

I THE OFFICIAL TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH ON THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE MIGRANTS

The history of humankind is a history of migration. Migrations are on the increase day by day for reasons of better livelihood, or for other demands of life like jobs, strenuous conditions in one's own country, religious persecution and so on. It is a matter of serious concern for all nations and people. There are many advantages along with it, like good job opportunities, peaceful life, higher salaries, wide range of living standards, etc. But it is a fact that migrants who have had to give up their homeland, possessions and relations inevitably carry with them the characteristics and memories of their own people as an indelible identity which cannot be renounced or denied. Experience has shown that the inability of expression in other than the mother language and loss of cultural and spiritual patrimonies not only damage the conscience but also cancel religious convictions and practices. As far as the Church is concerned, migration has a great missionary dimension. Pope Paul VI in *Evangelii Nuntiandi* notes: "It is the result of their living presence and witness in the midst of new people that forms new Churches. So they are the real seeds and the evangelizers" (n.21).

Migration always involves uprooting, detachment from one's people, culture and place. At the same time it is for insertion and integration into a new society and place. In the Old Testament God brought the Israelites to the promised land to make them a chosen race and wanted them to keep up their identity in the new land. God did not want the Israelites to be scattered but united as the people of God. As Yahweh cared for the Israelites, the migrants need special pastoral care from the part of the Church lest they be disoriented in the new situation. St. Paul says: "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Rom.15:7).

Proper pastoral care of the migrants is a great mission entrusted to the Church. *Erga migrantes caritas Christi*, an instruction issued in 2004 by the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People notes: "Welcoming the stranger is intrinsic to the nature of the Church itself and bears witness to its fidelity to the Gospel" (n. 22). The mission of the Church towards migrants calls for an integrated approach of the proclamation of the gospel, clear policy and programmes of pastoral works, catechetical and liturgical formation, fostering dialogue with them, working for their human rights, dignity, etc.

There is no dearth of Magisterial material safeguarding the right of pastoral care of the migrants. Popes, Councils and Encyclicals recommend the retention and promotion of the rights of the migrants. None of the Vatican documents encourage absorption or integration of the immigrants into the Church of arrival. The teachings of the Church with regard to the pastoral care of the migrant faithful of any *sui juris* Church, anywhere in the world, are crystal clear from the following Church documents:

Teachings of the Councils

A Lateran Council IV

““Since in many places people of different languages live within the same city or diocese, having one faith but different rites and customs, we therefore strictly order bishops of such cities and dioceses to provide suitable men who will do the following in the various rites and languages: celebrate the divine services for them, administer the Church’s sacraments, and instruct them by word and examples” Lateran Council IV (1215), can. 9, *Counciliarum Eccumenicourum ...* Rome.1962, p. 215.

B Second Vatican Council

- “For the Catholic Church wishes the traditions of each particular church or rite to remain whole and entire, and it likewise wishes to adapt its own way of life to the needs of different times and places”(OE.2).
- “Therefore these churches are of equal rank, so that none of them is superior to the others because of its rite. They have the same rights and obligations, even with regard to the preaching of the Gospel in the whole world (cf. Mk16:15), under the direction of the Roman Pontiff” (OE. 3)
- “Provision must be made therefore everywhere in the world to protect and advance all these individual Churches. For this purpose, each should organize its own parishes and hierarchy, where the spiritual good of the faithful requires it...each and every Catholic, as also the baptized members of any non-Catholic church or community who come to the fullness of the Catholic communion, must retain each his own rite wherever he is, and follow it to the best of his ability” (OE. 4)

➤ “It likewise pertains to Episcopal conferences to found and promote agencies which will fraternally receive those who immigrate from missionary territories for of work or study, and which will aid them by suitable pastoral attention” (AG.38).

➤ “Where there are faithful of a different rite, the diocesan bishop should provide for their spiritual needs either through priests or parishes of that rite or through an Episcopal Vicar endowed with the necessary faculties. Wherever it is fitting, the last named should also have an Episcopal rank” (CD. 23).

C Teachings of Popes

Pope Pius XII says that “for Oriental Churches there should not be any compulsion to substitute their customs with those of the Latin Church and every Rite must have equal estimation and dignity before the common Mother Church” (AAS. 1944. P. 137).

➤ “Regarding the pastoral care of the faithful of the Eastern Rites who are living in Latin Rite dioceses, in accordance with the spirit and letter of the Conciliar Decree *Christus Dominus* 23 and *Orientalium Ecclesiarum* 4 the Latin Ordinaries (bishops) of such dioceses are to provide as soon as possible for an adequate pastoral care of the faithful of these Eastern Rites, through the ministry of the priests or through parishes of the Rites, where this would be indicated, or through an Episcopal Vicar endowed with the necessary faculties where circumstances would so indicate” (Letter of Pope John Paul II to the bishops of India on May 28, 1987).

➤ “I particularly urge the Latin ordinaries in these countries to study attentively, grasp thoroughly and apply faithfully the principles issued by the Holy See concerning ecumenical cooperation and the pastoral care of the Eastern Catholic Church especially when they lack their own hierarchy.” (John Paul II, *Orientalis Lumen* (1995), n.9.).

➤ “There is an urgent need to overcome the fears and misunderstandings which appear at times between the Catholic Eastern Churches and the Latin Church... especially with regard to the pastoral care of their people, also outside their own territories.” (John Paul II, *Ecclesia in Asia*, 1999, n.27).

D Canonical Dispositions

- “The Christian faithful have the right to worshipping God according to the prescriptions of their own Rite approved by the 2 legitimate pastors or the Church and to follow their own form of spiritual life consonant with the teaching of the Church” (CIC.214).
- “If the local Ordinary has faithful of a different rite within his diocese, he is to provide for their spiritual needs either by means of the priests or parishes of that rite or by means of an Episcopal Vicar” (CIC.383§2).
- “The Christian faithful have the right to worship God according to the prescriptions of their own Church *sui iuris*, and to follow their own form of spiritual life consonant with the teaching of the Church” (CCEO. 17).
- “No one can presume in any way to induce the Christian faithful to transfer to another Church *sui iuris*” (CCEO.31).
- “The Christian faithful of the Eastern Churches even if committed to the care of a hierarch or pastor of another Church *sui iuris*, nevertheless remain enrolled in their own Church” (CCEO.38).
- “No one can validly transfer to another Church *sui iuris* without the consent of the Holy See” (CCEO. 32§1).

Erga migrantes Caritas Christi

Erga migrantes caritas Christi is an instruction issued in 2004 by the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People.

- “Welcoming the stranger is intrinsic to the nature of the Church itself and bears witness to its fidelity to the Gospel” (n. 22).
- “When groups of immigrants are particularly numerous and homogeneous therefore, they are encouraged to keep up their specific Catholic traditions. In particular, efforts must be made to provide organised religious assistance by priests of the language, culture and rite of the migrants selecting the most suitable juridical option from among those foreseen by the *CIC* and the *CCEO*.” (n. 50).

➤ “Eastern Rite Catholic migrants, whose numbers are steadily increasing, deserve particular pastoral attention. In their regard we should first of all remember the juridical obligation of the faithful to observe their own rite everywhere insofar as possible, rite being understood as their liturgical, theological, spiritual and disciplinary heritage (cf. CCEO Can. 28, §1 and PaG 72) (n.51).

All the above official teachings of the Church attest to the solicitude of the Church for the migrants and defend their pastoral rights. The official ecclesiastical position on the emigrants from the time of Lateran IV (1215) favoured providing ministers of the rite and language of the emigrants because migration is no reason to dissolve one’s birth-rite. The inability of the Syro-Malabar Church to cater to the spiritual and liturgical needs of the migrants can lead to their alienation and ultimate separation from the Mother Church. The only solution to solve the above issue is to extend jurisdiction everywhere in the world as territorial or personal. Any further delay in doing so will result in irreparable damage to the entire Catholic Church. Besides, it is also a question of keeping up the credibility of the Catholic claim that the Church stands for justice, peace and harmony. It is all the more right and just for the Church to allow the faithful to protect as well as foster their own faith traditions everywhere in India through the establishment of appropriate juridical structures proper to the *sui iuris* Church.



II THE MAGISTERIUM OF THE CHURCH ON EVANGELIZATION/ 'AD GENTES' MISSION

Jesus' parting directive to his followers was to preach the good news to all creation. Expressions like 'to all nations' (LK.24:47), "to make disciples of all nations (Mt.28:19), "preach the gospel to the whole creation" (MK.16:15), "so I send you" (Jn.20:21), all point to the same direction. The missionary command of Jesus is valid for ever. All missionary activities flow from the fountain of love of God the Father. Vatican II states: "Missionary activity is nothing else and nothing less than a manifestation or epiphany of God's will and fulfillment of that will in the world and history" (AG 9). God the Father who ardently desires the salvation of mankind has sent His only begotten Son into the world to save it and to be unique mediator between Him and humanity. Jesus through the passion death and resurrection accomplished his mission on earth.

Jesus had entrusted the accomplishment of His mission to the Apostles. The disciples are sent with the same mission of Christ (Jn.20:21). "As the Son was sent by the Father so he sent the Apostles" (LG 17). The Apostles were fully conscious of their missionary obligation and carried it out through their witness of life, proclamation and commitment. The early ecclesial communities were the fruits of apostolic preaching and witnessing. Each of these apostolic Churches was the result of the interaction between the Gospel message preached by the Apostles and the cultural milieu that received the same. Thus the work of evangelization undertaken by the Apostles in obedience to the missionary commissioning resulted in the formation of different ecclesial communities. The St. Thomas Christian community of India is rightly one of such ancient Apostolic Churches. All the Churches established by the Apostles share in the missionary responsibility of Christ. The Church continues in time and space the historical mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit. To a disciple of Christ this Christ given mission is not an option but a necessity. St. Paul says: "If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel" (1 Cor. 9.:16). He further says: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news" (Rom.10:15).

The Church continues the mission of Christ. It is the heart of the Church and the existence and extension of the Church is intimately connected with it. The following teachings of the Church make it clear:

Second Vatican Council

- “The pilgrim Church is missionary by her very nature” (AG 2).
- “The special undertakings which preachers of the Gospel, sent by the Church, and going into the whole world, carry out the work of preaching the Gospel and implanting the Church among the people who do not yet believe in Christ, are generally called missions.... The special end of this missionary activity is the evangelization and implanting of the Church among peoples and groups in which it has not yet taken root” (AG 6).
- “Missionary activity is the greatest and holiest duty of the Church” (AG 29).
- “The whole church is missionary, and the work of evangelization is a basic duty of the people of God” (AG 35).

Evangelii Nuntiandi

- “In the Church’s mind, to evangelise means to bring the Good News to all the strata of humanity and through its influence to transform humanity from within and make it new” (EN 18).
- “Modern man listens more willingly to witness than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers it is because they are witnesses” (EN 41).
- “Our evangelizing zeal must spring from true holiness of life” (EN 76).

Redemptoris Missio

- “Missionary activity is a matter for all Christians, for all dioceses and parishes, Church institutions and associations” (RM 2).
- “For in the Church’s history, missionary drive has always been a sign of vitality, just as its lessening is a sign of crisis in faith” (RM 2).
- “The witness of a Christian life is the first and irreplaceable form of mission work.... The first form of witness is the very life of missionary, of the Christian family, and of the ecclesial community, which reveal a new way of living” (RM 42).
- “The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission” (RM 90).
- “Holiness must be called a fundamental presupposition and an irreplaceable condition for everyone in fulfilling the mission of salvation in the Church” (RM 90).

Verbum Domini

- “The Church’s mission cannot be considered as an optional or supplementary element in her life” (VD 93).
- The Church cannot “restrict her pastoral work to the “ordinary maintenance” of those who already know the Gospel of Christ. Missionary

outreach is a clear sign of the maturity of an ecclesial community” (VD 95).

Porta Fidei

➤ “It is the love of Christ that fills our hearts and impels us to evangelize. Today as in the past, he sends us through the highways of the world to proclaim his Gospel to all peoples on earth” (n.7).

New Evangelization

New Evangelization remains a relatively new expression and concept in ecclesial and pastoral circles. It was John Paul II during his apostolic visit to Poland on 9 June 1979 who introduced the term new evangelization. The Pope used the term again while speaking to Bishops of Latin America on 9 March 1983. In different parts of the world there are many baptized people who have abandoned their faith or live as nominal Christians. New evangelization is the attempt to bring them back to mature faith. Renewed proclamation of the Gospel is essential to train them in faith and to bring them back to responsible living of Christian faith. The new evangelization is primarily a spiritual activity capable of recapturing in our times, the courage and forcefulness of the first Christians and the first missionaries. The new evangelization is primarily addressed to those who have drifted from the Church in traditionally Christian countries. Unfortunately, this phenomenon exists in varying degrees even in some countries where the Good News was proclaimed in recent centuries, but today has not been sufficiently accepted to result in the Christian transformation of persons, families and societies. Holy Father in *Porta Fidei* states: “Today too there is a need for stronger ecclesial commitment to new evangelization in order to rediscover the joy of believing and the enthusiasm for communicating the faith. In rediscovering his love day by day, the missionary commitment of believers attains force and vigour that can never fade away” (n.7).



III THE COMMISSION FOR EVANGELIZATION AND PASTORAL CARE OF THE MIGRANTS

The Catholic Church is a communion of twenty three *sui iuris* Churches with different liturgy, theology, spirituality and administrative system. The Syro- Malabar Church is the second largest in number among twenty two Eastern Churches with a total population of 3.8 million faithful. It is a Major Archbishopal *sui iuris* Church with a Synodal structure. The Synod is the supreme legislative and judicial authority in the Church. The Major Archbishop is the father and head of this Church (CCEO, 55). As the father and head of the Church, the Major Archbishop must be solicitous not only for the faithful of his Church in the proper territory, but also for the migrants scattered all over the world. He enjoys certain rights and duties towards the faithful who belong to his Church no matter wherever they stay (CCEO.148§ 2). He exercises his pastoral authority in the Church with the help of various Commissions because canon 124 of the CCEO prescribes that there should be various Commissions to take care of the different fields of activities in the *sui iuris* Church. The Commissions are erected by the Major Archbishop, constituted of persons chosen by him and are governed by norms established by him (Synodal News, No. 1, August 1993, p. 47).

