

TN Bishops Meeting at Poondi

Bishops of Tamil Nadu had an enriching meeting of the Archbishops, Bishops, the Priests, the Religious and the lay people at Poondi Tiruttalam from 15 to 19 night of July, 2018. Not all but a good majority of the Christian leaders were present at the gathering and much more the working people of the Church. I could hear the strong voice of Kuzhithurai and its surroundings of Kottar, Thuckalay and the diocese of Marthandam.

On July 15, Archbishop Antony Pappusamy began the morning session with the talk on the necessities of the Church of Tamil Nadu. The Ochi Cyclone, and the terrible destructions, koodangulam loss, the Methane, Cauvery Disputes and the diversities, the NEET Examinations in the country, the Sterlite loss, the Money Change, the Firing at Thoothukudi of the 13 persons, the 8 way path from Salem to Chennai etc. have immersed Tamil Nadu and India in to terrific developments. And it is important that the country is kept in the sight of the poor and the downtrodden in the sight of God. And hence he drew us to the attention of Dr. Bernard D'Samy of the Loyola College who took our attention to the various conditions of poverty around the world and in India. Dr. Bernard D'Samy pointed out how the country and Tamil Nadu have been close to poverty and misery and asked the country to keep close to the world and to the country near poverty. He developed the concept of keeping close to the Think-tank persons to draw our attention to the needy and the poor.

After tea, the nearly 250 people were divided into seven categories to bring together the demands of the people. 1) What is the distance between politics and the Christianity? 2) Why do the Christians bring slow answer to the social problems of the country? How to bring them closer to each other in replying each other? 3) What is your idea of going from place to place due to necessity? What is your idea of helping the poor? 4) What is your concept of Women



“Look at the sparrows; they do not know what they will do in the next moment. Let us literally live from moment to moment”.

Voice of the Shepherd

development in Tamil Nadu? Its loss and its gains? 5) Why do we stake in advancement of education? What should we do for better education? 6) Why do the youth slow in education and the education? How to bring them back? 7) How will the society and the Church lead the youth ahead?

In the following days the Religious and struck many differences to the field of education and it was a note of advantage.

There were steps taken in the Commissions of BC/MBC/DNC. And the Commission of Worship, the Commission of Catechetics was all given new leaders for the future.

On the first day of the Mass at the Poondi Tiruttalam, the People gave a rousing welcome to the Archbishops, Bishops and Lay leaders of the Poondi Tiruttalam with Ponnadai and welcome. There was the public welcome to the books published by the liturgical books of Dr. John Diraviam and the liturgical book Liturgy. The two books were received with joy by the people and pilgrims. Bishop Nazarene thanked the people for the grand welcome given to the leaders. Archbishop Antony Pappusamy thanked the great population of Kumbakonam Diocese and the Bishop of Kumbakonam also thanked the gathering and Blessed Mother of Poondi for her immense love and care for the Church.

**– Bishop Jeromedhas SDB,
Bishop of Kuzhithurai.**

Congratulations to Bishop Jeromedhas SDB!

In the recently held Tamil Nadu Bishops' Conference at Poondi, Bishop Jeromedhas SDB of the diocese of Kuzhithurai was elected as the Chairperson for the Commission for BC/MBC/DNC.

VOK congratulates Bishop Jeromedhas SDB and wishes him all the best in his new office!



“Do not judge others. Be your own judge and you will be truly happy. If you will try to judge others, you are likely to burn your fingers”.

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உலக ஊடகத் தொடர்பு நாள் - 2018

அன்பான அருட்பணியாளர்களே! அருட்சகோதரிகளே! இறைமக்களே!

நம் ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் அருளும், கடவுளின் அன்பும், தூய ஆவியின் நட்புறவும் உங்களுக்கு உரித்தாகுக!

கடவுளின் கவின்மிகு உலகில் அவரின் ஆற்றலால் நாம் அடைந்துள்ள வளர்ச்சிகள் எண்ணிலடங்கா. ஊடகங்களும் டிஜிட்டல் யுகமும் மனிதவளர்ச்சியின் கட்டத்தின் மைல் கல் என்றால் மிகையாகாது. ஊடகங்கள் உலகை ஆளும் இந்நவீன யுகத்தில் நமது அன்றாட செயல்பாடுகளில் அதன் நேர்மறை மற்றும் எதிர்மறை தாக்கங்களை அறிந்து கொள்வதும் பயனுள்ள விதத்தில் ஊடகங்களை பயன்படுத்தி இயேசுவின் இறையாட்சிக்கனவை நனவாக்குவதும் காலத்தின் கட்டாயம். நம் திருத்தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ் அவர்களும் தனது இவ்வாண்டு ஊடக நாள் செய்தியில் இன்றைய நம் சமூகத்தில் ஊடகங்களின் போலிச் செய்திகளால் கட்டமைக்கப்படும் போலி வாழ்க்கைமுறை குறித்தும் அதிலிருந்து விடுபடும் வழிமுறைகளை குறித்தும் விரிவாக குறிப்பிடுகின்றார். திருஅவையின் ஊடக இறைபணியை உண்மையின் வழியில் தொடர அழைப்பு விடுக்கின்றார். திருத்தந்தையின் செய்தியின் சுருக்கம் இதோ,

