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Ordination day...**



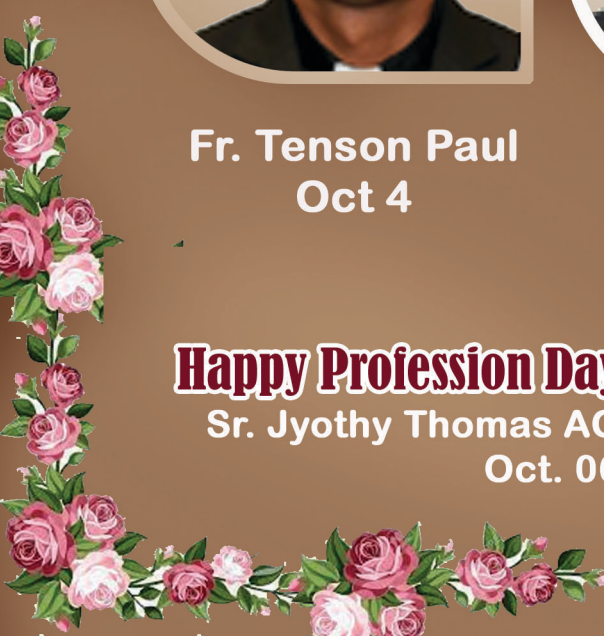
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Oct. 06





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Heartfelt thanks for all the valuable services rendered to the Eparchy of Mississauga.

Wishes the abundant blessings of the Lord for all future endeavors.



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Hearty *Welcome*



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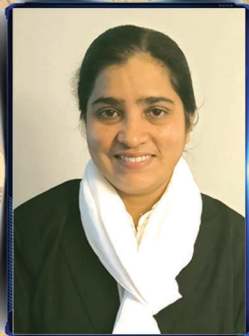
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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE XXXVII WORLD YOUTH DAY 2022-2023

“Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39)

Dear Young People!

The theme of the Panama World Youth Day was, “I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). After that event, we resumed our journey towards a new destination – Lisbon 2023 – with hearts afire with God’s urgent summons to *arise*. In 2020, we meditated on Jesus’s words: “Young man, I say to you, arise!” (Lk 7:14). Last year too, we were inspired by the figure of the Apostle Paul, to whom the Risen Lord said: “Arise! I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen” (cf. Acts 26:16). Along the route we still need to travel before arriving in Lisbon, we will have at our side the Virgin of Nazareth who, immediately after the Annunciation, “arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39). Common to these three themes is the word: “arise!” It is a word that also – let us remember – speaks to us of getting up from our slumber, waking up to the life all around us.

In these troubling times, when our human family, already tested by the trauma of the pandemic, is racked by the tragedy of war, Mary shows to all of us, and especially to you, young people like herself, the path of proximity and encounter. I hope and I firmly believe that the experience many of you will have in Lisbon next August will represent a new beginning for you, the young, and – with you – for humanity as a whole.



Mary Arose

After the Annunciation, Mary could have focused on herself and her own worries and fears about her new condition. Instead, she entrusted herself completely to God. Her thoughts turned to Elizabeth. She got up and went forth, into the world of life and movement. Even though the astonishing message of the angel had caused a seismic shift in her plans, the young Mary did not remain paralyzed, for within her was Jesus, the power of resurrection and new life. Within herself, Mary already bore the Lamb that was slain and yet lives. She arises and sets out, for she is certain that God's plan is the best plan for her life. Mary becomes a temple of God, an image of the pilgrim Church, a Church that goes forth for service, a Church that brings the good news to all!

To experience the presence of the risen Christ in our own lives, to encounter him "alive", is the greatest spiritual joy, an explosion of light that can leave no one untouched. Mary sets out immediately, anxious to bring the news to others, to bear witness to the joy of this encounter. This too is what caused the haste of the first disciples following the resurrection: "[the women] left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples" (*Mt 28:8*).

In the accounts of the resurrection, we often encounter two words: "awake" and "arise". With them, the Lord pushes us to go out towards the light, to let him lead us across the threshold of all of our closed doors. "This image has great meaning for the Church. We too, as disciples of the Lord and the Christian community, are called to get up quickly, to enter into the mystery of the resurrection, and to let the Lord guide us along the paths that he wishes to point out to us" (*Homily for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, 29 June 2022*).

The Mother of the Lord is a model for young people on the move, who refuse to stand in front of a mirror to contemplate



themselves or to get caught up in the “net”. Mary’s focus is always directed outwards. She is the woman of Easter, in a permanent state of exodus, going forth from herself towards that great Other who is God and towards others, her brothers and sisters, especially those in greatest need, like her cousin Elizabeth.

... and went with haste

Saint Ambrose of Milan, in his commentary on the Gospel of Luke, writes that Mary set out in haste towards the hills, “because she rejoiced in the promise and sought to serve others with the enthusiasm born of her joy. Full of God, where else could she have gone if not towards the heights? The grace of the Holy Spirit permits no delay”. Mary’s haste is thus a sign of her desire to serve, to proclaim her joy, to respond without hesitation to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Mary was motivated by the needs of her elderly cousin. She did not hold back, or remain indifferent. She thought more of others than of herself. And this gave enthusiasm and direction to her life. Each of you can ask: “How do I react to the needs that I see all around me? Do I think immediately of some reason not to get involved? Or do I show interest and willingness to help?” To be sure, you cannot resolve all the problems of the world. Yet you can begin with the problems of those closest to you, with the needs of your own community. Someone once told Mother Teresa: “What you are doing is a mere drop in the ocean”. And she replied: “But if I didn’t do it, that ocean would have one drop less”.

When faced with concrete and urgent needs, we need to act quickly. How many people in our world look forward to a visit from someone who is concerned about them! How many of the elderly, the sick, the imprisoned and refugees have need of a look of sympathy, a visit from a brother or sister who scales the walls of indifference!



What kinds of “haste” do you have, dear young people? What leads you to feel a need to get up and go, lest you end up standing still? Many people – in the wake of realities like the pandemic, war, forced migration, poverty, violence and climate disasters – are asking themselves: Why is this happening to me? Why me? And why now? But the real question in life is instead: *for whom* am I living? (cf. *Christus Vivit*, 286).

The haste of the young woman of Nazareth is the haste of those who have received extraordinary gifts from the Lord and feel compelled to share them, to let the immense grace that they have experienced be poured out upon others. It is the haste of those capable of putting other people’s needs above their own. Mary is an example of a young person who wastes no time on seeking attention or the approval of others – as often happens when we depend on our “likes” on social media. She sets out to find the most genuine of all “connections”: the one that comes from encounter, sharing, love and service.

Starting with the Annunciation, when she first set out to visit her cousin, Mary has never stopped bridging time and space to visit those of her sons and daughters who need her loving help. Our own journey, if “inhabited” by God, can lead us straight into the heart of every one of our brothers and sisters. How many testimonies have we heard from people who were “visited” by Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother! In how many far-off places of the earth, in every age – through apparitions and special graces – has Mary visited her people! There is practically no place on earth that she has not visited. The Mother of God moves in the midst of her people by tender and loving care; she makes her own their anxieties and troubles. And wherever there is a shrine, a church or a chapel dedicated to Our Lady, there her children flock in great numbers. Think of all those expressions of popular piety! Pilgrimages, festivities, prayers, the enthronement of images in



houses and so many other acts of devotion are concrete examples of a vital relationship between the Mother of the Lord and her people, who visit one another in turn!

Healthy haste drives us always upwards and towards others

A healthy haste drives us always upwards and towards others. Yet there is also an unhealthy haste, which can drive us to live superficially and to take everything lightly. Without commitment or concern, without investing ourselves in what we do. It is the haste of those who live, study, work and socialize without any real personal investment. This can happen in interpersonal relationships. In families, when we never stop to listen and spend time with others. In friendships, when we expect our friends to keep us entertained and fulfil our needs, but immediately look the other way if we see that they are troubled and need our time and help. Even among couples in love, few have the patience to really get to know and understand each other. We can have the same attitude in school, at work and in other areas of our daily lives. When things are done in haste, they tend not to be fruitful. They risk remaining barren and lifeless. As we read in the book of Proverbs: “the plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want” (21:5).

When Mary arrives at the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth, a marvellous encounter takes place! Elizabeth herself had experienced miraculous intervention from God, who gave her a child in her old age. She would have had every reason to begin by talking about herself, yet she was not “full of herself”, but anxious to welcome her young cousin and the fruit of her womb. As soon as she heard Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Such surprises and outpourings of the Spirit come about when we show true hospitality, when we put others, not ourselves, at the centre. We see this too in the story of Zacchaeus.



In the Gospel of Luke we read that “when Jesus came to the place [where Zacchaeus was], he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today’. So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him” (19:5-6).

Many of us have had the unexpected experience of meeting Jesus and for the first time having a sense of closeness and respect, a lack of prejudice and disapproval, a loving gaze that we never encountered in any other. Not only that. We have also realized that, for Jesus, it was not enough to glimpse us from afar; he wanted to be with us and to share his life with us. The joy of this experience made us hasten to welcome him, to feel the need to be with him and to get to know him better. Elizabeth and Zechariah welcomed Mary and Jesus into their home. Let us learn from these two elderly persons the meaning of hospitality! Ask your parents and grandparents, and the oldest members of your communities, what it meant for them to have welcomed God and others into their lives. You will benefit from hearing the experiences of those who have gone before you.

Dear young people, now is the time to set out in haste towards concrete encounters, towards genuine acceptance of those different from ourselves. This was the case with the young Mary and the elderly Elizabeth. Only thus will we bridge distances – between generations, social classes, ethnic and other groups – and even put an end to wars. Young people always represent the hope for new unity within our fragmented and divided human family. But only if they can preserve memory, only if they can hear the dramas and dreams of the elderly. “It is no coincidence that war is returning to Europe at a time when the generation that experienced it in the last century is dying out” (*Message for the 2022 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*). We need the covenant between young and old, lest we forget the lessons of history; we need to overcome all the forms of polarization and extremism present in today’s world.



Saint Paul, writing to the Ephesians, announced that, “now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us” (2:13-14). Jesus is God’s response to the challenges facing humanity in every age. Mary carries that response within her when she goes to visit Elizabeth. The greatest gift that Mary brings to her elderly kinswoman is that of Jesus himself. Certainly, the concrete assistance she offered was most valuable. Yet nothing could have filled the house of Zechariah with such great joy and satisfaction as the presence of Jesus in the womb of the Virgin, now a tabernacle of the living God. In that mountain village, Jesus, by his mere presence and without uttering a word, preached his first “Sermon on the Mount”. He silently proclaimed the beatitude of the poor and the meek who trust in God’s mercy.

My message for you, dear young people, the great message entrusted to the Church, is Jesus! Yes, Jesus himself, in his infinite love for each of us, his salvation and the new life he has bestowed upon us. Mary is our model; she shows us how to welcome this immense gift into our lives, to share it with others, and thus to bring Christ, his compassionate love and his generous service to our deeply wounded humanity.

All together to Lisbon!

Mary was a young woman, like many of you. She was one of us. An Italian Bishop, Don Tonino Bello, addressed this prayer to her: “Holy Mary..., we know very well that you were destined to sail the ocean deep. If we beg you to hug the coast, it is not because we want to hold you back, but because, seeing your closeness to the shores of our discouragement, we come to see that we too are called to venture out, as you did, upon the high seas of freedom” (*Maria, donna dei nostri giorni*, Cinisello Balsamo, 2012, 12-13).

