

## 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 Eccumenicorum* ... 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 mis-

sionary 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, *Orientale 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 legitimate pastors of 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).

Eparchial bishops, who appoint such presbyters, pastors or syncelli for the care of Christian faithful of patriarchal Churches, are to formulate plans of action with the patriarchs who are concerned in the matter and, if they are in agreement, act by their own authority and notify the Apostolic See as soon as possible; if the patriarchs, for any reason whatever, disagree, the matter is to be referred to the Apostolic See.(CCEO. 193§3).

## **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).

- ✧ “Whenever this is done, these parishes will juridically form an integral part of the Latin diocese, and the parish priests of the aforementioned rite will be members of the diocesan presbyterate of the Latin bishop. It should, however, be noted that although in the hypothesis foreseen in the above mentioned canons these faithful are living within the jurisdiction of the Latin bishop, it is opportune that before instituting personal parishes for them or designating a presbyter as assistant or parish priest or indeed Episcopal vicar, the Latin bishop should take up contact both with the Congregation for the Oriental Churches and with the respective hierarchy, in particular with the Patriarch” (n.55).

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 transfor-



mation 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. MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL COMMISSION FOR EVANGELIZATION AND PASTORAL CARE OF THE MIGRANTS**

**T**he 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 Archiepiscopal *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 Archiepiscopal 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 abroad 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 Vaniakizhakkel 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).

### **Secretaries**

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

**T**he 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, news letters 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 USA, Canada as well as to 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 Syro-Malabar concentration 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 faithful in 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 organizing 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 preparation. 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](http://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 Eparchies 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 Ordinaries. As a result, most of the communities are getting better organized. After the appointment of National Coordinators in Italy, 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 upon the recommendation of the Commission 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 the 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 the 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 were organized to instill the missionary spirit in all sections of the Syro-Malabar faithful. The Mission Year boosted up the missionary enthusiasm of the Mother Church. The international mission seminar and the concluding programs of the Mission Year in New Delhi, the Capital city of India well reflected the missionary face of the Syro-Malabar Church. The Mission Year souvenir was published in Jan 2013 recording all the major programs and events of the Mission Year.

In November 2012 the Commission published an updated version its Directory with all available data on migrant communities in India and abroad. The Commission arranged a Syro-Malabar Gulf Meet in collaboration with SMCA Kuwait on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013 in view of better coordinating the



activities of the Syro-Malabar faithful in the Gulf countries. The delegates from the different countries took the decision to work with common programs and objectives. For enhancing solidarity with the Mother Church a Global Meet of the Syro-Malabar faithful all over the world is planned on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013. Most of the Syro-Malabar Bishops and around 300 delegates from all over the world are expected to attend it.

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 Archbishopal Commission and should send it annual reports 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 migrant 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 hierarchy / ordinary to the effect. Similarly, the local hierarchy/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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## 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 .

- 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 of 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.





## **D. Guidelines for the Functioning of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Commission for Laity**

### **Prologue**

The apostolate of the laity derives from their Christian vocation and the church can never be without it. Sacred Scripture clearly shows how spontaneous and fruitful such activity was at the very beginning of the Church (cf. Acts 11:19-21; 18:26; Rom. 16:1-16; Phil. 4:3). Our own times require of the laity no less zeal: in fact, modern conditions demand that their apostolate be broadened and intensified. With a constantly increasing population, continual progress in science and technology, and closer interpersonal relationships, the areas for the lay apostolate have been immensely widened particularly in fields that have been for the most part open to the laity alone. These factors have also occasioned new problems which demand their expert attention and study. This apostolate becomes more imperative in view of the fact that many areas of human life have become increasingly autonomous. This is as it should be, but it sometimes involves a degree of departure from the ethical and religious order and a serious danger to Christian life. Besides, in many places where priests are very few or, in some instances, deprived of due freedom for priestly work, the Church could scarcely exist and function without the activity of the laity.

An indication of this manifold and pressing need is the unmistakable work being done today by the Holy Spirit in making the laity ever more conscious of their own responsibility and encouraging them to serve Christ and the Church in all circumstances. (Vatican II, APOSTOLICAM ACTUOSITATEM no. 1)

### **Historical Introduction**

The Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church in its session held in August 2008 decided to establish a Commission for Laity. As per the request of the Synod, the Major Archbishop established the Commission on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2008 with Bishop Mathew Arackal (Kanjirapally) as chairman and Bishops Mathew Anikkuzhikkattil (Idukki) and Sebastian Adayanthrath (Ernakulam-Angamaly: Auxiliary) as members of the proposed Commission. The Commission was given also the mandate to formulate its guidelines and present them to the Synod for its approval

and promulgation by the Major Archbishop. The Commission was also authorized to co-opt consultants if needed.

### **Nature**

1. The Major Archiepiscopal Commission for Laity is a body of three bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church constituted by the Major Archbishop as per CCEO 124. It has the function to assist the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church in fulfilling his responsibilities towards the lay faithful of the Church.
2. Lay Faithful are “the Christian faithful whose proper and specific quality is secularity and who, living in the world, participate in the mission of the Church, but are not in Sacred Orders nor ascribed in the religious orders” (CCEO. 399)

The ‘laity’ here means men and women, young and old, who are lay members of the Syro-Malabar Church. Hence, the Commission may have separate sections for family and laity, lay men, women, the youth, children, Dalits, labours and so on, as per the need.

3. The main sphere of operation of the Commission is the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal level. However, it may also advise, assist, collaborate and co-operate, as and when required by the competent authorities, at the other levels such as eparchial and metropolitan, either directly or through specially constituted bodies which may or may not be units of the Central Committee at Major Archiepiscopal level.
4. These ‘Guidelines’ approved and promulgated by Major Archbishop are meant to guide and regulate the functions of the Commission in favour of the Syro-Malabar laity, the Commissions’ relationship to other Major Archiepiscopal and Synodal Commissions, to the Synod of Bishops, to the Syro-Malabar eparchies and eparchial bishops, to the organized Syro-Malabar communities for the Pastoral Care of the Syro-Malabar Migrants in India and abroad, to the Syro-Malabar Catholic Associations for the laity, to the Pontifical as well as other international, national and regional ecclesial councils and commissions in favour of the Laity.

### **Scope**

5. The Major Archiepiscopal Commission for the Laity has the following scope;
  - a) To co-ordinate the activities of the laity in the Syro-Malabar Church.
  - b) To animate, form, and equip the lay faithful to play their proper role in the Church and in the world

- c) To provide appropriate forum for addressing the common issues that affect the Syro-Malabar Church all over the world especially in the social and secular fields.
- d) To open up new opportunities for the laity to share their knowledge, experience and expertise at various spheres of activity in the Church and outside.
- e) To ensure the ecclesial and faith formation of the laity so that they are equipped to play their proper role as Christian faithful especially in the Secular field.
- f) To enlighten the laity about the teachings and policies of the Church.
- g) To co-ordinate the activities of the various lay associations functioning in the eparchies of the Syro-Malabar Church and to make them more effective.
- h) To equip and form the Central Committee to function as the sector, the public face of the Syro-Malabar Church, especially before the civil authorities and the public at large, respecting the role and functions assigned to other persons and bodies like the Public Relations Office of the Syro-Malabar Church.

### **Office**

- 6. The office of the Commission shall be at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia, Mount St Thomas, PB No. 3110, Kakkanad P.O., Kochi, Kerala 682 031.

### **Area of Competence**

- 7. The geographical area of competence of the Commission shall be the same as that of the Syro-Malabar Church and of the Major Archbishop as per the provisions of the Canon Law. The Commission shall function, respecting the jurisdiction of the local Hierarchs. The Commission shall also respect the competence of other Commissions and Major Archiepiscopal organs, and work in close collaboration with them.
- 8. Where there is no Syro-Malabar hierarchy, the Commission shall function respecting the authority of the local Ordinary, the Syro-Malabar co-ordinator, parish priest or chaplain and in consultation with the Major Archiepiscopal Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants.

### **Members of the Commission**

- 9. The Commission shall have a Chairman and two members appointed by the Major Archbishop from among the members of the Synod of the Bishops, for a period of five years.

**Secretary**

10. The Secretary of the Committee shall be a Syro-Malabar lay faithful.
11. The Chairman, in consultation with other members of the Commission and with the prior consent of the Major Archbishop in writing, shall appoint the Secretary.
12. His term of office shall be three years. But he shall continue in office until a new secretary takes charge.
13. In the same manner the Chairman may appoint other joint secretaries as per need, especially for the various sections of the Commission.
14. The main duties of the Secretary are the following:
  - i. To keep the minutes of the Commission meetings and the records and archives of the Commission in order
  - ii. To make the required communications as per the direction of the Chairman.
  - iii. To get ready the annual report and other interim reports to be presented to the Synod as well as to the Pontifical, International, national and regional Episcopal bodies.
  - iv. To help in organizing various meetings seminars and gatherings of the Commission

**Finance Officer**

15. It will be the duty of the Finance officer to draw up and present the annual budget before the Commission and get its approval. Similarly, the secretary shall present the annual financial statement to the Commission, as well as to the Finance Officer of the Major Archiepiscopal Curia.
16. All payments and major financial transactions shall be made only with the consent of the Chairman. Only dealings with such consent will be valid.
17. The Commission shall have an account jointly operated by the Chairman and the Finance officer or Secretary as designated by the Commission in a reputed scheduled bank to keep the money that it may get.

**The Central Committee**

18. The Commission shall be assisted in its functioning by a Central Committee constituted at the Major Archiepiscopal level and by the corresponding committee at the Eparchial level. Similar units may be

set up at the organized Syro-Malabar Migrant Communities in India and abroad.

19. The Central Committee is constituted of the ex-officio as well as the elected members. The bishop chairman shall be the president of the committee and the other Episcopal members shall also be members of this Committee.

20. The following are the other ex-officio members of the Committee:

- ✧ The Secretary of the Commission
- ✧ The lay secretaries of the Eparchial pastoral councils
- ✧ The Eparchial presidents of the approved catholic lay associations in the eparchies / migrant communities
- ✧ The Secretaries of the Syro-Malabar Lay Committees at the eparchial level

21. The Elected members shall be the following:

- ✧ Two lay representatives, a man and woman, elected by the eparchial pastoral council in such a way that one of them is a youth below 25.

22. Nominated members:

- ✧ The chairman of the Commission for Laity in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants may nominate up to 15 lay representatives from the Syro-Malabar migrant communities in India or aboard.
- ✧ The Chairman, in consultation with the concerned local Hierarchs may nominate another 15 Syro-Malabar faithful experts in various fields, such as education, health care, finance, law, politics, social welfare and charitable activities. They must be practicing Syro-Malabar Catholics, with a proven track record in their faith life as well as in the field of activity.

### **The Duration of the Central Committee**

23. The term of office of the Central Committee shall be three years. However, they shall continue in office until the new committee is constituted by the Chairman through a formal decree to the effect.

### **Meetings**

24. The committee shall be convened by the Secretary in consultation with the Commission Chairman at least once in a calendar year. It may be convened at other times in consultation with other members of the Commission and the Executive Committee.

