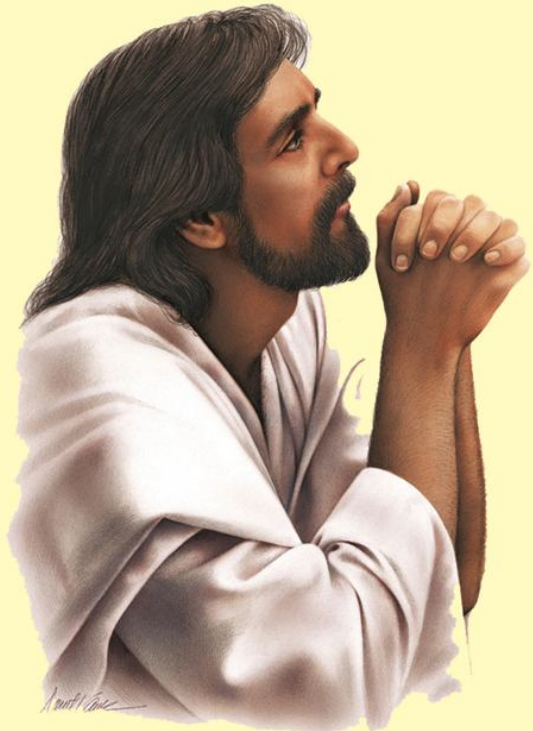


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“கியேசு விடியற்காலகை கருக்கலில் எழுந்து தன்மையான ஓர்
கிடத்திற்குப் புறப்பட்டுச் சென்றார். அங்கே அவர் கிறைவனிடம்
வேண்டிக்கொண்டிருந்தார்” (மாற்கு 1 : 35).

Bishop's Programme - March, 2014

01	SAT	11.00 AM	Blessing of the Foundation Stone for the new building for the Bharatha Matha R.C. High School, Naduvalur
		05.30 P.M	Blessing of the renovated Church dedicated to Christ the King, Thiruvanthurai
02	SUN	11.00 AM	Mass at Iluppur
		06.30 PM	Blessing of the renovated Church dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes, Manambadi, Ammanpet
03	MON	06.30 AM	Marriage Mass
		10.00 AM	Meeting of the Fathers in - charge of the hostels, Kmu
		05.00 PM	Meeting of the Fathers in - charge of the community halls, Kmu
04	TUE	03.00 PM	Poondi Madha Religious Trust Registration, Poondi
05	WED	06.30 AM	Ash Wednesday, Kmu
06	THU		Meeting of the Board of Bishops: St John's Propaedeutic Interdiocesan Seminary, Cuddalore
07	FRI	10.00 AM	Diocesan Commission Secretaries Meeting, Kmu
		06.00 PM	Way of the Cross: Irungalur
08-09			Pastoral Visit: Vadaveekam
09	SUN	08.00 PM	Charismatic Convention: Andimadam
10	MON	10.00 AM	Diocesan Clergy Seminar, Kum
		07.00 PM	Curia Meeting, Kmu
11	TUE		Translation Work, Tindivanam
12	WED	10.00 AM	Diocesan Finance Review Meeting, Kmu
		04.00 PM	Scholarship Committee Meeting, Kmu
		06.00 PM	Prison Ministry Meeting, Kmu
14	FRI	10.00 AM	Sagayamatha Hospital Board Meeting, Pullambadi
		06.00 PM	Way of the Cross: Perambalur

15-16			Pastoral Visit: Vadakkalur
16	SUN	04.00 PM	Regional Tamil Association Meeting, Elakurichi
17	MON		Visitors' Day (Diocesan and Religious Priests)
		04.30 PM	10 th Anniversary of Women's Day Celebration, Kmu
18	TUE		Visitors' Day (Religious Sisters and Lay People)
		05.30 PM	School Annual Day at No.1 Tollgate.
19	WED	06.30 AM	St Joseph's Feast Mass: St. Joseph's Hr. Sec. School, Kmu
		04.00 PM	Budget Meeting of Poondi Madha Charitable Trust Meeting, Poondi
		06.00 PM	Blessing of the New Presbytery, Mela Thirupanthurithy
20	THU	10.00 AM	Special Meeting, Kmu
21	FRI	11.00 AM	Way of the Cross: Elakurichy
		06.00 PM	Way of the Cross: Susaiyaparpatinam
22-23			Pastoral Visit: Elakurichy
24	MON		Visitors' Day (Diocesan and Religious Priests)
25	TUE		Visitors' Day (Religious Sisters and Lay People)
26	WED	10.00 AM	PSSS Board Meeting, Perambalur
		06.00 PM	Celebration of the Year of Faith, Valangaiman

PAPAL INTENTION FOR MARCH - 2014

General Intention : That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

Missionary Intention: That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.



WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

07.03.1977	Rev. Fr. Felix Samuel	Family Commission, Kmu
08.03.1932	Rev. Fr. Francis M. Sebastian	Coimbatore
10.03.1972	Rev. Fr. P. Boniface	Germany
11.03.1970	Rev. Fr. M. Joseph Dhanaraj	Youth Com., Kmu
15.03.1982	Rev. Fr. A. Thomas Simonraj	Warden, Purathakudi
21.03.1964	Rev. Fr. I. Albert	Annamangalam
22.03.1948	Rev. Fr. A. Antony Joseph	Thirumanthurai
22.03.1962	Rev. Fr. D. Antony Solomon	Ariyalur
23.03.1957	Rev. Fr. S. Soosainathan	Vengankudi
26.03.1977	Rev. Fr. S. Don Bosco	USA
30.03.1968	Rev. Fr. M. Dominic Savio	Vadagarai
31.03.1938	Rev. Fr. S. Arulsamy	Jayankondam

NECROLOGY

02.03.1973	Rev. Fr. D. Lourdu Pitchai	Kumbakonam
03.03.1980	Rev. Fr. A. Sebastian	Kokkudi
12.03.2002	Rev. Fr. V.J. Kuriakose	Perungulam
13.03.2001	Rev. Fr. P. Arokiasamy Lourdes	Annamangalam
19.03.1934	Rev. Fr. Packianathar	Kumbakonam
19.03.1937	Rev. Fr. N. Savarinathar	Michaelpatti
19.03.1978	Rev. Fr. Chinnasamy	Kumbakonam
24.03.1948	Rev. Fr. I. Susainathar	Kumbakonam

OUR BELOVED BISHOP SPEAKS**ARE WE WILLING?**

Respect and dear brother - priests, religious and laity,

A lady tourist was visiting mountainous Switzerland. One day she walked up to a sheep pasture in a hillside. There sat a shepherd with his flock of sheep lying at rest around him. Nearby on a little pile of grass lay a sheep which seemed to be in pain. It was; it had a broken leg. The lady asked the shepherd, "How did it happen?" .

To her amazement, then he answered, "I broke that sheep's leg myself." He went on to explain: "Of all the sheep in this flock, that one was the most disobedient; it would never obey my voice. It always wandered off and led the rest of the flock astray. I had had this problem before, so I knew how to cure it. I broke its leg to save it and my other sheep.

On the first day I went to it with food and it tried to bite me. I left it alone for a few days and it got hungry. Then I went back to it. Now it not only takes the food but licks my hand as well.

Let me tell you something: When this sheep is well again - as it soon will be - it will be the model sheep of the flock. No sheep will hear my voice more quickly. None will follow so closely at my side."

The Song of Moses says, "He (the Lord) will say: ... See now that I, even I, am he; there is no god besides me. I kill and I make alive; **I wound and I heal**; and no one can deliver from my hand" (Deut 32: 39).

In our lives trials are meant **to take us closer to God**. Crises are the roads to lead us **to a world where we will lack nothing**.

St James in his letter writes, "My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, **consider it nothing but joy**, because you know that

the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing" (Jas 1: 1-4).

What we need in our lives is **the willingness to accept the fact that suffering is always positive and it is meant to renew our faith in God and our love for God.**

Wishing you a fruitful Lenten Season,

With love,
Yours affectionately in our Lord,
+ *F. Antonisamy.*

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL AT VARADARAJANPET

I profusely thank the Parish Priest, the Assistant Parish Priest and the People of Varadarajanpet for the generous contribution ₹ 51,525.00 towards the Diocesan Development.

Yours affectionately in our Lord,

+ F. Antonisamy,
Bishop of Kumbakonam.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PROCURATOR

Dear and Rev. Fathers,

Greetings from Fr. M. Philip Santiagu.

01. The total collection for Pontifical Mission Society is
₹ 20,50,000.00.

1.	Mission Sunday	17,00,000.00
2.	Holy Childhood	2,50.00.00
3.	St. Peter the Apostle	1,00,000.00
	Total	20,50,000.00

Sincere thanks for all our Fathers who made a great effort to collect a huge sum for the missionary activities of the Universal Church.

02. Kindly send to the Procurator office the Budget for the year 2014 - 2015 on or before 31st of March. Budget paper for the year 2014 -2015 and the financial statement paper for the year 2013 -2014 will be sent to your parish / Institutions in the first week of March.