It was from Portugal, as I mentioned in the first Message of this trilogy, that in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries great numbers



of young people – including many missionaries – set out for worlds unknown, not least to share their experience of Jesus with other peoples and nations (cf. *Message for the 2020 World Youth Day*). To that land, at the dawn of the twentieth century, Mary chose to make a special visit. From Fatima, she addressed to people of all ages the powerful and magnificent message of God’s love, which summons us to conversion and to true freedom. Once more, I invite each of you to take part in the great intercontinental pilgrimage of young people that will culminate in the celebration of World Youth Day in Lisbon next August. I also want to remind you that next 20 November, the Solemnity of Christ the King, we will celebrate World Youth Day in local Churches throughout the world. In this regard, the recent document of the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life – *Pastoral Guidelines for the Celebration of World Youth Day in the Particular Churches* – can be of great help to all those engaged in the pastoral care of young people.

Dear young people, it is my dream that at World Youth Day you will be able to experience anew the joy of encountering God and our brothers and sisters. After a long period of social distancing and isolation, we will all rediscover in Lisbon – with God’s help – the joy of a fraternal embrace between peoples and generations, an embrace of reconciliation and peace, an embrace of new missionary fraternity! May the Holy Spirit kindle in your hearts a desire to “arise” and the joy of journeying together, in synodal fashion, leaving behind all false frontiers. Now is the time to arise! Like Mary, let us “arise and go in haste”. Let us carry Jesus within our hearts, and bring him to all those whom we meet! In this beautiful season of your lives, press ahead and do not postpone all the good that the Holy Spirit can accomplish in you! With affection, I bless your dreams and every step of your journey.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 15 August 2022,

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Franciscus





BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

OCTOBER 2022

Date	Time	Program
1	10.00 am	Installation of Bishop Joy Alappattu
2	09.30 pm	Online Sent Off Meeting to Fr Martin SDB
3-5		ACBO Fall Plenary Assembly
6	11.30 am 07.00 pm	Curia Meeting Holy Qurbana at AO Scarborough
8	10.30 am 06.00 pm	Inauguration of PAC and Angels Meet Solemn Holy Communion at Cathedral
9	04.00 pm	Solemn Holy Communion at Barrie
11-14		Annual Retreat for Priests and Sisters
14-16		SMYM North American Summit- Connect 2022
19	11.30 am	Curia Meeting
20		Flight to Saskatoon
21-22		North Battleford and Llyod Minister
23	09.00 am 04.00 pm	Holy Qurbana at Christ the King Saskatoon Holy Qurbana and Parish Feast at St John Paul II Parish Regina
23-26		Pastoral Visit at Regina and other Mission Centers
26		Curia Meeting
27-30		Pastoral Visit at St Jude Parish, Winnipeg
28	07.00 PM	Holy Qurbana at St Jude Parish Winnipeg
29	11.00 am 04.00 pm	Holy Qurbana at St Jude Parish Winnipeg Meeting at Portage La Priori
30	04.30 pm	Pontifical Holy Qurbana, Parish Feast at St Jude Parish Winnipeg
31		Flight to Toronto



CURIA NEWS

Annual Retreat 2022

Annual retreat for priests and sisters for the year 2022 will be held on October 11- 14 at The Valley of the Mother of God Christian retreat center, 7th Line EHS Mono, ON. His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tharayil will be the retreat preacher. Let's remember all our priests and sisters in our prayers. There will not be monthly recollection in the month of October.

Eparchial Day Elebration

The 7th Anniversary of the Eparchy and Eparchial Day celebrations were held at St Mother Teresa Syro- Malabar Parish, Ottawa. Thank you all for making the momentum amazing and memorable.

ABA 2022

Annual Bishop's Appeal 2022 will be held from September 18 to October 30. Each parish can make an appropriate day for common collection and the ABA amount shall be send to the Eparchial office by the middle of the November.

Thanks

Rev. Fr. Martin Augustine SDB, Rev. Sr. Mary AO, Rev. Sr. Celine Rose CMC, and Rev. Sr. Jesline CMC are concluding their services in the Eparchy of Mississauga and returning to the duties, their congregations have assigned to them back to India. The Eparchy gratefully acknowledges all the services, they rendered to the Eparchy in various capacities. Prayerful wishes to them for their future assignments.

Hearty Welcome

Hearty welcome to Rev. Fr. John Paleethottathil SDB, Rev. Fr. Aji Devasia, Rev. Fr. Joyal Joseph, Rev. Sr. Rose Christy CMC, Rev. Sr. Maria Josy CMC, Rev. Sr. Cini CMC and Rev. Sr. Jisa Koottiyanickal AO to the Eparchial family. Prayerful wishes to them for a fruitful ministry ahead.

Relieving and Appointments

Rev. Fr. Martin Augustine SDB is relieved from the office of the Pastor of Christ the King Syro- Malabar parish, Saskatoon, w. e. f. September 17, 2022, and Rev. Fr. John Paleethottathil SDB is appointed to be the new Pastor of Christ the King Syro-Malabar parish, Saskatoon, w. e. f. September 18, 2022; Rev. Fr. Tenson Paul is relieved from the office of the Associate Pastor of St. Alphonsa Syro- Malabar Catholic Cathedral, Mississauga, w. e. f. September 30, 2022, and Rev. Fr. Joyal Joseph is appointed to be the new associate pastor of cathedral church, w. e. f. October 1, 2022.

World Mission Sunday

This year, the world mission Sunday falls on October 23, 2022. Let's pray for all the missionary activities in the Church. Special collection taken from the parishes on this day is to be sent to the Eparchial Finance office before November 15, 2022.



അരുപിയിലുള്ള ജീവിതം ജീവിതം

(തിരുവചനഭാഗം : റോമാ 8,1 -39)



മാമ്മോദീസായിൽ ആരംഭിക്കുന്ന ക്രൈസ്തവജീവിതം അരുപിയിലുള്ള ജീവിതമാണെന്ന് ഈ വചനഭാഗം വ്യക്തമാക്കുന്നു. ഈ ഭാഗത്തെ അഞ്ചായി വിഭജിക്കാം.

1. അരുപിയാൽ പ്രചോദിപ്പിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ജീവിതം (8,1-11)
2. ദൈവപുത്രർക്കടുത്ത ജീവിതം (8,12-17)
3. സ്വർഗീയമഹത്ത്വം പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്ന ജീവിതം (8,18-25)
4. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ രക്ഷാകരപദ്ധതി പ്രകാരമുള്ള ജീവിതം (8,26-30)
5. ഈ പദ്ധതിയുടെ പിന്നിലുള്ള ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹം (8,31-39)

1. അരുപിയാൽ പ്രചോദിപ്പിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ജീവിതം

“ശരീരത്താൽ ബലഹീനമാക്കപ്പെട്ട നിയമത്തിന് അസാധ്യമായത് ദൈവം ചെയ്തു. അവിടുന്ന് തന്റെ പുത്രനെ പാപപരിഹാരത്തിനുവേണ്ടി പാപകരമായ ശരീരത്തിന്റെ സാദൃശ്യത്തിൽ അയച്ചുകൊണ്ട് പാപത്തിനു ശരീരത്തിൽ ശിക്ഷ വിധിച്ചു. ഇത് ശരീരത്തിന്റെ പ്രവണതകൾക്കനുസരിച്ചു ജീവിക്കാതെ, ആത്മാവിന്റെ പ്രചോദനമനുസരിച്ചു ജീവിക്കുന്ന നമ്മിൽ നിയമത്തിന്റെ അനുശാസനം സഫലമാകുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടിയാണ്. എന്തെന്നാൽ, ജഡികമായി ജീവിക്കുന്നവർ ജഡികകാര്യങ്ങളിൽ മനസ്സുവയ്ക്കുന്നു. ആത്മീയമായി ജീവിക്കുന്നവരാകട്ടെ, ആത്മീയകാര്യങ്ങളിൽ മനസ്സുവയ്ക്കുന്നു” (8,3-5).

മാമ്മോദീസാ സ്വീകരിച്ചവരുടെ പുതിയ ജീവിതവും പഴയ ജീവിതവും തമ്മിലുള്ള വ്യത്യാസമാണ് ഈ ഭാഗത്ത് പൗലോസ്സ്റ്റീഹാ വ്യക്തമാക്കുന്നത്. ഈശോയോട് ഐക്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നവർക്കു ശിക്ഷാവിധിയില്ല എന്ന പ്രസ്താവനയോടെയാണ് പൗലോസ്സ്റ്റീഹാ ഈ ഭാഗം ആരംഭിക്കുന്നത്. മാമ്മോദീസാ സ്വീകരിച്ചതിനു ശേഷമുള്ള അവസ്ഥയാണ് ഇപ്രകാരം വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കപ്പെടുന്നത്. മാമ്മോദീസാ സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നതിനുമുമ്പുള്ള അവസ്ഥ ഇതാ



യിരുന്നില്ല. ഈശോമിശിഹായുടെ സമ്പൂർണ്ണ അനുസരണം ആദത്തിന്റെ അനുസരണക്കേടിന്റെ ദുഷ്ഫലങ്ങൾ മാറ്റിക്കളഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. പാപികളുടെ ഭാഗധേയമായ മരണം മിശിഹാ ഏറ്റെടുക്കുകയും മാമ്മോദീസായിൽ വിശ്വാസി പാപത്തിനു മരിക്കുകയും ഉയിർക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടും ശിക്ഷാവിധിയുടെ ഭാരം അവർക്കില്ല. ഇപ്പോൾ അവർ കൃപയുടെ കീഴിലാണ്.

ശിക്ഷാവിധി ഇല്ലാതായത് എങ്ങനെയാണ്? ഈശോമിശിഹായിലുള്ള ജീവന്റെ ആത്മാവിന്റെ നിയമമാണ് വ്യക്തിയെ പാപത്തിന്റെയും മരണത്തിന്റെയും നിയമത്തിൽനിന്നു സ്വതന്ത്രനാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നത്. ജീവന്റെ ആത്മാവ് എന്നത് ഒരു പ്രാദേശികപ്രയോഗമാണ് (എസെ 37,5-6). ദൈവജനത്തിനു നവജീവൻ നൽകുകയും ദൈവത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള അറിവിൽ വളർത്തുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന ദൈവാത്മാവുതന്നെയാണ്. ദൈവാത്മാവിനെ മിശിഹായുമായി പൗലോസ് താരതമ്യപ്പെടുത്തുന്നുണ്ട് (1 കൊറി 15,45; 2 കൊറി 3,17). ദൈവാത്മാവ് മിശിഹായുടെ ആത്മാവായിട്ടാണല്ലോ വി. യോഹന്നാന്റെ സുവിശേഷത്തിൽ അവതരിപ്പിക്കപ്പെടുന്നത് (യോഹ 20,22). മിശിഹായുടെ ജീവിതം ദൈവഹിതം അനുനിമിഷം നിറവേറ്റുന്ന ജീവിതമായിരുന്നു (യോഹ 4,34). മരണത്തോളം അനുസരണജീവിതം നയിച്ചവൻ എന്നു പൗലോസ് സ്ത്രീഹാ മിശിഹായെ വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട് (ഫിലി 2,8-9). അതുകൊണ്ട് മിശിഹായെപ്പോലെ അനുസരണജീവിതം നയിക്കുന്നവരാണ് മിശിഹായുടെ അരുപിയാൽ പ്രചോദിപ്പിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ജീവിതം നയിക്കുന്നത്. ഇപ്രകാരം അരുപിയിലുള്ള ജീവിതം നയിക്കുവാൻ അജപാലകർ സമൂഹത്തിനു നേതൃത്വം നൽകണം.

