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The mission of the POC is to empower the Church in Kerala for a renewed and committed Christian life and witness. It is realized through proper conscientisation and co-ordination of activities of various Commissions and Departments by regional pastoral assessment, communication and formation in leadership, evangelization, ecumenism and interfaith dialogue, social commitment with special emphasis on publications of value based education, Bible and regional translation of the official

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The KCBC Secretariat is happy to present the Annual Report of 2019-20. Many significant events provided us occasions to praise and thank the good Lord. The three ritual churches, namely the Latin Church, the Syro-Malabar church and the Syro Malankara church live and collaborate in the unity of faith. There are 32 to Dioceses belonging to the three ritual Churches. At present there are 55 member Bishops in the KCBC; 13 among them are honorary members.

### **December KCBC-KCC Joint-Meeting**

The KCBC-KCC joint meeting held at POC on 4 December, 2019 at 9.30 a.m. began with prayer. Bp. Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom, Vice President, KCBC extended a warm and cordial welcome to the participants. Abp. M. Soosa Pakiam, the President of the KCBC inaugurated the meeting. Abp. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Secretary General KCBC presided over. Abp. Soosa Pakiam, in his inaugural address introduced the theme “Missionary Conversion and Formation for Mission.” he inaugural session concluded with the vote of thanks by Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt.

The inaugural session was followed by a presentation on Missionary Conversion by Fr. Joshy Mayyattil. Fr. Mayyattil emphasised the need for the Church to move from a status of maintenance to mission, transforming every parish and Christian community a communion and community in mission; a missionary community. Rev. Sr. Mary Prasad DM presented a paper on Missionary Formation-Catechetical, Religious and Priestly followed by discussion in groups. KCC discussed relevant issues affecting the Church during the open session. Members recommended the KCBC to declare 2020 as Missionary Year in the Kerala Church.

Fr. Mathew Nadackal Catechism Teachers Award 2019 was presented to Mr. Chummar Mathew Thundathil of Idukki Diocese, Mr. M.M. Abraham Manjackal of Calicut diocese and Dr. Thomaskutty Panachackal of Trivandrum Malankara Archdiocese. Abp. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt delivered the concluding message and the meeting concluded at 4.00 PM.

### **Sanyasa Sangamam 2019**

Today Sanyasa (Consecrated life) is being ridiculed either out of ignorance or out of evil will. Our great nation is the motherland of sanyasa. Our commission plans an inter-religious “Sanyasa Sangamam” on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at POC in which Hindu, Sufi and Christian Sanyasis are expected to speak as witnesses of the universal and eternal values lived

those who are live consecrated life. The aim of the meet is to encourage revive life of sanyasa and to help the spiritual renaissance of Kerala.

### **Christmas Programme**

AS usual an ecumenical Christmas celebration was conducted at P O C in association with Alinchode Residence Association and Sreekala Residence Association on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019. The celebration was inaugurated by the Head of Assiriyam Church in Kerala, Mar Aprem Metropolitan. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikatt welcomed the gathering which was presided over by the Curia Bishop Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal. Sri. Payipra Radhakrishnan, former Secretary of Kerala Sahitya Academy, Shri. M.K Ismail and the representatives of each residence associations gave valedictory speeches. Carol singing from parish choir team and cultural programmes made the celebrations very colourful. The celebration was concluded with a solemn dinner for all the participants.

### **Annual Retreat -2020**

The first part of the programme of August 2020 Session of the KCBC was the Annual Retreat of the Bishops. It was held from August 3 to 7, 2020, through online platform, the Google Meet. Bishop Mar Raphael Thattil of the diocese of Shamshadabad guided the retreat, as Preacher. Although it was a new experience for the bishops to attend a retreat through online, it proved to be a fruitful exercise. Bishop Thattil spoke with prophetic courage and charismatic vigour, inspiring the bishops to renew their commitment towards their people. A bouquet of thanks is due to Bishop Raphael Thattil for the excellent work he did.

Income Tax Department, Ernakulam is conducting a Webinar for Religious and Charitable Institutions in Kerala to explain the recent changes in the Income Tax Act affecting our Institutions and also to explain the new Faceless Assessment process declared by Prime Minister of India on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

The Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions) Mr. Sudhanshu Shekhar Jha IRS and Asst. Commissioner of Income Tax Mr. C.P. Solomon IRS have requested the co-operation of KCBC and KCMS to inform the matter to its member institutions and encourage the office bearers to attend the Webinar and take advantage of the same.

The KCBC is organizing a Webinar, deliberating on FCRA – Amendment 2020, on 6 October 2020, from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. In this Webinar we shall also deal with issues relating to filing of Income Tax Returns of our Institutions. Mr. C.J. Romid, Chartered Accountant, will lead the session. His Beatitude Cardinal Mar George Alencherry, the President of KCBC, has graciously consented to inaugurate the same.

### **KCBC Commission Secretaries Meet**

The Online Webex Meet of the KCBC Commission Secretaries will be held on Thursday, 05 November 2020 from 9.30am at 1pm. The theme for this year's planning session is "Fratelli Tutti" the recent encyclical of Pope Francis and its pastoral implications in Kerala in the Context of COVID-19, the pandemic.

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The POC Publishing House is the official publishing centre of the KCBC. It is responsible for the publications of the KCBC and its Commissions and Departments. The POC is empowered by the KCBC to make decisions regarding the editing, scrutiny, printing, pricing, storing and marketing of



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3. KCBC Guideline: At work place
4. YOUCAT (Reprint)
5. KCBC Guideline of Safe Environment Programmes (Reprint)
6. Second Part of the POC Study Bible
7. Fratelli Tutti
8. Fratelli Tutti – Articles
9. It̄m-en-ijm-k-`-bpsS hnizmk kw{Klw
10. St. Joseph

**PASTORAL ORIENTATION CENTRE**  
**Secretariat, KCBC, Kochi - 682 025**

**Abstract of Balance Sheet as on 31 March 2020**

<b>Liabilities (Source of Fund)</b>	<b>Amount ( ` )</b>
Capital Fund	- 7,28,16,532.71
Other liabilities	- 54,16,813.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,82,33,346.26</b>
<b>Assets (Application of Fund)</b>	
Fixed assets	- 2,23,15,548.79
Advances, receivables & other assets	- 2,67,30,124.15
Cash & bank balances	- 2,91,87,673.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,82,33,346.26</b>

**Abstract of Income and Expenditure Account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2020**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount ( ` )</b>
By Income from POC Publications	- 5,38,65,824.18
By Courses and seminar Income	- 27,25,049.00
By Contribution for Building Construction	- 31,00,000.00
By Other Income	- 26,17,116.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,23,07,989.18</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
To POC Publication expenses	- 4,15,98,980.80
To Courses and seminar	- 56,66,353.00

To Repairs and maintenances	-	15,98,267.00
To Flood Relief Works – House Construction/Repairs	-	17,50,000.00
To Other operational expenses	-	39,48,906.04
To Depreciation	-	9,62,749.95
To Excess of income over expenditure	-	67,82,732.39
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,23,07,989.18</b>

## **TALENT PUBLICATIONS SOCIETY**

### **1. TALENT MONTHLY**

TALENT is a Journal for Adult Catechesis from the Secretariat of Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC), POC Palarivattom with the registration in 1978 under Registrar of Newspapers of India, New Delhi, R.N. I. 29523/1978. It was then started with the aim of the renovation and unification of all catechetical activities of the Kerala Catholic Church, consisting the three individual churches – Latin, Syro Malabar, and Syro Malankara. It is at present doing a great service to the Church in Kerala by inspiring the laity and the teachers of catechism in a special way with theological, catechetical and biblical insights.

Talent is owned by a charitable society, named Talent Publications Trust (registered under the Travancore Cochin Literary Scientific and charitable societies Registration Act XII of 1955 with no. EK/220/1979) includes all the catechetical directors of the dioceses, the editorial board members and resident KCBC Commission Secretaries at POC. Talent is now one of the main elements of unity among the *sui juris* Catholic Churches in Kerala. It still holds to the original purpose that is adult catechesis.

Thank Lord, it is after a 40 years of impact and inspiration of its publication the time has finally arrived in its Ruby Jubilee Year to frame Talent in a new outer shell from its 1/8 size to 1/3 size from the January 2019 issue.

In the 2020 issues from January to December, the topics for publication were selected with the interest of the KCBC Theology Commission and as a response to the relevant theological issues of the Church and Society in Kerala regarding faith and morals. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we managed to publish only the first three months issues for this year and they are the following: on safe environment programs based on *Laudato Si, Our Mother Earth* and *Querida Amazonia* (January), on Mission in the World (February), and on Lenten season (March).

### **2. VANGMAYAM**

The worldwide church is more interconnected than ever before with the thinkers and writers of the world. The globalization also creates challenges for cross cultural tensions and misunderstandings, as different cultures have conflicting assumptions about leadership values and styles. In this situation the Talent Publications in collaboration with POC has begun a new venture of meeting and hearing the skilled writers and thinkers who contribute significantly to the cultural content of a society. It gives an occasion to meet and hear a resource person who has produced various forms of literary art and creative writing such as Cinema, novels, short stories, poetry, plays, and screenplays. The monthly program Vangamayam is scheduled to be held on every first Thursday was inaugurated by Padmavibhooshan Adoor Gopalakrishnan at POC in January. The program has already caught the attention of the public and the Media. Writers like Sethu, M. Mukundan, E. Santhoshkumar, T.D. Ramakrishnan, V.J. James, N. Sasidharan, Perumbadavam Sreedharan, C.V. Balakrishnan, P.

Radhakrishnan, Chandramathy, Ashtamoorthy, Aimanam John, Reghunath Paleri, Shihabudhin Poithumkadav, Santhosh Echikanam, Divya A.S., Benyamin, and Indugopan were the guests of Vangmayam in 2018.

### **WORD OF THANKS**

We thank the officials of KCBC, the readers of Talent and diocesan Catechetical Directors who made arrangements to get the Talent to all the Sunday school teachers of their dioceses. We also thank KCBC commission secretaries whose loving concern and support help us to go forward smoothly. Thank you all.

**Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly**

Chief Editor, Talent

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF KERALA CONFERENCE OF MAJOR SUPERIORS (KCMS) AND KCBC COMMISSION FOR THE RELIGIOUS TO KCBC FROM 2019 DECEMBER TO 2020 NOVEMBER**

### **KCBC Commission for the Religious**

The KCBC Commission for the Religious, has got new leadership headed by His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Varghese Chakkalakkal, the Chairman of the Commission, and Archbishops Mar Mathew Moolakkatt and Mar Antony Kariyil as Vice-Chairmen. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC is the secretary to the Commission, and Rev. Frs. Robin Daniel Ofm Cap., Sebastian Mottomthotty MCBS and Varghese Vinayanad OIC are the joint secretaries.

### **KCMS Office Bearers Elected for the Year 2017-2020**

President: Rev. Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC

Vice President Rev. Sr. Little Flower SIC

Secretary Rev. Sr. Modesta CTC

Treasurer Rev. Sr. Ligi Thottakath CSAC

### **Executive Members**

Rev. Fr. Augustine Mulloor OCD

Rev. Fr. Sunil Kallarakal OSJ

Rev. Sr. Snow Mary SMC

Rev. Bro. Joseph Kongola CST

### **SarvamathaSangamamand Inter-Religious Seminar**

On December 15th 2019 an Inter Religious Seminar named “SarvamathaSangamam” was organized at POC by KCMS and Dharma Bharathi Ashram, Mulanthuruty. It was inaugurated by Hon. Governor of Kerala, Sri Arif Mohammed Khan, in the presence of Bishop Silvester Ponnuthan, Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Gregorios, Swami SachidanathaBharathi, Swami BodhendraThirtha, and hundreds of the Sanyasi/ Sannyasinsand the faithful from among the three major religions of Kerala, though majority of them were members of Catholic women religious. The main theme was “Religious Perspectives on Integral Renaissance of Kerala”. There were presentations of Hindu-Christian-Muslim perspectives by experts of these three religions. In the open forum there were discussions and planning

to work together for the integral renaissance of Kerala in collaboration with people of all faiths and all walks of life.

### **One Day Programme for Formators**

On 25th January, 2020 KCMS organized one day programme for Formators. The topics of the day were “Formation through Transformation –A Psycho Spiritual Perspective Based on Contemporary Challenges” by Rev. Sr. Dona SCV and “Biblical and Practical Perspectives of Religious Formation” by Rev. Fr. Joshy Mayyattil. The total participants were 198 formators.

### **All Kerala CRI Executive Meeting**

On 22nd February 2020 at POC, KCMS organized one day programme for the all Kerala CRI Zonal Executives at POC, on the theme “Challenges to Religious life and call to Renewal” by Rev. Fr. Robin Daniel Ofm Cap. Total participants were 66 CRI Executives.

### **Voice of Nuns**

In collaboration with the KCBC Vigilant Commission and Religious Commission, an association of nuns named **Voice of Nuns** was established. It represents the women religious to protect the rights and good name of all the followers of Christ. It is vigilant to fight for justice and to reply to the accusations spread through the social media against the Church, especially the consecrated. They also project through the social media, the charitable face of the Church, to be witnesses and to glorify God. The nature of their works and future plans are to be discussed further in the next General Body Meeting of KCMS.

### **Other Initiatives**

At the outburst of Covid 19 Pandemic, almost all the consecrated communities came forward to help the people in various ways. They distributed food materials, medicines, masks and other things needed for the protection of the people. Accommodation and room facilities also were provided for the people in quarantine.

To fight against the Corona Virus Pandemic, Religious Major Superiors of Kerala contributed Rs.55,00,000/to the Chief Minister’s Distress Relief Fund.

To overcome the Covid 19 terrific situation, KCMS also contributed Rs.8,60,000/ to sixteen parishes belonging to the dioceses of Sultanpet, Kannur, Alapuzha, Kochi, Idukki, Varapoly, Chaganassery, and Kanjirappally, to help the needy parishioners.

KCMS has contributed Rs. 2,00,000- for KCBC Social Harmony and Social Justice Department for its works in the field of media.

### **A Word of Appreciation**

KCMS expresses its sincere gratitude to the outgoing Religious Commission members, namely, His Grace Bp. Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom, the chairman, and to Bishop Mar Joseph Pamplany, and to His Excellency Stephen Athipozhiyil, the vice chairmen. We also welcome and assure our wholehearted co-operation with the newly elected Commission members.

### **Conclusion**

The Consecrated Communities of Kerala expresses sincere gratitude to the bishops of KCBC for their guidance, support and blessings. KCMS appreciates all the Major Superiors for their

unconditional support and generosity. We do remember with sincere gratitude the former Deputy Secretary General Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, for his profound support and collaboration. Our best regards to Rev. Fr. Jacob Palackappilly, the newly appointed Director of POC. We thank all the national and local CRI office bearers for their sincere efforts and collaborative works. KCMS also gratefully remembers its Executive Body members for their availability and extra works with dedication.

Once again thanking you all,

**Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC**  
Secretary, Religious Commission &  
President, KCMS.

## **Annual Report of the Activities of K.C.B.C. Bible Commission for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### Introduction

It is a great pleasure for me to present the report of the K.C.B.C. Bible Commission and the Kerala Catholic Bible Society for the year 2019-2020. This report is presented under the following heads:

1. Promotion of Biblical Studies and Formation of Bible Animators.
  - A. Bible Correspondance Course
  - B. Bible Courses
- i. Wednesday Evening Bible Course 2019-2020
- ii. Bible Classes at POC, in Dioceses
  2. Meetings of the Diocesan Bible Apostolate Directors
  3. Revision of the POC Bible
  4. POC Study Bible
  5. CBF South-Asian Meeting
  6. Publication and Distribution of the POC Bible
  7. Free Bibles for flood affected people
  8. The Bible Reading Month and Bible Sunday
  9. Activities of the Kerala Catholic Bible Society
    - a. Logos Quiz 2020
    - b. Publication of Books
    - c. Bible and Children
    - d. Bible Cyber Ministry
  10. Proposed Projects for the year 2020-2021

### **1. Promotion of Biblical Studies and Formation of Bible Animators**

The Bible Commission takes special interest to promote and encourage the study of the Bible at different levels, taking into consideration the tremendous interest among the laity and religious to

understand deeply the Word of God. The programmes also take care to bring the best of scholarship to the general public through different activities.

### **A. Bible Correspondence Course**

The total number of students of the Bible Correspondence Course is 13198. There are 97 new registrations this year. Though a contact class was arranged in May 2020 at the POC, it was cancelled due to COVID 19 restrictions. Rev. Sisters and laity, especially the Sunday school teachers and NRI's show genuine interest in this Course. Certain dioceses organize every year Bible study programme based on Correspondence course and distribute certificates for those who complete the course.

### **B. Bible Courses**

#### **i. Wednesday Evening Bible Course (2019-2020)**

The Commission conducted the Wednesday Evening Course of 40 weeks from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020. 113 persons have registered for this course. The first section of the course from June to October concentrates on particular books of the Old and New Testaments, and the second session on different themes from the Bible. Bishop James Anaparambil inaugurated the course this year and delivered a lecture on Biblical Spirituality. Other resource persons and the subjects are the following: Dr. Joshy Mayyattil (Exodus); Dr. Antony Tharekadavil (Sirah); Dr. Sebastian Kuttiyanickal (Background to the Study of the Bible); Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly (Mission and Major OT Prophets); Dr. Jacob Prasad (First Corinthians; Mission in Letters of Peter); Dr. Sr. Bincy SH (Mission in John); Dr. Sr. Linta SH (OT Missionaries); Dr. Joy Panjikanan MST (Mission Theology of Paul); Dr. Luke Thadathil (Mission in Matthew; Mission in Luke); Dr. Johnson Puthussery CST (Mission and Book of Revelation); Dr. Mathew Olickal MCBS (Daniel); Bishop Abraham Mar Julios (Mission in the Old Testament).

#### **iii. Bible Classes in Dioceses**

As part of extending service of the Bible Commission to dioceses, classes are arranged in Dioceses and different centres. Short Bible programmes in dioceses are partially subsidized by the Bible Commission in order to encourage them to conduct such courses.

### **2. Bible Apostolate Directors' Meeting**

The Diocesan Bible Apostolate Directors' Meeting was held Online on 25<sup>th</sup> September. They shared their experiences, ideas and visions regarding Bible Apostolate during the lockdown period due to COVID 19. They also discussed the issues regarding Logos Quiz in the present situation. Such meetings help the directors to engage more actively and fruitfully in the ministry of the Word of God in their respective dioceses. The directors are members of the Board of Trustees of KCBC Bible Commission and also the members of the Managing Council of Kerala Catholic Bible Society.

### **3. Revision of the POC Bible**

The revision of the POC Bible is progressing under the guidance of the KCBC Bible Commission. The following scholars are part of the revision team: Rev. Dr. Joshy Mayyattil (co-ordinator), Rev. Dr. Antony Tharekadavil, Rev. Dr. Sebastian Kuttianyil, Rev. Dr. Jacob Prasad. Prof. Primus Perincherry is the language expert in the revision of the Bible. The first stage of the revision will be completed in December 2020. The Bible Commission is contacting Malayalam language experts to go through the text completely and to make it available for printing in 2021.

#### **4. POC Study Bible**

The revised text of the New Testament is now being prepared as Study Bible and the first volume, POC Study Bible: Gospels was published in June, 2018. The Bible Commission has been working on the rest of the Study Bible and the whole New Testament is ready for publication in December 2020. This is a great help for those who study the Bible.

#### **5. South-Asian CBF Meeting**

South-Asian regional meeting of the Catholic Biblical Federation was held in Colombo between 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The biblical ministry in Kerala by the KCBC Bible Commission was presented there which was highly commended by the participants. The report of our activities was published in the international journal of CBF in different languages.

#### **6. Bible Reading Month and Bible Sunday**

The Month of December is celebrated as the Bible Reading Month to encourage the faithful to read the Bible personally and in public. The Bible Sunday was celebrated in all dioceses of Kerala on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. The Bible commission with the help of the diocesan bible Apostolate departments arranged Bible Reading Program in the dioceses of Pala, Thiruvalla, Irinjalakuda and Ernakulam-Angamaly. The Bible-Reading materials were also made available to dioceses and individuals.

#### **7. Publication and Distribution of the POC Bible**

The publication and distribution of Bible is one of the notable apostolate of the KCBC Bible Commission. At present Kerala Church has five types of complete Bible and seven types of New Testament. A total of 80855 copies of various formats of Bible were distributed this year.

#### **8. Free Bibles for flood affected people**

The KCBC Bible Commission distributed free and subsidized bibles worth a total of Rs. 5,91,160 to the dioceses to be distributed among the people affected by natural calamities as flood and land slide. Free bibles were also given for distribution among the non-Christians and the poor.

#### **9. Activities of the Kerala Catholic Bible Society**

At present, the Society has 14610 members. In the current year 185 new members have registered their names in the Society. During the reporting year the Society spent Rs. 214620 as subsidy for Bible to its members. A total of 3180 copies of the New Testament ordinary Bible and 2160 copies of the New Testament Bold Letter Bible were distributed during this period. Copies of various formats of Audio Bible, Sign bible for the deaf reached the people this year. In addition, thousands of people listen to the free on-line Audio Bible through different channels.

The Managing Council and the Executive Committee together met on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and the Executive Committee met on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2020 and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for various purposes. The Annual General Body of KCBS was convened Online on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020. It was inaugurated and presided over by the Chairman Rt. Rev. Dr. James Anaparambil. Rev. Fr. Jacob Palackappilly delivered felicitatory address. The General Body gave approval to various programmes of the current year of the Bible Society.

### **a. Logos Quiz - 2020**

Logos Quiz is a joint venture of the KCBC Bible Commission and the Kerala Catholic Bible Society. Due to the restriction of public gatherings on account of the spread of COVID 19, the examination is postponed to March 2021. However, preparations for the examinations are done at parish level in many dioceses. The diocese of Adilabad joined the Logos quiz this year.

### **b. Publication of Books**

The Society published *Biblical Symbols* written by Bishop Abraham Mar Julios.

### **c. Inter-linear Bible**

The Bible Society has prepared the Interlinear Bible (Greek- Malayalam) and is ready for release in December, 2020. This is a great contribution in the field of biblical studies in Kerala.

### **d. Bible Cyber Ministry**

The website of the Society ([www.keralabiblesociety.com](http://www.keralabiblesociety.com)) provides updated information regarding the nature, scope and activities of the KCBC Bible Commission and the Kerala Catholic Bible Society. POC Audio Bible is available on-line in different sites now. The audio files of bible classes of Fr Joshy Mayyattil in Goodness TV is now available in our website. The Malayalam Audio is now available as Audio Bible player which is very useful for the elderly or sick people. Now there are more than 5 lacs download for the POC Bible App which shows the spread of Bible in digital media. The new adroid version of POC Bible was released in October 2020.

## **10. Proposed Projects of the KCBC Bible Commission for the Year 2020-2021**

1. Promotion of Biblical Studies
  - a. Publication of Study Bible
  - b. Wednesday Evening Bible Course of 40 weeks
  - c. Introduction to Biblical Languages
  - d. Online Bible Correspondence Course
  - e. Contact classes
2. Bible Apostolate Directors' Meetings
3. Bible Scholars' Study Forum
4. Celebration of Bible Month (December 2020) and Bible Sunday
5. Bible Television Programmes
6. Activities of the Kerala Catholic Bible Society
  - a. Promotion of the study of the Bible in parishes
- b. Annual General Body Meeting
  - c. *Mar George Punnakkottil Vachana Sarga Prathibha* Award
- d. Executive Committee and Managing Council Meetings
  - e. Society Membership Campaigns
- f. Publication of Biblical Books: Study Bible, Interlinear Bible
  - g. Promotion of the Study of Biblical languages
- h. Logos Quiz 2021
- i. Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2022
- j. New Testament Braille Bible
- k. Bible courses in Dioceses



## I. Bible Reading programme in collaboration with dioceses

### **Conclusion**

The year 2019-2020 has witnessed steady growth in the Bible apostolate in Kerala, though the spread of COVID 19 has restricted public activities. KCBC Bible Commission and Kerala Catholic Bible Society have co-ordinated well the biblical pastoral ministry. I use this occasion for acknowledging our in-depth gratitude to Major Archbishop George Cardinal Alencherry, the President of KCBC, to Bishop Varghese Chakkalakal, the Vice-President, and to Bishop Joseph Mar Thomas the Secretary General of KCBC. Thanks are due to all the bishops of the KCBC for their continued support, encouragement and keen interest in the activities of the KCBC Bible Commission and Kerala Catholic Bible Society. May I submit this report with a word of thanks to all those who have shouldered the responsibility for the Commission and the Society, especially the Chairman His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. James Anaparambil and His Excellency Mar Jacob Manathodath and His Excellency Thomas Mar Eusebius, the Vice-Chairmen. Special thanks are due to Rev. Fr. Jacob Palackappilly, the Director of POC, to the office staff Rev. Sr. Agnes George CTC, Mrs. Teresita Cletus, Mr. Manu, Mrs. Anu and all the staff members of POC. Trusting in the providence of God and submitting ourselves to His gracious guidance, I conclude this report with the expectation of your continued co-operation and valuable suggestions.

### **Rev. Dr. Johnson Puthussery CST**

Secretary,

KCBC Bible Commission & Kerala Catholic Bible Society

## **DOCTRINAL COMMISSION**

Theology Commission of the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC) is set up for bringing to limelight the official teachings of the Catholic Church in the context of the present day challenges of the Church in Kerala. The commission is determined to intervene effectively in the theological issues arising time to time and present the authentic teaching on various issues as needed.

### **A. OBJECTIVES**

- To be theological resource body for the KCBC and thus to facilitate the process of developing theology in the context of Kerala, suited to the pastoral needs of the Church.
- To analyze theological problems that arises occasionally in the field of the theological doctrine and faith and to recommend apt solution thereof.
- To equip the laity in the modern world with the theological skills and thus to make them true evangelizers and missionaries of Jesus Christ.
- To strengthen the faithful in ongoing theological discernment, ecumenical dialogue and interfaith collaboration.
- To warn the people of the danger of distorted teachings which are harmful to genuine Catholic faith.
- To prepare documents of theological nature at the request of the KCBC and POC Commission.
- To offer studied theological response to Vatican documents in the context of Kerala.

- To establish an organic collaboration with Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith (CDF), the Doctrinal Commissions of the Episcopal Conferences of FABC, CBCI and of the Churches *sui juris* in Kerala.

## **B. LEADERSHIP**

The commission at present functions actively under the efficient leadership of Rt. Rev. Dr. Bishop Mar Tony Neelankavil as its Chairman, Rt. Rev. Dr. Bishop James Anaparambil and Rt. Rev. Dr. Bishop Mar George Madathikandthil as its Vice Chairmen and Rev. Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly as Secretary. The joint secretaries of the Commission are Rev. Dr. Wilson Srambikal OCD and Rev. Dr. Cheriyan Kottayil.

## **C. THE IMPORTANT VENTURES OF THE COMMISSION IN THE YEAR 2019-2020**

### **1. MISSIO DEI : A DOCUMENT ON MISSION 2020**

As the year 2019 marked the centenary of *Maximum Illud*, the Apostolic letter of Pope Benedict XV on the Mission of the Church in the context of the Evangelization in a world after the First World War, and as Pope Francis declared October 2019 to be an Extra Ordinary Missionary Month in the Universal Church, the Church in Kerala had a meaningful celebration of the Missionary Month. As the KCBC declared 2020 as 'Missionary Year' to continue the spirit of the Extra-ordinary Missionary Month, it was under the guidance and leadership of theological commission that a theological document on Mission with practical applications was prepared and then published by the POC Publications.

### **2. KCBC GUIDELINES ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY REVISED**

The commission has drafted a revised policy document on environment published by KCBC in the light of the recent Church documents of Pope Francis on environment *Laudato Si* and *Querida Amazonia* under the demand of the KCBC. It has been submitted to the officials of the Commission, KTA (Kerala Theological Association) and other experts to get the feedback. The first meeting of KTA to discuss on the draft was conducted in Google meet on 30 Nov 2020.

### **3. A PAPER ON THE PASTORAL ISSUES IN POST COVID -19 PANDEMIC**

The Commission prepared a paper on the pastoral issues in the Church in Kerala in the context of the COVID -19 PANDEMIC in collaboration with Rev. Fathers of various offices in POC at the request of the KCBC President His Beatitude Cardinal Mar George Alenchery as a preparation to the KCBC General Body Meeting in June 2020.

### **4. A STUDY CLASS ON MISSIO DEI**

The theology commission organized a study session on *Missio Dei*, the theological document on Mission with practical applications prepared by the Commission as the KCBC declared 2020 as 'Missionary Year' to continue the spirit of the Extra-ordinary Missionary Month, for 150 representatives from the Dioceses and Religious congregations at POC from 17 to 18, January 2020. HE Bishop Joseph Mar Thomas, the Secretary General of KCBC inaugurated the function.

## **5. A SEMINAR ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Since the global warming and climate change are the greatest threats to the planet, the Commission has taken the special interest to study the issue in the light of the recent Church documents on nature such as *Laudato Si, Our Mother Earth* and the resulting thoughts of the Amazon Synod - *Querida Amazonia* in order to promote a deeper awareness among the faithful about the environmental stewardship. In this regard with the request of the Theological Commission, the KTA (Kerala Theological Association) General Body discussed on the theme of environmental issues in Kerala and the role of the Church. It was held on 20 February 2020 at POC with the participation of its fifty members.

## **6. ONGOING THEOLOGICAL FORMATION FOR THE POC ALUMNI**

An ongoing theological formation for the POC alumni was conducted by the commission with the intention of strengthening them in theological discernment, ecumenical dialogue and interfaith collaboration in their life situations from 2 to 3 December 2019. Seventy members of the POC alumni including Rev. Sisters participated in the seminar.

## **7. WITNESSES OF MERCY – A DIPLOMA COURSE ON MISSIONARY FORMATION**

The Pastoral Training Institute of POC in collaboration with the Theological Commission has designed a Pastoral Course on Mission named as “Witnesses of Mercy” with a vision to impart a systematic theological formation and training for those who have evangelical and missionary spirit so as to equip them for the varied ministries in the Church. The focus of the course is on missionary formation in the Indian context. It is six months training program having six modules of five days duration. The participants are given classes on biblical foundation of mission, institutional and charismatic dimensions of the Church, charisms for the mission of the Church, missionary leadership and collaboration and interreligious dialogue with specific occasions for exposure to mission areas in and outside of Kerala.

Five batches with an average of 40 participants in each has beneficially completed the course since 2016 and the sixth batch for a time being is suspended after the second module due to the COVID -19 Pandemic and indeed will continue immediately.