In the very first meeting of the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, held from 20 to 25 May 1993 at the residence of Mar Antony Padiyara, the then Major Archbishop, at Ernakulam under the chairmanship of Archbishop Abraham Kattumana, the Pontifical Delegate to the Syro-Malabar Church, decision was taken to constitute the Major Archbishopal Commission for the Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants. This Commission was constituted to assist the Major Archbishop of the Church in carrying out his responsibilities towards the Syro-Malabar migrant faithful outside the proper territory of the Syro Malabar Church in India and aboard and to animate and co-ordinate the evangelizing mission of the Church. The same Synod elected Bishop Mar Gregory Karotemprel CMI as the Chairman and Bishops Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil (Pala) and Mar Paul Chittilapilly (Kalyan) as members of the Commission (Synodal News, No. 1, August 1993, pp 6-7, Synodal News, No. 6, May 1995, p. 41).

While the VI Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church was in session from 12th to 24th January 1998, Mar Varkey Vithayathil C.Ss.R.,

the Apostolic Administrator of the Syro-Malabar Church reconstituted the Commission for the Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants with Bishop Mar Gregory Karotemprel CMI as the Chairman and Bishops Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil and Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI as members. The Commission members took charge on 21 May 1998 (Synodal News, No. 11, March 1998, p.15). The VII Synod of Bishops, held at Mount St Thomas from 14 to 20 November 1999, took the decision to establish a Mission Secretariat under the auspices of the Major Archiepiscopal Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia, Mount St Thomas. Mar Varkey Vithayathil, the then Apostolic Administrator, canonically erected the Mission Secretariat at Mount St Thomas vide Decree No. 1871/99 on 17th December 1999 (Synodal News, Vol. 7, Nos. 1& 2, December 1999, pp 56,70, 124).

In the course of the XI Synod of Bishops held at Mount St. Thomas from 3 to 15 November 2003, Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, then Major Archbishop reconstituted the Commission for the Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants with Bishop Gregory Karotemprel CMI again as the Chairman and Bishops Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram CMI and Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkal VC as members (Synodal News, Vol.11, No.2, December 2003, p. 30).

During the XVI synod, on 27th August 2008, Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, the Major Archbishop reconstituted the Commission for the Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants with Bishop Sebastian Vadakel MST as the Chairman and Bishops Simon Stock Palathara CMI and Mar Antony Chirayath as members (Synodal News, Vol.12, Nos.1&2, November 2008, p. 47).

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A. Functions of the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants

The Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants is entrusted with the co-ordination of two fold programmes: the evangelizing activity in the Church as well as the pastoral care of the migrants of the Syro-Malabar Church.

Pastoral Care of the Syro-Malabar Migrants

Owing to a variety of social and economic factors large numbers of Syro-Malabar Catholics started migrating to various parts of Kerala, India and abroad from the first half of the 20th century. As per reliable sources, one third of the members of the Syro-Malabar Church are living outside the proper territory of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church. The Commission undertakes a wide range of activities to give proper pastoral care to the migrants in their places of work and settlement. As a first step the Commission tries to identify and organize migrant communities in India and abroad. The Mission policy of the Syro-Malabar Church assigns the following functions:

1. To identify and inform the Major Archbishop of areas outside the proper territory or our mission eparchies where there is a sizeable community of our faithful so that necessary steps may be taken to provide pastoral care for them in our rite.
2. To remain in contact with the Local Ordinaries who have a concentration of our migrant faithful under them.
3. To prepare an annual report regarding the situations of the pastoral care of the migrants the world over and submit it to the Major Archbishop and the Synod.
4. To prepare a Directory of our migrant faithful in cities outside the proper territory and our mission eparchies.
5. To coordinate programs for the social welfare of our migrant faithful.
6. To find ways and means to make use of the potential of our migrant faithful.
7. To help the migrants to keep their original heritage by providing them with information on our Church through leaflets, brochures, newsletters etc.
8. To assist our migrant faithful to form associations which may help them to keep up their heritage and traditions.
9. To see that proper catechesis is given in migrant communities.

10. To make provisions for our migrant people to remain in contact with the Mother Church and to encourage bishops and priests who make visits abroad to visit our migrant communities as well, if the distance permits them to do so.

11. To take the initiative to free the present Syro-Malabar mission eparchies from the suffragan status of the Latin archdioceses and to take the necessary steps towards the erection of a mission Archeparchy encompassing all the Syro-Malabar mission eparchies.

12. To take necessary measures to establish eparchies, parishes; appoint chaplains or parish priests for our migrant communities according to the need of the situation. This shall be done in consultation with the Major Archbishop and the local Latin hierarchy.

13. To organise the diocesan and religious priests belonging to our Church living in the big cities of India and abroad and to make use of their services in organizing and catechising our migrants.

Evangelization

“The Church is missionary by her nature” (AG 29). It is the vocation proper to the Church and she exists to evangelize” (EN 14). The missionary activity is the greatest and holiest duty of the Church (AG 29, RM 63). Hence, every Christian has the fundamental obligation to participate in the mission of the Church wherever he or she is. It is when Christians actively and enthusiastically take part in the missionary activity of the Church, that they live according to their missionary nature. The Syro-Malabar Church is fully conscious of her missionary vocation. To foster the missionary thrust of her migrant faithful the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants undertakes various programmes like the following to:

- To organise mission animation programs to create mission awareness in the Mother Church
- To foster the link between mission Eparchies and the sponsoring Eparchies in Kerala
- To promote vocations to the missions
- To conduct various meetings of the Eparchial Directors of mission
- To help the mission Eparchies with personnel and resources

Major Steps so far Taken by the Commission

From the very inception of the Commission, the pastoral care of the migrants of the Syro-Malabar Church has always been its priority. Some of the past members of the Commission were appointed Apostolic Visitators to the USA and Canada as well as some of the European countries. They presented reports of their visitations to the Synod as well as to Rome. The Commission held several meetings and deliberations with the Latin prelates of the migrant areas and sent various memoranda to Rome and to other ecclesiastical authorities. Consequently, St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Diocese of Chicago in 2001 was erected for the Syro-Malabar migrants in the USA and Canada. The recent erection of the Diocese of Faridabad is yet another accomplishment of the efforts of the Commission. Besides, chaplains are appointed for the pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar migrants by the Latin prelates in many places and several Syro-Malabar parishes are established in cities like Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata and so on.

In 1998 the Commission was entrusted with the task of organising the first Syro Malabar Mission Assembly. To facilitate it a preliminary meeting was held in November 1998 at Poornodaya, Bhopal with delegates from all dioceses, mainly from mission dioceses for drafting the first Working Paper (Lineamenta). The Mission Assembly was well conducted from November 12 to 14, 1999 at Mount St Thomas. Again as per the direction of the Synod, the Commission convened a Meeting of the Bishops of the *territorium proprium* and the Major Superiors of the Syro Malabar Religious Congregations and Institutes of Apostolic Life, working in the above Dioceses at Poornodaya in Bhopal from 13 to 15 October, 2000 to evaluate the various evangelization programmes undertaken by the Syro-Malabar Church.

An all-inclusive Syro-Malabar Catholic Directory was published by the Commission for the first time in November 2004. In addition, it joyfully undertook the preparation of the Mission Policy of the Syro-Malabar Church in the challenging circumstances of the Mission of the Church in the third millennium. After several years of study, consultation, discussion and preparation at various levels it was finally promulgated on 19 March, 2006. It was simultaneously translated into Malayalam as well.

The Commission conducted the first ever Global Meet of the Syro-Malabar migrants at Mount St Thomas, the Major Archiepiscopal Curia from 18 to 21 August 2006 after a year long preparations. Around 380 participants from all over the world participated in the Meet. Above 100 of these participants were from outside India while the others were from the Syro-

Malabar dioceses in India and various Indian cities representing the migrant communities. The Commission brought out a Directory of the Syro-Malabar Migrants in 2006 with a brief history, general statistics, contact details and other relevant pieces of information of every sizeable Syro-Malabar migrant community in India and outside. Around the time of Christmas 2006 the Syro-Malabar Global Mission was published for the migrants of the Syro-Malabar Church as per the suggestions of the Global Meet 2006.

In 2008 a website by name www.cepcm.org was launched to make known the programs of the Commission in the migrant communities and for effective coordination of the activities in the different centers. In collaboration with *Sathyadeepam* the Commission brought out a Mission Supplement as a special issue to introduce the Syro-Malabar Mission Dioceses to the Mother Church. The Supplement contained articles and pictures on all the Mission dioceses of the Syro-Malabar Church and it was a landmark achievement for the Commission. A study seminar on the Mission Policy of the Syro-Malabar Church under the title Mission Congress 2007 was arranged as a preparation for the Indian Mission Congress *Yesumahotsav* in 2009. The Commission played very active role in the conduct of the Indian Mission Congress held in Mumbai in 2009.

On 23 January 2009 Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, the then Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church promulgated the *Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Migrants*. In addition, *The Guidelines for Recognizing Lay Associations of the Syro-Malabar Faithful Outside the Syro-Malabar Eparchies in India and Abroad* was promulgated by the Major Archbishop on Jan 23, 2009. In 2010 for the use of the migrant communities the Commission prepared a syllabus for the marriage preparation course. Now many centers have started marriage preparation courses in their respective centers and the certificates are issued in the name of the Commission.

The Commission maintains regular correspondence with the appointed pastors/chaplains, migrant communities and the respective local respective Ordinaries. As a result, most of the communities are getting better organized. After the appointment of National Coordinators in UK and Australia pastoral care of the migrants in these places have become more vibrant and effective. Saudi Arabia has a big Syro-Malabar concentration that is about 1,90,000. In 2009 the Synod took initiative to

organize the pastoral activities in Saudi Arabia by sending Syro-Malabar priests. Now the Commission has started contacting the migrant communities in African countries with a view of organizing them.

In view of commemorating the golden jubilee of our Church's mission entry into North India the Synod of Bishops (session/2, August 2010) of Syro-Malabar Church declared a Syro-Malabar Mission Year from 15 August 2011 to 15 August 2012. The Commission was entrusted with the task of the preparation of Action plan for it. After due consultations with different sections of the faithful the action plan was prepared and presented to the XIX Synod of Bishops held in January 2011. The XIX Synod approved the action plan and the Commission was entrusted with the implementation of programmes of the Mission Year at all levels. Various programmes in the Major Archiepiscopal, Eparchial, parish/family/formation houses and Religious Congregations and Institutes of Consecrated Life are organized to instill the missionary spirit in all sections of the Syro-Malabar faithful.

A dynamic Church can in no way "restrict her pastoral work to the "ordinary maintenance" of those who already know the Gospel of Christ. Missionary outreach is a clear sign of the maturity of an ecclesial community" (VD 95). The celebration of the Mission Year has rekindled the missionary spirit and thrust of the Syro-Malabar Church. Now it is the responsibility of each one of us to keep the light of Christ burning and to witness to the ends of the earth. Therefore, we need energetic and committed missionaries in and outside the proper territory of our Church burning with missionary zeal. *The Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Migrants* promulgated in 2009 by our late Major Archbishop His Beatitude Mar Varkey Cardinal Vitayathil CSsR says in n.19: "Promoting the missionary thrust of our church, the migrant community must be made an evangelizing community wherever they are. They should be properly instructed of the missionary character and responsibility of theirs and be encouraged to contribute their share to the missionary activities of the Syro-Malabar Church. The Pastors should conduct special mission animation programmes for the faithful and promote priestly, religious and lay missionary vocations from among the faithful." Hence, evangelization and pastoral care are mutually complimentary and correlated and not to be opposed. They are two sides of the same process of making known the person and message of Jesus Christ to the world.

B Guidelines for Pastoral Care of the Migrants

Mission

The love of Christ towards migrants urges us (cf. 2Cor. 5:14) to look afresh at their problems and to respond more efficiently to the pastoral needs of the Syro-Malabar faithful living outside the *territorium proprium* of the church in India and abroad.

The Major Archiepiscopal Commission for the Pastoral Care of the Migrants is constituted to assist the Major Archbishop of the Church in carrying out his responsibilities towards the migrant Christian faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church.

a. The Hierarchs of other *Sui iuris* Churches and the Commission

1. The commission shall “seek appropriate information concerning the Christian faithful who reside outside the territorial boundaries of the Church” (CCEO 148§1) and submit it to the Major Archbishop.
2. On the verification of the information collected or the demand made by the faithful living outside the territory, the commission may approach the respective ordinaries of the place and make request to exercise the most suitable juridical option from among those foreseen by the CIC and the CCEO (*Erga Migrantes Caritas Christi* No. 50).
3. Even though entrusted to the care of a local hierarchy/local ordinary or pastor of another Church *sui iuris*, they still remain ascribed to their own Church *sui iuris* (CCEO 38, cf. CIC 112, §2). Therefore, the commission shall see that the community is given adequate pastoral care as per the patrimony of the Syro- Malabar Church and help the hierarchs or pastors to fulfill their responsibility.
4. Where there are faithful of a different rite, the local hierarchy/local ordinary should provide for their spiritual needs through priests or parishes of that rite (CIC 383§2, CD 22, EMCC 53). The commission should ensure that the priests ministering the faithful are well trained and equipped to foster the faith of the community in the patrimony of the Syro-Malabar Church.
5. The local hierarchy/local ordinaries, who appoint presbyters, pastors or

syncelli for the care of Christian faithful of Patriarchal/Major Archiepiscopal Churches, are to formulate plans of action with the Patriarchs / Major Archbishops who are concerned in the matter (CCEO 193§3). When the time is ripe for the appointment of a pastor/chaplain, the commission shall request the Major Archbishop to present the name of the priest to the hierarch, so that he can appoint him for the care of the community. There shall be a written contract regarding the term and conditions of the service of the priest between the commission chairman and the local hierarch/local ordinary.