25. The meetings of the Central Committee are convened to deliberate upon important matters that affect the Church.
26. One third of the total members of the Central Committee shall be the quorum of the meetings.
27. To convene the ordinary meetings, the Secretary, in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission shall send out, at least one month in advance, the invitation letters in which the place, date and time as well as the agenda of the meeting are clearly stated.
28. It is recommended that all resolutions and recommendations of the Central Committee are passed by a consensus. The relevant matter may be brought to the Synod of Bishops by the Chairman in consultation with other members of the Commission.

### **Executive Committee**

29. There shall be a 13 member 'Executive Committee' of laity constituted by the Chairman in consultation with the other members of the Commission within two months of formation of the Central Committee.
30. The ex-official members for the Executive Committee shall be the Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission for Laity.
31. The following shall be the elected members of the Executive Committee:
  - ✧ Two vice presidents, a male and a female.
  - ✧ Two joint secretaries, a male and a female.
  - ✧ Two youth representatives, a male and a female
  - ✧ Two dalit Christian representatives, a male and a female
32. The Chairman of the Commission, in consultation with the other members of the Commission, the Secretary and two Vice Presidents, may nominate 3 members to the Executive Committee from among those sections of the lay faithful not properly represented.
33. The Executive Committee shall hold regular meetings to evaluate the situation and to conduct the day to day affairs. It should meet at least 4 times in a calendar year. Normally the meetings shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Commission or in his absence by one of the members of the Commission authorized by him.

### **Sub Committees and Sections**

34. The Chairman, in consultation with the other members of the Commission and the Central Committee, may constitute various sub committees and appoint members to attend to various sections of the lay faithful

like, women, children, dalit Christians, youth and labours. The details shall be worked by the Executive committee.

### **At the Eparchial Level**

35. At the eparchial level too there shall be Laity Committees under the supervision and guidance of the eparchial bishop to exercise at the eparchial level the functions mentioned above.

### **Interpretation**

36. The authentic interpretation of any clause contained in these 'Guidelines' is the competence of the Major Archbishop. However, the Chairman, in consultation with other members of the Commission shall give the practical interpretation or explanation of specific clauses.

### **Amendments**

37. Any amendments or modifications, additions or deletion of any clause in the 'Guidelines' become effective as and when approved and promulgated by the Major Archbishop.
38. Only the members of the Synod and the Committee shall have the competence to propose amendments to any of articles in these Guidelines. Proposals for the amendments shall be sent to the Chairman of the Commission at least one month in advance of the annual meeting of the Commission and the Central Committee. The Secretary of the Commission, in consultation with the Chairman shall circulate them among the members of the Commission and the Central Committee at least two weeks in advance of the beginning of the annual Joint Meeting.
39. Any proposal for amendment to be considered as passed shall have the two third majority of those present and voting in the joint meeting of the Commission and the Committee.
40. The passed proposals for amendments shall be forwarded to the Major Archbishop by the Secretary with the consent of the chairman as soon as they are passed in the joint meeting.
41. Amendments in order to take effect must be approved and promulgated by the Major Archbishop, in consultation with the Permanent Synod.

### **Transitory Norms**

42. There shall be a period of two months of vacatio legis from the date of promulgation of these Statutes.



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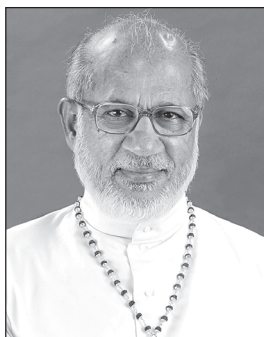
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## 5. THE MAJOR ARCHBISHOPS AND THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS OF SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH

### A. The Major Archbishop

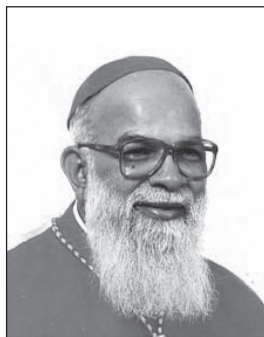
**MAR GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY**



Major Archbishop	29. 05. 2011
Elected Cardinal	06. 01. 2012
Elevated Cardinal	18. 02. 2012

### B. The Former Major Archbishops

**MAR ANTONY CARDINAL PADIYARA (1921-2000)**



Elected Cardinal	28. 06. 1988
Major Archbishop	16. 12. 1992
Retired	18. 12. 1996
Death	23. 03. 2000

## **MAR VARKEY CARDINAL VITHAYATHIL (1927-2011)**



Major Archbishop	23. 12. 1999
Elected Cardinal	21. 01. 2001
Death	01. 04. 2011

## **PONTIFICAL DELEGATE OF THE SYRO MALABAR CHURCH MAR ABRAHAM KATTUMANA (1944 - 1995)**



Consecrated Archbishop	03.08.1991
Appointed Pontifical Delegate	16.12.1992
Death	04.04.1995

## C. ARCH BISHOPS AND BISHIOPS OF THE SYRO MALABAR CHURCH

### I. ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS OF THE SYRO MALABAR EPARCHIES



#### 1. ADILABAD

**Bp. Mar Joseph Kunnath CMI**

**Birth** 2 September 1939

**Priestly Ordination** 24 April 1972

**Episcopal Ordination** 6 October 1999

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**Priestly Ordination** 27 December 1978

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**Episcopal Ordination** 29 August 2007

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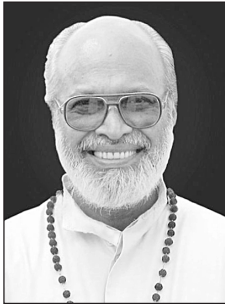
**Bp. Mar John Vadakel CMI**

**Birth** 17 August 1943

**Priestly Ordination** 19 December 1964

**Episcopal Ordination** 22 October 2009

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**Priestly Ordination** 17 May 1967

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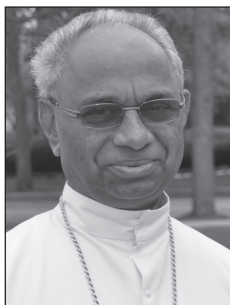
**Abp. Mar Joseph Perumthottam**

**Birth** 5 July 1948

**Priestly Ordination** 18 December 1974

**Episcopal Ordination** 20 May 2002

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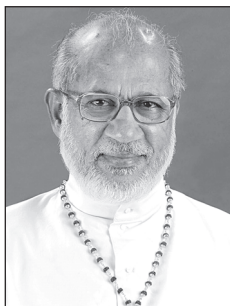
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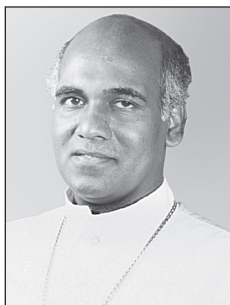
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**Priestly Ordination** 18 December 1983

**Episcopal Ordination** 26 May 2012

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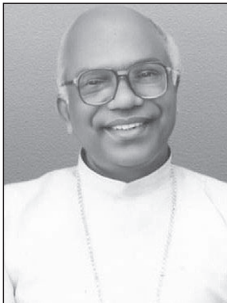
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**Priestly Ordination** 3 March 1971

**Episcopal Ordination** 9 February 2001

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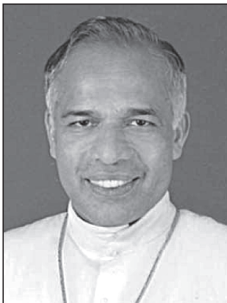
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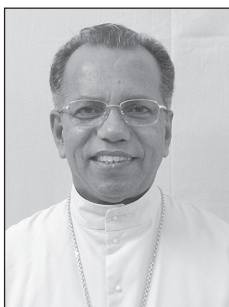


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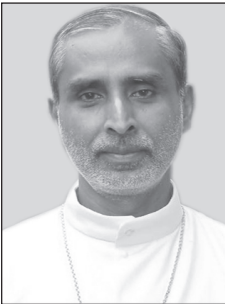
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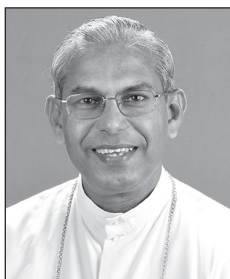
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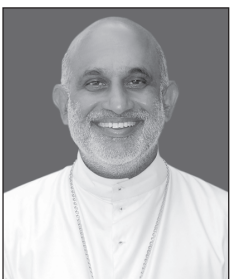
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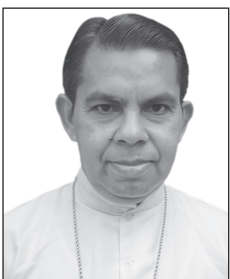
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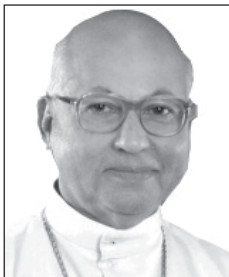


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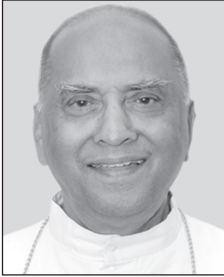
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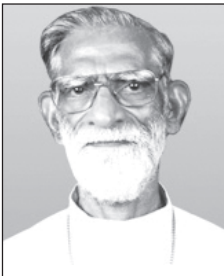
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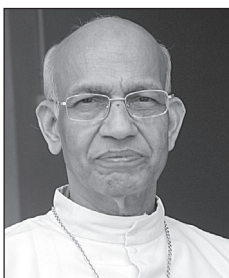
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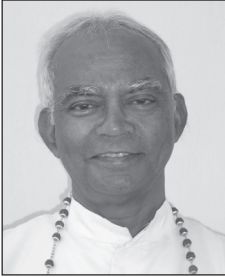
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## V. A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH

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 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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Alcock St. Maddington - 6109  
Western Australia  
Cell: 08-94931703; 0061 402 186 459  
E-mail: [vcparackal@rediffmail.com](mailto:vcparackal@rediffmail.com)  
Faithful: 2010 Members

### 1.8. TOWNSVILLE

Syro-Malabar Community, Townsville

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Townsville**

#### **Most. Rev. Michael E Putney DD**

266-270 Stanley Street, (PO Box 6149) Townsville, Qld 4810  
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Priest in charge: **Fr. John Kunnath OCD**  
E-mail: [johnkocd@yahoo.com](mailto:johnkocd@yahoo.com)  
Cell: 07 4779 1404; 0061429 490 850  
Faithful: 755 Members

## 1.9. WOLLONGONG

### **Syro-Malabar Community, Wollongong**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: Diocese of Wollongong

#### **Most. Rev. Peter W Ingham DD**

Catholic Church Offices, P.O.Box 1239

Wollongong, NSW 2520, Australia

E-mail: [bishop@woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:bishop@woll.catholic.org.au)

Priest in charge: **Fr. Thomas Alukka**

St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Community

Diocese of Wollongong

St Thomas Moore Catholic Parish

43 Acacia Avenue Ruse, NSW, Australia

Ph: 0061 2 4628 2967

Cell: 0061-2 416970644

E-mail: [stthomassyromalabarcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:stthomassyromalabarcommunity@gmail.com)

[tomyalukka@yahoo.com](mailto:tomyalukka@yahoo.com)

Faithful: 820 Members

## 2. EUROPE

## 2.1. AUSTRIA

### **Pfarrei Maria Lourdes (Parish)**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Archdiocese of Vienna**

#### **Most Rev. Christoph Cardinal Schönborn**

Archbishop of Vienna, Wollzeile 2,1010 Vienna, Austria

Priest in charge: **Fr. Dr. Thomas Thandappilly CST**

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E-mail: [thandappilly@aon.at](mailto:thandappilly@aon.at)