2. ദൈവപുത്രർക്കടുത്ത ജീവിതം

“ദൈവാത്മാവിനാൽ നയിക്കപ്പെടുന്നവരെല്ലാം ദൈവത്തിന്റെ പുത്രന്മാരാണ്. നിങ്ങളെ വീണ്ടും ഭയത്തിലേക്കു നയിക്കുന്ന അടിമത്തത്തിന്റെ ആത്മാവിനെയല്ല, മറിച്ച്, പുത്രസ്വീകാരത്തിന്റെ ആത്മാവിനെയാണു നിങ്ങൾ കൈക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്. ഈ ആത്മാവു മൂലമാണു നാം ആബ്രാ-പിതാവേ- എന്നു വിളിക്കുന്നത്. നാം ദൈവത്തിന്റെ മക്കളാണെന്ന് ഈ ആത്മാവു നമ്മുടെ ആത്മാവിനോട് ചേർന്ന് സാക്ഷ്യം നൽകുന്നു” (8,14-16).

ക്രൈസ്തവർക്കു ആത്മവിശ്വാസത്തിനും ശുഭപ്രതീക്ഷയ്ക്കും സാധ്യതയുണ്ട്. കാരണം, അവർക്കു ദൈവാത്മാവിന്റെ സാന്നിധ്യം ലഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. ആ ആത്മാവിനാൽ നയിക്കപ്പെടാൻ അവർ സ്വയം വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കണം എന്നുമാത്രം. അങ്ങനെ നയിക്കപ്പെടുന്നവരെല്ലാം ദൈവത്തിന്റെ മക്കളാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ ആത്മീയസമരത്തെപ്പറ്റി അവർക്കു ഭയാശങ്കകൾ വേണ്ടാ.



ആത്മാവായിരിക്കും അവരെ നയിക്കുന്നത്. ഒരേ ആത്മാവിനാൽ നയിക്കപ്പെടുന്നവരുടെ കൂട്ടായ്മയാണ് സഭ. ദൈവവുമായി പുത്രസഹജവും ഇതര ക്രൈസ്തവവുമായി സാഹോദരതയുടേതുമായ ബന്ധത്തിലേക്കു നയിക്കുന്ന ദൈവാത്മാവാണ് അത്. ഈശോയുടെ പുത്രത്വത്തോടു താരതമ്യം ചെയ്യാവുന്ന പുത്രസ്ഥാനമാണ് ക്രൈസ്തവർക്കും കൈവരുക. അതുകൊണ്ട് പിതാവായ ദൈവത്തെ ഈശോ വിളിക്കുന്നതുപോലെ ആബ്രാ-പിതാവേ എന്നു വിളിക്കാൻ അവർക്കും കഴിയും. അതുകൊണ്ട് സഭ, ഒരു മതമെന്നതിനേക്കാൾ ഒരു കുടുംബമാണ്. ദൈവവുമായി പിതൃപുത്രബന്ധത്തിലും പരസ്പരം സഹോദരങ്ങളുമായി ജീവിക്കുന്ന, കുടുംബാരൂപിയിലുള്ള സമൂഹമായി സഭയെ കെട്ടിപ്പടുക്കുവാൻ എല്ലാവരും പരിശ്രമിക്കണം.

വിശ്വാസികൾ ദൈവമക്കളാണ് എന്നതിന്റെ അവശ്യഫലമാണ് അവർ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ അവകാശികളുമാണ് എന്നത്. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ അവകാശികളും ഏകദൈവപുത്രനായ മിശിഹായോടൊപ്പം കൂട്ടവകാശികളും. ദൈവമക്കൾ അനുഭവിക്കാനിരിക്കുന്ന ഭാവിമഹത്വത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് പൗലോസ്സ്തീഹാ ഗലാത്തിയലേഖനത്തിൽ തന്നെ എഴുതിയിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്: “നിങ്ങൾ മിശിഹായ്ക്കുള്ളവരാണെങ്കിൽ അബ്രാഹത്തിന്റെ സന്തതികളാണ്; വാഗ്ദാനമനുസരിച്ചുള്ള അവകാശികളുമാണ്” (ഗലാ 3,29). അവിടുത്തെ സഹനങ്ങളിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ പങ്കുപറ്റുന്നവർ അവിടുത്തെ മഹത്വത്തിലും പങ്കുപറ്റും. മാമ്മോദീസാ സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നവർ മിശിഹായുടെ ഭാഗധേയത്തിൽ സഹകാരികളാകുമെന്നു പൗലോസ്സ്തീഹാ മൂന്നു തന്നെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട് (ഗലാ 6,4-6). ഈശോയുടെ ദൈവപുത്രസ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ അവിഭാജ്യ ഘടകമായിരുന്നു സഹനം. അതിന്റെ തുടർച്ചയും ഫലവുമായിരുന്നു അവിടുത്തെ മഹത്വീകരണം. ഈ സഹന, മഹത്വീകരണങ്ങളിലൂടെ വിശ്വാസികളും കടന്നുപോകണം. ഈ യാഥാർത്ഥ്യം ജനങ്ങളെ ബോധ്യപ്പെടുത്താൻ അജപാലകർ പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

3. സ്വർഗീയമഹത്വം പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്ന ജീവിതം

“നമുക്കു വെളിപ്പെടാനിരിക്കുന്ന മഹത്വത്തോടു തുലനം ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ ഇന്നത്തെ കഷ്ടതകൾ നിസ്സാരമാണെന്നു ഞാൻ കരുതുന്നു. സൃഷ്ടപ്രപഞ്ചം ദൈവമക്കളുടെ വെളിപ്പെടുത്തലിനെ ആകാംക്ഷയോടെ കാത്തിരിക്കുന്നു. അതു വ്യർഥതയ്ക്ക് അടിമപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു; സ്വന്തം ഇഷ്ടത്താലല്ല, പ്രത്യാശകൊടുത്ത് അതിനെ അധീനമാക്കിയവന്റെ അഭീഷ്ടപ്രകാരം. സൃഷ്ടി ജീർണതയുടെ അടിമത്തത്തിൽനിന്നു മോചിതമാവുകയും ദൈവമക്കളുടെ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം പ്രാപിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും. സമസ്ത സൃഷ്ടികളും ഒന്നുചേർന്ന് ഇതുവരെയും ഈറ്റുനോവനുഭവി



ക്കുകയും നെടുവീർപ്പിടുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു എന്നു നമുക്കറിയാം. സൃഷ്ടി മാത്രമല്ല, ആത്മാവിന്റെ ആദ്യഫലം ലഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന നാമും നമ്മുടെ ശരീരങ്ങളുടെ വീണ്ടെടുപ്പാകുന്ന പുത്രത്വലബ്ധി പ്രതീക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ആന്തരികമായി വിലപിക്കുന്നു” (8,18-23).

ഇപ്പോൾ സഹനമനുഭവിക്കുന്ന ക്രൈസ്തവർ പിന്നീട് മിശിഹായോടൊപ്പം മഹത്തീകരിക്കപ്പെടുമെന്നുള്ള പ്രത്യാശ ക്രിസ്തീയജീവിതത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനസ്വഭാവമാണ്. ഈ പ്രതീക്ഷയ്ക്കുള്ള ഉറപ്പ് ക്രൂശിതനും ഉത്ഥിതനുമായ ഈശോമിശിഹാതന്നെയാണ്: “നമ്മുടെ പൗരത്വം സ്വർഗത്തിലാണ്, അവിടെനിന്ന് ഒരു രക്ഷകനെ, കർത്താവായ ഈശോമിശിഹായെ നാം കാത്തിരിക്കുന്നു. സകലത്തെയും തനിക്കു കീഴ്പ്പെടുത്താൻ കഴിയുന്ന ശക്തിവഴി അവൻ നമ്മുടെ ദുർബലശരീരത്തെ തന്റെ മഹത്വമുള്ള ശരീരംപോലെ രൂപാന്തരപ്പെടുത്തും” (ഫിലി 3,20-21). അവിടുത്തെ ആത്മാവിന്റെ സാന്നിദ്ധ്യമാണ് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ സഹനങ്ങളെ ശാന്തമായി നേരിടാൻ നമുക്കു കഴിവു നൽകുന്നത്. ഈശോയുടെ പീഡാനുഭവത്തിലും മരണത്തിലും ഉത്ഥാനത്തിലും പ്രവർത്തിച്ച അരുപിതന്നെയാണ് നമ്മിലും പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നത്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഈശോയിൽ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നവരായ നമ്മിലും ഈശോയുടെ ജീവിതത്തിനു തുല്യമായ ജീവിതം നയിക്കുവാൻ ഈശോയുടെ അരുപി സഹായിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കും.

ക്രൈസ്തവർ മാത്രമല്ല സ്രഷ്ടപ്രപഞ്ചം മുഴുവൻ ദൈവമക്കളുടെ വെളിപ്പെടുത്തൽ കാത്തിരിക്കുകയാണ്. ഈ യുഗാന്ത്യയാഥാർത്ഥ്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഈശോ തന്നെ പഠിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട് (ലൂക്കാ 12,32; 22,28-30). അത് ദൈവഹിതപ്രകാരമാണ് സംഭവിച്ചത്. ആദത്തിന്റെ പാപഫലമായി പ്രപഞ്ചത്തിനു വന്നുഭവിച്ച പതനമാണ് ഇവിടെ സൂചിപ്പിക്കപ്പെടുന്നത്. എന്നാലിത് നിത്യമായ ഒരു വീഴ്ചയായി നിലനില്ക്കുകയില്ല. പുതിയ ആദമായ മിശിഹാ ആദത്തിന്റെ അനുസരണക്കേടിന്റെ ദുഷ്ഫലങ്ങളെ ഇല്ലായ്മചെയ്തുകൊണ്ട് ലോകത്തെ രക്ഷിക്കും (റോമാ 5,25-27). അങ്ങനെ സമസ്തസൃഷ്ടികളും പാപഫലമായി വന്നുഭവിച്ച ജീർണ്ണതയിൽനിന്നു സ്വതന്ത്രമാവുകയും ദൈവമക്കളുടെ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം പ്രാപിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും. വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നവരെല്ലാം ഈ പ്രത്യാശയിൽ ജീവിക്കാൻ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം. അപ്രകാരം പ്രത്യാശയുള്ള സമൂഹമായി ഇടവകാസമൂഹത്തെ വളർത്തുവാൻ അജപാലകർ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

4. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ രക്ഷാപദ്ധതി പ്രകാരമുള്ള ജീവിതം

“ദൈവത്തെ സ്നേഹിക്കുന്നവർക്ക്, അവിടുത്തെ പദ്ധതിയനുസരിച്ചു വിളിക്കപ്പെട്ടവർക്ക്, അവിടുന്നു സകലവും നന്മയ്ക്കായി പരിണമിപ്പിക്കുന്നുവെന്നു നമുക്കു



റിയമല്ലോ. അവിടുന്ന് മുൻകൂട്ടി അറിഞ്ഞവരെ തന്റെ പുത്രന്റെ സാദൃശ്യത്തോട് അനുരൂപരാക്കാൻ മുൻകൂട്ടി നിശ്ചയിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. ഇതു തന്റെ പുത്രൻ അനേകം സഹോദരരിൽ ആദ്യജാതനാകുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടിയാണ്. താൻമുൻകൂട്ടി നിശ്ചയിച്ചവരെ അവിടുന്ന് വിളിച്ചു; വിളിച്ചവരെ നീതീകരിച്ചു; നീതീകരിച്ചവരെ മഹത്താപ്പെടുത്തി” (8,28-30).