தொடர்பு என்பது இறைவன் நமக்கு வகுத்தளித்த திட்டத்தின் ஒரு பகுதியும், தோழமையை அனுபவிக்க இன்றிமையாத வழியும் ஆகும். விரைவாக மாறிவரும் உலகச் சமூகத் தொடர்பிலும் டிஜிட்டல் அமைப்பு முறையிலும் “போலிச் செய்திகள்” என்று அறியப்படுகின்ற ஒன்று பரவிவருவதற்கு நாமே சான்றுரைக்கின்றோம். இது குறித்து சிந்திப்பதும் போலிச் செய்திகள் பரவாமல் தடுப்பதற்கான நமது சமூக கடமைக்கு வலிமை சேர்க்கவும் உண்மைக்கு சான்று பகரும் நமது கிறிஸ்தவப் பொறுப்பை மீண்டும் கண்டுணர்வதும் காலத்தின் கட்டாயம்.



“The future depends on what we do in the present”.

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1. போலிச் செய்திகளில் உள்ள போலித்தன்மை யாது?

போலிச் செய்திகளின் தாக்கத்திற்கு அடிப்படை, அவை உண்மைச் செய்திகளை அப்படியே பிரதி எடுத்தது போல் கைக்கொள்ளும் திறனும், அவை உண்மையைப் போலத் தோன்றுவதும் தான். ஒரே மாதிரியான, பொதுவான சமூக தப்பான எண்ணங்களில் மக்களின் கவனத்தை எந்த அளவுக்கு ஈர்க்க முடியுமோ அந்தளவுக்கு கவர்ந்திழுத்து மக்களின் உடனடி உணர்ச்சிகளான கவலை, வெறுப்பு, கோபம் மற்றும் விரக்தி ஆகியவற்றைத் தூண்டியெழுப்பி, இந்தப் போலியான, ஆனால் அதே சமயம், நம்பத்தக்க செய்திகளாக கவர்ச்சிகரமானவையாக உள்ளன. தவறான தகவல்களின் மிகப்பெரிய சோகமே, அவை மற்றவர்களுக்கு களங்கம் கற்பிக்கின்றன, அவர்களை எதிரிகளாக கட்டமைக்கின்றன. போலிச்செய்திகள் சகிப்புத்தன்மையின், உணர்ச்சிகளின் கிளர்ச்சி மனப்பான்மையின் அடையாளம், அது அராஜகத்தையும் பகையையும் பரப்புவதற்கே வழிவகுக்கின்றது. இது உண்மையின்மையின் இறுதி விளைவாகும்.

2. போலிச் செய்திகளை நாம் அடையாளங்காணுவது எப்படி?

போலிச்செய்திகள் பெரும்பாலும் அதிவிரைவாக பரப்புரையாகி வெற்றியடைகின்றன (viral). சமூக ஊடகங்களைத் தூண்டியெழுப்பிப் பரப்ப வேண்டும் என்ற உள்ளுணர்வை ஏற்படுத்துவதன் காரணமாக அன்று, மாறாக மனிதர்களில் மிக எளிதாக தூண்டியெழுப்புகிற தணியாத பேராசையைத் தூண்டிக் கவர்ந்திழுப்பதால் அதனைத் தடுத்து நிறுத்துவது கடினம். எனவே, மக்கள் பகுத்துப்பார்ப்பது எப்படி என்றும், நமது ஆழமான ஆசைகளையும் விருப்பங்களையும் மதிப்பீடு செய்து புரிந்து கொள்ளவும், நன்மையானது குறித்து நமது பார்வை மங்காமல் ஒவ்வொரு சோதனைக்கும் உட்படாதிருக்கும்படியும் உண்மைக்கான கல்வி அவசியமாகின்றது.