Youth Co-ordinator: **Rev. Fr. Wilson Mecheril MCBS**

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1210 Wien, Austria

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[mecherilmcbs@gmail.com](mailto:mecherilmcbs@gmail.com)

Pfarre Maria Lourdes, Tivoligasse 20, A-1120

Faithful: 1529 Members, Families 430

Non Registered Families: 1400 Members/ Families 300



## 2.2. DENMARK

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Copenhagen**

**Most Rev. Czeslaw Kozon**

Kongevej 15, 1610 Copenhagen V

Ph: 33 55 60 80

E- mail: Bishop @Catholic.dk

Priest in charge: **Fr. Thomas Pulickiyil OCD**

Adelgade 1, Odense C, Denmark

Ph: 004550120570

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E-mail: shoby@live.dk

Faithful: 30 members

## 2.3. FRANCE

Diocese & Local Ordinary: Archdiocese of Paris

**Most Rev. Cardinal André Vingt-Trois**

Archbishop of Paris, 32 rue de Barbet de Jouy,

75007 Paris, FRANCE

Priest in charge: **Fr. Dr. Sebastian Naduthadam**

Paroisse St Germain des Pres, 3

Place St Germain des Pres, 75006

Paris, France

Ph: (33) 1 55 42 81 40,

Cell: 00 33 753082096

E-mail: sebastiannaduthadam@gmail.com

Faithful: 3000 members

## 2.4. GERMANY

### 2.4.1. COLOGNE

**Indian Catholic Community,**

**Cologne (Also Dioceses of Aachen and Essen)**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Archdiocese of Cologne**

**H.E. Joachim Cardinal Meisner**

Marzellenstraße 32, 50668 Köln

Priest in charge: **Fr. Ignatious Chaliserry CMI**

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E-mail: indische-meinde@netcologne.de  
ichalissery@googlemail.com  
Website: www.indischegemeinde.de  
Faithful: 500 Families

#### 2.4.2. FRANKFURT

##### **Indische Katholische Gemeinde (Syro-Malabar) Frankfurt/M**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: Diocese of Limburg

##### **Most. Rev. Franz-Peter Tebartz-van Elst**

Bischofsplatz 2, 65549 Limburg, Germany

Priest in charge: **Fr. Devadas Paul CMF**

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60599 Frankfurt

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Cell: 0049-1577-4381889

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E-mail: devadaspaul@googlemail.com  
devadaspaul@gmail.com

website: www.syromalabarfrankfurt.org

Faithful: 100 Families

##### **SEMI PARISH: Frankfurt**

St. Antonius Kirche, Alexander-Strasse 25  
60489 Frankfurt.

#### 2.4.3. HEIDELBERG

Syro-Malabar Community, Heidelberg

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Freiburg**

##### **Most. Rev. Robert Zollitsch**

Erzbischöfliches Ordinariat, Schoferstr,2, 79098 Freiburg

Priest in charge: **Fr. Thomas Pullattu MCBS**

Schlehen Str. 11, 97440, Werneck, Germany

Ph: 00499722945780

E-mail: tpullatt@googlemail.com

Faithful: 120 Families

## 2.5. IRELAND

### 2.5.1. CORK AND ROSS

#### **Syro-Malabar Community Cork & Ross**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Cork and Ross**

#### **Rt. Rev. John Buckley**

Bishop of Cork and Ross

Diocese of Cork and Ross, Cork and

Ross Offices, Redemption Road, Cork, Ireland

Ph: 00353 (0)21 4301717

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E-mail: [secretary@corkandross.org](mailto:secretary@corkandross.org)

Priest in charge: **Fr. Francis George Neelankavil**

Tigh an tSagairt, Clogheen

Co-Cork, Ireland

Ph: 00353-21-4392122

Cell: 00353877084751

E-mail: [corksmc@gmail.com](mailto:corksmc@gmail.com)

[panchiachan@gmail.com](mailto:panchiachan@gmail.com)

Web: [www.corksyromalabar.com](http://www.corksyromalabar.com)

Faithful Within the territory: 83 Families (315 Members)

Faithful Outside the territory: 117 Families (411 Members)

#### **Mass Centers within the territory:**

##### **1. Wilton**

St. Joseph's Church, SMA, Wilton, Cork

Faithful: 45 Families (170 Members)

##### **2. City, Cork**

St. Francis' Church, City Centre, Cork

Faithful: 38 Families (145 Members)

#### **Mass Centers outside the territory:**

1. Mallow - 13 Families (49 Members)

2. Midleton - 12 Families (43 Members)

3. Clonmel - 19 Families (64 Members)

4. Limerick - 63 Families (225 Members)

5. Youghal - 10 Families (30 Members)

**2.5.2. DUBLIN**

**Syro-Malabar Community, Dublin**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Archdiocese of Dublin**

**Most. Rev. Diarmuid Martin**

Archbishop's House, Drumcondra, Dublin-9, Ireland

Priests in charge: **Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara**

St. Martin Presbytery, Aylesbury

Tallaght, Dublin-24, Ireland

Ph: 00353 4510160

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**Fr. Manoj Ponkattil**

St. Martin De Porres Church

Aylesberry, Tallaght, Dublin 24, Ireland

Cell: 00353 899510057, 00353 77099811

E-mail: ponkattils@gmail.com

Web: [www.syromalabar.ie](http://www.syromalabar.ie)

Faithful: 800 Families/ 3000 Members

**Mass Centers: 1. Beaumont**

The Church of the Nativity of Our Lord,  
Beaumont, Dn 5

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. Jose Bharanikulangara**

**Mass Centers outside the proper territory:**

**1. Cavan**

Kilmore Diocese

**Most Rev. Leo o' Reilly**

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**

St. Joseph's Church, Drogheda

Faithful: 15

Priest in charge: **Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara**

**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

**Rt. Rev. Brendan Byrne**

St. Brigids Church Kildare

Faithful: 12 Families

Priest in charge: **Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara**

**7. Kilkenny**

Ossory Diocese

**Most. Rev. Seamus Freeman**

St. Carices, Kilkenny

Faithful: 26

Priest in charge: **Fr. Vinod Rosminian Cong.**

**8. Limerick**

Limerick Diocese

**Rev. Anthony, Administrator**

St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle

Faithful: 40

**9. Longford**

Ardagh&Clonmacnoi Diocese

**Most Rev. Colm O'Reilly**

Our Ladys Maner Nursing Home

Faithful: 10

Priest in charge: **Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara**

**10. Sligo**

Elphin Diocese

**Most Rev. Christopher Jones**

Sligo St. John Hospital, Ballyqivene

Faithful: 15

Priest in charge: **Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara**

**11. Tullamore**

Meath Diocese

**Most Rev. Michael Smith**

Assumption Church, Tullamore

Faithful: 18

Priest in charge: **Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara**

**12. Waterford**

Waterford Diocese

**Most. Rev. William Lee**

St. Joseph & Benildus, Waterford

Faithful: 35

Priest in charge: **Fr. Vinod Rosminian Cong**

**2.6. ITALY**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Rome**

**H.E. Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco**

Presidente, Conferenze Episcopale Italiana

National Coordinator: **Msgr. Stephen Chirappanath**

San Thom Pastoral Centre,

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Assistant: **Fr. Biju Augustine Muttathukunnel**

San Thome Pastoral Centre,

Via Torino 94, 00184, Roma

Ph: 0039-06-4820028, Cell: 0039-3894282760

E-mail: frbijuaug@gmail.com

Mass Centres: 24

Total Faithful: 12,000

**2.6.1. BACELONA (SICILIA)**

Priest in charge: **Fr. Shaji Mekkara OSH**

Ph: 0039 3208227166

Lay leader: Mr. Binu,

Ph: 0039 3209742465

Faithful: 100

**2.6.2. BOLOGNA**

Priest in charge: **Fr. Joseph Kunnathupurayidom**

Ph: 0039 3296020098

Faithful: 100

**2.6.3. FIRENZE**

Priest in charge: **Fr. Binish Mangottil**

Ph: 0039 3334213192

Faithful: 100

**2.6.4. GENOVA**

Priest in charge: **Fr. Jeejo Vallooppa**

Ph: 0039 3339090315

Rev. Sr. Virginia,

Ph: 0039 3469774545

Faithful: 500

**2.6.5. GROSETTO**

Priest in charge: **Fr. Sebastian Palakkatt**

Ph: 0039 3494651855

Faithful: 100

**2.6.6. MACERATA**

No priest.: **Fr. Vincent Kandathil**

Ph: 0039 3891864407

Faithful: 200

**2.6.7. MILANO**

Priest in charge: **Fr. Jery Njialiath**

Ph: 0039 02-9182017

Cell: 0039 3318216093

Faithful: 500

**2.6.8. NAPOLI**

No Resident Priest

Contact no. Ph: 0039 3881727920



Ph: 0039 3896491279  
Faithful: 100

#### 2.6.9. NOCERA

Priest in charge: **Fr. Michael OFM Conv.**  
Ph: 0039 3496840329  
Faithful: 150

#### 2.6.10. PADOVA

Priest in charge: **Fr. Varghese Puthussery O.F.M.Conv**  
Ph: 0039 3400550956  
Faithful: 100

#### 2.6.11. PATTI SAN PIERO (SICILIA)

Priest in charge: **Fr. Shaji Mekkara OSH**  
Ph: 0039 3208227166  
Faithful: 650

#### 2.6.12. POMPEI

Priest in charge: **Fr. Winson Menachery**  
Ph: 0039 3496250089  
Faithful: 250

#### 2.6.13. RAVENNA

Priest in charge: **Rev. Fr. Thomas Varakil MCBS**  
Ph: 0039 3276184757  
**Fr. Jose Therooparambil MCBS**  
Ph: 0039 054525235  
Faithful: 200

#### 2.6.14. ROME

1.San Thome Pastoral Centre  
Priest in charge: **Msgr. Stephen Chirappanath**  
Via Torino 94, 00184, Roma,  
Ph: 0039 06-4820028  
Cell: 0039 3663124882  
Faithful: 6000

##### 2.6.14.1. St. Pius Knanaya Mission Centre (Cornelia Unit)

Chiesa San Pio V  
Largo San Pio V

**2.6.14.2. St. Mary's Centre (Divino Amore Unit)**

Convent Chapel  
Santuario Divino Amore

**2.6.14.3. Bl. Mother Theresa Centre (Prenestina Unit)**

Missionaries of Charity Chapel  
Via San Agapito 8

**2.6.14.4. Bl. Mariam Thresia Centre (Monte Mario Unit)**

Don Orione  
Via della Camillucia 120

**2.6.14.5. Bl. Chavara Centre (Magliana Unit)**

Chiesa Santo Volto di Gesu  
Via della Magliana 166

**2.6.14.6. Bl. Kunjachan Centre (Pisana Unit)**

Convent Chapel  
Via dei Brusati 84

**2.6.15. SAVONA**

Priest in charge: **Fr. Biju John**  
Ph: 0039 3339655233  
Faithful: 150

**2.6.16. SIENA**

No priest  
Contact No: 0039 3881153121  
0039 3393255672  
Faithful: 200

**2.6.17. TREVISO**

Chaplain: **Fr. Joseph Arichira**  
Ph: 0039 3319551968  
Centres: Cavaso & Istrano  
Faithful: 400