വിശ്വാസിയെ ഈ ലോകത്തിൽ ശക്തിപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന ഏറ്റവും വലിയ കാര്യം അരുപിയുടെ അവരിലുള്ള സാന്നിധ്യമാണ്. ലോകത്തിൽ നേരിടുന്ന നിരവധി പ്രശ്നങ്ങളുടെ നടുവിൽ അരുപിയാണ് അവരുടെ സഹായത്തിനുള്ളത്. ഉത്ഥിതനായ ഈശോ ഇന്ന് ജീവദായകനായ അരുപിയായി സഭയിൽ സന്നിഹിതനാണ്. പ്രാർത്ഥനയിലൂടെയാണ് ഈശോയിലൂടെയുള്ള അരുപിയുടെ സഹായം അവർക്ക് അനുഭവവേദ്യമാകേണ്ടത്. പക്ഷേ, പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കേണ്ടതെങ്ങനെയെന്ന് നമുക്കറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. അതുകൊണ്ട് നാം ഈശോയോടു ചേർന്നുനിന്നു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കണം. ഈശോ നമുക്കു വേണ്ടി പിതാവിന്റെ സന്നിധിയിൽ നിരന്തരം മാധ്യസ്ഥ്യംവഹിക്കുന്നവനാണ്: “പിതാവിന്റെ സന്നിധിയിൽ നമുക്ക് ഒരു മാധ്യസ്ഥനാണ്. നീതിമാനായ ഈശോമിശിഹാ” (1 യോഹ 2,1). മഹത്തീകൃതനായ ഈശോ സഭയിൽ സന്നിഹിതനായതുകൊണ്ട്, സഭയോടുചേർന്നു പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഈശോയോടു ചേർന്നുള്ള ഈ പ്രാർത്ഥന നിർവഹിക്കേണ്ടത്. സഭയുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളിൽ നാം പങ്കുചേരുകയും അവയിൽനിന്നും പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കേണ്ടതെങ്ങനെയെന്ന് പഠിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണം. സഭയുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനകൾ ചൊല്ലുവാൻ അജപാലകർ വിശ്വാസികളെ അഭ്യസിപ്പിക്കണം.

പ്രാർത്ഥനയിൽ ഈശോമിശിഹായുടെ അരുപിയിലുള്ള സഹായം വിവരിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി ഈശോമിശിഹായിലൂടെ ദൈവം നമ്മിൽ പൂർത്തിയാക്കുന്ന രക്ഷാപദ്ധതി മുഴുവൻ ഇവിടെ പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നു (8,29-30). അഞ്ചു ഘട്ടങ്ങളായിട്ടാണ് ദൈവം നമ്മിലോരോരുത്തരിലും ഈ പദ്ധതി പൂർത്തിയാക്കുന്നത്: 1. മുൻകൂട്ടി അറിഞ്ഞു; 2. നിശ്ചയിച്ചു; 3. വിളിച്ചു; 4. നീതീകരിച്ചു; 5. മഹത്താപ്പെടുത്തി. ഓരോ മനുഷ്യരുടെയും ജീവിതത്തിൽ ദൈവം പൂർത്തിയാക്കുന്ന രക്ഷാപദ്ധതിയുടെ അഞ്ചു ഘട്ടങ്ങളാണിവ. 1. നമ്മെ ഓരോരുത്തരെയും അവിടുന്ന് മുൻകൂട്ടി അറിഞ്ഞു. അതായത്, നാം ജനിക്കുന്നതിനുമുമ്പേ നമ്മെ അവിടുന്ന് അറിയുകയും സ്നേഹിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. 2. നാം ദൈവപുത്രനായ മിശിഹായുടെ സാദൃശ്യത്തോട് അനുരൂപരാകണമെന്നു മുൻകൂട്ടി നിശ്ചയിച്ചു. അതായത്, നാം ദൈവപുത്രന്മാരും പുത്രിമാരുമായിത്തീരണം. 3. നമ്മെ അവിടുന്ന് അസ്തിത്വത്തിലേക്കു വിളിച്ചു. നമുക്കു ജന്മം നൽകി. 4. നമ്മെ മാമ്മോദീസായിലൂടെ നീതീകരിച്ചു അഥവാ വിശുദ്ധീകരിച്ചു. 5. നമ്മെ തന്റെ മഹത്താത്തിലേക്കു പ്രവേശിപ്പിച്ചു. ജീവിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നവരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഇത് സംഭവിക്കാനിരിക്കുന്നതേയുള്ളൂ. ഈ ദൈവികപദ്ധതിയെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള അവബോധത്തോടെ ജീവിക്കാൻ അജപാലകർ വിശ്വാസികളെ ബോധവൽക്കരിക്കണം.



5. ഈ പദ്ധതിയുടെ പിന്നിലുള്ള ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹം

“മിശിഹായുടെ സ്നേഹത്തിൽനിന്ന് ആരു നമ്മെ വേർപെടുത്തും? ക്ലേശമോ ദുരിതമോ പീഡനമോ പട്ടിണിയോ നഗ്നതയോ ആപത്തോ വാളോ? ഇങ്ങനെ എഴുതപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു: നിന്നെപ്രതി ഞങ്ങൾ ദിവസം മുഴുവൻ വധിക്കപ്പെടുന്നു; കൊലയ്ക്കുള്ള ആടുകളെപ്പോലെ കരുതപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. നമ്മെ സ്നേഹിച്ചവൻ മുഖാന്തിരം ഇവയിലെല്ലാം നാം പൂർണ്ണവിജയം വരിക്കുന്നു. എന്തെന്നാൽ, മരണത്തിനോ ജീവനോ ദൂതൻമാർക്കോ അധികാരങ്ങൾക്കോ ഇക്കാലത്തുള്ളവയ്ക്കോ വരാനിരിക്കുന്നവയ്ക്കോ ശക്തികൾക്കോ ഉയരത്തിനോ ആഴത്തിനോ മറ്റേതെങ്കിലും സൃഷ്ടിക്കോ നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവായ ഈശോമിശിഹായിലുള്ള ദൈവസ്നേഹത്തിൽനിന്നു നമ്മെ വേർപെടുത്താൻ കഴിയുകയില്ലെന്ന് എനിക്ക് ഉറപ്പുണ്ട്” (8,35-39).

രക്ഷാപദ്ധതിയെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചതിനുശേഷം, അതിന്റെ പിന്നിലുള്ള ദൈവസ്നേഹപരമ്യത്തെക്കുറിച്ചാണ് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ പറയുന്നത്. പാപംമൂലം ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ശത്രുക്കളായിത്തീർന്ന മനുഷ്യവർഗത്തെ, സ്വയം മുൻകൈയെടുത്ത് രക്ഷിക്കുന്ന ദൈവത്തിന്റെ അചഞ്ചലമായ സ്നേഹത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള ഒരു ധ്യാനമാണിത്. വിശ്വാസികൾക്ക് വിശുദ്ധീകരണം ലഭിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി ജീവിതം സമർപ്പിച്ച ഈശോമിശിഹായുടെ സ്നേഹത്തിൽനിന്നും അവരെ വേർപെടുത്താൻ ആർക്കും സാധിക്കുകയില്ല. പാപികൾക്കുവേണ്ടി പിതാവിന്റെ തിരുഹിതം നിറവേറ്റിയവനാണ് അവിടുന്ന് (ഗലാ 1,4; 2,20). ക്ലേശമോ ദുരിതമോ പട്ടിണിയോ പീഡനമോ നഗ്നതയോ ആപത്തോ വാളോ ഒന്നും ആ മിശിഹായെ സ്നേഹിക്കുന്നതിൽനിന്ന് വിശ്വാസിയെ പിന്തിരിപ്പിക്കുകയില്ല. മിശിഹായ്ക്കു സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കുമ്പോൾ നേരിടേണ്ടിവരുന്ന ഈ പ്രശ്നങ്ങൾ അവരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു നിസ്സാരമായിരിക്കും.

യാതൊരു ശക്തിക്കും വിശ്വാസിയെ മിശിഹായിൽനിന്നും വേർപെടുത്താനാവില്ലെന്ന് പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഈ അദ്ധ്യായം പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ സമാപിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. മരണത്തിനോ ജീവനോ ദൂതന്മാർക്കോ അധികാരങ്ങൾക്കോ ഇക്കാലത്തുള്ളവയ്ക്കോ വരാനിരിക്കുന്നവയ്ക്കോ ശക്തികൾക്കോ ഒന്നും അതു സാധ്യമല്ല. അഭൗമികശക്തികളോ അധികാരകേന്ദ്രങ്ങളോ ഒന്നും അതിനു പ്രാപ്തമല്ല. പത്തു വ്യത്യസ്ത സാധ്യതകളാണ് ഇവിടെ ശ്ലീഹാ എടുത്തുകാണിക്കുന്നത്. ലോകത്തിലും മുകളിലും താഴെയുമുള്ള പത്തെണ്ണം. മരണമാണ് ദൈവത്തിന്റെ പ്രഖ്യാപിത ശത്രു (1 കൊറി 15,26.54-55). മിശിഹായിൽനിന്നു വിഘടിതമായ ജീവിതവും ഒരു പ്രലോഭനംതന്നെ. പാപം ചെയ്ത മാലാഖമാർ (ഉൽപ 6,1-4) തിന്മയുടെ ദൂതന്മാരാണ്. അധികാരം എന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ഇവിടെ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നത് സാത്താന്റെ കുടിലതന്ത്രങ്ങളാണ്.



ഉയരത്തിനോ ആഴത്തിനോ മറ്റ് ഏതെങ്കിലും ശത്രുവിനോ എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു കൊണ്ട് പത്തു ശത്രുക്കളുടെ സംഖ്യ പൂർണ്ണമാക്കുന്നു. സകല ദൈവവിരുദ്ധ ശത്രുക്കളും ഒന്നിച്ചുനിന്നു പൊരുതിയാലും എന്നാണ് ഇതിന്റെ അർത്ഥം. അവയ്ക്കൊന്നിനും വിശ്വാസിയെ ദൈവസ്നേഹത്തിൽനിന്നു പിന്തിരിപ്പിക്കാൻ കഴിയുകയില്ല. ഇപ്രകാരമുള്ള ഒരു സ്നേഹത്തിൽ വിശ്വാസികളെ വളർത്താനാണ് അജപാലകർ ശ്രമിക്കേണ്ടത്.

