurated the Parish Day celebration of St. Thomas |  |
| day appreciating the services rendered by the Christ |  | Cathedral, Ballarpur |  |
| Hospital to the people of the district. During his speech, he | 29 | - Presided over Diocesan Consulter's meeting at BPQ |  |
| promised to the hospital management to render financial | 30 | - Animated Quinquennial meeting of diocesan priests |  |
| assistance to establish a blood bank in the hospital. A |  | at pastoral centre, BPQ |  |
| medical exhibition was inaugurated by shri Nanaji |  | - In the evening bishop attended Ballarshah Pastors’ |  |
| Shyamkule, MLA on the previous day, February 3. |  | meeting at Bishop's Home, BPQ |  |
| !Theparishfeastwascelebratedwithtraditionalenthusiasm |  |
| on January 21. The parishioners had a retreat in | **February** |  |
| 1 | - Visited MSFS Theologate at Kengeri, Bangalore |  |
| preparation for the feast. Fr. Sunil Gandhare guided the | 2-6 - Attended CBCI meeting at St. John's Medical College, |  |
| faithful through the retreat. A new feature of the |  | Bangalore |  |
| celebration this year was the procession with a tableau | 16 | - Attended 7th day's mind Holy Qurbana for Fr. Paul |  |
| Competition. |  |
|  | Manavalan at Elavoor parish. |  |

!TwonewfacilitiesareavailableattheChristHospitalnow.

18 - Celebrated a Requiem Holy Qurbana at Elavoor

They are 1) Thyroid test and 2) Services of neuro-surgeon

parish

on a daily basis.

19 - Distributed prize for Bible Quiz winners at BPQ

!A.10-dayslongadorationoftheBlessedSacramentduring

day time began on 19th February. On February 28, the 20 - Offered Holy Qurbana and delivered message to retreatants at Vachan Ashram, Bamini.



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1. - Offered Holy Qurbana at CMC convent at Arvi.
2. - Offered Holy Qurbana at SD Provincialate, Wardha
3. - Visited Gatta parish. Visited also two villages - Jajawandi & Vatteli - under Gatta parish

26-28 - PPT meeting at BPQ

**LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

**ON LENT**

*“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24: 12)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in His providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion”.[1] Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (24:12).

These words appear in Christ's preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord's passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

*False prophets*

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume.



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Rule 11.3 The unaided schools should consult parents through parent's representatives before revising the fees. The fee should not be revised during the mid-session.

19.1(ii) it shall ensure that the school is run as a community service and not as a business and that commercialization does not take place in the school in any shape whatsoever.

Though, there is a need for the School Management to generate sufficient financial resources to guarantee the continued existence of the institution to meet the running expenses of the school to maintain it at a reasonable standard of efficiency, to pay salaries to teachers and other categories of staff regularly at least at par with the corresponding categories in the State Government Schools and to undertake improvement/development of school facilities etc. but the School Management should not make profit out of it.

The Heads and Managers of Schools are directed to take note of the above and also bring it to the knowledge of school Managing Committee. In case of any report of violation of the relevant rules or Bye- Laws of the Board, the Board as per Rule. 13.10 will conduct an audit of the accounts of the school which may even lead to disaffiliation of the school.

Director (Affiliation)

**VI. NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS**

**BALLARSHAH ZONE**

**St. Tomas Cathedral, Ballarpur**

As part of *Aaradhana Varsh,* we had adoration from January 1 to 7 & February 12-17.

We celebrated *Apna Utsav* on 28 January 2018. We had solemn Holy Qurbana at 8.00 am. Bp. Ephrem Nariculam inaugurated the celebrations soon after the Holy Qurbana. We had various games and competitions throughout the day.

We had the diocesan level 40 hour adoration on 12, 13 & 14 February. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and lay people from all the Zones participated in the adoration.



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The Ministry of HRD has taken a serious view on these lapses affecting students and parents and therefore, attention of Management and Heads of schools is drawn so as to ensure proper functioning of School Management Committee where such decisions are taken.