## **8. THEOLOGY DIPLOMA COURSE AT POC FOR LAITY**

A residential theological program for the lay people run by POC with the granted affiliation with the Pontifical Institute, Aluva since 2017 has been suspended for short period of time due to certain inconveniences caused regarding the accommodation of the participants. Now taken into consideration the importance of equipping the laity in this modern world with the theological skills and thus to make them true evangelizers and missionaries of Jesus Christ, the commission has been taken an initiative to start a theology diploma course in collaboration with the Pontifical Institute, Aluva (PIA) at POC in the Golden Jubilee Year of POC. Two courses were conducted successfully and the certificates are issued.

POC is providing its Library opened to the students for their studies and research. Classes are conducting for every Thursday evening from 5pm to 7 pm regularly and the first half an hour in every class has been kept for teaching the classical languages such as Latin, Syriac and Sanskrit. The course is expected to be held every year from December to November and this year it was inaugurated by His Grace Archbishop Emeritus Francis Kallarakal on 3 December 2019. All essential theological subjects are integrated in the syllabus and the renowned professors of the Pontifical Institute Aluva and Jyothirbhavan are fruitfully joined to the endeavor. Seventy five lay

persons from different dioceses in Kerala registered for the course in this year and were actively participating, but due to the COVID -19 Pandemic it is suspended from February 2020.

#### **9. APOLOGETIC DESK**

The apologetic desk under the leadership of the Secretary of theological commission in collaboration with the Jagratha Commission, Rev. Fathers in-charges of various offices in POC, and a group of committed youth is always vigilant to study the relevant questions related to the Catholic faith, the issues related to the inter-religious matters and inculturation regularly. This is to warn and make vigilant mainly the pastors, leaders and the faithful regarding the danger of distorted teachings which are harmful to genuine Catholic faith.

#### **10. ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM FOR THE KCBC WITH THEOLOGIAN**

The annual theological colloquium for bishops under the regulation of the Commission for theology together with the KCBC Commission secretaries, Major Seminary Rectors, faculty members of philosophical and theological Institutes, members of Kerala Theological Association and other theologians in Kerala was scheduled to be held on 3 August 2020 at Mount St. Thomas Kakkanad, Kochi on the approved theme by the KCBC, *Communication and Media for Evangelization*. The colloquium was postponed due to the COVID -19 Pandemic for another date.

#### **11. A ZOOM MEET TO DISCUSS ON HARMFUL TEACHINGS IN SOCIAL MEDIA**

An extraordinary ZOOM Meeting of the officials of the theology commission was held on 17 April 2020 under the special request of the President of KCBC His Beatitude Cardinal Mar George Alenchery to discuss on the danger of distorted teachings and misinterpretations in social media which are harmful to genuine Catholic faith. The meeting was presided over by the KCBC President and discussed seriously on various issues in this regard and asked the commission to think about an official website to respond them effectively.

#### **D. SCHEDULED PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR 2020 – 2021**

##### **1. THEOLOGY DIPLOMA COURSE WITH PIA FOR LAITY**

The Theology Diploma Course for the lay people with the affiliation of the Pontifical Institute, Aluva will be continued in the year 2021.

##### **2. MARIOLOGY DIPLOMA COURSE IN THE FAMILY YEAR 2021**

A Diploma Course is scheduled to be held in the Marian Family Year 2021 at POC for the lay persons. The Course will be a systematic study on the Marian Dogmas of the Church, her role in the Salvific Plan of God, in the Christian discipleship and in the world.

##### **3. WITNESSES OF MERCY – A DIPLOMA COURSE ON MISSIONARY FORMATION**

The Witnesses of Mercy diploma course on missionary formation will continue in the coming year as well.

##### **4. ONGOING THEOLOGICAL FORMATION FOR THE POC ALUMNI**

As it is demanded by the participants of the course last year, the Commission is indebted to conduct an ongoing theological formation for the POC alumni this year as well and it will be conducted before June 2021 at POC.

#### **5. MEETING OF CHARISMATIC PREACHERS AND DIRECTORS**

The commission in collaboration with the Charismatic Commission is willing to convene a meeting of the Charismatic Preachers and Directors as early as possible to analyze the confusions and misinterpretations on the teachings and doctrines of the Church that arises occasionally in this field through social media and therefore to recommend apt solutions thereof.

#### **6. APOLEGETIC DESK AND E-NEWS**

The apologetic desk under the leadership of the Secretary of theological commission will continue its functions this year more soundly. The commission is in preparation to publish some leaflets and E-news regarding questions, allegations and misinterpretations mainly found in the social media these days against the Christian teachings and the Catholic leadership.

#### **7. LAUNCHING OF THE CATHOLIC RESOURCE WEBSITE**

As entrusted by the August session of the KCBC that the Commission has to launch a Catholic Resource website, in collaboration with the Jagratha commission, with the intention of having more access in the web world and thus to make available Catholic answers to various doctrinal issues and also to respond to various issues of faith more effectively. However, we could take only few steps to plan it.

#### **8. ANNUAL COLLOQUIMS FOR THE KCBC WITH THEOLOGIANS 2020 AND 2021**

The annual theological colloquium for bishops under the regulation of the Commission for theology on *Communication and Media for Evangelization* will be held this year.

#### **9. PUBLICATION OF THE REVISED DOCUMENT ON KCBC ENVIROMENT POLICY**

The revised document on environment policy prepared by the Commission will publish this year with the approval of the KCBC.

#### **10. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THEOLOGIANS IN COLLABORATION WITH KTA**

The Commission has planned to conduct meetings with the theologians once in every three months in the year 2021 with the intention to study and evaluate the relevant theological issues and the matters of faith in the Catholic Church.

#### **E. FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

The Commission has so far no special income and expenditure since the expenses of the Commission are met from the common fund of KCBC.

#### **F. BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2020**

The Commission does not foresee any major expenditure as we expect that the KCBC Central Pool of Funds will continue its backing in this regard.

#### **G. A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE**

We express our thanks to the KCBC President, Vice Presidents, Secretary General, deputy Secretary General and other office bearers of KCBC for their support and collaboration to the Commission. Thanks to our beloved Chairman, Vice Chairmen, joint Secretaries, diocesan secretaries and all others.

**Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly**  
**Secretary, KCBC Doctrinal Commission**

### **KCBC Media Commission Report 2020**

#### **Introduction**

The KCBC media commission is constituted to promote social communication in all its aspects in Kerala. As cited by various Encyclicals and other Church Documents the promotion of social communication and the proper use of mass media must be dealt with utmost importance. The teaching of the documents of the Commission for Social Communication states that every diocese must treat this matter with unique importance.

The vision statement of the KCBC Media Commission is to build a communicating community of communities of all people in the spirit of Jesus Christ through social communications.

The mission statements speak of proclamation of the Good News, training of Church personnel in social communications, cultivation of public relations and interactive culture, promotion of performing arts and traditional art forms; eventually influencing the channels of communication with a Christian dimension. To bring out these effects, with the support and blessings of all the bishops of the region, the Media Commission has been organizing various programs, competitions and workshops, all the year round. This is a commission with very many activities like: All Kerala Professional Drama Competition, Literary and Media Awards, Short Film Competitions, Writing Competitions, Organizing seminars; Workshops and training programs, social media activities and promotions. The 'VathicanTharangam', which is published monthly, includes papal news and current affairs related to Catholic Church.

**The following is a brief account of the activities: -**

Media commission initiated ICON KCBC MEDIA last year to promote cultural, religious and current affairs. It is growing and getting wide reach for its video content. We promised to foster social media

platforms for KCBC. Now KCBC media is active in Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. It helps to promote and propagate the views and concerns of Catholic community in Kerala.

### **Media Directors Meet**

KCBC Media Commission organizes Media Directors meet twice in an year. The first one of this year was held in the month of February 2020. Bishop Mar Joseph Pamplany the Chairman of KCBC Media Commission inaugurated the event by presenting the challenges of Catholic Media activities.

### **Class on Digital Media – challenges and possibilities**

Mr. Jince T. Thomas, specialist in Kerala Police Cyber Dom delivers an excellent session on challenges and possibilities in digital media.

### **Class on Journalism and new Trends**

Mr. Aby Tharakan, editor Asianet News Online, explains the new trends on journalism to the media directors of different dioceses and religious congregations.

### **‘Madhuram Sayanthanam’ Programme for Aged**

Media commission organizes program to help and bring up aged. The first meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at POC. ‘Madhuram Sayanthanam’ proposes helpline, health check-up, family get together, charity shows etc as its mode of operation to help out those in need.

### **Short Story winners**

Media commission conducted a short story competition and announced the names of winners. This competition got a wide publicity and there were 101 participants. The winners are R.Pregilnath ‘Penchilanthi’, Najim Kochukalunku ‘Samadarsi Vayanasala’, Yeldho Jacob ‘Viswa Vikhyathamaya Mookku’. John Paul, Francis Noronah and Sheeja Vivekanandhan were the Jury members.

### **Sahitya camp**

Three days ‘sahitya camp’ at POC was a huge success for its unique style and participation. 44 writers and literary aspirants attended the camp which was inaugurated by C. Radhakrishnan. E.P. Sreekumar, T.M.Abraham, John Fernandez MLA, Santhosh George Kulangara, Francis Noronah etc. led the literary camp with their excellent and guiding talks. Famous script writer John Paul as camp director helped to make it a grand event.

### **Received Entries for Media Award**

Media Commission distributed the award nomination application forms among Bishops, former winners and cultural activists. Almost all of them responded and nominated persons for awards. It is time to thank to those who respond with the Media Award nominations. Though we are not able to announce media awards this year due to Covid 19 and the social constraints it brings, those nominations will be useful for the coming year.

### **Online competitions**

Media commission organized online painting, photography, and Bible competitions during Covid 19 period. Participants were asked to answer questions based on Bible online classes by Fr. Sebastian

Kuttiyanikal and Fr. Joshy Mayyattil. Video making competition was held based on the life and history of saints.

### **Online courses**

Icon kcbc media launched online courses on Bible, catechism and art. Dr. Jacob Prasad conducts weekly classes on the gospel of St.John, Dr. Stanly Mathirappally on Jesus Christ in Old Testament, Br. Thomas Paul on CCC are other online classes related to Bible and Church.

### **Online weekly news**

Icon channel broadcasts weekly news from June 2020 onwards. Media commission keeps updates on news regarding church and related topics on social media platforms too.

### **Online discussion on professional drama artists**

As a result of Covid 19, professional drama artists are going through a tough time and they are all well associated with KCBC media through its annual professional drama competitions. Media commission conducted an online discussion on their challenges at this time.

### **Online talk show – ‘Smriti Subhashitam’**

A weekly talk show to depict the historical contributions of leaders in Kerala by renowned personalities is being launched on November 1, 2020 Shri M.K.Sanumaster delivered the first talk on St.Chavara Kuriakose Elias.

### **Events cancelled**

Due to Covid 19 events like Media Award, All Kerala Professional Drama Competition, ‘Mazhakadha kalam’ are being cancelled.

### **Vatican Tharangam**

This is the monthly magazine published from the media commission. It is to report the events and news related to the Holy Pope and Catholic Church.

## **New projects and proposals**

### **1. ‘KCBC NEWS’ - online news portal**

In this digital age where news and views create image of a brand or an institution. It is high time to think about an online digital news portal for KCBC. KCBC NEWS is an answer for all those needs. It aims to report news and views of KCBC and also the perspectives and observations on different topics and issues. KCBC News wants to be the light on the way of the truth.

It needs a full time news editor who can connect and coordinate different commissions and agencies.

- Daily news related to the Church (Universal/Indian/Kerala)
- Features, Stories
- Interviews
- Art, culture, literature, health, family, religion, spirituality, politics etc.



- A news website design for desktop/laptop & mobile
- At least 3 or 4 writers and reporters.
- Need advertisements for its functioning (office & staff).

## **2. Internet Radio**

Internet radio (also web radio, net radio, streaming radio, e-radio, IP radio, online radio) is a [digital audio](#) service transmitted via the [Internet](#). Internet radio is generally used to communicate and easily spread messages through the form of talk. Internet radio involves [streaming media](#), presenting listeners with a continuous stream of audio that typically cannot be paused or replayed, much like traditional broadcast media; in this respect, it is distinct from on-demand file serving. Internet radio is also distinct from [podcasting](#), which involves [downloading](#) rather than streaming. Internet radio services offer news, sports, talk, and various genres of music—every format that is available on traditional [broadcast radio](#) stations.

Here we focus on news, talks related to Bible, Church, catechism, youth, health etc. and Songs.

## **3. Social Media Icons Award**

As social media influences the majority of population, we need to promote and highlight those who are creative and positive, being active in all social media platforms through different programs.

In order to guide the right trends with a gospel value we would like to award social media icons. There will be three categories based on gospel values, infotainment and public interest.

## **4.KCBC Literary Fest**

Soft diplomacy and brand building are key words in this era. It helps us to promote our cultural and political views through different forms. KCBC Literary fest aims to create a platform for cultural and social interactions. It enables us to reach out to the writers, thinkers and leaders of the society which will further help to guide and motivate our society and its thought process. There will be talks on literature, spirituality, religion, terrorism, democracy etc. Open forums, talkshows, debate, film and other stage performances will be its major components.

We may also find opportunities for a Feature Film Festival and Short Film Festival.

**Bp. Mar Joseph Pamplany**

Chairman, KCBC Media Commission

**Fr. Dr. Abraham Irimbinikal**

Secretary, KCBC Media Commission

## **KCBC Family Commission**

For the effective functioning of the Family Apostolate activities in Kerala the Catholic Church with the three individual churches and 32 dioceses is divided into five geographical zones. The KCBC commission for family tries to promote and support marriage and family life at different stages, and at all levels, in all its aspects. It is mainly done at the centre level by coordinating, networking, encouraging, and supporting the Diocesan Family Apostolates.

**Vision and Mission:**

- a) to foster spiritual development and total well- being of the families
- b) to promote respect for life in all its forms and stages
- c) to publish books and periodicals
- d) to co-ordinate, guide and help the family renewal activities in the dioceses.

### **Central Office Bearers:**

**Chairman:** Rt Rev. Dr Paul Antony Mullassery, **Vice Chairmen:** Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurakkal, Bp Dr. Joshua Mar Ignathios **Secretary:** Fr Paul Madassery **Joint Secretaries:** Rev. Fr Philip Vattayathil, Rev Fr. Philip Anjilimoottil, Rev Fr. A.R John and **Treasurer:**Mr. Varghese Vellappallil Tiruvalla.

### **Executive committee:**

State office bearers plus the elected 4 representatives (one priest from among the directors, one sister, one layman, and one lay woman) elected from each of the five zones.

### **General assembly:**

Director, sister animator, one layman and one lay woman elected from each of the 32 dioceses and the central office bearers.

### **Main Activities of the year:**

*The major activities of the family commission are presented here under the following five heads:*

- 1) *Family Apostolate Activities*
- 2) *KCBC Widow Forum*
- 3) *KCBC Deaf Ministry*
- 4) *Society of Marian singles*
- 5) *KCBC Pro-life Samithi*

## **1. Family Apostolate activities**

It is through diocesan family apostolate departments that the KCBC Family Commission reaches and carries out its mission in the dioceses.

**Family Apostolate Directors' meeting:** On 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 the Family Apostolate Directors of Kerala gathered at POC. The Commission Vice chairman Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Karikkassery inaugurated the meeting. Fr Paul Madassery, the secretary, presided over the meeting. Directors presented the activities of the family apostolate in their dioceses.

### **Decisions of the meeting**

- 1) Organize one day zonal seminars for resource persons of marriage preparation courses in various dioceses in Kerala
- 2) Print and distribute yearly planner 2020, of marriage preparation courses in various dioceses in Kerala.

## **2. KCBC Widow Forum**

Widowhood can be the most difficult and distressing time in a person's life. When spouse passes away the remaining individual is left with a different lifestyle, a loss of dependence and a broken heart. It is mainly with this in mind the KCBC Family Commission takes the initiative to start widow forum for the first time in KCBC level. Rt Rev. Dr Joseph Karikkassery, Vice Chairman inaugurated the Forum by lighting the lamp on 15<sup>th</sup> November at POC, Palarivattom.

The newly elected office bearers are: President-Sheeba Durome (Kochi), Vice Presidents-Sheril louis (Varappuzha), Maria Abraham (Pala), General Secretary-Philomina Thomas (Ernakulam-Angamaly),

Secretaries-Mary John (Kottappuram), Mini Johnson (Kothamangalam), Treasurer –Saralamma John (Tiruvalla) and Animator-Sr. Lisa (Tiruvalla).

The executive team met two times this year (13<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020). Meetings were held at POC, Palarivattom.

### **3. KCBC Deaf Ministry**

The Commission conducted Marriage Preparation Courses for the deaf on February 15, 16 at NavaJyothis Pastoral Centre Kozhikkode. More than forty deaf participated and we admit all regardless of caste and religion.

Another venture in this regard is the matrimonial service for deaf namely, ‘KCBC Matrimony for the Deaf.’ This is the first matrimony in India for the deaf. The commission also started last year a counseling centre for the deaf that helps a lot both the youth and the couple who are deaf.

### **4. Society of Marian singles**

This registered society (ER 358/9) works for the integral development for catholic single women in Kerala Catholic Church. Society organizes seminars and training programme for their uplifting. It also helps them to accept their life as a divine call to find their mission in church and society.

a) **Anniversary of Flower Villa:** The 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Flower Villa at Oonukul was celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Mar George Madathikandathil inaugurated the programme. Rev. Fr Paul Madassery Secretary KCBC Family Commission presided over the final meeting of the anniversary. It was followed by the holy mass and competitions for the members. 50 singles were present in the celebration.

b) **Retreat:** A three days retreat was arranged for the members of the society on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Rev. Fr Joseph Nedupuram was the retreat teacher. 40 members participated in the retreat.

### **5. KCBC Pro-life Samithi**

The movement stands for the integral growth of life, especially human life in its totality, from its conception to natural death. At the state level, the samithi has a general body, which constitutes members from all the dioceses. The executive committee elected by the general body implements the programmes.

This Samithi is always vigilant to protect the rights of the human life whenever they are threatened. This year for the effective functioning of prolife activities 32 Catholic dioceses in Kerala is divided into five geographical zones.

Executive committee meet was conducted on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 at POC, Palarivattom. KCBC Family commission chairman Rt Rev Dr. Paul Antony Mullassery inaugurated the programme. Rev Fr Varghese Vallikkatt (Deputy Secretary General, KCBC), Rev. Fr Paul Madassery (Secretary, KCBC Family Commission), Rev Fr Jose Pennaparambil (Director, Malabar Mekhala) Sri Sabu Jose (President), Adv. Josy Xavier (General Secretary), Sri. Tomy Plathottam (Treasurer) and Sr Mary George (Animator) made speeches during the meeting.

### **Budget for the year 2020- 2021**

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No.		Fixed	variable
1	Share from diocesan Family Apostolate centers 3000*32		96000
2	Publication (book sale)		300000
3	Other income (Interest on fixed deposit, seminars etc.)		90000
4	Deaf MPC & Matrimony		600000
			1086000
		Expense	
1	Staff salary ( Part time )	72000	
2	Travelling expense		40000
3	Publication		200000
4	Office expense (Stationary, internet etc.)		30000
5	Courses and seminars		110000
6	Packing & Forwarding		10000
		72000	390000

Once again I take this opportunity to thank our Commission Chairmen especially, Bp. Sebastian Adayanthrath and Bp. Paul Antony Mullassery for their deep interest, all the bishops for their support and love, diocesan directors of the family apostolate and their co- workers for their co- operation, all the office bearers of various departments under KCBC Family Commission and office staff especially, Mrs. Elsa Joseph & Mrs. Linsa Albert in last five and half years. Thank you all.

**Fr Paul Madassery**  
**Secretary, KCBC Family Commission**

## VI. LAITY COMMISSION

### **KCBC laity commission Annual report for 2019-2020**

KCBC president His Beatitude Cardinal Mar George Alencherry, His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, Most Reverend Bishops, Reverend Priests, and my dear fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Catholic church where there is diversity of ministry but oneness of mission, laity are called to share the mission of Christ's church along with bishops, priests and consecrated persons. Now as the whole world is under the grip of Covid 19 we as Catholics have great responsibility to bring hope and peace back to the world by spreading God's love. In this hour when KCBC laity commission is striving hard to empower our laity to become stronger by God's love and to spread it to all, I am pleased to present to you the Annual report of the KCBC laity commission.

The members of KCBC laity commission for the year 2019-2020 are

Chairman :Bp. Mar George Madathikandathil  
(Bishop of Kothamangalam Diocese)

Vice Chairman :Bp. Dr. Joseph Karikkasserry  
(Bishop of Kottapuram Diocese)  
:Bp. Dr. Paul Antony Mullassery  
(Bishop of Kollam Diocese)

Secretary :Mr. P K Joseph

Joint Secretary: Rev. Fr. Antony Moolayil  
:Rev. Fr. Shajkumar  
:Sri. Jacob Punnose IPS

KCBC Laity commission works along with KCF, latter being a coordinating body for lay organizations in Kerala's sui juris catholic churches .

### **Kerala Catholic Federation**

Kerala Catholic Federation was formed in 1996 as an umbrella body which represents the lay organizations (KLCA, AKCC and MCA) in three rites of catholic church in Kerala. It is the support of these member organizations that empowers KCF to address various problems faced by our church . It is our Chairman Bp. Mar George Madathikandathil, Vice chairmen Bp. Dr. Joseph Karikkasserry & Bp. Dr. Paul Antony Mullassery and pastoral advisor Rev. Fr. Jacob G Palakkappilly , who guides KCF to work for the better interest of laity.

During the current year , 4 executive meetings and 3 management committee meetings were held. Also was able to raise voice against various socio economic issues & to organize protests against it.

While studying 'why christians are not getting benefitted from various grants and schemes provided by the government for minority?' , it came to the notice that the main reason is lack of awareness among laity about the same. In order to address this issue

- In every diocese a help desk consisting of 6 members including experts selected by Bishop of the corresponding diocese is being trained.
- Taking information from each parish to all homes is the objective.
- For the training purpose a hand book consisting of various minority scholarships, grants and procedure for obtaining the same is also supplied.
- Also planning to provide training to other organizations like KCSL.

Other than creating awareness KCF is also getting involved in other issues and have given petition in high court regarding amendment of laws regarding minority commission and is also pressurizing Govt to reconsider the unjust 80:20 resource allocation ratio of minority commission. For further actions KCF is seeking guidance, support and help from KCBC.

Office bearers of KCF for the current year are Sri. P. K Joseph -President, Adv. Varghese Koikkara- General Secretary and Adv. Justin Karippa- trustee.

### **Catholic Congress**

The Catholic Congress can be proud of the fact that it has been able to work in so many areas with so much focus even during Covid 19 and Lockdown. Through 'Let's stay at home and plant vegetables' scheme tens of thousands of families were provided with vegetable seeds and has planted seedlings to ensure the supply of vegetables during the lockdown. Have even organized kitchen garden competitions to encourage farmers.

For those who were in need of food and medicine during lockdown, emergency helpline was started in all dioceses. In addition to the supply of food and medicine 35,000 masks and sanitizers were distributed in all dioceses. Expatriate help desks were set up to address the problems of expatriates. The Entrepreneurs' Association of the Community has been formed to negotiate and help each other to find solutions to business crisis during the covid pandemic. A sustainable agricultural development project is being prepared and implemented to enrich the agricultural sector. As a part of Covid 19 treatment with the help of P.S.G group in America face Shields were distributed to health workers .

With the help of experts 5 webinars were conducted on the topic 'Covid 19 – Repercussions and solutions'. Assessed the crises in different countries and coordinated their activities through the webinars. The main topic of discussions of these webinars were *how to tackle industrial crises, saving methods, changes in banking, youth empowerment, the Possibilities of Entrepreneurship in India, crises in Agricultural sector & solutions and the crises in the education sector and solutions.*

With various demands a standing protest was organized in front of central and state government offices on June 4 and has accepted arrest. Have arranged chartered flights for stranded expatriates from Qatar, UAE and Kuwait as flights were canceled to prevent the spread of Covid 19. A task force called "SAMARITANS" has been formed to assist last rituals as per church faith for those who die of corona virus infection. Moving forward with the protest against the agrarian bills introduced by the Central Government in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha as it is completely anti-agrarian and an act of harassment of the farmers. The organization is also putting forward its other demands like

- Release Fr. Stan Swamy from jail
- Immediately implement EWS reservation in PSC appointments
- Stop minority right annihilation in the education sector.

-At the function 'honoring a good heart' , Mr. Simon Anappara was given a cash award of Rs 1 lakh and a certificate.

Sanitizers were distributed to many people as a part of Stop by Me campaign- Phase II Covid Defense Campaign with a motto of awakening civic consciousness .

Office bearers of Catholic congress are President -Adv. Biju Parayannilam and Gen Secretary Adv. Tony Punchakunnel.

### **Kerala Latin Catholic Association**

Latin Catholic Church, have protested against the central government's decision to remove Anglo-Indians who belong to Latin Catholic Church from representation. Constitutional protection meetings were held in various parts of the state. KLCA has organized movements demanding the government to withdraw from the decision to demolish the houses of fishermen who have violated the Coastal Regulation zone notifications.

Direct agitations have been launched to expedite the construction work of the sea wall, to protect the lives and property of the coastal residents, especially those living in areas such as Chellanam. Various social welfare schemes were implemented under the leadership of various dioceses as part of the Covid defense. Food items, masks and sanitizers were distributed.

The government was pressured to pay alimony to workers in the unorganized sectors who lost their jobs during the Corona era. Have advocated for the extension of the loan moratorium, including interest to serve the best interest of commoners. A legal cell has been set up to provide free legal aid. Tens of thousands of people attended the rally in Neyyattinkara as a part of the state convention.

The office bearers are Shri. Anthony Norona , President and Adv. Sherry J. Thomas , General Secretary.

### **Malankara Catholic Association**

The MCA has a different working approach from the other two organizations. Amid Covid 19 pandemic MCA distributed food, medicine, masks and sanitizers at various centers. Took initiative and have constructed houses for the homeless in Nilambur area. As schools were closed due to Covid outbreak, for those children who found it difficult to attend organized online classes- online learning support materials such as computers and mobile phones were distributed.

In collaboration with the Kuwait Malankara Right Movement, financial assistance was given to needy children in classes one to ten and cash awards were given to children who secured A + in all subjects. In addition, MCA has arranged civil service training to students studying in classes 10,11&12. Also arranged regular training for needy and gifted children at a Civil Service Academy in Tamil Nadu.

Awareness classes were conducted by distributing tree saplings on Environment Day. For the welfare of minorities helpdesks have been set up at the diocesan, district and parish levels in collaboration with the Kerala Catholic Federation. Lawyers' meeting and expatriate meeting were held.

In collaboration with Caritas India, expert seminars were conducted in all dioceses on family budgeting, volunteerism, environmental protection, leadership training, organic farming practices and disaster management.

Office bearers are Shri. V. P. Matthew – president and Shri Baritto Kashiro Cherian – General Secretary

### **Conclusion**

First of all glory to our Lord and God Jesus who shows constant mercy and love in all its forms.

I would like to thank His Beatitude Cardinal Mar George Alencherry for chairing KCBC and taking the pivotal role in steering Catholic Church in Kerala to new horizons.

From the bottom of my heart I am thanking His Excellency Mar George Madathikandathil, His Excellency Dr. Joseph Karikkasserry, His Excellency Dr. Paul Antony Mullassery for constantly being

with us in the day to day operations of KCF and for guiding & supporting us with their valuable visions & feedback. Special thanks to our pastoral advisor Rev. Fr. Jacob G Palakkappilly who is always there to help with his sincere advises.

I have no word, other than gratitude towards all those reverend priests and consecrated persons who supported us whole heartedly for ensuring the clock like functioning of the organization.

I am also thanking all spiritual leaders, fellow brothers and sisters in three rites who have encouraged and were there at all times of need.

Special thanks to everyone there at POC for extending that loving heart and helping hands.

I am concluding this report by wishing all the very best to all spiritual organizations of Catholic Church and with a prayer to Lord Almighty to make us the best instrument in his hand.

Bp. Mar George Madathikandathil  
Chairman  
KCBC-Laity Commission

Shri. P. K Joseph  
Secretary  
KCBC-Laity Commission

## VII. KCBC Women's Commission

### Office Bearers

Chairman	:	Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Karikkassery Vice
Chairman	:	Bishop Dr. Vincent Samuel Bishop Dr. Thomas Tharayil
Director	:	Fr. Wilson Elavuthinkal Koonan
Executive Secretary	:	Mrs. Jane Ancil Francis
Joint Secretary	:	Mrs. Sheeja Abraham
Treasurer	:	Annie Joseph Elayidam

Under the guidelines of CBCI and the KCBC we executed a lot of programs last year. But unfortunately this year, the universal threat Covid – 19 shattered all our activities. Be we managed to do some activities in these difficult circumstances. We couldn't travel everywhere. Still in this period we conducted Four Zonal in different parts of the Kerala Region.

A few activities done in our Region:-

1. In 2019 December we the Women's associations of Kollam arranged a joint protest against NRC and CAA. Various community leaders under one umbrella made a mass demonstration.
2. On February 2<sup>nd</sup> the Diocesan organizations joined together to protest against the new MTP Act. Because the central Government had changed the rule – 4 months to 6 months for the termination of pregnancy. All Diocesan organizations strongly protest



unreasonable and unjustifiable decision of the Government.

3. On February, 8<sup>th</sup>, KCBC Women's commission inaugurated the new unit of Punalur Diocese. Executive Secretary Jane Ancil Francis Inaugurated and the Vicar General Msgr. Vincent Decruz presided over the Function.
4. On February 28<sup>th</sup> we arranged a Zonal meeting of Malabar Zone. Sultan Bathery, Kannur, Kozhikode, Thalasseri, Thamarasseri and Mananthavady are the Diocese which represent the Zone. KCBC Vice President and the Bishop of Kozhikode His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Varghese Chakkalakkal inaugurated the grand function. "The Role of Women in Nation Building" was the theme of the conference. To prepare and motivate the Women's Commission members for the upcoming "Thrithala Panchayat Elections".

Then the Corona Virus spread out everywhere. In this circumstances our organization joined hands with our Diocesan Social Service Societies and also with other similar organizations. Our Women's Commission members of certain Diocese concentrated their attention on :-

- a) Mobilisation of fund to the Chief Minister's Relief Program.
- b) Blood donation to the Regional Cancer Centre.
- c) Distribution of facemasks and sanitizer to almost all districts. Thousands of facemasks stitched and distributed the needy people. They distributed Food packets, medical aids and other things to the bed ridden patients.
- d) Some young and active members joined the community kitchen run by the Corporation and Panchayat level. Our members helped to cook food pack and distribute it to the needy.
- e) An important thing is that we raised a fund for them among ourselves and poor distributed.
- f) Another very important thing is that we floated a fund which was given to the people of Chellanam at Kochi Diocese. We focused our attention to the execution of this activity. For a few weeks the people of Chellanam were isolated from their wards because of sea erosion and

the severe pandemic. They could not go out for their work as these fishermen were practically cut off from the outside world. This fund was channelled through "Save Chellanam" under the guidelines of KRLCC (Kerala Region Latin Catholic Council).