ജീവിതസൂചിക

1. അരുപിയാൽ നയിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ജീവിതം നയിക്കാൻ ഞാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ? അപ്രകാരം വിശ്വാസികളെ പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
2. സഭ ദൈവമക്കളുടെ കുടുംബമാണെന്ന ബോധ്യം നൽകാനും, കുടുംബാരൂപിയിൽ ജീവിക്കാൻ ജനങ്ങളെ പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കാനും ഞാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
3. സ്വർഗീയ മഹത്വത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള പ്രത്യാശയിൽ ജീവിക്കാനും ആ പ്രത്യാശയിൽ വിശ്വാസികളെ വളർത്താനും ഞാൻ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?
4. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ രക്ഷാപദ്ധതിയെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള വ്യക്തമായ ഒരു കാഴ്ചപ്പാട് വിശ്വാസികൾക്ക് നൽകുവാൻ ഞാൻ എങ്ങനെ പരിശ്രമിക്കുന്നു?
5. ഒരു ശക്തിക്കും വേർപെടുത്താനാവാത്തവിധം മിശിഹായിലൂടെയുള്ള ദൈവസ്നേഹത്തിൽ ഞാൻ വളർന്നിട്ടുണ്ടോ? മറ്റുള്ളവരെ വളർത്തുന്നുണ്ടോ?



NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF CATECHESIS

Inauguration of the Catechetical Academic Year 2022-2023

The official inauguration of the Catechetical Academic Year 2022-2023 was conducted on September 11, 2022, at St. Joseph Syro Malabar Catholic Parish, Montreal. Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil, Director, Department of Catechesis, Eparchy of Mississauga was the chief guest and Celebrant of the Holy Qurbana.

Catechism classes are conducted as regular in-person classes in all Parishes and Mission Centers across Canada.



New Catechist's Orientation Seminar

The Department of Catechesis, Eparchy of Mississauga, has coordinated an Orientation Seminar at three Forane levels (Edmonton, Mississauga, and Scarborough) for all new Catechists and Youth Associates. Rev Dr. Jacob Vennayappillil, Director of Catechesis- Archdiocese of Thalassery will be the re- source person.

Seminar Schedule:

October 08, 2022	Seminar for New Catechists of Mississauga Forane (10:30 am-01:00 pm EST)
October 22, 2022	Seminar for New Catechists of Edmonton Forane (10:30 am-01:00 pm MDT)
October 29, 2022	Seminar for New Catechists of Scarborough Forane (10:30 am-01:00 pm EST)

Mission Catechesis

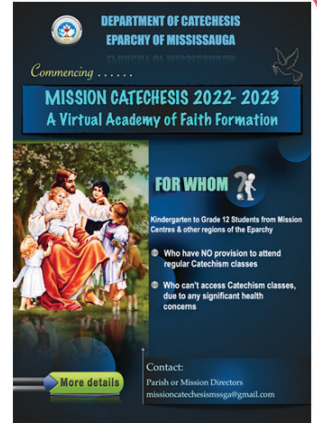
The Department of Catechesis in the Eparchy of Mississauga is commencing *Mission Catechesis – A Virtual Academy of Faith Formation* in the academic year of 2022-2023. This program is exclusively for children from kindergarten to Grade 12 from the Mission / Mass Centers where we do not have regular catechism classes.

Mrs. Aann Abraham (Calgary) is the Principal and Mr. Santhosh George (Ottawa), is the Vice Principal of this new initiative in the Eparchy of Mississauga.

Official Inauguration of Mission Catechesis:

October 02, 2022 @ 4:00 pm EST

Email id: missioncatechesismssga@gmail.com.



Catechists' Convention 2022

The Department of Catechesis is organizing a 'Catechists' Convention' on November 05, 2022, in association with the feast of St. Charles Borromeo, the Patron Saint of the Catechists. The convention is for the Catechists and Youth Associates from the various Parishes and Mission Centres across the Eparchy. The catechism teachers completed 10 years and above in their ministry and the outgoing principals who dedicated their life in the previous year will be honored in the meeting. Bishop Mar Jose Pulickal, Chairman of the Syro Malabar Commission for Catechesis will be the chief guest.

Catechetical Sunday – November 06, 2022

Catechetical Sunday is a remarkable occasion to reflect on the role that each person plays, by the virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. The ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity. The Catechetical day offers an opportunity for all to strengthen the Catechetical ministry and set apart a day to appreciate and pray for those who serve as Catechists in our Parish communities. Further, this day invites the entire community to reflect on our responsibility to uphold and share our faith with others. The Catechetical Sunday of this year in the Eparchy of Mississauga will be on November 06, 2022, in association with the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, the Patron Saint of Catechists.

Mission Quest 2022

Date: 30 October 2022 at 08:00 pm EST

The Syro Malabar Mission Office, in association with the Commission for Catechism, is organizing a quiz program to deepen our knowledge about the Word of God, our Church and her mission with the motto: *To Know the Mission And Be A Missionary.*

Mission Quest conducts quiz competitions separately for Catechism students and adults. Participation in the quiz is through



Google Form which will be activated at 8:30 pm EST on October 30, 2022. Participants can be Catechists, Catechism Students, and other parishioners.

The guidelines and the resources for the MISSION QUEST 2022 are available at the Syro-Malabar Mission website:



<https://www.syromalabarmission.com/>

Google Form link for registration:

<https://forms.gle/UAG7VJhN65WP5PmdA>

Upcoming Events

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- October 22, 2022 Seminar for New Catechists of Edmonton Forane
- October 29, 2022 Seminar for New Catechists of Scarborough Forane
- October 30, 2022 Mission Quest – Quiz program
- October 30, 2022 Holy-ween (All saints day)
- November 05, 2022 Catechists’ Convention
- November 06, 2022 Catechetical Sunday



DEPARTMENT OF NURSES MINISTRY

National nurse's meet was conducted on August 25th at St. Alphonsa Cathedral from 9 am to 5 pm. It started with Holy mass followed by the word of God, praise and worship, testimony, and Adoration. The ceremony was inaugurated by very Rev. Fr. Jose Alancherry with the presence of Nurses ministry director Fr. Pathros Champakara, Fr. Tenson, Fr. Bobby Joy, and Fr. Tomy. The retreat was led by Br. Santhosh Karamathra.

Daily Prayer on Zoom Platform

Nurses from all over Canada continue to pray together every day at 3 PM on Zoom platform.

Prayer Meetings

Most of the regions restarted monthly gatherings in person. Every Monday, Nurses ministry members join the national zoom prayer meeting from 8:30 to 10:30, beginning with a rosary followed by praise and worship and the Word of God. Nurses Ministry of Canada participated in the Night Vigil conducted by global Nurse's Ministry on Sept 23rd from 10 pm to 12.30 am.



DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Marriage Preparation Course

As part of the ongoing initiative of the Family Apostolate, a marriage preparation course (MPC) was organized for 3 days, from September 24 to 26. for those who are planning to get united in Holy Matrimony. Virtual sessions were led by Priests, Sisters and other lay resource persons from Scarborough, Oshawa, and Edmonton parishes. These sessions give useful information and education to the prospective couples to lead a healthy holy marriage life.

Upcoming MPCs (Virtual):

October: 15,16, 17

November: 12, 13 & 14

Upcoming Seminar for Couples

By Mar. Thomas Tharayil, Aux. Bishop, Archeparchy of Changanacherry, October 16: 8.30 p.m.



Virtual
**Seminar for
Couples**
H.E. Mar Thomas Tharayil
8.30 PM, Sunday
October 16, 2022
For members of Parish
Council, Catechists,
office bearers of
parish organizations
and their families
Family Apostolate
Eparchy of Mississauga
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DEPARTMENT OF SMYM CANADA

CONNECT 2022!

Abide in Me, and I in you! The first-ever SMYM Canada and DYA USA Combined Mission SMYM North American Youth Summit. For the past three months, the project team has met every Thursday at 9:30 PM EST to plan the organization and launch of CONNECT 2022. All project team members have shown tremendous initiative and leadership in bringing about the first-ever SMYM North American Youth Summit, CONNECT 2022. Under the direction of Rev. Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil, Rev. Fr. Paul Chalissery, and Rev. Fr. Kevin Mundackal, the project team accomplished many tasks and responsibilities towards CONNECT 2022. The team demonstrated remarkable initiative in designing the CONNECT 2022 logo, promotional materials, hoodie design, programme charting and scheduling, registrations and mobilization, and intercession prayers.

An excellent team of resources has been put together for CONNECT 2022, such as Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil, the auxiliary Bishop of Archeparchy of Changanacherry, Rev. Fr. Binoj Mulavaickal, Rev. Fr. Kevin Mundackal, Rohn Jose and Lissa Mathew. In attendance, Rev. Fr. Jojo Changanamthundathil, Rev. Fr. Paul Chalissery, Sr. Prasanna CHF, Sr. Mercy CHF, Sr. Christy CMC, and Sr. Jyothi A.O to assist and participate with the CONNECT 2022 youth. Our Beloved Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvelil and Bishop Mar Joy Alappat to grace their presence at CONNECT 2022.

In collaboration with THRONEWAY, CONNECT 2022 music ministry with members from DYA USA and SMYM Canada has formed. CONNECT 2022 is planned for participants to



experience a fellowship gathering filled with fun and spiritual activities and connect with the roots of Syro-Malabar traditions and values in the Western World. CONNECT 2022 offers its participants three days filled with Holy Qurbana, Adoration, excellent sessions and group discussions, music performances by 'Prodigy1' in collab with 'Lazarus' and THRONWAY, Bonfire, Niagara Falls sightseeing and Cultural Night programs to name a few. As of September 28th, 2022, 114 participants have registered for CONNECT 2022 from all over Canada and USA.

On Saturday, September 24th, 2022, at 9:30 PM EST, the SMYM Canada project team members meet with Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil to update Bishop Jose on the developments and organization of CONNECT 2022. With support from our Beloved Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil and Bishop Mar Joy Alappat, CONNECT 2022 is about to unfold this fall on October 14, 15 and 16 at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The project team invites all SMYM Canada national and international youths ages 18 to 35 for a three-day overnight youth summit filled with fun and spiritual fellowship as we connect with Syro-Malabar identity on personal, community and global levels. Join us at Niagara Falls, Ontario, this October 14, 15 and 16 for a first-ever SMYM North American Combined Mission Initiative, CONNECT 2022! Abide in Me and I in you!



NEWS FROM PARISHS

MISSISSAUGA FORANE

ST. ALPHONSA CATHEDRAL MISSISSAUGA

Warm Welcome

Fr. Joyal Joseph, ordained for the Eparchy of Mississauga, was warmly welcomed to Canada on 20th September, 2022. Rev. Fr. Jose Alencherry along with Rev Fr. Bobby Joy, the sisters and Mr. Vince Joseph prayed for Fr. Joyal and gave him a warm welcome to Mississauga.

Rev. Sr. Christy, Sr. Josy and Sr. Cini, CMC sisters from Palghat Province, who came to serve in the Mississauga Eparchy arrived in Canada on the 20th of September, 2022. They were given a warm welcome at the Cathedral on 21st September as they arrived at the church.



Newcomers' Meet 2022

On September 18, 2022, a special gathering of families and students who arrived in Canada within the last two years. The programme began with the Sunday 5. pm Holy Qurbana.

