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SYNODALITY, DEMOCRACY OR MANAGEMENT?

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, our collective ecclesial reflection on the theme of synodality is often confronted with an important question: how is synodality different from democracy or management? What is the characteristic difference in the Church's understanding of synodality that makes it unique from other styles or types of management? Addressing this crucial question, Rev Fr Luc Forestier, an ecclesialologist who specialises in Vatican II, argues that the unfortunate identification between democracy/management and synodality arises from the danger of confusing ecclesial realities with theories of development economics.

It is certain that the Church can learn from existing theories of management / governance and vice versa. However, in this mutuality, we have the duty to not yield to the temptation of reducing synodality to an ecclesial discourse on management. What is common to synodality (as an ecclesiological concept) and democracy (understood as an economic/political concept) is the fact that both of them engage in an alternative vision of the social, cultural, political, economic and ecologic dimensions of our existential reality. Despite this obvious similarity, there is a marked difference in their objectives, methods, and their starting points. There is no denying the fact that the mission of the Church involves a serious commitment to the transformation of the human society in all its dimensions. However, the *ekklesia* cannot be reduced to a human reality forgetting that it belongs to the mystery of the Will of God. As Pope Francis remarks, "we have often misinterpreted the society as a subset of the economy and democracy as a function of the free-market". The Covid-19 pandemic has shown us the need for alternative approaches that can integrate both the material and spiritual dimensions of human existence. The synodal process is the Church's collective attempt to arrive at such an alternative approach.

In its 2018 document *Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church*, the International Theological Commission (ITC) proposes the Synod of Jerusalem (Acts 15) as the foundation of the originality and specificity of ecclesial synodality. What is interesting about this proposal is the Early Church's self-understanding of its originality and identity in relation to the people of Israel. The apostles deliberating in the Jerusalem Synod discern together that their community is both a product of its Jewish history and the advent of a radical mission that would involve proclaiming the Good News to all the earth until the end of time. The synodal Church is thus a dynamic human-divine reality that is constantly engaged in a dialogue between its past and its future. The

Church does not 'substitute' Israel. Such a theory of substitution/replacement ignores the permanence of the continuity between Israel and the Church. However, in the mission of the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this relation between Israel and the Church broadens to include a profound dialogue with diverse cultures, religions, schools of thoughts, etc. Synods are essentially privileged moments of human-divine encounter, when the Church, cooperates with God to reimage and redefine its own identity in the light of the ongoing revelation of God discerned in our encounter with the multiplicity of cultures and societies.

Viewed from this perspective, the originality of ecclesial synodality lies in the particularity of its subjects (a human-divine enterprise), its method (a dynamic dialogue between the past and the future), and its resources (on-going revelation through the signs of our times). Unlike democracy of any other theory of political/social/economic management, the vision that underlines our engagement for human liberation from oppressive sinful structures, our contribution to the development of human society, and our commitment to the transformation of our patterns of interactions and government is determined by our fidelity to the design of God, who continues to remain the head of His Church. The synodal Church is first and foremost the body of Christ. The manner which we organise and govern ourselves is primarily oriented towards fulfilling the Will of God for his Church: to be a visible sign of the eschatological Kingdom of God.

It would therefore be unfortunate to limit our reflection on synodality to a process of self-organisation that is obsessed exclusively with the question of distribution of power or authority among the existing institutes and ministries. In other words, synodality is not meant to change the Church into a corporate. The Holy Father's vision for the Synod on synodality is not merely to update the governance model of the institutional Church. Yes, synodality involves a collective reflection on governance, authority, and power. However, the risk is to reduce our reflection on Synodality exclusively to these concerns. Synodality is an opportunity to redefine our identity in line with our mission. It is a privileged moment to cooperate with God and discern ways of bearing better witness to God's Kingdom. May our reflection on synodality at the diocesan and the national level help us orient our focus and our engagement to developing an alternative vision of the human society that can truly integrate the material and spiritual dimensions of our human existence and our *ekklesia*.

With prayerful wishes,

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கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்கமா? நிர்வாகக் கட்டமைப்பா?

இறை இயேசுவில் அன்பார்ந்த சகோதர சகோதரிகளே!

கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்கத்தைக் குறித்த நமது தற்போதைய ஒன்றிணைந்த சிந்தனையில் எழும் முக்கியமான கேள்வி என்னவெனில் திருஅவையின் கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்கத்தைக் குறித்த சிந்தனையின் தனித்துவம் என்ன? கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்க பாதைக்கும், நிர்வாக ஆளுமை கட்டமைப்புகளுக்கும் வித்தியாசம் என்ன? இக்கேள்வியைக் குறித்து திருஅவையியல் சிந்தனையாளர் அருட்தந்தை லூக் ஃபாரஸ்டியர் எழுதுகையில் தற்காலிக பொருளாதார கருத்தியல்களை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்ட மேம்பாட்டு சித்தாந்தங்களை திருஅவைக்கு பொருத்திப் பார்க்கும் அணுகுமுறை தவறு என்கிறார். இதுவே கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்க பாதை வெறும் நிர்வாக கட்டமைப்பாக புரிந்து கொள்ளப்படுவதற்கு வழிவகுக்கிறது என்பது அவரது வாதம்.

திருஅவை சமூக கட்டமைப்புகளிலிருந்தும் நிர்வாக அமைப்பு முறைகளிலிருந்தும் தனது பணிக்கென பயன்படும் சில வழிமுறைகளை கண்டிப்பாக கற்றுக் கொள்ளலாம் என்பது திண்ணம். அதே வேளையில் திருஅவையில் கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்க பாதையை வெறும் நிர்வாகத்தைக் குறித்த வாதமாக மாற்றுவது பயன் தராது. கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்கத்திற்கும், பொருளாதார அரசியல் களத்தின் நிர்வாக முறைகளுக்கும் பொதுவானது என்னவெனில், இரண்டுமே நமது மனித வாழ்வியலின் சமூக, கலாச்சார, அரசியல் மற்றும் சுற்றுச்சூழல் ஆகிய பரிமாணங்களில் மாற்றத்தை முன்னிறுத்துகின்றன. என்றாலும் இவ்விரு பாதைகளில் நோக்கமும் செயல்முறையும் வெவ்வேறானவை என்பதை மறந்துவிடக்கூடாது. திருஅவையின் மறைப்பணி மனித சமூகத்தின் அனைத்து நிலைகளிலும் மாற்றத்தை வருவிக்கும் வேட்கையை உள்ளடக்கியது என்றாலும், திருஅவை என்பது மனிதத்தின் உலக வாழ்வியலை மட்டும் முன்னிறுத்துவது அல்ல. இறை திருவுளத்தை சார்ந்தது என்பதை நாம் மறந்துவிடக்கூடாது. திருத்தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ் கூறுவது போல, மனித சமூகத்தை வெறும் பொருளாதாரப் பார்வையிலும், ஆளுமைகளை வர்த்தகத்தின் பாதையிலும் தவறாக அணுகுமுறை மாறுதல் வேண்டும். கொரோனா பெருந்தொற்று நோய் நமக்கு உணர்த்தியது போல, நமது சமூக மனித பரிமாணங்களை சரியான வகையில் நமது ஆன்மீகத்தோடு ஒன்றிணைக்கும் புதிய பார்வைகள் உதிக்க வேண்டும். இத்தகைய மாற்று பார்வைக்கான திருஅவையின் தேடுதல் பயணமே கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்க பாதை.