#### Executive Meetings

On 27<sup>th</sup> July a whatsapp meeting was organized to discuss corona activities and future plan.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September we held an executive meeting by Zoom. Our Chairman Bishop Joseph Karikkasseri inaugurated the Webinar. Executive Secretary chaired the meeting. "Every woman should qualify themselves to be the lamp and guide of the Church". This topic was explained by our spiritual Director.

We are happy to say our CBCI Council for Women National Secretary Sr. Navya Mecheri was present at the meeting of KCBC Women's Commission Kerala Region.

A meeting of the CBCI Council for Women National Annual General Body was held on September 14. Our National Chairman Bishop Bernabas, presided over the meeting. Our immediate past National Secretary Sr. Talisha and our Regional Secretaries attended the Webinar. Our new National Secretary Sr. Navya Mecheri, narrated the miserable conditions of the Dalit Adivasy Women of Uttar Pradesh. On October 12 under the leadership of KRLCC (Kerala Region Latin Catholic Council) a Webinar was conducted focusing on the unjustifiable and unfortunate arrest of Fr. Stan Swamy. KRLCC invited me as the KCBC Women's Commission Executive Secretary and spoke on the immediate release of Fr. Stan Swamy.

On October 19 we conducted a Webinar to protest **Harthras** issue. Our Chairman inaugurated the Webinar. And the Secretary was on the chair for the webinar. Adv. Sherry J. Thomas spoke at length about the legal aspects concerning the release of Fr. Stan Swamy. Prof. Rithamma also spoke on the occasion regarding the social security of women.

On 25 October, following the decision taken in the 19<sup>th</sup> October meeting requests regarding the release of Fr. Stan Swamy were sent to :-

1. Hon'ble President of India
2. Hon'ble Chief Justice of India
3. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
4. Chairman, National Human Rights Commission

The Women's commission held an online protest against the arrest. Besides an all Diocesan protest was organized in front of the Government offices.

To ensure social justice to the victims of the Valayar Trajedy in Palakkad, the Women's Commission members gathered in front of the various collectorates to put up our voice. The executive Secretary Jane Ancil Francis inaugurated and initiated the protest program at Kollam Collectorate.

This is a brief survey on the various activities done by KCBC Women's Commission Kerala Region. And it is presented for your perusal and assessment.

Thanking you,

**Smt. Jane Ancil Francis**

Secretary, KCBC Women's Commission

## **VIII. KCBC COMMISSION FOR EDUCATION**

### ***A. Introduction***

Reflecting the vision and mission of the KCBC Education Commission, the following *Core Values* are identified as the guiding principles in functioning of Education Commission

- **D**ecentralization
- **P**articipation,
- **S**ubsidiarity
- **A**ccountability
- **D**ocumentation

KCBC Commission Trust for Education is one of active and vibrant commissions of Kerala Catholic Bishops Council. It takes initiative to organize various activities for the smooth functioning of all the institutions of the Catholic Church in Kerala upholding the values and protecting our constitutional rights.

At the very outset, the present commission gratefully acknowledges the leadership and contributions of Mar Andrews Thazhath, the Archbishop of Trichur as Chairman, Dr. Samuel Mar Ireniose, Bishop of Pathanamthitta and Dr. Christudas R, Auxiliary Bishop of Trivandrum Latin Archdiocese as vice chairmen of the commission. Fr. Jose Karivelickal from the diocese of Idukki served the commission as secretary very remarkably and animated the various activities of the commission to its height. Thanks to you all and request your encouragement and support in future too.

### ***B. Commission Members***

Dr. Joshua Mar Ignathios, Bishop of Mavelikarais newly elected as the Chairman of the commission. Mar Antony Kariyil, Vicar Metropolitan of Ernakulum- Angamaly Major Archdiocese and Dr. Paul Antony Mullassery, Bishop of Quilon are elected as the vice chairmen of the commission. Fr. Charles Leon of the Archdiocese of Trivandrum is appointed as the Secretary of the Commission. Fr. Jose Karivelickal from the Diocese of Idukki and Dr. K Y Benedict from the Major Archdiocese of Trivandrum (Malankara) are the joint secretaries of the Commission.

### ***C. Catholic Educational Institutions in Kerala at glance:***

1	Autonomous educational institutions	13
2	Medical Colleges	04
3	Engineering colleges	14
4	Arts and Science Colleges (Aided)	55
5	Arts and Science Colleges (Self-Financing)	51
6	B.Ed. Colleges (Aided)	06
7	B.Ed. colleges ( Self Financing)	23
8	Nursing Colleges	29
9	Other professional colleges (Self-Financing)	13
10	Corporate Managements (Diocesan)	32
11	Corporate Managements (Religious )	55
More than 3000 aided and unaided schools are in these managements. It is almost 36% (8286) of private schools are run by the Catholics in the state.		

### ***D. Different forums and organizations of the commission***

The commission constitutes various bodies for its effective functioning. But due to Covid 19, reorganization of the bodies did not take place and they continue their commitment in promoting the educational empowerment of our students, teachers and institutions.

a. An **advisory body** is constituted of experts from academic, administrative, judicial and public field gives valuable support and guidance in confronting the issues effectively.

b. Kerala Catholic **Teachers Guild** (KCTG) an organization for the Catholic Teachers in our schools organizes various activities to protect the service matters of the teachers. It also organizes various programmes for the empowerment of teachers. Sri.SaluPathalil (Trivandrum Major Arch Diocese) is the President of the Guild, Sri.JoshyVadakan (Trichur Arch Diocese) is the General Secretary and Sri. Jose Antony (Alleppy Diocese) is the Treasurer.

c. Kerala Catholic **Students League** (KCSL)is an organization for Catholic Students in our schools which undertakes various activities to develop value oriented leaders from our schools. Fr. KurienThadathil from the Diocese of Pala is the State Director.

#### ***E. Moral Science Course***

Every year the commission promotes moral science classes in our schools. Moral Science textbooks are prepared by Pastoral Orientation Centre (POC) and taught in schools up to 12<sup>th</sup> standard. Commission conducts centralized annual examination and Scholarship examinations in order to promote value education in the schools. Though we had distributed the texts in our schools, but due to pandemic situations of Covid 19, our educational institutions are under lockdown. Hence we could not proceed further in this project. POC team is revising the texts and it can be introduced only in 2022-23 academic year.

#### ***F. Other major activities***

During the reporting year the following activities were organized by the Commission.

##### ***i. Non Approval of teachers' appointment Vs. Protected teachers Issue***

Considering the need of accommodating the protected teachers in the aided schools, the government made amendments in KER in 2016 where 1:1 ratio proposal is made compulsory. This is an attempt of infringing into the minority rights of such communities. KCBC filed a case in the Supreme Court – challenging the KER amendment. Later KCBC and other aided school managements jointly decided to come to an one time settlement of this issue by accommodating one protected teacher in one school established after 1979 ( new school), moreover giving all HTV posts to government. A memorandum was given by KCBC delegates to Chief Minister, Education minister and Finance Minister on 11.3.2020 and 23.06 2020.

There was undue delay in accepting our proposal of one time settlement by the government, Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios the Chairman of Education Commission declared a one day fasting strike at Government secretariat on 20.10.20. The state committee of Catholic Teachers Guild took up this cause and staged relay fasting strike in all 14 districts from 20<sup>th</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020. All corporate managers supported this mode of protest and almost all bishops or vicars general visited and addressed the protesting team. This had helped

to bring the issue before our civic society and all media brought the matter into the notice of government. State government called a meeting of KCBC Education Commission for discussion on 4<sup>th</sup> November and our demands were approved and promised to issue necessary government orders by the end of November. The relay fasting strike was called off on 4<sup>th</sup> November. The Commission gratefully acknowledges the support and active involvement of our beloved Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops in settling this issue. The commission also thankfully acknowledges the leadership of all corporate managers, Catholic Teachers Guild state executive committee and diocesan guild committees.

## ***ii. National Education Policy 2020.***

KCBC Monsoon gathering 2020 entrusted the Education Commission to have an in-depth study of NEP 2020 and thereby to develop an action plan to equip our young generation in general and Catholics in particular. Hence the topic of the webinar is coined as '*NEP 2020-its possibilities and challenges*'. It was convened on 17.8.20, Monday at 3 pm, inviting the renowned educational experts in Kerala. There were 29 participants including the member bishops and secretaries of the commission. Rev. Fr. Maria Charles, secretary of CBCI Commission for Education and Culture was a special invitee to the webinar. Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios, Chairman of the Commission delivered the presidential address where he expounded the core aspects of NEP very briefly where he emphasized 12 positive aspects and the benefits as possibilities and 31 threats as challenges of the NEP where we have to be vigilant on safeguarding the constitutional rights reserved for the minorities. Mar Antony Kariyil and Bishop Paul Mullassery, Commission member bishops felicitated the gathering and exhorted the participants to come out with concrete suggestions to address NEP 2020.

The commission invited two resource persons to present the content of NEP 2020 in order to initiate discussions. Prof. Ruble Raj made a very informative presentation related to School education by SWOT analysis of NEP and Prof. Aniankunju made a critical presentation of NEP from Higher Education perspective. Both presentations were thought provoking and really helped to initiate discussions. The experts recommendations and proposals were brought to further discussions through a webinar conducted for corporate managers on 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, September at 3 pm. Rev. Fr. Maria Charles, Secretary of CBCI Commission for Education and Culture made a very critical understanding of NEP, clarified the doubts and highlighted the proactive intervention of the regional units in the implementation of NEP. Rev. Frs. Stanley Kunnel (Kothamangalam), Antony Pattaparambil (Vijayapuram) and Msgr. Varkey Attupurath (Trivandrum) as representatives of corporate managers made their responses on NEP. Rev. Fr. Joye James S J, the Secretary of Jesuit Higher Education in South Asia proposed 20 strategies in implementation of NEP. It was recommended in the webinar to publish a hand book on NEP 2020 and train a resource team to conduct study sessions at diocesan level. A hand book on NEP (45 pages) was prepared by Education Commission and it was released on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 by Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios at POC. It is ready for distribution.

## ***iii. Meetings and webinars***

Considering the protocol of Covid 19 and the lockdown pandemic situations, commission could organize only Google meet and webinars for the corporate managers, Principals and Managers of Higher education and Catholic Teachers Guild state executives on the following days:

- a. Corporate Managers Meetings (7meetings)- 22.09.20; 09.10.20; 15.10.20; 19.10.20; 23.10.20; 28.10.20; 04.11.20
- b. College Managers and Principals ( 1 meeting) 16.11.20
- c. Catholic Teachers Guild ( 8 meetings) 10.09.20; 28.09.20; 09.10.20; 15.10.20; 19.10.20; 23.10.20; 28.10.20; 04.11.20
- d. Press Conference ( 2 times) – 08.10.20; 19.10.20
- e. CBCI Regional secretaries meeting ( 2 times) 12.09.20; 18.09.20

The average participants in each Google meeting as an average were more than 90. The duration of each meeting is maximum of one hour. The main agenda of the meetings were the matters related to the approval of appointment of teachers and NEP concerns.

#### ***iv. Collaboration with CBCI***

CBCI launched the educational survey of our catholic institutions in the country and it was launched on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 by Archbishop Thomas D Souza of Kolkotta, the chairman of the commission. Kerala region also participated and complete the task on time. FABC through CBCI requested to collect certain online data pertaining to educational institutions and programmes. It was completed on time.

#### ***v. Legal issues related to minority rights***

The following cases filed by Education Commission challenging various Government Orders are pending in the Courts for hearing and final disposal.

1. G.O.No.10/10 to appoint protected teachers in all additional division vacancies at the ratio of 1:1 ( Supreme Court)
2. G.O.No 29/2016 to appoint protected teachers in all vacancies in the New School -High Court Division Bench.
3. WP© No.19574/2019(v) regarding the definition of community –Christian- in the Division Bench
4. G.O (P) No. 18/2018/SJD Tvm.dated 18-11-2018 –Reservation of 4% seats in aided schools and colleges for the appointment of persons with disabilities – High Court single Bench
5. SLP No.40017/2018 Appointment of SC/ST candidates in aided educational institutions-regarding- Supreme Court.
6. G.O.(P) No.47/2018/Fin. TVM dt. 21-3-2018- Counting broken service for pension benefits. High Court.

#### **G. Conclusion**

Education Commission had planned very many innovative programmes for the year 2020 by the former secretary Fr. Jose Karivelickal but could not implement due to Covid19. Though there are many protocol priorities, commission will try to actualize the plan in 2021. Once again, Commission acknowledges the contributions of former

team of bishops and fathers and the dedicated service of Mrs. Mercy, the office staff. The guidance and creative interventions of the present chairman and other member bishops are praise worthy. Depending on the Divine Providence of Almighty, this report is submitted for the kind perusal of KCBC.

### **Plan proposal for 2021**

It's our pleasure to present the plan proposal of the Commission for Education for the year 2021. The proposals are grouped as short term and long term programmes. The short term and long term programmes are other than the regular activities of the commission.

#### **I. SHORT TERM PROGRAMMES**

##### **A. Meetings ( Physical / Virtual) as consultation or planning**

1. Meeting of KCBC Education secretary and joint secretaries with Chairman at POC once in four months ( April, October, February)
2. Half yearly conference of Higher Education Managers and Principals of Catholic Institutions in January ( Physical) at POC and July (online)
3. Half yearly conference of Corporate School managers in March (Physical) at POC and July (online)
4. Region wise Annual meetings of corporate managers
  - a. **Malabar region** (6) (Archdiocese of Tellichery and Dioceses Calicut, Thamarassery, Manathavadi, Sultan Bathery, Kannur) in January
  - b. **Central Region** (16) ( Archdioceses of Trichur, Ernakulum- Angamaly, Verapoly, Thiruvalla, Kottayam and dioceses of Sultanpet, Palaghat, Kottapuram, Cochin, Vijayapuram, Kanjirappally, Pala, Muvattupuzha, Idukki, Kothamangalam, Iringalakuda
  - c. **Southern Region** (10) – Archdioceses of Changanechery, Trivandrum (M) Trivandrum (L), dioceses of Alleppy, Mavelikara, Pathanamthitta, Punalur, Quilon, Neyyatinkara, Parasala.

##### **B. Training and Subject Refreshing Programme**

5. Preparing and circulating a booklet/ hand book projecting the concerns of Catholic Church related to NEP especially of Kerala to all dioceses and religious congregations in order to organize seminars/ training for the staff at local level - school or college level.
6. Consultation and training in strategizing the implementation of 20 points proposal in the hand book on NEP. In the educational institutions
7. Convening a two day state conference of the heads of catholic institutions both school and higher education in the beginning of January / February (physical / online) regarding the implementation of NEP.
8. State level conference of Teachers Guild executives and diocesan Presidents in the month of February/ March 2021 at POC
9. Two/ Three day training programme for probable candidates to be promoted as Heads of institutions at school and college levels in March
10. Conducting various Mentor training / counseling programmes for teachers at school and college level during the summer holidays.

11. Subject wise refresher courses/ training for HSST both science and humanities streams.
12. Analyzing the data - EDUBASE (educational institutions data bank) and identifying the educational concerns of Kerala Church in general.

## **II. LONG TERM PROGRAMMES**

1. Conducting a preliminary data base study of the education status of the catholic population in Kerala ( human resource mapping) in order to set the objectives for the commission to launch a student centric programme at diocesan level
2. A study of the performance analysis of our institutions with special focus on the involvement of our students in learning and their performance.
3. Launching student centric approach in our institutions and various training programme for the future generation. Hand book shall be prepared accordingly
4. Bring a paradigm shift in the activities of the commission from institution centred to people centered on the basis of demographic transitions of India and Kerala.
5. Introducing the ministry concept in the activities of the education commission at diocese level where shift towards the participation of parish community in the education activities.
6. Promoting our students who are competent and highly academic oriented towards administrative and statutory positions (IAS, IPS, IRS, IFS etc.)
7. Launching an excellent entrance coaching center at State level and moulding new highly talented professionals. .

## **III. LEGAL ISSUES MANAGEMENT**

Commission will continue and undertake legal issues in order to protect minority rights and other constitutional provisions in favor of our educational rights.

**Fr.Charles Leon**

Secretary, KCBC Education Commission

## **KERALA CATHOLIC STUDENTS LEAGUE-2020 (KCSL)**

Kerala Catholic Students League is entering to the 105th year of its existence as one of the earliest students organisations serving the cause of catholic students' formation in the schools across the state of Kerala under the guidance of KCBC. This organisation has spread its wings to twenty seven catholic dioceses in Kerala in 6000 catholic schools and nearly 6 lakh students as its members. Every year the organisation carries out it's unique mission through innovative camps, seminar and a variety of study programs about saints and contemporary topics value and faith formation programmes. This organisation functions through a variety of learning approaches like books, study circles, quizzes, group discussions, literary competitions, seminars, retreats and the like . However this academic year Kerala catholic students league is going through such hard times caused by the pandemic covid-19 as it has never faced in its century-old history . Almost all the regular activities of the organisation have been disrupted as all the academic institutions in Kerala remain closed. Hence programs as per



the scheduled calendar of events have been limited to online platform.

On 10 and 11 January 2020 the state Kalolsavam and KCSL annual day was celebrated at Kuravilangad, under the auspices of the diocese of Pala. It was inaugurated by His Excellency Abraham mar Julios the former bishop of Moovattupuzha. The concluding ceremony was inaugurated by His Excellency Joseph Kallarangatt the bishop of Pala. Distinguished guests like Mr. Jose K Mani MP, Mr. Thomas Chazhikadan MLA, Mr. Mons Joseph MLA and cine artist Mia George addressed the audience. The dioceses of Changanacherry, Kothamangalam and Idukki bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively in the arts competitions. The inauguration of this year activities and online programs was made by His Excellency Joshua mar Ignathios, Bishop of Mavelikara and KCBC education commission chairman.

Though a new textbook for study circle and a biography of a Saint had been prepared for this year, nothing could be published in the present situation uncertainty due to covid-19. Nevertheless, study Circle, essay competition, elocution, quizzes, mono act short films and programs of the like have been conducted at unit and diocesan levels based on last year's books namely Vishuddhi Viriyunna Kaumaram and Njan Romero. The schools being closed and academic programs conducted online at home, with a mobile phone at the disposal of every student, quite a number of creative programs could be shaped at different dioceses much more than traditional items.

The prestigious Chevalier PT Thomas award and the best animator sister award for the year 2019-20 were distributed to the teachers for their meritorious service. Jose Joseph Anithottathil, (Changanassery) and Rev. Sr. Moly Devasi FMM (Kochi) won the awards respectively.

Despite various difficulties Central council meeting was conducted on 11 October 2020. Over 70 members including the directors, the presidents and executive members of various dioceses participated in the meeting. Monthly meetings of state executive members have been held online. The decisions taken in such meetings have been passed to the dioceses through WhatsApp and email.

An online signature campaign was conducted for a liquor free State... 'Liquor quit Kerala' under the inspiration of His Excellency Joshua Mar Ignathios. On 17th Sunday October a Webinar was conducted through Google meet in collaboration with KCBC laity Commission, KCF for bringing awareness of minority rights. His Excellency Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios inaugurated the session. Introductory address was made by Bishop Mar George Madathikandathil Bishop of Kothamangalam. Advocate Abraham Patyani, Adv. Sheri j Thomas, Rev Fr James Kokkavayalil and so on led the classes and discussions. Hence it was decided to form a wing at diocesan level to make use of all the minority benefits without fail. We are looking forward to a fruitful period of time after the threat of covid-19 being brought under control.

I request your prayers and support for all our efforts to impart a relevant catholic formation to our younger generations so that our future will be better and gifted with blessed catholic leaders and faithful. Do own up KCSL, stand by it and offer encouragement. We for Christ and we for church..

Future programs for the year..

- .. To hold a mega quiz in January 2021 in accordance with covid protocol.
- .. conduct online classes for catachetical and moral awareness..
- .. arrange classes for catholic teachers at diocesan and state levels to enlighten them about the timely importance of catholic faith and the KCSL ..
- .. Introduce creative tasks to make the organisation more dynamic..
- .. Find out more platforms for students to get familiar with young saints whose life may inspire them..

With love and prayers

Fr.Kurian Thadathil  
General Director  
KERALA CATHOLIC STUDENTS LEAGUE  
State office, P.O.C.

## **IX. KCBC COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL HARMONY AND VIGILANCE**

Social Harmony and Vigilance Commission is an official body of the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC). This is started with an aim to promote social harmony and peace, spreading the message of humanity and oneness based on Gospel values. The vision of the commission is to transform the Society where Justice, Peace and Love prevail. The mission is to encourage a fearless common voice challenging injustice, awakening social consciousness and fostering integral development. At Present the commission functions actively with Rt. Rev. Bp. Dr. Joseph Kariyil as its Chairman and Abp. Dr. Mar Andrews Thazhath and Bp. Dr. Mar Pauly Kannookadan as its Vice Chairmen and Rev. Dr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST as its Secretary.

### **Activities during December 2019- November 2020**

#### **I. KCBC Jagratha News Magazine**

The commission publishes the KCBC Jagratha News magazine and it's online edition. This Magazine reaches widely to every reader interested in relevant social issues, Church matters and KCBC interventions by way of open access system through internet. It provides timely and informative news relating to social, religious, political, and economic situations in the country. This magazine is restructured in its shape and content with a professional outlook.

#### **II. KCBC Jagratha IT Mission**

This Project is Jointly Initiated by KCBC and KCMS. The said project has mandated specific wings for Research and Intelligence, Social Media, Apologetics and legal Action etc., without duplicating the existing offices and the various forums of the KCBC. Mr. Vinod Nellackal is appointed as the co-coordinator of this Project.

##### **1. Social Networking Project**

This envisages bringing the entire priests and religious of Kerala Church under a single social network platform in the first phase and the entire faithful in the second phase. This project is conceived and developed jointly by the various commissions of KCBC and KCMS at POC and proposed to be operating under the aegis of the KCBC Social Harmony and Vigilance Commission.

## **2. KCBC Jagratha Facebook Page ( <https://www.facebook.com/kbcvigilance> )**

As a part of the social networking project the commission opened a facebook page under the title KCBC Jagratha commission. This is an official page of the commission. Matters related to Church and other social issues and the position of the KCBC regarding different issues are posted in this page.

## **3. KCMS- Voice of Nuns**

Voice of Nuns is a joint venture of KCBC Social Harmony and Vigilance Commission and KCMS for Religious Sisters as a part of KCBC Jagratha IT Mission to intervene effectively through social media. We have made much progress within a short period in addressing issues related to religious life and social matters affecting the Church. Their activities and initiatives are mainly coordinated and directed by this commission. The videos and other posts are produced mainly from the office of the Jagratha commission within its limited facilities.

## **4. The Vigilant Catholic**

This is an online platform indirectly operated by the commission as a part of its investigative journalistic activities. This platform takes up controversial issues connected with the Church and the society and makes necessary studies and investigation to bring out the facts and truths before the public. Vigilant Catholic has a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/vigilantcatholic>) and a Youtube channel. It is planning to have a web portal for effective functioning.

## **5. Apologetic Desk**

The apologetic desk of the commission in collaboration with the KCBC Theological Commission and Rev. Fathers in-charges of various offices in POC, studies questions related to Catholic Faith and issues related to inter-religious matters and inculturation. Under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Stanley Mathirappallil, Rev. Dr. Joshy Mayyattil, Rev. Fathers from POC and a group of committed youth, studies the questions, allegations and misinterpretations mainly found in the social media against the Christian teachings. The Commission is arranging a few webinars and planning to publish some leaflets as a part of this venture.

## **6. Save our Daughters**

This is an initiative of the commission against religious terrorism. We have a resource team to observe and study the issues related to religious fanaticism. This team is vigilant to support and protect the Catholic faithful, especially our young girls. We organize awareness program, training sessions at different levels. We also provide Psycho-spiritual counseling and legal support for affected people.

## **7. Other Social Media engagements**

In the fast growing social media world, the commission, established different WhatsApp groups and Youtube channels directly and indirectly, to promote effective catholic witness, communication and collaboration. These groups respond effectively to the allegations and fake news against Church and Church personnel and social and political issues. A group of catholic youth, including priests active in the social media is supporting this endeavor.

## **8. Catholic Resource Website ([www.catholicresources.in](http://www.catholicresources.in))**

The commission is planning to launch a Catholic Resource website. This platform is meant to have more access in the web world and Social Media regarding catholic teachings, Catholic history and contributions of the Kerala Catholic Church. This website is under construction.

## 9. Webinars

- a. The commission in association with KCMS-Voice of Nuns organized some social media awareness webinars for Rev. Sisters. One each webinars in the month of August, September and October were arranged. Rev. Fr. Abin Vadakedath CMI from Bangalore was the resource person.
- b. The commission in collaboration with Pourasthya Vidyapeedam, Kottayam, organized a webinar on “*Global Terrorism in modern era*” on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, Rev. Fr. G Kadoopparayil MCBS. Rev. Fr. Noble Parackal, Mr. Jacob Poonus IPS and Adv. V. C. Sebastian presented the papers.
- c. The commission in association with the KCMS-Voice of nuns arranged a webinar on “*Religious leadership in social media era*” for Major Superiors of the women Religious Congregations on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Dr. Siby Mathews IPS was the resource person.
- d. The commission in association with KCMS-Voice of Nuns organized a webinar on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020 on the topic “*enriching mental health in religious life*”. Rev. Fr. Dr. Dave Augustine Akkara OFMcap was the resource person. This program was intended for the members of the Religious Congregations.

### III. Other Activities under Commission office

1. **Media Scan, News Alert Service and Monitoring Media Stories on the Wire, Screening of Publications etc.:** The Commission has developed a proper mechanism to scan the media news and other publications to trace the anti-Christian elements and issues that appear there about Catholic Church and the society at large. For this commission evaluates almost 20 daily newspapers, Periodicals and Social Media.
2. **Press Release and Response on Current Controversial Social issues, Letter to the Editors and Articles on Current Social issues:** The commission is responding to current controversial social and religious issues through media that affect the Catholic Church and society. It takes efforts to make effective interventions by training the lay people to respond to the issues and to give awareness to the general public on social issues by writing and publishing articles.
3. **Documentation:** The commission documents all the press release and the circular of the KCBC the relevant news from the daily newspapers and other important documents for future reference.

### Programme for the Next Year

Regular Publication of KCBC Jagratha News  
PRO Training Programme  
Seminars and Core Group Studies on Relevant Issues  
Organizational Meetings  
Social Networking Project

**KCBC COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL HARMONY AND VIGILANCE**  
**POC, Secretariat, KCBC, P.B. No.2251, Palarivattom P.O. Kochi – 682 025**

**Abstract of Balance Sheet as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

**Liabilities (Source of Fund)**

**Amount (₹)**

Capital Account	-	23,044.66
Current Liabilities	-	4,10,080.25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,33,124.91</b>

**Assets (Application of Fund)**

Fixed assets	-	4,793.66
Cash & bank balances	-	92,900.25
Current Assets (Excess of expenditure over Income)	-	3,35,431.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,33,124.91</b>

**Abstract of Income and Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Amount (₹)</b>
By Contribution & Donation received	-	3,60,000.00
By Interest received	-	687.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,60,687.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
To Administrative expenses	-	1,70,095.00
To Jagratha news & meeting expenses	-	1,41,325.00
To Excess of Income over Expenditure	-	49,267.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,60,687.00</b>

**Abstract of Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

<b>Opening balances</b>		<b>Amount (₹)</b>
By South Indian Bank S. B. A/c 53/4178	-	4,240.00
By Cash in hand	-	393.25
<b>Receipts</b>		
By Contribution & Donation received	-	3,60,000.00
By Interest received	-	687.00
By Loans and Advances	-	39,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,04,320.25</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
To Administrative expenses	-	1,70,095.00
To Jagratha news & meeting expenses	-	1,41,325.00
<b>Closing balances</b>		
By South Indian Bank S. B. A/c 53/4178	-	73,896.00
By Cash in hand	-	19,004.25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,04,320.25</b>

Special thanks to the Chairman, Vice Chairmen of the Commission, the Deputy Secretary General and all the office bearers of KCBC and POC.

**Rev. Dr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST**  
Secretary, KCBC Commission for Social Harmony and Vigilance  
POC, Palarivattom, Kochi.

## **KCBC Commission For Youth Report 2019 -2020**

KCBC Commission for Youth functions under the graceful guidance of Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council. This commission is responsible for organising the youth ministry in Kerala and is entrusted to animate the activities of young people in three Sui iuris Churches the Syro - Malabar, the Latin, and the Syro-Malankara. All catholic youth movements in Kerala-including its official organisations like KCYM, Christian Life Community(CLC),CML, Jesus Youth, MIJARC, FIMCAP, Don Bosco Youth, Idente Youth and AICUF- comes under this commission. Currently, the commission is headed by Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Christudas R. as the chairman and Bishop Mar John Nellikunnel and Bishop Yoochanon Mar Theodosius as the vice-chairmen. Rev Fr. Stephen Thomas Chalakara serves as the Secretary to the commission.

### **Theme**

Each year the commission selects a theme to be a guideline for the activities of that year. This year the theme selected is" YOUTH, MISSION AND MARTYDOM". There are four subjects to be studied; Indian Constitution and Secularism, Caritas Samaritans, Art and Culture and Media Culture.

### **KCYM (Kerala Catholic Youth Movement)**

KCYM (Kerala Catholic Youth Movement), the official youth wing of KCBC, directly comes under the commission and it monitors the integral development of Catholic youth in Kerala. The Secretary of KCBC-CY also holds the office of the State Director of KCYM. Rv Sr. Rose Merine SD is the Ass. Director. This organization is affiliated to the national youth body Indian Catholic Youth Movement(ICYM) and MIJARC (International Movement for Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth). Through an elected body of state committee, along with its advisory board , syndicate members and senate members KCYM implements its action plan for the better future of the Catholic Youth.

### **KCYM State Team**

Bijo P Babu, President (Muvattupuzha), Jaison Thekkedath (Irinjalakkuda), Limina George (Thamarassery), Vice Presidents, Christy Chackkalakal General Secretary (Kochi), Lijesh Martin Treasurer (Kannur), Anoop Punnappuzha (Trichur), Abini Paul (Bathery), Deniya Cissy Rajan (Vijayapuram), Sibin Samuel (Mavelikara) are state secretaries.

### **Report**

#### **January**

1. 42nd State Senate at Trichur, Amballor on 17th 18th 19th. The new State Committee was elected.
2. Protection of Constitution of India -Day on 26th.