The following conditions laid down in the Affiliation Bye-Laws are once again brought to the notice of the schools for ready reference and adherence:

* Rule 7.2 No part of income from the institution shall be diverted to any individual in the Trust/ society/ Company registered under section 25 of the companies act School Management Committee or to any other person. The savings, if any, after meeting the recurring and nonrecurring expenditure and contributions to developmental, depreciation and contingency funds may be further utilized for promoting the school. The accounts statement should be prepared as per rules. A copy each of the Statement of accounts should be sent to the Board every year.
* Rule 73 The channelling of funds by the management to person(s) or enterprise other than for furthering education in the school will contravene the rules governing affiliation and call for appropriate action by the Board.

Rule 11.1 Fees charges should be commensurate with the facilities provided by the institution. Fees should normally be charged under the heads prescribed by the Department of Education of the Stale/U.T. for schools of different categories. No capitation fee or voluntary donations for gaining admission in the school or for any other purpose should be charged / collected in the name of the school. In case of such malpractices, the Board may take drastic action leading to disaffiliation of the school.

Further, any school or person violates the above provision is liable for the following:-

(i) Receives capitation fees, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to ten times the capitation Fee charged;

(ii) Subject a child to screening procedure shall be punishable with fine which may extended to twenty-five thousand rupees for the first contravention and fifty thousand rupees for each subsequent



They can appear as “snake charmers”, who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!

False prophets can also be “charlatans”, who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly “virtual” existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is “a liar and the father of lies” (*Jn* 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

*A cold heart*

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice,[2] in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our



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love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, “the root of all evil” (*1 Tim* 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments.[3] All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own “certainties”: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing His praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.[4]

*What are we to do?*

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to *prayer*, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception,[5] and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he



Religious and the laity from the zones of Allapally and Brahmapuri to participate and Tuesday to those from Wardha and Wirur zone. Wednesday was specially assigned to the Priests, Religious and the laity of Balharshah zone. There were inspirational messages and 'praise and worship' during Adoration days. Priests were available for confession on all three days. The participants in the Adoration experienced the feeling that they were able to enter into the season of Lent with an added fervour. These were days of memorable spiritual renewal and enrichment.

Fr. Vigil Parassery



**All school principals and managers are requested to read the following and do needful accordingly**

**Bp. Ephrem Nariculam**

Circular No. 02/2016

**TO ALL THE HEADS AND MANAGERS OF INSTITUTIONS**

**AFFILIATED TO CBSE**

**SUBJECT: ADHERENCE TO RULES OF AFFILIATION OF**

**CBSE CONCERNING TUITION FEES.**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

The CBSE through its various advisories (Circular No. 01 dated 29.7,2009, Circular No. 2 dated 21.02.2011, Circular No. 20/2014 dated 06.02.2014 has directed schools to follow the provisions concerning tuition fees mentioned in Affiliation Byelaws of the Board as schools are expected to provide good and healthy environment, for quality education without burden on child/parents as schools should run as community service and not as a business. It has been observed recently that there is a growing tendency among some of the Institutions to gain profit by imparting education and subsequently raising fees under various heads. As per reports received from various stakeholders, a large number of CBSE Schools are not adhering to the provisions concerning tuition fees laid down in the Affiliation Bye-Laws of the Board which are mandatory in nature.



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Joshy Chettiyanchira, the Parish Priest and the director of the Christ Hospital, other fathers, sisters, the staff and a few parishioners welcomed the guests to Christ Hospital. Fr. Joshy narrated the different activities of the hospital with the help of slide show presentation in his office. After lunch and siesta they proceeded to Jam.

By 5.00 pm they arrived Chavara Ashram Kshitij, Jam, where Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil CMI, CMC Sisters, students, and the patient inmates accorded a warm welcome with flowers and with a greeting song. They interacted with these people for some time and visited their living quarters. Later they visited the CMC Convent in the same campus, spent some time with the Sisters, Candidates and the boarding children, enjoying their cultural items and snacks.

Concluding their visit to the Diocese of Chanda with great satisfaction and appreciation for the missionaries, Archbishop Cyril and Msgr. Lorenzo proceeded to Nagpur Airport by 6.30 pm and left for Pune. Bp. Ephrem could not be present during their visit as he was away attending Synod of Bishops at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad. Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil CMI, and Fr. Joseph Kalathil coordinated their visit in the diocese and accompanied them all through, during their stay in the diocese.

Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil CMI

Proto-Syncellus



**40 Hours of adoration at Balharshah**

February 12, 13 &14 (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday), 2018 were days of special grace for the entire diocese of Chanda. Those were days of Adoration for 40 hours in the Cathedral at Balharshah. On Monday adoration began at 06.00 am and concluded at 6.30 PM followed by Ash day services. On Tuesday Adoration began after the Hoy Qurbana and concluded at 8.00 PM. On Wednesday Adoration began at 6.00 am and concluded with Eucharistic procession and Holy Qurbana in the evening. Monday was set apart for the Priests,



wants us to live life well.

*Almsgiving* sets us free from greed and helps us to regard ourneighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. *2 Cor* 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God Himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.[6]

*Fasting* weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us andbecomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our



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sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

*The fire of Easter*

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the “24 Hours for the Lord” initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, “With you is forgiveness”, this will take place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the “new fire”, this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. “May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds”,[7] and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me. Pope Francis



The guests. The invited fathers and sisters for dinner welcomed the Archbishop and the Monsignor with bouquets, shawls, mementos etc. The major superiors, Zonal vicars, seminary rectors, curia members and bishop's home members were present on the occassion. In his speech, Archbishop Cyril highly appreciated the solid faith formation of the Syro-Malabar Christians in general and in special the manifold apostolates and the missionary activities in different centres of the diocese of Chanda. He wished that other oriental rites of the Catholic Church also may be inspired by the missionary spirit of Syro-Malabarians.

On 10th January, in the morning the Archbishop and the Monsignor concelebrated the Syro-Malabar Holy Qurbana in Hindi at Sant Vianney Gurukul, New Daheli, which was followed by a brief meeting with the staff and students of SVG. They paid a visit to the nearby mission center, Kalamna, interacted with the Priest-in-charge Fr. Anoop Aerimattathil, FHGS Sisters and the boarding children. Then they proceeded to CMI Provincial House, Bamni where Fr. Benny CMI, the Provincial, warmly welcomed and served them breakfast. After spending half an hour in the Provincial House campus, they went to the Montfort House to meet the brothers and the candidates. Next they visited the CMI Aspirants' house and spent half an hour with them.

Later the archbishop blessed the newly installed baptismal font in the Cathedral church after which they visited the photo gallery in the Bishop's Home campus relishing the events of the past.

They bid farewell to the Bishop's Home and left for the CMC Convent at Chandrapur where they attended a colorful cultural program by the Mentally Challenged special children. The Archbishop applauded the CMC Sisters for their selfless services to the humanity. Their visit to Karunabhavan and the interactions with S.D Sisters and the beneficiaries of this institution gave them a clear picture of the Church's option for the last and the least of the society. Fr.



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visitors were welcomed by Fr. Benny Mulakal, the Parish Priest, Fr. Sathish Jamnik, Holy Spirit Sisters, and a few faithful of the Parish. The school band saluted the guests and accorded them to the church for a short prayer service. After prayer, they moved to the auditorium for felicitations and a few cultural programs were put up by the school children. Archbishop delivered a short message of hope to the students and blessed them for a bright future. Later they proceeded to Vachan Ashram, Bamni.

Fr. Glanson VC and Fr. Dibin VC warmly welcomed the guests at the Vincentian residence, Bamni and led them to the chapel for prayer. After the discussions with the fathers over a tea, the guests were taken to the retreat centre where the participants of retreat and the staff welcomed them. Archbishop appreciated the spiritual services of the ashram and imparted blessing to all.

Later they visited Kalabhavan, Bamni. Fr. Jobin Ovelil, the director of LSSS and Kalabhavan, Fr. Sumesh Cheruchilampil, SABS Sisters and the Kalabhavan children welcomed the guests with bouquet and songs. The children staged a few cultural items, including the presentation of their skills in classical music and in the use of musical instruments. Spending some beautiful moments with the children, the guests were taken to the Bishop's Home, Ballarpur.