3. உண்மை உங்களுக்கு விடுதலை அளிக்கும் (யோவா 8:32)

பொய்மை என்னும் நோய்க்கிருமிக்கு தக்க நச்சுமுறிவு மருந்து, உண்மையால் தூய்மைப்படுத்தப்படுவது தான். உண்மை என்பது உங்களை கீழே விழாதவண்ணம் தாங்கிப்பிடிக்கும். பொய்மையிலிருந்து விடுதலையடைந்து உறவுக்கான தேடலை மேற்கொள்வது இங்குத் தேவையாகின்றது. தனிமைப்படுத்துவது எதுவோ, பிரித்தாளுவது எதுவோ, எதிர்ப்பது எதுவோ, அவற்றை தவிர்த்து நன்மையை வளர்த்தெடுக்கும்,



“Our greatest ability as humans is not to change the world; but to change ourselves”.

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ஒன்றிப்பை ஊக்கப்படுத்துவது ஒவ்வொன்றையும் நாம் கண்டறிய வேண்டும். அது உண்மையை உய்த்துணர நமக்கு அவசியமாகும்.

4. அமைதியே உண்மையான செய்தியாகும்

பொய்மைக்கு சிறந்த மாற்று மருந்துகள் என்பது விபூகங்கள் அல்ல, மாறாக மக்கள். போலிச்செய்திகளை பரப்புவதற்கு பொறுப்புணர்வுதான் ஒரே பதில் என்றால், கனமான மிகுந்த பொறுப்புணர்வுத் தகவல்களை வழங்குவது நம் ஒவ்வொருவரின் பதிலாக அமைய வேண்டும். இளையோரும், பெரியவர்களும் விழிப்புநிலையில் செயல்படுவது காலத்தின் தேவை. பொய்மைகளை, வெற்று ஆரவார முழக்கங்களை, உணர்ச்சிகளை தூண்டும் தலைப்புச் செய்திகளை எதிர்க்கும் இதழியலை நாம் மேற்கொள்ள வேண்டும்.

ஊடக உலகின் போலித்தனங்களுக்கு அடிமையாகாமல் உண்மையை உரக்கச் சொல்ல சூளுரைக்கும் நாளாக ஊடக நாள் கொண்டாட்டங்கள் அமைவதாக! நமது குழித்துறை மறைமாவட்டத்தில் செயல்படும் தேனருவி சமூகத்தொடர்பு பணிக்குழுவோடு இணைந்து பங்களிவிலும் மறைமாவட்ட அளவிலும் ஊடகப்பணியை திறம்பட ஆற்றிட வேண்டுகிறேன். நமது மறைமாவட்ட இதழான புதிய தேடல் மாத இதழிலும் உங்களின் மேலான பங்களிப்பை நல்கிட கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்.

29.07.2018 ஞாயிறன்று ஊடக நாளுக்கான சிறப்புத் தருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றி தமிழகத் திருச்சபையின் ஊடகப் பணிகளுக்காக அன்றைய நாளில் சிறப்பு காணிக்கை பிரித்து மறைமாவட்ட அலுவலகத்தில் ஒப்படைக்க உங்களை அன்புடன் கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன். மறைமாவட்ட அளவில் வருகின்ற ஆகஸ்ட் மாதம் நடைபெறும் “கலைஞர்கள் சங்கமம்” நிகழ்வில் பங்குபெற்று மறைமாவட்ட கலைக்குழு மற்றும் ஊடகக் குழு உருவாக்கத்திற்கு ஒத்துழைப்பினை நல்கிட வேண்டுகிறேன்! மாதா தொலைக்காட்சி வழி தமிழகத் திருஅவையின் ஊடகப்பணிகளுக்கு உதவிகள் புரிவோம்.

இச்சுற்றுமடல் குழித்துறை மறைமாவட்டத்தின் அனைத்துப் பங்குகளிலும், கிளைப்பங்குகளிலும் ஜூலை 22, 2018 ஞாயிறு திருப்பலியில் அறிவிப்பின்போது வாசிக்கப்பட வேண்டும்.



“It does not require money, to live neat, clean and dignified”.

Contributions to the Diocese
June 16 to July 15, 2018
1. 7% Contribution

No	Parish	Amount
1	Ambalakadai	13,786
2	Aramannam (Nagacode)	7,737
3	Aramannam (Nagacode)(2016-2017, Balance)	8,016
4	Cherikadai (Palliyady)	12,232
5	Chittar (Alancholai)	8,072
6	Eraniel (Kandanvilai)	12,982
7	Ikkiya nagar (Melpalai)	6,189
8	Konnakuzhivilai	28,315
9	Maruthoorkurichy (Irudayapuram)	7,778
10	Mathapuram (Vizhunthayambalam)	9,792
11	Mathiravilai	85,935
12	Murasancode	30,700
13	Santhapuram (Siluvaipuram)	6,993
14	Thuckalay	8,563
15	Vavarai	36,405
	Total	2,83,495

2. Holy Childhood

No	Parish	Amount
	Carried Forward	5,67,705
	Mathiravilai	7,745
	Total	5,75,450



“To lose patience is to lose the battle”.