#### **February**

3. Installation of newly Elected state committee and joint syndicate meeting on 2nd.
4. Visita2020 first phase on 15th at Vellayampalam pastoral centre Thiruvananthpuram latin diocese hosted the programme. The dioceses participated Parasala,Trivandrum (Latin and Malankra) and Neyyattinkara.
5. Meeting with Revenue Minister for the Discussion on EWS on 19.
6. Visita 2020 2nd phase at Kothamanagalam Diocesan Pastoral centre NEST on 21st. the dioceses participated- Kothamangalam, Pala, Idukky.
7. Visita 2020 3rd phase at Trichur on 21st. The dioceses participated-Palakad, Trichur, Irinjalakuda, Muvattupuzha,Kottappuram, Varapuzha,Eranakulam - Angamali, Kochi.
8. Jeevangni protest against the new ABORTION BILLof the central government at Puthukkadu , Trichur on 21st.
9. ATHMA -DIECTORS ANIMATORS MEET at POC Palarivattom on27th.

10. KCYM Advisory board meeting at Pocon 27th.

### **March**

9. Inauguration and action plan releasing at Changanassery pastoral centre on 1st
10. Visita 4th Phase at Chenganassery on 1st. The dioceses participated Changanassery, Kollam, Mavelikara, Kottayam, Thiruvalla, Vijayapuram, Punalur.
11. PENMA women convention at Pottakkuzhy, Verapoly on 8th.
12. VIGIL Prayer for the protection from CORONA VIRUS on 13th.
13. Blood Donation campaign started
14. Solidarity with Janatha Curfew on 22nd.
15. Prayer Service from 22nd to April 14th.
16. Sannadham Registration Campaign .
17. KCYM-IMA Volunteers Formation 200 Volunteers got training from IMA.

### **April**

18. Corporal Aid - KCYM volunteers served necessary items to the orphanages and the houses of the destitute.
19. KCYMTASK FORCE-State Core Team Formation in Collaboration with CBCI HEALTH COMMISSION, CHAI and Amala Medical College, Trichur on 4th.
20. KCYM Task Force -Directors Animators meet on 7th.  
Team formation Kochi and Neyyattinkara on 17th.  
Team formation Irinjalakkuda and Kozhikode on 21st  
Team formation Thalassery and Parasala 23rd.  
Team formation Idukky 25th.  
Team formation Varapuzha, Muvattupuzha, and Mananthavadee on 28th  
Team formation Bathery, Thamarassery, Vijayapuram, Mavelikkara. May 4th  
Team formation Trivandrum Malankara, Kollam, Alleppey, Sultan Pettu, Kannore on May 12.  
Emergency Psychological First Aid Cell formation during lock- down period 26th.

### **May**

21. Formation of KCYM Blood Donors Forum on 5th.
22. International Nurses Day Celebration on 12th.
23. Protection of Coastal- life Discussion on 21st.
24. Leaders' Meet -State syndicate ,Diocesesan Presidents and Secretaries meeting on 24th.
25. KCYM Media Cell Formation may 24th. Ms Deniya was made the leader of the media cell.
26. Online speech completion from 25th May to 5th June.

### **June**

27. HARITHAM 2020 Logo Releasing by Mr Sunil Kumar ,minister of agriculture , Kerala on 4th at Collectorate , Eranakulam.
28. HARITHAM 2020 Webinar on Green pastures on 4th.
29. HARITHAM 2020 Inauguration by Bishop Joseoh Kariyil at Cochi Bishop House on 7th.
30. HARITHAM 2020 Seminar Series from June 10th to 30th.
31. HARITHAM 2020 Inauguration of Seed-Kit Distribution 14th.
32. Blood Donors' Week from 14th to 20th. Inauguration by Rev Fr Shyju Thoppil, the director, Lourdes Hospital Kochi.

33. Fathers' day Celebration and self contest on 19th.
34. St Thomas Moore Day celebration at st Thomas Moore church Palluruthy on 21st.
35. HARITHAM 2020 Parish level programme Inauguration at Jeevamatha church Mattanchery, on 21st.

### **July**

36. HARITHAM 2020 distribution of vegetable seeds. 22000 bags with five types of seeds and ten grow bags and manure were distributed among the young people across Kerala.
37. Campaign against the Conversion of Hagia Sophia an ancient Christian church into a mosque by president Erdogan in Turkey .

### **August**

38. Ardrum 2020-A campaign to support the people on the coastal belt of Kerala.
39. Email campaign against EIA(Environment Impact Assessment).
40. Justice for Maria Shahbas Campaign.
41. Minority welfare funds proportion Protest.
42. September Week of Mercy commemorating the feast of st Theresa of Calcutta from 6th to 13th.
43. Women Leadership camp on 10th.
44. We are with Women Campaign -Seminars, Protests against the atrocities done to women, street plays etc.
45. Protest against the New Agricultural Bills.
46. Seminar on the three new bills on agrarian scenario.

### **October**

47. Preparatory meetings for UTSAV2020. Since 2016 Kcym could not conduct its art festival namely UTSAV due to many reasons.

So intense preparations were made to actualise UTSAV2020 on Online platform

### **November**

48. Logo releasing of UTSAV2020 by film director and script writer Mr. John Paul on 13th.
49. Inauguration of UTSAV2020 by Archbishop Mar Andrews Thazhathu, at Trichur on 22nd.

## **Report of the Global Spiritual Movement CLC (Christian Life Community)**

**November 2019 to November 2020**

### **Election of State CLC Officers**

The annual meeting of the Kerala Region of the CLC, the largest spiritual movement in the global Catholic Church, was held at Ernakulam POC. The office bearers of the State CLC (Kerala CLC) were elected at the conference.

Office bearers and dioceses in brackets

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| President       | - Shoby K. Paul (Irinjalakuda). |
| Secretary       | - James Panjikkaran (Kozhikode) |
| Treasurer       | - Bijil C. Joseph (Thrissur)    |
| Vice Presidents | - Anil Palathingal (Ernakulam)  |



- Joint Secretaries - Aldo U.V. (Kannur)
- Sheela Joy (Kottapuram)
  - Dany Cheruvathur (Palakkad)
  - Rita Das (Kollam)
  - Tobias (Verappuzha)
- General Coordinator - Jaison Sebastian (Verappuzha)
- North Zone Organizer - Bibin Thomas (Kannur)
- Cetnral Zone Organizer - Bibin Paul (Irinjalakuda)
- South Zone Organizer - Saju Thomas (Kottapuram)
- Executive Members - Jeswin Soni (Palakkad) Albert Antony (Kozhikode)  
Shaijo Parambi (Ernakulam) Niya Tobias (Thrissur)

State Director Fr. Geo Thekkiniyath presided over the meeting. Animator Sister Jyothis and National CLC South Zone Officers Diljo Tharakan and Sinobi led the meeting.

### **Senate Conference and National CLC South Zone Meeting**

The meeting of the National CLC South Zone Officers and the Kerala CLC Senate Conference was held on November 17, 2019 at the Kaloor Renewal Center under the auspices of the State CLC. The function was held at the Kaloor Renewal Center. Fr. Geo Thekkiniyath inaugurated the meeting. President Jaison Sebastian presided. South Zone President Vinesh Kolengadan and National CLC Clerical Representative Fr. Frajo Vazhappilly, State Secretary Shobi K.Paul preached. 52 people from 12 dioceses participated.

### **World CLC Day**

This year's National CLC Day celebrations were scheduled to be held on March 29, 2020 at the Mukkattukkara Church in the Archdiocese of Thrissur. Preparations for the event, including the formation of the reception team and the inauguration of the reception office, were completed but could not be carried out extensively due to restrictions imposed by covid's background. The parishioners conducted flag hoisting and other activities in accordance with the Covid standards, and provided meetings and online CLC Day messages online.

### **Remembrance of St. Ignatius Loyola was organized**

The state level St. Ignatius Loyola Day was hosted by the Archdiocese of Thrissur. Bishop Mar Andrews of the Archdiocese of Thrissur officiated at the Holy Mass and other ceremonies held at the DB CLC in compliance with the standards in the case of Covid 19. The members then renewed their vows and saluted the flag and adorned the portrait of the saint. Thirukarmangal was telecast live on Shekena channel and on Media Catholica and CLC Thrissur You Tube channels. The ensuing St. Ignatius Loyola

Remembrance Conference was organized online through the Zoom app. The memorial service was inaugurated by Bishop Mar Andrews of the Archdiocese of Thrissur. State President Shoby K. Paul presided. The meeting expressed its condolences on the demise of former National CLC Consultant Marcos. State Promoter Fr. Geo Thekkiniyath gave the introductory speech. National Representative Fr. Frajo Vazhappilly, former state director Fr. Roy Nedunthanam, State Animator Sister Jyothis, Secretary James Panjikkaran, State Treasurer Bijil C. Joseph, Vinesh Kolengadan,

Diljo Tharakan, Anil Palathingal, Sheela Joy and Jomi Johnson, President of the Archdiocese of Thrissur spoke.

### **Environment Day Celebration Thanal 2020**

State CLC celebrated this year's Environment Day with the theme of Prevention through Nature, Health through Agriculture. Convinced that nature has a great role to play in enhancing human immunity, medicinal plants have been planted to prevent disease and vegetable and fruit seedlings have been planted to ensure food security. Such an initiative was initiated in their own homes, in the parish church, or in public places. All the CLC dioceses in Kerala participated in this project.

### **Online Quiz Competition**

Online quizzes were held every week during lockdown to learn more about the CLC movement with the Christian Church. The quiz competition ensured good participation from all the dioceses.

### **Protests**

Police action against priest for calling from altar during sacrifice: CLC The CLC State Committee has condemned the action taken by the police against the priest who had offered Divine Sacrifice at the Chaiyoth Alphonsa Parish Church in Thalassery Archdiocese and registered a case against him.

### **Strong action must be taken against those who desecrate the Holy Cross: CLC**

Kochi: The CLC state committee has condemned the depiction of the Holy Cross as the basis of the Christian faith. The CLC leadership meeting assessed that the fact that a group of antisocials took insulting photos of the cross in Poonjar and Kakkadampoyil Kurisumala and spread it on social media was sending the wrong message to the public. Behind this are the attempts of the strong forces to destroy the egalitarian atmosphere of Kerala. The State Director Fr. Geo Thekkiniyath said that strong legal action should be taken against such acts which offend the Christian faith

### **Fr. Stan Swamy's arrest undemocratic and inhumane: CLC**

In the Bhima Koregaonriots case in Maharashtra the CLC State Committee termed the arrest of Stan Lourdes Swamy by the UAPA Central Investigation Agency as antidemocratic and inhumane. The CLC also asked the Central Government to ensure that those who stand for the good of the country are not persecuted by the investigative agencies set up for national security. State Director Fr. Geo Thekkiniyath said he would lead strong protests until justice is done.

### **Condolences**

Idukki Bishop Mar Mathew Anikuzhikkattil, former National CLC member KS Condolences on the death of Marcos.

Idukki Bishop Mar Mathew Anikuzhikkattil is a man who has made life easy and has always stood up for the children of the soil in the problems of migrant farmers. In his condolence resolution, the Bishop said that he was a pastor who did not fear controversy, did not bow his head in favour of anyone, and stood firm in his stand, regardless of his own name or existence, and was a man who inspired the struggles for survival of the peasantry in the hilly region. K.S. Marcos, former President of Kozhikode Diocese and former National Executive Committee member, was instrumental in developing the CLC movement. In the condolence resolution, he said that the training classes given to the youth in the CLC movement in Kerala have been able to bring many people to the leadership of the movement. Director Fr. Geo Thekkiniyath presented the condolence resolution. President Shoby K. Paul presided. Secretary James Panjikkaran, Treasurer Bijil C. Joseph,

Anil Palathingal, Sheela Joy, Dany Cheruvathur, U.V. Aldo, Rita Das, Jaison Sebastian and Saju Thomas spoke.

### **National CLC Assembly**

The National CLC Assembly was scheduled to be held in Kerala this year to mark the third anniversary of the National CLC. But it was postponed in the context of covid.

### **Two representatives to the Youth Commission**

Treasurer Bijil C. Joseph and Vice President Sheela Joy from State CLC were elected to the KCBC Youth Commission.

### **Fr. Geo Thekkiniyeth**

**Promoter**

**State CLC**

### **Idente Youth Report**

Idente Youth is organizing online spiritual Retreat for young adults and adults during this pandemic period. We conduct it every Sundays from 6pm to 7:30pm. We talked about the Lord's Prayer "Our Father" and the "Beatitudes". The talks were given by our priests and some of our brothers and sisters were giving their personal testimonies in relationship with the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Those participants were giving their own impressions about the talk and most of them could understand the true love of our Heavenly Father and above all they knew that they all are the children – sons and daughters – of our Heavenly Father. There were more or less 20 to 25 participants in each google meet section. There is a possibility to the participants that they can have spiritual direction with us if they want to live a true holy life as a follow up of this retreat.

### **Fr. Martin**

## **AICUF REPORT**

### **STATE LEADERSHIP CAMP**

#### **REPORT 2019-2020**

The state leadership camp for the year 2019-20 was held in AICUF Centre, Trivandrum on 7th Sep 2019 Saturday at 9.00 am. The camp last for 3 days. The state leadership camp was started with registration at 9.00 am. The camp officially started with an inauguration. Mr. Cherian Philip inaugurated the camp. He spend with the AICUFers for an hour. 21 AICUFers attended the state camp. Later an hour long session was awarded for the AICUFers and general instruction were provided.

After that participants left for the lunch. After that there was a group activity, which helped the participants to become more close and creates unity among them. Then Fr. Biju took the session on success and hard work. It was a good session, which gave innovative ideas to the participants. After that there was a tea break. Then participants cleaned the surroundings for one hour. After that Mr. Shaji D'Cruz took the session from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Then soon after the lunch there was a session on mind healing by Fr. Prince SJ.

On the next day our camp began with the holy mass at 6.30 pm. The day was blessed with Mother Mary's birthday. After the holy mass participants went for breakfast. There was a game after the breakfast for refreshing the mind. The Fr. Roy SJ took the session. It was for two hours. Then Mr. Sebastian Brith took the session till 1pm. That day the lunch was onam special. After the Onam Sadhya there were onam celebration. Onam celebration was enriched by traditional onam games. After that Fr. Prince took the session on public speaking. After that there was a debate. Participants involved in the debate very well. After that Fr. Jose SJ took the session on leadership from 6 pm to 8 pm. After that

participants went for dinner. After that Fr. Prince took the session on Missing Brother. It was an inner healing session. Then everyone went to bed.

The next day started with holy mass. After that there was an evaluation took place about the camp. After that there was a certificate distribution. Then with the breakfast camp has ended Kerala AICUF conducted signature campaigning in the issue of Valayar case. The purpose of this campaign was to handing over of this case to CBI and get justice for our sisters. We could collect nearly 3000 signature from five Colleges. The highest number of signatures were collected from All Saints College, Trivandrum. After collecting the signatures from various colleges State President submitted the signatures to Chief minister of Kerala.

## **State Level Article**

### **Writing Competition**

Kerala AICUF organized an article writing competition on the basis of technological advancements in the world. The Topic is “Upholding Technology Do We Forget Humanity?” on 21/11/2019.

5 Colleges participated in article writing competition.

1. St. Joseph College, Alappuzha
2. Fathima matha College, Kollam
3. All Saints College, TVM
4. Mount Carmel College, Kothamangalam
5. St. Thomas College, Thrissur

Aicufers from Fathima Matha College, Kollam won 1st prize and 3rd prize. All Saints College, Trivandrum won the 3rd prize. Prizes were distributed during the KCBC animators meeting in Palarivattom, Cochin.

## **AICUF Animator’s Meet**

**09th January 2020, POC, Palarivattom**

Our meeting was began with a prayer song. After that there was inaugural session, Fr. Jose Karivelickal welcomed the crowd. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatte did presidential address. Inaguration was done by Smt. Lida Jacob IAS. Fr. Stephen Chelakkara, Mrs. Monamma Kokkad, Mr. Tomy Eppan (OLAM) gave felicitations. With the vote of thanks of Fr. Prince Clarence SJ. Meeting inaugural ceremony ended. After that Fr. Binoy Pichalakkatt SJ gave an input session about importance of critical thinking. Discernment is the very important process to take decision in our life, so he explained the importance of conducting cosmic retreat and meta thinking, knowing the way, showing the way and growing the way. Requirement of cultural conversion eg: pastoral conversion, structural conversation, environmental conversion, synodal conversion and spiritual conversion. Understanding inner peace, outer peace in order to promote peace in the campuses. Dealing with conflict, conflict resolution, communal harmony. Importance of collaboration and networking. Importance of existence and future.

After the lunch Mr. Jojy K.V. shared his experience of AICUF activities in Bharatmatha College, Thrikkakara. He said our AICUF activities should be Christ centered and whatever we do, do it for the greater glory of God. Animators must have good relationship with Principals and management. So that when we approach for any program they will support us. And always accompany youths to do the things. Students are ever ready to do anything in their campuses. They just need a supporting hand. Then there was a group discussion based on 5 questions, participants were divided into 4 groups. After the report presentation Fr. Jose Karivelickal distributed the 1st and 3rd prize for state level article competition which is conducted in the month of December for the university students. Mrs. Nancy

(Animator), Fatima matha College, Kollam received it on behalf of Abhijith H.R and Agnus Lobo, Fatima Matha College, Kollam.

At the end of meeting decided to conduct animators training in the month of May. Most probably between 20th -25th.

Fr. Jose Karivelickal appreciated everyone for their willingness to attend this meet. With that we ended up the programme for the day by 4.00 pm.

Thanking

## **WEBINAR REPORTS OF AICUF**

During the lockdown time since we were not able to conduct the physical meetings, we planned to conduct the webinars.

### **The First Webinar**

#### **Purpose Of Life**

Kerala AICUF coordinated free webinar on the 'purpose of life' on the date of 15th May Friday 2020 at 1 pm-2pm. The webinar was taken by Fr. Toby Joseph SJ, who is an inspirational speaker and international trainer and also director, Atmamitra, Kalady. Around 80 students from different places have been attended the session.

It was a fruitful webinar and golden opportunity for all the Aicufers. It was an interactive webinar and useful for all the participants

### **The Second Webinar**

#### **Topic : Post Covid Kerala Economy: Opportunities And Challenges**

Webinar is conducted for all the AICUFers in Kerala. Nearly 65 participants are attended the webinar session. She has explained about the career challenges of the people after the COVID era. Specially in Travel and Tourism, Education, IT Sector, Transportation, Real Estate, Industrial Sector, Health Care Industry etc. All the students who are attended are highly empowered with this session. She could create a hope in everyone's mind.

RESOURCE PERSON : Ms. Alisha James.

DATE : 25th MAY 2020

Assistant Professor, Loyola College, Chennai

### **Third Webinar**

#### **“Cry Of Nature And Cry Of The Poor”**

Youth Response In Covid Age Resource Person : Smt. Lida Jacob Ias

DATE : 9th JUNE 2020.

TIME : 3.00 PM – 4.00 PM

Kerala AICUF organized a webinar named 'Cry of nature Cry of Poor' on the base of youth response in covid times. Smt. Lida Jacob IAS took the webinar on 9th June 2020 at 3 pm. KERALA AICUF provide meeting id: 82154919245, password: 491704. It was an interactive session. It was fruitful to each and every participants. Smt. Lida Jacob explained very well regarding the youth response in Covid times. Today youths are the backbone of society. Smt. Lida Jacob is a very good resource person explains the role of the youth effectively and effieciently. It was very successful webinar merely 70 participants were attended and certificates were provided.

### **Fourth Webinar**

## **Topic : Planning Of The Precautions Of Community Spread In Kerala**

DATE : 12th MAY 2020

TIME : 3.30 PM – 6.00 PM

This webinar is conducted by KCBC for all the catholic organization in India. There are doctors, nurses, youths, priests, professors were attended the webinar. The main discussion was how can we prevent the community spread in Kerala. Most of them shared their views prevent the community spread in Kerala. One of the main thing discussed was telecounselling for the people who are in quarantine. Ten senior aicufers are selected to do the telecounselling to those who are in quarantine.

### **Fifth Webinar**

#### **TOPIC : To Bloom AICUF**

RESOURCE PERSON : FR. PRINCE CLARANCE SJ

DATE : 29th MAY 2020

TIME : 12.00 PM -1.00 PM

The session was about Introduction about AICUF. Due to the exams only 11 participants were attended the webinar. Father has explained his dream about future AICUF. It was very motivational webinar for the beginners of AICUF. His session was to understand the real pulse of AICUF.

### **Sixth Webinar**

#### **Topic : Career Aspirations For Post Covid**

RESOURCE PERSON : DR. SUNIL CV.

DATE : 17th JUNE 2020

TIME : 3.00 PM -4.00 PM

It was an excellent webinar session for the participants. 22 participants attended this webinar. It was good response which is received from the participants. He was explaining about the future possibilities of the career after Covid.

### **Articles Writing**

#### **Competition**

Kerala AICUF conducted an article writing competition named ‘Kerala State AICUF 2K20 Article writing competition on the topic ‘Lessons from COVID-19’. Certain rules were given for the participants. Article can be written both English and Malayalam in good handwriting. Article should have maximum 6 pages and minimum 4 pages. It must be written in A4 sheet paper and scanned using ‘CAMSCANNER’ and send to the mail id [dainy.jose@gmail.com](mailto:dainy.jose@gmail.com). Well studied articles are appreciated. In the Malayalam section Maya Patric, St. Xavier’s College and Jeeva Maria Jestin, Government Higher Secondary School, Neendakara got first prize. And Anoop P. Binu got second prize. In the English section, Jotish. P got first prize. The prizes will be distributed later.

### **Creative Video Contest**

Kerala AICUF conducted the video contest with the theme “Quarantine Days”. Kerala AICUF aims to utilize the time of each AICUFer efficiently and creatively. The participants were instructed to follow certain rules. The video should be one to five minutes. Video should be related to the theme. Last date of submission will be on 20th May 2020. Videos that AICUFers send will be post in the instagram page. Only AICUFers can participate in the contest. Winner will be selected on the basis of the number of likes which is receiving in the instagram page till May 31st. Auto likes will be

disqualified. Winners will be awarded by the decision of the judges. It will be final. Video should be send to the number “9746345263” or “7994755982” and “8156801528”. It was the success of Kerala AICUF. Shaji Stellus and got prize in the contest

### **Report Of Aicuf Seminar On Cyber Crime Awarness**

Our Program began with small inauguration ceremony. Mr. Femin welcomed the crowd-Fr. Martin CMI (AICUF Animator, St. Thomas Collge, TCR) was the president for the function. Mr. Joy (Principal, St. Thomas) inaugurated the function. Rev. Fr. Prince Clarence gave felicitation. Miss. Awathy gave vote of thangs. There were 34 stdents attended seminar. Students from, Carmel College,Mala, Christ College, IRJ, St. Mary’s College, Tcr, St. Therasas Collge, Fathima matha College, Kollam attended the meeting.This very inring day. Mr. Sujith (Senior Cyber Officer).

### **Report Of Tazanna 2020-Women’s Day Celebration**

**7th March 2020, Vimalalayam, Ernakulam**

Program began with a prayer song by Angela and team. After that Ms. Raghi welcomed the dignitaries and participants. Then Sr. Mejo, Principal, Vimalalayam gave the presidential address. In her talk she said God has created man and woman in the image and likeness of him. So we should be proud to be a woman. After that Dr. Kochurani Joseph performed the inauguration by lightening the lamb. In her inaugural talk she said that feeling happy that more than girls boys are present, that shows boys are very concerned about their sisters. After that there was a honoring ceremony for Ms.Jaise Mathew who was the national Champion for Judo. Dr. Kochurani Joseph honored her by covering up the shole and giving memento to her. After that Ms. Jaise Mathew shared her experience in sports and the way she achieved the goal in her life. Then Fr. Prince Clarence SJ. gave the felicitation address, in his talk he told about the value of being woman. Because women is a precious gift from God. There is no replacement for a woman. After that with the Vote of Thanks inauguration ceremony ended. Then there was a small break, after that Dr. Kochurani Joseph took session about women empowerment for one hour. It was really enriching session for all of us. Then main message of her talk was bloom where you are planted. Never hurt parents by our words or actions and their blessings will help you to grow in your life. There are two categories of people who is happy in our growth. 1. Our Parents 2. Our Teachers. Her message was very powerful and so heart touching for all of us. Then there was a lunch break. After that theme song competition was conducted. 4 Colleges are participated in the competition. Christ College, Irinjalakkuda got first prize and Fathima Matha College, Kollam got the second prize. After the competition Jolsna conducted the group discussion.The topic was “Abuses (Physically,Mentally, Sexually) of Women in the today’s world”. All the participants attended the group discussion actively. After that certificates and prizes distributed for all the participants and winners in the theme song competition. Then all of us sang a concluding song. With that our celebration ended.

### **To Bloom Online Aicuf Training Program**

We started our bloom watsup group on 20/05/20 with 75 participants. Our aim is to build the future leaders of AICUF. Since we are not able to conduct a camp or any gatherings in this particular situation, this initiative would help the AICUFers in all over Kerala to interact with each others, know each other and support each other at least through social media. There are 9 seniors who is taking care all the activities in the group. These participants are divided in 8 groups. Each group are taking care by each seniors. And they will be helping the group participants to take initiatives in their own groups.

Below are the names of activities. This training will be for 3 months. So it will be end on 20th Aug 2020.

### **‘1001 NANMAMARANGAL’**

The entire world celebrates ‘June-5’ as ‘World Environment Day’. Within the limitation of COVID-19 Kerala AICUF also celebrate this day. As part of the environment day Kerala AICUF launched a program named ‘1001 Nanmamarangal’. All the AICUFers in the Kerala were asked to plant a sapling. The program was followed by 5 steps.

Step 1 : Asked to find out the sapling near the aicufers.

Step 2 : Plant on a place where the person can take care of sapling.

Step 3 : Asked to download the app using the link ‘<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.gpsmapcamera.geotagging> location on photo.

Step 4 : Aicufers were asked to take a photo with the location of the sapling and in step 5, the aicufers were requested to send the photos to whatsapp number ‘7994755982’ or the instagram id\_Kerala\_aicuf. The program ‘1001 Nanmamarangal’ was a great success. Merely over 404 saplings were planted by the Kerala AICUFers all over the Kerala on this day. The main aim of the program was to spread and create awareness to protect the environment from degrading. It was a great success.

### **Kaithangu For Chellanam And Poonthura**

As we all battling the Covid scourge, Chellanam, Ernakulam is suffering another onslaught now after swell waves battered the coastal region and Poonthura, TVM is badly affected with community spread of COVID-19. So Kerala AICUF is collecting the fund from people to support them.

### **MUVESZ**

Kerala AICUF conducted a drawing competition named ‘MUVESZ’ for the smooth functioning of the competition state team put some rules in front of the participants. The rules are only AICUFers can participate. One drawing is enough. Drawing should be related to the theme. Last date of submission is June 16th 2020. Drawings that the participants send will be posted on Kerala Aicufers instagram account. The winner will be selected on the basis of highest number of likes received till 25th June 2020. Autolikes will be disqualified. Winners will be awarded. Decisions of judges will be final. Drawings should be send to the number 8156801528, 9745923147, 8137936852.

The participants cooperate with the team and three of them selected as winner. Bijoy from Balaramapuram unit got first prize. Jotish (State President) secured second prize and Fijo secured third prize from Balaramapuram unit.

### **Fr, Prince Clarence S J**

The Report of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network & Eucharistic Youth Movement in Kerala 2019-2020

The activities of PWPN and EYM in Kerala are growing in a systematic and steady way. The visit of the National Director Fr Jagdish Parmar to Kerala was indeed a time of grace. The consultation meeting with the Kerala team was held at Lumen, Kochi. Fr Jagdish Parmar addressed all the Bishops of Kerala at the KCBC (Kerala Catholic Bishop Conference) meeting held at Pastoral Orientation Centre Palarivattom.

We would like to appreciate and congratulate Fr Xavier Tharamel SJ who took over as the acting Director of PWPN and EYM for the 7 months during the absence of the Province Director Fr Shin who was at a training programme (Tertianship). Fr Xavier visited parishes, seminaries, schools, families etc to propagate PWPN and EYM. During the homily, he used to highlight the necessity of praying for the Church, especially for the intentions of the Holy Father. After the Mass, 10th , +1 and



+2 classes of catechism students are met to distribute the brochures and explain a little more about PWPN and EYM. In the last year he visited 11 parishes, 2 seminaries 2 schools of 6 dioceses of Kerala and covered nearly 3000 plus parishners including the catechism students. He participated in the national annual seminar of PWPN & EYM held at Pune.

Mr Giby Joseph, the National & Kerala Laity Coordinator represented India at the 175th Annual celebrations of PWPN and later on the training programme called “Way of the heart” both held at Rome in June and in the month of January. Besides his International representations, he was also active participant and contributed with his sessions in the both national meetings that held at Pune (annual national meeting) and Bangalore (EYM hand book commission).

We printed 1000 the brochures (small booklets of 8 pages) of PWPN & EYM and distributed at different parishes and schools as part of our promotion. We had also the promotion of the Intention of POPE and the PODE video by means of Digital methods such as whatsapp etc.

In this era of covid 19, it was very important for the PWPN and EYM to help people to hold on to the faith and to keep them as community seeking the will of God. So in the absence of prayer meetings and gathering, PWPN and EYM Kerala moved on to the digital platform. As part of the digital mission, we started social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) which share the Holy Father’s prayer intentions and teachings, promotion of the crisis rosary announced by the Pope.

In the absence of gatherings, PWPN and EYM organized online gatherings through zoom and Google meet. As part of PWPN every first friday community gather through zoom and pray for the intentions of the holy Father and for the Church. As part of EYM, monthly prayer gatherings are held for youth.

We have a good news that the thirteen Bishops of Kerala have responded positively to our continued request for appointing the Diocesan directors. We have now 13 Diocesan Directors of PWPN for Kerala. And we hopefully think that the other Dioceses will be soon appointing and taking up this great mission for the greater glory of God.

The report prepared by

**Fr Shin Kallungal SJ**

### **A Word of Thanks**

The real life of the Church in the heart of the young faithful who deserves special care and attention. Just like any other sector, the youth ministry has its own challenges in the modern world. The ultimate aim of all spiritual, cultural, intellectual and social programmes of the youth is the integral development of Catholic youth of Kerala. The real life of youth ministry lies in the small units where we can find budding young people who aspire to be close to the church through their life. The chunk of Kerala Catholic population is young and vibrant who rally have dreams for better today for Pope Francis says they are the Now of the Church.

**Fr. Stephen Thomas Chalakara**

Secretary, KCBC Commission for Youth

State Director, KCYM

**- . KCBC Commission for Labour & Migrants  
Kerala Labour Movement (KLM)**

## **Introduction**

Kerala Labour Movement (KLM) is the official organization of Kerala Catholic Bishops Council for the labourers and aiming at the integral i.e., spiritual, social, cultural and economic development of all workers especially the unorganized workers. It was begun in 1974 after the institution of commission for labour by KCBC. KLM was reconstituted in 2002 as an NGO registered with government.