03. Those who have not collected the Mass wine from the Vicariate Centre, kindly collect it soon from your Vicar Forane.

Thank you very much for your kind co - operation.

Very Rev. Fr. M. Philip Santiagu,
Diocesan Procurator.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHANCELLOR

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Best wishes from Fr. S. Chinnapparaj.

This is to remind you of sending me the annual statistical form at the earliest.

Please be kind enough to send duly filed in forms that I may do the total entry without any further delay. Kindly do co - operate.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. S. Chinnapparaj,
Chancellor.

Thanks

The diocese thanks Fr. M. S. Selva Raj and Fr. Dominic Savio, editor of Nam Vazhvu for having helped Fr. S. Joseph Kennedy get a placement in the archdiocese of Los Angeles in the USA.

IMPORTANT EVENTS - FEBRUARY - 2014

01. Blessing of the New Chapel at Olathevarayanpettai, Thiruvaiyaru on 22.02.2014.
02. Blessing of the New Chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Good Health, Veeraragavapuram, Mathur on 26.02.2014.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India requests the Government of India to invite Pope Francis to visit India

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, in a letter addressed to Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, requested the Government of India to invite Pope Francis to visit India at an appropriate time, suitable to all concerned. Fr. Joseph Chinnayyan, Deputy Secretary General & Spokesperson of CBCI, and Shri Oscar Fernandes, Union Minister for Surface Transport and Highways, met the Prime Minister at his Office today and handed over the formal letter of request from the President of CBCI.

The four Cardinals from India, Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Cardinal Baselios Cleemis, Cardinal George Alencherry and Cardinal Telesphore Toppo, met Pope Francis on different occasions in Vatican and invited the Pope to visit India. The Pope showed interest in visiting India. The Pope being the Head of the State of Vatican, formal invitation has to come from the Government of India. The recently concluded CBCI Plenary Assembly at Palai discussed the prospectus of Pope's visit to India and decided to approach the Government of India to request the Government to invite the Pope, who has made a big impact on the Church and the world, particularly as a protagonist for peace and for reaching out to the poor and the distressed.

The Prime Minister told the delegation that his Government will do whatever needed to invite the Pope to visit India. Dr. Manmohan Singh also said that Pope Francis is an outstanding personality of our times and India will be honoured by the visit of such a great person.

Fr. Joseph Chinnayyan,
Deputy Secretary General &
Spokesperson, CBCI.

**CBCI XXXI PLENARY ASSEMBLY,
FEB. 05 -12, 2014 - FINAL STATEMENT**

**RENEWED CHURCH FOR A RENEWED SOCIETY -
RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF VATICAN II**

1. We, the 187 member-bishops of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), came together at the Alphonsian Pastoral Institute, Palai in Kerala, the place sanctified by St. Alphonsa, from February 5 - 12, 2014, for the 31st Plenary Assembly. In continuation of the 30th Plenary Assembly's theme, Role of the Church for a Better India, the Bishops deliberated, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, on the theme: "Renewed Church for a Renewed Society - Responding to the Call of Vatican II." On the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the CBCI Plenary Assembly reflected on this theme in the light of the Second Vatican Council documents in order to draw inspiration for her future course of life and ministry. We took into account the reflections of the Catholic Council of India which studied the same theme at its December 2013 annual meeting in Varanasi.

2. We first recalled the Church's self-understanding, enshrined in the Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium, as the pilgrim People of God, a community rooted in a deep experience of the Trinitarian God in Christ Jesus. Ad Gentes, reminds us that the Church is a community with a mission to evangelize, to proclaim the good news of Jesus to all, a mission entrusted to her by Jesus and the Spirit. The Church exercises her mission in a world marked by a tremendous imbalance: a few very rich and the vast majority poor struggling to eke out a living. The Document on the Church in the Modern World, Gaudium et Spes impels the members of the Church to an involvement in the struggles of suffering humanity based on the principles of respect for the human person, solidarity and effective social dialogue to bridge the gap

between the rich and the poor. Finally, the Council document on the Laity, *Apostolicam Actuositatem* points out that the lay faithful, who form the vast majority in this People of God, have a specific role in society - that of penetrating and perfecting the temporal order in the spirit of the Gospel.

3. When we look at our country, we see corruption plaguing every sphere of society. In such a scenario, Church institutions must be an example of transparency and probity. Another phenomenon is that of internal migration which, while opening opportunities to people, has torn the cultural and religious moorings that sustained them. Globalization too has brought in its wake problems like prolonged working hours which have disrupted family life. We witness the trend to fundamentalism which seeks to dilute the secular character of our nation. Against this trend, we stand by the values upheld by the Indian Constitution and appeal to governments to respect these values.