Contributions

3. Holy Land

No	Parish	Amount
	Carried Forward	9,98,107
1	Alancholai	6,432
2	Kaliakkavilai	14,600
3	Kallankuzhy (Manalikai)	1,400
	Total	10,20,539

4. Seminary Fund

No	Parish	Amount
1	Fr. B. Russel Raj	2,000
2	Marriage Mass	40,000
3	Mrs. Barnabas	75,500
4	Mr. Joseph (Palliyady)	2,000
5	Mr. Mariadhas and Cisily Family (Munchirai)	2,000
6	Mr. Therasammal (Mylacode)	10,000
7	Mrs. Rani (Cherikadai)	1,000
8	Mulagumoodu	10,000
9	Palavilai	17,052
10	Palliady	2,641
	Total	1,62,193

5. New Bishop's House Building

No	Parish	Amount
	Puthukkadai	1,000
	Total	1,000



“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”.

Contributions

6. Cumulated Masses

No	Parish	Number	Amount
1	Cherikadai (Palliyady) - Feast	216	21,600
2	Kadayal	75	7,500
3	Kaliakkavilai	71	7,100
4	Kandanvilai	10	1,000
5	Komanvilai (Murasancode) - Feast	47	4,700
6	Kuzhithurai	6	600
7	Mathiravilai	42	4,200
8	Mullanganavilai	31	3,100
9	Munchirai	15	1,500
10	Murasancode	12	1,200
11	Mylacode	14	1,400
12	Nattalam (Shrine)	148	14,800
13	Pacode - Feast	18	1,800
14	Palliyady	71	7,100
15	Parakunnu (June)	31	3,100
16	Parakuunu (July)	21	2,100
17	Puliyookurichy	36	3,600
18	Varthanvilai	9	900
19	Vattam	14	1,400
20	Vavarai	10	1,000
21	Vellayambalam - Feast	100	10,000
22	Vellayambalam	4	400
23	Vencode	7	700
24	Vettuvenni	2097	2,09,700
	Total	3105	3,10,500

Contributions

7. Year of the Youth

No	Parish	Amount
	Carried Forward	50,389
1	Ikkiya Nagar	670
2	Mankalai	1,001
3	Melpalai	3,260
	Total	55,320

Congratulations to Fr Christu Raj and the Parish Council of Saicode!



People of Saicode, substation of Kuttaicadu, constructed a house for the family of Mrs Sarojini, with the help of Aa Mu Sa and the 10% Fund for the Poor from parish. Generous assistance from the people in the form of free labour speeded up the construction. The new house was blessed on July 11, 2018.

Congratulations to Fr. Christu Raj and the parishioners of Saicode!

Kuzhithurai Integral Development Social Services (KIDSS)

Report for the month of June 2018

Activities of VIDS

Thirithuvapuram VIDS

On June 02 Thirithuvapuram VIDS had its executive meeting. It was attended by 12 members. In this meeting they decided to give a basic orientation to all Aa Mu Sa at the zone level. For this they divided the existing 5 zones into 10 and fixed dates of this training. All the executive members took responsibility to care the training. The date for general body meeting of the VIDS was decided. A special book keeping training was fixed for the Aa Mu Sa that did not use the first chance.

Mulagumoodu VIDS

On June 09 Mulagumoodu Va Mu Sa Executive meeting was conducted at Mulagumoodu church campus. They had discussed on different matters regarding Educational help for higher studies, house construction for the Ockhi affected families and formation and registration of BIDS in all parishes and local resource mobilization for BIDS. VIDS project Director, Fr. Analin, and 8 members attended the meeting.

Vencode VIDS

On June 10 a special book keeping training was arranged for the Aa Mu Sa that did not use the first chance. Fifteen leaders participated in the training. Mrs. Pushparani was the resource person.

On June 23 a workshop was conducted for the executive members to articulate an annual plan for the VIDS. Fr. John Michael Raj, the executive director, conducted the workshop. In this the existing situation of the people of the vicariate and the needs arising from the current lifestyle of the people were discussed. Including the VF and the project director 12 members attended the workshop. Towards the end, they evolved an annual plan for the VIDS. They



“Speak only if it improves upon the silence”.

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decided to polish the annual plan and submit at the general body meeting for approval and implementation.