6. Wherever there is a considerable number of faithful to form a parish, the commission can suggest the possibility of the matter to the local hierarch that he erect a personal parish for the Syro-Malabar faithful. (CIC 518). No centre shall continue as a mission or a mass centre if it has 100 families or more. Only personal parishes with Syro-Malabar priests as pastors (appointed as in No.5) will ensure the context suitable for proper pastoral care for the Syro-Malabar migrant community (CCEO 280§1).

7. Even when the separate parishes or centers are erected for the Syro-Malabar faithful, these will continue to form integral parts of that diocese of the appointing bishop, and the parish priests/chaplains of the Syro-Malabar personal parish/center will remain members of the same diocesan presbyterate (EMCC 55). Therefore, the Syro-Malabar priests taking care of the Syro-Malabar faithful in the dioceses/vicariates of other *sui iuris* churches shall be obedient to these local hierarchs/local ordinaries under whose jurisdiction they are. However, they shall exercise their ministry in conformity with the patrimony (liturgical, theological, spiritual and canonical) of the Syro-Malabar Church (cf. CCEO Can. 28§1 and PaG 72).

8. The commission shall keep regular contacts with the Hierarchs/Ordinaries of the emigrant personal parishes and Mass/mission centers, to discuss matters concerning those parishes/centers. Further, the commission shall issue circulars and pastoral letters on behalf of the Major Archbishop, in consultation with the local hierarch/ordinary, for the faith formation of the community in those parishes/centers.

b. The Pastors / Chaplains in-charge of the Syro-Malabar Migrants

9. Normally only those Syro-Malabar priests, who are ascribed to the Syro-Malabar Eparchies or institutes of Consecrated life/Societies of

Apostolic life of the Syro-Malabar Church or to their Syro-Malabar provinces, shall be appointed parish priests/chaplains to do pastoral care for the Syro-Malabar migrants. However, when needed and available the help of other priests of the Syro-Malabar origin may also be enlisted for the same.

10. Priests doing pastoral care for the migrant community, whether in India or abroad should undergo a short term training offered by the commission. They should personally meet the Major Archbishop/the Chairman Bishop of the Commission before taking up their ministry.

11. The appointed pastors/chaplains shall observe the Particular Laws of the Syro-Malabar Church in the administration of the parish. Therefore, in all erected parishes/centers, they shall ensure the participation of the faithful after the model of *palliyogam* (Parish Council) in organizing parish activities and in the administration of the temporal goods. In other cases, there shall be the proper sharing of the responsibilities of the administration with elected members from the community.

12. The Sacred Liturgy and the Sacraments celebrated for our migrant communities shall always be the Syro-Malabar liturgy using the approved texts and adhering to the rites and the mode of celebration approved by the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church.

13. In the personal parishes and other established centers, even if not erected as parishes, the faithful should be invited to register their families and names and the church registers and documents shall be properly maintained and preserved. However, ample opportunities of co-operation and interaction with the other Catholic communities in the proximity are very essential to foster Christian fraternity avoiding any sort of exclusivity.

14. The pastors/chaplains shall take interest to guide the community to preserve the Syro-Malabar heritage especially in the practice of fast, abstinence and penance, celebration of the major feasts and in conducting various spiritual exercises for the community. They shall organize regular catechism classes for the children and youth using the texts approved by the synod. Great importance should be given to the proper catechetical formation of the faithful as per the tradition and heritage of the Syro-Malabar Church.

15. The pastors/chaplains need to be in regular contact with Major Ar-

chiepiscopal Commission and should send it annual repots regarding the state of the community, the apostolic activities and events in the parish.

16. They shall promote and strengthen Christian life by establishing pious associations of the Christian faithful with the approval of the local Hierarchs/ ordinaries.

17. As regards the administration of the temporal goods, making collection among the faithful for any purpose etc. the particular law of the diocese and the direction of the local Hierarch shall be strictly followed .

18. Through regular family visits, organizing family unit prayer meetings, study classes etc. the pastors should help the miprant communities to feel united and strengthened in their Christian faith. They also need to be initiated into the customs and manners of the people of the land where they live. The positive interaction with the fellow Christian faithful of the land should be mutually enriching experience for both the communities.

19. Promoting the missionary thrust of our church, the migrant community must be made an evangelizing community wherever they are. They should be properly instructed of the missionary character and responsibility of theirs and be encouraged to contribute their share to the missionary activities of the Syro- Malabar Church. Pastors should conduct special mission animation programmes for the faithful and promote priestly', religious and lay missionary vocations from among the faithful.

20. Normally, the parish priest / chaplains presented by the Major Archbishop may be appointed for a period of three years. Their term may be extended for another period of two years. After that they may be called back or appointed in some other place with the agreement of their own hierarchs/ ordinaries. In case of necessity they may even be called back during this period by the Chairman of the Commission sending an advance notice of two months to the local hierarch / ordinary to the effect. Similarly, the local hierarch/bishop may, in serious cases, with due information to the commission, send back such a priest replacing him with another Syro-Malabar priest presented by the Major Archbishop.

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Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil
Archbishop of the Syro Malabar Church

C. The Mission Policy of the Syro-Malabar Church

The Mission Policy of the Syro- Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church was promulgated on 19 March, 2006. In the decree of promulgation, His Beatitude Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, the then Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church explained its goal as “that it may serve as guide to all those persons engaged in the Apostolate of Evangelization in the mission areas as well as to those who prepare the personnel for such endeavours and exhort that this may be accepted, studied and implemented wherever applicable.”

Pope Paul VI in *Evangelii Nuntiandi* states: “Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize” (EN 14). What is stated regarding the universal Church applies equally to every Individual Church. The Council document on Eastern Catholic Churches expressly declares: “They (Individual Churches) have the same rights and are under the same obligations, even with regard to the preaching of the Gospel in the whole world, under the direction of the Roman Pontiff” (OE 3). The Catholic Church is a communion of 23 Individual Churches and each Church is to be acknowledged, appreciated, encouraged and proclaimed. Hence mission *ad gentes* is a God given right and duty of the members of the Syro Malabar Church remaining faithful to the ecclesial identity of the Church. Vatican II and other documents of the Church categorically affirm the equal missionary responsibility of all Christians of different ecclesial tradition. The Council states: “The growth of the Universal Church is possible only through the growth of the Individual Churches” (OE2).

Major Orientations in the Mission Policy

The missionary vision and thrust of the Syro-Malabar Church has the following orientations (cf: *Mission Policy of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church*-pp62-64).

I. As an Individual Church, it is the right and duty of the Syro-Malabar Church to go out and preach the gospel not only in India, but also universally, under the guidance of the Supreme Pontiff. The missionary activity is the task of all the members of the Church. It is not merely entrusted to a few missionaries going out to distant regions, rather it should be supported and nurtured by the Mother Church through prayer, reflection and active participation of clergy and laity. This participation should be organized and directed by the ecclesial leadership.

II. The ultimate goal of our evangelizing mission is to share our Christ-experience through our specific Syro-Malabar heritage with the people and to form genuine Eucharistic communities. Hence we have to imbibe the genuine spirit of our ecclesial tradition and uphold it in our life and mission. The communities formed thus, should be the core of further evangelizing mission there.

III. In our evangelizing mission we should take into consideration the following factors and pattern it in that light. We work in a multi-religious milieu with a rich cultural background. So the importance of dialogue must be considered. Our Catholic tradition is situated in an inter-ecclesial context. As other Christian denominations are also active here, we have to take into account the prospects of ecumenism. At present we are in a volatile political and economic situation, which is further complicated by religious fundamentalism.

IV. The Syro-Malabar mission should have its own characteristic approach. Rather than striving for an institutional embellishment, it should be localized, community oriented and bearing personal testimony with a simple lifestyle, following the East Syrian heritage and in tune with the Indian culture. Our missionary activity should always have the stamp of asceticism with it. Our mission centres should always have the feature of an ashram and centre of prayer both in appearance and life style.

V. The influence of media in all aspects of human life and society is very significant. Hence, the Church should make effective use of this powerful means for evangelization.

VI. The pastoral care of the emigrants should also form part of our mission. They have to be trained in the Syro-Malabar heritage and should be inspired to become active witnesses of their Christian faith.

VII. Lay participation and ministries for mission should be promoted.

VIII. While promoting individual and congregational charisms in the missionary activity, all these should be supervised and guided by the Major Archbishop and the Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, as follows:

a. The responsibility of coordinating all the missionary activities of the Syro-Malabar Church and the pastoral care of the migrant faithful from this Church rests primarily with the Major Archbishop and the Synod.

b. The Major Archbishop shall explore the possibilities of obtaining virgin areas for the work of evangelization, Steps should be taken to establish dioceses and parishes for the migrants wherever there is concentration of our migrant people.

c. When a diocese of another *sui juris* Church or any Individual Church requires services of the members of our Church, they are requested to contact the Major Archbishop. The duration and conditions of their service in other dioceses will be determined by the Major Archbishop.

d. The Major Archbishop should take the responsibility of sending missionaries to our missions and also to other sister Churches.

e. There should be an office under the Major Archbishop to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life for missions.

f. It is the duty of the Major Archbishop to arrange for the pastoral care for migrants by providing priests from our Church. In this he shall be guided by the Magisterium, of the Church as well as the norms put forward in both the Codes of Canon Law.

IX. Missionary vocations are to be promoted and better utilized.

X Missionary institutes, Societies and Associations are to be encouraged and promoted.

XI The Church should pay more attention to the missionary formation of the candidates to priesthood, religious life and of the laity.

XII There is need to encourage and inspire the missionaries to develop an authentic and deep missionary spirituality.

XIII. Finally, our missionary orientation should be universally directed and not to be confined to the Indian context alone. Mission *ad gentes* of the Syro-Malabar Church must be in accordance with her authentic nature as a *sui juris* Oriental Church.



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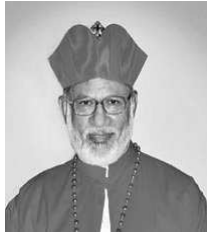
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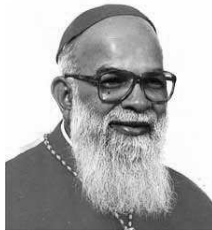
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Elected Cardinal 06 .01.2012

Elevated Cardinal 18.02.2012

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Major Archbishop 16.12.1992

Retired 18.12.1996

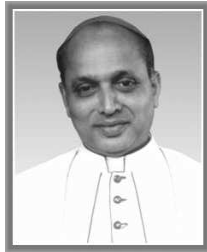
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Elected Cardinal 21.01. 2001
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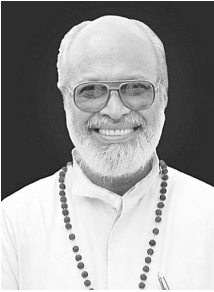


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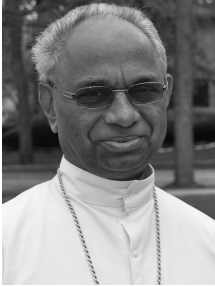


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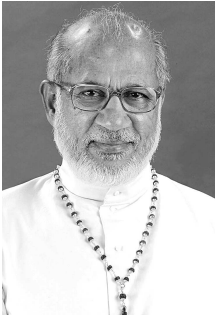
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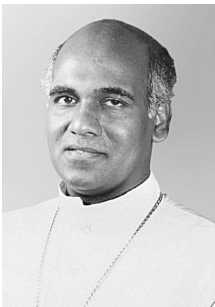
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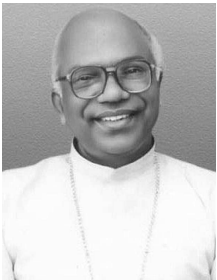
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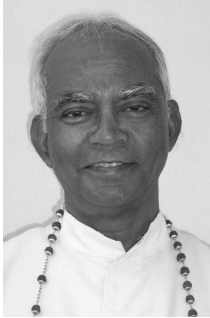
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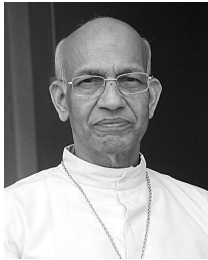
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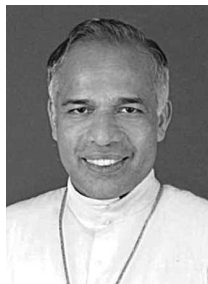
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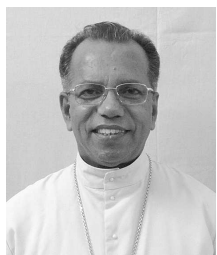


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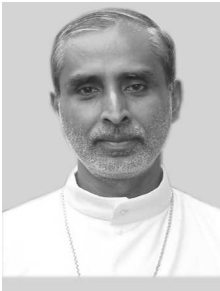
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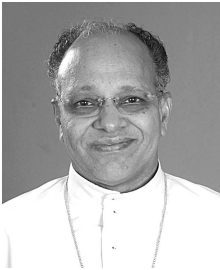
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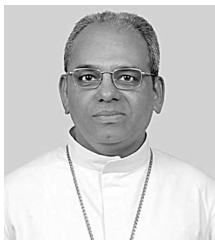
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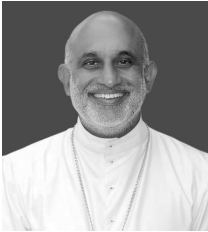


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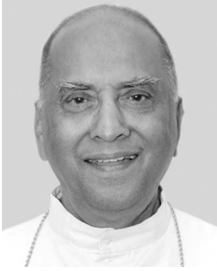
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V. A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SYRO MALABAR CHURCH

The Syro-Malabar Church traces its origin back to St Thomas the Apostle, who came to South India in 52 AD and established the Church. Its members were called St Thomas Christians. The Syro Malabar Church is one of the four Oriental Churches having in common the East Syrian Liturgical tradition. The others are those of Edessa, Seleucia-Ctesiphon and Persia. On account of this common heritage and the St. Thomas Apostolic Tradition the Syro-Malabar Church continued its hierarchical relations with the Chaldean Church under the Catholicate of Seleucia-Ctesiphon.