The Archbishop and the Monsignor were welcomed by Fr. Mathew Nirappel, DFO, fathers, sisters and the staff of the Bishop's Home. Then all visited Cathedral church, prayed and the Archbishop blessed the congregation gathered in the church. After rest and relaxation for some time, all gathered in the Pastoral Centre at 7.45 pm to watch video presentation about Chanda Mission. The video was very informative and all appreciated Fr. Vincent Pangola, the director of AVD who prepared it.

The Diocese hosted a Dinner for the Archbishop Cyril and Msgr. Lorenzo, in which we accorded them a solemn welcome. Fr. Benny Mukulel, the CMI Provincial welcomed



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2018 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Next October, the Fifteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will meet to discuss the theme of young people and in particular the relationship between young people, faith and vocation. There we will have a chance to consider more deeply how, at the centre of our life, is the call to joy that God addresses to us and how this is “God's plan for men and women in every age” (SYNOD OF BISHOPS, XV ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, *Young People, The Faith* *and Vocational Discernment*, Introduction).



The Fifty-fifth World Day of Prayer for Vocations once again proclaims this good news to us, and in a decisive manner. We are not victims of chance or swept up in a series of unconnected events; on the contrary, our life and our presence in this world are the fruit of a divine vocation!

Even amid these troubled times, the mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that God continually comes to encounter us. He is God-with-us, who walks along the often dusty paths of our lives. He knows our anxious longing for love and he calls us to joy. In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to *listen*, *discern* and *live* this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness.

These three aspects *listening, discerning and living* were also

present at the beginning of Jesus' own mission, when, after

his time of prayer and struggle in the desert, he visited his

synagogue of Nazareth. There, he listened to the word,

discerned the content of the mission entrusted to him by the

Father, and proclaimed that he came to accomplish it “today”

(*Lk* 4:16-21).



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*Listening*

The Lord's call let it be said at the outset is not as clear-cut as any of those things we can hear, see or touch in our daily experience. God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts.

We need, then, to learn how to listen carefully to his word and the story of his life, but also to be attentive to the details of our own daily lives, in order to learn how to view things with the eyes of faith, and to keep ourselves open to the surprises of the Spirit.

We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things, in the apathy of those who fritter away their lives in their own little world. We would lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us.

Jesus too, was called and sent. That is why he needed to recollect himself in silence. He listened to and read the word in the synagogue, and with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit he revealed its full meaning, with reference to his own person and the history of the people of Israel.

Nowadays listening is becoming more and more difficult, immersed as we are in a society full of noise, overstimulated and bombarded by information. The outer noise that sometimes prevails in our cities and our neighbourhoods is often accompanied by our interior dispersion and confusion. This prevents us from pausing and enjoying the taste of contemplation, reflecting serenely on the events of our lives, going about our work with confidence in God's loving plan, and making a fruitful discernment.

Yet, as we know, the kingdom of God comes quietly and unobtrusively (cf. *Lk* 17:21), and we can only gather its seeds when, like the prophet Elijah, we enter into the depths of our



**PROJECT CONSULTANT**



Fr. Pius Mathew is appointed project consultant for the diocese of Chanda. He will assist in drafting projects for parishes and institutions as required and on demand. He will make himself available, preferably in Bishop's Home, BPQ, at least three days a week on request. Fr. Jimmy Koottala, as project coordinator and Fr. Joshy Chettiyanchira, as coordinator for Manos Unidas projects will continue in office. Kindly avail their services for better application and implementation of projects as directed by the concerned agencies.

**Visit of Archbishop Cyril Vasil SJ and Msgr. Lorenzo Lorusso OP to the Diocese of Chanda 9 & 10 January 2018**

**(A brief report)**

Archbishop Cyril Vasil, and Msgr. Lorenzo Lorusso, the secretary and the under secretary to the congregation for Eastern Churches in Rome paid a short visit to our diocese on 09 & 10 January 2018. They arrived in the Diocese of Chanda on Tuesday 9th January. Since they were well informed of the history and the missionary zeal of the Syro-Malabar Church, they showed great interest in visiting our mission centers.