KLM visualize a just society where all the workers enjoy dignity, equity, harmony and fullness of life. The movement stands committed for the empowerment of the workers irrespective of caste, class and religion through social mobilization, decentralized participatory planning, promotion of good governance, gender justice and environmental sustainability.

Empowerment of the unorganized workers is being done through the human and institutional Development, Leadership Promotion and Capacity Building Programs are the key objects of the KLM. Promotion of gender justice among the unorganized workers of the State through empowering and strengthening of the women unorganized workers, creating appropriate support mechanisms and legal help forums. Ensuring Social Security for the unorganized workers by providing assistance to enroll and retain in the welfare schemes which are managed by the state government. Improve the employability of the unorganized workers through skill up gradation, labour linkages and placement services. Enhance the negotiating and bargaining strength of the workers by creating labour trade unions in various sectors of work are the major objectives.

The movement is keen in the proper dissemination of the information on the rights and duties of the workers, justice and accountability in perspective of the church and the international labour organizations and ensure its truthful implementation in the labour settings. To raise awareness (Lobbying) for the appropriate labour legislations and the rightful implementation of the existing labour laws of the country for the benefit of all workers especially, the unorganized workers.

The KCBC entrusted the Labour Commission and KLM with the activities for the Care of inward and outward migrants of Kerala in 2015.

### **KCBC Labour Commission**

Bishop Dr. Alex Vadakkumthala, Kannur | Chairman

Bishop Mar Jose Porunnedam, Manantavadi | Vice Chairman

Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius, Parassala | Vice Chairman

Fr. Prasad Joseph Kandathippambal, Cochin | Secretary & State director of KLM.

Mr. Joseph Jude Arackal, Verapoly | Joint. Secretary & Assistant director of KLM.

### **KLM State Team**

Mr. Shaju Antony, Trichur | President

Mr. Stephan Kottarathil, Thamarassery | President @ present

Mr. Babu Thannikott, Verapoly | Vice President, President KTWF & KS&CEWF

Mr. K J Thomas, Cochin | General Secretary, President SNTU

Mr. Jose Mathew, Irinjalakuda | Secretary

Mr. Biju Paul, Manathawady | Secretary  
Adv. Thomas Mathew, Kothamangalam | Secretary  
Mr. Kunjappan P C, Changanassery | Secretary  
Mr. Jayaraj R., Neyyattinkara | Secretary  
Mr. Cheriyan Chenneekkara, Pathhanamthitta | Treasurer  
Mrs. Molly Joby, Trichur |President, Women's Forum  
Mrs. Harmis Viji, Vijayapuram | Secretary, Women's Forum  
Mrs. Sherin Babu, Verapoly | President, KDWF  
Mr. Raju N K, Trichur |President KMTWF  
Mr. Babu Jacob, Trichur | President, KCTTF  
Fr. Benny Kurisady, Changanassery | President, KAWF  
Mr. Joy Gothuruth, Kottappuram |President WIF  
Mr. Joseph Jude, Verapoly | Chairman UTA , President KMTF

### **KLM Zonal Directors**

Fr. Leno Das, Kannur | Malabar Zone  
Fr. George Thomas Nirappukalayil, Thrissur | Thrissur Zone  
Fr. Joseph Koluthuvellil, Eranakulam-Ankamaly | Eranakulam Zone  
Fr. Scaria Vekathanam, Palai | Kottayam Zone  
Fr. Alphonse S, Kollam | Trivandrum Zone

### **Events & Gatherings**

- **The Annual General Council** meeting was held at Alpha Pastoral Centre, Edakochi on 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. The delegates from 19 diocesan units and state leaders from seven workers forums attended the meeting. The AGM was inaugurated by Rt Rev. Dr. Joseph Kariyil, Bishop of Cochin. Bishop Dr. Alex Vadakkumthala, the KCBC Labour for labour commission had given the Keynot address. Sri. Shaju Antony, the state president of KLM presided over the meeting. General Assembly honoured Fr. Jose Vattakuzhi Former Director of KLM & WIF. Fr. Prasad Joseph Kandathiparambil, State Director, Sri. Joy Gothuruth, National President of Workers India Federation, Fr. George Thomas Nirappukalayil, KLM Zonal Director, Sri. Joseph Jude Joint Secretary KCBC Labour Commission, Sri. K J Thomas, General Secretary, Smt. Moly Joby, Women Forum State President and Sri Cherian Chenneerkara, Treasurer, Sri. Alex Panachikal President KLM Kochi Diocese addressed the audience in the inaugural function.

The Annual Report and annual accounts of the year 2019 were presented and passed. Diocesan reports and the reports of the activities of forums were also presented.

The state executive committee meetings in the year 2020 held on 20<sup>th</sup> February at Jeeva Matha Church, Mattanchery and during the Pandemic period of Covid the Executive meetings were held on Online on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 05<sup>th</sup> July, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup> October.

- **May Day Observed**

May Day message of the KCBC Labour Commission for the year 2020 was published and circulated among all the dioceses and institutions in Kerala. The message appealed to the unorganized workers to come together under an umbrella organization so that they can demand, achieve and protect their rights for development and social security. The problems facing by Migrant workers and Artificial intelligence in Labour Sectors also highlighted in the message. In the view of Pandemic Covid situation, KLM State committee arranged an Online Conference on 29<sup>th</sup> April, was inaugurated by KCBC Labour Commission Chairman Bishop Dr. Alex Vadakkuthala and given May Day message. State Director Fr Prasad Kandathiparambil, President Shaju Antony, General Secretary Thomas K J, WIF National President Joy Gothuruth, KCBC Labour Commission Joint Secretary Joseph Jude, State Women Forum President Molly Joby, UTA Convener Babu Thannikot spoke on the occasion. KLM Diocesan Directors and delegates attended the May day conference. KLM observed FLAG DAY in connection with the May Day celebrations on the last Sunday of April. May day message of Bishop Dr. Alex Vadakumthala: <https://youtu.be/fUyLEedZN0Q>

- **Fratelli Tutti – a reading in the perspective of workers**

KLM arranged a Webinar Frattelli Tutti, the Encyclical letter of Pope Francis. The seminar inaugurated by Bishop Dr. Alex Vadakumthala, KCBC Labour Commission Chairman Bishop Dr. Alex Sri. Joy Gothuruth and Sri. Sebastian Palaparampil were presented various aspects of the document.

Recording link: <https://youtu.be/XQDdrryFR5w>

- **KLM Webinar Series and Discussions in the digital platforms**

KLM state committee is very active and conducted various programs during the Pandemic situation through the digital platforms.

**Webinar I :** Covid - Financial implications and marginalised Workers

Date: May 18, 2020

Resource person Dr. Martin Patric

Webinar Recording <https://youtu.be/zcHwso9Kh-Q>

**Webinar II:** Prosperous Kerala: Self reliant families

Resource Person: Dr. Mary Regina

Date: May 24, 2020

Webinar Recording: <https://youtu.be/2w44rYK5kmc>

**Webinar III:** The Impact of Climate Change in Kerala

Resource Person: Dr. S. Abhilash

Date: June 7, 2020

Webinar Recording: <https://youtu.be/n6Y1i77E2WI>

### **KLM – Leaders’ Training Programme**

In the Covid period, KLM organised a Leadership Training program in the digital platform.

**Inauguration** Bishop Dr. Alex Vadakumthala

Recording: Bishop Mar Jose Porunnedom  
<https://youtu.be/hUOyAFqbYdM>

**Class I** The Socio-Economic Realities: Challenges of Workers  
Resource Person: Sri. Joy Gothuruth  
Recording: <https://youtu.be/fxIEhh4GSf4>

**Class II** Labour in the perspective of Church documents  
Resource Person: Sri. Sebastian Palaparampil.  
Recording: <https://youtu.be/HZATFwh11pk>

**Class III** Vision, Mission and Objects of KLM  
Resource Person: Sri. Joseph Jude  
Recording: <https://youtu.be/NwDpxtYBVy0>

**Class IV** Labourers and legal framework  
Resource Person: Adv. Thomas Mathew  
Recording: <https://youtu.be/vgBut42iJxY>

- **KLM webinar series on New Labour Codes**

KLM organised a Webinar series on New Labour Codes in the digital plat form.

**Inauguration** Bishop Dr. Alex Vadakkumthala  
Key note: Adv. Thampan Thomas Ex MP  
Recording: <https://youtu.be/AyNCu426yto>

**Webinar I** Labour Code on Wage Code  
Resource Person Sri. Varkkichan Pettah.  
Recording: <https://youtu.be/MfzIbXmIKFg>

**Webinar II** Labour Code on Social Security  
Resource Person Dr. Sonia George.  
Recording: <https://youtu.be/2cqNwHWtxdc>

**Webinar III** Occupational Security, Health and Working Conditions  
Resource Person Sri. Joseph Jude.  
Recording: [https://youtu.be/m\\_aggH57Ods](https://youtu.be/m_aggH57Ods)

- **Diocesan Leaders Meeting**

Inspite of Pandemic difficulties, KLM state committee arranged a Web meeting for KLM office bearers of dioceses to build relationship and to convey the matters related to KLM opertions in Dioceses level. And also given the directions to take follow up actions to tackle the problems facing by unorganized workers. Necessary suggestions and help were given by State committee of KLM and Workers Forums in this regard.

- **KLM Workers Forum - UTA**

All the workers forums initiated by KLM is coordinated by a committee namely Unorganised Workers' Trade Union's Alliance (UTA). Joseph Jude is the chairman and Babu Thannikkott is the convener. KLM have initiated eight workers' forums. The workers forums initiated by KLM are Construction Workers' Forum (SNTU), Tailoring Workers' Forum (KTWF), Cherukida Thotam Tozhilali Forum (KCTTF), Domestic Workers' Forum (KDWF), Agricultural Workers' Forum (KAWF), Motor Transport Workers' Forum (KMTWF), Malsya Thozhilali Forum (KMTF) and Shops and Establishments Workers Forum (KSCEWF)

This year in view of COVID Pandemic period different meetings were held on Online by Workers Forums. The Alliance of Forums initiated various steps to tackle the problems facing by unorganized workers with Government authorities, especially to protect and increase the benefits from Workers Welfare Funds. The forum alliance decided to establish Welfare cum relief Fund of their own level for well being of member workers.

**Debate: Democracy in India is dying?**

Unorganised Workers Trade Union Alliance conducted a webinar on the topic “ Democracy in India dying? On October 2. Adv Thampan Thomas Inaugurated the programme. Mr. Joy Gothuruth and Dr. Sonia George, General Secretary SEWA were spoke in the Webinar.

Webinar Recording: <https://youtu.be/i4ppZ39IRow>

- **KLM Women Forum**

The motto of KLM Women Forum is to empower women workers. This year KLM women forum celebrated Women day on March 08 at diocesan level with meetings, seminars and training camps.

- **Migrants' Ministry at KCBC Labour Commission**

KLM has organized a state level coordination committee of the volunteers working with migrants. Fr Shin Kallunkal SJ is the convener of the committee. The Migrants' ministry explains the need of pastoral care, developing supporting systems for the migrant workers. This year a discussion meeting was held at SRC Kozhikode in February. Different subjects related to migrant workers issues were presented in the meeting. The meeting pointed out to open facilitation centers for migrant workers. A core committee was formed to implement further action plan.

- **People Management Policy**

KCBC promulgated the People Management Policy for the Catholic Institutions in Kerala and the implementation task was entrusted to KLM. There are well defined guidelines for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the institutions run by the Catholic managements. This year Zonal level PMP seminars arranged at PACS Irinjalakuda in February. Bishop Mar Pauly Kanoorkadan inaugurated the seminar. 90 delegates from 38 institutions from Thrissur,

Irinjalakuda and Palakkad attended the seminar. Ms. Alph Annie Mini Joy, Adv. Sojan Job, Sri Joseph Jude presented the various subjects related to PMP.

### **Changes in the FCRA and way forward – National Webinar**

KLM conducted a national level workshop titled “Changes in the FCRA and way forward” on October 22, 2020. Mr. Joselyn Martins, Chartered Accountant New Delhi, Mr. Rajan M, HR Consultant and Fr. Jaison Vadassery, Secretary ICMC were led the sessions. 462 participants attended the webinar.

Part I: <https://youtu.be/x243Sf0CWZM>;

Part II: <https://youtu.be/Z2AJiaW-MfQ>

### **Initiatives...**

- **Lawyers’ Collective**

One of the main objectives of the Lawyers collective is to discuss and to give guidance to the KLM to minimize the marginalization of the laborers and migrants in the state. A committee was formed with seven members and the office bearers of KLM.

- **Association for the Managers and Principals of the Industrial Training Institutes**

In 2014, KLM initiated the Association for the Managers and Principals of the Industrial Training Institutes as a department of the Labour Commission.

### **Social Security Programs**

- **Suraksha**

Being a part of the social security programs to the unorganized workers, KLM continues to enroll the unorganized workers in Pension, welfare funds, insurance, etc. The workers enrolled by KLM in the Scheme have received pension and super annuation benefits from National Pension Authority after attaining the age of 60.

- **State Welfare Funds**

KLM enrolled about 30,000 eligible unorganized workers in various labour welfare funds of the state government. The unorganized workers cannot register themselves to the welfare fund but mainly supported by the trade unions. KLM support them to enroll through its workers forums registered under the Trade Union Act.

- **Insurance and combo medical supports**

Some of the diocesan units like Kochi, Ernakulam, Palaghat, Verapoly, Irinjalakuda, Manathavady, Kothamangalam, and Trichur have initiated health insurance programs for the medical supports to the unorganized workers and their families. There are about 50,000 families in the medical support systems initiated by the KLM diocesan committees like “Kanivu” of Kochi, Jeevas Health Insurance Program of Mananthavady and “Paraspara Sahaya Samuhya Suraksha Padhathi” (PSSSP) of Trichur and Kothamangalam. Lakhs of money were collected and given to the beneficiaries as medical support and death support from these

projects. Thrissur and Changanaserry Archdioceses initiated death fund scheme for members benefitting claims to nominee in the event of death of a member.

## **Networking & Lobbying**

### **Workers India Federation (WIF)**

KLM is a partner organization of WIF, the national level network of labour movements under CBCI office for labour. Fr Prasad Kandathiparambil, Joseph Jude attended AGM of WIF along with Bishop Alex, the National Chairman, Joy Gothuruth the National President held at CBCI Centre New Delhi. KLM State Committee extend sincere thanks to WIF office bearers for the support and encouragement to us.

### **Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS)**

The workers' forums initiated and animated by KLM /UTA are affiliated to HMS, an independent central trade union. Our leaders are elevated in the leadership of HMS in district, state and national Level. Joseph Jude is working in the National Executive of HMS and Babu Thannikott is working as District General Secretary of HMS Ernakulam. HMS delegated our leaders to represent in national and international meetings.

### **New President of KLM State Committee**

Sri. Stephen K S Kottarathil, belongs to Thamarassery Diocese is appointed as new State President of KLM. in place of Sri. Shaju Antony voluntarily retired from the post due to personal reasons.

### **KLM State Secretariat**

KLM State Secretariat is functioning at Palarivattom in rented building owned by Archdiocese of Verapoly. There are state level and also diocesan (even local) workers' facilitation centres across the state and there are well trained staffs and coordinators. The entities such as KLM State Office, State Office of Labour Forums and Workers' Facilitation Center are functioning in the secretariat. KLM State committee given warm send off and sincere thanks to Sr. Anees SKD the Office Administrator who had served for last four years and transferred to Mission Work of Congregation. At present Sr. Mercy Judy CTC is the Office Administrator and Programme Director. Ms. Molly Francis is coordinating all the activities of Suraksha.

### **Conclusion**

KCBC Commission for Labour & Migrants through its official organization for the labourers, Kerala Labour Movement (KLM) has done tremendous efforts to promote cause of the unorganized workers of the State of Kerala. In the complex context, KLM is the response of the Catholic Church in Kerala especially in the Pandemic Covid season, after the changes in the socio, economic situations of Kerala and in the present political scenario to help the unorganized to address the challenges. KLM is aware about the growing responsibility.

We thank cordially Cardinal Mar George Alanchery, the President, KCBC, His Excellency Bishop Dr. Varghese Chackalakkal, the vice president, KCBC, His Excellency Bishop Joseph Mar Thomas, the Secretary General, KCBC and the secretariate at POC, especially Rev. Fr Varghese Vallikkat, the former deputy secretary general. We are highly grateful to His Excellency Bishop Dr. Alex



Vadakkumthala, our Chairman, His Excellency Bishop Jose Porunnedam and His Excellency Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius our Vice Chairmen for their unconditional support and encouragement. We thank all the bishops in the KCBC and all those who involve in the ministry for the labourers in the dioceses. KLM is also thankful to CBCI office for Labour and WIF. Thanks to all who have supported and participated in the activities for achieving the goal of the organization.

**Fr. Prasad Joseph Kandathipparambil**  
Secretary, KCBC Commission for Labour &  
Director, KLM

**Mr. Stephen K S, Kottarathil**  
President, KLM

**Mr. Joseph Jude Arackal**  
Joint Secretary, KCBC Commission for Labour  
Assistant Director, KLM

**Mr. K. J. Thomas**  
General Secretary, KLM

## **XII. JUSTICE, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, KCBC**

Justice Peace and Development Commission is the official arm of the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council to coordinate the Social Apostolate Ministry of the Kerala Catholic Church. Kerala Social Service Forum, Association of Catholic Care Homes, Jesus Fraternity and Sarathi are the operational wings of JPD Commission. Secretary of the JPD Commission is the Executive Director of Kerala Social Service Forum.

### **Kerala Social Service Forum (KSSF)**

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE**

Kerala Social Service Forum (KSSF) is the official State level body of the Kerala Catholic Church for delivering its Social Apostolate. KSSF has been designated as the official networking organization for the 32 Diocesan Social Service Societies in Kerala in order to ensure effective perspective-building, knowledge dissemination, coordination, capacity-building, documentation, advocacy and lobbying, while upholding the values of the Catholic Church. It also serves as the Regional Forum for Caritas India and Catholic Relief Services.

#### **Thrust Areas of KSSFman and Institutional Development**

- Integral Development of Women, Children and Marginalized (Dalits, Tribals etc.)
- Good Governance
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Environment Protection
- Livelihood & Micro Enterprise Development
- Community Health
- Research & Documentation
- Networking, Advocacy and Lobbying

## Program Highlights (NOVEMBER 2019 TO OCTOBER 2020)

**New Director at KSSF:** During the Board Meeting of KSSF on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, takes charge of KSSF as its new Executive Director and Secretary to JPD Commission, KCBC in the presence of Mar Jose Pulickal, Chairman, JPD Commission, KCBC and the Board Members. Fr. George Vettikattil was given a farewell by the Governing Board members and KSSF Team.

**Ruby Jubilee:** KSSF has entered the Ruby Jubilee year and the same was inaugurated during the AGB Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2020.

**CBCI, JPD Commission:** national JPD Commission organized a webinar for Kerala Partners together with KSSF on ‘Laudato Si Year’. Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Director KSSF participated in the Regional JPD Commission Secretary’s virtual meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

**Deepika Excellence Award 2019:** Fr. George Vettikattil, Executive Director, KSSF was presented the Deepika Excellence Award for Social Service 2019 on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**St. Alphonsa A/C Hall:** St. Alphonsa Hall, AMOS Centre was renovated and upgraded to a high-tech A/C conference hall. The same was blessed by His Grace Thomas Mar Koorilos, Chairman JPD Commission on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**KCBC Flood Restoration project:** Project planning meeting was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at KSSF together with the partner DSSS directors. The project was completed in the stipulated time frame. A short summary of the project:

Total amount:	Rs. 1,87,50,000/-	No. of new house built	17
No of Dioceses assisted:	15	No. of House repairs	102
Project period:	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2019- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	No. of toilet construction	20
Total No. of families assisted:	576 families	No. of IGPs started	437

A brief report on KCBC Flood Restoration Project was published on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 by Mar Jose Pulickal, Chairman, JPD Commission.

## Kerala Church’s Response to COVID 19

**Regional Strategy Plan to combat COVID 19:** The initial brainstorming session of KSSF team with the Disaster Management Team of KSSF reflected on the challenges caused by the pandemic. This meeting proposed a schema for action; ie; to develop a strategy to guide the activities towards “Survive COVID for Kerala Church”. The Board meeting of KSSF approved the plan. KSSF worked out Regional Strategy Plan to combat COVID 19 with the full participation of the Diocesan Directors and senior officers in DSSS and with the support of subject experts’ panel. The **strategy plan was released by the Chairman on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020** in a webinar organized to disseminate the same and to give an orientation to the DSSS directors. Mar Jose Pulickal, Chairman sent a circular to Kerala Church introducing the strategy plan to combat COVID by KSSF on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

### Capacity building webinars organized in continuation to the strategy plan are:

- Financial Literacy training on July 17, 2020 in collaboration with NIIT Foundation, New Delhi

- Kerala Farmers & Wild Animal Intrusion on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020
- Ensuring Immunity, Health and Healthy Food 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- COVID Safe Programming for DSSS staff on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in collaboration with CRS
- Measures to address the crisis due to the increase in the number of COVID victims on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020

**Public Awareness Building on COVID:**

- Threeshort films are prepared: The Decision, Be Careful andBig Salute, and areuploaded in YouTube channel for wider circulation.
- In collaboration with Radio Mattoli of Mananthawady diocese five community radio programs with information about the pandemic wasbroadcasted, including in tribal language.
- The IEC materials, Posters, Stickers, Leaflets and Boards on the subject were prepared and distributed to all the dioceses.KSSF collaborated with Sarathi for the distribution of IEC materials to the general public across the state.

**Samaritan Volunteers:** In the Webinar conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 all the dioceses decided to identify and train volunteers to ensure Christian fellowship to people who may become victims of COVID. All 32 dioceshaveidentified and trained the Samaritan Volunteers in collaboration with the DMO & Dist. Administration. The diocesan level coordinators at DSSS coordinate their activities.As on 31<sup>st</sup>October 2020 there are 36,804 volunteers collaborating with all 32 dioceses among them 480 are priests and 21 are sisters. As on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020,Samaritans conducted funerals of 780 COVID victims. Mar George Cardinal Alencherry, President KCBC supported this initiative by issuing a circular to Kerala Church on the subject on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020. KSSF collect data and document it on a monthly basison the DSSS's COVID interventions and report to KCBC.

**DSSS Strategic Plan:** An orientation on the Diocesan Strategy plan was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2020 and Rev.Fr. Albert Thambidurai, Director and Dr.Gayatri, Regional Coordinator, TASOSS, Trichy were the resource team.

**MahilaVaidyaRatnam Award 2020:** 24 selected practitioners of traditional medicine from the dioceses were given MahilaVaidyaRatnam Award 2020.

**Lenten campaign:** KSSF Director requested KCBC to facilitate and encourage the Lenten Campaign in all the dioceses and to organize a diocesan level inauguration of the campaign. KSSF initiated the State level Lenten Campaign to create more awareness of the Lenten contribution towards the social ministry of the Church. The State level Lenten Campaign was inaugurated by Moran MorBaselios Cardinal Cleemis on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2020 at St Mary's Malankara Church, Ayur. Fr. Paul Moonjely, Executive Director Caritas India also participated in the event.

**State level inauguration of Laudato Si Year 2020 and observation of World Environment Day:** His Grace Mar Joseph Perumthottam inaugurated the Laudato Si Year 2020by planting a mango tree in Changanacherry Municipalitycampus on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Yearlong activities are planned to mark the Laudato Si Year, including a completion among the DSSS for the promotion of Green protocol by the Church institutions.

**Farmers' Bill 2020:** KSSF organized a webinars and interactions on the new Farmers' Bill on 21.9.2020. His Beatitude Mar GeorgeCardinal Alencherry inaugurated the webinar. The experts

present were the following: Mar Jose Pulickal, Mar Joseph Pamplany, Mar Thomas Tharayil, Rt. Rev. Dr. Alex Vadakumthala, subject experts: Mr. James Vadakkan, Dr. Jose Joseph, Mr. Alex Ozhukayiletc, and made this webinar enriching. On 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2020 Mar George Cardinal Alencherry, President, KCBC forwarded a memorandum to Mr. Naradra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, appealing for the cause of farmers in Kerala.

**Enhancement of Marketing Avenues:** KSSF initiated the move to network partners of Madhya Thiruvathakuron enhancement of marketing avenues for Marginal Farmers. The initial discussion of partners [CHASS, Bodhana, PSWS, VSSS & MDS] under the leadership of Mar Jose Pulickal was organized at Kanjirappally on 10.9.2020. The team looked for possibilities for direct marketing of products of farmers & fishermen.

**Vibhavani India & Krishi Trade:** KSSF had a series of discussions and dialogue with Vibhavani India & Krishi Trade' to create new national level network for farmers for direct selling of their agriculture products by avoiding middleman and get better price for the farmer. On 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2020 a short training was organized for a selected core group from DSSS & KSSF team to introduce the online platform of Krishi Trade. KSSF has taken membership in both Vibhavani India & Krishi Trade.

**Orientation on CST & Key Strategy Pillars of Caritas India:** KSSF Team visited and conducted one day orientation for DSSS Team on Catholic Social Teachings and Key Strategic Pillars of Caritas India (Empowering Animation, Sharing Communities, Dialogue and Volunteerism) in 27 DSSS. Discussions on Catholic Social Teachings and KSP invigorated and enhanced the commitment of DSSS personnel.

**Flood Rehabilitation Project:** The coordination of the Flood rehabilitation projects supported by CEI and Caritas Italiana was successfully completed and the final review meeting was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020 by Mr. Beppe Pedron, Asian Manager, Caritas Italiana. 15 most affected Dioceses were supported by this project and directly benefited by 3229 families.

**Pollution Free Poultry Farm Units:** In order to ensure the financial stability of the abandoned widows/ unwed mothers, KSSF promoted Pollution Free Poultry Farming. 42 Widows were financially supported to set up PFPF units.

**Sisters' Forum:** KSSF is initiating the formation of Sisters' Forum, a platform to coordinate and facilitate the social ministry of Religious Congregations in Kerala. A temporary executive committee is formed to facilitate the process and two core committee meetings were conducted. A general understanding of the need, role & functioning of Sisters Forum in the social ministry of Kerala Church is developed by the core committee.

**AGB & GB Meetings of KSSF:** Two Board Meetings were conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2020. The Annual General Body meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2020 at AMOS Centre. Mar Jose Pulickal virtually inaugurated the AGB meeting and Thomas Mar Eusebius, Vice Chairman, JPD Commission, KCBC addressed the AGB members. AGB elected a new Executive Board for KSSF.

**Disaster Management Team of KSSF:** The Disaster management Team of KSSF along with KRLCC representatives and Director, MIST Munnar visited the landslide disaster location at Pettimudi, Munnar and held discussions on the rehabilitation plans. Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Director KSSF also visited bund breach locations in Kuttanad.

**International Women's Day:** State level Women's Day observation was organized on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at AMOS. 67 participants from 27 DSSS participated in the program which was presided over by Mrs. Ashadas, President, Darshan and inaugurated by Msgr. Michael Vettickat, Joint Secretary JPD Commission. Darshan bid farewell to Rev. Fr. George Vettikattil, outgoing Director of KSSF.

**Annual General Body Meeting of Darshan:** The Annual General Body Meeting of Darshan (State Women's Federation) was held virtually on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**Capacity building Program:**

- Webinar on **Forest, Wildlife, Buffer Zone & Farmer, in Kerala** was conducted on 26.8.2020. Farmers were supported to forward their response to Central Government about the Buffer Zones in Malabar regions. KSSF's collaboration with "Kerala Independent Farmers' Association" (KIFA) has enhanced the programs related to Farmers.
- A seminar on '**Laudato Si Year**' was organized for the partner DSSS Directors by Dr. VR Haridas, Caritas India
- A session on '**Development Initiatives & Fund Raising**' was conducted for DSSS Directors by Mr. Rajeev K.J., Development Practitioner.
- A seminar on '**Women & Environment Conservation**' was conducted for Darshan members by Mrs. K. Umadevi, Govt. Nalatha HSS, Kizhupillikara.
- A session was organized on '**Possibilities for Farmers Producer Company & Farmers' network in Kerala**' by Mr. James Vadakkan, Organizer, Farmers First.
- A session to introduce '**Vibhavani India & Krishi Trade**' to DSSS by Mr. Ben Mathew.
- Webinar on FCRA Amendment 2020 was organized for the entire Church organizations in collaboration with POC on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020
- Webinar on 'Buffer Zone Farmers' meeting of south zone on 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020 coordinating PSSS, CHASS, NIDS, and KshemaParasala. The farmers were supported to forward their response to the Ministry of the Central government on Senthurunni Buffer Zone.

**Best Annual Report Award to QSSS, Kollam:** On the occasion of the Annual General Body Meeting of KSSF, *Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorious Award* for the Best Annual Report for the year 2018-19 was presented to Fr. Alphonse S, Executive Director QSSS, Kollam.

**AMOS Centre:** Besides the programs of KSSF and DSSS partners, different NGOs, Faith based organizations, etc. availed facilities of AMOS Centre.

**DOCUMENTATION DURING THE YEAR:**

- Annual Report of KSSF with Adieu to Fr. George Vettikattil
- A Hand Book on Catholic Social Teachings in Malayalam
- Report of KCBC Flood Restoration Project 2019
- 'Wings' E-Magazine Volume I, Issues 1 & 2

**Regional Forum Meeting:** Fr. George Vettikattil attended the Regional Forum Director's meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2020, Ootty. Fr. Jacob Mavunkal participated in the Forum Directors' meetings conducted virtually on June 6, 2020.

**REGIONAL FORUM DIRECTORS' & COORDINATORS' MEETINGS:** FR. JACOB MAVUNKAL DIRECTOR AND SR. JESSINA SRA, REGIONAL COORDINATOR PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL LEVEL MEETINGS CALLED BY CARITAS INDIA 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST AND 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020.