Hon. Sheriff Sabawy (MPP-Mississauga/Erin Mills) inaugurated the meeting at 6.30 pm. After the inauguration informative talks on Spiritual & Religious Resources, Immigration





Issues, Financial Guidelines, and Social Issues were conducted. Fr. Jose Alencherry, Mrs. Chris Lamannil, Mr. Xavier Putuparampil and Praveen Varkey were the resource persons. MR. Cherian Manathara, Mr. Raju Davis and Mrs. Regeena Matthew felicitated the new immigrants. Mr. Dominic Joseph SMYM Coordinator proposed the vote of thanks. The delicious 'Onnam Sadya', which was served after the meeting, created a strong nostalgic feeling of the life in Kerala. Many of the participants were dressed in the onam attire of the Malayalee community. This unique function was organized by SMYM International and Mathruvedi and Pithruvedi. The full house was a clear sign that this welcome function was well received by the community.

Training Program for Altar Servers



A training program is being arranged for new would-be Altar Servers from September 17, 2022, onwards. Classes by Rev. Fr. Jose Alencherry, Fr. Bobby Joy, Sr. Celin Rose CMC, Sr. Sincy CHF and Amiliya Joyce engaged the past sessions. 40 boys and girls are participating in the program. After a few more sessions they will be installed during a special ceremony in October. Rev. Sr. Sincy HF, Mr Joyce Joseph and Maneesh George are the Coordinators of the Altar Servers. The parish has over 75 Altar Servers who belong to the Adult, Youth and Teenagers' groups.

The Feast of the Nativity of Mary (September 8,2022)

The Nativity of Our Lady was celebrated solemnly at the Cathedral. On September 8 after the 9.15 am Holy Qurbana, 2000 Hail Mary was recited. A few members actively participated in this recitation which was concluded with a solemn rosary and Ladeenju. Mar Jose Kalluvilil was the main Celebrant for the Solemn Holy Qurbana at 7.pm. After the Holy Qurbana, a grand candle lit Rosary Procession around the church was conducted followed by the Benediction of the Bl. Sacrament and nercha. Many parishioners participated in the functions and expressed their devotion to the Bl. Mother.

Catechism

With the kind blessings of Our Lord, the 2022-2023 Catechetical Year was officially inaugurated on September 11, 2022, under the able guidance of the Catechism Department and the hard work of the Core Team.

The important event began with the Holy Qurbana at 8.30 am which was attended by all teachers, the Core Team members and the



parents and a few students. The Qurbana was followed by the Inauguration Ceremony and lighting of the lamp, led by Rev. Fr. Jose Alencherry, the Vicar and the Catechetical Director. Representatives from the Catechism Department and the student body - Rev. Sr. Prasanna Thattil CHF (Principal), Rev. Fr. Tenson Paul (Associate Pastor/ Associate Catechetical Director), Raju Devis and Regeena Mathew (Parish Trustees), Gibu Charls (Parent Representative), and Annemarie Manathara (Student Representative) - participated in the lighting of the lamp ceremony. The inauguration concluded with the oath taking ceremony of the teachers and the presentation of the appointment letters. Rev. Sr. Prasanna Thattil CHF, the Principal led the teachers in taking the Oath.

There are 60 teachers, 5 Core Team members, and 648 students form the Catechism family. We are grateful to everyone, parents, and students alike, for making the right decision to continue being a part of the community of the faithful through Catechism.

Angels Meet

"Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven." [Matthew 18:10]

The Catechism Department along with the Pious Associations is organizing the Angels Meet-2022 on the 1st of Oct 2022 at 9am for the Cathedral parish. All children who solemnly received First Holy Communion between October 1, 2021, and September 30, 2022, will be participating in the Angels Meet - 2022 in their First Communion attire.



Nurses Ministry

A Nurse's Meet was organized by the National Team on August 25, 2022, at St. Alphonsa Cathedral from 9 am to 5 pm. The Meet started with Holy Qurbana and the Word of God, followed by retreat, Praise and Worship, testimony, and Adoration. The ceremony was inaugurated by very Rev. Fr. Jose Alancherry in the presence of Fr. Pathros Champakara the Director of Nurses Ministry, Fr. Tenson, Fr. Bobby Joy, Fr. Tomy and Sr. Celine CMC, the Animator of the movement. The retreat and the Praise and Worship were led by Br. Santhosh Karamathra. 170 participants attended and took part in the lunch and refreshments. The day being a great blessing for Nurses Ministry, the feast of Sr. Celine Rose the Animator was also celebrated.



Other Activities

The Nurses Ministry actively participated in the annual Parish Picnic on August 8. We offer Divine Mercy Chaplet every day at 3 pm via Zoom and pray for the Church specially interceding for the Cathedral Parish, the Eparchy of Mississauga, our Bishop, all our priests and nuns, and for Canada. Every Monday we have our national zoom prayer meeting from 8.30 to 10.30 beginning with the Holy Rosary and followed by praise and worship and the Word of God. A Night Vigil was observed on Sept 23rd from 10 pm to 12.30 am praying for all the nurses world over and for the patients they serve.

ST JOSEPH PARISH HAMILTON

Ettu Nombu

Our 7 family units took turns to organize Holy Mass, Novena and Nercha for Ettu Nombu in the church. The eighth and final day was celebrated in the church by the Parish.



Parish Picnic

We conducted our parish picnic on September 10 at Confederation Park, Hamilton. It was a day well spent with activities for kids, women, and men. Preparations began on Friday night when parishioners gathered at a home to cook food together for the picnic.

There was good participation and the attendees enjoyed participating in the activities which included tug of war and volleyball.



Sunday School Inauguration and Ezhuthiniruthu

We began our new catethical academic year with Sunday School inauguration on September 11. Tomy achan blessed the backpacks of students. Kids were asked to donate academic aids (pencils, pens, etc.) as offertory during the Holy Mass to distribute to the poor.



We also conducted Ezhuthiniruthu after the Holy Mass

Snehasangamam 2022 – poster release

Snehasangamam is our annual mega cultural event where we invite people to experience a biblical drama performed by our parishioners. This year, the drama is 'King David' with over 100 artists on Saturday, November 5 at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, Hamilton. We officially released the poster in our church after Holy Mass on September 18. Tickets for the event will be available soon. We invite you all to come and experience 'King David'.



September Parish Council Meeting

We conducted the September 2022 Parish Council meeting at Mission House on Tuesday, September 27 and finalized the plans for our upcoming mega cultural event, Snehasangamam 2022.



ST. MOTHER THERESA PARISH, NIAGARA FALLS

Parish Feast

St. Mother Theresa Parish, Niagara Falls conducted parish on September 2nd, 3rd and 4th at our parish.



Catechism - Backpack Blessing

St. Mother Theresa Parish, Niagara Falls conducted Backpack blessing for Catechism students and special blessing were given for catechism teachers on September 11th after Holy mass by our parish priest Fr. Tomy Chittinapally.



ST. THOMAS FORANE PARISH, SCARBOROUGH

Celebration of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8th marked the feast of nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast was observed at the culmination of the customary 'Eight days of lent' with a special Rosary procession on the vicinity of the church led by our Vicar Fr Baiju Chakkery and ended with a blessing and 'nercha' at the end of the event. During the first week of September, we celebrated the novena to Blessed Virgin Mary and offered two thousand Hail Mary prayers.



Feast of St. Mother Theresa & Special Blessing for Children

A special blessing was given for all students in our parish who have begun their new academic year in September, following the evening Mass on September 5th. We prayed for children to excel in all their academic activities and to have a fruitful year.

We celebrated the feast of Mother Teresa, who was a universal symbol of God's merciful and preferential love for the poor and forgotten on September 5th with the Holy Mass, in the evening.

New Catechetical Year Inaugurated

We initiated the new Catechetical year by lighting the lamp by the Vicar and representatives of students, Parents, Teachers, Youth Catechists, following the Holy Mass for children on Sunday,



September 11. 16 New Associates in Catechesis along with the current team members took the oath that was administered by Vicar Rev.Fr. Baiju Chakkery. Jose Varghese, Principal presented guidelines for the year as Catechesis is being offered to half of the students using the nearby public school facility.

Kindle Faith: First day of class on September 18th was unique this year as we offered a full day of activities and discussions to 'Kindle Faith' of children in the middle school, helping them to revisit and reinforce 'What we believe in and Where do we belong'.

A similar exercise-more like a round table of students was offered for High School students on September 25.



Parish Council Meeting

The monthly meeting our parish council on September 10th in the basement of our church was presided over by Fr Baiju Chakkery and Trustees N.U.Thomas and Johnson Irimpan. The Council discussed various activities planned for this year such as the release of Parish photo directory, support fund and start of new Catechetical year, and the parish retreats for adults and Children on October 7,8 and 9th and the Parish night.

Onam Celebrated by the Community

After a break of 2 years of the pandemic a grand Onam celebration- 'Aarppo' was organized on September 11 after the 10.30

am Mass to coincide with the Harvest festival of Keralites beyond borders. The event was coordinated by the youth community of our parish with onam pookkalam, onakalikal and a sumptuous onasadhya. It was a well-organized fun filled day for all parishioners who came dressed up in traditional Kerala attire. Kudos to the SMYM team, and the enormous number of international students who played an active role in making it an enjoyable feast.

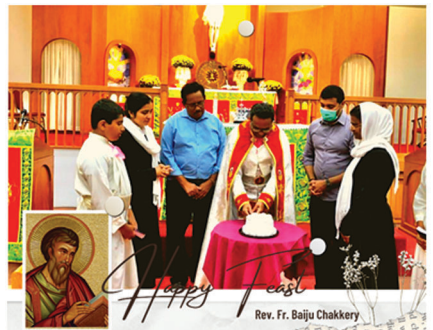


Altar Servers Training

A training session for the incoming Altar servers was organized on Saturday, September 10th with the blessing of our Vicar Fr Baiju Chakkery. Sessions were conducted by Sr. Jyothy AO and the teachers. We encourage more children to partake in serving the lord during the Mass and assisting our priest as altar servers.

Feast of St. Matthew

The Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist was celebrated on September 21st during the 7 pm evening mass. Novena prayers were offered after mass with a special nercha. Matthew is one of the Twelve



Apostles of Jesus. As one of the four Gospel writers, Matthew is remembered as one of the four Evangelists.

Feast day of Fr. Baiju

Parishioners greeted Rev.Fr. Baiju Chakkery on his feast day on September 21st with prayers and roses. Fr. Baiju thanked the Lord for all His blessings during the Mass and cut the cake with the community to share the Joy.

Farewell to Sr Mary AO & Welcome to Sr. Jisa AO

Parish organized a beautiful farewell ceremony to honour the services of Sr. Mary Joseph of the Apostolic Oblates who devoted her services in the office and for pastoral care for 3 years from July 2019 to September 2022. Trustees presented a memento and offered best wishes and prayers for the success of her new mission in India.



The Parish also welcomed Sr. Jisa AO who is replacing Sr. Mary, and to be the Mother of the house of Apostolic Oblates in Toronto.

Feast of Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

The feast of Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael was celebrated during evening holy mass on September 29 with special novenas and nercha. The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil spirits. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.



ST. MOTHER THERESA PARISH OTTAWA

Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary

We started the month of September with the Eight days of Lent as a preparation for the Feast of Nativity of Mother Mary. The feast was celebrated on Sep 08th with Holy Qurbana and special Novena.

Parish Feast

St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic Parish Ottawa celebrated the feast of St. Mother Teresa, the patroness of the parish and St. Sebastian the martyr from September 09 to 19, 2022 along with the Eparchial Day celebrations. Everyday Novena and nercha were organized by different family units and Pious Associations.