In the 16th century the Portuguese came to India and the Latin missionaries, suspecting the St Thomas Christians of heresy, started Latinizing them. Hierarchically they were brought under the rule of the Latin Bishops after the Synod of Diamper.

In 1653 in the ill famous 'Coonan Cross Oath' at Mattanchery, the St Thomas Christians took the oath not to obey the ruling Latin Bishop. This was the starting point of division among the St. Thomas Christians who were one Church till that time. It is led to the division of St. Thomas Christian into two sections i.e. one that submitted to the jurisdiction of the Latin rule to be in communion with the Pope while others broke away from communion in opposition to the Portuguese.

Eventually those who continued under the Latin rule formed the community, which we now call the Syro-Malabar Church. Those who broke away opposing the Portuguese tried to get Bishops from the Oriental Churches. They came into contact with the Jacobite Patriarch and eventually became Jacobites, of which a fraction was reunited with the Catholic Communion in 1930 and is now known as the Syro-Malankara Church. After 230 years of Latin rule the Syro-Malabar Hierarchy was established in India in 1923.

As the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches was promulgated in 1990, it became necessary to rectify the canonical anomaly in the structure of Syro-Malabar Church. Thus, on 16th December 1992, Pope John Paul II raised the Syro-Malabar Church to the status of a Major Archiepiscopal *Sui Juris* Church with the title of Ernakulam-Angamaly. Archbishop Mar Antony Padiyara was appointed the Major Archbishop. The powers of the Major Archbishop were given temporarily to Mar Abraham Kattumana, a special Delegate of the Roman Pontiff.

When Archbishop Abraham Kattumana expired in 1995, Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara was given the powers of the Major Archbishop. When Major Archbishop Padiyara resigned Mar Varkey Vithayathil CSsR was appointed Apostolic Administrator of Ernakulam-Angamaly of the Syro-Malabar Church and also the Administrator of the Archdiocese of Ernakulam. He took charge on January 18, 1997. On January 26, 2000, Mar Varkey Vithayathil CSsR was installed as Major Archbishop. Then on 21st January 2001 His Beatitude Mar Varkey Vithayathil CSsR was created Cardinal.

When Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil was called to eternal reward on 1 April 2011, Mar Bosco Puthur, the Curia Bishop became the administrator of the Church. He convened the synod on 25 May 2011 and the synod elected Mar George Alencherry as the Major Archbihop. His installation ceremony took place at St. Mary's Basilica on 29 May 2011. Mar George Alencherry was raised to the status of Cardinal on 18 February 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI.



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Non Registered Families

1400 Members/ Families 300

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Faithful

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Diocese & Local Ordinary

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Faithful

800 Families/ 3000 Members

Mass Centers

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Faithful 80 Families

2. Blanchardstown

St. Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown,
Dublin 15
Faithful 70 Families

3. Bray

Holy Redeemer Church, Main St.,

Bray, Co. Wicklow
Faithful 50 Families

4. Inchicore

Mary Immaculate Church,
Tyreconnel Rd, Dublin 8
Faithful 110 Families

5. Lucan

Divine Mercy Church, Balgady Rd, Lucan, Co.Dublin
Dublin Archdiocese
Faithful 120 Families

6. Phibsborough

St.Peter's Church, Phibsborough, Dublin 7
Faithful 120 Families

7. St.Vincent's

St.Mary's Caritas Chapel
Merrion Rd, Dublin 4
Faithful 90 Families

8. Swords

St.Finian's Church, Swords
Co. Dublin
Faithful 50 Families

9. Tallaght

St.Mark's Church, Springfield
Tallaght, Dublin 24
Faithful 100 Families

10. Athy+ Carlow

Most. Rev. Diarmuid Martin
St. Michaels Church, Athy+ Carlow
Faithful 12 Families, 8 Members
Priest in charge Fr. Mathew Arackaparambil

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St. Clare Chapel
Faithful 24

Priest in charge Fr. Martin Ocam

2. Clonmel

Waterford Diocese

Most Rev. William Lee

St. Oliver Plunkett Clonmel

Faithful 16

Priest in charge Fr. Vinod Rosminian Cong.

3. Drogheda

Armagh Archdiocese

Card. Sean Brady

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Faithful 15

Priest in charge Fr. Mathew Arackaparambil

4. Dundalk

Armagh Archdiocese

Card. Sean Brady

St. Mary's Church Dundalk

Faithful 26

Priest in charge Fr. Martin Ocam

5. Galway

Galway Diocese

Most Rev. Martin Drennan

S. H Church, Galway

Faithful 50

Priest in charge Fr. Jaison Ocam

6. Kildare

Kildare&Leighlin Diocese

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Faithful 12Families

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7. Kilkenny

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Faithful 26

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Limerick Diocese

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Faithful 40

9. Longford

Ardagh&Clonmacnoi Diocese
Most Rev. Colm O' Reilly
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Priest in charge Fr. Mathew Arackaparambil

10. Sligo

Elphin Diocese
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Priest in charge Fr. Mathew Arackaparambil

11. Tullamore

Meath Diocese
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Faithful 18
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12. Waterford

Waterford Diocese
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Mass Centers

1. Darlington

St. Augustin Syro-Malabar Mass Center Darlington

Priest in Charge Fr. Saji Thottathil

Faithful 15 Families

2. Newcastle Upon Tyne

St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Mass Center Newcastle Upon Tyne

Priest in charge Fr. Saji Thottathil

Faithful 95 Families.

3. Sunderland

St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Mass Center Sunderland

Priest in charge Fr. Saji Thottathil

Faithful 50 Families

2.8.1.5. LANCASTER

St. Alphonsa's Preston

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Diocese of Lancaster

Most. Rev Michael G Campbell OSA

Bishop's Office, Pastoral Centre

Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT

Priest in charge

Rev Dr Mathew J Choorapoikayil

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 Cell 0044 7772026235
 E-mail mcpoikayil@hotmail.com
 105 Families

Faithful

Mass Centres

1. Blackpool (Diocese of Lancaster)

Priest in charge Rev Dr Mathew J Choorapoikayil
 Faithful 105 Families

2. Kendal

St George Kendal (Diocese of Lancaster)

Priest in charge Rev Dr Mathew J Choorapoikayil
 Faithful 23 Families

3. Chorely

St Mary's Chorely (Archdiocese of Liverpool)

Diocese & Local Ordinary Archdiocese of Liverpool
 Most Rev Patrick Kelly
 Archbishop's House, Liverpool LA 188 BY
 Priest in charge Rev Dr Mathew J Choorapoikayil
 Faithful 07 Families

4. Ulverston

St Mary's Ulverston (Diocese of Lancaster)

Priest in charge Rev Dr Mathew J Choorapoikayil
 Faithful 14 Families

2.8.1.6. LEEDS

Syro-Malabar Catholics, Leeds

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Faithful 150 Families

Mass Centre

Pontefract

St Joseph's Pontefract

Priest in charge Fr. Shinu Jacob Ponneth

Faithful 34 Families

2.8.1.7. LIVERPOOL

Liverpool Kerala Catholic Community

Diocese & Local Ordinary Archdiocese of Liverpool
Bishop Patrick Altham Kelly
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Priest in charge Visiting Priests
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Sparrowhall Road, Liverpool L9 6BU
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Faithful 370 families.

Mass centres

1. Chorley

Faithful 5 Families

Priest in charge Rev. Dr. Fr Mathew Choorapoikayil

Ph 0044 7772026235

2. Fazakerley

Holy Name Church, Fazakerley

Faithful 50 Families

3. Liverpool

Liverpool Kerala Catholic Society (Sacred Heart Church)

Faithful 200 Families

4. St. Helens

Holy Cross Church, St. Helens

Faithful 20 Families

5. Warrington

Sacred Heart Church, Warrington

Faithful 40 Families

6. Whiston

St Luke's Church Whiston

Faithful 20 Families

7. Wigan

St Mary's Church, Wigan

Faithful 40 Families

2.8.1.8. MANCHESTER

Syro-Malabar Community, Manchester

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Diocese of Shrewsbury

Most. Rev. Mark Davies

Curial offices, 2 Park Road South,

Prenton, Wirral CH 43 UX, U K

Priest in charge

Fr Sajimon Kuriakose Malayilputhenpurayil

St.John's Presbytery, 133 woodhouse

Lane, Wythenshawe,

Manchester M22 9NW, UK

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Faithful

390 Families

Mass Centers

1. Chester

St Werburgh's Syro-Malabar centre

Chester - 23 Families

2. Crew

St Marys Syro-Malabar Centre, Crew

Faithful 16 Families

3. Northwich

St Alphonsa's Syro-Malabar Centre, Northwich

Faithful 21 Families

4. Sockport

St Peter's Syro-Malabar Centre, Sockport

Faithful 26 Families

5. Telford & Shrewsbury

St Patrick's Syro-Malabar Centre, Telford & Shrewsbury

Faithful 30 Families.

6. Wythenshawe

St Thomas Syro-Malabar Centre

Wythenshawe, South Manchester

Faithful 160 Families

7. Wirral

St Joseph's Syro-Malabar Centre, Wirral

Faithful 73 Families.

2.8.1.9. NOTTINGHAM

Syro-Malabar Community, Nottingham

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Diocese of Nottingham

Most. Rev. Malcolm McMahon OP

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2.8.1.10. PENRITH

Syro-Malabar Community, Penrith

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Diocese of Lancaster

Most. Rev. Michael G Campbell OSA

Bishop's Office, Pastoral Centre

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Priest in charge

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Faithful

20 Families

2.8.1.11. SALFORD**Syro-Malabar Community, Salford**

Diocese & Local Ordinary	Diocese of Salford Most. Rev. Terence J. Brain Bishop of Salford, Wardley Hall, Worsley Manchester, M28 2 ND, United Kingdom
Priest in charge	E-mail dioceseofsalford.org.uk Fr. Thomas Thaikkoottathil MST Presbytery, Portland Crescent Longsight, Manchester, M13 OBU, U.K
Faithful	Ph 00447448233864 E-mail thomasachan@rediffmail.com 410 Families/1551 Members

1. Ashtonu Lyne

45 Families/ 180 Members

2. Blackburn

55 Families/ 215 Members

3. Bolton

60 Families/ 238 Members

4. Central Manchester

110 Families/ 410 Members

5. North Manchester

25 Families/ 88 Members

6. Rochdale

25 Families/ 80 Members

7. Salford

55 Families/ 210 Members

8. Trafford

35 Families/ 130 Members

2.8.1.12. SOUTHWARK**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

Diocese & Local Ordinary	Archdiocese of Southwark Most Rev. Peter D. Smith
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Fr Biju Kottanloor CST
Our Lady of Lourdes, 45B, Burnt Ash Hill
Lee, London, SE12 0AE, UK
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E-mail knalloor@gmail.com
Website syromalabarchurchuk.org
Faithful 600 Families

Mass Centres

1. Ashford

St. Teresa, Maidstone Road,
Ashford, TN24 8TX

2. Broadstairs

Our Lady Star of the Sea, 23 St. Peter's Raod,
Broadstairs, CT10 2AP

3. Bromley

St. Joseph's, 1 Orchard Road,
Bromley, BR1 2PR

4. Canterbury

St Thomas of Canterbury,
59 Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ

5. Catford

Holy Cross, 208 Sangley Road,
Catford, SE6 2JS

6. Dartford

St. Vincent's, Mallard Close,
Temple Hill, Dartford, DA1 5HU

7. Gillingham

Our Lady of Gillingham, 2a Ingram Road,
Gillingham, ME7 1YL

8. Maidstone

St. Francis, 126 Week Street,
Maidstone, ME14 1RH

9. Morden

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus,

250 Bishopsford Road, Morden, SM4 6BZ

10. Thorntonheath

St. Andrew, 45 Brook Road,
Thorntonheath, CR7 7RD

11. Tolworth

Our Lady Immaculate,
401 Ewell Road, Tolworth, KT6 7DG

Other Centers

1. Bedford

Catholic Church of Our Lady,
307 Bedford Road, Bedford, MK42 8QB

2. Haverhill

St Felix Catholic Church,
3 Wentworth Terrace, Haverhill, CB 9 9BP

3. Petersfield

St. Laurence, 12 Station Road,
Petersfield, GU32 3ED

4. Reading

English Martyrs, 64 Liebenrood Road,
Reading, RG30 2EB

5. Slough

Holy Redeemer Church,
Wrexham Road, Slough, SL2 5QR

6. Woking

St Dunstan, Shaftesbury Road,
Woking, GU22 7DT

2.8.1.13. WESTMINSTER

Syro-Malabar Community, Westminster

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Archdiocese of Westminster

Most Rev. Vincent Nichols

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Website www.syromalabarchurchuk.org

Faithful

370 Families

Mass Centres Faithful

Edmonton	20 Families
Enfield	45 Families
Harefield	20 Families
Hayes	40 Families
Hounslow	70 Families
Stevenage	80 Families
Ware	15 Families
Watford	70 Families
Wembly	80 Families