<b>Financial Statement for the Year 2019-20</b>			
<b>Receipts &amp; Payment Account</b>			
Receipts	Amount	Payment	Amount
Opening balance	61,12,464.96	Local Fund Expense	14,54,680.00
Bank Interest	2,74,570.75	Earmarked Fund Expense	1,82,26,243.84
Local Fund Collection	29,80,090.92	Administrative expense	10,92,113.93
Earmarked Fund	1,83,46,457.60	Charity & Donation	1,57,816.00
TDS Collection	13,305.00	TDS Payment	12,555.00
Bridge Fund	2,400.00	Addition to Fixed Asset	16,12,136.00
		<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>51,73,744.46</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,77,29,289.23</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,77,29,289.23</b>

***Major Programs planned for the Year 2020-21***

1. State level Lenten campaign inauguration
2. Capacity build program:
  - a. On resource mobilization in the new normal
  - b. New Directors of DSSS
  - c. TOT for Village Vigilance Committee
  - d. DSSS level Training of Samaritan Task Force
3. Lunching of State level network of farmers
4. Formation of Village Vigilance Committee [VVC] to support the farmers at parish & diocesan level
5. International Volunteers Day observation
6. Network with Health insurance agencies and create awareness on Health insurance
7. Follow up with Farmers' issues and continue advocacy initiatives
8. Initiate study on the backwardness of Christian minority community
9. State level capacity enhancement program for finance officers on FCRA reforms
10. Development Retreat for Directors & Asst. Directors

**Fr. Jacob Mavunkal**

Executive Director, KSSF

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF JESUS FRATERNITY–2019-2020**

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**JESUS FRATERNITY**

### **1. Introduction**

Jesus Fraternity, a department under the Justice, Peace and Development Commission of KCBC stands for the last least and the lost. Jesus Fraternity extends its helping hands to the marginalized, unwanted and abandoned poor people. It is meant especially for the brethren behind the iron bars; the prisoners. It reaches out to their families and to the families of the victims of various crimes, violence and human atrocities and caters the less fortunate children. It is founded by a group of Seminarians- headed by Varghese Karipery & Francis Kodyan in the year 1986.

### **Vision**

**Renew, Reform & Rehabilitate Prisoners & integrate them to the main stream of the society, thus make a better society, in the spirit of Jesus, an innocent prisoner who gave up His life for mankind who also told us “*I was in prison you visited me*” (Mt 25: 36).**

### **Mission**

**THE SPECIFIC GOAL OF THIS MINISTRY IS: THE OVERALL WELFARE AND INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH THE HOPE FOR A CRIMELESS AND PEACEFUL SOCIETY, BEING AT THE GREATER SERVICE OF GOD, HOLDING HIGH THE SACRIFICIAL AND COMPASSIONATE LOVE OF CHRIST WHO DIED A CRIMINAL’S DEATH.**

## **Basic Principles**

- Fraternal bond is our strength
- Our bank is providence of God
- Inconvenience is our convenience
- Sharing is our life style

## **2. Statistical Data**

Dioceses – 31, Diocesan Directors – 31, Zones – 8, Units – 46,  
Seminary Units – 9, Rehabilitation Centers – 11, 5 for children (3 for girls + 2 for boys), 3 for women,  
3 for men  
Number of inmates (approximately) – 120, Number of staff – 52  
Number of Jails – 57

## **3. Zones- 8**

Jesus Fraternity has 8 zones, in order to render its services more effectively, uniformly and in a practical way all over the state of Kerala. The zones are as follows; Trivandrum, Kollam, Kottayam, Ernakulum, Thrissur, Palakkad, Kozhikode and Kannur.

### **I . Activities in Prisons or Jails**

- Regular prison visits,
- Liturgical celebrations
- Cultural as well as literary programmes are organized under the leadership of the Zonal and Unit directors.
- Special celebrations are organized on the national, state and religious festive days highlighting the importance of the day and exhorting the inmates to reflect and amend their attitude in their life.
- Counselling programmes inside the jails and prisons once a week.
- At times Yearly retreats are provided with the consent of the particular prison or jail authorities.
- Legal aid to the inmates
- Assistance is given to prison inmates depending on the need and urgency of the inmates for the construction of houses, education of children as well as the inmates, marriage of the children of prisoners who confront financial difficulties. These services have been offered in all prisons in Kerala.

### **ii. Zonal and Unit Meetings**

Each zone and units meet regularly. The Zones meet once in a month in order to evaluate, discuss the present and future programmes offered in the particular Zone. Each Unit meets once a month.

### **iii. Children's Summer Camp**



Every year we conduct the “Snehopansana” (Children’s summer camp) for the children of prisoners and the children from the rehabilitation centres. This year we organized the camps in Trivandrum, Trichur and Ernakulam. There were 30,23 and 60 children respectively for the camps. All were given study material for the new academic year.

#### **Aim of the camp**

- Concentrates on the personality and leadership development of the children who are denied of the basic love and care and who are marginalised in the society.

-Distribution of study kit which contains note books, umbrella, lunch carrier and school bag for the new academic year.

#### **4. Rehabilitation Centres**

Jesus Fraternity has 3 centres for the rehabilitation of the released male prisoners, 3 centres for the released female from prisons, the streets and the misused girls, and 5 centres for the education of the children of prisoners, children with delinquency and children with behavioural maladjustments. We take care of 88 children and 42 grown ups through these 11 centres.

#### **Aim of the centres**

- Rehabilitation of the prisoners
- Reformation of the personality
- Reintegration into their own families, and society.

i. Marriages of the Inmates

ii . Family Settlement:

iii. Job Placement:

iv. Departures from Centres:

#### **The Annual Day Celebration of Centres:**

The aim of this celebration is to make our benefactors and neighbours more aware of the need of this ministry and this is the Day of thanksgiving.

**5. Reports from the Seminaries:** Jesus Fraternity as it has its origin in one of the seminaries it is very much alive in the seminaries. The involvement of the seminarians is highly acclaimed by the Council of Bishops and the formators as it has formative value in the development of future priests. At present 9 Major Seminaries have formally started Fraternity groups in the seminaries and take an active part in the weekly visits to prisons and organize the liturgical and other program in the semester holidays.

They also publish two literary works such as “*Thadavarasangeetham*”and “*Pulari*”

#### **6. Report from the State Office**

The state wide ministry is co-ordinated and directed by the State Office situated in POC the central office of the Kerala Catholic Bishops’ Council. The State Office is in constant contact with the dioceses, the religious orders, seminaries, local units, zones and the rehabilitation centres, the three Government Departments of Prisons, Social Welfare and the Police. It is the onus of the State Office to convoke the various meetings of the Zonal directors, centre directors, state executive and organize state level programs for volunteers and major events in prisons.

## **Major Events in 2019-2020**

- Christmas was celebrated in all the jails in Kerala with the presence of the distinguished bishops.
- Christmas wishes and cakes were given to DGP. Rishi Raj Sign sir, DIGs Central jail supridendents and other jail officers at Jail Department headquarters at Poojapura, TVM.
- Christmas Jail visit by the Major seminary units were done during the Christmas season
- Rehabilitation centers directors meeting was held at POC.
- On November, The PMI office had celebrated its silver jubilee of the establishment of the national office at Baglure and around 30 people from kerala had participated in the jubilee celebration held at Baglure.
- One week jail day celebration was held at kakkand district jail, in which the district collector, Suhas and DGP Rishi Raj sign and the cine artist Nathirsha were present and the state director of Jesus Fraternity was also invited for the same. (10.02.2020) and other distinguished personalities were there in these days and Under the leadership of Jesus Fraternity Mercy higher secondary school has performed a cultural program at the district jail. And in all these days fraternity members were there for the other helps.
- Jails days were celebrated in the different jails in Kerala and in the jail day celebrations Jesus fraternity representatives were specially invited and conducted cultural programmes for the inmates.
- One of our makkal ( Viji) was given in marriage. She was married to near vettukadu Parish. (06. 01.2020)
- Rehabilitation centers directors meeting was held at POC on (20.02.2020).
- Anniversary of Vettukadu Snehasram was held (15.2.2020).
- Zonal meeting was held at Trivandrum zone at Snehasram, manvila and the director was present for the meeting. (13.3.2020)
- Jesus Fraternity directors meeting was held in Google meet (30.7.2020).
- Volunteers refreshment program conducted online on ( 4.8.2020).
- Nine days of Novena was conducted in honor of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe as a preparation for the Fraternity day celebration beginning from nine days before the Fraternity Day celebration.
- Jesus Fraternity State executive meeting was heldonline with the presence of the Chairman bishop Mar Jose Pulickal and main plans of activities were discussed and approved and the Financial accounts of the previous year was presented and was unanimously approved.
- On August a new house was built and given to a life sentenced prisoner family Varapuzha.
- On March we made visit to Saranya house, one of our makkal given in marriage at kollam, who was blessed with four children at a delivery, whose birthdays was celebrated on that day, and we went their and gifted them golden chains and necklace.
- All Jesus Fraternity Volunteers one week retreat was held from 12 to 16. The retreat was led by Bp. Jose pulickal, Abp. Thomas mar koorilos, Bp. Thomas Mar eusebius, Rev. fr. Dominic Valamunal, Fr. Varghese karipery, Fr. Francis kodiyan, Fr. Alexander kurikkatil, Fr. Joshi Mayyatil and Fr. Stanly Mathirapally.

- Renovation of the Snehasram, Vettukladu:- Vettukadu Snehasram was renovated and the work was started on May 15 and the work was completed on October 5<sup>th</sup>. And blessing of the house are scheduled after November 15.
- In this pandemic time we have distributed tailoring machines to different jails for stitching the masks, as it is requested from different jails.
- Face shield were given to the prison officers as they deal with covid positive as well as quarantine cases in the jails.
- Distributed face masks to the inmates as well as the officers in the different jails in Kerala.
- As the request new dress were bought and given to the woman jail at kakanadu as well as at Malapuzha woman jail.
- Bible, Rosaries and Magazines were given to Ernakulum district jail, Kakanadu.
- Disinfection machine is given to Aluva sub jail.
- We have given treatment helps for our brethren behind the iron bars and their families.
- Educational Help for the Children
- Travelling financial support given to our ex-prisoners.
- Legal helps given.
- Day today expenses of the rehabilitation centers.

### **Fraternity Day Celebration**

On August 9<sup>th</sup> the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the patron saint of prisoners, is celebrated as Fraternity Day. On August 9<sup>th</sup> a circular of Bishop Mar Jose Pulickal, the Chairman of Jesus Fraternity, was read in all the available online platforms during the Eucharistic celebrations. This year the state level celebration was organised at state office at Google meet and nine days of St. Maxmilian maria Kolbe novena was held as a preparation for the fraternity day, Bp. Jose Pulickal had inaugurated the fraternity novena with his orientation talk and each days we had distinguished persons for the reflection.

### **8. Future Plan**

In the year 2021 we are planning to strengthen the ministry through taking care of the needs of our brethren behind the iron bars. Diocesan, unit level Jesus Fraternity ministry will be strngthened in its grass root level. We will concentrate a little more on the victims' families. This year we are planning to bring a positive awareness on the people about the prisoners and their circumstances. We continue to take necessary steps for the campaign against the crimes conducting awareness program among people of various age group, specially targeting the youth. Planning to implement the literacy Programs in the Jails. Making alive all the rehabilitation centres of Jesus Fraternity.

### **9. Financial Report**

**Snehasramam society POC**  
**Balance sheet as at 31-03-2020**

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>RS.</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Rs.</b>

<b><u>Capital Fund</u></b>		<b><u>Fixed assets</u></b>	
Balance as per last B/s	<b>80,23,852.32</b>	As per schedule A	<b>56,70,900.51</b>
Add:-Excess of Income over Expenditure	<b>1, 62,490.54</b>	Current Assets	<b>1,57,300.00</b>
Rent Advance	<b>5,000.00</b>	Cash at hand and at bank	<b>23,63.142.35</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81,91,342.86</b>		<b>81,91,342.86</b>

**Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31-03-2020**

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Rs.</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Rs.</b>
Rehabilitation Expenses	749605.00	Donation Received	22,07,663.00
Administrative Expenses	827176.9	Agricultural Income	2,81,192. 00
Printing and Stationary	129260.00	Other Incomes	2,86,689.97
Repairs and Maintenance	246770.00		
Donation given	256384.00		
Depreciation	403858.54		
<b><i>Excess of Income over Expenditure</i></b>	<b>162490.54</b>		

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,13,054.44</b>		<b>27,75,544.97</b>
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**A short Budget for next year**

**Income**

Donation – 2500000/-	
Agriculture Income- 100000/-	
Interest- 18000/-	
Sale of articles- 15000/-	
Vimochanam publication- 16000/-	
Rent- 36000/-	
	<b>Total -26, 85,000.00</b>

**Expenditure**

Charity, donation, gifts- 250000/-	
Travelling- 200000/-	
Mess expense- 250000/-	
Printing stationary- 45000/-	
Medical expenses- 30000/-	
Agricultural- 45000/-	
Postage and telephone- 70000/-	
Salary and allowances- 350000/-	
Renewal and rehabilitation – 1000000/-	
Repairs and maintenance- 100000/-	
Marriage expense – 120000/-	
Vimochanam publication- 45000/-	
Festivals celebrations -100000/-	
Regional celebration – 50000/-	
	<b>Total – 26, 55,000.00</b>

**9. Conclusion**

As I conclude the report, I would like to express our sincere thanks:

- H. E. Mar Jose Pulickal , the Chairman, H. E. Abp. Joseph Kalathiparambil, and H. E. Thomas Mar Eusebius, the vice chairmen for their constant guidance, support and encouragement.
- to the Former Director Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikattu and Fr. Jacob G Palackapally the present KCBC deputy secretary and staff of P.O.C. for their loving support fraternal care.
- to Rev. Fathers, Sisters, Seminarians and Laity who are the real heart and soul of this ministry across the state for their sacrifice, unfading enthusiasm and love for the Lord, and the

cooperation they extend to each other supporting and strengthening one another in this most difficult, challenging and noble ministry.

- to our hundreds of benefactors and sponsors from all walks of life who strengthen and enable us to go ahead confident and courageous serving the people of God in prisons and others with their generous and solid donations and contributions. Last but not the least a spate of thanks to the founder fathers and the former directors who are always willing to help in all the activities of Jesus fraternity.

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State Director, Jesus Fraternity

## **SARATHI**

A Helpline for Drivers

### **KCBC COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT**

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#### **DIRECTOR**

**FR. SEBASTIAN THEKKANATH**

#### **SARATHI REPORT 2020**

**SARATHI - A Helpline for Drivers**

#### **PART-I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

**Sarathi** is a voluntary organization under **Justice, Peace and Development Commission of Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council**, which aims at the integral development of the taxi and auto drivers in Kerala. It is the dynamic response of the Catholic Church of Kerala to involve in the life situations of taxi and auto drivers in order to make them promoters of justice, peace, development and religious harmony in the society.

**Mar Jose Pulickal** is the Chairman of **Sarathi**. Vice Chairmen - **Abp. Most. Rev. Dr. Joseph Kalathiparambil, Thomas Mar Eusebius** and Director- **Fr. Sebastian Thekkanath**. **Sarathi** started its developmental mission in the year of 2000. It is registered under Charitable Trust Act IV 170/2001 EKM.

**Vision of Sarathi:** Empower the drivers, so that they can be messengers of peace.

**Mission of Sarathi:** Coordinate the drivers, to use their immense possibilities and potentialities for a better society and to materialize the words of Jesus, "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Mt.11:28).

**Field of Sarathi:** There are 3,31,373 km different kinds of roads (National & State highways, Corporation, Municipality, Panchayath roads) and around 10 lakh taxi and auto drivers in Kerala.

## **PART - II**

### **ACTIVITIES OF THE CURRENT YEAR**

#### **1. Reach out Programs.**

From December to march, there were Reach out programs as usual. From the State Office brothers went to Mananthavady, Kattappana, Ranni, Irinjalakuda and Kozhikode, organised many meeting of drivers and initiated the process of starting new units of Sarathi at different places of these areas.

#### **2. New Units.**

As a follow up of the field work and reach out programs, we could inaugurate a few units of Sarathi in the following places.

1. Thookupalam.
2. Murikkassery- Two units.
3. Irinjalakuda Town.
4. Karanchira.
5. Puthiyakunnu- Wayanad.
6. Koruthode.
7. Mookkannur- Sehiyon stop.
8. Angamaly- CR auto stand.
9. Vechoochira
10. Kumblanthanam.
11. Thirumoolapuram- Thiruvalla.
12. Karayamparambu- Elavoorkavala.

#### **3. Anniversary of Sarathi Units.**

This current year Sarathi could organize only a few anniversaries or drivers meet of Sarathi units, due to Covid 19 pandemic. After March 2020, we cancelled all such gatherings, due to Covid 19 lock down, including state level program scheduled at P.O.C.

At Pala SH Provincial House, we conducted drivers meet and Mr. Mani C. Kappan MLA inaugurated the meet. At following places also we conducted drivers meet: Koruthode, Piravom, Kodakara, Podimattom, Thiruvalla, North Paravur, Kottagiri(TN), Ponkunnam, Pizhaku, Potta, Irinjalakuda, karanchira, Neeloor, Kumily, Elappara, Oonnukal, Murickassery, Vilayamkott, Calvary mount, Pala Town, Vellikulangara, Mammiyoor.

#### **4. Motor Kshemanidhi Programs.**

During this calendar year, before Covid-19 lockdown we could organize a few Motor Kshemanidhi awareness classes and membership renewal program. At Kattappana and Murickassery we conducted such program.

#### **5. Traffic Awareness Class for Public and Drivers.**

From the Sarathi state office we gave a class on road accidents and its causes at Chempannoor, Angamaly and also conducted many such classes for SARATHI drivers at various places during drivers meet. On March 8<sup>th</sup> Fr. Sebastian Thekkanath conducted an awareness class for Charity Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul provincial house at Potta. More than 60 sisters participated in it.

#### **6. Income Generating Program Inaugurated.**

SARATHI unit at K. Chapath started an income generating program. They opened a mobile Freezer and Sound System centre for rent and Fr. Sebastian Thekkanath inaugurated it on 15 January 2020.

#### **7. New Book Published.**

A New Book “Sevanathinte Veritta Vazhikhal” published by SARATHI recently. The content of the small book is the exemplary and inspiring stories of auto taxi drivers. This will give an inspiration to auto drivers to be living models and others to get a good inspiration about drivers as well as to change their wrong concept about auto drivers. This will boost up the self-esteem of auto drivers and motivate them to do well and to be gentle in their dealings.

#### **8. Gandhi Jayanthi Day Celebration.**

Following the Covid 19 regulations many of our Sarathi units observed Gandhi Jayanthi Day meaningfully. Wearing Mask and keeping social distancing, Sarathi members cleaned their respective auto stands and collected all plastic and other wastes from their local town. Fr. Sebastian Thekkanath, State Director inaugurated this program at Kalady town.

#### **9. Tele Communication Strengthened during Covid 19.**

During this Covid 19 pandemic situation it was not possible for a face to face interaction with Sarathi members and organizes meetings. Thus from the Sarathi state office we strengthened the interaction with Sarathi Drivers and gave them mental strength, when they were at home without any income in a lock down situation.

### **PART-III**



## **NOVEL PROJECT INTRODUCED/ LAUNCHED DURING COVID 19 PERIOD FOR SARATHI DRIVERS.**

### **1. Mobile Application:** Online taxi application

In collaboration with Town Technologies, a Software company, we launched mobile app for auto drivers. By this any customer can avail auto rickshaws through a mobile by downloading this application. It will take little time to be very familiar, because of the Covid 19 lockdown. In future it will be a great help for drivers as well as for general public.

### **2. Subsidised Insurance Scheme.**

In a joint venture with Muthoot Insurance broking agency, in this Covid 19 crisis period Sarathi introduced a vehicle insurance scheme, in which the individual vehicle according to category, the owner get a subsidy of Rs 1500 to 1800 per year. It has got a big momentum among the Sarathi members.

### **3. Online Real Estate Program.**

In a joint venture with Plotmall.Com, an Online Real Estate agency, we make all our Sarathi members as local agents of Real Estate business, by which they may get a good income as legal Commission of the deal. In future it will be a great support for the drivers.

### **4. Covid 19 Awareness Posters and Stickers.**

In collaboration with KSSF, Kottayam, SARATHI distributed thousands of Covid 19 awareness posters and stickers sponsored by Kerala Social Service forum (KSSF). It was a great support for auto drivers, when Covid -19, lockdown was relaxed and the auto rickshaws started to move on the road partially, to serve the society.

### **5. Distribution of Food Material Kit to Sarathi Members and other Drivers.**

During this Covid -19 lockdown situation, auto-drivers are the worst affected group in the society, because they don't have work and they do not have any income to support their family. SARATHI took an initiative to distribute food materials to them with the support of religious congregations and generous people who came forward to help. In the first instance, we could distribute it for the majority of the Sarathi members and many hundred other drivers. For example we could give it to almost all auto drivers at Angamaly with the support of all religious in and around Angamaly and with the help of some generous individuals. In a second instance during Onam season Sarathi could help the drivers with food materials once again.

## **PART-IV** **FUTURE PLANS**

### **1. Mental Health Programs:**

In this Covid -19 situation, our goal is to boost up all Sarathi members and other drivers to face and overcome any similar situation. Mental health is very important in such situations. We plan to organize such mental health strengthening programs at various units, with the support of experts.

### **2. Starting New Units.**

We had done the initial works to start new units of Sarathi at least a hundred places, before the Covid 19 lock down. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we could not do a follow up. In the coming days, we are planning to have follow up programs at all these places and start new Sarathi units.

### **3. More Motor- Kshemanidhi Camps.**

We are planning to organize more Camps on Motor Kshemanidhi awareness camps in different Districts. Only this will give a security for drivers and their families. A minimum pension will be guaranteed through this.

### **CONCLUSION.**

Sarathi- A Helpline for drivers started with a vision to empower the taxi and auto drivers, so that they can be powerful social agents for the integral development of the society. **This mission is the response to the words of Jesus, “Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” (Mt.11:28).** Sarathi is working tirelessly to make the drivers as the messengers of peace and harmony in the society. This is materialized with the support of the Catholic Church of Kerala. We earnestly believe that, through the co-operation, support and collaboration of the Catholic Church of Kerala we will be able to reach out to the maximum number of auto-taxi drivers in the near future.

This current year because of Covid 19 pandemic Sarathi could not work as previous years. Auto rickshaw- taxi drivers are one of the most affected groups because of this pandemic. Drivers are daily income generating group. Lockdown affected severely their service and income. It may take many more months to come back to a normal situation for them. Let us all join our hands to support them and their families to overcome this crisis situation.

I sincerely thank the Chairman Mar Jose Pulickal, vice chairmen, Abp. Most. Rev. Dr. Joseph Kalathiparambil and Thomas Mar Eusebius of JPD commission and all the bishops of KCBC, for their paternal concern for this challenging mission of the Church.

**Fr. Sebastian Thekkanath**  
**Director, Sarathi**

**PART V**  
**Appendix I**  
**THE SARATHI TRUST**

Budget for the year 2020-2021

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Audit fees	4,472
Bank charges	261
Donation	396
Drivers welfare expenses	43,921
Electricity charges	22,855
Gifts & donations	12,786
Insurance	8,380
Membership & subscription	3,073
Miscellaneous expenses	60,010
News paper & periodicals	7,811
Postage & stamp	15,019
Printing & stationary	268,725
Repairs & maintenance	133,603
Salary & allowance	192,161
Staff welfare expenses	143,660
Telephone charges	50,831
Travelling expenses	20,790
Vehicle expenses	128,342
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,117,096</b>

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
DONATIONS GENERAL	1,116,181
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	915
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,117,096</b>

## Appendix II

**The Sarathi Trust**  
**Karayamparambu, Karukutty P O**  
**Angamaly 683576**

**Receipts & payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2020**

Receipt	Amount (Rs.)	Payment	Amount (Rs.)
<b>Opening Balances :-</b>		<b>Current Laibilites:-</b>	
Cash at bank	2,48,628.45	Audit Fees Payable	5,000.00
Cash in hand	1,460.50	<b>Fixed Assets:-</b>	
Donations General	8,64,000.00	Fixed Assets	6,500.00
Registration Income	19,850.00	<b>Revenue Expenditure:-</b>	
Miscellaneous Income	675.00	Bank Charges	604.50
Unsecured Loan	20,000.00	Donation	92,015.00
		Drivers welfare expenses	13,500.00
		Electricity charges	32,892.00
		Gifts & Presentations	28,650.00
		Insurance	6,330.00
		Membership & Subscription	6,930.00
		Miscellaneous Expenses	4,732.00
		News paper & Periodicals	6,260.00
		Postage & Stamp	14,773.00
		Printing & Publication	3,04,584.00
		Rates & taxes	1,449.00
		Repairs & Maintenance	32,709.00
		Salary & Allowance	1,30,600.00
		Staff Welfare Expenses	59,554.30
		Telephone Charges	22,621.00
		Travelling Expenses	46,092.00
		Vehicle expenses	1,46,688.00
		<b>Closing Balances :-</b>	
		Cash at bank	1,83,270.95
		Cash in hand	8,859.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,54,613.95</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,54,613.95</b>

For The Sarathi Trust

*(Signature)*



Place : Angamaly  
 Date : 06.08.2020

As per our Report of even date attached

For Sajive Associates  
 Chartered Accountants  
 FRN 003525S



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 Justy Thomas  
 Partner  
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UDIN: 20092285AAAACH4096

# **KCBC CARE HOMES and SPECIAL SCHOOLS COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT**

## **Annual Report of Association of Catholic Care Homes & Department of Special Schools 2019-20**

Even though Catholic Church is multifaceted, right from her inception, Church is synonymous with care for poor and needy. There exist a symbiotic relationship between proclamation of the 'Good-news' and concern for the anawim of Yahweh.

Association of Catholic Care Homes (ACCH) and Department of Special Schools (DSS) are in the fore-front in guiding and coordinating all caring, protecting, developmental and rehabilitation activities of these poor, unwanted, orphan and needy people undertaken by Catholic Dioceses of Kerala, Religious Congregations and Lay initiatives. With due respect to all concerned, I humbly place before you what transpired during the year.

### **Diocesan Level Conventions**

During the last year, with the help of KCBC Diocesan Care Homes directorates, In-charges of Special Schools and various Religious Communities, Diocesan level conventions were held. I may be permitted to add that an important ingredient of these meetings was study-classes related to RPWD Act, Mental Health Care Act and JJ Act. Participants were also made aware of

- Issues in running care Home institutions
- Infrastructure requirements thereof
- Role of staff and employees, etc.

Director of Association of Catholic Care Homes (ACCH) also participated and conducted classes in workshops organized by Orphanage Control Board for institutional heads and employees.

### **Fast and Sit –in Protest.**

Department of Special Schools (DSS) was all geared up to observe fast and do sit-in protest against denying grants to special schools on 07th September 2019, Onam day in-front of State Secretariat. Having got wind of our plans, Hon'ble finance minister of Kerala invited Office – bearers of Department of Special Schools (DSS) for dialogue. As a result, finance minister sanctioned Rs 26 crores followed by another grant of Rs. 23 crores and 96 lakhs for 213 special schools. We are grateful to the state government for this kind gesture.

### **Budgetary Provisions for Differently abled.**

As a result of our DSS' continuous and persistent interaction, Special Schools managed by voluntary organizations received a grant of Rs. 40 crores. Further, Skill and Employment generation centers were allocated for the first time Rs. 10 crore in Feb 2020 state budget.

### **Training for Special School Staff and SCERT Curriculum**

Department of Special Schools' (DSS) long standing request for SCERT curriculum for special schools was published. All our associates were given training to transact this curriculum by Department of Special Schools (DSS). Congratulations to Rev. Sr. Flower Jose, an executive member of ACCH, for being selected as Govt. master trainer for resource persons.

### **Celebrations**

At the diocesan and institutional level, Association of Catholic Care Homes (ACCH) initiated celebrations on occasions such as- birthday of Mother Teresa, Day of the differently abled and senior citizens day etc.

On 15th February, in Darbar Hall at Ernakulam, a musical fest led by playback singer Sri UnniMenon was organized for differently abled kids and teachers who came from across Kerala were offered meals and transport by DSS. This event was cosponsored by Bharat Petroleum.

### **VazhiVilakk**

JPD commission and Association of Catholic Care Homes (ACCH) brought out a hand book to guide Kerala Catholic Church's out rich program for poor and needy.

On completion of term of office Director Association of Catholic Care Homes (ACCH) and DSS Rev. Fr. Roy Mathew handed over office to Rev. Fr. LijoChittalapilly on 31st May, 2020. Our sincere thanks to Fr. Roy Mathew Vadakkal, his seven long years of service.

### **Covid – 19**

Covid-19 has red signaled our 'used to' way of life. It is urging us to get used to 'new normal'. Restrictions under covid-19 made administration and management of our institutions very difficult in terms of arranging resources both human and material. With the constant encouragement and support of KCBC leadership, Association of Catholic Care Homes (ACCH) and Department of Special Schools (DSS) were in battle with the Government to get support and help to our institutions and at last able to get free ration and Kits sanctioned for our Care Homes, Ashrams and Convents. It is also heartening to note that previously unreleased grant for orphanages was released by KCBC Association of Catholic Care Homes' (ACCH) continuous efforts

### **Solutions for Knotty Issues**

State government refused permission to re-admit students sent home from Care Homes on holidays as part of government's De Institutionalization Policy. Our efforts to persuade civil authorities to revisit this decision did not meet have desired results. Finally, as a way out, as per the direction of JDP Commission Chairman His Excellency Mar Jose Pulickal, ACCH director Rev. Fr. LijoChittilappilly, in consultation with Orphanage Association, approached Hon'ble High Court of Kerala and got favorable verdict.

Meanwhile, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) ordered that State of Kerala along with eight other states sent back all inmates of Child orphanages back home. Once again we KCBC Association of Catholic Care Homes (ACCH) approached the Hon'ble High Court. NCPCR on being asked by the Court for an explanation submitted that it was not an order, but an internal communication. This climb – down saved us from further troubles.

### **Orphanage Control Board**

The absence of an Kerala Govt. Orphanage Control Board which would facilitate control, registration and financial assistance, made functioning of such Care Homes Institutions very difficult. Constant engagement of ACCH office – bearers, guided and supported by KCBC leadership led to the formation of such a board. There are three Catholic priests including former Director and current Director of ACCH and two Sisters in the newly constituted board. His Beatitude Cardinal Mar George Alenchery has written to the government asking for nomination of Rev. Fr. Roy Mathew Vadakkal as Christian representative in would be constituted new board Chairmanship. Previously, OCB was constituted on eleven occasions. Of these, on ten occasions OCB chairman was a Muslim brother

### **General Body Meeting KCBC Association of Catholic Care Homes and election of Office Bearers.**

Annual General Body Meeting of ACCH was held on line on Thursday, 05th November 2020. JPD Commission chairman His Excellency Mar Jose Pulikal presided over the meeting. Commission Secretary Fr. Jacob Mavumkal was present and ACCH director, Fr. LijoChittilappilly welcomed the participants. Care Home Directors from all the dioceses and executive members of ACCH attended the meeting. Thirteen member executive committee was elected in this meeting. Statements of accounts, annual reports and planning of the year in running was presented and approved.