Parish Day Flag Hoisting

Flag Hoisting of the Parish Feast was done on September 11, 2022.

Holy Qurbana was celebrated in Syro-Malankara rite by Rev Fr. Reji Mathew OFM. Vehicle blessings were done and there was a short ceremony for Prize distribution of Bulletin quiz winners and Catechism awards.



Eparchial and Parish Day

The seventh Anniversary of the Eparchy of Mississauga and the Parish Day of St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Parish Ottawa was celebrated at the Sacred Heart High School, Stittsville on 17 Sep 2022. The day started with Holy Qurbana celebrated by our former Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Boby Joy Muttathuvayalil, followed by a public meeting. The Eparchial & parish pay celebrations was inaugurated by Honorable Nepean MP, respected Chandra Arya and presided over by Bishop His Excellency Mar Jose Kalluvelil. Msgr. Rob Arsenault CC, Episcopal Vicar of Archdiocese of Ottawa, Rev. Fr. Bobby Joy Pastor St Alphonsa Church Cambridge, Rev. Fr. Sam Thankachan, Pastor, St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, Ottawa, Mr. Reji Alex, secretary of Mar Thoma Church, Ottawa and Mr. Nanda Kumar, President, Ottawa Malayali Association addressed the audience. Rev. Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil, Pastor welcomed the dignitaries and the audience and Mr. Jacob James, Pastoral council member proposed the vote of thanks.



A sumptuous lunch was served and then followed by an enthralling cultural program performed by members of all the family units and pious associations of the Parish.

Parish Thirunnal

Parish Main Thirunaal was celebrated on September 18th with Presudenthee Vazhcha, Ladeenju and Procession. The main celebrant for the Holy Qurbana was HE Mar Jose Kalluvelil, Bishop of the Eparchy of Mississauga. Rev. Fr. Ireneus Prystajeky OSBM, Rev Fr. Jomon Kallandanthiyil and Rev Fr. Jojo



Changanamthundathil concelebrated in Qurbana. A delicious snehavirunnu was organized with contribution of Nercha Appam and Beef Curry from all parishioners.



This day was also very special as it was the Episcopal Ordination Day of Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvelil and the birthday of our beloved pastor Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil.



Catechism

Sep 25th saw the start of the Catechism classes in person after a gap of almost 2 years. The children and Parents were excited to start the learning process in the church premises itself. There was a

meeting to announce the new Catechism Principal, Mrs. Tresa Varghese and Vice-Principal, Mrs. Jency Benny. A memento was given to our outgoing Principal Mr. Santosh George, by our Pastor, for his service during the last 3 years. The new Catechism teachers were announced and was augmented by the addition of a few recent catechism school graduates into the team.



Sanjo Mission House

We had great news as the initial mortgage for the Sanjo Mission house has been approved. A central location had been identified and offer given for a suitable property. Paperwork is still being prepared and awaiting submission.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH MONTREAL

Feast of Nativity of Our Lady

In connection with the Nativity of Our Lady, 7 days of novena was celebrated and on 8th day, Solemn Qurbana was celebrated. The faithful participated in the celebrations and received blessings.

Catechism Registration and Staff Meeting

Catechism Registration link was published in the parish website, and we have 130 registered catechism students. The staff meeting was convened to fix the class teachers and to arrange the inaugural ceremony.

Eparchial and Parish Catechism Inauguration

Eparchial Catechism Inauguration for the year 2022-23 was held in St Joseph Parish Montreal on September



11,2022 by Eparchial Catechism Director, Rev. Fr Augustine Kallinkatharayil. Fr Augustine celebrated the Holy Qurbana and explained the importance, need and method of Catechism in his homily. After Holy Qurbana Fr Augustine inaugurated the academic Year 2022-23 by lighting the lamp. Representatives from parents, teachers and students lighted the lamp. The choir sang the song of the Holy Spirit during the time.

Prize Distribution

Prize distribution for the year 2022 was done on the inaugural day and Fr Augustine distributed the prizes. Students from SK to 12 were awarded with prizes.



Altar Servers' Training

Under the leadership of Nijin and Joseph the Altar Servers were trained and given the directions.



Elevation to the status of Parish

The long-awaited dream of the faithful was cherished on September 25, 2022 at St Joseph Mission Montreal. The mission was elevated to the status of parish by H.E. Bishop Jose Kalluvilil. The decree of



elevation was read by Fr Vicar, George Joseph. Song by Eva and speech by Jenelia gave colour to the event. Snacks were distributed to all the members. A historical documentary was created and presented to the faithful.



Yearly Calendar

Bishop Jose Kalluvilil published the yearly calendar for the year 2022-23



Inauguration of Pre-Authorized Debit System

In connection with the elevation, parish inaugurated the PAD system to receive the Support Fund



7th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination

The Montreal parishioners celebrated the 7th anniversary of Eparchy and Episcopal Ordination Day of Bishop Mar Jose kalluvilil



Holy Qurbana with Early Birds

Syro Malabar immigration started in its early 1960s. The early birds paved a good way and foundation for the present parishioners. We were privileged to have all of them in our community on the day of elevation.



Catechism Teachers Meeting with Bishop



Parish Council Meeting with Bishop



ST. KURIAKOSE CHAVARA PARISH BELLEVILLE

Feast Day Celebration

The Syro-Malabar church community gathered on Saturday, 24th September 2022 to celebrate Holy Qurbana and the feast (thirunal) day celebration of our mission church patron saint, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara.

The Holy Qurbana celebrated by Fr. Augustine Kallumkatharayil started at 6:30 pm. Fr. Augustine spoke about the life, vision and the missionary work done by St. Chavara. The Ladhinju was offered for St. Chavara after the Qurbana, and Fr. Augustine blessed the congregation with holy water. A statue of St. Chavara was venerated on the altar.

A potluck dinner was arranged by the ladies in the community, and everybody gathered in the parish hall for the dinner.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH OSHAWA

New Church Building

“Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a temple as a sanctuary. Be strong and do the work.” (1 Chronicles 28:10)



It's a month of great blessing for St Joseph Parish Oshawa, as we have found a new house of worship for our community residing in Durham region and moving forward to purchase it by the end of coming month. A great amount of support and enthusiasm is seen among parishioners to fulfill this dream.

It's a long-cherished desire to have our own church for praising and adoring our God. A team of Rosary Warriors was formed who continuously pray rosary for the new church. Parishioners conducted a continuous bible reading session online for this purpose. Every Sunday, Eucharistic adoration is conducted between 3.30 pm to 4 pm for this special intention. Parish priest Fr Tenson Paul has urged a generous monetary support from the parishioners and from all the faithful's who can support this mission of buying new church.

Revival Fire

Two days retreat by Brother Santhosh Karumathrawas conducted on September 3rd and 4th 2022.

Feast of Nativity of Mother Mary

A special Holy Mass followed by Rosary and *Ladeenjuwas* offered on this day.



Family Unit Meetings

This Month all the family unit meetings were held effectively in person in the presence of Parish priest Fr Tenson Paul.

Parish Council Meeting

On September 11th monthly parish council meeting was conducted in person. Various crucial discussions and decisions were taken towards the fundraising for new church building. All the council members actively participated and planned to meet online biweekly for fundraising updates.

Catechism

The catechism department of the parish has geared up to offer the classes in-person on a regular basis. Few new teachers and youth associates joined the team. On September 4th, 2022 Inauguration of the new catechetical year was done. The Parish Priest Fr. Tenson Paul conducted special prayer and blessings for all the kids who begin their schools this year. The Catechism teachers and students recited the pledge and invoked almighty's blessing for the faith journey. An online Staff meeting was conducted in order to plan and organize Catechism Classes. Registration portal is kept open for the upcoming new families. The regular Sunday classes started on 11th September 2022 onwards.



EDMONTON FORANE

ST. MOTHER THERESA PARISH CALGARY

Arise & Shine

To empower and renew the Youth, our Youth ministry organized a two days retreat on September 10 and 11 for the youths from grade VIII and above. Around seventy students participated in the event. Jesus youth Canada has kindly offered their service to lead this two days retreat.



Oruma 2022

The Cultural and social department of the church is organizing a fundraiser event on October 29. The preparations are going on

Church Feast

We are celebrating the feast of our patroness on September 03, and 04th. Novena in preparation for the feast is started on 25th August. On September 3rd we done a Eucharistic procession in the church. It was almost a first experience for many, especially for the kids. On 4th September Rev. Martin was the main celebrant. A procession around the church and pachor nercha followed the festal mass..





Catechism

The new catechism academic year was inaugurated on September 18. Mr. Jaimy Jacob is the principal for the year.



There are almost twenty-five volunteers for the catechism team. We welcomed the Bible nursery and grade I students with a welcome kit.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus started the senior's forum for the visiting parents and the elders. They also started to provide snacks and coffee on Sunday mornings.

ST. JUDE PARISH WINNIPEG

Ettunombu and St. Marys Feast

St Mary's prayer group organized the St Mary's feast on Sept 11th at St Emile church. We had decorated the Mother Mary statue with feast including Ladeenju and procession and organised a small fund raiser for building fund. The meals were prepared and delivered in boxes by the



prayer unit at one of the residence. There was 8 day lent with Rosary and qurbana during the first 8 days of the month

Catechism

The inauguration ceremony of the new academic year 2022-23 and PAC was held on September 11, 2023 @ the parish hall. The ceremony commenced with a prayer song following reading the verses from the Holy Bible. Fr Thomas, Ushasi Siby - principal, Santhosh Thomas - parent rep, Juvana Biju - student and Serah Midhun - student lit the lamp representing 86 students and 22 teachers.





PTA Seminar

Seminar was conducted on 18th September- “parents role in faith formation”. Dr Joe Jose was the guest speaker. He emphasized that the primary mechanisms by which a catholic identity becomes rooted in children’s lives only through the day-to-day religious practices of the family and the ways parents model their faith and share it in conversation, collaboration, and exposure to outside religious opportunities. Around 50-70 parents attended the seminar . We also elected parent representatives to assist in children’s activities. They are Sabu Mathew, Sonia Jijo, Rony Alex, Pratheeksha Vinod, Chinchu Subin and Beneetha Joseph.



Jesus Youth Manitoba

JY Mission conducted outreach to Pelican Narrows and Sandy Bay First Nation communities (belongs to Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas) from August 20-28,2022



JY got opportunity to assist kids in the community to prepare for confirmation -12 JY's participated in the outreach.

Building Fund

St Jude parish building movement is completing an year with a very well supported raffle draw. Our building fundraising events started with a corner stone project in September 2021. We successfully completed nine fundraisers with great support from our parishioners. Still looking forward to reach our building dream with everyone's continuing support.



Youth Onam Celebration

Onam event held on Sept 4th at Norwood community center, Winnipeg,

Onam celebration was planned to bring youth together to celebrate our traditional festival with Onam sadhya.

Various games such as lemon and spoon race, kuppiyil vellam narakal, musical chair, tug of war & sack race.



St Stephen's Prayer Group

Onam celebration was held on September 17, 2022 @ 5pm St Paul Hall, Winnipeg, 25 Families and 5 individuals participated in the event. Cultural programs including Thiruvathira, Song, & dance were presented.

Cultural games including Tug of war, Sunadrik Pottuthodal, candy collection, Balloon popping, Hoola loop team game, etc. was organized for all ages followed by Onam Sadhya. Event wrapped up around 12 am.