4. The Church in India has tried to live up to the vision of Vatican II. Several people have been led to a deep experience of God through reading the Word of God, through the traditional practices of piety and through the Charismatic Movement. In many places Small Christian Communities, rooted in the Word and Eucharist have been established. "These communities are a sign of vitality within the Church, an instrument of formation and evangelization, and a solid starting point for a new society based on a 'civilization of love'" (*Redemptoris Missio*, 51). The Church has worked for the uplift of the downtrodden. She has been appreciated for the way she has responded immediately to natural calamities, for her unbiased outreach to the needy and vulnerable sections of society. Participatory structures have been established in several regions, dioceses and parishes. The 2010 CBCI Gender Policy has been hailed as a step in the right direction. Youth have experienced empowerment through training programs and services.

5. However, there is still need for improvement. The reflections of the Plenary Assembly centred chiefly on seven areas:

i. Fostering God Experience: What is needed is a deep experience of the Trinitarian God drawing on the treasures of the Church especially the Word and Sacraments. For this, our liturgies have to be well prepared, participative and meaningful. Hence, we have decided to initiate a renewal in the celebration of the liturgy so that it becomes an effective means for Christ-centred God experience. We bishops have to be ourselves Spirit-filled men of God, giving priority to prayer and to the Word of God, and helping our clergy and lay faithful to become aware of God's presence and activity in their lives. The God experience will lead to an inner conversion made visible in the simplicity of our lives, in our attitude of love, compassion and forgiveness. Following the example of Pope Francis, we will live a genuinely simple, humble, welcoming and outgoing life reaching out to all people. We will so orient the formation of future priests and religious that they enter the ministry with an attitude of humility, ready to serve the poor and marginalized of society.

ii. Addressing justice issues: The experience of God will lead us to involvement in and solidarity with the marginalized and the exploited, those suffering from disabilities, those living in the peripheries of economic, cultural and social spheres. We will speak out against all forms of injustice meted out to them and we will defend their rights. We listened to the call of Pope Francis urging us to "work to eliminate the structural causes of poverty and to promote the integral development of the poor" (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 188). We want the Church to be truly a Church of the Poor. We reaffirm our solidarity with the Dalits in India who continue to be oppressed. The CBCI reiterates its resolve to struggle for equal rights of Dalit Christians on par with their

counterparts in other religions. We will continue the fight against the 1950 Presidential Order, which unjustly discriminates against Dalit Christians and we demand that the Government remove this 64 year injustice. Justice delayed is justice denied. We also commit ourselves to rooting out all forms of discrimination within the Church and ensuring equal opportunities in leadership roles for Dalit Christians.

iii. Ensuring for our lay faithful their rightful place: Recognizing the God-given talents and potentialities of the lay faithful, we will, in the first place, listen more to their voice. Hence, we commit ourselves to establish Pastoral Councils in every diocese. We realize that formation of the lay faithful is the need of the hour. To this end, we commit ourselves, as a priority, to initiate programmes for lay formation to equip them to play their role in the Church and society.

iv. Stamping out Discrimination against Women. We commit ourselves to strive for the equal dignity of and equal opportunities for women, providing especially equal opportunities for the education of the girl child. We wholeheartedly support the campaign against female foeticide and domestic violence. In the face of increasing sexual abuse and violence in Indian society, we will do all in our power to enforce discipline so as to ensure a secure environment in our institutions for women and children.

v.. Creating a Christian presence in political and public life. We depend in a special way on our youth, the future leaders of the Church and society. As bishops we realize much more needs to be done for them. We want to embark on intensive programmes for them to enter into the mainstream of public life so as to ensure value-based politics. Hence, we request every region to set up, wherever possible, training centres to prepare the youth for leadership roles in civic and political life.

vi. Promoting Dialogue. India is home to a rich variety of ancient cultures and religions. The Church in India has to be a Church in dialogue. We urge our lay faithful to engage in the "dialogue of life", mingling with our brothers and sisters of other religious traditions, greeting them on their feast days and being with them in life's vulnerable moments such as sickness and death. Besides strengthening the already existing Small Christian Communities, we will seek to establish Basic Human Communities which would be a powerful means for communal peace and harmony.

vii. Safeguarding Ecology. The Bishops re-affirm their commitment to the protection of nature. We stand for sustainable development of peoples and human ecology. The CBCI Plenary Assembly shares the apprehensions of people living in the Western Ghats and in the areas affected by the 2011 Notification of the Ministry of Environment on the Coastal Regulation Zone. We appeal to the Union Government to protect the civic rights of the inhabitants in areas adversely affected by the proposals of the Madhav Gadgil and Kasturirangan Reports. The CBCI also shares the similar concerns of the tribal population in Chattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand fast coming under mining projects.

