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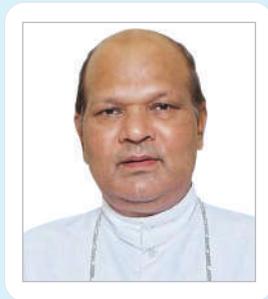
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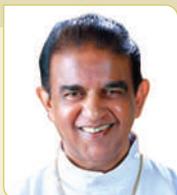
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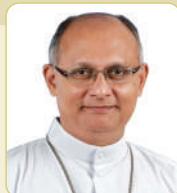
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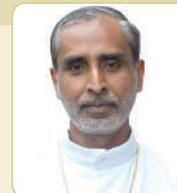
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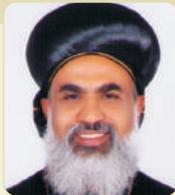
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# Be not afraid!

“Be not afraid, only believe” (Mk. 5:36), was Jesus’ response to a person in a desperate situation. In moments of trials we turn to Christ, for He is our hope! As I am trying to put on record the biennial report for the period 2018 and 2019 of the Pastoral Orientation Centre (POC), Kochi, I am reminded first of all of the



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trying moments we faced during the last two years: the Cyclone Ockhi that hit Kerala at the close of 2017, the devastating flood of 2018, the heavy rains and landslide of 2019 and several other difficult moments even within the Church! Added to these, now we are going through another perilous situation, fighting the global pandemic COVID-19. Despite these unending worries, we are not discouraged. We are rather encouraged by the conviction that Jesus walks with us as He walked with Jairus, in that critical moment. Jesus' word to the little girl, "arise," rings in our ears! Listening to His voice, we know that during these troubled times, the Church in Kerala is called to witness passionately the Good News of Hope in Jesus Christ and the outpouring of God's Spirit that ushers in abundant life.

POC with its dual function of being the Secretariat of the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC) and the Common Pastoral Centre of the three sui juris Churches in Kerala, plays an important role in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating programmes common to the Church and interacts with the public on issues affecting the Church and the society through different channels of communication. Ever since its inception in 1968 POC has been very earnestly following its prime intent of "service in truth and love." Its Golden Jubilee celebrations, which culminated on 20-21 April 2018, energized us all the more with the motto,

"Evangelizing peoples by building communities and bridging cultures." It has demanded of us a sensitive heart, listening ears and compassionate eyes to respond to the issues affecting the society at large. Therefore, the Centre continues its mission of promoting the leadership of the laity primarily, and then naturally of the religious and the clergy, both within the Church and in the public sphere.

The 2017 Winter Session of the KCBC was in progress when the Ockhi Cyclone hit Kerala. The Council responded immediately by its spiritual leadership proclaiming a day of prayer. The whole body of Bishops participated in a prayer meeting at the national shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Vallarpadom, in the archdiocese of Verapoly, on 6 December 2017, expressing solidarity with the victims and praying for the repose of the deceased. KCBC then mobilized a sum of Rs 5,18,09, 641.00 through local collections to respond to the disaster. The money was spent for the rehabilitation of the Ockhi victims in the dioceses of Alleppey, Cochin, Quilon and in the archdioceses of Verapoly and Trivandrum (Latin). Construction and maintenance of houses and toilets, income generating programmes like supply of fishing equipments, arranging for the education of children etc. were undertaken. Here I should add a word of thanks to the Kerala Social Service Forum (KSSF), the social action wing of the KCBC, and the different

Diocesan Social Service Societies for their initiatives in effectively co-ordinating, supervising and documenting the process.

The flood of August 15-20, 2018, following an unusually heavy rainfall, was the worst in Kerala in nearly a century. In that perilous inundation, 483 persons lost their lives and 140 are still missing. The Church was actively involved in the rescue and relief operations of thousands of people, who were affected by the waters which rose to unprecedented heights. Almost all our Churches, parish halls, schools and other facilities were kept open as shelters and for the supply of relief goods. Thousands of volunteers, including priests, religious and laity, along with the rescue teams of the State, flung into immediate action. The Church was strenuously active later in the rebuilding and rehabilitation phases too. The programme initiated by KCBC and Caritas India to rehabilitate the victims was aimed at constructing 2620 new houses, repairing 6630 partially damaged houses, building 4226 toilets and digging 4744 drinking water wells. It also envisaged various income generating programmes that would support 31851 affected families. 36.5 acres of land were acquired from various Religious Congregations and Dioceses to build houses for families, which had almost lost everything. The KSSF is monitoring the implementation of the programme in the different dioceses. The total cost of the project works out to Rs. 306,50,16,934.00. KCBC

donated Rs. 1 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund as a token of our collaboration with the State Government.