CHRIST THE KING PARISH, SASKATOON

News from Saskatoon, North Battleford and Lloydminster

Hearty Welcome Fr. John Palethottathil Kurian, our new Pastor



ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH REGINA

Parish Council Meeting Updates.

The council conducted on September 16th had decided to celebrate the parish feast from October 21st to 23rd, and it was suggested to request the eminent participation of Mar Jose Kalluvilil (Bishop), and Archbishop Donald J. Bolen (Arch Diocese of Regina). Also, it was decided to conduct special Novena to honour the Parish Patron- St John Paul II. To improve the participation, the council has decided to avoid sponsorship from outside but to encourage prasudenthi's. Every family in the parish would be personally contacted and would be encouraged to participate in the event. The council also evaluated the Sunday school classes and ward coordinators were requested to contact the parents individually and promote the catechism classes. The council has suggested to conduct house visits in the parish prior to Parish feast. Also, it was suggested to start special English mass once a month for the children and to start choir practice for the same.

Catechism Department Updates and Inaguration of New Academic Year.

"This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." (Titus 3:6)

Department meeting of catechism staff was conducted prior to the beginning of new Catechism

academic year 2022 - 2023. The topics covered in the meeting were the new registration and



renewals of children, catechism and Holy mass timings, distribution of textbooks etc.

The new registration and renewals have done through online and offline platforms. New classes were started on 11th September. The official inauguration day we celebrated as 'Praveshanolsavam'. It was a blessed beginning by the Grace of the God.



Onam Celebrations

Holy Family Unit Onam Celebration.

Holy family unit's Onam celebrations were held on September 10th Saturday at 1909 Ottawa Street Regina, from 3pm till 9pm.



Celebrations started with setting up of an attractive floral arrangement in the entrance of the hall. The main attractions of the



program were fun games and traditional Onasadya which comprised of varieties of dishes prepared by the unit members. Fr. Daris Cheriyan addressed the celebration and conveyed the wishes of the festival. Prizes for the fun game winners were distributed by Rev.father at the end of celebration. He lauded the commendable participation of all the unit members and coordinators who took initiative for organizing the event and thanked everyone for making the program memorable. Around 60 members from the unit showed their participation for the program. The celebrations were finished by 9 pm.

Onam Celabration of Malayali Community in Moosejaw

Malayali people from Moosejaw community gathered to Celebrate the Onam 2022 on 10th September at 2 PM. Around 100 people gathered to Celebrate Onam. Fr. George Thattuparampil from Moosejaw and Fr. Daris from Regina also joined with them for celebrations. The community welcomed newly arrived members to Moosejaw Malayali community and the celebration was wonderful with Onasadya, music, dance, musical chair competition, Tug of war and other different Onam special games. Programs ended by 7 PM.



St. John Paul II Unit's Onam Celebration.

St. John Paul Unit Onam gathering were held on September 24 th Saturday at arcola east community hall, Regina, from 4 pm-10 pm. At 4.30 all unit members were their in the hall, we started our programs with fun games, everyone wear their traditional dress for Onam, all of the unit members were prepared each dishes for onamsadhya. Fr Daris addressed the celebration



with a small prayer, we held a cake cutting for the September month birthday kids. After cake cutting, we continue with fun filled tug war game, it was so interesting, everyone enjoyed a lot, we end up our celebration by giving gifts for all kids, 64 people were participated for gathering, we finished our programs by 10 pm.

Nurses Ministry Updates.

Nurses Ministry members Internationally conducted a chain Rosary on September 5th 2.30 am to September 6th 2.30 am (Toronto Time). Members from various regions in Canada were participated in this chain Rosary and in Regina Nurses Ministry members conducted this International Chain Rosary at 1.am -2.30 am (Toronto time). In addition, Regina Nurses Ministry Members conducted a chain rosary on Se 13th for the whole world begging for the intercession of the whole world.



St. John Paul II Knights of Columbus Council

K of C monthly Council meeting was held on Sunday, September 25th after the holy Mass. New members who are yet to be exemplified will be attending the exemplification ceremony being held at Resurrection Roman Catholic Parish, 3155 Windsor Park Rd, Regina. Members who will not make it to the exemplification ceremony, will be attending the exemplification online. Council has taken the responsibility of selling the 2022 State Charity appeal Draw" tickets by 15th, October.

Our Chaplain Rev.Fr.Daris Cherian has invited 15 KoC members from other council for the parish feast.

Members have agreed to represent the council in rotation for the chapter meetings held at St. Basil on first Wednesday of every month.

Our Knights of Columbus received Contest of Champions awards in 2 categories.

- 1 - Net gain 24
- 2 - Percentage gain 800%

Our beloved Grand Knight Mathew Thomas was awarded Father McGivney award.



We presented these awards to our beloved Grand Knight Mathew in the presence on our chaplain Rev.Fr. Daris and our WPGK Agnel George

Holy Mass at St. Mary's Syro Malabar Mission Moosejaw

St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Mission Moosejaw conducted its first Malayalam Mass after Pandemic and Easter. More than 60 People participated in Holy Mass and socialisation. We welcomed newly arrived families and students to our St. Mary's mission parish. Holy Mass was held at 6:30 PM, followed by social gathering. Fr. Daris Cherian celebrated Holy Mass and Fr. George Thattuparampil addressed the community. We decided to have our next Holy Mass on October 24th Monday at 6 pm.





BISHOP'S DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2022

1	06.00 pm IST	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Chandranagar
2	12.00 pm IST	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Sehion Retreat Center
4	07.15 am IST	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Jellippara
5	05.00 pm IST 11.00 am EST	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Mannarkkadu Joined in the Monthly Recollection for Priests and Sisters
6		Flight back to Toronto
7		Arrived at Toronto
8	07.00 pm EST	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Cathedral, Nativity of Mother Mary
9	11.30 am	Presided Over the Curia Meeting
10	06.30 pm	Joined in the DALO Meeting
11	04.00 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana and Parish Feast at Cambridge
12	07.30 pm	Participated in the Episcopal Ordination of Msgr. Frank Leo, Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Montreal
13	07.30 pm	Joined in the DALO Meeting
14	11.00 am	Presided Over the Curia Meeting
15	03.00 pm	Presided Over the Presbyterium
17	11.30 pm	Presided Over the Eparchial Day and Parish Day Celebrations at Ottawa
	02.30 pm	Joined in the PAC Leaders Orientation Session

18	05.00 pm	Celebrated 07 th Eparchy Day and Parish Feast at St Mother Theresa Parish Ottawa
19	07.30 pm	Presided Over the Meeting with Trustees of Kingstone and Belleville
20	09.30 am	Joined in the Meeting of CCCB Dicastery of Evangelization and Catechesis
22	08.30 pm	Presided Over the Joined Parish Council Meeting of Kingston and Belleville
24	11.30 am	Inaugurated the 2022-23 Activity Year of PAC
	04.30 pm	Presided Over the Meeting of Catechism Teachers at Montreal
	06.30 pm	Presided Over the Meeting of Parish Council at Montreal
	09.30 pm	Presided Over the Meeting of SMYM Rome Summit
25	11.30 am	Celebrated Holy Qurbana and Elevated St Joseph Syro Malabar Catholic Mission Montreal to the Status of Parish
26-29		Joined in the CCCB Plenary Assembly at Cornwall
27	06.30 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at Cornwall Family Unit, Ottawa
30	07.00 am 03.30 pm	Celebrated Holy Qurbana at CMC Went to Chicago for the Installation of Bishop Joy Alappaattu



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| 2 ഞായർ | ✠ ഏലിയാ - സ്തീവ - മുശെ നാലാം ഞായർ
ഉത്പ 41:37-45, പ്രഭാ 47:2-3; 8-11,
ഹെബ്രോ 1:1-4, യോഹ 12:27-36 |
| 3 തിങ്കൾ | 1 യോഹ 4:1-6, യോഹ 3:31-36 |
| 4 ചൊവ്വ | ഹെബ്രോ 2:5-10, ലൂക്കാ 14:7-11 |
| 5 ബുധൻ | ഫിലി 1:19-26, യോഹ 13:31-35 |
| 6 വ്യാഴം | ഫിലി 2:5-11, യോഹ 17:1-8 |
| 7 വെള്ളി | റോമാ 8:12-17, യോഹ 17:9-19 |
| 8 ശനി | 2 കോറി 3:12-18, യോഹ 17:20-26 |
| 9 ഞായർ | ✠ ഏലിയാ - സ്തീവ - മുശെ അഞ്ചാം ഞായർ
പുറ 20:18-21, ജോയേ 2:1-11,
ഹെബ്രോ 10:19-25, മത്താ 25:31-46 |
| 10 തിങ്കൾ | 1 കോറി 15:29-34, യോഹ 5:24-29 |
| 11 ചൊവ്വ | റോമാ 3:1-8, ലൂക്കാ 15:11-32 |
| 12 ബുധൻ | ഹെബ്രോ 12:25-29, മർക്കോ 13:24-31 |
| 13 വ്യാഴം | 1 പത്രോ 1:13-21, മത്താ 15:1-9 |
| 14 വെള്ളി | 1 തെസ 5:1-11, മത്താ 24:43-51 |
| 15 ശനി | 2 പത്രോ 3:14-18, ലൂക്കാ 14:15-24 |
| 16 ഞായർ | ✠ ഏലിയാ - സ്തീവ - മുശെ ആറാം ഞായർ
ഉത്പ 19:23-29, മലാ 4:1-6
1 തെസ 4:13-18, ലൂക്കാ 21:20-28 |
| 17 തിങ്കൾ | ഫിലി 4:1-9, ലൂക്കാ 21:29-36 |
| 18 ചൊവ്വ | വെളി 14:6-13, മത്താ 3:1-12 |
| 19 ബുധൻ | യാക്കോ 1:12-18, ലൂക്കാ 15:1-10 |
| 20 വ്യാഴം | ഫിലി 2:12-18, ലൂക്കാ 13:22-30 |
| 21 വെള്ളി | എഫേ 2:1-10, യോഹ 12:44-50 |
| 22 ശനി | ഫിലി 1:27-2: 4, ലൂക്കാ 9:49-56 |
| 23 ഞായർ | ✠ ഏലിയാ - സ്തീവ - മുശെ ഏഴാം ഞായർ
നിയ 11:1-7, ജ്ഞാനം 6:1-10
1 തെസ 5:12-24, മത്താ 12:22-32 |
| 24 തിങ്കൾ | 2 തെസ 2:1-12, മത്താ 24:1-8 |
| 25 ചൊവ്വ | 2 കോറി 11:12-15, മത്താ 24:23-28 |
| 26 ബുധൻ | 2 പത്രോ 2:1-10, മർക്കോ 13:1-8; 21-23 |
| 27 വ്യാഴം | യൂദാ 1:8-16, ലൂക്കാ 11:37-44 |
| 28 വെള്ളി | 2 കോറി 12:14-15; 19-21, ലൂക്കാ 11:45-54 |
| 29 ശനി | 1 കോറി 3:10-17, മത്താ 13:34-43 |
| 30 ഞായർ | ✠ പള്ളിക്കുദാശ ഒന്നാം ഞായർ
പുറ 33:1-11, ഏശ 40:21-31
ഹെബ്രോ 9:1-14, മത്താ 25:1-13 |
| 31 തിങ്കൾ | 2 കോറി 4:13-18, യോഹ 16:16-24 |