2.8.2. NORTHERN IRELAND

2.8.2.1. ARMAGH

Syro-Malabar Community, Portadown

Archdiocese of Armagh
His Eminence Cardinal Sean Brady
Archbishop of Armagh

Priest in charge Ara Coeli, Cathedral Road
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 Fr. Joseph Karukayil
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 31 Families

2.8.2.2. CLOUGHER

Syro-Malabar Community, Enniskillen

Diocese of Clogher
 Most. Rev. John McDowell
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 9 Families

2.8.2.3. DERRY

St.Mary's Syro Malabar Church,Derry.SMSC

Diocese & Local Ordinary Diocese of Derry
 Most. Rev. Seamus Hegarty

Priest in charge Fr. Joseph Karukayil
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 Web www.smcbbelfast.org
 48 Families, 12 students

Mass Centers

1. Derry

St.Columbus Church, Waterside

2. Omagh

Christ The King Church, Omagh

2.8.2.4. DOWN AND CONNOR

Syro-Malabar Catholics, Down and Connor

Diocese & Local Ordinary Diocese of Down and Connor
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Web www.smcbelfast.org
Faithful 348 Families

Mass Centres

1. Antrim

56 GreystoneRd, BT 41, 1 JZ, Antrim
Faithful 150 Members

2. Ballyhakamore

Ballyhakamore, St. Colmcille's Church 191,
Upper NewtownardsRd BT 4 3 JB
Faithful 170 Members

3. Bangor

St. Comgall's Church, Burnswick Rd Bangor,
Co. Down, BT 20, 3 DS
Faithful 165 Members

4. Belfast

Belfast, St. Paul's, 125 Falls Road, BT 12, 6 AB
Faithful 635 Members

5. Glengomerly

St. Bernard's Glengomerly
Faithful 65 Members

6. Lisburn

St. Patrick, Chapel Hill, Lisburn, BT 28, 1EP
Faithful 180 Members

2.8.3. SCOTLAND

2.8.3.1. ABERDEEN

Kerala Catholic Community, Aberdeen, Scotland

Diocese & Local Ordinary Diocese of Aberdeen, Scotland

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		Fr. Josseph Pinakkattu
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	Website	www.kccaberdeen.org
Faithful		170 Families

Mass Centres

1. Dundee 15 Families
2. Perth 10 Families
3. Inverness 20 Families

2.8.3.2. ST. ANDREW'S AND EDINBURGH

Syro-Malabar Community, Edinburgh

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Archdiocese of St. Andrew's and
Edinburgh (EICA),
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Faithful		108 Families

Mass Centres

1. Edinburgh

Indian Christians of St. Antony
St. Gregory Church, Walter Scot Avenue, Edinburgh, EH16 5SZ
Faithful 65 Families

2. Falkirk

Indian Christians in Falkirk (ICIL)
St. Francis Xavier Church, 1 Hope Street,
Falkirk, FK1 5AT
Faithful 20 Families

3. Kirkcaldy

Our Lady Of Perpetual Succour
Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy, KY1 2SA.
Faithful 18 Families

4. Livingston

Indians of St. Alphonsa (LISA)
St. Alphonsa Pilgrim centre, 83 Kenilworth Rise,
Livingston, EH54 6JL.
Faithful 5 Families

2.8.3.3. GLASGOW

Glasgow Kerala Christian community

Diocese & Local Ordinary	The Archdiocese of Glasgow, Most. Rev. Philip Tartaglia Archdiocese of Glasgow, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4JY, UK
Priest in charge	Fr. George Thelliankal CMF St. James Church, 20 Beltrees Road Glasgow, G53 5TE
	Ph 0044 141 8920752
	E-mail gthelly@yahoo.com
Faithful	30 Families/ 500 Members

2.8.3.4. MOTHERWELL

St. Bride's Church, Cambuslang

Diocese & Local Ordinary	Diocese of Motherwell Most. Rev. Joseph Devine
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Faithful	92 Families and 374 Members

3. SOUTH AFRICA

3.1 PRETORIA

Syro-Malabar Catholics

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Archdiocese of Pretoria

Most. Rev. William Slattery

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Faithful	400

3.2 UGANDA

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Archdiocese of Kampala

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Faithful	80 Families

4. ASIA

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4.1.1. BAHRAIN

Syro-Malabar Society, Bahrain

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Apostolic Vicariate of Northern Arabia

Most. Rev. Camillo Ballin MCCJ

Bishop's Office, P.O. Box 266,13003

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Website www.symsbahrain.com

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Faithful

5000 families

4.1.2. DOHA - QATAR

St. Thomas Syro Malabar Church, Doha-Qatar

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Vicariate of Northern Arabia

Most. Rev. Camillo Ballin, MCCJ

Apostolic Vicar of Northern Arabia,

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	Website www.syromalabarqatar.org
Faithful	4000 Families/ 20000 Members

4.1.3. KUWAIT

Syro-Malabar Cultural Association Kuwait (SMCA)

Diocese & Local Ordinary	Apostolic Vicariate of Northern Arabia Most. Rev. Camillo Ballin MCCJ Bishop's Office, P. O. Box 266 13003, Safat, KUWAIT,
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	Website www.smcakuwait.org
Faithful	40000 Members

4.1.4. OMAN

Syro-Malabar Catholic Community Oman

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Faithful 41,000 Members

4.1.5 UAE

Syro-Malabar Catholic Community UAE

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Faithful 110000

4.1.6. SAUDI ARABIA

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Faithful 190000 Members

4.1.6.1. EASTERN REGION

Centres

1. St. Thomas Damam-Kobar
2. Mar Sleeva Al-Hasa
3. St. Maries Jubyl
4. St. Marys Khafji

4.1.6.2. CENTRAL REGION

Centers

1. St. Alphonsa Riyad
2. Sacred Heart Hayel
3. St Antony Al Gasim
4. Davathmi

4.1.6.3. WESTERN-SOUTHERN REGION

Centres

1. St Paul Jidda
2. St. Marys Thabook
3. St. Paul Yambu
4. Mar Sleevea Rabikh
5. St. Marys Southern Region
6. Al baha, Aghigh, beyji Rushi
7. St. Thomas Thaif

4.2 SINGAPORE

Syro-Malabar Catholic Singapore

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Archdiocese of Singapore

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Faithful

1000 Families

4.3. INDIA

4.3.1. AGRA

Etawah Mission (Under Archeparchy of Changanacherry)

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Archdiocese of Agra
Most. Rev. Dr. Albert D' Souza
 Cathedral House, Wazirpura Road,
 Ghatia Azam Khan, Agra, U.P.

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 etawahmission@yahoo.com

Website www.etawahmission.org

Faithful

600 Members (118 Families, 120 Others)

4.3.2. AHMEDABAD

Syro-Malabar Community

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Diocese of Ahmedabad
 Most. Rev. Thomas Macwan
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 Ahmedabad-380 001, Gujarat
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Faithful	1040 families & 10000 Students and Bachelors (15000 members)

Mass Centers

1. Anand

Anand Parish, Anand, Gujarat
Priest in charge Fr. Sibi MCBS
Faithful 50 Families

2. Anand

Karamsad Parish
Karamsad, Vidyanagar. Anand, Gujarat
Priest in charge Fr. Sibi MCBS
Faithful 50 Families

3. Bapunagar

Velankanni Mata Sub- Parish, Bapunagar,
Ahmedabad 380 025, Gujarat
Priest in charge Fr. Kuriachen Paul
Faithful 70 Families

4. Gandhinagar

Cathedral Parish, Gandhinagar (Arch Diocese)
and surrounding parishes
Priest in charge Fr. Sibi MCBS
Faithful 110 Families

5. Hansol

Infant Jesus Parish, Hansol,
Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Priest in charge Fr. George MCBS
Faithful 25 Families

6. Meghaninagar

Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Parish,
Meghaninagar (Camp), Cantonment,
Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Priest in charge Fr. Kuriachen Paul
Faithful 20 Families

7. Maninagar

St. Joseph's Parish, Maninagar

Ahmedabad 380 008, Gujarat
Priest in charge Fr. Binu George
Faithful 150 Families

8. Naranpura

St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Naranpura,
Ahmedabad 380 013, Gujarat
Priest in charge Fr. T.V John SJ
Faithful 250 Families

9. Naroda

St. Anthony's Parish, Naroda,
Ahmedabad 382 445, Gujarat
Priest in charge Fr. Binu George
Faithful 40 Families

10. Navrangpura

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Navrangpura,
Ahmedabad 380 009, Gujarat
Priest in charge Fr. K T Mathew SJ
Faithful 150 Families

11. Sabarmati

St. Paul's Parish, Sabarmati,
Ahmedabad 380 005, Gujarat
Priest in charge Fr. George MCBS
Faithful 70 Families

12. Thaltej

St. Jude's Parish, Thaltej,
Ahmedabad 380 059, Gujarat
Priest in charge Fr. Arun MCBS
Faithful 80 Families

4.3.3 AURANGABAD

St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Church, Aurangabad

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Diocese of Aurangabad

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- 3.Hill Side Nursing College
- 4.Indiranagar, St. Sebastian's Centre
- 5.Our Lady of Lourdes Ulsoor
- 6.Military Police Chapel Hosur Road
- 7.St. Sebastian's, MEG Military Chapel(Ulsoor Lake)
- 8.Christ the King Mylasandra
- 9.St Joseph Thambu Chetty Palaya
- 10.Dharmaram College
- 11.Carmel Jyoti
- 12.Harsha Nursing College
- 13.Devadan Kanmanikke
- 14.De Paul Institute Kengeri
- 15.Dharmaram & CMI Seminary
- 16.Oxford College
- 17.Malur
- 18.Christ the King
- 19.Kumbalgud, St. Mary's Centre
- 20.Anubhava Nagar, Infant Jesus Church
- 21.Universal Nursing College CFIC

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Faithful

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Damman

Syro-Malabar Community, Damman

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St Alphonsa Centre Kukatpally
Priest in charge Fr Siby Kaitharan
Cell 09441835751

3. Madhapur

Priest in charge Fr Josekutty
Cell 08374037472

4. Mallapur

Priest in charge Fr Saji Kalapura MCBS
Cell 09441094636

5. Sainikpuri

St Sebastians Sainikpuri

Priest in charge Fr Soji Mundupalam
Cell 09160915001

6. Secunderabad

St Francis' Chapel Secunderabad
Priest in charge; Fr Thomas Maruthanikkat
Cell 09885221709

7. Sultanbazar

St Thomas Church Sultanbazar
Contact Person 9885207481

4.3.11. KOLKATA

St. Thomas Syro Malabar Parish

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Archdiocese of Kolkata
Most. Rev. Thomas D'Souza
Archbishop's House, 32 Mother
Teresa Sarani (Park Street)
Kolkata 700 016

Ph 033-22871960, 22879338

Fax 033-22807015

Email bls@cal2.vsnl.net.in

Priest in charge

Fr. Joseph Puthenpura CMI
Sub-Regional Superior, CMI
Dharmaniketan, 1/1 Bonamali, Ghosal
Lane, Behala, Kolkata 700 034

Cell 0988 326 9049

E-mail josephputhenpura@gmail.com

120 Families

Faithful

No. of Faithful out side
the Parish Territory

7000 Members

PARISH

Behala

ST. Thomas Syro Malabar Parish, Behala, CMI, Dharmaniketan
1/1 Bonamali Ghosal Lane, Behala, Kolkata 700 034

Priest in charge Fr Thomas Mayamparampil CMI

Mass Centre

Ekbalpur

St. Ignatius Church, Ekbalpur
Priest in charge Fr Byju Peroor CMI

4.3.12. PONDICHERY

St. Thomas Parish

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Archdiocese of Pondicherry-Cuddalore
Most. Rev. Anthony Anandarayar
Archbishop's House, PB No. 193,
206 Cathedral Street
Pondicherry – 605 001

Priest in charge

Fr. Sebastian Chittilappilly CMI
St. Thomas Parish,

Jayanagar Main Road, Reddiarpalayam
Pondicherry – 605 010,

Ph 0413 2290650, Cell 094871 00650

E- mail chilseba@yahoo.com

Faithful

171Families&350 Students/950members

Mass Centres

1. Reddiarpalayam

St. Bernard's Chapel,
Jayanagar Main Road
Reddiarpalayam.

2. Gorimedu

St. Mary's Chapel, 4/246, Thiru Nagar
Kamaraj Nagar Road Gorimedu
Pondicherry – 605 006

3. Kanagachettikulam

Escande Research Centre, ECR,
Kanagachettikulam,
Pondicherry – 605 014

4. Thavalakuppam

CMI Centre, Nanamedu, Thavalakuppam
Pondicherry - 605 007
Ph 0413 2618633

5. Cuddalore

St. Joseph' Church, Block 4, Neyveli T S
Cuddalore Dt. 607 801, TN

4.3.13. SALEM

St. Mary's Church, Salem – 5 (Parish)

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Diocese of Salem

Most. Rev. Dr. S. Singarayan

Bishop's House, Maravaneri

P. B. No. 703, 2, Court Road

Salem - 636 007

Ph 0427 2415641

Priest in charge

Fr. Joby Kachappilly

163/3, St. Mary's church,

Thiruvagoundanur East,

Suramangalam P O, Salem – 5,

Ph 0427 2332799, Cell 07200166449

E-mail frjobykacha@gmail.com

Faithful

102 Families, 600 Members

Mass Centre

Namakkal

Priest in charge Fr. Joby Kachappilly

4.3.14. SURAT

St.Alphonsa Parish, Surat

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Diocese of Baroda

Most Rev.Dr. Godfrey de Rozario SJ

Bishop's House, 71, Alkapuri Society

Vadodara 390007, Gujarat.