## **Conclusion**

Before I conclude this report, I wish to place on record my deep sense of gratitude and appreciation to former JPD Commission Chairman ,His Grace Thomas Mar Kurilos, former JPD Commission Secretary, Fr. George Vettikattil, Former Director of ACCH Fr. Roy Mathew Vadakkal, JPD Commission Chairman His Excellency Mar Jose Pulikal, JPD Commission Secretary Fr. Jacob Mavumkal, Diocesan Directors and Governing Body Members.

**Fr. Lijo Chittilappilly**

Director

KCBC, Care Homes & Special Schools

### **XIII. KCBC Commission for SC/ST/BC Commission**

KCBC SC/ST/BC Commission of official body of Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council that works for the integrated development of the members of catholic church who are of SCSTBC origin. Bishop Mar Jacob Murickan, Auxiliary bishop of Pala is the chairman of the Commission. Bishop Selvister Ponnunmuthan, Bishop of Punalur and Bishop Yoochanon Mar Theodosius, Bishop of Muvattupuzha are the vice chairman of the Commission. Fr. D. Shajkumar and Mr. James Elavunkal serve as Secretary and Joint Secretary respectively. The Commission generoly operate through the official people's organization namely Dalit Catholic Mahajanasabha (DCMS). The commission is registered as a public charitable Trust. A brief report of the activities of the commission in the year 2019-20 is given below.

#### **1. Students' Scholarship**

In order to promote meritorious students the commission awards a scholarship every year. Those selected Dalit Catholic Students who successfully complete the Stds. 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and degree courses with 80% of the total score are given Rs. 1000 each as a token of appreciation and motivation for higher studies. Last year 340 students were given this scholarship. Usually the scholarship are distributed to the students by the commission representatives in a meeting of their parents and diocesan representatives in the presence of the diocesan bishop or Vicar General.

#### **2. Talent Academy**

The Commission has formed 'Talent Academy' for the Dalit Catholic Students. It aims at promoting the talents and skills of young students. Various activities are planned in this regard. The academy was formally inaugurated by His Eminence Cardinal Mar George Alenchery the president of KCBC on 25.11.2020 at Mount St. Thomas Kakkanad. Mar Sebastian Vaniapurackal, the curia Bishop of Syro Malabar Church presided over the function. Bishop Mar Jacob Murickan the commission chairman gave the introductory speech. Several members of DCMS attended the function online.

- a) Talent and Skill Development Training Programme(TSDTP)  
The first module of Talent and Skill Development Training Programme(TSDTP) commenced on the same day. One year ongoing training will be given to 51 excellence students who were selected through a written test conducted in March 2020. They will be given special training in various study skills soft skills in the personal skills etc. Those students who successfully complete the course will be given a certificate by the commission. This programme is initiated with the Spiritual and Financial support of Franciscan Clarist Congregation. It will be conducted with the support of Santhi Family Counselling & Personal Development Centre, Kottayam (An initiative of Society of Jesus).
  - b) Career Top 1  
It is special training programme for the selected plus one students with the aim of equipping them to attend the Civil Services Exam.
  - c) Career Top 2  
We are starting a training programme for the first year degree students to enable them to attend the UPSC and PSC competitive exams.
  - d) Kairali Kalamandalam  
We are starting a program to identify highly talented young students to groom them to reach higher stages. For this purpose we have inaugurated 'Karali Kalamandalam', a training programmes in arts and culture. To begin with, we are selecting the students who are highly talented in the field of Music.
3. Covid 19 related programmes  
Dalit Christians were adversely affected by the pandemic Covid 19 more than others. The commission through the diocesan counter parts tried to support the most needy people in the best way possible. All the diocesan committees organized several relief measures such as distribution food kits, medical support, face mask and sanitizer supply, financial assistance, counselling etc.  
The state committee conducted an Essay competition for the members of DCMS of different age groups. Cash prizes were distributed to the winners at a function conducted at the Amos Centre, Kottayam on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 in connection with the Justice Sunday gathering.  
Another competition on vegetable garden making is going on for the members of DCMS. Prizes will be given to the winners in January 20-21.
  4. Justice Sunday  
Every year the Sunday after the India's Independence Day is observed as Justice Sunday. This year it was on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Due to the Covid 19 protocol we could not observe the day as usual. However the commission issued a circular and special prayers were offered in the churches where Holy Mass was celebrated and in all the families. The usual Justice Sunday offering (Sthothrakazhcha) which is the main source of income of the commission was not collected this year.
  5. Fasting and prayer Day  
The Commission invited all the families to observe a Day of Prayer and Fasting on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 with the intentions of getting the judgement in favour of Dalit Christians in the case in the Supreme Court and to find out proper solutions for the Covid 19 pandemic. Bishop Jacob Muricken officiated the prayer session in Pala.



## 6. State Convention

The usual state level gathering in connection with Justice Sunday was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at the Amos Centre, Kottayam. In keeping with the Covid 19 protocol the convention was modest, yet grand. Fifty representatives from different dioceses attended the function. Mr. James Elavunkal, the DCMS president presided over the meeting. Justice Abraham Mathew inaugurated the function. Bishop Selvister Ponnunmuthan and Bishop Yoohanon Mar Theodosius addressed the gathering. The winners of the Essay completion were given cash prizes at this function.

## 7. Advocacy and Lobbying

The state committee gave memorandum to the chief Minister and other concerned ministers and the LDF leaders placing various demand of the Dalit Christians and asking them to fulfil their promise in the Election Manifesto of 2016. Since no favourable response was given DCMS organized a Dharna in front of the Secretariat on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Most Rev. Dr. M. Soosa Pakiam, the Archbishop of Trivandrum inaugurated the Dharna which was lead by Mr. James Elavunkal the president of DCMS. Bishop Jacob Muricken gave the introductory talk. Bishop Christudas, the Auxiliary Bishop of Trivandrum and other leaders addressed the Dharna which was organized observing the Covid 19 protocol.

## 8. Certificate issue

In the month of February 2020 a circular was issued **from the office of the Commissioner of Examinations to all the schools directing to write 'OBC'** in the 'caste column' in the SSLC certificate of 'OEC' students. It was an improper direction which would adversely affect the scholarships and grants to the Dalit Christian students. The state committee gave petitions to all the concerned offices and met those in charge personally and got the order corrected in the month of October. Accordingly caste name will continue to be written in the caste column of converted Christian students as in the case of other students.

## 9. State committee and council meetings

Even during troubled times of Covid 19 pandemic we tried to keep the members together and empower the movement to go forward through several meetings online and otherwise. We had the state committee meeting in the months of February (at Changanassery) and November (Kottayam). In March (at POC) and in September (at Amos Centre, Kottayam) we held the General Council meetings when we were restricted by the Covid 19 protocol. We conducted two state committee meetings and two General Council meetings on line. In addition to these meetings we also had online meetings with all the diocesan committees during this time.

## 10. Housing project

The Commission is implementing a Housing project for 300 homeless Dalit families of different dioceses with the support of different agencies. The beneficiaries were identified by the dioceses. They were linked to a sponsoring agency. The agency after verifying the genuineness of the case provide a financial support of Rs. 175000/- to each beneficiary. The rest of the money needed for a completion of house is born by the diocese, parish or well wishers and by the beneficiaries themselves. Beneficiaries have been selected our from the dioceses of 1) Neyyattinkara, 2) Trivandrum(M), 3) Trivandrum(L), 4) Kollam, 5) Changanassery, 6) Thiruvalla, 7) Kanjirappilly, 8) Pala, 9) Punalur, 10) Mavelikkara, 11) Ernakulam- Angamaly, 12) Kothamangalam, 13) Vijayapuram, 14) Idukki, 15) Kozhikode, 16)

Kannur, 17) Palakkad. They are supported by the congregations of CMI (101 Houses), FCC (24 Houses), CMC (20 Houses), SABS (9 Houses). H.E. Baselios Cardinal Cleemis support 14 houses and the society of St. Vincent De Paul support 132 houses. According to the reports we our received almost 250 houses have been completed. The rest of the house will be completed by the ended this financial year. The housing project is designed to be an ongoing project which will be continued till all the Dalit families will have a house with support of all the good hearted people.

### **Conclusion**

We gratefully acknowledge the support given to the commission by all the office bearers of KCBC in the last year. In a special way we thank Most Rev. Dr. M. Soosa Pakiam who was the President of KCBC, and Rev. Dr. Varghese Vallikkatt who served as the Director of POC in the last six years. It is our request to all the bishops and the members of POC that the needs and the life situation of the Dalit Catholics be part of their prayers and activities always and everywhere.

**Fr. Shajkumar D**

Secretary, KCBC SC/ST/BC Commission

### **XIV. Temperance Commission**

With immense joy and gratitude, I present the annual report of Madhyavirudha Samithy of KCBC Temperance Commission. H.E Yoochanon Mar Theodosius is the Chairman and H.E Sebastian Thekethecheril and H.E Christudas are vice-chairmen of the Commission. There is a Secretariat for the Samithy and a State Animator. The 32 dioceses of the Catholic Church in Kerala are grouped into 7 Regions: Trivandrum, Kottayam, Alappuzha, Ernakulum, Trichur, Kozhikode, and Thalasseri.

There was three Secretariat and one General Body Meeting held in the current year to discuss and plan out various Anti-alcohol activities. KCBC constituted a commission in 1998 with the slogan '*Alcohol free Church and Society*'. For implementing this noble prophetic mission the Samithy has been functioning in all the dioceses in Kerala. In the current year several activities were reduced due to the Covid -19 pandemic.

Temperance Commission has its basic pattern of Triple formula of activities to attain its goal. First, the demand reduction that is through various awareness programmes. Second, supply reduction which includes non-violent forms of agitation to persuade the Government to reduce the production and distribution of Alcohol. Third, risk deduction by treating the addicts to change and improve in order to bring them to a new life through medical, psychological spiritual and social counseling and support. These activities are organized in Parish, Forane, Dioceses, Regional and State levels.

After the State Convention, the Commission could not organize many activities due to Covid-19. But we have been arranging many awareness programme through Whatsapp, Google Platform, and Face book both inside dioceses and thorough out the State. Three Google meets were conducted for discussing various Anti- alcoholic activities.

Temperance Commission issued a circular in connection with the Anti-liquor Sunday which is observed on March 8, 2020 in all dioceses.

H.E. Mar Remigiose Inchananiyil, Bishop of Thamarassery, served as the Chairman of this Commission for last six years. He has tirelessly involved in all antiliquor activities. After completing

his tenure H.E. Yoohanon Mar Theodosius, Bishop of Muvattupuha Diocese was elected as the new Chairman.

A joint meeting of the Diocesan Directors and State Executive Committee met on 28th January 2020 at POC. Rev Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, Deputy Director of POC presided over the meeting and Rt. Rev. Dr Yoohanon Mar Theodosius inaugurated meeting.

A press meet was held in the Pastoral Centre Trichur on 6th February 2020 in view of the State Convention which was chaired by the Chairman H.E . Yoohanon Mar Theodosius. All members of the Secretariat were present in the Press Meet.

The 21<sup>st</sup> State Convention was held at NBCLC Hall, Trichur from 8- 9 February 2020. It was a historic and memorable moment which proved once again the vibrant nature of the Samithy. It was an occasion for members to renew their commitment to realize their mission. There were sessions of study classes, gathering of representatives, cultural programme and public meeting during the two days convention.

Archdiocese of Trichur, Archdiocese of Thalassery and Diocese of Alappuzha secured first second and third place respectively for their best performance and they were awarded Trophy instituted by Bishop Makkel Foundtions, Mariamma Aikara and Fr. Paul Karachira for their talented performance. Award for the best Anti-Alcoholic activist was given to Sri. Jose Chembissery of the Archdiocese of Trichur.

As per the decision of the Executive Committee a Dharna was held in front of the Central Excise Commissioner Office at Trivandrum based on the protocol of Covid -19. The same was held in all District Commissioner Offices. The Samithy submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister, Excise Minister and Excise Commissioner to stop the production and distribution of liquor, especially during the pandemic Covid-19.

The Commission acknowledges with gratitude the guidance and encouragements rendered by the Chairman H.E. Yoohanon Mar Theodosius and H.E Mar Sebastian Thekkethecheril, H.E R. Christudas the Vice-chairmen. I am happy to record my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Executive Members and General Body of the Samithy. I also express my heartfelt gratitude to the 32 diocesan Directors for their kind support and cooperation.

**Fr. John Areekal**

Secretary, KCBC Temperance Commission

## **XV. KCBC Health Commission Catholic Health Association of India CHAI Kerala**

### **KCBC Health Commission Annual Report 2019-2020**

KCBC Health Commission has made tremendous impact in the Health Care System of Kerala through its members and member institutions with its dedicated and unconditional services in the healthcare sector of Kerala. KCBC Health Commission and CHAI together has been creating linkage and participating in various activities that would help in attaining a better and safer platform for all CHAI hospitals in Kerala. The year 2019-20, KCBC Health Commission organized various events aimed to uplift the standards and protocols of small & medium CHAI hospitals in Kerala. It also conducted

various symposiums, workshops mainly on GST Clinical Establishment Act and discussions tackling issues and concerns in the realm of changing policies of the Government, Infection control program, Nursing Excellence program, Excel and Enhance-Junior Level Management workshop, Seminar on Major amendments under Finance Bill 2020, FCRA, 12A Registration, Common Purchase Program and Webinar Meetings and Seminars on Covid -19 Disaster Management & Updates.

KCBC Health Commission consists of CHAI Kerala, Sister Doctors Forum of Kerala and Catholic Nurses Guild(CNG).

CHAI Kerala is completing its 58<sup>th</sup> year of journey and consists of 5 Zones with more than 304 members which include Super Specialty, Medium, and Small Hospitals, Nursing Colleges, Nursing Schools and Social Developmental Non Profit NGOs.

A summary of the strength of CHAI Kerala

Member Institutions	No
Medical Colleges	3
Hospitals Above 400 Beds	12
Hospitals : 100- 400 Beds	52
Hospitals : 1- 100 Beds	87
Dispensaries & Clinic	5
Social Service Societies & Charitable Institutions	68
Nursing Schools and Colleges	77
Total	304

**KCBC Health Commission & CHAI Kerala Board Meetings**

Board Meetings were held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Main Agenda's were:

- Covid-19 updates
- Leave Policy
- Salary issues
- Pending dues from Government
- Memorandum to CM, Health & Labor Ministers
- Concession for water and Current supply
- Covid disaster Management
- CHAI Kerala AGBM
- Annual Report, Accounts and Budget

**CBCI-Regional Secretaries Meeting**

CBCI-Health Secretaries Meeting was held at St. Johns Medical College Bangalore on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Arch Bishop. Mallavarappu (CBCI Health Commission Chairman) Presided the Meeting. Fr. Julius Arackal (CBCI Health Secretary) presented the future activities of Health

Commission.South Indian regionsHealth secretaries meeting was scheduled in March/April 2020 at Kerala.

### **Seminar on Finance, Income tax, GST, FCRA, Labour Laws**

was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020.P.J JohnnyPallivathukal ,Adv.C.B.Mukunthan, Mr.SudhanshuShekar,IRS(Commissioner of Income tax-Exemption) facilitated the seminar.Around 200 members attended the Seminar.

### **Excel and Enhance-Junior Level Management Workshop**

Organized a two days Workshop for the Junior Level of Managers on Hospital Management and Communications. The Program was held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at POC Palarivattom and the Main Resource Persons were Mr.GeorgePullickal and Mr. Biju G Mathew and Rev.Fr. Simon Pallupetta. 60 Participants from different hospitals attended the Workshop. Major Arch Bishop Cardinal Mar George Alencherry(KCBC President) distributed the certificates to the participants.

### **Catholic Nurse's Guild of India Conference**

19<sup>th</sup>CNGI State Conference were held on 31<sup>st</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February2020 at POC Palarivattom in Collaboration with Health Commission. Bishop Rt Rev Dr.AlexVadakkumthala(Vice Chairman-KCBC Health Commission) Inaugurated the Conference,Fr.SolomonChiranghatt(Kerala CNGI Ecclesiastical Advisor) Presided the Meeting, Fr.SimonPallupetta (Secretary- KCBC Health Commission)delivered the Keynote Address, Sr.Sarala(CNGI-National President)Fr.StephenFernandes(CNGI-National Ecclesiastical Advisor),Sr.Josna(CNGI-Kerala President)felicitated the Conference.Concluding message was given by Major Arch Bishop Cardinal Mar George Alencherry.Around 200 Nurses attended the Conference.

### **28<sup>th</sup> World Day of Sick Celebration**

This year KCBC Health Commission Celebrated World Sick Day in Collaboration with CHAI Kerala and Infant

Jesus Church Meladoor. The Program was inaugurated by Fr.JollyVadakken and Presided by Fr.Simon

Pallupetta and Benedictory Address was given by Julius ArackalCMI(Secretary Health Commission

CBCI).There was a Prayer Session and Holly Mass for Sick and around 250 Sick and aged attended the program.

### **Special Meeting cum Seminar**

A Special Meeting cum Seminar is held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 in Collaboration with 3M Pvt Ltd.250 Representatives from Hospitals, Member institutions attended the Seminar. The Main topics were

- Major amendments under the Finance Bill 2020 relating to Charitable and Religious Trusts/ Institutions.

- Health Care Cost & Quality (3M )

### **Common Purchase & Procurement Program**

Common Purchase & Procurement Committee Meeting for Product Negotiation were held on Pastoral Orientation Centre Palarivattom on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The CHAI Kerala Common Purchase Committee has signed Rate Contracts with more than 50 Companies and Manufactures for Quality Products with Competitive Rate.

### **CHAI-Kerala Emergency Medical Team Meeting**

Emergency Medical Team Meeting held at POC KCBC Health Commission Office on 10<sup>th</sup> March to discuss on Corona Virus Eradication Measures. On the basis of this Meeting certain directions and Informations were given to all our Health Care Institutions and Health workers of Kerala. Health Commission, CHAI Board Members and Medical Experts urgent meeting was held to discuss Covid Issue , directions and advice were given to Hospitals and Health Care workers on how to manage the Covid patients and functioning of Hospitals

Updated details of Catholic Hospital's strength, capacity both human resources and material resources were collected and shared with State Government to support the Covid disaster management activities of the State.

### **STRENGTH OF RELIGIOUS IN KERALA 2020**

1	No. of Beds	15100
2	No. of ICU Beds	1940
3	No. of Ventilators	410
4	No. of Doctors	2490
5	No. of Sister Doctors	170
6	No. of Nurses	10300
7	No. of Sister Nurses	860
8	No. of Paramedical staff	5550
9	No. of Non Clinical staff	6800
10	No. of Sisters other than Nurses & Doctors	1020
11	No. of Ambulances	120
12	No. of Fathers and Brothers	120

Catholic Hospital's and Institution's support to handle the Covid-19 situation was communicated to the Government authorities through KCBC President Major Arch Bishop Cardinal Mar George Alencherry.

More than six Webinar video conferences were organized with Catholic Hospitals Directors and Administrators to update and manage the Covid-19 situation and take adequate measures.

### **Memorandum to Chief Minister of Kerala**

A Memorandum on supporting Covid-19 Eradication and our concerns were given to Chief Minister on 9<sup>th</sup>

April 2020, by Fr. Simon Pallupetta (Secretary-Health Commission) and Fr. Shaiju Thoppil (Secretary CHAI- Kerala).

### **Special Meetings Related with Covid-19**

Special Meetings were held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 30<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the issues related to Covid-19.

- On June 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 CHAI-Kerala submitted a Proposal to Health Minister regarding the utilization of Our Health Care Infrastructure to provide care to Covid-19 Patients. (KASP-Negotiation)
- On June 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 CHAI-Kerala attended Private Hospitals Representatives Meeting with NHM-Kerala.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020 CHAI-Kerala attended Covid-19 Coordination Meeting with NHM.
- On 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 CHAI-Kerala Representatives Preparedness Meeting with State Health Administrator, IMA and KPHA.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Private Hospitals Representatives Meeting.
- CHAI-Kerala Representatives to Covid-19 District Level Coordination Committee, under State Health Department.

Kasargod	Rev Sr Taray MSJ
Kannur	Rev Fr Thomas Vadakkemuri
Wayanad	Rev Fr Manoj
Calicut	Rev Sr Daliya
Malappuram	Rev Sr Dr Dominic

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Palakkad	Rev Fr Binu
Thrissur	Dr Benny Joseph
Ernakulam	Rev Sr Bony FCC.
Idukki	Rev Bro Antony
Alappuzha	Rev Fr Thomas
Pathanamthitta	Rev Fr Jose Kallumalikkal
Kottayam	Rev Fr BinuKunnathu
Kollam	Rev Fr Manoj
Trivandrum	Rev Fr Vincent Cleetus

- On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 CHAI-Kerala attended Private Hospital Representatives Meeting with Honorable Health Minister.

### **Webinar Seminar on Community living Covid-19 Situation**

On 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Webinar Seminar on Community living in Covid-19 situation was organized in Collaboration with CBCI-Health Commission, CRI and

Amala Medical Institute. Around 500 Participants attended the Webinar.

KCBC President Major Arch Bishop Cardinal Mar George Alencherry Inaugurated Webinar Meeting with his Message. Arch Bishop Mar George Njaralakkatt , Bishop Alex Vadakumthala, Bishop Joseph Arumachadath attended the seminar with their Message.

### **20 Webinar Meetings on Covid -19 Disaster Preparation**

Around Twenty Webinar video conferences were organized in collaboration with CBCI-Health Commission, KCBC-Health Commission ,KCBC-Youth Commission and a team of Doctors from Amala Medical College, Thrissur to give Training to Youth and Religious Volunteers and Health care workers to handle the situation in case of Community out break and Community Spread of Covid-19 and Community life in Covid-19 Situation.

In some of these Webinar meetings Major Arch Bishop Cardinal Mar George Alencherry (KCBC President), Arch Bishop Mar George Njaralakkatt (Chairman-KCBC Health Commission), Bishop Rt Rev Dr.AlexVadakkumthala (Vice Chairman-KCBC Health Commission), Bishop Mar Tony Neelankavil (Vice Chairman-KCBC Health Commission) addressed the participants with their encouraging messages.

Almost in all the 32 Dioceses, mask, sanitizers were distributed to the Public Places and Offices (Police station, Village office and Bus Stands etc.), free Medicines were distributed to the poor chronic patients through the Diocesan Volunteers and brochures were distributed with the message of importance of wearing mask, social distancing, hand wash and use of sanitizers.

Covid Disaster Management Training was given to 2000 Youth and 300 Religious Volunteers directly 60,000 Youth and 4000 Religious Volunteers indirectly.



## STATISTICS OF RELIGIOUS IN KERALA 2020

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CONGREGATIONS	277
MAJOR SUPERIORS	488
MEN RELIGIOUS	5642
WOMEN RELIGIOUS	42253
BROTHERS	239

- Some of Our Hospitals and Nursing Colleges served as First Line Covid Treatment Centre.
- Currently more than 50 CHAI –Kerala Hospitals provide IP care and treatment for COVID positive patients.
- Sanitizer,Mask,Gloves,PPE Kit etc. made available to all Diocesan Social Services, Society under Common Purchase Program with low price.

### **Fr. Julius Arackal CHAI-Kerala representative to National CHAI-Board**

Board Meeting to discuss CHAI-Kerala AGBM and Covid updates was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. In this Meeting Fr.JuliusArackal(CBCI –Health Secretary) was Nominated as CHAI-Kerala representative to National CHAI-Board.

### **CHAI-Kerala 58<sup>th</sup> AGBM held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

58<sup>th</sup> CHAI-Kerala AGBM was held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Saturday from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm. Due to Covid restrictions AGBM conducted through a Virtual Platform Meeting. Input Session talk was given by Dr. V A Joseph on “Financial Sustainability in the New Normal Era for Missionary Health Care Institutions, Model for small ,medium and large Health care Institutions”. Arch Bishop Mar George Njaralakkatt(Chairman-KCBC Health Commission) inaugurated the Meeting, Presidential address was given by Fr.Dr.BinuKunnath (Acting President ,CHAI Kerala), Benedictory Messages given by Bishop Ret Rev Dr.AlexVadakkumthala(Vice Chairman-KCBC Health Commission) and Bishop Mar Tony Neelankavil (Vice Chairman-KCBC Health Commission). Felicitations speech given by Fr.JuliusArackal (CBCI Health Secretary) and Fr.ThomasVaikathuparambil(EX President- CHAI Kerala)

In the Business Session Fr.Shaiju Thoppil(Secretary- CHAI Kerala) presented CHAI Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019-2020 and Fr.JohnsonVazhapilly (Treasurer- CHAI Kerala) presented the Audit Report and Budget .

During the Business Session, the new Board Members were elected to CHAI-Kerala Executive Board.

President	Fr.BinuKunnathu
Executive Director	Fr.SimonPallupetta
Vice President	Fr.JohnsonVazhapilly

Secretary	Sr.Bony Maria
Joint Secretary	FR.ManojKavalakkadan
Treasurer	Fr.Marydas
Malabar Zone	Fr.ThomasVadakkemury
Trichur Zone	Sr.Cherupushpam
Central Zone	Dr.Sr.AnnieSheela
Kottayam Zone	Fr.SanthoshMathenkunnel
Trivandrum Zone	Fr.VincentCleetus
Ex Officio Member	Fr.JacobMavunkal
Ex Officio Member	Fr.JuliusArackal

### **Future Program**

- Managerial Training for Hospital Directors / Administrators Nursing Excellence Program for Nursing Superintends and Nursing Managers
- Legal Fight for the minority benefits, rights of Charitable Hospitals [KBT & KSEB] and pressurise Govt. to consider our hospitals as a separate category called Mission Hospitals in grading.
- Strengthening Catholic Nurses Guild under KCBC in diocesan level.
- Strengthening Diocesan Level Health Directors
- Seminar on project writing and CSR fund.
- Seminar on Enhancement of communication skills, facilities and services.
- Health Directory
- Parish Level Health related meeting task forces of Health Workers and Youth.
- Diocesan Level Pharmacy

### **Budget 2020-2021**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2020-21</u></b>	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b><u>2020-21</u></b>
<i>CHAI Membership Fee</i>	<i>0.40</i>	<i>Audit fee</i>	<i>0.15</i>
<i>South Indian Bank Interest-SIB</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>AGBM Kerala Expenses</i>	<i>0.10</i>
<i>Contribution</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>Litigation Expenses</i>	<i>17.00</i>
<i>Legal Fund for all litigation expenses</i>	<i>19.00</i>	<i>Meeting Expenses</i>	<i>0.01</i>
<i>Fund for Various programs</i>	<i>0.20</i>	<i>Expenses for various programs</i>	<i>0.17</i>
<i>Other Receipts</i>	<i>0.05</i>	<i>insurance</i>	<i>0.02</i>
		<i>Office General Expenses</i>	<i>0.05</i>
		<i>Postage</i>	<i>0.01</i>
		<i>Printing &amp; Stationery</i>	<i>0.10</i>
		<i>Salaries &amp; allowances</i>	<i>2.24</i>
		<i>Mislaneous Expenses</i>	<i>0.05</i>

		<i>Repairs and Maintenance</i>	<i>0.25</i>
		<i>Telephone &amp; Internet</i>	<i>0.20</i>
		<i>Travelling Expenses</i>	<i>0.25</i>
		<i>Website</i>	<i>0.01</i>
		<i>Bank charges</i>	<i>0.01</i>
		<i>Depreciation</i>	<i>0.04</i>
		<i>Excess Income over Expenditure</i>	<i>0.15</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20.80</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20.80</b>

**Fr. Simon Pallupetta**

KCBC Health Commission Secretary &  
Executive Director CHAI Kerala

## **XVII. KCBC Vocation Commission**

**December 2019 – November 2020**

The KCBC Vocation Commission inspires and co-ordinates the ministry of promoting vocations in Kerala, by helping various dioceses and congregations to identify and train young people who are willing to commit their entire lives to Christ and His Kingdom. It stands to foster and to coordinate all the vocation pastoral activities of the KCBC. It works as a liaison between the various organs in the vocation promotion scenario in the Kerala Catholic Church.

The commission is grateful to Bishop Rt Rev. Dr Vincent Samuel for the six long years of sincere and dedicated service as the Chairman and to Bishop Dr Samuel Mar Irenios for the three years of committed and laudable service as the Vice-Chairman of the commission.

At present the commission has Archbishop Dr Thomas Mar Koorilos as the new Chairman, Bishop Dr James Raphael Anaparambil as the new Vice-Chairman and Archbishop Mar Joseph Perumthottam continues to be one of the Vice-Chairmen. Fr Bijoy Augustine Marottickal serves as the Secretary of the commission. There are the three vocation commission secretaries of the three *sui juris* churches as joint secretaries: Rev. Dr. Sebastian Muttanthottiyil MCBS from the Syro-Malabar Church, Rev. Dr. Charles Leon from the Latin Church and Rev. Dr. John Kuttiyil from the Syro-Malankara Church.

After the specific mandate from the KCBC officials to separate the KCBC Secretariat from the Kerala Vocation Service Centre (KVSC) directorate, from June 2018 the office of the KVSC is no more working as the secretariat of the KCBC Vocation Commission, but rather as an independent office under the supervision of the said commission. While the Director of the KVSC is elected from the Annual General Body Meeting, the Secretary of the Commission is appointed by the KCBC with rite-wise rotation. The present Director of KVSC is Rev. Fr Jomet Joseph Kolath SVD.

Annual General Body meeting planned to be conducted in the third week of March 2020 and the various regional meetings of the five regions planned for April and May 2020 could not be convened due to the spread of Covid-19.

Many restrictions and stay-at-home guidelines during the Covid-19 pandemic are serious challenges for vocation promotion this year. All the dioceses and religious congregations are forced to adapt traditional modes of vocation promotion to the present situation. In view of the impossibility of house visiting and conducting vocation camps, many have utilized social media to share short motivational audio/video files for inspiring young minds to follow the call of God. Many vocation resources based on scientific study and write ups have been produced to enable deeper reflections on the same. Usage of Shalom and Goodness TV, internet and social media had been well placed within the animation schedule. Personal accompaniment is done through phone calls and online platforms to help them discern their vocation. Ardent prayer for vocation is all the more stressed these days of pandemic.

The main activities of the commission are animated by KVSC through the five regions of Thiruvananthapuram, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Thrissur and Malabar. After leaving space for individual vocation directors and promoters to do the preliminary works, regional members were brought together occasionally in the five regions. In each of these regions, regional coordinator, secretary and a council have been elected and have begun functioning, which will give a positive thrust to this ministry. Animation and training programmes are held at the regional level so that many more animators could take part. Creatively newer ideas and more realistic ventures are hoped to rise from this division. Our concentration was to provide our resources to the regions so that there could be more activities at the local level.

We realize that though there are realistic pictures of a fall in vocation numbers, there is also a steady rise in the number of post plus two students willing to join. There is a better climate of prayer for vocations and almost all the dioceses and congregations have taken upon themselves the need for prayer for vocation. All the three rites had been asked to conduct a survey on the quantity and quality of vocations and vocation fall in Kerala and the results are still pending.