Karenkadu VIDS

Karenkadu VIDS organised training to the office bearers of all Aa Mu Sa on June 17 at two venues namely Mylacode and Kandavilai. The focus of the training was book keeping and the role of office-bearers. At Mylacode, 46 leaders of Aa Mu Sa attended and at Kandavilai 42 leaders attended the training. They were made clear how to do the Aa Mu Sa accounts systematically. The project director and the executive members of VIDS made all the arrangements.

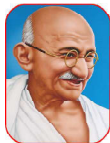
Mathiravilai VIDS

On June 26 Mathiravilai Va Mu Sa conducted their executive meeting at vicariate office. Fr. Vincent Raj, the VF, KIDSS Executive Director and Va Mu Sa Project Director, Mr. Amalraj, and 7 more members attended the meeting. They had discussion on educational help for higher studies and house construction for the Ockhi affected families. They also discussed to form an audit committee with efficient persons. They have decided to have the Va Mu Sa general body meeting once in three months.

Puthankadai VIDS

On June 20 the executive meeting took place at the vicariate office. Including executive director nine members attended the meeting. The meeting went through the draft year plan, changed few items and decided to get the approval of the general body. The executive fixed the agenda for the general body meeting and distributed the responsibilities to members.

On June 30 Puthenkadai VIDS general body meeting took place. From 33 Aa Mu Sa members attended the meeting. Aa Mu Sa directors from Packiapuram, Themanoor, Eanchacode, Kottoorkonam and Manchakonam attended the meeting. It was encouraging to the people. The project director, Mr. Ephron Babu introduced the office bearers of VIDS to the general body and



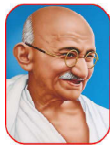
“Relationships are based on four principles: respect, understanding, acceptance and appreciation”.

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informed the people about the focus of the general body meeting. The secretary, Mrs. Jenatha, read the report of the previous general body and the activities took place after the general body. The secretaries of each Aa Mu Sa came to the stage and readout the report of their Aa Mu Sa. Many Aa Mu Sas worked for the people in different ways. Apart from the regular helps, some Aa Mu Sa strived to help the people in distress by way of giving medical care, pension, etc. The Executive director summarised the activities done by all Aa Mu Sa and encouraged them. The VF, Fr. Benny, appreciated the participants. Then the year plan was read out and got the approval after few clarifications by the members. Also a guideline was readout to the Aa Mu Sa who do small savings at the parishes.

Year Plan of Puthankadai VIDS for 2018

1. Motivate and encourage the Aa Mu Sa to finish the population survey announced in 2017 as early as possible and use the details for development works.
2. Organise the widows and destitute women as special group in all churches where there is no WSCP group. Motivate and help them to find a better livelihood by providing technical trainings and income generating possibilities like Organic vegetable production, Palmyra leaf baskets and mat making, country chicken rearing and mulch animal rearing. Also to provide loan to them with low interest.
3. Financially support for the education of the orphan and abandoned children. For this create a fund by receiving donations from the well-wishers within this year.
4. Every year we should provide career guidance class to all the eligible students at 10 places.
5. To gather all the necessary details within the year 2018 to start a centre to help the poor people to receive the welfare schemes announced by the government under unorganised workers welfare schemes. If affordable and useful we start a centre in the coming year.



“It’s easy to stand with the crowd. It takes courage to stand alone”.

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6. Motivate all Aa Mu Sa to audit their accounts.
7. Give clear information to the people on the available welfare schemes of the government and help them to get them.
8. Formulate rules and regulations for the small savings organised by Aa Mu Sa.
9. To provide 2 seminars to the Aa Mu Sa on organic kitchen garden and prevention of ailments.
10. All Aa Mu Sa to give awareness on cancer detection and treatment and help the affected people to get better treatment. A special group to be formed to support this work.
11. To request the diocese to provide a counselling centre, a centre for differently abled people and to start an old age home to help the afflicted.
12. Each Aa Mu Sa to find and accept about 5% to 8% families of the church as the poorest among them and continuously support those families to consume better education, healthcare, food, dress, trainings, etc. in order to strengthen their life.
13. To help the poor of every Aa Mu Sa irrespective of caste and creed.
14. Each Aa Mu Sa to form a healthcare team in the church to help the perennially sick, old age and bed ridden in order to visit them, constantly care them, link with the priest to get communion and confession, etc.

Programmes by Units of KIDSS

Training programmes

The Units of KIDSS conducted the following awareness programmes in the month of June 2018 in different locations.

1. WSCP (Kaikal) unit conducted group discussion for the executive members of all six vicariates on the topic Natural



“Strength does not come from winning. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength”.

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Resources - land and water and importance to preserve the water bodies.