Priest in charge

Fr. Gracious Pulimootil MCBS

St.Thomas Chapel, C/o St.Joseph's

English Medium School, Plot no.4, Darji

Mahollo, Nr.Ramandir,Opp.Vrindavan

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E-mail graciousmcbs@gmail.com,

Fr. Joseph Valliyamthadathil MCBS

E-mail jvalliyamthadathil@gmail.com

Cell 08758446885

Website www.syromalabaratholicalsurat.com

Faithful

300 Families, 2000 Bachelors

Mass Centres

1. Pandesara

St.Thomas Chapel Pandesara

2. Nanpura

Catholic Church Nanpura

3. Bhestan

Mother Mary Church, Bhestan

4. Bardoli**5. Vapi****6. Umergaon****4.3.15. TRICHY****St Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Community, Trichy**

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Diocese of Trichy

Most Rev Antony DevottaBishop's House, Post Box No. 14, 12A
Convent Road, Tiruchirapalli - 620 001
Tamil Nadu

Ph 0431-2415635, Fax: 0431-2417502

E-mail trichedio@rediffmail.com

Web www.trichydiocese.com

Priest in charge

Fr Anto Keettikkal

St Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic

Community, 3rd Street, No: 44

Arokiya Nager, Crowford, Trichy 620012

Cell 08608916596, 08526696515

Email keettikkalanto@gmail.com

Faithful

35 Families & 2500 Students

4.3.16. UMERGAON**Syro-Malabar Community**

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Baroda Diocese

Most. Rev. Godfrey De Rozario SJBishop of Baroda, Bishop's
House, Alkapuri 71, Baroda-Gujarat -39007
09998207832**Contact Person**

Cell

Faithful

25 Families

4.3.17. VIJAYAWADA**St. Mary's Prayer Centre**

Diocese & Local Ordinary

Diocese of Vijayawada

Most. Rev. Dr. Prakash Mallavarapu
Bishop's House, 59 A 1-7, Ring Road
Vijayawada – 520 008

Krishna Dt., A.P

Priest in charge

Fr.Francis Naduviledath VC

E-mail franaduviledath@yahoo.com,

Cell 09490659196, 08676252318

Faithful

50 Families& 400 Students

Un registered members

700

MIGRANT CENTRES AT A GLANCE**INDIA**

Centre	No. of Faithful
Ahmedabad	15000
Ajmer	1,250
Akola	600
Allahabad	1,700
Ambikapur	900
Amravati	550
Ankleshwar	3,500
Aurangabad	600
Bangalore	80000
Baroda	2800
Bhilai	1,250
Bhopal	4500
Bilaspur	1,400
Chennai	59800
Daman	250
Dharmapuri	1,220
Durg	700
Durgapur	1,400
Eluru	750
Goa	1625
Guntur	400
Hyderabad	20000
Indore	5,400
Jabalpur	2,300
Jaipur	5,100
Jalgaon	450
Jamshedpur	2,000
Kanker	100
Katni	250
Kazipet	500
Khargon	300
Kolkatta	7500
Lucknow	1,250
Nagpur	3,400
Nellore	1,100
Patna	2,200
Pondicherry	950
Raipur	2,450
Ratlam	100

Salem	1050
Silvassa	450
Srikakulam	600
Surat	3200
Trichy	2650
Umergaon	100
Vapi	500
Vijayawada	1300

OUTSIDE INDIA

AUSTRALIA

Adelaide	2065
Brisbane	2750
Broken Bay	995
Canberra & Goulburn	690
Darwin	1165
Melbourne	9700
Parramatta	1730
Perth	2010
Sandhurst	360
Sydney	5275
Townsville	755
Wollongong	820
Ballarat	545
Bathurst	820
Broome	150
Bunbury-Geraldton	175
Cairns (QL)	410
Hobart	350
Lismore	610
Maitland-New Castle	795
New Castle	98
Port Pierie	900
Rock Hampton	545
Sale	360
Toowoomba (QL)	590
Wagga	750
Wicaniya-Forbes	400

EUROPE

AUSTRIA

430 Families

Non Registered Families around the City of Vienna

Insbruck	20 Families
Linz	25 Families
St. Pölten	7 Families
Gras	30 Families
Klagenfurt	5 Families
Towns & Villages of Austria	200 Families

FRANCE 3000

GERMANY

Cologne	500 Families
Frankfurt	100 Families
Heidelberg	120 Families
Other centers	600 Families

IRELAND

Cork and Ross	770 Members
Dublin	800 Families
Athy+Carlow	12+8 Families
Cavan	24 Families
Clonmel	16 Families
Cork	100 Families
Galway(Tuam)	70 Families
Drogheda	15 Families
Dundalk	26 Families
Galway	50 Families
Kildare	12 Families
Kilkeny	26 Families
Limerick	40 Families
Longford	10 Families
Sligo	15 Families
Tullamore	18 Families
Waterford	35 Families

ITALY

Rome	6000
Treviso	400
Bologna	100
Firenze	100
Genova	500
Macerata	200
Milano	500
Napoli	100

Nocera	150
Padova	100
Patti San Piero	650
Pompei	250
Ravenna	200
Savona	150
Siena	200
Verona & Trento	100
Grosetto	100
Bacelona (Sicilia)	100

NEW ZEALAND**204 Families****SWITZERLAND****2500 Members****Diocese of Basel**

Aarau	30 Families
Basel	130 Families
Bern.,	40 Families
Basel land liesthal	50 Families
Olten	30 Families
Schaffhausen	37 Families
Zürich	50 Families
Freiburg	10 Families.
Lugano (diocese of tesin)	50 Families

Diocese of chur

Egg, zurich	45 Families
Winterthur, zürich.	40 Families
Erlösers church zürich	35 Families

UNITED KINGDOM**ENGLAND**

Westminster	1500 Members
Birmingham	800 Families
Brentwood	2350 Members
Southwark	600 Families
Clifton	194 Families
Salford	1430Members
Penrith, Preston	20 Families
Lancaster	360 Families
Liverpool	375 Families
Hexham &New Castle	160 Families
Shrewsbury	390 Families
East Anglia	1100 Members

NORTHERN IRELAND

Armagh	31 Families
Clougher	9 Families
Derry	48 Families
Down And Connor	348 Families

SCOTLAND

Aberdeen	125 Families
St. Andrews & Edinburgh	108 Families
Glasgow	500 Members
Motherwell	775 members

AFRICAN COUNTRIES

SOUTH AFRICA	400 Families
UGANDA	80 Families
TANZANIA	120 Families
OTHER COUNTRIES	6000 Members

ASIA

GULF COUNTRIES

SAUDI ARABIA	19000 Members
BAHRAIN	7000 Members
DOHA QATAR	20000 Members
KUWAIT	40000 Members
OMAN	41000 members
UAE	110000 members

Other Asian Countries

SINGAPORE	1000 Families
MALAYSIA	85 Families
OTHER COUNTRIES	15000 Members

VIII SAINTS, BLESSEDS, VENERABLES, SERVANTS OF GOD OF THE SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH

I SAINT

ST. ALPHONSA MUTTATHUPADATHU



Birth at Kudamalur	19.08.1910
Vestition	19.05.1930
Canonical Novitiate	12.08.1935
Final Profession	12.08.1936
Called to Eternity	28.07.1946
Servant of God	02.12.1953
Venerable	09.11.1984
Blessed	08.02.1986
Saint	12.10.2008

Alphonsa Muttathupadathu (August 19, 1910 – July 28, 1946) is the first Indian woman to be elevated to sainthood. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1986 and decided as a saint by the pope Benedict XVI on March 1, 2008. It was officially declared on October 12, 2008. On February 8, 1986, almost 40 years after her death, Pope John Paul II beatified her at Kottayam. On June 1, 2007 Pope Benedict XVI authorised her canonization. She is the first female saint from India and the second saint from India. In the 19th century, Saint Gonsalo Garcia, born in Vasai near Mumbai to an Indian mother and Portuguese father in 1556, was declared a saint.

II. BLESSEDS

BL. KURIAKOSE ELIAS HAVARA (1805-1871)



Birth at Kainakary	10.02.1805
Ordination at Arthunkal	29.11.1829
Foundation of CMI	11.05.1831
First Profession	08.12.1855
Foundation of CMC	13.02.1866
Called to Eternity	03.01.1871
Servant of God	1955
Venerable	07.04.1984
Blessed	08.02.1986

BL. MARIAM THRESIA CHIRAMEL(1876 – 1926)



Birth at Puthenchira	26.04.1876
Started living in the 'Ekanthabhavan'	07.10.1913
Final Profession	14.05.1914
Canonical erection of Congregation of the Holy Family	14.05.1914
Called to Eternity	08.06.1926
Servant of God	03.01.1981
Venerable	28.06.1999
Blessed	09.04.2000

BL. EUPHRASIA ELAVATHUNKEL CMC (1877-1952)



Birth at Kattoor	17.10.1877
First Profession	10.01.1898
Called to Eternity	29.08.1952
Servant of God	1987
Venerable	05.07.2002
Blessed	03.12.2006

BL. KUNJACHAN (THEVARPARAMPIL AUGUSTINE) (1891-1973)

Birth at Ramapuram	01.04.1891
Baptism	07.04.1891
Ordination	17.12.1921
Called to Eternity	16.10.1973
Servant of God	11.08.1987
Venerable	22.08.2004
Blessed	30.04.2006

III. VENERABLES**VENERABLE MAR THOMAS KURIALACHERRY (1873- 1925)**

Birth at Champakulam	14.01.1873
Baptism	21.01.1873
Ordination in Rome	27.05.1899
Foundation of SABS	08.12.1908
Episcopal Ordination	03.12.1911
Called to Eternity	02.06.1925
Servant of God	25.01.1985
Venerable	02.04.2011

VENERABLE FR. MATHEW KADALIKKATTIL (1872 – 1935)

Birth at Edappady	25.04.1872
Ordination	11.02.1901
Foundation of SHC	01.01.1911
Called to Eternity	23.05.1935
Servant of God	12.11.1989
Venerable	27. 06. 2011

IV. SERVANTS OF GOD

SERVANT OF GOD MAR MATHEW KAVUKATTU (1904 -1969)



Birth at Pravithanath	17.07.1904
Ordination	01.12.1935
Archbishop	03.01.1951
Called to Eternity	09.10.1969
Servant of God	25.09.1994

SERVANT OF GOD SR. RANI MARIA (1954-1995)



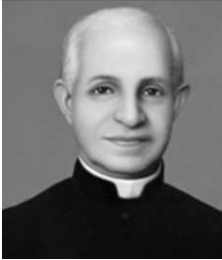
Birth at Pulluvazhy	29.01.1954
Vestition	01.05.1974
Final Profession (Clarapuram, Aluva)	22.05.1980
Called to Eternity	25.02.1995
Servant of God	25.02.2003

SERVANT OF GOD FR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (1865 – 1964)



Birth at Puthenpally	23.07.1865
Ordination	11.03.1894
Called to Eternity	08.06.1964
Servant of God	18.05.2004

SERVANT OF GOD FR. AUGUSTINE JOHN UKKEN (1880- 1956)



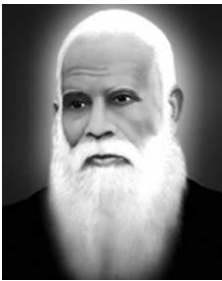
Birth	19.12.1880
Priestly ordination	21.12.1907
Secretary of Mar Menachery	1913 –1917
Foundation of CSC	21.11.1944
Called to Eternity	13.10.1956
Servant of God	24.08.2008

SERVANT OF GOD MAR MATHEW MAKIL (1851-1914)



Birth at Manjoor	27.03.1851
Ordination	30.05.1874
Foundation of the S.V.M	24.06.1892
Vicar Apostolic of Changanachery	1896
Vicar Apostolic of Kottayam	30.08.1911
Called to Eternity	26.01.1914
Servant of God	26.01.2009

SERVANT OF GOD THOMAS POOTHATHIL (1871-1943)



Birth at Neendoor	24.10.1871
Ordination	28.12.1897
Foundation of St. Thomas Asylum	13.05.1925
Foundation of SJC	03.03.1928
Called to Eternity	04.12.1943
Servant of God	26.01.2009

SERVANT OF GOD FR. VARGHESE PAYAPILLY (1876-1929)



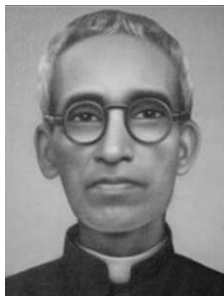
Birth at Konthuruthy	08.08.1876
Ordination	21.12.1907
Foundation of SD	19.03.1927
Called to Eternity	05.10.1929
Servant of God	25.08.2009

SERVANT OF GOD FR. JOSEPH C. PANJIKARAN (1888-1949)



Birth at Uzhuva	10.09.1888
Ordination	21.12.1918
Papal Chamberlain	12.11.1936
Canonical Approval of MSJ	31.10.1944
Called to Eternity	4.11.1949
Servant of God	18.06.2010

SERVANT OF GOD FR. ANTONY THACHUPARAMBIL (1894-1963)



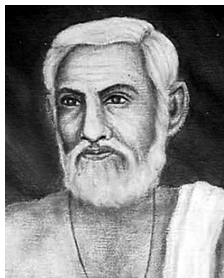
Birth	08.12.1894
Ordination	22.12.1924
Called to Eternity	09.06.1963
Servant of God	09.06.2009

SERVANT OF GOD SR. MARIA CELINE KANNANAIKAL UMI (1931-1957)



Birth at Kundannoor	13.02. 1931
Joined the Ursulines of Mary Immaculate	20.06. 1954
First Profession	20.06. 1957
Called to Eternity	25 .07.1957
Servant of God	29.07. 2007

SERVANT OF GOD PUTHENPARAMBIL THOMMACHAN (1836-1968)



Birth	01.07.1836
Marriage	1856
The foundation of the Third Order (OFM Cap)	1888
Called to Eternity	01.11.1968
Servant of God	29.06.2012

Guidelines for recognizing Lay Associations of Syro-Malabar Faithful outside the Syro-Malabar Eparchies in India and Abroad

Catholic lay associations have an important role in strengthening the faith of its members and in building up the body of Christ, the Church. The Syro-Malabar major Archiepiscopal Church acknowledges and appreciates the important role and relevance of the Syro-Malabar lay Catholic associations in organizing and strengthening the Church among its migrant faithful outside the Syro-Malabar eparchies or exarchies. Such associations whether public or private may be recognized and accepted as Syro-Malabar lay association by the Major Archiepiscopal Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants subject to the following guidelines approved by the Major Archbishop.