2018-ம் ஆண்டு உலக இறையியல் கூட்டமைப்பு (ITC) வெளியிட்ட திருஅவையின் வாழ்வு மற்றும் மறைப்பணியில் கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்கம் என்ற தலைப்பிலான ஆவணத்தில் முன்னிறுத்தப்படுவது போல நமது கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்கத்தின் தனித்துவத்தை உணர்த்துவது திருஅவையின் வரலாற்றில் நடந்தேறிய முதல் பேரவை. எருசலேம் சங்கத்தில் கூடியிருந்த திருத்தூதர்கள் துவக்க திருஅவையின் அடையாளத்தையும் தன்மைகளையும் குறித்த விவாதத்தில் இணைவதை திருத்தூதர்பணி 15-ம் அதிகாரத்தில் வாசிக்கின்றோம். துவக்கக்கால திருஅவை யூத மதத்தை தழுவிய தங்கள் இறந்த காலம் மற்றும் நற்செய்தியை உலகின் கடை எல்லை வரை எடுத்துச் செல்ல உயிர்த்த ஆண்டவர் வகுத்த கட்டளையின் புதிய எதிர்காலம் ஆகிய இரண்டு காலங்களையும் உள்ளடக்கிய புதிய

துவக்கம் என்பதை உணர்ந்தனர். கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்க திருஅவை என்பது தனது இறந்த காலத்திற்கும் எதிர்காலத்திற்கும் இடையேயான தொடர் உரையாடலில் ஈடுபட்டிருக்கும் இறை மனித கூட்டு இயக்கத்தின் கணி. இறையியல் நமக்கு கூறுவதுபோல, திருஅவையின் வருகை இஸ்ரவேலில் மறைவாகாது. மாறாக பழைய ஏற்பாட்டில் இஸ்ரவேல் ஏறெடுத்த விடுதலையின் பயணம் புதிய ஏற்பாட்டில் ஒரு புதிய சகாப்தத்தை அடைகின்றது. தூய ஆவியின் வழிநடத்துதலால் திருஅவை தனது மறைப்பணியில் கலாசாரங்கள், மதங்கள், தத்துவங்கள் ஆகியவற்றின் பன்முகத் தன்மையோடு புதிய தொடர் உரையாடலில் ஈடுபடுகின்றது. இந்த உரையாடலில் திருஅவை இறைவனின் ஆளுமை தன்னை முழுமையாக அர்ப்பணித்து தனது மறைப்பணியில் தொடரும் இறைவனின் திருவெளிப்பாடு உணர்த்துகின்ற வகையில் தனது அடையாளத்தை மீண்டும் வரையறுத்துக் கொள்ளும் அழைப்பே பேரவை என்னும் கட்டமைப்பு. இக்கண்ணோட்டத்தின் படி திருஅவையின் கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்கத்தின் தனித்துவம் வெளிப்படுகின்றது. இது இறை மனித கூட்டு முயற்சி.

நமது இறந்த காலத்திற்கும் எதிர்காலத்திற்கும் இடையே தொடரும் இன்றைய உரையாடல் காலங்களில் அறிகுறிகள் வழியாக தொடருகின்ற இறைவனின் திருவழிபாட்டை கருவூலமாக கொண்ட திருப்பயணம் மற்ற சமூக அரசியல் பொருளாதார ஆளுமை மற்றும் நிர்வாக மாதிரிகளை போன்று அல்லாது, நமது சமூக மாற்றத்திற்கான பணி இறை திருவுளத்தின் மீதான ஆர்வத்திலிருந்து விளைவது. மனிதத்தை ஒடுக்கும் பாவ கட்டமைப்புகளிலிருந்து விடுதலை பெற திருஅவை எடுக்கும் முயற்சிகளும் மனித மேம்பாட்டிற்காக நமது ஆக்கப்பூர்வமான முன்னெடுப்புகளும் திருஅவையின் தலையாக திகழும் இறைவனின் செயல்பாட்டு பணி. நாம் கிறிஸ்துவின் மறைவுடல் என்பதால் நமது ஆளுமையும் செயல்பாடுகளும் நிர்வாகமும் இறைவன் நமக்கு வகுத்த இலக்கின்படி இறையாட்சியின் காணக்கூடிய அடையாளமாக மாற வழிவகுக்கும் நோக்கம் கொண்டவை. எனவே கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்கத்தை குறித்த நமது சிந்தனையை அதிகாரத்தின் பகிர்வை பற்றியும், நிர்வாக ஆளுமை முறைகளைப் பற்றியுமான விவாதமாக மாற்றிவிட முடியாது. திருஅவை பன்னாட்டு நிறுவனம் அல்ல, கிறிஸ்துவின் மறைவுடல். திருத்தந்தை கொண்டிருக்கும் கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்க கனவு திருஅவையின் நிர்வாக முறையை மாற்றுவதோடு நின்று விடுவதல்ல. மாறாக நமது மறைப்பணியின் பார்வையில் நமது அடையாளத்தை மாற்றி வரையறுப்பது. இறைவனோடு ஒத்துழைத்து திருஅவை இறையாட்சியின் பணியில் சிறந்து செயல்பட வழிதேடும் தருணமே கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்கம். மறைமாவட்ட மற்றும் உலகளாவிய அளவிலான நமது கூட்டு ஒருங்கியக்கத்தைப் பற்றிய சிந்தனை திருஅவை புதிய அடையாளத்தை பெறுவதற்கு வழிவகுப்பதாக.

மனித சமுதாயத்தை குறித்த மாற்று கனவில் மனித வாழ்வியலில் ஆன்மீக சமூக அரசியல் கலாச்சார கூறுகள் அனைத்தும் தகுந்த முறையில் மேம்பட தேவையான மாற்றங்களை திருஅவை இப்பேரவையில் கண்டடைய வேண்டி நாம் செப்பிப்போம்.


இறையாசீர்

+ George Geronimus

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சென்னை-மயிலை உயர்மறைமாவட்ட பேராயர்



OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS

02 02 2022	Presentation of the Lord - Feast		
04 02 2022	St John de Britto - Feast		
08 02 2022	Common Recollection for Priests		
11 02 2022	Our Lady of Lourdes		
13 02 2022	Special Collection for Holy Childhood		
15 02 2022	Birthday of our Archbishop - <i>Prayerful Wishes</i>		
22 02 2022	The Chair of St Peter, AP - Feast		
28 02 2022	Dedication of the Cathedral Church - Feast		

Note: Special Collection made for the Holy Childhood to help poor children all over the world is to be sent to the Financial Administrator at the earliest.