First they visited Lakkadakot church, where Fr. Prem CMI, the Priest-in-charge, SD Sisters and almost all the parishioners gathered at the Grotto and had extended a traditional welcome. From the Grotto, all in procession proceeded to the Church singing the Litany of our Lady. After a small prayer and blessing in the Church, all gathered to felicitate the guests and the kids of the kindergarten presented a few cultural items. The Archbishop and the Monsignor were very happy to witness the faith of the people and they distributed sweets to them. Later they took lunch, rested for a while and proceeded to Warur.

At the very entrance of the Warur church campus, the



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Members : Most Rev. Albert D'Souza,

Most Rev. Mar Joseph Pamplany

**Office for Clergy and Religious**

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Chairman : Most Rev. Mar Joseph Perumthottam

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Most Rev. Thomas Dabre

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**Office for Health Care**

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**Office for Tribal Affairs**

Chairman : Most Rev. Vincent Barwa

Members : Most Rev. Michael Akasius Toppo

Most Rev. Paul Toppo

**Office for Social Communications**

Chairman : Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo

Members : Most Rev. Sebastian Kallupura

Most Rev. Anthony Poola



soul and are open to the imperceptible whisper of the divine breeze (cf. *1 Kg* 19:11-13).

*Discerning*

When Jesus, in the synagogue of Nazareth, reads the passage of the prophet Isaiah, he discerns the content of the mission for which he was sent, and presents it to those who awaited the Messiah: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour (*Lk* 4:18-19).

In the same way, each of us can discover his or her own vocation only through spiritual discernment. This is “a process by which a person makes fundamental choices, in dialogue with the Lord and listening to the voice of the Spirit, starting with the choice of one's state in life” (SYNOD OF BISHOPS, XV ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, *Youth,* *Faith and Vocational Discernment*, II, 2).



Thus we come to discover that Christian vocation always has a prophetic dimension. The Scriptures tell us that the prophets were sent to the people in situations of great material insecurity and of spiritual and moral crisis, in order to address in God's name a message of conversion, hope and consolation. Like a whirlwind, the prophet unsettles the false tranquility of consciences that have forgotten the word of the Lord. He discerns events in the light of God's promise and enables people to glimpse the signs of dawn amid the dark shadows of history.

Today too, we have great need of discernment and of prophecy. We have to resist the temptations of ideology and negativity, and to discover, in our relationship with the Lord, the places, the means and situations through which he calls us. Every Christian ought to grow in the ability to “read within” his or her life, and to understand *where* and *to what* he



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or she is being called by the Lord, in order to carry on his mission.

*Living*

Lastly, Jesus announces the newness of the present hour, which will enthuse many and harden the heart of others. The fullness of time has come, and he is the Messiah proclaimed by Isaiah and anointed to liberate prisoners, to restore sight to the blind and to proclaim the merciful love of God to every creature. Indeed, Jesus says that “today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing” (*Lk* 4:21).

The joy of the Gospel, which makes us open to encountering God and our brothers and sisters, does not abide in our slowness and our sloth. It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now

This “today” that Jesus proclaimed assures us that God continues to “come down” to save our human family and to make us sharers in his mission. The Lord continues to call others to live with him and to follow him in a relationship of particular closeness. He continues to call others to serve him directly. If he lets us realize that he is calling us to consecrate ourselves totally to his kingdom, then we should have no fear! It is beautiful and a great grace to be completely and forever consecrated to God and the service of our brothers and sisters.

Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous “yes”, nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but



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CALVARIGIRI PILGRIMAGE

LAKKADAKOT

**GOOD FRIDAY,**

**30 MARCH 2018**

2.30 PM Liturgy in the shrine Telugu Homily 3.30 Procession from shrine, Marathi Homily

**33rd GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE CBCI**

**St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru**

**February 2-9,2018**

**NEW OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE CBCI**

President : His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias

Vice-President I : Most Rev. Joshua Mar Ignathios

Vice-President II : Most Rev. Mar George Njaralakatt

Secretary General : Most Rev. Theodore Mascarenhas SFX

**Commissions**

**Office for Doctrine**

Chairman : Most Rev. Thomas Mar Koorilos



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COnGRATULATIONS & Best Wishes

to

New provincial team of Sisters of the Destitute (SD)