2. SHG Unit Organised Parents meeting of KIDSS group members at Thickerichy on June 23, 2018. Mrs. Usha explained about the importance and the purpose of Children Parliament and need of growing the children as responsible citizens of the society.
3. CHDP unit organised an awareness program for the office bearers of few blocks. They were made aware of the symptoms and preventive treatment method. People also were made aware of the Spirulina as nutritional supplementary food.

No	Block	Venue	Date	Topic	Participants
1	Killiyoor	Karungal	June 06	Nipah Virus	9
2	Kurunthancode	Monday Market	June 13	Spirulina as Nutritional supplement	9
3	Melpuram	Vattavilai	June 20	Spirulina as Nutritional supplement	10

On June 21 International Yoga Day was observed at Alanvilai. The members were taught some of the yoga exercises and their importance. Demonstration was done with the participants in order to motivate them to do it regularly as part of their life style.

4. DDP unit organised group discussion on different topics to different people.

No	Date	Topic	For Whom	Attended
1	June 09	New Education Policy and NEET Exam	Executive of the vicariate of Vencode	13
2	June 09	Media today	Executive of the vicariate of Mulagumoodu	18
3	June 16	New Education Policy and NEET Exam	Executive of the vicariate of Puthenkadai	16

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5. RMP Mulavilai zone general body members had training on Unemployment on 09 June. 45 people attended the program. People had discussed on the factors for the increasing situation of unemployment and the concerns of the unskilled labours.
6. On June 18 BFDP Manalikai zonal members had their monthly meeting at Manalikai School. 43 members attended the meeting. They had training on Environment protection and the urgency of protecting the natural resources.
7. June 28, 40 farmers attended training on Fodder Production Technology at RMP building organised by Veterinary University, Parakkai by Dr. Suresh Kumar and Dr. Malmarugan. Participants were made aware of the different kinds of fodder for the livestock and diseases and the treatment facilities available.
8. On June 23, Parliament of Children at Amsi had discussion on ill-effects of drug abuse. Since June 26 was International Anti-drug Day, children were made aware of drugs and alcohol. Parliament of Children at Kappukadu discussed to take action against removal of Tasmac from their locality.
9. Follow-up training was organised on “Becoming useful persons in society” for the students who are going to college this year at RMP building on June 08. Twenty three students of different castes and creed attended and they were guided to become useful for the society, family and for oneself through role plays and discussions by Mr. Irudhayaraj.
10. Trainings conducted to the members of different units at Panchayat level.
11. Mrs. Amalorpavam from Kulasekharam learned how to make detergent soap and surf. Now she makes it for her own family and she is grateful to KIDSS for providing such a training that supports the family income.
12. Kolping staff and team members attended two days training on PRA at Gandhigram.



“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever”.

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No	Date	Topic	Panchayats	Participants
1	June 13	Leadership	Pechiparai	70
2	June 16	Organic Farming	Kalkurichy, Mutthalakurichy and Aathivilai	12
3	June 20	Environment protection	Nullivilai, Eraniel and Chadiyamangalam	70
4	June 25	Detergent soap making	Mandaikadu, Thingalnager, Thalakkulam and Kallukoottam	48

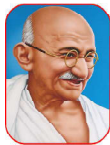
13. On June 28 volunteers of Parliament of Children had an orientation training at Theadal on conducting the meetings of Parliament of Children Parliament. Mr Irudhayaraj Raj was the resource person who explained through video clippings how to conduct meetings creatively for the children. 13 volunteers attended.

Staff Training

Staff capacity building training on “Self Development” was organized for all staff on June 28 at Theadal. Sr. Michaelamma SDS the resource person focused on the concept of self development and the two basic attitude of a person towards change.

Social Activities

1. On June 03 KIDSS Staff, Sangam members around 15 of them participated in the rally that was organised at Mulagumoodu to pay homage for the victims of police firing at Thoothukudi.



“Be the change you are trying to create”.

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2. On June 26 all staff of KIDSS and group members, around 120, participated in the Anti-drug day rally and public meeting at karungal.

Help by KIDSS & Units

1. Kulasekharam SHG group collected ₹ 2000.00 and helped a poor girl to buy note books.
2. BFDP Manalikai group member, Mr. Thatheus, met with an accident and he was helped with ₹ 5000.00 under KIDSS ERF scheme.
3. Mr. Antony Robin from Soosaipuram, Mr. Jose from Manchakonam and Mr. Antony Xavier from Kandavilai met with accidents. They were supported with ₹ 5000.00 each for their medical treatment under KIDSS ERF scheme.
4. Mr. Justin Raj from Thottachani and Mrs. Saroja from Pacode met with accidents and they were helped with ₹ 3000.00 each for their treatment under KIDSS ERF scheme.
5. Mrs. Francisal from Kaliyakkavilai was helped with ₹ 2000.00 for medical treatment.