6. The road ahead of us is challenging. But we count on the presence of the Risen Lord who, through the power of His Spirit, "makes all things new" (Rev 21:5). All renewal is always the work of the Spirit. We place our efforts at renewing the Church in view of renewing society in the hands of Mary, our Mother, the Star of Evangelization.

Fr. Joseph Chinnayyan,
Deputy Secretary General &
Spokesperson, CBCI.

**PASTORAL LETTER OF
THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF INDIA**

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our country is once again preparing for the General Elections. This is an important moment for us since the direction that our country takes, its progress and much of our everyday lives depend largely on the leaders we elect to our Parliament. As Pastors of our people, we consider it our duty to address you through this Pastoral Letter, so that, joining hands with all people of good will, we can effectively contribute to shaping the future of our nation.

At the outset we wish to make it clear to all that the Catholic Church does not identify herself with any political party. But we have a responsibility as bishops to urge every eligible citizen to exercise his/her right and duty to vote and do so prudently, carefully and judiciously. All our parish priests are urged to impress on the people their obligation in this regard. We must be convinced that every vote does count. We owe it to ourselves, our children and our country not to let go of this opportunity to get involved in bettering the history, culture and destiny of our nation.

Our society is undergoing a profound transformation. Science and technology have introduced radical changes in the lives of our people. The last decade has witnessed tremendous development in areas of communication, infrastructure, public facilities etc. Globalization has impacted every aspect of our lives, affecting even the remotest rural area. At the same time, there are several areas of concern. The big gap between the rich and the poor seems to be widening. Many unorganized, informal and casual labourers are barely able to survive with what they earn. The trend towards privatization is beginning to dismantle existing public institutions in education, health and the social sector. Ethics is losing primacy as the guiding principle for society. God is slowly being pushed to the periphery. It is in this context and at this moment in history that we are going into the elections.

The Catholic Church earnestly hopes that the General Elections will give us leaders who understand the anxieties of the people and respond to their needs. We need leaders who will:

- 1) uphold the secular character of our nation and promote communal harmony and a spirit of inter-religious dialogue and understanding.
- 2) care for the minorities and weaker sections of society, protect their rights and work for their uplift.
- 3) safeguard the rights of tribals over land, water and forests; and grant equal rights to dalit Christians, equal to those given to other dalits.
- 4) work for an economy that seeks in particular to help the poor and the under privileged, protecting their dignity and enabling them to take their rightful place in nation building.
- 5) improve the climate and conditions in our country, ensuring a totally safe environment for all people, particularly women and children.

These are national issues. There would be other local and particular needs to be considered as well.

We urge our people to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and at home, so as to be able to discern what is best for the common good. All of us must pray ardently for a good government. God sent his Son that we may have life and life in its fullness (John 10:10). With the Lord's strength and guided by the Spirit we can all work unitedly for a better India. We lift our country to Mother Mary to always guide, protect and bring us abundant graces. God bless India!

February 11, 2014

Oswald Cardinal Gracias,

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

President,

Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI)

**FROM THE DESK OF THE CLERGY
COMMISSION SECRETARY**

Dear and Reverend Fathers / Sisters,

Greetings from Fr. M.A. Susaimanickam,

I am happy to inform you about the Priests and Religious Retreats at Vailankanni, organized by Fiat Mission.

Fiat Mission has successfully conducted such Retreats for the Priests and Religious in the year 2013 at Vailankanni where Priests and Nuns from different parts of India had participated.

It is a good opportunity for all those who had not done their annual retreat.

Kindly note the dates of the retreats:

1. April 28- May 2, 2014 - Retreat for Nuns (Sisters)
2. May 12 - May 16, 2014 - Retreat for Priests
3. May 19 - May 23, 2014 - Retreat for Priests
4. May 26 - May 30, 2014 - Retreat for Nuns
5. Nov 10 - Nov 14, 2014 - Retreat for Priests

The retreat will be in English and the theme of the Retreat is 'New Evangelization.' It is a Charismatic Retreat.

Registration for the above First Retreat is open. A fee of Rs. 100/- will be collected per person on their arrival at the venue as registration charge. No other charges. For booking kindly contact the concerned person below or mail them to fiatxtn@gmail.com

Contact person : **THANKAMMA**

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Email: fiatpriestretreat@gmail.com

Yours in Jesus Christ,
Rev. Fr. M.A. Susaimanickam,
Secretary, Clergy Commission.