Krupadham Province, Wardha

Provincial Superior - Sr. Lancy Maria SD

Vicar Provincial - Sr. Lydia SD

Councillor - Sr. Lis Therese SD

Councillor - Sr. Tresa Rose SD

Councillor - Sr. Benita SD

Provincial Auditor - Sr. Ushas SD

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Sr. Grace Koovayil SD had obtained doctorate in Dogmatic Thology from Pontifical Gregorian University Rome. Her doctoral thesis is *"The Pneumatology of Jean* *Corbon's Theology of the Eucharist and Divinization”*. At present she works as apostulator for the cause of Servant s of God Fr. Varghese Payapilly, the founder of the Sisters of the Destitute and Fr. Augustin

John Ukken, the founder of the Sisters of Charity.

**Congratulations to**

Dilasagram Convent School, Bamini **(I Prize)**

**&**

Vianney Jubilee School, Ballarpur **(II Prize )**

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organized by **Muncipal Council Ballarpur**



instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us.

May Mary Most Holy, who as a young woman living in obscurity heard, accepted and experienced the Word of God made flesh, protect us and accompany us always on our journey.

Pope Francis

Prot. No. 0184/2018

**CIRCULAR**

**Circular of the Major Archbishop after the XXVI Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, Session 1, held from 8 to 13January 2018**

**in the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St Thomas,**

**Kakkanad.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

The Twenty sixth Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church was held at the time of the celebrations of the Silver Jubilee of the declaration of the Church as a Major Archiepiscopal Church.

The Synod congratulated and welcomed at the beginning of the session Mar Joseph Pamplany, the Aux.Bishop of Tellicherry, Mar Sebastian Vaniapurakal, the Curia Bishop, Mar Tony Neelankavil, the Aux.Bishop of Trichur and Mar Sebastian Pozholiparambil, the Bishop of the newly erected eparchy of Hossur who were attending the synod for the first time. The appointments of Fr. John Nellikunnel, Bishop-elect of Idukki, and of Fr. JamesAthikalam MST, Bishop-elect of Sagar, were declared during the Synod. Please keep the new bishops in your prayers.

The Synod also expressed its gratitude to late Mar James Pazhayattil and to the present administration of the eparchy of Irinjalakuda for the great effort they had put in for the



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growth and development of the newly established eparchy of Hossur.

The Synod also offered its congratulations to Mar Raphael Thattil, the newly appointed bishop of the newly created Shamshabad eparchy. With the establishment of this eparchy, the Syro-Malabar Church has got jurisdiction all over India for evangelization and pastoral care. The Synod gratefully acknowledged the services of late Cardinal Mar Antony Padiyara, Mar Gregory Karotemprel CMI, and Mar Gratian MundadanCMI, the former Apostolic Visitators, for all the preparatory work they had done for the provision of jurisdiction all over India for evangelization and pastoral care. The Synod requests all the eparchies and religious congregations in Kerala to extend their generous support for the new eparchy. The right for evangelization and pastoral care throughout the Country given to the Syro-Malabar Church is a great opportunity for intensification of the evangelization mission of the Church in India and to strengthen deep bonds of relationship with other *suijuris* Churches in India. It is very gratifying to note that the all-India jurisdiction was given to the Syro-Malabar Church in its Jubilee year.

The Synod offered its greetings to Mar Jacob Murikan and Mar Tony Neelankavil who were celebrating the silver jubilee of their priestly ordination. I remind you of the need to pray for these Bishops on this occasion.

The synod expressed its deep anguish at the suffering experienced by Christians in the eparchies of Satna,Sagar, and Jagdalpur for the suffering and persecutions they experienced in the recent past.

The details of the Jubilee celebrations were discussed during the Synod. On Jan.13, Holy *Qurbana* was celebrated in thanksgiving with the participation of all the Bishops. The public meeting held in the afternoon at 2.30p.m. was inaugurated by His Beatitude Luis Raphäel Sako, Patriarch of the Chaldean Church. Most Rev. Dr. Giambattista Diquattro, Apostolic Nuncio, presided over the meeting. His Beatitude



**DIOCESAN COMPLAINT COMMITTEE (DCC)**



The following are appointed Diocesan Complaint Committee w.e.f 1 February 2018. They will look into complaints with the cases involving sexual abuse of minors and harassments of adults in work places in the diocese of Chanda.