The Chancellor

PRAYERFUL WISHES ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

Rev Fr Kanickairaj P S	01 02 1967
Rev Fr Ignatius Thomas	01 02 1968
Rev Fr Kanickairaj S (Sr)	03 02 1947
Rev Fr Joseph C M	04 02 1951
Rev Fr Austin Jose Albert D	06 02 1982
Rev Fr Benjamin Soosai	11 02 1974
Rev Fr Amalraj I	12 02 1951
Archbishop George Antonysamy	15 02 1952
Rev Fr Kanickairaj S (Jr)	19 02 1970
Rev Fr Charles A	19 02 1984
Rev Fr Anthonyswamy G J	21 02 1959
Rev Fr Joseph Felix Michael	21 02 1962
Rev Fr Patrick I Joseph	21 02 1966
Rev Fr Albert Benedict Nathan R	22 02 1978
Rev Fr Arulappa E	25 02 1960
Rev Fr Antony Doss L	02 03 1976
Rev Fr Sesu Arul Pragasam I	02 03 1980

Many More Happy Returns of the Day.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION - FEBRUARY 2022

For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women : We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family. The Feast of the Presentation (February 2) or Candlemas forms a fitting transition from Christmas to Easter. The small Christ-Child is still in His Mother's arms, but already she is offering Him in sacrifice.

The saints that we will focus on this month and try to imitate are St Blaise (February 3), St Agatha (February 5), St Jerome Emiliani and St Josephine Bakhita (February 8), St Scholastica (February 10), Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11), Sts Cyril and Methodius (February 14), Seven Founders of the Orders of Servites (February 17), St Peter Damian (February 21), the Chair of St Peter (February 22) and St Polycarp (February 23).

The feast of St Paul Miki & Companions (February 6) is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

STATISTICS 2021

Statistics Forms for 2021 have been sent to the Parish Priests and the Religious Houses. You are kindly requested to fill these forms and return them to the Chancellor's Office before 1st March 2022. The Parish Priests need to return the White sheets duly filled-in and retain the Colour sheets for their files. Based on the data sent through the forms, a consolidated report have to be sent to Rome by 15th April 2022 and hence, all are kindly requested to treat this matter seriously and return the forms duly filled-in, without fail. Kindly attend to this immediately.

The Chancellor

NECROLOGY

Rev Fr Joseph Kuncharakatt	02 02 2017
Rev Fr E F Williamson	04 02 1968
Rev Fr P P Silveira	06 02 2002
Rev Fr Jesudoss Gorla S	20 02 1992
Rev Fr Francis Philip	28 02 1981



May their souls rest in peace !

If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family.

- St Teresa of Calcutta

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Saviour. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days.

Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.

Our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

OBITUARY

Mrs Rosy, aged 68, younger sister of Rev Fr Louis Vembliath, Rector of Christ College, Kilachery passed away on 4th January 2022. There was a burial Mass presided on the following day (05-01-2022) at Kerala.

Rev Fr Y F Bosco, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Guidance Church, R A Puram lost his younger sister Mrs Ambrose Lucy, aged 55, on 4th January 2022. There was a funeral Mass on 5th January 2022 held at St Francis Xavier's Church, Pallavaram.

Rev Fr B Stephen, Financial Administrator of Archdiocese of Madras - Mylapore, lost his beloved father Mr Balasamy, aged 77 on 15th January 2022. There was a concelebrated funeral Mass presided by our Archbishop on 17-01-2021 at St Antony's Shrine, Avadi.

The Archdiocese offers heartfelt condolences to Rev Fr Louis Vembliath, Rev Fr Y F Bosco, Rev Fr B Stephen and their family members.

We pray that the Lord may grant the deceased eternal rest.

May their souls rest in peace !

LITURGICAL OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

This year the entire month of February falls during the liturgical season known as Tempus per Annum or Ordinary Time (formerly Time After Epiphany), which is represented by the liturgical colour green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the colour of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The liturgical colour green is worn during prayer of Offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

FOCUS OF THE LITURGY

The Gospel readings for the Sundays in February are taken from St Luke following the Lectionary Cycle C, and the Weekday readings follow Year II.

February 6
5th Ord Sunday Luke 5:1-11: This Gospel is about the miraculous catch of fishes after Peter and the Apostles had fished all night.

February 13
6th Ord Sunday Luke 6:17, 20-26: Jesus teaches the Beatitudes. "Behold, your reward will be great in heaven."

February 20
7th Ord Sunday Luke 6:27-38: Jesus says "the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

February 27
8th Ord Sunday Luke 6:39-45: Jesus says to remove the wooden beam from your own eye before removing the splinter in your brother's eye.

பெரம்பூர் மறைவட்ட செய்தி

கடந்த டிசம்பர் 12-ம் தேதியன்று எருக்கஞ்சேரி புனித சூசையப்பர் ஆலயத்தில் பெரம்பூர் மறைவட்ட அளவிலான புனித சூசையப்பர் ஆண்டு நிறைவு விழா நடைபெற்றது. இவ்விழாவினை முன்னிட்டு புனித சூசையப்பர் ஆலய வளாகத்தில் புதுப்பிக்கப்பட்ட நற்கருணை சிற்றாலயம் மற்றும் மல்டிமீடியா அரங்கை நமது உயர்மறைமாவட்ட பேராயர் மேதகு ஜார்ஜ் அந்தோணிசாமி ஆண்டகை அர்ச்சித்து திறந்து வைத்தார். பேராயர் அவர்கள் உலக ஆயர்கள் மாமன்ற கொடியை ஏற்றி வைத்தார். குறிப்பாக மறைமாவட்ட பேராயரின் பொது பதில் குரு மக்களுக்கான பிரதிநிதி அருட்தந்தை வின்சென்ட் சின்னத்துரை மற்றும் மறைவட்ட பெரம்பூர் மறைவட்ட முதன்மை குரு அருட்தந்தை தேவா ஜோ சே ச மற்றும் 25-ம் மேற்பட்ட குருக்கள் இவ்விழாவில் கலந்து கொண்டனர். இவ்விழாவில் பெரம்பூர் மறைவட்டத்திலிருந்தும், எருக்கஞ்சேரி பங்கிலிருந்தும் சுமார் 2500-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட மக்கள் கலந்து கொண்டனர். இறுதியாக கலந்து கொண்ட அனைவருக்கும் அன்பின் விருந்து வழங்கப்பட்டு புனித சூசையப்பர் ஆண்டானது நிறைவுற்றது.

அருட்தந்தை பெஞ்சமின் சூசை

FROM FEAST TO FAST

Though the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity. It contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter)! In addition, the faithful may receive in February two of the four major public sacramentals that the Church confers during the liturgical year: blessed candles and the blessing of throats.

The Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd harkens back to the Christmas mystery of Light except that now, Christ, the helpless babe, is “the Light of Revelation to the Gentiles who will save his people from their sins.” Candles, symbolizing Christ our Light, will be carried in procession this day, as will be the Paschal candle during the Easter Vigil Liturgy.