மறைமாவட்ட மேய்ப்புப் பணி மையச் செய்திகள்

குடும்பநல பணிக்குழு

1. பிப்ரவரி 1 & 2 தேதிகளில் டோல்கேட் குழந்தை இயேசு திருத்தலத்தில் நடைபெற்ற திருமண தயாரிப்பு பயிற்சி கருத்தரங்கில் 48 பேர் கலந்து பயன் பெற்றனர்.
2. தென்னூர் பங்கில் பிப்ரவரி 4-ம் தேதி பங்குத்தந்தை அருள்திரு. M. செல்வராஜ் அவர்களால் ஒருங்கிணைக்கப்பட்ட பொன்விழா மற்றும் வெள்ளிவிழாகாணும் 17 தம்பதியினருக்கு குடும்ப நல பணிக்குழு வழியாக சிறப்புத் திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றப்பட்டு திருமண வார்த்தைப்பாடு புதுப்பிக்கப்பட்டது.
3. பிப்ரவரி 12-ம் தேதி திருச்சியில் நடைபெற்ற மாநில அளவிலான குடும்பநலப் பணிக்குழு கூட்டத்தில் நமது மறைமாவட்ட செயலரும், 2 பயிற்சியாளர்களும் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.
4. கும்பகோணம் மறைபரப்பு பணி மையத்தில் பிப்ரவரி 15 & 16 தேதிகளில் 84 இளைஞர் இளம்பெண்கள் கலந்துகொண்டு திருமண பயிற்சிக் கருத்தரங்கு சான்றிதழ் பெற்றனர்.

மார்ச் மாதம் திருமண பயிற்சிக் கருத்தரங்கு நடைபெறும் இடங்கள்

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| 1. மார்ச் 1 & 2 | சனி & ஞாயிறு | குழந்தை இயேசு திருத்தலம், No. 1 டோல்கேட் |
| 2. மார்ச் 15 & 16 | சனி & ஞாயிறு | மேய்ப்புப் பணி மையம், கும்பகோணம். |
| 3. மார்ச் 22 & 23 | சனி & ஞாயிறு | புனித தோமையார் ஆலயம், அன்னமங்கலம் |
| 4. மார்ச் 29 & 30 | சனி & ஞாயிறு | புனித அலங்கார அன்னை பேராலயம், வரதராஜன்பேட்டை. |

பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு

23-28.01.2014 ஆண்டிமடம், கபிஸ்தலம் - உமையாள்புரம், சத்தியமங்கலம் பகுதிகளில் உள்ள பெண்களை சந்தித்து பெண்கள் இயக்க கூட்டம் நடத்தி வந்தோம்.

1-2.02.2014 திருச்சி, குடந்தை, தஞ்சாவூர் ஆகிய மூன்று மறைமாவட்டங்களும் இணைந்து மண்டல கூட்டமானது திருச்சி மேய்ப்புப் பணி மையத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. நமது மறைமாவட்டத்திலிருந்து 10 நபர்கள் ஆர்வத்துடன் பங்கேற்றனர்.

06-15.02.2014 குடந்தை, கபிஸ்தலம், திருமணபேட்டை, செம்போடை, சிவபுரம் ஆகிய ஊர்களுக்குச் சென்று பங்குத்தந்தை அவர்களையும், பெண்களையும் சந்தித்து பெண்கள் தினம் கொண்டாடுவதற்கான தயாரிப்புப் பணிகளும், கலைநிகழ்ச்சிகளும் கற்றுக் கொடுத்து வந்தோம்.

அன்பிய, விவிலிய மற்றும் பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழுக்கள்

அருள்தந்தையர்களுக்கு ஓர் அன்பான வேண்டுகோள். இந்த வருடம் விடுமுறை விவிலிய கொண்டாட்டத்திற்கான புத்தகங்கள், பாடல் குறுந்தகடு மற்றும் விளையாட்டுகள் அடங்கிய புத்தகங்கள் தமிழக விவிலிய பணிக்குழுவால் புதிதாக வடிவமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. தேவைப்படுவோர் மறைமாவட்ட பணிக்குழுவையோ அல்லது தமிழக விவிலியப் பணிக்குழுவையோ அணுகலாம். மேலும் திருச்சி மண்டலத்தைச் சேர்ந்த இறைமக்களுக்கு விவிலியம் சார்ந்த வகுப்புகள் திருச்சி பிராட்டியூரிலும் மற்றும் தஞ்சை மறைமாவட்ட மேய்ப்புப் பணி நிலையத்திலும் நடைபெற்றுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது. நமது மறைமாவட்டத்திலிருந்து திருச்சி பிராட்டியூரில் ஏறக்குறைய 60 பேரும், தஞ்சையில் ஏறக்குறைய 40 பேரும் விவிலிய வகுப்புகளில் பங்கெடுத்து பயன்பெற்று வருகின்றனர். ஆதரவு தருகின்ற பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கு மனமார்ந்த நன்றிகள்.