1. Sr. Shiny SHSp (Chair Person)
	* 1. Mrs. Jacquline Pereira
		2. Mrs. Seema Mejo
		3. Fr. Varghese Puthuparampil CMI
	1. Fr. Shyju Madapallikunnel

**MURON HOLY QURBANA**

Let us be united in the Holy priesthood of Christ. Let the celebration of Holy Muron Qurbana fortify our priestly Koinonia. Let us deepen our commitment to Christ, Church, Diocese, Congregation and to the people.

Date : Tuesday, 27 March 2018

Venue : St. Thomas Cathedral, BPQ

Schedule : 10.00 AM Talk

Preacher: Fr. George Kulangara CMI

Theme : “Eucharistic Worship as the Lord’s

invitation to overcome idol worship”

11.15 AM Holy Qurbana

01.00 PM Lunch, Departure

**23rd Death Anniversary**

B p . J a n u a r i u s ' 2 3 r d d e a t h anniversary falls on Wednesday 28 March 2018. Please observe the day befittingly in every parish and institutions in the diocese. There will be Holy Qurbana and office of the dead at Cathedral, BPQ at 6.00 PM.



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Vocational Discernment”.The Synod remembers with gratitude the interactions with the Chaldean Patriarch Luis Sako, Apostolic Nuncio GiambattistaDiquattro,Archbishop Cyril Vasil, the Secretary of the Oriental Congregation, Fr. LorrensoLorusso OP, the Under Secretary,and Msgr. Pascal Gollnisch, the Director Generaland Mr. Dominic Bletry, Chargé d'Affairesof l'Oeuvred'Orientduring the Synodal sittings.

The Synod also discussed the theme of the CBCI plenary session “United in Diversity for a Mission of Mercy and Witness” and made preparatory studies on the theme.

Wishing all of you a fruitful season of Lent, Yours cordially in Christ,

+George Cardinal Alencherry

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

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|  |  |  | **V. CURIA MATTERS** |  |
|  |  |  |  | **Appointments** |  |
| Fr. Rajat | - |  | Relieved Priest-in-Charge Mul w.e.f. 6 |
|  |  |  | March 2018 |
|  |  |  | A p p o i n t e d P r i e s t - i n - R e s i d e n c e , |
|  |  |  | Jarawandi w.e.f. 12 March 2018 |
| Fr. Sunil | - |  | Relieved Asst. Priest-in-Charge Mul |
|  |  |  | w.e.f 6. March 2018 |
|  |  |  | Appointed Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Wasa |
|  |  |  | w.e.f. 12 March 2018 |
| Fr. Kurian | - |  | Appointed Priest-in-Charge, Mul w.e.f. |
|  |  |  | 06 March 2018 |
| Fr. Ajin | - |  | Appointed Asst. Parish Priest, Wardha |
|  |  |  | w.e.f. 08 March 2018 |
| Fr. Pius | - |  | Appointed Project Consultant, w.e.f. 1 April |
|  |  |  | 2018 |  |  |
| Bro. Tigi | - | Relieved regent Wasa w.e.f 12 March |
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|  |  |  | Appointed regent, Mul w.e.f 12 March |
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Baselios Mar Cleemis, theMajor Archbishop of the Syro-Malankara Church and President of CBCI, Abp. Cyril Vasil, the Secretary, Congregation for Oriental Churches, Abp.Francis Kallarakal, the former Archbishopof Verapoly, His Excellency Bishop Dimitrios Salachas, Exarch emeritus of the Greek Catholic Church, Justice Kurian Joseph, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Sr. Siby, CMC Mother General, Adv. Biju Parayannilam, President, Catholic Congress, Mrs. Gigi Sebastian, Secretary, Matruvedi, and Mr.Arun Davis, President SMYM offered their congratulatory messages. Besides the Bishops attending the Synod, Major Superiors of religious congregations, representatives from all the Syro-Malabar Eparchies including priests, consecrated men and women, and lay representatives, especially the youth also participated in the Jubilee celebrations.