**- John Michael Raj,
Secretary cum Executive Director, KIDSS.**

Attention Please!

Offices of the Bishop's House, Vicariates and the Diocesan Institutions will remain closed on the following days:

1. Independence Day - Wednesday, August 15, 2018
2. Onam - Friday, August 24, 2018

- Fr. P. Augustine, Financial Administrator.



“There are two days in the year that we can not do anything, yesterday and tomorrow”.

Activities of the Pastoral Commissions in May 2018

Word and Worship

Classes for Diploma in Theology was held on May 15 and 16. All students wrote the exams.

Annual day of the commission of word was held on May 19. Distributed prizes and certificates. 1372 persons attended.

Family

184 persons attended marriage preparatory classes and 17 new registrations were done. Held resource persons meeting on May 26.

Youth

Memorial meeting for the heroes Sterlite Plant at Thoothukudi was held on May 27 at St. Mary's Church, Mulagumoodu. 125 members participated.

General Body meetings at all the six vicariates was held and discussed on agitations in Kumari, youth and contemporary society and time management.

Children

Held seminars in the parishes of Vavarai, Vizhunthayambalam, Mathapuram, Attoor, Mathur, Chemankalai, Fatimapuram and Kakkavilai on "Discovering talents and shaping them".

Conducted animators meeting of the Vicariate of Puthenkadai on May 12.

Executive meeting of the Vicariate of Thirithuvapuram was held on May 19. 10 members participated.

PMI

Fr. Anthony Muthu, Secretary of PMI and seven members held a meeting on May 7-9 at Dindigul.



"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony".

Report: Activities of the Pastoral Commissions

Women

Vicariates of Puthenkadi, Thirithuvapuram, Mulagumoodu and Karencadu held their general body meetings and discussed on the dangers of Sterlite Plant at Thoothukudi and attacks on the minorities.

BCC

Held field activities at the parish of Irudayapuram on May 20, visited 229 houses, conducted meetings at 10 Anbians and concluded with the Eucharistic celebration.

Vicariates of Mulagumoodu, Karencadu, Mathiravilai, Thirithuvapuram and Vencode held their general body meetings. 190 members participated.

Commission gave ₹ 2, 23,733.00 for marriage, education, elders, sick and medical aid.

Labour

Benefits of ESI was explained to the unit at Kallankuzhi. May Day celebration was held at Vattam and discussed on the dignity of labour and protecting their rights on May 20. 211 members participated.

Held planning meeting for those working abroad at Vattam on May 21. 8 members attended.

Laity

Parish council elections were held at Vilavur, Kumarapuram, Santhanapuram, Siluvaipuram, Palayam and Annainager.

Training programmes for the parish council members and election of office-bearers were held at Mulagumoodu, Mulavilai, Kumarapuram and Vilavur.

A 9 member special team worked at the parish of Cheruvellore to rectify the marriage of 11 families.

Basic formation programme was held on May 12 at Annai Ada Centre on "Ministries for the present times, identity and involvements of the Laity". 80 members attended.



"Those who know how to think need no teachers".

Report: Activities of the Pastoral Commissions

Held general body at the vicariates of Vencode and Mulagumoodu. Panel discussion was held to prepare first draft of the diocesan synod. Socio-political and editorial teams met.

Dalit

Held career guidance to the XII students at Azhagamandapam at Gram Awareness Centre on 02 May. 26 students attended.

Six vicariates held their general body meeting and discussed on Siddha Medicines. 113 members participated.

Evangelization

Conducted meetings at Thickanamcode, Vettuvanni and Xavierpuram. Members visited 25 families and 10 in-patients.

- Fr. A. Gelastin Gerald,
Director of the Pastoral Commissions.



“Full effort is full victory.”

Condolences!

Condolences to Fr Antony Bhaskhar!

VOK condoles the death of Mr Soosai Raj, the Father of Fr Antony Bhaskhar (Holy Family), who passed away on July 14, 2018!

VOK beseeches the Almighty to grant Eternal Rest to Mr Soosai Raj!

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Condolences to Fr P Augustine!

VOK condoles the death of Mrs Cecily, sister-in-law of Fr P Augustine, who passed away on July 17, 2018!

VOK entrusts Mrs Cecily to the care of the Heavenly Father to enjoy Eternal Bliss!

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Condolences to Fr Antony Jeyakodi!

VOK condoles the death of Mr Jesuraj, brother of Fr Antony Jeyakodi, who passed away on July 19, 2018!

VOK implores the Almighty to grant Eternal Rest to Mr Jesuraj!