1. Associations which are erected by competent ecclesiastical authority, or approved by the decree of the same authority (Roman Pontiff, Major Archbishop, Archbishop, local Ordinary), are juridic persons in the Church and are called public associations (CCEO C. 573 - §1). The Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants may recognize any such public association as Syro Malabar, if they conform to these guidelines and are found useful in serving the cause of the Syro-Malabar Church in those regions/places.
2. There can be private associations those not officially approved by the local ordinaries (Cf. CCEO C. 573 - §2) but have been tacitly recognized by the local Ordinaries or priests in charge and serving the cause of the Church. The Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants can approve these private associations after due review of their statutes and in consultation with the authorities concerned.
3. Syro-Malabar lay Catholic associations among the migrant faithful may be affiliated to the already existing such an association of the Major Archiepiscopal Church with the recommendation of the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants and in consultation with the local Ordinary concerned.
4. Every association is to have its own statutes, in which are defined its name, purpose, activities and conditions required for membership. Besides the statutes have to enumerate its objectives in serving the Syro-Malabar faithful and the Church in the area. There shall not be multiplication of associations with similar objectives serving in the same

area and people. The spiritual activities shall be organized only with the approval of the Syro-Malabar parish priest/chaplain/priest in charge wherever they are established.

5.The associations based on ethnic identities in a Syro-Malabar parish/mass centre are part of the Syro-Malabar community. They have to be part of all gatherings and celebrations common to the Syro-Malabar community in the place. They can have separate social/cultural gatherings of their own but separate spiritual/liturgical activities shall be organized only in consultation with the appointed Syro-Malabar parish priest/chaplain/priest in charge of the place.

6.Any modification in the statutes/by-laws require the approval of the ecclesiastical authority which erected or approved the association (CCEO C. 576 - §1& §2). They must be submitted to the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral care of the Migrants, if they are to be recognized by the Syro-Malabar Church.

7.The reception of members is to be done in accordance with the norm of common law and the statutes of the association. The same person can be enrolled in several associations (Cf. CCEO C. 578) with different objectives.

8. One who has publicly rejected the Catholic faith, or has publicly abandoned communion with the Catholic Church, or has been punished with major excommunication, cannot validly be received into associations; but if he/she has already been lawfully enrolled, he should be declared dismissed in virtue of the law itself (Cf. CCEO C. 580).

9. Members belonging to other Church *sui iuris* may be admitted as associate members of Syro-Malabar Associations if they are formally enrolled in the Syro-Malabar parish/mission. They can take part in all the activities of the Syro-Malabar community in the area. But they are not eligible to be office bearers of the association unless elected with two-third majority and obtained the consent of the local Ordinary.

10. No one who has been legitimately enrolled may be dismissed from an association except for a just cause in accordance with the norm of common law and the statutes (CCEO C. 581).

11.A lawfully established and approved association administers temporal goods according to the norms of the CCEO 1007-1054, according to the particular Laws of the Syro-Malabar Church and according to the norm of its own statutes, under the vigilance of the authority which erected or approved it, to whom the association must render an account of its

administration each year (CCEO C. 581).

12. Every association recognized by the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants as Syro-Malabar is subject to the vigilance of the same authority. They should send an annual report of its activities to the Commission (Cf. CCEO C. 582).

13. The Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants can withdraw the recognition given to the association as Syro Malabar, if the association acts against the cause of the Church or violates the laws of the Church.

+ Varkey Vithayathil

Kakkanad
January 23, 2009

Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil
Major Archbishop of the Syro Malabar Church



Syllabus for Marriage Preparation Course

Approved by the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants, for the Use of the Course Centers outside the Syro Malabar Eparchies in India and Abroad

I. Marriage: Covenant and Sacrament

- Marriage and Family: According to Major Religions in the world
- Family in the Bible
- Marriage: in the Redemptive plan-Couples become one with Christ-Sacramental fruits of marriage
- Marriage: oneness and inseparability
- Marriage: friendship and procreation of children
- Marriage: self surrender and mutual understanding-
- Sacrament of Marriage: The sacramental implications; liturgical celebration of the celebration of marriage

II. Marriage: Canon law and civil law

- Valid and Invalid marriage
- Canonical impediments (obstructions)- nullity from marital impediments- negative aspects during marriage promises
- Canonical order of marriage, mixed marriage, marriage between different denominations-validity of marriage
- Canonical solutions to the issues in marriage
- Marital divorce, separation of spouses, dismissal of marriage-civil law
- Christian marriage-invalidity of marriage in civil law
- Marital divorce
- Proposed Christian marriage bill (for those in India)

III. Self awareness and personality development

- Self knowledge / self-self awareness and transparency-openness and daringness
- Self esteem and courage
- Inborn qualities and creativity
- Self confidence and realistic mentality
- Social awareness and sensitivity
- Moral consciousness and solidarity feelings
- Integral personality: physical-emotional-social –moral maturity.

IV. Communications in the family

- To strengthen the mutual understanding between spouses there should be sufficient interactive communication.
- Caring for the other- respect emotions/ opinions /interest

- Avoid parallel communication, hidden communication, defects in communication
- Control of the tongue/ ability to forgive and forget
- Importance of family counseling

V. Men-women biology

- Body structure of men and women
- Theology of body and sexuality
- Sexual illness – sexual deflection or deviation
- AIDS awareness

VI. Psychology of women & men

- Ability of both men and women to analyze and take decision
- Swiftiness in expressing emotions
- Interpersonal and social relationship
- Variations in sexual reaction and implications for spiritual and prayer life
- Psychology of men & women at physical, mental and emotional levels and at social, moral and spiritual levels.
- Psychology of men and women: in different ages: during marriage, when becomes a parent, significance of mid- age and the psychology of the aged

VII. Sexual morality in marital life

- Sexuality as God's gift
- Purity and holiness – marital and moral statutes
- Conjugal life giving surrender –
- Premarital and extra marital affairs
- Sexual disorder and impotency
- Immorality of artificial means of preventing pregnancy and the practice of sterilization
- Abortion: a mortal sin and unethical practices of using modern mechanism for pregnancy.

VIII. Responsible parenthood

- Value of life and the glory of human beings
- Natural means of family planning (Billings' method)
- Pregnancies, delivery, care for children, parenting - physical – mental – and emotional development during infancy, childhood, teenage etc.
- Human and religious formation
- Giving right education and providing the best context for integral growth.
- Other points to remember while bringing up their children

IX Family problems and possible solutions

a) Inter-personal relations in the Family

- Avoid prejudices and suspicion

- Foster tolerance and harmony
- Face challenges and conflicts in an even mindedness (equanimity)
- Understanding the problems of the other if he/she is an employer
- Keep good relationship with in-laws and relatives of the spouse
- Nuclear family
- Problems in the family due to one man's rule

b) Financial standardization

- Habit of earning and spending in moderate way
- Eco-friendly life and life situations
- Hygienic - physiotherapy – indigenous treatment
- Avoid prodigality, lavishness and luxury life
- Fight against consumerist business culture
- Avoid bad habits – like drinking, drugs, smoking, chewing pan etc.

c) Media literacy

- Influence of advertisement
- Avoid superstitious beliefs and practices
- Significance of Christian mass media, audio visuals and publications

X. Spirituality in the family

- Family: family as the church, temple, divine tent
- Marriage: call to holiness
- Reading of the Holy Scripture
- Family prayer: Power hose of the family
- Sacramental life: Ways for sanctification of the family
- Traditional spirituality
- Celebrations of the liturgical seasons,
- Observations of penance
- Charities and acts of mercy

XI. Ideal family in the third millennium

- Jesus: head of the family
- Holy family: model of a family
- Family: fertile land of virtues
- Gospel values in the family
- Love and compassion
- Sacrifice, service, reconciliation and righteousness
- Peace and tranquility
- Formation of conscience
- Customs and courtesy
- Resistance towards evils
- Civic and social consciousness

XII. Sin - sacrament of reconciliation – graceful life

- Sin: Alienation from God, Human beings and nature
- Transgression of commandments ten commandments and laws of the Church duties living up to the Vocation of family life
- Evaluation of life and change of heart
- Sacrament of reconciliation
- Observations of rites and practices
- A life fitting to receive the eternal reward

XIII. Theme for group discussion

- Signs of a mature person
- Ideal husband/ wife; model father / mother
- Things to keep in mind before choosing the partner
- Main reasons of the family problems
- External factors that influence the family today
- The necessary articles that should have in a Christian family
- Changes in the construction of family; advantage or disadvantage (Joint family – nuclear family – family of one man's rule)
- How to face marital family problems
- Characteristics of an ideal Christian family
- Importance of pious associations/organizations in the sanctification of Christian families
- Parents gathering in pre-marriage course

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Syro-Malabar Mission Eparchies

The Syro-Malabar eparchies are widely classified as: the eparchies within the proper territory and the eparchies outside the proper territory, based on the territorial restriction imposed on the Church. All the eparchies within the proper territory under the five ecclesiastical provinces of Erankulam-Angamaly, Changanacherry, Trichur, Tellicherry and Kottayam are multi-ritual territories, sharing the territory with the other two *sui iuris* churches - Latin and Syro-Malankara. They are 18 in number today. The 12 eparchies outside the proper territory do not fall under any Syro-Malabar Ecclesiastical Province; instead, they come under the Latin Provinces of the place 'ad instai'. Among them, the eparchies of Kalyan, Faridabad and Chicago in USA are bi/multi-ritual territories. The Eparchy of Faridabad is not placed under the adjacent Latin Archdiocese.

Although evangelization and mission *ad gentes* are natural concern of all the eparchies, there are eparchies with very few Christian faithful and focusing primarily on mission *ad gentes*. In other words, the ministries and apostolates of the mission eparchies are primarily addressed to non christian taking into consideration, the language, culture, etc. of the place.

Syro-Malabar Mission Eparchies Outside the Proper Territory

Based on the above parameters, there are eleven mission eparchies in India outside the proper territory of the Syro-Malabar Church. The first Syro-Malabar mission eparchy erected outside its proper territory is the Eparchy of Chanda and the last one is the Eparchy of Faridabad. The summary description on all these eleven eparchies- are given below, chronologically according to their year.

1. Chanda

Pope John XXIII established the first Syro-Malabar Ordinariate of Chanda on 31 March 1962 with Msgr. Januarius Palathuruthy CMI as its first Ecclesiastical Superior with the faculties of Apostolic Exarch. It was carved out from the Archdiocese of Nagpur. The "Ordinariate" was raised to the status of an Apostolic Exarchate on 29 July 1968 and Msgr J anuarius was made its Apostolic Exarch. On 26 February 1977 Pope Paul VI raised it to the status of an eparchy and Msgr. Januarius was appointed its first bishop. It comprised the civil districts of Wardha, Chandrapur and Gadchiroli in Maharashtra state and Adilabad in Andhra Pradesh. On 3 July 1990 Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram CMI succeeded Bishop Januarius as its second Bishop. On 28 March 1995 Bishop Januarius was called to eternal rest. The civil district of Adilabad was bifurcated from the eparchy of Chanda and the new eparchy of Adilabad was established in 1999. Languages spoken are Marathi and Hindi.

2. Sagar

The Eparchy of Sagar was first canonically erected on July 29, 1968 as an Apostolic Exarchate with the the civil districts of Sagar, Raisen, and Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh detaching them from the Archdiocese of Bhopal. It was then entrusted to the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate. On April 2, 1973, the civil district of Guna in Madhya Pradesh which formerly belonged to the Diocese of Ajmer-laipur, was attached to the then Exarchate by the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Churches. On February 26, 1977 the Exarchate of Sagar was raised to an Eparchy by Pope Paul VI, and Msgr. Clemens Thottungal was appointed its first bishop. On his retirement Msgr. Joseph Pastor Neelankavil CMI, was appointed the second bishop. He was ordained and installed bishop on February 22, 1987. Mar Anthony Chirayath is the present bishop. He took charge as bishop on 25th March 2006. The languages spoken in this area are Hindi and Urdu

3. Satna

The Syro-Malabar Apostolic Exarchate of Satna was erected on July 29, 1968, and was entrusted to the Vincentian Congregation. Bifurcated from the diocese of Jabalpur, it comprises of six civil districts in Madhya Pradesh, namely Sidhi, Rewa, Satna, Panna, Chhatarpur and Tikamgarh. Msgr. Abraham D. Mattam VC, was nominated its Apostolic Exarch. On February 26, 1977 Pope Paul VI raised the exarchate to the status of an eparchy. Mar Abraham Mattam was appointed the first Bishop of Satna. He was consecrated bishop on April 30, 1977. On his retirement, Msgr. Mathew Vaniakizhakkal VC was appointed the second bishop; he was consecrated and installed on April 12, 2000. The languages spoken in this area are Hindi, Baghelkhandi, Bundelkhandi and Urdu

4. Ujjain

The Apostolic Exarchate of Ujjain was erected by Pope Paul VI on July 29, 1968, and was entrusted to the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle. It consists of three civil districts of M.P. - Ujjain, Shajapur and Rajgarh which were part of the Latin diocese of Indore. Msgr. John Perumattam MST was nominated the first Exarch of Ujjain. On February 26, 1977, Pope Paul VI raised it to an eparchy and Msgr John Perumattam was appointed its first bishop. On 5th June 1998, Pope John Paul II accepted the resignation of Bishop John Perumattam and Msgr. Sebastian Vadakel MST was nominated the second bishop of Ujjain. He was consecrated bishop on 8th September 1998 and he took canonical possession of the See on the same day. On 18th June, 2011, Bishop Mar John Perumattam was called to eternal rest. The languages spoken in this area are Hindi, Malwi and Urdu.