“The Light of Revelation” shines more brightly with each successive Sunday of Ordinary Time, until its magnificence—exposing our sinfulness and need for conversion—propels us into the penitential Season of Lent. We prepare to accept the cross of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday (March 2) and plunge ourselves into anticipating the major exercises of Lent—fasting, prayer, almsgiving—laying our thoughts and prayers on the heart of our Mother Mary. She, who offered her Son in the temple and on the Cross, will teach us how to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow after her Son.

Members of each family or domestic church have the opportunity to have the candles for their home altar blessed on Candlemas Day (February 2nd); and the next morning, on the Feast of St. Blaise, all might receive the Blessing of the Throats. Always a solicitous Mother, the Church offers this sacramental during the wintry month of February, and also sets aside the World Day of Prayer for the Sick on February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS - FEBRUARY 2022

02 Feb	Day of the Consecrated Men & Women
04 Feb	World Cancer Day
11 Feb	World Sick Day
13 Feb	World Radio Day
20 Feb	World Day of Social Justice
21 Feb	International Mother Language Day
28 Feb	National Science Day

POPE'S LETTER TO MARRIED COUPLES: THE MAGISTERIUM OF A LOVING FATHER

“A Christmas gift to you, newly married couples, an encouragement, a sign of nearness and an occasion for meditation.” This is how Pope Francis on the feast day of the Holy Family of Nazareth, presented his *Letter to Married Couples*, a text that comes exactly one year after he announced the the “Amoris Laetitia Family Year” on December 27, 2020. It is a path that is rich in fruits and marked by the “tenderness of a father”, and as Gabriella Gambino, Undersecretary of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life said, a tenderness that is renewed in a “magisterium text”:

In the Letter that he sent to newly weds as a gift, Pope Francis goes through aspects and stages of family life, without forgetting young couples preparing for marriage, with the tone of a father. What strikes you about this message?

I am struck by the tenderness of the tone, the affection he expresses for families in such a complex time, that is still dominated by the pandemic. Today there are so many families experiencing crises and difficulties of all kinds, to whom the Pope turns his fatherly gaze. But I am particularly struck by the attention he pays to the Sacrament of Marriage. The beauty of this gift, so difficult for young people to understand today, lies in the presence of Christ, who dwells in families, in the midst of our daily lives. And with extraordinary delicacy, the Pope enters into our daily lives, into family dynamics, almost taking us by the hand to encourage us and make us not feel alone in this journey. And he exhorts young people to marry, to trust in the grace that invests spouses, a grace that sustains them throughout their lives in the adventure of marriage, even in the midst of storms. After all, the Pope reminds us that “in no way must the Church desist from proposing the full ideal of marriage, God’s plan in all its grandeur. Not to do so would be a lack of love on the part of the Church for young people. Understanding exceptional situations must never imply hiding the light of the fullest ideal, nor proposing less than what Jesus offers to human beings.” The Holy Father reminds us of this in *Amoris Laetitia*.” (AL 307)

In your opinion, what have been the most beautiful fruits of this year? Without doubt, in general, I would say the many initiatives that the world is making known to our Dicastery, as well as all those that do not make it here, from the moment the Pope gave life to this impulse. So many parishes, dioceses, episcopal conferences, even schools and universities write to us to tell us what they are doing to respond to the Holy Father’s call: to accompany families, married couples, the most

fragile situations, new unions, in which people are seeking the Lord. A process of pastoral creativity has been set in motion that is also leading to greater communion, in many contexts, between pastors and families, in order to learn to listen to each other and to give more value to the role of families and couples in the Church. It's not easy, but everywhere you can perceive the desire to succeed, to try to understand how to walk together and also accompany the most difficult situations, those that were previously left a bit aside. Families are truly an asset for the Church, but in many contexts, we still need to understand how to put this statement into practice.

The Year dedicated to the family will end next June, with the celebration of the World Meeting of Families in Rome. Yesterday the Pope invited everyone to prepare well in order to live it well. How do preparations for this event, and the meeting itself, intertwine with the synodal path inaugurated by Pope Francis in the Church?

Amoris Laetitia, the scarlet thread that is leading us to the World Meeting, is asking us to be discerning in regards the style and the manner in which we carry out our pastoral service. A service the Holy Father is asking us to frame within the Church's synodal journey through communion, participation and the mission of every single component of the People of God, including families. Pastors and families together, under the guidance of the Spirit. How to do it? It would be interesting, for example, during this synodal journey that is also a time of preparation for the World Meeting, to try to combine the process of ecclesial discernment starting also from the relationship between Church and family, asking ourselves questions that are a bit different from those we are used to. For example, 'how can the family help the Church to be more synodal?' 'What can the Church learn from the *family* way of discerning, listening and welcoming?' 'What can the Church learn from the way parents, children, and siblings try to love each other with their frailties, vulnerabilities, conflicts, and different points of view?' These, and other questions, could open up a new way of thinking about pastoral care, a different style, a more concrete communion between families and the Church. Not only that, but they would initiate a new process of discernment that, beyond the conclusion of the Family Year with the World Meeting, could continue at least until the Synod, continuing to stimulate family ministry throughout the world.

God is the Trinity; He is a communion of love; so is the family despite all the differences that exists between the mystery of God and his human creature, an expression that reflects the unfathomable mystery of God as Love.

– Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

THE WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

"In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church." This year it falls on 6th of February. It is intended to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels and, at the same time, is intended to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.

The reasons for the World Day for Consecrated Life

The purpose of such a day is threefold: 1. It is to answer the intimate need to praise the Lord more solemnly and to thank him for the great gift of consecrated life, which enriches and gladdens the Christian community by the multiplicity of its charisms and by the edifying fruits of so many lives totally given to the cause of the Kingdom. We should never forget that consecrated life, before being a commitment of men and women, is a gift which comes from on high, an initiative of the Father "who draws his creatures to himself with a special love and for a special mission" (VC 17). This look of special love profoundly touches the heart of the one called, who is urged by the Holy Spirit to place himself or herself in the footsteps of Christ, in a particular way of following him, by means of assuming the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty, and obedience. A stupendous gift! "What would become of the world if there were no religious?" St. Teresa rightly asked herself (*Autobiography*, ch. 32, n. 11). This is a question which brings us to give unceasing thanks to the Lord, who by this singular gift of the Spirit continues to enliven and sustain the Church in its demanding journey through this world.

2. This day is intended to promote a knowledge of and esteem for the consecrated life by the entire People of God. It is thus a special and living memory of his being Son, who makes of his Father his only love — his virginity; who finds in him his exclusive richness — his poverty; and who has, in the will of his Father, the "food" by which he is nourished (cf. *Jn* 4:34) — his obedience. The fittingness of dedicating a special World Day is evident, then, for it assures that the doctrine about consecrated life will be more widely and deeply meditated and assimilated by all members of the People of God.