**2.6.18. VERONA & TRENTO**

No priest  
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0039 3407883102  
Faithful: 100

## 2.7. NEW ZEALAND

### **Syro-Malabar Catholic Mission, Auckland**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Auckland**

**Most. Rev. Patrick Dunn DD**

30, New Street, St. Mary's Bay, Auckland 1011

Priest in charge: **Fr. Joy Thottamkara C.Ss.R**

Immaculate Conception Parish

66 Main Highway, Ellerslie, Auckland, 1051,  
New Zealand.

Ph: 00649 5795458

E-mail: smchaplainnz@gmail.com

Website: www.asmcm.org

Faithful: 350 Members

## 2.8. SWITZERLAND

### **Syro-Malabar Community**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Basel**

**Most Rev. Felix Gmür**

Baselstrasse 58, Solothurn, SO 4501CH

Ph: 011 39 032 625 58 25,

Fax: 011 39 032 625 58 45

Web: www.bistum-basel.ch

### **Diocese of Fribourg**

Bischofliches Ordinariat, Lausanne Geneve et Fribourg

Ph 026347.48.50 Fax 347.48.51

Website: www.diocese-lgf.ch

Priest in charge: **Fr. Binoy Thomas**

Faithful: 1300 Members, 300 Families

### 2.8.1. AARAU (DIOCESE OF BASEL)

St. Johannes Kirche, Buchs

Bucherstrasse 8, 5033, Buchs

Ph: 004162 824 32 53

E-mail: frbinoy@hotmail.com

Faithful: 30 Families

### 2.8.2. BELINZONA (DIOCESE OF LUGANO)

Convento Sacro Cuore

Via Varrone 12 CH- 6500

Ph: 004191820 08 80  
E-mail: bellinzona@cappuccini.ch  
Faithful: 50 Families

**2.8.3. ERLÖSERS CHURCH ZÜRICH (DIOCESE OF CHUR)**

Zollikerstrasse 160 8008 Zurich  
Ph: 0041443848410  
Faithful: 35 Families/ 180 Members  
Priest in charge: **Fr. Thomas Plappallil MST**

**2.8.4. BERN (DIOCESE OF BASEL)**

St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Mission Centre  
St. Antonius Church.Bümbliz Süd Bern  
Burgunderstasse 124,Bern Knutwil,  
Ph: 0041319940450  
Cell: 00417983316 32  
Email: thomasplappallil@yahoo.co.in  
Faithful: 40 Families

**2.8.5. BASEL LAND LIESTHAL (DIOCESE OF BASEL)**

Bruder Klaus Kirche,  
Rhine Strasse 20, 4410 Liestal  
Faithful: 50 Families

**2.8.6. OLTEN (DIOCESE OF BASEL)**

Pfarramt, Solothurnerstrasse 26  
4600 Olten  
Ph: 004141622126241  
E-mail: thomasplappallil@yahoo.co.in  
Faithful: 30 Families

**2.8.7. SCHAFFHAUSEN (DIOCESE OF BASEL)**

St. Peter Kirche, Sankt Peterstrasse 11  
8200 Schaffhausen  
Ph: 004152643 3180  
E-mail: thomasplappallil@yahoo.co.in  
Faithful: 37 Families/150 Members

**2.8.8. EGGZURICH (DIOCESE OF CHUR)**

St. Antonius Church, Egg.  
Flurstrasse 10, 8132 Egg  
Ph: 0041 43 277 20 20

Faithful: 45 Family/ 200 Members.

#### 2.8.9. ZÜRICH (DIOCESE OF CHUR)

St. Theresia Church.Borr weg 80.  
Official Center for Syro Malabar  
Mission in Zürich

Faithful: 50 Families/ 210 Members  
Priest in charge: **Fr. Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura MST**

#### 2.8.10. BASEL (DIOCESE OF BASEL)

St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Mission Centre  
St. Anotnys Church Basel,  
Salvatorhaus, Impass de la foret 5  
CH 1700 Freiburg,

Ph: 004161386 90 60  
E-mail: vincentkadali@gmail.com  
Faithful: 50 Families

#### 2.8.11. FREIBURG (DIOCESE OF FREIBURG)

Pfarrei St. Martin Tifers, Kirchstrasse 4  
1712 Tifers

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E-mail: pfarrei@pfarrei\_tifers.ch  
Faithful: 10 Families

#### 2.8.12. WINTERTHUR, ZÜRICH (DIOCESE OF CHUR)

Priest incharge: **Fr Sebastian Thayyil**  
St. Laurentius Kirche, Winterthur  
Wulflingerstrasse 181 8408 Winterthur  
Ph: 0041 78 73 58 112  
E-mail: vikar@naefels.ch  
Faithful: 40 Families/ 200 Members

#### 2. 9. UNITED KINGDOM

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## 2.9.1. ENGLAND & WALES

### 2.9.1.1. Birmingham

#### **Syro-Malabar Church Birmingham**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Archdiocese of Birmingham, UK**

#### **Most. Rev. Bernard Longley**

Archbishop's House, 8 Shadwell Street

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Priest in charge: **Fr Soji Olikkal**

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#### **Fr. Jaison Karippai**

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Walsall, WS28HN, UK.

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Cell: 00441922623823, 004474479655599

Website: www.smcbbirmingham

Faithful: 800 Families

### 2.9.1.2. Brentwood

#### **Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St. George**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Brentwood**

#### **Most. Rev Thomas McMahon**

Cathedral House, Ingrave Road

Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AT

E-mail: generaloffice@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Priest in charge: **Fr. Joseph Anthiamkalam MCBS**

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and

St. George, 132 Shernhall street

Walthamstow E17 9HU,

London UK

Ph: 00447400847090

E-mail: frjoseajmcbs@gmail.com

Faithful: 550 Families, 150 students

### 2.9.1.3. Clifton

#### **St Thomas Syro-Malabar Church, Bristol**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Clifton**

#### **Most. Rev. Declan Lang**

St Ambrose, North Road, Leigh Woods

Bristol BS8 3PW

Website [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com)

Priest in charge: **Fr. Paul Vettikattu CST**

St. Joseph's Church, 232 Forest Road

Fishponds, BS16 3QT

Ph: 0044 1179833912

E-mail: [pvettikkattu@gmail.com](mailto:pvettikkattu@gmail.com)

Website: [syromalabarchurchbristol.com](http://syromalabarchurchbristol.com)

Faithful: 194 Families (826 members)

### 2.9.1.4. East Anglia

Diocese of East Anglia.

#### **Most. Rev. Alan Hopes**

The White House, 21 Upgate,

Poringland, Norwich,

Norfolk NR14 7SH.

Priest in charge: **Rev. Fr Mathew George**

St Mary's Church, 73 New Town,

IP24 3Au. Tel. 01842-752266.

### 2.9.1.5. Hexham and Newcastle

#### **St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Mass Center**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Hexham and New Castle**

#### **Most. Rev. Seamus Cunningham**

Bishop's House, 800 West Road

New Castle Upon Tyne, NE5 2BJ, UK

Priest in charge: **Fr. Saji Thottathil**

St. Andrew's RC Church, 9 Worswick Street

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E-mail: [frthottam@yahoo.co.in](mailto:frthottam@yahoo.co.in)

Ph: 00441912616807, 00447852582217

#### **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

**2.9.1.6. 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**

Christ the King Presbytery, Gateside

Drive, FY3 7PL Blackpool UK

Ph: 00441253391002

Cell: 0044 7772026235

E-mail: mcpoikayil@hotmail.com

Faithful: 105 Families

**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

**Rt Rev Thomas Anthony Williams**

Apostolic Administrator (Titular)



Bishop of Mageo)  
Archbishop's House, Liverpool LA 188 BY

Priest in charge: **Rev Dr Mathew J Choorapoikayil**

Faithful: 07 Families

**4. Penrith**  
**Syro-Malabar Community**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: Diocese of Lancaster  
**Most. Rev. Michael G Campbell OSA**  
Bishop's Office, Pastoral Centre  
Balmoral Road, Lancaster, LA1 3B

Priest in charge: **Fr. Thomas Kalapurackal**  
The Priory, Banklands, Workington  
Cumbria, CA14 3EP  
Ph: 00447772039742  
E-mail: kalapurackalthomas@yahoo.in  
Faithful: 20 Families

**5. Ulverston**  
**St Mary's Ulverston** (Diocese of Lancaster)

Priest in charge: **Rev Dr Mathew J Choorapoikayil**  
Faithful: 14 Families

**2.9.1.7. Leeds**

**St. Mary's Catholic Community Leeds**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: Diocese of Leeds  
Diocesan administrator: **Mgr. John Wilson BA STB STL PhD**  
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West Yorkshire. BD22 6ES.  
Ph: 0044 153560389, 00447466 652729  
Cell: 0044 7449446774  
E-mail: jmjoseph@gmail.com  
Faithful: 150 Families

**Mass Centres: 1. Bradford**

St. Antony's Community Bradford  
St. William's Church

Parish of St. Blaise, Ingleby Road  
26 Duncombe Street, Bradford. BD8 9AJ.

## **2. Harrogate**

St. Thomas Community Harrogate  
St Aelred of Rievaulx Church,  
71, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate. HG2 7BE.

## **3. Huddersfield**

Santhome Community Huddersfield  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church,  
Sheepridge Road. HD2 1HF.

## **4. Keighley**

Alphonsa Community Keighley  
Our Lady of Victories Church,  
West Lane, Keighley. BD22 6ES.

**Leeds:** Mar Thoma Community Leeds  
St. Nicholas Church, Oakwood Lane,  
Gipton, Leeds. LS9 6QY.

**Pontefract:** Immaculate Community Pontefract  
St. Michael Church,  
Hill Top, WF11 9AQ.

## **2.9.1.8. Liverpool**

### **Liverpool Kerala Catholic Community**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: Archdiocese of Liverpool

### **Rt. Rev Thomas Anthony Williams**

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St Philomenas Presbytery,

Sparrowhall Road, Liverpool L9 6BU

Ph: 0044 798559676, 0044-1515242174

0044-7985596761

Faithful: 370 families.

### **Mass centres: 1. Chorley**

Priest in charge: **Rev. Dr. Fr Mathew Choorapoikayil**

Ph: 0044 7772026235

Faithful: 5 Families

**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

**2.9.1.9. Shrewsbury**

**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

Ph: 0044-7913653154

Email: frsajim@yahoo.co.uk

Faithful: 390 Families

**Mass Centers: 1. Chester**

St Werburgh's Syro-Malabar centre  
Chester

Faithful: 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.