**Dr. Bijoy Augustine Marottickal**

Secretary, KCBC Vocation Commission

### **Cherupuzhpa Mission League**

Cherupushpa Mission League is a lay organisation to undertake missionary work of Jesus Christ. Mission League was started in India, especially in Kerala at Bharananganam in the year 1947. Mr. P.C Abraham took the leading role in institutionalizing Mission League across the state of Kerala. At present, it is the largest organization for laity in Asia and the organization has spread to Europe and United State now. All Catechism children who had received Holy Communion are members of the Mission League. As young kids under the process of faith formation, CML is a platform to practice what they learn in religious education classes and so with the blessings of St. Theresa of Liseux and St. Alphonsa.

#### ***Various Committees***

There will be executive meetings and secretariate meetings to make ditions to deploy the programmes. During the Activity Year, there had been executive meetings and managing committees to bring the effective programmes.

### ***Leaders Meet- Camp***

To make and create the talented leaders to lead the Missionaries State Committee conducted a State leadership camp for the office bears of CML

### ***Solidarity***

On behalf of all the CML members, the State Committee committed solidarity with the movement against Wayanad night traffic ban.

### ***Prayer Days***

State Committee conducted special prayers and adorations in various days for the affected people of nipah virus, and died people of Sri Lanka in Terrorist attacks, the people who passed away in flood.

### ***Condolences***

The State Committee members take part the funerals and comemorations of ex-officials of CML.

### ***Observation of State Level Special Days***

Comemoration of Mar Thomas Tharayil, Kunjettan, Fr. Joseph Malipparambil etc., conducted on their death anniversary days. And also held the observation of Mission Sunday, Feast Days of Saints etc. The State Level Mission Sunday programme conducted at Major Archi Episcopal Arch Deacon Martha Mariyam Church Kuravilangadu.

### ***Birthday Wishes***

Conveys the wishes and prayers on the birthdays as well as the feast days of the State Committee team members.

### ***Natural Calamity Help***

During the Covid time, State Committee could give the financial - Material and prayer helps to the affected people in the effective way.

### ***Meet the Seminary Students***

On accordance with the coming Activity Year specially adherent to promote vocation and priesthood, the State Committee visit the various seminaries and conduct a supportive programme for the seminarists.

All the activities and prayerful programmes are conducted to upbringing the missionaries to become the better heraldes of Jesus Christ. This report submits to the glory of God in front of the KCBC.

## **Mission Month**

Mission Month was celebrated from Oct 1st to Oct 31st it was named preshith Lot of Programmer were conducted during that month the programmer were conducted in the Sakha, Mekhala and Diocese level Members actively participated in the Covid resistance programmes.

## **Rosary for survival**

Rosary for survival was organized making sure the participation of all the Diocese For helping survive through the Miseries of COVID 19.

## **Webinar**

Webinar was conducted on various subjects.

## **Actives year inaugurations.**

Cardinal George Alenchery inaugurated the yearly programmes of Mission League on online platform.

## **Various Competitions were Conducted**

Various competitions like quiz, Elaqtation and collash were organized.

## **Messages form Rev.Bishops**

Rev.Bishops of various diocese conveyed their messages on the celebration of various important days.

## **Mission, Experience, Sharing**

The priests and sisters of the mission Diocese shared their mission experiences.

## **Video Show**

A video how was contacted to spread awareness about mission league especially its founding and activities.

## **Fr. Joby Puchukandathil**

CML State Director

## **XVIII. CHARISMATIC COMMISSION**

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**Imcnkv -2020**

The KCBC Charismatic Commission and its service team named Kerala Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team (KCCRST), having central office at EMMAUS, Kalamassery had initiated many activities for strengthening of Church through renewal programmes for priests, religious and laity. KCCRST functions through Kerala Advisory Council (KAC) with 271 members, 1894 prayer groups, 8 Ministries with 83 Ministry Central Team members and 850 Ministry Advisory Council (MAC) members, 2 Councils with 18 Council Central Team members, 24 Zones, 204 sub zones, 8 Sub regions, 3515 Zonal Advisory Council (ZAC) members, and 103 retreat centres spread all over Kerala. The service team works in collaboration with the motto given by Kerala Catholic Bishops Council. For example, year 2020 was Mission Year and many initiatives were taken with the theme 'filled by the spirit and growing as missionaries' (*DWcmw Bßm-hnÂ Dbcmw t{JjnXcmbv*). The

year 2020 was very special due to dynamic interventions of digital platforms from April to December along with normal physical programmes from January to March.

Let us have a glimpse of activities in 2020.

- 1. NATIONAL GOLDEN JUBILEE OF CCR:** The inauguration of Golden Jubilee was launched on January 26th at Mumbai and three members from service team attended. A three year programme called Mission 2022 was launched that day for the nation as a whole
- 2. ACTION PLAN 2020:** The Action plan 2020 was inaugurated by Commission Chairman Bp. Samuel Mar Irenios on 24 February at Emmaus. As such a fourfold programme was launched. They are LSS, SOL, Youth and Leaders Conference.
- 3. LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (LSS):** LSS resource Team training was conducted at Emmaus on Feb. 28 and 29. The subsequent trainings are going on in a digital platform by Parish ministry and its monitoring team. It is a good tool, as suggested by Pope Francis, to relive Baptism in the Holy Spirit (B.H.S) experience. By now 1200 members are undergoing resource training. They are guided by 120 mentors. Mentors are given 7 week training at sub region level. Every zone has an LSS coordinator. Everything is planned in such a way that LSS will be given for all within 3 years covering all parishes in Kerala.
- 4. SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP (SOL):** Trainings in leadership is going on at two different batches. The first batch was started on 25<sup>th</sup> April with 70 religious sisters and 100 lay people. They are guided by 10 animators and by now 30 classes are already completed. The second batch consists of 565 participants, who are guided by 45 animators. It started on 1st August and by now this batch completed 10 classes. The animators check the periodical assignments given to them every week and guide them to follow the module.
- 5. DIGITAL INTERVENTIONS:** The guidelines of Government for restricting gatherings didn't hinder our programmes and meetings because we moved forward with digital platforms. Online visits with Zonal Central Teams, Ministries Central Teams and Jeewajwala and Finance Councils were conducted. Also all zones and ministries are having respective service team meetings, ZAC gatherings and prayer groups in online platforms.
- 6. KERALA FASTING DAY:** July 19 was commemorated as a Fasting Day and all families joined the fasting prayer throughout Kerala region. Besides, by the initiative of intercession ministry Perpetual adoration is going on in Emmaus chapel. Also various intercession campaigns are continuing on virtual platforms.
- 7. K. C. B. C ARADHANA YANJAM:** As the pandemic is becoming severe and to face it with armour of prayer K.C. B. C charismatic commission had conducted a virtual adoration from July 24th to August 2. On the first day the adoration was inaugurated by K.C.B. C President Cardinal Mar George Alencherry and Charismatic Commission Chairman Bishop Samuel Mar Irenios gave the message. The Commission Secretary Fr. Joseph Thamarhely led the Prayer sessions. On subsequent days the adoration was led by various retreat centres and preachers in Kerala. It was telecasted by Shekheina Television.
- 8. VISIT BY NATIONAL TEAM:** The National Charis Communion of Service (CNSC) team had an online visit with Kerala team on 24th August 2020 to foster mutual understanding and sharing of fellowship and activities.
- 9. FEAST OF NATIVITY OF BLESSED MOTHER MARY:** To foster our Marian devotion we conducted two devotional programmes. The first one was in connection with the Nativity of Mother Mary and second one with Rosary Month. During the 8 day fasting from September 1st to 8, ten videos on mother Mary was recorded and telecasted by the members of KCCRST.

**10. ROSARY MONTH:** In October Rosary Month is commemorated with Holy mass, Adoration and Rosary every day at Emmaus Chapel offering 24 zones, all the dioceses and bishops, 8 ministries and two councils along with the respective prayer intentions for each day.

**11. NATIONAL INTERCESSION DAY:** National Intercession Network (NIN) had conducted October 2nd as National Intercession Day. The full day adoration and prayer session were done in Kerala region and was led by various sub regions at specified time intervals. Commission Chairman Bishop Samuel Mar Irenios gave the message.

**12. EMMAUS KALAMASSERY U TUBE CHANNEL:** Due to the growing needs for media evangelisation and also following the guidelines of the Church demanding it, we have initiated a u tube channel namely Emmaus, Kalamassery and all the programmes are telecasted through the channel. Everyday Holy mass is telecasted at 7 A.M through the channel.

**13. KERALA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING:** The KAC meeting is scheduled on December 7th 2020 and Commission chairman Bishop Samuel Mar Irenios will address the gathering. Besides the general format of such meeting, this time there will be study and reflection on the new encyclical Fratelli Tutti

**14. KERYGMA MINISTRY ONLINE TRAININGS:** Kerygma ministry has launched many online videos through its video channel. It has completed 31 episodes of study on apostolic teachings. The ministry also telecasted messages based on Word of God Vachanaseelukul which completed 48 episodes by now. Also an online training in Kerygma is going on from November 5th onwards.

**15. CHRISTEEN MINISTRY:** The programmes initiated by Christeen Ministry include Thiruvachanakalary, Vilakkumaram, Mariyan Sainyam intercession group, a u tube channel for teenagers etc. Marian devotional song competition is also done in October as part of Rosary devotion.

**16. LORDS COUPLES MINISTRY:** Video is made and circulated among the members to show the importance of Domestic Pentecost. For all virtual activities a what's up group of 250 couples is created and virtual meetings are carried out for them. Plans are being done for starting at least one Couples Cell each at all parishes and also to conduct LSS programmes and couples retreats.

**17. JESUS YOUTH:** Jesus Youth has 7657 confirmed and committed members in 2020. All others are categorized in the contact or companion phases as per the newly stipulated formation module. Jesus Youth had conducted Nurses Meet for 500 nurses, intercession initiatives like night vigils, and Perpetual Adoration, Semester Break Mission Programmes, Teen's Mega Meet, and Family Leaders Gatherings. During Covid 19, Jesus Youth continued the Nalla Ayalkaran Project that started during flood times. As part of this project Jesus Youth gave food kits to more than 4000 families. A new ministry was formed virtually for theatre, arts and media. Reconstitution is planned in January 2021 and new team will take over with new projects.

**18. YOUTH APOSTOLATE.** In order to bring more youth to renewal ministries and mobilize youth an adhoc committee is formed by KCCRST and is planning to have more youth gatherings in 2021.

**19. FINANCE COUNCIL:** Because of the Covid 19 and resulting financial struggles, Emmaus is also facing lot of financial difficulties. To meet this need a new project has been initiated namely Charis Friends of Emmaus. (C.F.E) and this project collect from members who volunteer to contribute, a part of their tithe through online via bank account transfers. In order to assess the financial position and plan for the future financial needs the council has



conducted three meetings for southern, central and eastern sub regions.

**20. EMPOWER JUBILEE LEADERS CONFERENCE:** National Team organized a virtual leaders conference during October 23-25 and 287 members participated in it from Kerala region.

## **ACTION PLAN 2021**

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#### **Imcnkv 2021**

**1. POST COVID SPIRITUALITY:** The year 2021 will be very different due to the pandemic Covid 19, started in 2020. It is not only a health or economic issue rather it arose many faith related issues at personal and collective level. So to clarify the faith related issues and to bring back our members to real faith and rejuvenate faith activities is a real challenge before us. So we are concentrating on faith empowerment projects that can lead us into a witnessing lifestyle. Therefore, “**hnizm-k-ilv-Xol-cWw kmfy-Po-hn-X`n\`v**” is the caption for the year 2021. On the basis of this theme, we have planned many projects to deal with the faith crisis and as such Empowerment of Faith at individual and collective level is the major concern of Charismatic Commission and its service team for 2021.

**2. CONSULTATION MEETING:** KCBC charismatic commission along with KCBC Theological and Bible Commission will have a consultation meeting to clarify and sharpen the faith empowerment projects in the context of Post Covid Spirituality.

**3. MINISTRY ACTIVITIES:** Wide spectrums of programmes have been planned by various ministries and some of which are given below.

**3.1. PARISH MINISTRY:** Parish Ministry of Kerala has specially designed LSS Manuel for teenagers under Christeen Ministry, for youth under Youth Ministry, for families under Lord's Couples ministry, for women under Thuvanisa and Singles ministry. Also have plans for LSS for priests, seminarians, religious sisters, catechism teachers & church organizations. Along with the LSS general Manuel in English language, the ministry has prepared LSS module and guidelines in Malayalam language also for the smooth execution of seminar at grass root level.

**3.2. KERYGMA MINISTRY:** The Proclamation Ministry of KCCRST is continuing its online formation programmes through its Catholic Kerygma Media U Tube Channel. It started on 5th November and is being attended by 75 people including 1 bishop, 3 priests, 14 religious sisters, 10 postulants, 4 aspirants and 43 lay people.

**3.3. INTERCESSION Ministry:** All the intercession virtual gatherings like weekly sub region intercession gatherings are continuing in 2021 under Kerala Intercession Network (KIN).

**3.4 THUVANISA & MARIAN SINGLES MINISTRY:** In order to have more feminine inclusion in the Participatory Church a webinar is arranged on FEMININE GENIUS on 8th March 2021

**4. GATHERING OF DIRECTORS OF RETREAT CENTRES AND PREACHERS:** To

attain more unity and for better collaboration, a gathering of directors of retreat centres, preachers, councillors etc is planned in May 2021.

## **5. OTHER IMPORTANT PLANNED GATHERINGS IN 2021 ARE**

- 5.1. Gatherings of Charismatic Leaders at Zonal, Regional and Sub Region Levels
5. 2. Study Seminars for Church Documents at Zonal Level
- 5.3. All Kerala Gatherings of Priests and Religious 2021
5. 4. Formation of Preachers and Councillors
- 5.5. Youth Conference.

**6. MEDIA ROOM PROJECT:** To meet the growing virtual needs of evangelisation a media room is planning be constructed in Emmaus.

**7. REDRAFTING OF STATUTES:** On the basis of newly constituted CHARIS at Vatican, and followed by its guidelines and statutes a redrafting of Kerala regional statutes is to be done in 2021 and it will be submitted to KCBC for further approval and implementation. Let us work together in His Vineyard,

Thank you and God bless you.

**Fr. Joseph Thamaravelly**  
Secretary, KCBC Charismatic Commission  
& Chairman KCCRT

### **K.C.B.C. CHARISMATIC COMMISSION DRAFT** **BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021**

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Jeevajwala Subscription	2,500,000	LSS Resource Training	300,000
Fee for Course & Seminars	700,000	Jeevajwala Printing	2,200,000
Zonal Contribution	600,000	Salary & Allowance	1,218,000
Love offering	100,000	Repair & mace.	200,000
Sales for books	150,000	Vehicle exp. (feul & repair)	300,000
Cash in hand and at bank	1,399,434	Media Room	1,000,000
Deficit (expeted from CFE)	3,935,566	Retreat centres visit	100,000
		Charity homes visit	100,000
		Sub-region visit	50,000
		Discipleship course	100,000
		Printing of directory	50,000
		Food expenses	300,000
		School of Leadership	200,000
		Wages	100,000

		Electricity charges	90,000
		Telephone charges	10,000
		T.A.	300,000
		News paper	3,000
		Audit fees	10,000
		Liturgical expenses	10,000
		Building tax & land tax	5,000
		Bank charges & fees	3,000
		Printing & Stationery	2,400,000
		Cooking Gas	60,000
		Postage	60,000
		Purchase of books	100,000
		Medical expense	10,000
		Charity	50,000
		Contribution to NST	25,000
		Transportation	3,000
		Miscellaneous expenses	28,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,385,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,385,000</b>

**Fr. Joseph Thamaravely**  
**KCBC Charismatic Commission Secretary**

**KERALA CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CENTRE**  
**EMMAUS, ITI ROAD, H.M.T.COLONY.P.O., KALAMASSERY**  
**Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31-03-2020**

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
To Opening Balances;		By Salary & Allowances	11,99,000.00
Cash	5,02,488.25	Donation Paid	2,48,000.00
Federal Bank SB A/c No-16633	1,59,848.00	Audit Fee	7,000.00
Kalamassery Service Co-Op. Bank A/c No.8098	1,656.00	Electricity Charges	77,944.00
South Indian Bank SB A/c No. 2474	3,17,922.87	Food Expenses	11,26,221.00
South Indian Bank (St:Pauls) A/c No - 0004	10,53,842.92	Gas	59,440.00
South Indian Bank SB A/c No. 3084 (Publication)	2,24,616.45	Gift	27,140.00
State Bank of Travancore (Jeevajwala)	3,36,216.20	House Expenses	1,29,849.00
Akshayapathra Contibution	1,520.00	Interest & Bank Charges	497.02
Emmaus Maintenance Contribution	1,75,600.00	Liturgical Expenses	5,205.00
Contribution Received for Food	10,17,560.00	Medicine	7,772.00
Love Offering	69,800.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	5,813.00
Saving Box Collection	5,66,195.00	News Paper	2,880.00
Zonal Contribution	4,64,000.00	Postage	52,886.00
Bank Interest Received	27,766.00	Printing and Stationery	20,93,830.00
Interest on Fixed Deposit	32,362.00	Repairs & Maintenance	2,07,058.00
Advance Returned by Staff	96,000.00	Electrical Fittings	24,000.00
Loan Received from Fr.Varghese Mundakkal	60,000.00	CCTV	20,128.00
South Indian Bank FD-Closure	3,19,269.00	Furniture	35,200.00
Withdrawal from FD-5849	1,62,319.58	Registration & Renewals	4,000.00
Sale of Books	50,060.00	Rates & Taxes	975.00
Subcription-Agents	18,98,935.72	Telephone Charges	8,188.00
Donation	1,95,650.00	Transportation	2,625.00
Life Subscription	2,500.00	Travelling Expenses	1,17,944.00
Local Sales	7,614.00	Vehicle Maintanance	1,15,115.00
Subcription-Direct	2,30,763.00	Wages	72,200.00
		Interest on Car Loan	9,866.00
		Car loan repayment to SIB St:Pauls Branch	2,37,249.00
		SIB FD-5849	5,00,000.00
		SIB FD-6059	5,00,000.00
		Advance Paid to Staff	1,60,000.00
		Loan Repaid to Fr. Varghese Mundakkal	60,000.00
		Festival Allowance	9,430.00
		Purchase of Books	10,000.00
		Layout Charges	8,000.00
		Cartoonist Fee	1,530.00
		Closing Balances;	
		By Cash	38,733.25
		Federal Bank SB A/c No-16633	1,65,680.00
		Kalamassery Service Co-Op. Bank A/c No.8098	1,723.00
		South Indian Bank SB A/c No. 2474	3,29,765.87
		South Indian Bank (St:Pauls) A/c No - 0004	25,171.00
		South Indian Bank SB A/c No. 3084 (Publication)	1,56,869.95
		State Bank of Travancore (Jeevajwala)	1,09,576.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79,74,504.99</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79,74,504.99</b>

*As per Our Report of even date attached  
For Joseph Sibin & Associates, Chartered Accountants*

  
**CA. Joseph Sibin.C.A., FCA**  
(Proprietor)(M No:217174)(Firm Reg.No. 012855S)  
22nd October 2020  
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## XIX. KCBC COMMISSION FOR DIALOGUE AND ECUMENISM

**Greetings from the KCBC Commission for Dialogue and Ecumenism of Kerala. Thanks to Bp. Dr. Selvester Ponnuthan, Chairman; Abp. Thomas Mar Koorilos, Vice Chairman; Bp. Joseph Kallarangatt, Vice Chairman for the guidance and support.**

### I. DIALOGUE

#### **SARVAMATHA SANGAMAM-2019**

The mega event of the year was the inter-religious seminar on **Integral Renaissance of Kerala & Navasrushti Sanyasi Sangamam**” was conducted by the KCBC Commission for Dialogue and Ecumenism on 15th December, Sunday, 2019 from 10.30 AM to 4.30 PM at POC, Palarivattom, Kochi in collaboration with Dharma Bharathi Ashram (Mulanthuruthi), Ananda Dhamam Ashram ( Kollam), Kerala Catholic Major Superiors (KCMS), Forum for Faith & Fraternity (Kaloor). More than 300 participants from all religious groups and organisations were present.

An Integral Renaissance is possible only through the collaboration of people of all faiths and all walks of life. Spiritual Renaissance has to be the foundation for any sustainable renaissance. The ‘Sanyasi/nis’ and leaders of all religions and all those who are interested in the Integral Renaissance of Kerala need to work together to achieve this goal.

The program was fixed, and date was chosen in consultation with the **HON. GOVERNOR OF KERALA, SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN**. December 15th being the 111th birthday of Swami Ranganathananda Ji, the spiritual guide of the Hon. Governor, this particular date was chosen. The POC venue became colourful with the presence of people and dignitaries of all walks of life and faith. After the registration of participants, which started at 10.30 the whole project of Integral Renaissance of Kerala and Navasrushti Sanyasi Sangama” by Swami Dr. Sachidananda Bharathi (Acharya-guru, Dharma Bharathi Ashram), the main inspirer of this meet. Rev. Dr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC (Superior General & President, CRI-Kerala) moderated this session.

**INAUGURAL SESSION:** Hon. Governor was received by the dignitaries and the inaugural session began with the national anthem sung by the students of Guardian Angels’ CBSE School, Manjummel and the prayer guided by Acharya Catherine Prabhujyothi DCP (Mataji, Dharma Bharathi Ashram). Rev. Dr. Varghese Vallikkat (Deputy Secretary General, KCBC & Director, POC) welcomed the audience. Rt. Rev. Selvester Ponnuthan (Chairman, KCBC Commission for Ecumenism & Dialogue) presided over the inaugural session. Keynote address was done by Swami Dr. Sachidananda Bharathi (Founder & Acharya-guru, Dharma Bharathi Ashram, Navasrushti International Trust & KIRAF). Felicitations from Swami Bodhendra Thirtha (Acharya, Ananda Dhamam Ashram, Kollam), Rev. Dr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC (Superior General & President, CRI – Kerala) Rev. Sr. Carolina CSN (Superior General). Having handed over few ‘Socio-Spiritual Entrepreneurship Awards-2019’ the Hon. Governor of Kerala lighted the lamp and addressed the audience. This session ended up with vote of thanks by Dr. Prasad Theruvathu OCD, secretary of KCBC Commission for Dialogue and Commission and final national anthem by Guardian Angels’ School, Manjummel. Rev. Dr. Noble Mannarath CMF did the service of Master of Ceremony.

**INTER-RELIGIOUS SESSION:** In the afternoon session brainstorming was done on the theme ‘Religious Perspectives on Integral Renaissance of Kerala’, presided over by Rt. Rev. Dr. Selvester Ponnunmuthan, moderated by Rev. Dr. Augustine Muloor OCD (Provincial, Manjummel St. Pius-X Province). **A HINDU PERSPECTIVE** was presented by Swami Muktananda Yati (Director, One World School of Vedanta), **A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE** by Rev. Dr. Roby Kannanchira, CMI (Director, Chavara Cultural Center) and **A MUSLIM PERSPECTIVE** by C.H. Abdul Raheem, FCA (Chairman, Forum for Faith & Fraternity)

A beautiful Inter-religious Programme was presented by Sacred Heart College, Thevara and the following valedictory session and the Navasrushti Sanyasi Sangamam by Most **Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Gregorios (Metropolitan Trustee, Malankara Jacobite Orthodox Syrian Church)**. Response to the afternoon session was delivered by M.N.S. Nair (Member, Navasrushti International Trust), Mrs. Asha Thomas Fenn (S.H. College, Thevara) and Rev. Sr. Dr. Teresa CSST (Former Principal, St. Teresa’s College). The program was concluded with the vote of Thanks: Rev. Dr. Prasad Theruavthu OCD and prayer by Swami Dr. Sachidananda Bharathi.

## II. ECUMENISM

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The theme for the week of prayer was “They showed us unusual kindness” (Acts 28:2). It is based on the biblical passage describing the shipwreck of Saint Paul in Malta (Acts 27:18–28,10) and promotes reflection on Saint Paul’s journey of faith and also on the ecumenical virtue of hospitality. Our Commission translated the text was translated into Malayalam and sent to all the dioceses and religious houses. All the diocese arranged the week of Prayer in various parishes and diocesan centres. Compared other years the interests and the innovative methods of conducting the week of prayer is appreciable.

### COMMUNION OF GRACE COMMUNITY GLOBAL WITH CATHOLIC CHURCH

The most acclaimed event that took place during the period of August 2019 and February 2020, was the marathon ecumenical dialogues from May 2019 to December 2019, with the leaders of “Grace Community Global” (GCG), which has around 2

million online and offline followers all over the world, belonging to all denominations, and its happy end on 21st December 2019 when the founder of the community and 52 core-team members (14 families) became Catholics.

The communion of GCG with Catholic Church really started hindering the flow of Catholics to Pentecostal groups and has added to the vibrant evangelisation ministry of the Kerala Church. We accompany GCG members in their ministry, assisting them in their retreats and media ministry. Thousands of GCG members all over the world aspire to become part of the Catholic Church. They have to be instructed, prepared and accompanied. Therefore, a lot of catechetical work is still pending due to Covid-19. The credit for the joyous initiation and a happy completion of such a gigantic ecumenical task goes to Bishop Selvester Ponnunmuthan, the Chairman of Commission for Dialogue and Ecumenism. He works for unity of Christians with all his heart, all his soul and all his mind.

In Union of Prayers

**Fr. Prasad Theruvathu OCD**

Secretary

KCBC Commission for Ecumenism & Dialogue

**INFARM: Indian Farmer's Movement**

**Introduction**

Indian Farmers Movement (Infam) is an independent secular organization of farmers established in Kerala on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2000, under the patronage of the Catholic Church.

It provides a common forum for all the Indian farmers, irrespective of their caste, creed and political affiliations, to work together for the welfare of the farming community. It aims at liberating the farmers from the adverse effect of globalization and liberalization and protects the rights of the farmers. It enables the farmers to inform their problems to the authorities.

**Activities of Infam**

1. Infam makes a common forum for all farmers
2. Infam is the voice of the voiceless farmers and Infam leaders could reach the crucial problems of the farmers to the government, authorities.
3. Infam arranges various seminars and workshops at various parts of Kerala.
4. Infam encourages and promotes organic farming to safeguard the health and life expectancy and it discourages and takes measures to ban the use of chemicals and pesticides.
5. For organic farming infam provides seeds and organic manure.
6. Value added products:- INFAM is also planning to get help from Central and State Government for value added products from agricultural commodities.
7. Provided vegetable seeds to the farmers and arranged training.
8. Request the Government for the Farmer's pension:- INFAM repeatedly requested the Government to arrange pension and other benefits for farmers as like any other employed persons in the country.
9. Thalassery diocese already started a Bio mountain Farmers Producers company on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020, inaugurated by Kerala chief minister Sri. Pinaray Vijayan.
10. Now we are planning to restructure infam and start its units in all diocese of Kerala by January after the effects of corona.

**Conclusion**

Kerala Church is greatly indebted to the farmers for its growth. So Church has a great responsibility to safeguard the farmers and their genuine rights.

It is my proud privilege on behalf of Infam our heart full thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Remigio Inchananiyil Bishop of Thamarassery, Infam national patron. Your open heartedness and far sighted advice have accelerated the activities of Infam. We are grateful to all Bishops of Kerala as your good will and timely interventions boosted Infam in the past years.

As I place this annual report here in KCBC, I humbly implore your blessings and look forward to your whole hearted cooperation and guidance in coming years.

**Msgr. Joseph Ottaplackal**

National Chairman, INFAM

### **KERALA CATHOLIC COUNCIL (KCC)**

Kerala Catholic Council which is the consultative body of the KCBC, consist of Bishops, representatives of Priests, Religious and Laity of the Catholic Church in Kerala. This is the regional body of Catholic Council of India (CCI), an organ of CBCI. KCC is functioning under the Kerala Catholic Bishop's Council as its Pastoral Council.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of the Kerala Catholic Council was held from 10 am on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at Pastoral Orientation Centre Palarivattom Kochi. His Grace Abp. Dr. M. Soosa Pakiam, the President of KCBC and KCC inaugurated the general body meeting. Bp. Dr. Yoohannon Mar Chrisostome, Vice President KCBC presided over the function. Abp. Mar Mathew Moolakkattu Secretary General of KCBC welcomed the gathering and Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, Deputy Secretary KCBC proposed vote of thanks. Adv. Joji Chirayil the secretary of Kerala Catholic Council presented the report of 9<sup>th</sup> AGM and also the activity report of 2018-19. In the seminar followed Rev. Dr. Joshi Mayyattil and Rev. Dr. Mary Prasad D.M., presented the papers on **Missionary Conversion**, and **Missionary Formation in Kerala Church**, respectively. The members actively participated in the discussions on the themes presented. Bishop Mar Tony Neelankavil, the moderator and also the resource persons gave clarifications on the issues raised by the gathering.

The Annual General Body Meeting followed in the afternoon under the presidentship of His Grace Abp. Dr. M. Soosa Pakiam. Adv. Joji Chirayil expressed words of welcome. The newly appointed Metropolitan Vicar to the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamali, Abp. Mar Antony Kariyil, was cordially welcomed and specially honoured in the function. Fr. Mathew Nadackal Catholicism Award was presented by Abp. Dr. M. Soosa Pakiam to Dr. Thomasukutty (Thiruvanamthapuram), Mr. Chummar Mathew (Iddukki), and Mr. M.M. Abraham (Kozhikodu). The Malayalam version of the papal document **Baptized and Sent** was released by Abp. Dr. M Soosa Pakiam. His Grace also released the KCBC guidelines for **Safe Environment Programme** for Church Personal connected with institutions where minor or vulnerable adult are given particular care.

During the general session the house analyzed contemporary socio-political-religious-matters in Kerala. The members presented their suggestions and observations. KCC prepared its resolutions to be submitted to the KCBC. The Secretary General Abp Mar.



Mathew Moolakkattu offered concluding remarks and message. Prof. Dr. M.A. Joseph the executive member of KCC proposed vote of thanks and the meeting came to an end at 4 pm with prayers.

May I use this occasion to express our sincere gratitude to Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Soosa Pakiam, Bp. Dr. Yoohannon Mar Chrisostome, Abp. Mar Mathew Moolakkattu and Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, the former office bearers of KCBC for their effective leadership and selfless service. Hearty welcome and prayerful wishes are extended to the newly elected office bearers of KCBC; President- His Beatitude Major Archbishop George Cardinal Allencherry, Vice President- Rt. Rev. Dr. Varghese Chakalckal, Secretary General- Bp. Dr. Joseph Mar Thomas and Deputy Secretary- Rev. Fr. Jacob Palackappilly.

**Adv. Joji Chirayil**  
Secretary KCC