3. This regards consecrated persons directly. They are invited to celebrate together solemnly the marvels which the Lord has accomplished in them, to discover by a more illumined faith the rays of divine beauty spread by the Spirit in their way of life, and to acquire a more vivid consciousness of their irreplaceable mission in the Church and in the world.

Prayer

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

During this Day of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration.

Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you.

Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

SYMBOLS

ST POLYCARP

The bishop of Smyrna was condemned to death by burning. The flames refused to do their task, billowing about like sails, exposing the bishop's figure in a radiant light. A soldier used his spear to end the spectacle.



ST SCHOLASTICA

The sister of St Benedict, and founder of a Benedictine convent not far from Monte Cassino. It is related that St Benedict had a vision of a dove rising just before he received word of her death.



ST AGATHA

During the Decian persecution, St Agatha, a Sicilian of noble birth, died under torture rather than break her vow of lifelong consecration to Christ.



ST DOROTHY

The patroness of gardens is particularly well known in the little villages of southern Europe. Her feast is locally celebrated on February 6. The symbol is descriptive of her zeal for the Faith.



MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE 30TH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK (11 FEBRUARY 2022)

The following is the Holy Father's Message on the occasion of the 30th World Day of the Sick, which falls on 11 February, liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, on the theme "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity:

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Thirty years ago, Saint John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to encourage the people of God, Catholic health institutions and civil society to be increasingly attentive to the sick and to those who care for them.

We are grateful to the Lord for the progress made over the years in the particular Churches worldwide. Many advances have been made, yet there is still a long way to go in ensuring that all the sick, also those living in places and situations of great poverty and marginalization, receive the health care they need, as well as the pastoral care that can help them experience their sickness in union with the crucified and risen Christ. May the Thirtieth World Day of the Sick – whose closing celebration, due to the pandemic, will not take place as planned in Arequipa, Peru, but in Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican – help us grow in closeness and service to the sick and to their families.

1. Merciful like the Father

The theme chosen for this Thirtieth World Day of the Sick, "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36), makes us first turn our gaze towards God, who is "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4); he always watches over his children with a father's love, even when they turn away from him. Mercy is God's name par excellence; mercy, understood not as an occasional sentimental feeling but as an ever-present and active force, expresses God's very nature. It combines strength and tenderness. For this reason, we can say with wonder and gratitude that God's mercy embraces both fatherhood and motherhood (cf. Is 49:15). God cares for us with the strength of a father and the tenderness of a mother; he unceasingly desires to give us new life in the Holy Spirit.

2. Jesus, the mercy of the Father

The supreme witness of the Father's merciful love for the sick is his only-begotten Son. How often do the Gospels relate Jesus' encounters with people suffering from various diseases! He "went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people" (Mt 4:23). We do well to ask ourselves why Jesus showed such great concern for the sick, so much so that he made it paramount in the mission of the apostles, who were sent by the Master to proclaim the Gospel and to heal the sick (cf. Lk 9:2).

One twentieth-century philosopher suggests a reason for this: "Pain isolates in an absolute way, and absolute isolation gives rise to the need to appeal to the other, to call out to the other". When individuals experience frailty and suffering in their own flesh as a result of illness, their hearts become heavy, fear spreads, uncertainties multiply, and questions about the meaning of what is happening in their lives become all the more urgent. How can we forget, in this regard, all those patients who, during this time of pandemic spent the last part of their earthly life in solitude, in an intensive care unit, assisted by generous healthcare workers, yet far from their loved ones and the most important people in their lives? This helps us to see how important is the presence at our side of witnesses to God's charity, who, following the example of Jesus, the very mercy of the Father, pour the balm of consolation and the wine of hope on the wounds of the sick.

3. To touch the suffering flesh of Christ

Jesus' invitation to be merciful like the Father has particular significance for healthcare workers. I think of all those physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, the support staff and the caretakers of the sick, as well as the numerous volunteers who donate their precious time to assist those who suffer. Dear healthcare workers, your service alongside the sick, carried out with love and competence, transcends the bounds of your profession and becomes a mission. Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ, can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father. Be mindful of the great dignity of your profession, as well as the responsibility that it entails.

Let us thank the Lord for the progress that medical science has made, especially in recent times; new technologies have made it possible to prepare therapies that are of great benefit to the sick; research continues to make a valuable contribution to eliminating old and new pathologies; rehabilitation medicine has greatly expanded its expertise and skills. None of this, however, must make us forget the uniqueness of each patient, his or her dignity and frailties. Patients are always more important than their diseases, and for this reason, no therapeutic

approach can prescind from listening to the patient, his or her history, anxieties and fears. Even when healing is not possible, care can always be given. It is always possible to console, it is always possible to make people sense a closeness that is more interested in the person than in his or her pathology. For this reason, I would hope that the training provided to health workers might enable them to develop a capacity for listening and relating to others.

4. Centres of care as "houses of mercy"

The World Day of the Sick is also a good occasion to focus our attention on centres of care. Down the centuries, showing mercy to the sick led the Christian community to open innumerable "inns of the good Samaritan", where love and care can be given to people with various kinds of sickness, especially those whose health needs are not being met due to poverty or social exclusion or to the difficulties associated with treating certain pathologies. In these situations, it is children, the elderly and those who are most frail who most often pay the price. Merciful like the Father, countless missionaries have combined the preaching of the Gospel with the construction of hospitals, dispensaries and care homes. These are precious means whereby Christian charity has taken visible shape and the love of Christ, witnessed by that of his disciples, has become more credible. I think especially of people in the poorest areas of our planet, where it is sometimes necessary to travel long distances to find treatment centres that, albeit with limited resources, offer what is available. We still have a long way to go; in some countries, access to adequate care remains a luxury. We see this, for example, in the scarcity of available vaccines against Covid-19 in poor countries; but even more in the lack of treatment for illnesses that require much simpler medicines.

In this context, I wish to reaffirm the importance of Catholic healthcare institutions: they are a precious treasure to be protected and preserved; their presence has distinguished the history of the Church, showing her closeness to the sick and the poor, and to situations overlooked by others. How many founders of religious families have listened to the cry of their brothers and sisters who lack access to care or are poorly cared for, and have given their utmost in their service! Today too, even in the most developed countries, their presence is a blessing, since in addition to caring for the body with all necessary expertise, they can always offer the gift of charity, which focuses on the sick themselves and their families. At a time in which the culture of waste is widespread and life is not always acknowledged as worthy of being welcomed and lived, these structures, like "houses of mercy", can be exemplary in protecting and caring for all life, even the most fragile, from its beginning until its natural end.