**2.9.1.10. Middlesbrough**

**Syro-Malabar Community, Middlesbrough**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Middlesbrough**

**Most. Rev. Terence Patrick Draney**

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- Centres:**
1. Hull -34 Families (98 people)
  2. Middlesbrough - 28 Families (85 people)
  3. Scarborough - 26 Families (86 people)
  4. York - 54 Families (162 people)
  5. Malton - 8 Families (22 people)
  6. Bridlington - 8 Families (30 people)

### 2.9.1.11. Nottingham

**Syro-Malabar Community, Nottingham**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: Diocese of Nottingham

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### 2.9.1.12. Salford

**Syro-Malabar Community, Salford**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Salford**

**Most. Rev. Terence J. Brain**

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Manchester, M28 2 ND, United Kingdom

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Presbytery, Portland Crescent

Longsight, Manchester, M13 OBU, U.K

Ph: 00447448233864

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Faithful: 410 Families/1551 Members

**1. Ashtonu Lyne**

45Families/ 180 Members

**2. Blackburn**

55Families/ 215 Members

**3. Bolton**

60Families/ 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

**2.9.1.13. Southwark**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: Archdiocese of Southwark

**Most Rev. Peter D. Smith**

Archbishop's House, 150 St. George's  
Road, London, SE1 6HX, UK

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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 Road  
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

**2.9.1.14. Westminster**

**Syro-Malabar Community, Westminster**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: Archdiocese of Westminster

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Cell: 0044 7543909590

Website: [www.syromalabarchurchuk.org](http://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

**2.9.2. NORTHERN IRELAND**

**2.9.2.1. Armagh**

**Syro-Malabar Community, Portadown**

Archdiocese of Armagh

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**His Eminence Cardinal Sean Brady**

Archbishop of Armagh  
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Priest in charge : **Fr. Joseph Karukayil**

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Faithful: 31 Families

**2.9.2.2. Clougher**

**Syro-Malabar Community, Enniskillen**

Diocese of Clogher

**Most. Rev. John McDowell**

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Web: www.clogher.anglican.org

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Faithful: 9 Families

**2.9.2.3. 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.smc Belfast.org

Faithful: 48 Families, 12 students

**Mass Centers: 1. Derry**

St.Columbus Church, Waterside

#### 2.9.2.4. Down And Connor

##### **Syro-Malabar Catholics, Down and Connor**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Down and Connor**

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Faithful: 348 Families

##### **Mass Centres 1. Antrim**

56 Greystone Rd, BT 41, 1 JZ, Antrim

Faithful: 150 Members

##### **2. Ballyhakamore**

Ballyhakamore, St. Colmcille's Church 191

Upper Newtownards Rd 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

#### 2.9.3. SCOTLAND

##### 2.9.3.1. Aberdeen

##### **Kerala Catholic Community, Aberdeen, Scotland**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Aberdeen, Scotland**

**Most.Rev. Dom Hugh Gilbert OSB**

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Website: www.kccaberdeen.org

Faithful: 140 Families

**Mass Centres:** Inverness 20 Families

**2.9.3.2. Dundee**

**Syro-Malabar Community, Dundee**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Dundee**

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**Mass Centres:** 1. Dundee 15 Families

2. Perth 10 Families

**2.9.3.3. St. Andrew's and Edinburgh**

**Syro-Malabar Community, Edinburgh**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Archdiocese of St. Andrew's and  
Edinburgh (EICA),**

**Most Rev. Philip Tartaglia Ph B STD**

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sebinthuruthy@gmail.com

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

**2.9.3.4. 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

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Faithful: 30 Families/ 500 Members

#### 2.9.3.5. Motherwell

**Syro-Malabar Community, Diocese of Motherwell**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Motherwell**

**Most. Rev. Joseph Devine**

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Faithful: 91 Families and 363 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**

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Website: www.symsbahrain.com

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**

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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**

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Faithful: 40000 Members

#### 4.1.4. OMAN

**Syro-Malabar Catholic Community Oman**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Vicariate of Southern Arabia**

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Faithful: 41,000 Members



#### 4.1.5. UAE

##### **Syro-Malabar Catholic Community UAE**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Vicariate of Southern Arabia 17**

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Faithful: 110000

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Faithful: 50,000 Members

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Faithful: 50,000 Members

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Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Apostolic Vicariate of Northern Arabia**

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Faithful: 190000 Members

##### 4.1.6.1. EASTERN REGION ( DAMAM)

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2. Mar Sleeva Al-Hasa  
3. St. Maries Jubyl  
4. St. Marys Khafji

##### 4.1.6.2. CENTRAL REGION (RIYADH)

**President: Mr. James Ovelil**

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

##### 4.1.6.3. WESTERN-SOUTHERN REGION (JEDDAH)

President: Mr. V V Varghese

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**Centres:** 1. St Paul Jidda  
2. St. Marys Thabook  
3. St. Paul Yambu  
4. Mar Sleeva Rabikh  
5. St. Marys Southern Region  
6. Al baha, Aghigh, beyjj Rushi  
7. St. Thomas Thaif

#### 4.2. PHILIPPINES

##### **Diocese & Local Ordinary**

Archdiocese of Manila: **Most. Rev. Luis Antonio G. Tagle, Sec.**

Archbishop of Manila, 121 Arzobispo St., Intramuros, Manila

P.O. Box 132 1099 Manila

Tel: 521-6501, Fax: 521-6564

Priest in charge: **Rev. Dr. Jacob Gnalian, M.A., Ph.D.**

Sandhi Ayurveda Clinic & Research Center

Rudy de la Rama memorial Center

for alternative Healthcare

414 Calbayog St., Mandaluyong City,

Metro Manila, Philippines

Contact Address: Missionaries of the East, 628 Santo Nino

St., Mandaluyong city Metro,

Manila, Philippines

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#### 4.3. SINGAPORE

##### **Syro-Malabar Catholic Singapore**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Archdiocese of Singapore**

**Most.Rev. William Goh**

Archbishop's House, 199 Ponggol 17th Avenue,

Singapore 829645

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Coordinator: **Mr. Joseph Mathew**

51, Hume Avenue, Parc Palais, #07-04,

Singapore -598750

Cell: +65-86866659, +65-66739948

E-mail: josephparekkattu@gmail.com

Faithful: 1000 Families

#### 4.4. INDIA

##### 4.4.1. 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.

Priest in charge: **Fr. Thomas Ezhikad**

St. Mary's Inter College,

Etawah, 206 001, U.P.

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E-mail: tezhikad@yahoo.co.in

etawahmission@gmail.com

etawahmission@yahoo.com

Website: [www.etawahmission.org](http://www.etawahmission.org)

Faithful: 600 Members (118 Families, 120 Others)

##### 4.4.2. AHMEDABAD

**Syro-Malabar Community**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Ahmedabad**

**Most. Rev. Thomas Macwan**

Bishop's house, Mirzapur,

Ahmedabad-380 001, Gujarat

Priests in charge: **Fr. Kuriachan Paul**

Episcopal Vicar

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Sardar Nagar Hansali

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**Fr. Vincent Kuzhickattumyalil**

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**Fr. Binu George Pulichumavil**

St. Joseph's Church, Maninagar(E)  
Ahmedabad-08Gujarat

E-Mail: frbinugeorge@yahoo.co.in  
Ph: 09825523211

Faithful: 1040 families & 10000 Students and  
Bachelors (15000 members)

**Mass Centers: 1. Anand**

Anand Parish, Anand, Gujarat

Priest in charge: **Fr. Sibi MCBS**

Faithful: 35 Families

**2. Karamsad**

Karamsad Parish

Karamsad, Vidyanagar. Anand, Gujarat

Priest in charge: **Fr. Sibi MCBS**

Faithful: 30 Families

**3. Bapunagar**

Velankanni Mata Sub- Parish, Bapunagar,  
Ahmedabad 380 025, Gujarat

Priest in charge: **Fr. Kuriachen Paul**

Faithful: 70 Families

**4. Hansol**

Infant Jesus Parish, Hansol,  
Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Priest in charge: **Fr. George MCBS**

Faithful: 25 Families

**5. Meghaninagar**

Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Parish,  
Meghaninagar (Camp), Cantonment,  
Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Priest in charge: **Fr. Kuriachen Paul**

Faithful: 15 Families

**6. Maninagar**

St. Joseph's Parish, Maninagar  
Ahmedabad 380 008, Gujarat

Priest in charge: **Fr. Binu George**

Faithful: 150 Families

**7. Naranpura**

St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Naranpura,  
Ahmedabad 380 013, Gujarat

Priest in charge: **Fr. Vincent Kuzhickattumyalil**

Faithful: 250 Families

**8. Naroda**

St. Anthony's Parish, Naroda,  
Ahmedabad 382 445, Gujarat

Priest in charge: **Fr. Binu George**

Faithful: 40 Families

**9. Navrangpura**

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Navrangpura,  
Ahmedabad 380 009, Gujarat

Priest in charge: **Fr. K T Mathew SJ**

Faithful: 150 Families

**10. Sabarmati**

St. Paul's Parish, Sabarmati,  
Ahmedabad 380 005, Gujarat

Priest in charge: **Fr. George MCBS**

Faithful: 70 Families

**11. Thaltej**

St. Jude's Parish, Thaltej,  
Ahmedabad 380 059, Gujarat

Priest in charge: **Fr. Arun MCBS**

Faithful: 80 Families

**Gandhinagar (Arch Diocese)**

**Most Rev. Stanislaus Fernandes**

Archbishop's House, Sector 8

Gandhinagar - 382 008, Gujarat, India

Ph: (91-79) 23227541

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Email: abpstanny@sify.com

**Gandhinagar**

Cathedral Parish, Gandhinagar and surrounding parishes

Priest in charge: **Fr. Sibi Mathew**

Catholic Church, Sector-8, Gandhinagar

Gujarat - 382 008

E-mail: msiby2007@gmail.com

Faithful: 110 Families

**4.4.3. AURANGABAD**

**St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Church, Aurangabad**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Aurangabad**

**Most. Rev. Edwin Colaco**

Bishop's House, Aurangabad Cantt

Maharashtra, India Pin. 431002

Priest in charge: **Fr. Seban Thanippallil VC**

Plot No.13, Jayashree Housing

Society, N- 2, Cidco, Mukundwadi. 431 210

Ph: 09423667720

Email: sebanvc@gmail.com

st.josephchurchaurangabad@gmail.com

Faithful: 70 families/ 225 Members

**Mass Centres: 1. Aurangabad**

St. Thomas Church, Aurangabad.

**2. Cidco**

St. Lawrence School Cidco.