5. Bijnor

The ecclesiastical unit of Bijnor was created as an Apostolic Exarchate on 23rd March 1972 by Pope Paul VI and was entrusted to the Sacred Heart province of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) for the work of

evangelization and Msgr. Gratian Mundadan CMI was appointed its exarch. The Apostolic Exarchate of Bijnor received its territory from the diocese of Meerut. At present the eparchy of Bijnor consists of a part of the district of Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh and the districts of Pauri, Rudraprayag, Chamoli, Tehri, Uttarkashi and a part of Haridwar in Uttarakhand. Pope Paul VI raised the apostolic exarchate of Bijnor to an eparchy on 26th February 1977 and Msgr. Gratian Mundadan CMI was appointed its first bishop. On his retirement, Msgr. John Vadakel CMI was appointed its second bishop; he was consecrated and installed on 22nd October 2009. Languages spoken in the area are Hindi and Urdu.

6. Jagdalpur

On March 23, 1972 Bastar (the area of the diocese of Jagdalpur) was separated from the diocese of Raipur in MP and a new ecclesial unit called the Exarchate of Jagdalpur was erected. The exarchate was entrusted to the then St. Joseph's Province of CMI congregation and Fr. Paulinus Jeerakath CMI was appointed its exarch. The exarchate was raised to the eparchy and Msgr. Paulinus was appointed bishop by Pope Paul VI on February 26, 1977. Bishop Paulinus was called to eternal rest on August 6, 1990. His Excellency Mar. Simon Stock Palathara CMI, the present bishop, succeeded Mar Paulinus Jeerakath in 1993. Presently Jagdalpur comes under Chhattisgarh state and it covers the civil districts of Kanker, Bastar and Dantewada. Languages spoken here are Hindi and many tribal dialects.

7. Rajkot

The eparchy of Rajkot lies at the north western part of India, stretching over the whole peninsula of Saurashtra and Kutch in Gujarat. It comprises the civil districts of Amreli, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Porbandar, Rajkot and Surendranagar, together known popularly as Saurashtra, and the district of Kutch all of which are in Gujarat State. In 1972, the CMI priests were invited to work in the region by the bishop of Ahmedabad. On February 25, 1977, Pope Paul VI erected the eparchy of Rajkot, separating it from the Diocese of Ahmedabad. In 1977 Msgr. Jonas Thaliath CMI was appointed the first Bishop of the newly created eparchy of Rajkot. He was called to eternal rest on November 7, 1981. On April 24, 1983, Msgr. Gregory Karotempral CMI was ordained bishop to succeed Mar Jonas Thaliath. On his retirement, Msgr. Jose Chittooparambil, CMI was ordained bishop on September 11, 2010. Languages spoken in this area are Gujarati, Kutchi, Hindi and English.

8. Gorakhpur

The eparchy of Gorakhpur was erected on June 19, 1984 by His Holiness Pope John Paul II. Msgr. Dominic Kokkat CST was appointed its first bishop. Since 1970 the CST Fathers (Little Flower Congregation) were actively involved in the evangelical works in this Prefecture which became the Diocese of Varanasi in the same year. The eparchy of Gorakhpur was carved out of the diocese of Varanasi. It comprises of five north eastern districts of the state of Uttar Pradesh, viz. Gorakhpur, Deoria, Basti, Maharajanj and

Siddharthnagar. The diocese shares the international border with the Himalayan nation of Nepal. After Mar Dominic Kokkatt's retirement in 2006, Msgr. Thomas Thuruthimattam CST was ordained the second bishop of Gorakhpur. The languages spoken in this part of the Gangetic plain are Hindi and Bhojpuri.

9. Kalyan

Pope John Paul II created the eparchy of Kalyan for the pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar migrants in Mumbai, Pune, Nashik and other small cities in Maharashtra on 30 April 1988 and appointed Msgr Paul Chittilapilly as its first bishop. After nine years of dedicated pioneering work, Bishop Paul Chittilapilly was transferred to the eparchy of Thamarassery on December 18, 1996. Mar Thomas Elavanal, the second bishop of Kalyan was consecrated on February 8, 1997. The eparchy of Kalyan has its territory co-extensive with the territories of 5 Latin dioceses, viz, the Archdiocese of Bombay, the dioceses of Vasai, Poona, Nashik and Sindhudurg..

In order to ensure Christian presence and evangelization in all the 15 districts of the Eparchy, 10 of them were entrusted by the bishop to MST, VC, MCBS and CMI, the Syro-Malabar Societies of Apostolic life and Institutes of Consecrated life. On 1 May^t, 1990 Sangli, Kolhapur, Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri districts were entrusted to the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle (M.S.T) On 11 September 1991, Ahmednagar district was given to Vincentian congregation for mission *ad gentes*. On 4th October 1992, Satara and Solapur districts were given to M.C.B.S Congregation. On 2nd February 1993, Jalgaon, Dhule districts were given to C.M.I. priests. Languages spoken in this area are Marathi, Hindi, Konkini, Kannada and English.

10. Adilabad

The eparchy of Adilabad was erected by Pope John Paul II on 23rd July 1999 bifurcating Chanda. Since the eparchy of Chanda was spread over the two states of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, the need to separate the portions in Andhra Pradesh and to erect a new eparchy was a long felt need. The eparchy comprises of the civil district of Adilabad, the northernmost district in Andhra Pradesh. Msgr. Joseph Kunnath CMI was ordained the first bishop of the eparchy on October 6, 1999, on which date the eparchy also was inaugurated, the languages spoken here are Telugu, Marathi, Urdu and tribal languages.

11. Faridabad

The eparchy of Faridabad, formerly known as 'Delhi Syro-Malabar Mission', has its 34 years long history. It begins with the official visit by late Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara, the first apostolic Visitor to the Syro Malabar Catholics in Faridabad in 1978, to study the status of Syro-Malabar Catholics. In the Year 1986, Santhome Bhavan was established in Sector 23 Faridabad and Fr

Sebastian Kizhakkeyil MST, began to stay at Faridabad with the specific intention to organize Catholics from Kerala in the Industrial city of India. It was continued by Rev. Fr James Madapathil MST and Fr. Jose Oliakattil. In 1992 the responsibility of the Delhi Mission was entrusted to the Archdiocese of Ernakulam. Pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar faithful in the Archdiocese of Delhi got formally organized only when Rev. Dr. Sebastian Vadakumpadan was appointed Chaplain of the Syro-Malabar Catholics in the Archdiocese of Delhi by His Grace Archbishop Alan de Lastic.

On 6 March 2012, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI erected the new Eparchy of Faridabad for the Syro-Malabarians and appointed, Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangra as it's first Eparchial Bishop conferring on him the title of Archbishop *ad personam*. The new eparchy of Faridabad comprises of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the States of Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu-Kashmir as well as the Districts of Gautam Buddh Nagar and Ghaziabad that belong to the State of Uttar Pradesh. The new diocese has 9.50 lakh square kilometers of area.

The Syro-Malabar Mission Eparchies within the Proper Territory

Among the 18 eparchies within the proper territory, five of them are considered mission eparchies and they are outside the state of Kerala, three in Karnataka and two in Tamil Nadu. Among them, three (Belthangady, Bhadravathi and Mandya) are suffragans of the archeparchy of Thalasserry Thuckalay, the suffragan of Chengnacherry and Ramanathpuram the suffragan of Trichur.

1. Thuckalay

On November 11, 1996, Pope John Paul II erected the eparchy of Thuckalay and appointed Msgr. George Alencherry its first bishop. Thus the long cherished aspiration of the faithful of the Kanyakumari mission and the archeparchy of Changanacherry was fulfilled. Thuckalay, the first Syro - Malabar eparchy in Tamilnadu, is in the district of Kanyakumari. The eparchy of Thuckalay was formed by bifurcating the archeparchy of Changanacherry. Eparchy of Thuckalay comprises of the district of Kanyakumari and the Taluk of Shenkottai of Tirunelveli District. On May 29, 2011 Mar Alencherry has been installed as the head of the Syro-Malabar Church and Thuckalay became vacant. On Sept 16, 2012 Gorge Rajendra Nadar SDB was ordained and installed as the second bishop of the eparchy of Thuckalay.

2. Belthangady

The eparchy of Belthangady was erected by Pope John Paul II on April 24, 1999 as a suffragan of the archeparchy of Thalasserry. This diocese has been established in the three districts of Karnataka state, viz, Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi. As Belthangady is in Karnataka state with a different language and culture, it was difficult to cater to the spiritual needs of the faithful directly from Thalasserry. Hence it was declared a mission province of the archeparchy of Thalasserry since 1979. This mission grew up and finally the eparchy of Belthangady was established on April 24, 1999

and Msgr. Lawrence Mukkuzhy was nominated the first bishop of the new eparchy. Languages spoken in this eparchial area are Kannada, Tulu, Konkani, Malayalam and Coorgi.

3. Bhadravathi

The eparchy of Bhadravathi in Karnataka was erected on 21st August 2007 by the Synodal decision of the Syro-Malabar Church with the approval of the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, bifurcating the eparchy of Mananthavady, Kerala. The territory of the eparchy of Bhadravathi comprises the civil district of Shimoga in Karnataka State. Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy, the then bishop of Mananthavady had entrusted the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament to take care of the region in 1978. The dedicated work of the MCBS fathers paved the way for the creation of the new eparchy. Msgr. Joseph Arumachadath MCBS was consecrated its first bishop and the new eparchy was inaugurated on 25th October 2007. It is a suffragan of the archdiocese of Thalasserry. The official language is Kannada.

4. Mandya

The eparchy of Mandya was carved out of the eparchy of Mananthavady in 2010. It is a suffragan of the archdiocese of Thalasserry. The newly-erected eparchy of Mandya has its jurisdiction over the revenue districts of Mysore, Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajnar in Karnataka. The civil district of Mandya had been entrusted to the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST) for missionary apostolate in 1978 by Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy, the then bishop of Mananthavady. The civil districts of Hassan and Chamarajnar were entrusted by the CMLs of Mysore Province. Msgr. George Njaralakkatt was appointed the first bishop of Mandya. He was ordained and installed bishop on April 7, 2010. The official language spoken there is Kannada.

5. Ramanathapuram

Ramanathapuram is situated in the Coimbatore district of Tamil Nadu. The eparchy includes Coimbatore, Tirupur, Erode and Karur districts. It was created bifurcating the eparchy of Palghat. This is a suffragan eparchy of the archeparchy of Thrissur. The eparchy was created by Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, by his decree on January 18, 2010. The present bishop of Ramanathapuram, Mar Paul Alappat, was ordained and installed bishop on April 11, 2010. The languages used in this eparchy are Tamil and Malayalam.



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No	Diocese	Catholics	Parishes/ Semi-parishes	Mission Stations	Diocesan Priests	Religious priests in dioceses	Major Seminarians	Men Religious	Women Religious	Educational Institutions	Charitable Institutions	Baptism per Year
1	Adilabad	14321	31		28	41	25	45	151	61	52	281
2	Belthangady	30000	51	10	26	20	21	31	194	36	10	242
3	Bhadravathi	9338	23	10	3	37	2	37	121	34	20	175
4	Bijnor	3710	53	11	52	21	16	47	222	90	42	60
5	Chanda	15637	5	39	31	53	20	210	373	67	96	142
6	Changanacherry	390000	277		335	340	115	586	2630	338	286	4405
7	Chicago	100000	23		33	8	1	8	18			453
8	Ernakulam-Angamaly	520000	347	1	385	400	83	734	5041	640	226	9460
9	Faridabad	98000	5	84	43				204	19	35	
10	Gorakhpur	3250	29	11	39	24	16	35	199	141	24	18
11	Idukki	261650	145	0	140	54	89	106	869	107	45	2850
12	Irinjalakuda	268121	130	31	192	56	72	116	2371	189	133	4980
13	Jagdalpur	8391	20	36	17	92	35	122	406	80	111	201
14	Kalyan	85000	106	63	132	46	35	75	361	216	82	373
15	Kanjirappally	228700	138	1	212	72	69	147	1898	300	199	5875
16	Kothamangalam	230760	117	0	187	95	072	184	2130	181	77	2550

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17	Kottayam	177874	149	14	147	89	41	122	1038	165	39	2765
18	Mananthavady	171049	145		173	246	43	413	1280	165	69	1280
20	Mandya	5000	27	22	8	126	1	151	277	49	46	15
21	Palai	345850	169	3	350	431	71	441	3431	409	170	4265
19	Paigat	56827	71	51	98	55	43	71	1053	196	68	797
22	Rajkot	13000	14	22	29	121	13	147	482	150	161	46
23	Ramanathapuram	16694	16	10	19	39	2	46	262	103	31	125
24	Sagar	7200	40	35	47	10	18	21	233	56	45	52
25	Satna	2452	17	18	46	17	17	28	149	54	19	15
26	Tellicherry	294757	239	1	270	127	95	335	1715	306	191	4964
27	Thamaraserry	140823	129	147	102	49	240	1382	217	37	1541	
28	Thuckalay	30000		59	35	29	36	32	250	100	77	396
29	Trichur	485300	203	47	299	171	97	357	3049	349	176	5835
30	Ujjain	4500	41	1	33	53	17	104	325	42	47	25
	Grand Total	4018204	2819	521	3556	2975	1214	4991	32114	4860	2614	54186

Total Number of Syro-Malabar Catholics in 30 Syro-Malabar dioceses 4018204