5. Pastoral mercy: presence and proximity

In the past thirty years, pastoral health care has also seen its indispensable service increasingly recognized. If the worst discrimination suffered by the poor – including the sick, who are poor in health – is the lack of spiritual attention, we cannot fail to offer them God's closeness, his blessing and his word, as well as the celebration of the sacraments and the opportunity for a journey of growth and maturation in faith. In this regard, I would like to remind everyone that closeness to the sick and their pastoral care is not only the task of certain specifically designated ministers; visiting the sick is an invitation that Christ addresses to all his disciples. How many sick and elderly people are living at home and waiting for a visit! The ministry of consolation is a task for every baptized person, mindful of the word of Jesus: "I was sick and you visited me" (Mt 25:36).

Dear brothers and sisters, to the intercession of Mary, Health of the Infirm, I entrust all the sick and their families. United with Christ, who bears the pain of the world, may they find meaning, consolation and trust. I pray for healthcare workers everywhere, that, rich in mercy, they may offer patients, together with suitable care, their fraternal closeness.

To all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 10 December 2021, Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto.

FRANCIS

CHRIST COLLEGE

The college has been started in the year 2008 with the motto of educating the poor students and it has been constantly promoting the intellectual development for the rural children. The college not only puts efforts on academics but also on several extracurricular activities. In that way, on 22nd of December 2021, the college got on the right track on setting the new world record with the combined efforts of the staff and the students as one of the parting programs of Christmas celebration. A total of thousand eggs have been painted reflecting the theme of Christmas and are decorated and arranged depicting the college campus before the Chief Guest. The management headed by The Rector Rev Fr Louis Vembliath, the secretary of the college Rev Fr Harry Williams, The principal In-charge Rev Fr Arulmani Joseph, and the Vice Principal Mr S Aravindhan has supported the students to set this world record. The record has been announced by Dr Suresh Kumar.

Rev Fr Arulmani Joseph

RELIGIOUS CONGREGATION MISSIONING IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

RELIGIOUS PRIESTS

- 01 Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB)
- 02 Society of Jesus (SJ)
- 03 Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)
- 04 Society of St Paul (SSP)
- 05 Congregation of the Missions (CM) (Vincentians)
- 06 Order of Friars Minor [Franciscans] (OFM)
- 07 Order of Friars Minor [Capuchins] (OFM Cap)
- 08 Society of Pilar (SFX)
- 09 Heralds of Good News (HGN)
- 10 Sons of Immaculate Heart of Mary [Claretians] (CMF)
- 11 Servants of Charity [Guanellian] (SDC)
- 12 The Society of St Eugene De Mazenod (SDM)
- 13 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer [Redemptorists] (CSsR)
- 14 Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Betharram (SCJ)
- 15 Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS)
- 16 Missionaries of St Francis De Sales (MSFS)
- 17 Missionaries of Mary Immaculate & Collaborators Trust (MMI)
- 18 Precious Blood Missionaries (CPPS)
- 19 The Missionaries of Divine Mercy (MDM)
- 20 Hearts Home Blessed Mother Teresa
- 21 Congregation of the Holy Spirit - Spiritans (CSSP)
- 22 Family of Disciples (FD)
- 23 The Priests of the Sacred Heart (SCJ)
- 24 Congregation of St Joseph-Josephites of Murialdo (CSJ)
- 25 Order of Servants of Mary (OSM)

SECULAR INSTITUTES

- 01 Voluntas Dei (IVD)
- 02 Schoenstatt Fathers (ISCH)

SYRIAN RITES

Syro-Malabar

- 01 Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI)
- 02 Vincentians Congregation (VC)

RELIGIOUS BROTHERS

- 01 Monfort Brothers of St Gabriel (SG)
- 02 Brothers of St Patrick (FSP)
- 03 Missionary Brothers of Charity (MC)
- 04 Hospitaller Brothers of St John of God (OH)
- 05 Holy Cross Brothers of Sacred Heart (CSC)

RELIGIOUS SISTERS

- 01 Society of St Anne, Chennai (SSAM)
- 02 Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph (FSJ)
- 03 Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Bon Secours (FBS)
- 04 Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM)
- 05 Union of Sisters of the Presentation of the BVM (PBVM)
- 06 Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation of the BVM (FSPM)
- 07 Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA)
- 08 Congregation of the Mother of Sorrows, Servant of Mary [Servite] ^(OSM)
- 09 Missionaries of Charity (MC)
- 10 Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny (SJC)
- 11 Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (FIHM)
- 12 Congregation of the Immaculate Conception (CIC)
- 13 Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (SMMI)
- 14 Rosarian Sisters (CR)
- 15 Sisters of St Ann of Providence (SAP)
- 16 Franciscan Sisters of St Aloysius Gonzaga (FSAG)
- 17 Society of Jesus Mary Joseph (JMJ)
- 18 Congregation of the Sisters of St Ann of Trichy (SAT)
- 19 Congregation of Teresian Carmelites (CTC)
- 20 Carmelite Sisters of St Teresa (CSST)
- 21 Sisters of St Charles Borromeo (SCB)
- 22 Institute of the Foreign Mission Sister (ISME)
- 23 Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (ICM)
- 24 Little Sisters of the Poor (PSDP)
- 25 The Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (RGS)
- 26 Franciscan Hospitaller Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (FHIC)
- 27 Sisters of St Ann, Luzern (SAL)
- 28 Society of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary (DHM)
- 29 Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod (SCC)
- 30 Sister Disciples of the Divine Master (PDDM)
- 31 Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition (SJA)
- 32 Franciscan Servants of Mary (FSM)
- 33 Sisters of St Joseph of Annecy (SJA)
- 34 Bethlehemite Sisters (BS)
- 35 Catechists Sisters of St Ann (CSA)
- 36 Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Sacred Heart (FMSH)
- 37 Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross (SCSC)
- 38 Little Brethren of Mary (LBM)
- 39 Holy Family Sisters of Bordeaux (HFB)
- 40 Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate (MSI)
- 41 Seva Missionary Sisters (SMSM)
- 42 Sisters of Charity of St Anne (Sch. SA)
- 43 Missionary Sisters of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC)
- 44 Servants of Mary Immaculate (SMI)
- 45 Guanellian Sisters (DSMP)
- 46 Sisters of St Joseph of Lyons (SJL)
- 47 Sisters of Charity of Sts Bartolomea Capitanio & Vincenza Gerosa ^(SCCG)

- 48 Sisters of Maria Auxiliatrix (SMA)
- 49 Sisters of St Joseph of Chambery (CSJ)
- 50 Daughters of the Sacred Heart (DSH)
- 51 Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (SSHJ)
- 52 The Society of Daughters of Mary Immaculate & Collaborators (DMI)
- 53 Friends and the Birds of the Air (FBA)
- 54 Franciscan Sisters of St Elizabeth (FSE)
- 55 Augustinian Missionary Sisters (AMS)

SECULAR INSTITUTES

- 01 Ancillae Secular Institute
- 02 Nava Jeevan Vikas Secular Institute
- 03 Congregation of the Sisters of the Destitute
- 04 Institute of the Maids of the Poor

PIOUS UNIONS

- 01 The Gospel of Life Sisters Society (GLS)
- 02 Sisters of Volunteers for Christ (SVC)