**3. Waluj**

**4.4.4. BANGALORE**

**Syro Malabar Bangalore Mission**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Archdiocese of Bangalore**

**Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras**

Archbishop of Bangalore, Archbishop's

House, 75 Millers Road, P. B. No. 2  
BensonTown, Bengaluru-560046,  
Karnataka

Priest in charge: **Rev. Dr. Mathew Koikara CMI**

Coordinator, St. Mary's Church,  
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Bangalore-560 068

Ph: 080-41645560, Mob: 09448953810

E-mail: smlcbangalore@gmail.com

Website: www.smlcbangalore.com

Faithful: 15,000 families / 60,000 members  
Floating Higher  
Studies students 15,000-20,000

Laity Co-Ordinator: Mr. K.P Chackappan, Bangalore Mission

Ph: 9945554725

E-mail: kpchackappan@gmail.com

**Mass Centres: 1. Anepalaya**

St. Sebastian's Church, Adugodi P.O,  
Bangalore-560 030

Priest in charge: **Fr. Shaju Pellissery CMI**

Ph: 080 41116236, Cell 8884781661

E-mail: shaju.varghese@gmail.com

Asst. Priest: **Fr. Peter Muttungal CMI**

**2. Bommanahalli**

St. Mary's Church, St. Maries Nagar  
Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068

Priest in charge: **Fr. Antony Payyapilly**

Ph: 9448448844

E-mail: christhavidyalaya@gmail.com

Asst. Priest: **Fr. Joby Kochumuttom CMI**

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**3. Carmelaram**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Semi Public)  
Mount Carmel Church  
Carmelaram P.O., Bangalore-560 035

Priest in charge: **Fr Thomas Vadakkeadath OCD**

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#### 4. Dasarahalli

SS Joseph and Claret Church  
Netaji Nagar, Chokkasandra,  
T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560 056

Priest in charge: **Fr. Thomas Thanniyanikkal CMF**

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#### 5. Dharmaram

St. Thomas Forane Church,  
Christ School Road  
Dharmaram College P.O., Bangalore 560 029

Priest in charge: **Fr. Thomas Kallukalam CMI**

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#### 6. Ejipura

Blessed Kuriakose Elias Chavara Church  
Ejipura, Bangalore-560 047

Priest in charge: **Fr. Augustine Payyampilli CMI**

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Cell: 8884781661

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Asst. Priest Fr. Joby Thottankara CMI

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#### 7. Hebbagodi

Our Lady of Sorrows Church,  
Electronic City P.O. Hebbagodi  
Bangalore-560 100

Priest in charge: **Fr. Jose Kokandathil MSFS**

Ph: 080 27832125,

Cell: 9481782570

fatherjosek@gmail.com

Asst. Priests: **Fr. Jaison Kollarayath MSFS**

Fr. Timsun Parakkottil MSFS

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#### 8. Hongasandra

Holy Family Church, 14<sup>th</sup> Main  
Begur Road, Hongasandra, Bangalore-560068

Priest in charge: **Fr. Mathew Koikara CMI**

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Cell: 9448953810

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Asst. Priest: **Fr. Jim Jose Manakkat CMI**

Website: www.holyfamilychurch.com

**9. Hulimavu**

San Thome Parish Church

Hulimavu P.O.P.B. No. 7602

Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore 560 076

Priest in charge: **Fr. Saji Pariappanal**

Ph: 080 41116902

Cell: 9449721113

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**10. Jalahalli**

St. Thomas Church, MES Ring Road

Jalahalli P.O., Bangalore 560 013

Priest in charge: **Fr. James Nadackal**

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**11. K H Double Road**

St. Alphonsa Church, No.11, 1<sup>st</sup> Cross

K.H. Road, Bangalore-27

Priest in charge: **Fr. Joy Kakkanatt CMI**

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Asst. Priest: **Antony Puthusseri CMI**

**12. Kasavanahally**

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Nobertine Fathers

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Bangalore-35

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E-mail: sncbangalore@gmail.com

Priest in charge: **Fr. Jose Murickan, Oprem**

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Asst. Priest: **Fr. Manoj Jeerakasseri**

**13. Kothanur Dinne**

Little Flower Church (Semi Public)

Kothannur Dinne

J.P. Nagar 8<sup>th</sup> Phase, Bangalore-560 076

Priest in charge: **Fr. Thomas Kunnappillil O. Carm**

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**14. Lingarajapuram**

St. Francis Assisi Church, Hennur Main Road

St. Thomas Town Post, Bangalore.

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Ph: 080 28465977

Cell: 9448085160

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**15. Logos Nagar**

St. Joseph's Church, 29, Prakruthi Township

2<sup>nd</sup> Block, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Logos, Nagar, P.B. No. 4326

Babusahib Palaya, Bangalore 560 043

Priest in charge: **Fr. Ebin Neeravelil VC**

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Asst. Priest: **Fr. Varghese Parekkattil VC**

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**16. Mathikara**

St Sebastian church, # 998, HMT Main Road

Mathikara, Bangalore-560 054

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stsebastiansmathikere@gmail.com

Asst. Priest: **Fr. Thomas Manamel CMF**

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**17. Ramamoorthy Nagar,**

St. Mary's Church,

Ramamurthy Nagar P.O., Bangalore-560 016

Priest: **Fr Shijo kodakkanath.V.C**

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E-mail: shijokovc@gmail.com

**18. Rajarajeshwari Nagar**

Swargarani Church, 179, 1<sup>st</sup> Phase  
II Main, BEML Lay out, Rajarajeswari  
Nagar, Bangalore-560 039

Priest in charge: **Fr.Binu kunnath**

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**19. Sulthan Palaya**

Saint Alphonsa Church, 1<sup>st</sup> Main, 5<sup>th</sup> Cross  
Bhuvaneswri Nagar, Sulthan Palaya  
Mannarayapalaya, R.T. Nagar,  
Bangalore -560 032.

Priest in charge: **Fr. Goege Chirakal Purayidam CMF**

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E-mail: geochirakal@hotmail.com

Website: www.saintalphonsaparish.com

**20. Udayanagar**

St. Jude Church, Udayanagar,Bangalore-16

Priest in charge: **Fr. Tomy Thomas Kattampally CMI**

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**21. Vijayanagar**

Mary Matha Church, # 24, Pipeline Road  
Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040

Priest in charge: **Fr. John Puthettu CMF**

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**22. Varadana (Semi Public)**

St. Joseph's Church, Kalkere P.O.  
Next to AMC College, Bennarghatta Road  
Bnagalore-560083

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Asst Priest: **Rev. Fr. Xavier Thekkenal MCBS**

**23. MariayanaHally**

St. Augustine MariayanaHally

Priest Incharge: **Fr. Jollichen**

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**Other Sub Mass Centres:**

1. Jeevanbhima Nagar, HAL
2. Koramangala, Mary Matha Centre (Sevasadan)
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

**4.3.5. BARODA**

**Syro-Malabar Community, Vadodara**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Baroda**

**Most Rev. Godfrey de Rozario S J**

Bishops house, 71, Alkapuri Society

Vadodara 390007 G J

Priest in charge: **Fr. Abraham Orathel VC**

Rosary Cathedral, Pratapgung

Vadodara 390002

Cell: 09428582567

E-mail: abrahamorathel@yahoo.com

Faithful: 600 families

**Mass Centres: 1. Ankleshwar**

Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

opp. ONGC Colony, Ankleshwar

Bharuch Dt. 393 010 Gujarat

Priest in charge: **Fr. Varghese Mannarkulathu S. J.**

Ph: 09824350608

**2. Bharuch**

Our Lady of Health Catholic Church

M.G. Road, Bharuch 392 001, G J

Priest in charge: **Fr. Antony Moonnupeedikayil S. J.**

Ph: 02642 240118

**3. Macarpura**

Don Bosco Parish, Macarpura

Vadodara

Priest in charge: **Fr. Abraham Orathel V.C**

**4. Panchavati**

Holy Family Church,

Seva Niketan 69/70 Sonia Nagar

Panchavati - Gorva, Vadodara 390 016

Priest in charge: **Fr. Vincent Moonnupedikayil S J**

Ph: 09426043117

**5. Pratapgung**

Rosary Cathedral, Pratapgung, Vadodara

Priest in charge: **Fr Abraham Orathel V C**

**4.3.6. BHOPAL**

**Syro-Malabar Church, Bhopal**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Archdiocese of Bhopal**

**Most Rev. Dr. Leo Cornelio SVD**

Archbishop's House  
33, Ahmedabad Palace Road  
P.B. No. 88 Bhopal-462 001 M.P.

Priest in charge: **Fr. Hans Puthiakulangara MST**

Sacred Heart Church, Ratanpur  
Misrod, P.O., Bhopal – 462 026

Cell: 09425091904

Email: hansps83@gmail.com

Faithful: 370 Families & 3000 members

**4.3.7. CHENNAI**

**Syro Malabar Chennai Mission**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore**

**Most Rev. George Antonysamy**

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Chennai 600 004  
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Bishop of Chingleput Diocese

**Most. Rev. Dr.A. Neethinathan**

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Coordinator: **Msgr. Jose Palatty**

St.Thomas Pastoral Centre, No: 16  
Ayanavaram Road, Ayanavaram  
Chennai-600 023

Ph: 044 26443803, 044 26444704

Fax: 044-26444183

Cell: 09444442846, 09847521501

Email: stpcchennai@gmail.com

Website: www.stpcchennai.com

Faithful: 6965 Families

Families not enrolled due to lack of ministry  
but settled in Chennai (approximately)  
: 6500

Students and Bachelors: 15000

Personal Parishes: 10

Mass Centers: 35

**PARISHES: 1. Ambattur**

Divine Mercy Syro-Malabar Church  
Ambattur, No.357, MTH Road  
Ambathur, Chennai-600053

Priest in charge: **Fr.Jomon George Karottukizhakkel V C**

Ph: 04426253952

Cel: 09445531339

Faithful: Families Regd. - 135

Families not Regd. - 40

Bachlors and Students - 55

Total Faithful - 1125 Members

**2. Ayanavaram**

St.Thomas Syro Malabar Church  
No.16,Ayanavaram Road  
Ayanavaram, Chennai-600023

Priest in charge: **Fr. Saji Ponminiserry**

Ph: 044-2644 3803

Cell: 091 9444662407

Faithful: 355 Families

**3. Eranavoor**

St.George's Syro-Malabar Church  
Eranavoor, No.56/22B, Brindavan Nagar  
Eranavoor, Chennai-600057

Priest in charge: **Fr.Aji Chungath**

Ph: 044 25738199

Cell: 0944137973

Faithful: 225 Families

**4. Kodambakkam**

St. Alphonsa's Syro Malabar Church  
Kodambakkam, No.13/5, Buddha  
Street, Kodambakkam, Chennai – 24

Priest in charge: **Fr.Sabu Payyapilly**

Cell: 99529 95209

E -mail: st.alphonsachurch@yahoo.in

Faithful: 208 Families



### **5. Little Mount**

St.Thomas Syro-Malabar Church  
Little Mount No.4/1, St.Patrick's Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lane, St.Thomas Mount, Chennai-600016

Priest in charge: **Fr.Fr.Shibu Nellisery**  
Cell: 08807978225, 09500101620

Faithful: 410 Families  
Website: [www.syromalabarchurchlittlemount.com](http://www.syromalabarchurchlittlemount.com)

### **6. Mogappair**

Holy Cross Syro- Malabar Church, Mogappair  
No.7, Perumal, Nagar,Mogappair, Chennai-37

Parish Priest: **Fr. Siju Komban**  
Ph: 044 2656 2500  
Cell: 9444466226  
E-mail: [parishpriest@holycrosschurch.in](mailto:parishpriest@holycrosschurch.in)  
Website: [www.holycrosschurch.in](http://www.holycrosschurch.in)

Faithful: 254 Families

### **7. Muthapudupet**

St.Peter and Paul Syro-Malabar Church  
Muthapudupet, I.A.F .Avadi, Chennai-600055

Parish Priest: **Fr.Davis Thattil**  
Ph: 044 2684 1058  
Cell: 09566050263

Faithful: 368 families

### **8. Otteri**

St.Sebastian Syro-Malabar Church  
Otteri, No.30,Bashyam Reddy  
2nd Street, Otteri, Chennai-600012

Parish Priest: **Fr.Binoy Pozholiparambil**  
Ph: 044-2662 0492  
Cell: 09447253811  
Faithful: 215 Families

### **9. Perambur**

St.Joseph's Syro-Malabar Church, Perambur  
No 39, M.H.Road Perambur, Chennai-600011

Parish Priest: **Fr Tijo Alapatt**  
Ph: 044 - 2559 2081  
Cell: 94443 21568

Faithful: 538 Families

**10. Royapettah**

Nithyasahayamatha Syro-Malabar, Church  
Royapettah, No.195/5, 3rd Floor, Kutchery Road  
Mylapore, Chennai-600004