பணிக்குழுவின் செயல்பாடுகள்:

ஜனவரி 15-18 - கொணலை பங்கில் தமிழக அன்பிய பணிக்குழுவால் அன்பியங்கள் புதுப்பிக்கப்பட்டன.

ஜனவரி 20-26 அன்பிய மாதம் 2014 சிறப்பு கருத்தரங்கு சேலத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. நமது மறைமாவட்டத்திலிருந்து 30 அன்பிய பொறுப்பாளர்கள் பங்குப்பெற்று பயன் அடைந்தார்கள்.

ஜனவரி 27-பிப்-1 குடந்தை அன்பியங்கள் சந்திப்பு மற்றும் அன்பிய பொறுப்பாளர்களுக்கு பயிற்சி அளிக்கப்பட்டது.

பிப் 3-4 - பாபநாசம் பங்கு சந்திக்கப்பட்டது.

பிப் 5-8 - ஏலாக்குறிச்சி பங்கு சந்திக்கப்பட்டது.

பிப் 15-16 - மேலமிக்கேல்பட்டி மற்றும் கீழமிக்கேல்பட்டி அன்பிய பொறுப்பாளர்களை சந்தித்து ஆலோசனைகள் வழங்கப்பட்டன.

வருகின்ற மார்ச் 1-ம் தேதி காலை 9.30 மணிக்கு தொடங்கி மார்ச் 2-ம் தேதி மாலை 4-மணி வரை திருச்சி, பிராட்டியூர் பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழுவால் அரசியல் விழிப்புணர்வுப் பயிற்சி நடத்தப்பட உள்ளது.

பயிற்சியின் கருப்பொருள் : 'குடிமக்களும் அதிகாரமும்'

கருத்துரையாளர் : அருள்பணி ராஜாமணி, கோட்டாறு மறைமாவட்டம்.

உங்கள் பங்குகளிலிருந்து அரசியல் விழிப்புணர்வுப் பணியை ஆற்றும் திறமையும் ஆர்வமும் கொண்ட பங்கேற்பாளர்களை பங்கெடுக்க செய்ய அன்புடன் கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறோம்.

அருங்கொடை பணிக்குழு

புனல்வாசல் பங்கில் அபிஷேக திருவிழா

2014- பிப்ரவரி 7,8,9. வெள்ளி , சனி, ஞாயிறு ஆகிய மூன்று நாட்கள் அபிஷேக திருவிழா அருங்கொடை பணிக்குழு சார்பாக நடத்தப்பட்டது.

- மூன்று நாட்களும் பணிக்குழுவினர் 8 பேரால் சுமார் 350 வீடுகள் சந்தித்து செபிக்கப்பட்டது.
- பகலில் 3 அருள்தந்தையர்களால் ஆற்றுபடுத்துதலும், ஒப்புரவு அருட்சாதனமும் வழங்கப்பட்டது.
- மாலையில் 6.30 மணி முதல் இரவு 9 மணிவரை செபவழிபாடும் திருப்பலியும், நற்கருணை ஆராதனையும் நடத்தப்பட்டது.
- ஞாயிறு காலை 10 மணி முதல் மதியம் 1 மணிவரை 1 முதல் 12 வரை படிக்கும் மாணவ, மாணவியர்களுக்கு (சுமார் 120 பேர்) இறைவார்த்தை அடிப்படையில் தியானம் வழங்கப்பட்டது.
- ஞாயிறு மாலை 4.30 மணி முதல் 6.00 மணி வரை இயேசுவோடு செப நடைபயணம் நடைபெற்றது. இதில் புனல்வாசல் கிராமத்தில் உள்ள அனைத்து வீதிகளிலும் அருள்தந்தையர்கள், அருள்சகோதரிகள் பணியாளர்கள், சிறுவர், சிறுமியர், பங்குமக்கள்

அனைவரும். சேர்ந்து இறைபுகழ்ச்சி, பாடல், செபமாலை, ஆராதனை, வேண்டுகல் செபம் செபித்து இறை இயேசுவின் பிரசன்னத்தில் நடைபயணமாக ஆலயத்திற்கு வந்தார்கள்.

➤ ஞாயிறு அன்று நற்கருணை ஆராதனைக்கு பின் அபிஷேக தைலம் பூசி இறைமக்களை ஆசீர்வதித்தோம்.