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Condolences to Fr A Joseph Raj!

VOK condoles the death of Sr. Loyola Mary OSM, elder of sister of Fr A Joseph Raj, who passed away on July 20, 2018!

VOK prays for the repose of the soul of Sr. Loyola Mary OSM! May she receive her Eternal Reward!



“If you want to change the world, start with yourself”.

Diocesan Chronicles: June 2018

- 02:** Bishop administered the sacrament of confirmation in a Eucharistic celebration in the parish of Idhayapuram (Viricode).
- 03:** Bishop participated in the episcopal consecration of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Paul Antony Mullassery for the diocese of Kollam.
- 04:** Bishop blessed the Bank at Thuckalay.
- 08:** Bishop presided over the feast mass and blessed the new altar at the parish of Manali.
- 12:** Monthly Recollection and General Body were held at Annai Ada. Recollection was animated by Fr V Raphael from TNBCLC, Tindivanam.
- The talk and the adoration of the Blessed of the Sacrament were centred on the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis, “Gaudete et Exsultate” – The Call to Holiness in Today’s World.
- Election for the Senate of Priests was also held.
- 15:** Bishop administered the sacrament of confirmation in a Eucharistic celebration in the parish of Palavilai.
- 16:** Bishop participated in the convocation program at CSI Church, Thirparappu and distributed certificates for the candidates.
- 17:** Bishop celebrated the feast mass and blessed the community Hall at the parish of Kadayal.
- 22:** Bishop celebrated the mass in commemorating the first death anniversary of Fr. Sathiyanesan SAC at Lourdugiri.
- 27:** Bishop presided over the feast mass and blessed the presbytery at the parish of Ambalakkadai.
- 30:** Bishop presided over the mass and blessed the Kurusady at the parish of Panavilai.



“Each night, when I go to sleep, I die. And the next morning, when I wake up, I am reborn”.

DAYS TO REMEMBER IN AUGUST

BIRTH DAYS

- 01 : Fr. Leo Alex A. (1970)
- 02 : Fr. Peter Amal Raj OFM-CAP (1966)
- 06 : Fr. George Clament M. (1987)
- 07 : Fr. Dominic Savio K. MSFS (1988)
- 11 : Fr. Vincent S. (1957)
- 11 : Fr. Antony Jeya S. (1970)
- 11 : Fr. Paul Andrews OCD (1974)
- 12 : Fr. Christu Doss S. OCD (1964)
- 16 : Fr. Arockiam John Samuel SDB (1974)
- 19 : Fr. Lawrence S. P. (1972)
- 25 : Fr. Antony M. Muthu (1958)
- 30 : Fr. Charlas Viju A. (1984)
- 31 : Fr. Robert John Kennedy G. (1974)
- 31 : Fr. Michael Raj HGN (1986)

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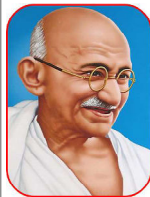
- 09 : Fr. Justin James (2008)



“It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver”.

Engagements of the Bishop: August 2018

Date	Time	Place	Event
01	09.00 am	Chunkankadai	Meeting of Auditors
03	06.30 pm	Pattarivilai	Flag Hoisting & Feast Mass
04	10.00 am	Annai Ada	Priests Day
	05.43 pm	Chunkankadai	Confirmation
06	06.15 am	Padmanabhapuram, Thuckalay	Flag Hoisting & Feast Mass
07	05.00 pm	Puliyoorkurichi	National Charismatic Jericho Prayer
08	09.30 am	Chunkankadai	Meeting of Senate
10	10.00 am	Nagercoil	Sports Meet
	06.30 pm	Arockiapuram	Feast Mass & Flag hoisting
11	04.30 pm	Melpalai	Blessing of Church
14	10.00 am	Vazhuthalampallam	Nanjil CBSE School Day
15	09.30 am	Mathiravillai	Feast Mass
	04.00 pm	Manalikai	Blessing of Church
20	02.30 pm	Bishop's House	Finance Committee Meeting
23	10.30 am	Kuzhivilai	Marriage Mass
24	11.00 am	Vedhanager	Labour Commission
	06.00 pm	Kulasekharam	Flag Hoisting & Feast Mass
28	05.00 pm	Packiyapuram	Feast Mass



“Many people, especially ignorant people, want to punish you for speaking the truth, for being correct, for being you. Never apologize for being correct, or for being years ahead of your time. If you’re right and you know it, speak your mind. Speak your mind. Even if you are a minority of one, the truth is still the truth”.

“Knowledge gained through experience is far superior and many times more useful than bookish knowledge”.