LAY APOSTOLATE

- 01 An Auxiliary of the Apostolate (Lay Apostolate)
- 02 Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate (MAMI)
- 03 Lay Missionaries of Charity (LMC)
- 04 The Collaborators of the Franciscan Sister of our Lady of Bon Secours
- 05 Franciscan Hospitaller of the Immaculate Conception Secular Family (FASFHC)
- 06 JMJ Lay Association

SYRIAN RITES

Syro-Malankara

- 01 Sisters of the Imitation of Christ [Bethany Sisters] (SIC)

Syro-Malabar

- 01 Sisters of the Destitute (SD)
- 02 Congregation of Mother of Carmel (CMC)
- 03 Congregation of Sisters of Charity (CSC)
- 04 Franciscan Clarist Congregation (FCC)
- 05 Sacred Heart Congregation (SH)
- 06 Sisters of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SABS)

The Archdiocese wishes all the Religious serving in our Archdiocese to have a faithful and meaningful ministry to the call that you have received. Archbishop with the Priest and Laity of our Archdiocese continues to thank and pray for your good health and ministry in our Archdiocese.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

1. The Dicastery for Communication releases a free App entitled “Vatican for All” to provide information on the activities of the Pope and the Church in the world for people with sensory disabilities, as part of the “No One Left Out” project. The App can be downloaded free of charge from Google Play and the App Store, and provides access to information about General Audiences, Sunday Angelus, and other papal events. Through Sign Language (Italian and American—LIS and ASL) and content in a usable format for blind and visually impaired people, the App allows for timely updates on the activities of the Pope and the Holy See and on the life of the Church in the world. It is a service that offers accessibility—for people with communication challenges — to the catechesis of the General Audiences and the Angelus/Regina Caeli, as well as Christmas Eve Mass and Easter Triduum, and the opening of the Synod and World Days. It can be accessed free of charge through the Vatican News YouTube channel.

2. India witnessed a record 486 incidents of violence against Christians during 2021, which ended on a violent note for the community that makes up only 2.3 percent of the country’s over 1.3 billion population. Data collected by the United Christian Forum (UCF) showed an upward trend in such violent incidents over the last few years but 2021 was termed as the “most violent year” in the country’s history. The past two months witnessed over 100 incidents as if to warn the community during Christmas, it said. The 486 incidents top the previous record of 328 incidents in 2019. They were also far more widespread than previously recorded with incidents reported in 20 states and two union territories.

3. Vatican announces motto of Jubilee Year 2025: ‘Pilgrims of Hope’: According to the President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, the Pope’s main concern is that the 2025 Jubilee Year be prepared in the best possible way. Speaking after an audience with Pope Francis on 3 January, Archbishop Rino Fisichella said that during the meeting the Pope approved the motto proposed for the upcoming Jubilee Year, a motto he said, “that can be summed up in two words: *Pilgrims of hope.*”

The Family is called to be the Temple, or House of Prayer: A simple prayer, full of effort and Tenderness. A Prayer that makes life so that life becomes prayer.

- St Pope John Paul II

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 12. Teckalur - Mr Ramesh
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| 15. Thozhudavur | - Mr Thomas Richardson |
| 16. Tiruttani | - Mr John Bosco |
| 17. Thiruvallur | - Mr Alphonse |

Deanery of Infant Jesus - Manali

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| 01. Vicar Forane | - Rev Fr G Nambikkainathan |
| 02. Priest Representative | - Rev Fr Thomas Elango |
| 03. Religious Women Representative- | Rev Sr Maira Teresa |
| 04. Parish Lay Representatives | |
| 1. Arul Nagar | - Mrs S Ambika Christopher |
| 2. Assisi Nagar | - Mrs Sagaya Arockia Selvi |
| 3. Gandhi Nagar | - Mrs Sangeetha |
| 4. Kodungaiyur | - Mr Victor |
| 5. Madhavaram | - Mr Raymond |
| 6. M A Nagar | - Mrs Cepily Nirmala |
| 7. Manali | - Mr Joseph Mani |
| 8. Manali New Town | - Mr Robert |
| 9. Mathur | - Mr Susai Raj |
| 10. Puzhal | - Mr John Peter |
| 11. Redhills | - Mr Francis |

Deanery of St Antony - Guindy

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| 01. Vicar Forane | - Rev Fr Joseph Manickam |
| 02. Priest Representative | - Rev Fr P A Kanickai Raj |
| 03. Religious Women Representative- | Rev Sr Francis |
| 04. Parish Lay Representatives | |
| 1. Adambakkam | - Mrs Jeyarani |
| 2. Ashok Nagar | - Mr Victor |
| 3. Guindy | - Mr Pichai Muthu |
| 4. Little Mount | - Mrs Irene |
| 5. Nesapakkam | - Mr Felix Robert |
| 6. Porur | - Mr Henrydict |
| 7. Taramani | - Mr Yesu Rajan |
| 8. T Nagar | - Mr John Alexis |
| 9. Valasaravakkam | - Mr Sahaya Rajan |
| 10. Velachery | - Mrs Theresamma |

Deanery of St Paul - Ambattur

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| 01. Vicar Forane | - Rev Fr Henry Felix |
| 02. Priest Representative | - Rev Fr Sandiagu SSS |
| 03. Religious Women Representative- | Rev Sr Celine |

04. Parish Lay Representatives

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| 1. Ambattur | - Mr Maria Louis |
| 2. Ayanavarm | - Mr George Sundar |
| 3. G K M Colony | - Mr Michael |
| 4. Korattur | - Mr Kanagaraj |
| 5. Lakshmipuram | - Mr Bosco |
| 6. Mannurpet | - Mr Jude |
| 7. SIDCO Nagar | - Mrs Anita |
| 8. Srinivasa Nagar | - Mrs Maria Anthony Nancy |
| 9. T G Anna Nagar | - Mr Johnson |
| 10. Thenrdal Nagar | - Mr Incline |
| 11. Thirumullaivoyal | - Mr Arockiadoss |
| 12. Villivakkam | - Mr Lourdu Xavier |

Deanery of Sacred Heart - Egmore

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| 01. Vicar Forane | - Rev Fr E Sandiyagu |
| 02. Priest Representative | - Rev Fr A Thomas |
| 03. Religious Women Representative- | Rev Sr Sujatha FMA |
| 04. Parish Lay Representatives | |
| 1. Broadway | - Mr Arokiadass |
| 2. Chintadripet | - Mr Prithiviraj |
| 3. Choolai | - Mr Santhosh |
| 4. Egmore | - Mr Rajan |
| 5. George Town (Assumption) | - Mrs Diana |
| 6. George Town (St Mary's) | - Mr Arulandham |
| 7. Narasingapuram | - Ms Preethi |
| 8. Park Town | - Mr James |
| 9. Pudupet | - Mr Magesh |
| 10. Vepery | - Mr Paul Vitalis |

The Vicariate Synod team shall arrange discussions for disabled persons, immigrants, unorganized workers, transgenders, children, youth, other from christian denominations and religions in their Vicariate itself. The final consolidated points of the Vicariate shall be synthesised and to be submitted to the Archdiocese by 20th February with the signature of the Vicar Forane and from the Vicariate Priest Representative respectively.