The Synod discussed seriously the problems experienced by the people engaged in agriculture and emphasized the need to offer security to their lives and work. The need for special protection from the attacks of wild animals encroaching the farmsteads was pointed out. The Synod requested the Government to come to the aid of farmers by constructing protective walls around their farms. The unsympathetic attitude of the Government looks as if the Government is more interested in protecting wild animals than the lives of the people. The Government and the political parties have to devise strong and sustainable programmes for the protection of the farmers. INFARM and AKCC have to pay special attention in this matter and plan suitable programmes. In order to protect the produce of the farmers and to secure their lives, new financial projects have to be envisaged. The Synod views with anxiety the tendency among farmers to abandon agricultural work. This will definitely create a new form of migration.

You may be well aware that the Synod has formed a new commission for the promotion of vocations. The Synod has viewed with anxiety the decrease of vocations especially for the religious congregations of women. All are requested to



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cooperate with this commission for the promotion of vocations at the parish and eparchial levels. The parish priests and the religious communities in parishes have a major role to play in fostering vocations. Organizations like the Mission League should take the initiative to encourage religious vocations among students and the youth. During the years of their formation in the seminaries, they should be made aware of their missionary responsibilities.

The newly ordained priests should be provided with opportunities for working in the missions and the same arrangement may be done for the seminarians during their years of regency. It is also good to encourage the laity and the members of voluntary organizations to work in mission eparchies. Similarly mission-appeals on the part of those who work in mission eparchies should be encouraged in home eparchies in Kerala. The Synod has specially requested the eparchies to help the vocation promoters who come to different eparchies to preach about the missions. There was a suggestion that there should be a special arrangement for the admission and formation of seminarians under the direction of the Major Archbishop to work in the missions.

The following are some of the proposals of the Major Archiepiscopal Assembly approved by the Synod to be implemented in all eparchies:

1. When bishops come for various functions in various parishes and institutions make the receptions simple at the entrance of the parish church. Avoid reception from the parish boundary or from the church gate or with flexes and arches along the road.
2. All celebrations are to be simple. Any kind of publicity is to be merely informative and simple.
3. Institutions run by eparchies/parish churches and institutes of consecrated life are not to ask compulsory donations for admissions and appointments.
4. Education institutions run by eparchies/parish churches and the institutes of consecrated life are to give concession to poor students as well as to the fourth and



following children of Catholic parents.

1. The Catholic Aided schools or schools in the public sectors are to be fostered.
2. Every financially sound parish is to adopt a mission centre and keep a regular contact with it.
3. Skills of senior citizens are to be made use of in every parish.
4. A percentage of the amount of family celebrations is to be set apart for the poor.
5. When some fees /contributions are fixed in a parish, the amount shall be fixed according to the financial status of the families. No compulsory fees/contribution shall be demanded.
6. The data of those who go away from the home parishes for education and jobs are to be kept in the offices at parish/eparchial levels. They should be helped to connect

with the local Syro-Malabar Catholic communities where they live or go for studies and do not demand donations as prerequisite for the administration of the sacraments in their local parishes.

The Synod made an evaluation of the steps involved in the sale of the property of the Ernakulam-Angamlay Archeparchy and offered helpful suggestions for the resolution of the problems that arose from the sale of the property.

The Synod drafted a Pledge Form that the seminarians have to sign before their ordination to Diaconate. Synod approved the Safe Environmental progrmmes for Church personnel which would make the priests more aware of their moral responsibilities concerning the children entrusted to their care.

There was a suggestion to strengthen AKCC especially in this year when its Jubilee is being celebrated.

The Synod discussed seriously the pastoral needs of the Syro-Malabar faithful living outside India and decided to continue the discussions in this regard with the authorities concerned. The Synod considered the proposal to make the Syro-Malabar parish in Doha, Qatar an independent parish. The Synod also elected the representatives to participate in the next Synod of the Youth in Rome which has the theme “Young People, the Faith and



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