Parish Priest: **Fr Sibin Kottackal**

Ph: 09043183385

Faithful: 408 Families

**Mass Centers: 1. Adambakkam**

St.Mark's Syro-Malabar Church, Adambakkam

Priest in charge: **Fr. Sinto Alappatt**

Ph: 044-22474243

Cell: 09940561548

**2. Adayar**

St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Church, Adayar

Priest in charge: **Fr.Shibu Nellissery**

Cell: 08807978225

**3. Anna Nagar**

St.Luke's Syro-Malabar Church, Anna Nagar

Rector: **Rev Fr. Jeess Pakarath**

Ph: 044-26244647

**4. Annannur**

Our Lady of Health Church, Annannur

Priest in charge: **Fr.Davis Thattil**

Ph: 044 2684 1058

**5. Athipet**

St.Mary's Syro-Malabar Church  
Athipet.No.3, St.Mary's Street, Kalaivanar  
Nagar, Athipet, Chennai-600 058

Priest in charge: **Fr. Jeess Pakarath**

Ph: 044-26244647

**6. Avadi**

St.Sebastian's Church, CRPF, Avadi

Priest in charge: **Fr.Davis Thattil**

Ph: 044 2684 1058

**7. Vellore CMC**

Infant Jesus Syro-Malabar Church,

Priest in charge: **Fr. Robin Palaty**

Ph: 94444 42845

Cell: 90431 82832

**8. Chinmaya Nagar**

St.Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Church  
Chinmaya Nagar

Priest in charge: **Fr. George Chiramel**  
Cell: 9789001106

**9. Chintamani**

St.Antony's Syro-Malabar Church, Chintamani

Priest in charge: **Fr. Jeess Pakarath**  
Ph: 044-26244647

**10. Egmore**

Blessed kuriakose Elias Chavara  
Syro Malabar Church  
Egmore, Rajagiri Bhavan, CMI House  
G.D.Rajagiri residency, Flat No. GD, 30/125  
Marshal Road, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008

Priest in charge: **Fr. Tomy Palatty CMI**  
Ph: 044 - 2855 4359  
Cell: 09884828185

**11. Kovilpathagai**

St.Thomas Syro-Malabar Church,Kovilpathagai

Priest in charge: **Fr. Jomon Koonan**  
Cell: 9444188963

**12. M.K.B Nagar**

St.Dominic's Syro-Malabar Church,M.K.B Nagar

Priest in charge: **Fr. Tijo Alapatt**  
Ph: 044 - 2559 2081  
Cell: 94443 2156

**13. Madhavaram**

St.Francis Assisi Syro-Malabar Church,  
Madhavaram

Priest in charge: **Fr. Tijo Alapatt**  
Ph: 044 - 2559 2081  
Cell: 94443 2156

**14. Mylapore**

St.Thomas Syro-Malabar Church  
Mylapore

Priest in charge **Fr. Sibin Kottackal**  
Ph: 09043183385

**15. Poonamallee**

Christ The King Syro-Malabar Church  
umananchavadi, Poonamallee

Chennai-600056

Priest in charge: **Fr. Johnson Panachickal CMI**

Ph: 044-26272615

**16. Pattabiram**

Infant Jesus Church, Pattabiram Angel Nest,  
No.141/1, Chinnamman Koil Street, Avadi,  
Chennai - 600 054

Priest in charge: **Fr. Robin Palaty**

Cell: 94444 42845, 90431 82832

**17. T.Nagar**

St. Ritas Syro-Malabar Church  
T Nagar

Priest in charge: **Rev. Fr. Sabu Payyapilly**

Cell: 99529 95209

**18. Thiruvottiyur**

St. Jude's Syro-Malabar Church, Thiruvottiyur

Priest in charge: **Fr. Aji Chungath**

Ph: 044 25738199

**19. Velachery**

Bl Mother Teresa Syro Malabar  
Catholic Church  
No:10, Mariam Thressia, Bhavan Lakshi Nagar  
2nd Cross Street, Velachery, Chennai 600042

Priest in charge: **Fr Sinto Alappatt**

Cell: 09940561548

Website: [www.motherteresachurchvelachery](http://www.motherteresachurchvelachery)

**20. Valsaravakkam**

Little Flower Syro-Malabar Church  
Valsaravakkam 17/28, Ramesh Nagar  
3rd Cross Street, Valsaravakkam, Chennai-87

Priest in charge: **Fr. George Chiramel**

Cell: 9789001106

**21. Mylapore**

St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Church  
Mylapore Ch-600004

Priest Incharge: **Fr. Sibi Kottakkal**

**22. Santhome**

St. Reetha's Syro Malabar Church  
Santhome Higher Secondary School

Chennai-600004

Preist InCharge: **Fr.Sibi Kottakkal**

**NAMES OF THE MISSION UNITS IN THE DIOCESE OF CHINGLEPUT:**

**23. Chrompet**

St.Jude's Syro-Malabar Church, Chrompet

Priest in charge: **Fr Ajith Cheriakkara**

Cell: 9789026950

**24. Gowrivakkam**

St.Antony's Syro- Malabar Church

Gowrivakkam Holy Family Convent, No.5

SIVET College Road,Velachery Main Road

Gowrivakkam, Chennai- 600 073

Priest in charge: **Fr. Roy Panikulangara**

Ph: 044-22780996

Cell: 09444558125

E-mail: roypanikulangara@yahoo.com

**25. Elavoor**

Divine Mercy Syro-Malabar Catholic Church

Divine Mercy Nagar, Elavoor, P.O Gumidipundi

Thiruvallur (Dt), TN 601 201

Priest in charge: **Fr. Thomas Ambattukuzhiyil VC**

Ph: 044 27991575

**26. Kalpakkam**

Little Flower Syro-Malabar Church, Kalpakkam

Priest in charge: **Fr.Nijo Pallayi**

Ph: 044- 24496199

Cell: 09790776210

**27. Manapakkam**

St.Antony's Syro-Malabar Church, Manapakkam

Priest in charge: **Fr. Sinto Alappatt**

**28. Neelankarai**

St. Camillus Syro-Malabar Church

Neelankarai, 7th street, Rajendra Nagar

Vaidhyalinga Salai,Neelankarai,

Chennai-600 041

Priest in charge: **Fr. Nijo Pallayi**

Ph: 044- 24496199

**29. Palavakkam**

Infant Jesus Syro-Malabar Church, Palavakkam

Priest in charge: **Fr . Sinto Alappatt**

**30. Pallavaram**

Bl.Mariam Thressia Syro-Malabar Church,  
Pallavaram

Priest in charge: **Fr . Ajith Cheriakkara**

Cell: 09789026950

**31. Perungudi**

Little Flower Syro-Malabar Church,Perungudi

Priest in charge: **Fr. Nijo Pallayi**

Ph: 044 - 24496199

**32. Pozhichallur**

St.Alphonsa's Syro-Malabar Church

Pozhichallur, 6/237

3rd Street, Venkideswara Nagar

Pozhichallur, Chennai-600074

Priest in charge: **Fr. Ajith Cheriakkara**

Cell: 9789026950

E-mail: fr.ajithantony@gmail.com

**33. St.Thomas Mount**

St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Church,

St.Thomas Mount

Priest in charge: **Fr.Shibu Nellissery**

**34.Tambaram**

St.Paul's Syro-Malabar Church,Tambaram

Priest in charge: **Fr. Roy Panikulangara**

Ph: 044-22780996

Cell: 09444558125

**35. Keelkattalai**

Sacred Heart Syro-Malabar Church

Keelkattalai.No:15, Thiruvalluvar

agar main road, Keelkattalai,

Chennai- 600 117.

Priest in charge: **Fr.Sinto Alappatt**

Ph: 044-22474243

**4.3.8. GOA**

**Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Goa**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Archdiocese of Goa and Daman**

**Most Rev Filipe Neri Ferrão**

Archbishop's House, P.B.No.261

Altinho-Panaji, Goa; 403 001

Priest in charge: **Fr. Thomas Kalariparambil**

Philip & James Church

Cortalim, South Goa ; 403 710

Cell: 09158768165; 09562967233

E-mail: frkalthom@gmail.com

Faithful: 250 Families & 850 Members

**Mass Centres: 1. Maigao**

St. Mary's SCC

**2. Vasco**

St. Joseph SCC

**3. Ponda**

St. Thomas SCC

Priest in charge: **Fr. Thomas Moolechalil**

St. Thomas Church; Aldona

North Goa, 403508

Cell: 08975208232

E-mail: moolechalilt@gmail.com

Faithful: 150 Families/ 400 Members

**Mass Centres: 1. Porvorim**

**2. Sanquelim**

#### **4.3.9. SILVASSA**

Syro-Malabar Community, Silvassa

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Archdiocese of Goa & Daman**

**Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrão**

Archbishop's House, Altinho-Panaji

Goa 403001, India

Ph: 0832-2422653

Priest in charge: **Fr. Mathew Kizhakearanjaniyil**

Our Lady of Piety Church

Near Collectorate, Silvassa, U.T. of

Dadra and Nagar Haveli, 396 230.

Faithful: 110 Families/450 Members

Cell: 08140466612

E-mail: mkaranjaniyil@gmail.com

**Mass Centre: Damman**

**Syro-Malabar Community, Damman**

Priest in charge: **Fr. Mathew Kizhakearanjaniyil**

Faithful: 55 Families/ 250 Members

**4.3.10. HYDERABAD & SECUNDERABAD**

**Syro Malabar Catholic Community Welfare Association**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Archdiocese of Hyderabad**

**Most. Rev. Thumma Bala**

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Priests in charge: **Fr. Thomas Maruthanikkatt**

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**Fr Siby Kaitharan MI**

St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Center

Mount St. Thomas, Mahadevapuram

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Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500072

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Secunderabad 500009

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**Fr Josekutty Kalayil**

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Nagar, Bundlaguda Jagir

Rajendra Nagar, R R Dt

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**Fr James P. Kunnath**

St. Jude's Syro-Malabar Church

Plot.No. 90 LV2, Nallagandla

Serilingampally,

Hyderabad -500019



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st.judes.hyd@gmail.com  
Cell: 09703089541, 08297107733

**Fr. George Vadakeparassery**  
Don Bosco, Motinagar -18  
Cell: 09441512177

**Fr. Paul Pediackal**

**Fr. Daiju MCBS**  
Faithful: 1600 Families & 15000 Students and  
Total 20000 Members

**Mass Centres: 1. Banjara Hills**  
St Alphonsus Banjara Hills

Priest in charge: **Fr Josekutty Kalayil**  
Cell: 08374037472

**2. Kukatpally**  
St Alphonsa Centre Kukatpally

Priest in charge: **Fr Siby Kaitharan**  
Cell: 09441835751

**3. Madhapur**

Priest in charge: **Fr .Josekutty Kalayil**  
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

**8. Serilingampally**

St. Jude's Syro-Malabar Church  
Plot.No. 90 LV2, Nallagandla

Priest in charge: **Fr James P. Kunnath**

**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.Joshy Mayamparampil CMI**

CMI Dharmaniketam

1/1 Bonamali ghosal lane

Behala,Kolkata-700034

Email: jmayancmi@gmail.com

Ph: 09433205158, 09051897930

Faithful: 120 Families

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. LUCKNOW**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Lucknow**

**Rt. Rev. Bishop Gerald John Mathias**

Bishop's House: Hazratganj P.O. 70, Lucknow - 226 001

State - Uttar Pradesh, INDIA

Ph: +91 522 2625472, +91 522 2615644

Fax: + 91 522 2624885

E-mail: cbisluck@hotmail.com

Priest in charge: **Fr. Anto Kuttichira**

E-mail: antoktc@yahoo.com

President: Antony Joseph

Secretary: Devasia Joseph

Faithful: 600 Members

#### **4.3.13. PONDICHERRY**

##### **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: 154 Families & 400 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. Kalapet**

Sacred Heart F C Convent

Chinnakalapet, Pondicherry – 605 014

Ph: 0413 2655789

##### **4. Kirumampakkam**

Our Lady of Good Health Church

Pillaiyarkuppam.