Rev Fr K J Varghese Rozario (Archdiocesan Contact Person)
Rev Fr Joseph Jayakumar (Coordinator)

Rev Fr Joseph Jayakumar

How precious is the Family, as the privileged place
for transmitting the faith.

- Pope Francis

பனிக்குழுக்கள் - செய்திகள்

பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழு மற்றும் பொதுநிலையினர் பேரவை

தமிழ்நாடு பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழு மற்றும் பொதுநிலையினர் பேரவை செயற்குழு கூட்டம் 2021 டிசம்பர் 18-ம் தேதியன்று திருச்சி தமிழ்நாடு பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழு உருவாக்க மையத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. தமிழ்நாடு பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழுவின் தலைவர் செங்கல்பட்டு மறைமாவட்ட ஆயர் மேதகு நீதிநாதன் அவர்கள் கூட்டத்திற்கு தலைமையேற்று வழிநடத்தினார். இக்கூட்டத்தில் நமது உயர்மறைமாவட்ட பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழுவின் இணைச்செயலர் திரு ஏ ஜெரால்டு அவர்களும், பொதுநிலையினர் பேரவையின் தலைவர் திரு BA வல்லிராஜ் அவர்களும் கலந்து கொண்டு நமது உயர்மறைமாவட்டத்தின் பல எதிர்கால திட்டங்களை பகிர்ந்து கொண்டார். அனைத்து மறைமாவட்டங்களிலிருந்தும் பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழுவின் செயலர்கள் இக்கூட்டத்தில் கலந்து கொண்டார்கள். அதன்பிறகு, தமிழ்நாடு பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழுவின் செயலர் தந்தை முனைவர் R லூர்துசாமி அவர்களுக்கு 40-ம் ஆண்டு குருத்துவ விழா கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. நம் உயர்மறைமாவட்டத்தின் சார்பிலும், பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழுவின் சார்பிலும் அவர்களுக்கு வாழ்த்துக்களும், நன்றிகளும் தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டது. தமிழ்நாடு பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழுவின் சார்பில் கிறிஸ்துமஸ் விழா கொண்டாடப்பட்டு, அனைவருக்கும் பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டன. அங்கு நடைபெற்ற கூட்டத்தில் உலக ஆயர் மாமன்றத்திற்காக ஒவ்வொரு மறைமாவட்டத்திலும், நமது உயர்மறை மாவட்டத்தின் சார்பில் நாம் முன்னெடுக்க வேண்டிய பணிகளை பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழு செயல்பட வேண்டும் என்று கலந்தாலோசிக்கப்பட்டது.

திரு K P லூக்காஸ் மணி & திரு BA வல்லிராஜ்

கீழைநாடு பணிக்குழு

அல்போன்சாபுரம் மறைவட்டத்திலுள்ள கனகம்மாசத்திரம் புனித ஜெகன்மாதா மரியாள் ஆலயத்தின் கிளைப்பங்கான நெடும்பரம், புனித தோமையார் ஆலயத்தில் தை முதல் தேதியன்று தமிழர் திருநாளான பொங்கல் விழா சென்னை-மயிலை உயர்மறைமாவட்ட இளைஞர் பணிக்குழுவின் இயக்குனர் தந்தை அருட்தந்தை ரொனால்டு ரிச்சர்ட்டு அவர்களின் தலைமையில் நடைபெற்றது. கனகம்மாசத்திரம் பங்குதந்தை அருட்தந்தை எஸ் சூசையாஜ் OFM Cap மற்றும் உதவி பங்குதந்தை ஏ சேசு பிரபாகர் OFM Cap ஆகியோர் இணைந்து சிறப்பு கூட்டுத் திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றினர். திருப்பலியை தொடர்ந்து, பங்கு இளைஞர், இளம் பெண்களின் பாரம்பரிய நடனமான பறை, ஓயிலாட்டம், கோலாட்டம், கும்மி மற்றும் பரதநாட்டியம் அடங்கிய கலைநிகழ்ச்சிகள் நடத்தப்பட்டது. அனைவருக்கும் பொங்கல் மற்றும் கரும்பு வழங்கப்பட்டது. மாலையில் விளையாட்டுப் போட்டிகள் நடத்தப்பட்டு பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டது. பொங்கல் விழா திருப்பலியை பங்கினைச் சார்ந்த சிறுமலர் இளம்பெண்கள் குழு மற்றும் டான்போஸ்கோ இளைஞர் குழு இணைந்து சிறப்பித்தனர்.

அருட்தந்தை ரொனால்டு ரிச்சர்ட்டு

ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS - FEBRUARY 2022

01 02 22	Blessing of the Renovated Shrine-Chetpet	Vellore
02 02 22	Concluding Mass of the Diocesan Enquiry	Trichy
04 02 22	M CCBI Office Bearers Online Meeting	Abp's House
05 02 22	E Nuptial Mass	Besant Nagar
06 02 22	E Nuptial Mass	Santhome
07 02 22	M Visitors by Appointment	Abp's House
08 02 22	M Clergy Monthly Recollection	Pastoral Centre
	E Consultors' Meeting	Abp's House
09 02 22	M Visitors by Appointment	Abp's House
10 02 22	M Jubilee Mass - FSJ Sisters	St Thomas Mt
11 02 22	E Nuptial Mass	Santhome
12 02 22	M Legion of Mary - Centenary Mass	Santhome
13 02 22	M Confirmation	Valasaravakkam
	E Festal Mass	Perambur
14 02 22	E Nuptial Mass	Santhome
	E Nuptial Mass	Nungambakkam
15 02 22	M Visitors by Appointment	Abp's House
16 02 22	E Nuptial Mass	Santhome
17 02 22	Personal Works	Abp's House
18 02 22	M Visitors by Appointment	Abp's House
19 02 22	M SMA General Chapter Mass	Madavaram
	E Confirmation	Taramani
20 02 22	M Confirmation	Manali N T
	E Confirmation	Thendral Ngr
21 02 22	M Visitors by Appointment	Abp's House
22 02 22	M Visitors - Priests & Religious	Abp's House
23 02 22	M Writers & Publishers Seminar	Pastoral Centre
24 02 22	M General Election - SMA Generalate	Madavaram
	E Spiritual Conference - Propaedeutic Seminary	Santhome
25 02 22	M Visitors by Appointment	Abp's House
26 02 22	M Visitors by Appointment	Abp's House
	E Confirmation	Chinmaya Ngr
27 02 22	M Pastoral Visit & Confirmation	Sastri Nagar
	E Confirmation - Korean Community	Tomb Chapel
28 02 22	M Visitors by Appointment	Abp's House
01 03 22	M Visitors - Priests & Religious	Abp's House
02 03 22	M Ash Wednesday Mass	Cathedral