குறிப்பு : இது போன்று அபிஷேக திருவிழாவை அருங்கொடை பணிக்குழு நடத்த வேண்டுமென்றால் பங்கு தந்தையர்கள் முன் கூட்டியே செயலரை தொடர்பு கொள்ளலாம்.

திருவழிப்பாட்டு பணிக்குழு

ஜனவரி 16 முதல் பிப்ரவரி 10 வரை கீழ்க்கண்ட பணித்தளங்களுக்குச் சென்று பீடப்பணியாளர்களுக்கு சிறப்புப் பயிற்சியும் அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து திருப்பலியும் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. சில பங்குகளில் இயேசுவின் கண்மணிகள் இயக்கம் அமைக்கப்பட்டது.

- 16.01.2014 - மாத்தூர் பங்கு
- 17.01.2014 - திருப்பந்துறை, மாத்தூர் பங்கு
- 18.01.2014 - கபிஸ்தலம் பங்கு
- 19.01.2014 - வருகர் பாளையம், கூவத்தூர் பங்கு
- 21.01.2014 - கூவத்தூர் பங்கு
- 23.01.2014 - சிக்கல்நாயக்கன்பேட்டை பங்கு
- 26.01.2014 - கூவத்தூர் பங்கு
- 27.01.2014 - அம்மன்பேட்டை பங்கு
- 01.02.2014 - மாத்தூர், அய்யம்பேட்டை பங்கு
- 02.02.2014 - ஆலங்குடி, அய்யம்பேட்டை பங்கு
- 09.02.2014 - கல்லகம், கோக்குடிப்பங்கு

- அருள்தந்தை ஹென்றி புஷ்பராஜ்,
பணிக்குழுக்களின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர்.

**SACRED MUSIC TRAINING
PROGRAMME - 2014**

by **TNBCLC, Tindivanam**

Days : 1st to 20th May 2014 (20 days)

Time : 10 am to 4 pm

(# Evening study: 6-8 pm, Performance
practice : 9-10 pm for the hostellers)

Venue : **St. Joseph's Matriculation School,**
Mulagumoodu, Kanyakumari Dt.

(One of the following) **Subjects**

- i) **Keyboard** ii) **Vocal Music** iii) **Tabla**
iv) **Guitar** v) **Violin**

FEE DETAILS

Registration : Rs 200/-, Tuition: Rs 2000/-,

Boarding & Lodging : Rs 3000/-

* Application form available with Parish Priests

Last date of Application : 20-04-2014

Contact (for more details)

Fr. Jeyaseelan, Cell: 9443118725

Programme Co - ordinator

**BISHOP'S FUND FOR EDUCATION
MONTH OF FEBRUARY – 2014**

S. No.	Particulars	Parishes	Amount
1.	People of Burma Colony	Ariyalur	5000.00
2.	SMMI Sisters	Jayangondam	5000.00
3.	Don Bosco	Varadarajanpet	5000.00
4.	Parish Priest	Ariyalur	2000.00
5.	Fr. Barnabass	Hostel, Viragalur	5000.00
6.	Fr. L. Vincent	Viragalur	500.00
7.	Fr. V. I. Peter	Ammanpet	1000.00
8.	Parish Priest	Sikkalnayakkanpet	1000.00
	TOTAL		24,500-00

BALANCE SHEET

S. No.	Particulars	Payments	Receipts
	Amount Deposited	3,00,000.00	
	Balance on 31.01.2014		17,000.00
	Month of February - 2014		24,500.00
	Total	3,00,000.00	41,500.00

E.&O.E.

Very Rev. Fr. M. Philip Santiago,
Procurator.

KUMBAKONAM DIOCESE NEWS LETTER

CLERGY SEMINAR

Dear and Rev. Fathers,

Right to Information (RTI), Right to Education (RTE) etc. are currently much discussed topics in the political as well as religious circles.

As Pastors it will be useful to equip ourselves with all the relevant informations regarding these vital issues. For this purpose, we organize a Seminar on 10th March, Monday 2014 in the Bishop's House, Kumbakonam. An expert lawyer Mr. Martin, Tiruchirappalli will be the Resource Person. We invite you to participate in the Seminar and benefit. Hearty welcome!

Timetable

10.03.2014 (Monday)

09.30 a.m.	Arrival and Coffee
10.00 a.m.	Seminar - Input Session I
11.30 a.m.	Break
11.45 a.m.	Session II and Discussion
01.00 p.m.	Lunch

The Seminar will be over with the lunch.

Thanking you for your co - operation,

Very Rev. Fr. A. Packiasamy,
Vicar General.

Rev. Fr. M. A. Susaimanickam,
Secretary, Clergy Commission.

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