Pondicherry – 607 402

**5. Neyveli**

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

**4.3.14.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. Thomas Parampy**  
163/3, St. Mary's church,  
Thiruvagoundanur East,  
Suramangalam P O, Salem – 5  
Ph: 0427 2332799  
Cell: 09446877810  
Faithful: 102 Families, 600 Members

**Mass Centre:**

**Namakkal**

Priest in charge: Fr. Thomas Parampy

**4.3.15.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 Pulimoottil MCBS**  
St.Thomas Chapel, C/o St.Joseph's  
English Medium School, Plot no.4, Darji  
Mahollo, Nr.Ramandir,Opp.Vrindavan  
Row House, Pandesara, Surat. 394221  
Ph: 0261- 2895515, Cell: 09429959567  
E-mail: graciousmcbs@gmail.com

**Fr. James Pulichamakal MCBS**

Website: [www.syromalabarcatholicssurat.com](http://www.syromalabarcatholicssurat.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**

**4.3.16. TRICHY**

**St Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Community, Trichy**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Trichy**

**Most Rev Antony Devotta**

Bishop'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 Lino Immatty**

St Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic

Community, 3rd Street, No: 44

Arokiya Nager, Crowford, Trichy 620012

Cell: 08608916596, 08526696515

E-mail: lintostephene@gmail.com

Faithful: 35 Families & 2500 Students

**4.3.17. UMERGAON**

**Syro-Malabar Community**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: Baroda Diocese

**Most. Rev. Godfrey De Rozario SJ**

Bishop of Baroda, Bishop's

House, Alkapuri 71, Baroda-Gujarat -39007

Contact Person:

Cell: 09998207832

Faithful: 25 Families

**4.3.18. VIJAYAWADA**

**St. Mary's Prayer Centre**

Diocese & Local Ordinary: **Diocese of Vijayawada**

**See Vacant**

Bishop's House, 59 A 1-7, Ring Road

Vijayawada – 520 008

Krishna Dt., A.P

Priest in charge : **Fr.Antony Chakkunkagal VC**

E-mail: [tonychakkungal@gmail.com](mailto:tonychakkungal@gmail.com)

Mob: 09440780473

Faithful: 50 Families& 400 Students

Un registered members: 700



## VII. MIGRANT CENTRES AT A GLANCE

<b>INDIA</b>	
Centre	No. of Faithful
1. Ahmedabad	15,000
2. Ajmer	1,250
3. Akola	600
4. Allahabad	1,700
5. Ambikapur	900
6. Amravati	550
7. Ankleshwar	3,500
8. Aurangabad	600
9. Bangalore	83,261
10. Baroda	2,800
11. Bhilai	1,250
12. Bhopal	4,500
13. Bilaspur	1,400
14. Chennai	39,799
15. Daman	250
16. Dharmapuri	1,220
17. Durg	700
18. Durgapur	1,400
19. Eluru	750
20. Goa	1,625
21. Guntur	400
22. Hyderabad	20,000
23. Indore	5,400
24. Jabalpur	2,300
25. Jaipur	5,100
26. Jalgaon	450
27. Jamshedpur	2,000
28. Kanker	100
29. Katni	250
30. Kazipet	500
31. Khargon	300
32. Kolkatta	7,500
33. Lucknow	1,250
34. Nagpur	3,400
35. Nellore	1,100
36. Patna	2,200
37. Pondicherry	950
38. Raipur	2,450
39. Ratlam	100
40. Salem	1,050

41. Silvassa	450
42. Srikakulam	600
43. Surat	3,200
44. Trichy	2,650
45. Umergaon	100
46. Vapi	500
47. Vijayawada	1,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>228,655</b>

## OUTSIDE INDIA

### AUSTRALIA

1. Adelaide	2,065
2. Brisbane	2,750
3. Broken Bay	995
4. Canberra & Goulburn	690
5. Darwin	1,165
6. Melbourne	9,700
7. Parramatta	1,730
8. Perth	2,010
9. Sandhurst	360
10. Sydney	5,275
11. Townsville	755
12. Wollongong	820
13. Ballarat	545
14. Bathurst	820
15. Broome	150
16. Bunbury-Geraldton	175
17. Cairns (QL)	410
18. Hobart	350
19. Lismore	610
20. Maitland-New Castle	795
21. New Castle	98
22. Port Pierie	900
23. Rock Hampton	545
24. Sale	360
25. Toowoomba (QL)	590
26. Wagga	750
27. Wicaniya-Forbes	400
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,813</b>

### EUROPE

<b>AUSTRIA</b>	<b>430 Families</b>
<b>Registered people</b>	<b>1,720</b>
<b>Non Registered Families around the City of Vienna</b>	



1. Insbruck	80
2. Linz	100
3. St. Pölten	28
4. Gras	135
5. Klagenfurt	20
6. Towns & Villages of Austria	800
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,884</b>

<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>3,000</b>
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<b>GERMANY</b>
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1. Cologne	2,000
2. Frankfurt	400
3. Heidelberg	480
4. Other centers	2,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,280</b>

<b>IRELAND</b>
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1. Cork and Ross	770
2. Dublin	3200
3. Athy+Carlow	80
4. Cavan	96
5. Clonmel	64
6. Cork	400
7. Galway(Tuam)	280
8. Drogheda	60
9. Dundalk	104
10. Galway	200
11. Kildare	48
12. Kilkenny	104
13. Limerick	160
14. Longford	40
15. Sligo	60
16. Tullamore	72
17. Waterfold	140
<b>Total</b>	<b>5878</b>

<b>ITALY</b>
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1. Rome	6000
2. Treviso	400
3. Bologna	100
4. Firenze	100
5. Genova	500
6. Macerata	200
7. Milano	500
8. Napoli	100

9. Nocera	150
10. Padova	100
11. Patti San Piero	650
12. Pompei	250
13. Ravenna	200
14. Savona	150
15. Siena	200
16. Verona & Trento	100
17. Grosseto	100
18. Baccelona (Sicilia)	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,900</b>

<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	<b>2,900</b>
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<b>SWITZERLAND</b>
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<b>Diocese of Basel</b>
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1. Aarau	120
2. Basel	520
3. Bern	160
4. Basel land liesthal	200
5. Olten	120
6. Schaffhausen	148
7. Zürich	200
8. Freiburg	40
9. Lugano (Diocese of Tesin)	200
<b>Diocese of Chur</b>	
10. Egg, Zurich	180
11. Winterthur, Zürich.	160
12. Erlösers Church Zürich	140
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,188</b>

<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>
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<b>England</b>
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1. Westminster	1500
2. Birmingham	3200
3. Brentwood	2350
4. Southwark	2400
5. Clifton	776
6. Salford	1430
7. Penrith, Preston	80
8. Lancaster	1440
9. Liverpool	1500
10. Hexham & New Castle	640
11. Shrewsbury	1560
12. East Anglia	1100
<b>Total</b>	<b>17976</b>

**Northern Ireland**

1. Armagh	124
2. Clougher	36
3. Derry	192
4. Down and Connor	1392
<b>Total</b>	<b>1744</b>

**Scotland**

1. Aberdeen	500
2. St. Andrews & Edinburgh	432
3. Glasgow	500
4. Motherwell	775
<b>Total</b>	<b>2207</b>

**AFRICAN COUNTRIES**

1. <b>South Africa</b>	<b>1,600</b>
2. <b>Uganda</b>	<b>320</b>
3. <b>Tanzania</b>	<b>480</b>
4. <b>Other Countries</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,400</b>

**ASIA**

**GULF COUNTRIES**

1. <b>Saudi Arabia</b>	<b>190,000</b>
2. <b>Bahrain</b>	<b>7,000</b>
3. <b>Doha Qatar</b>	<b>20,000</b>
4. <b>Kuwait</b>	<b>40,000</b>
5. <b>Oman</b>	<b>41,000</b>
6. <b>Uae</b>	<b>110,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>408,400</b>

**OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES**

1. <b>Singapore</b>	<b>4,000</b>
2. <b>Malaysia</b>	<b>340</b>
3. <b>Philippines</b>	<b>90</b>
4. <b>Other Countries</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,240</b>

## 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. Blessed

### BL. KURIAKOSE ELIAS CHAVARA (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 MARTHOMASKURIALACHERRY (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

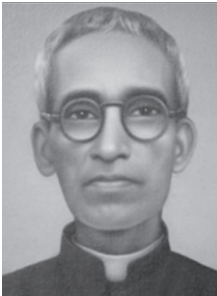


**SERVANT OF GOD FR. JOSEPH C. PANJIKARAN (1888-1949)**



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	08.07.1836
Marriage	1856
The foundation of the Third Order (OFM Cap)	1888
Called to Eternity	01.11.1908
Servant of God	29.06.2012

## **Appendix- 1**

# **GUIDELINES FOR RECOGNIZING LAY ASSOCIATIONS OF SYRO-MALABAR FAITHFUL OUT SIDE 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.

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## Appendix- 2

### 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 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
- Swiftness 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 house 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

Approved by



Bishop Sebastian Vadakel

Chairman

Major Archiepiscopal Commission for

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### **N.B. Please take note of the fact that only courses conducted by the centers fulfilling the following requirements will be approved:**

1. Syllabus given by the Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants, which is an appropriated version of the syllabus prepared by KCBC Family Commission.
2. Courses being conducted three full days or its equivalent time.
3. Issue certificates in the name of the Major Archiepiscopal Commission for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants.



### Appendix- 3

## SYRO-MALABAR MISSION EPARCHIES

**T**he 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 adjuscent 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 Januarius 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-Jaipur, 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, Rudrapur, 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 Karotempel 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, Maharajganj 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 Bhojpur.

## 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 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 4<sup>th</sup> October 1992, Satara and Solapur districts were given to M.C.B.S Congregation. On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1993, Jalgaon, Dhule districts were given to C.M.I. priests. Languages spoken in this area are Marathi, Hindi, Konkani, 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 Syro-Malabar 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 Syro-Malabarians 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 Chengnacherri and Ramanathapuram 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 Chamarajnagar 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 Chamarajnagar were entrusted by the CMIs 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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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

## Syro-Malabar Eparchies at a Glance

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
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	Paighat	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	Ujain	4500	41	1	33	53	17	104	325	42	47	25
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4018204</b>	<b>2819</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>3556</b>	<b>2975</b>	<b>1214</b>	<b>4991</b>	<b>32114</b>	<b>4860</b>	<b>2614</b>	<b>54186</b>

**Total Number of Syro-Malabar Catholics in 30 Syro-Malabar Dioceses**      **4018204**