Then again in the second week of August 2019 heavy torrents and landslide ravaged the northern part of the State. A damage assessment report was prepared by the KSSF. Based on the report the KCBC recommended to mobilize contributions from the dioceses and help the victims for repairing of houses, construction of toilets and creating of income generating programmes. A sum of Rs. 1,57, 58,148.00 was raised locally and transferred to KSSF towards executing the work. The project is presently nearing completion.

POC was involved with numerous other activities as well during the reporting period. There was an attempt from the part of the State Administrative Reform Committee to bring in a legislation to interfere with and create confusion in the internal administration of the Church. The move was effectively resisted through public protests and negotiations. There were also problems within the dioceses and individual Churches leading to the diminishing of the spirit of communion and collaboration. Accordingly, the image of the Church was getting tarnished and considerable confusion prevailed among the laity and the general public. The KCBC then played a significant role in sorting out issues and in helping the dioceses and the individual Churches to solve the crises.

As the year 2019 marked the centenary of "Maximum Illud," the apostolic letter of Pope Benedict XV on the Mission of the Church, 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. To continue the spirit of the Extra-ordinary

**The Church was actively involved in the rescue and relief operations of thousands of people, who were affected by the waters which rose to unprecedented heights. Almost all our Churches, parish halls, schools and other facilities were kept open as shelters and for the supply of relief goods.**

Missionary Month the KCBC declared 2020 as "Missionary Year."

The beginning of 2020 saw the global spread of Corona Virus. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all the envisaged programmes and even the very liturgical life of the Church. The Church is struggling to live with and come out of this menace, gripping the whole world. As a token of our collaboration with the Government in fighting the pandemic, KCBC donated Rs.1,03, 50,000 to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

I am happy to place on record our sincere thanks to and appreciation of the members of the team of office-bears of the KCBC, who concluded their service in December 2019, His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Soosa Pakiam, the President, His Excellency Dr. Yoohanon Mar Chrisostom, the Vice-President, and His Grace Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Secretary General for their able leadership and exemplary commitment. Prayerful greetings are also offered to the present leadership, His Beatitude George Cardinal Alancherry, President, His Excellency Dr. Varghese Chakkalackal, Vice President, and His Excellency Dr. Joseph Mar Thomas, Secretary General.

I am deeply obliged to the various Commissions, particularly to their Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, Secretaries and Joint-Secretaries, Department Directors, Religious Representatives, Lay Leaders, Staff and Co-workers for their inspiration, support, commitment and collaboration.

My heart overflows with profound gratitude to the Almighty for His blessings and providential care, as I present this brief report of the period 2018 and 2019. Praised be the Name of the Lord! ■

# Let us use the challenges and crisis as occasions

Justice Abraham Mathew

(Summary of the speech delivered in Ernakulam Town Hall on 11 October 2019 in the assembly of the consecrated men and women on the auspicious of KCBC and of the congregations of the consecrated people in the region of Ernakulam)



I am extremely happy to take part in this assembly. I am born in a family which has many priests and consecrated people. All of us from the childhood itself grew under the protection of priests and Rev. sisters. With gratitude I remember that I have got the guidance, prayers corrections and discipline from Rev. Sisters. And I do express my gratitude in this stage with joy.

## Today the challenges faced by the church arise in the church itself

Today the church is facing a serious challenge. As regards the church it is not a new thing. The church has faced challenges in different centuries. The majority of the challenges today are internal more than external.

Our consecrated women and priests do their service in all the spheres of activity in this state. In the numerous fields of activity as the fields of medicine and education our consecrated people do meritorious and authoritative service. There is no country in which they are not serving. Even in the Marxist-Communist countries like China they offer their service. We are really proud of it.

Mother Teresa was one of the few most intimate friends of Jyothi Basu who was ruling over Bengal. She was allowed to meet him without an appointment. She could call him simply Jyothi.

There were some people around who opposed the great charity service of Mother Theresa. Due to their complaint the police Superintendent came for direct enquiry and he was completely convinced about the charity service of Mother Theresa. The police Superintendent was not a catholic nor even a Christian. To those who complained he said like this: "I am going to say to Mother Theresa to go from here. But there is a serious problem. Anyone of you present here must be ready to do the service which she is doing." But nobody said that he will do the service! The police superintendent on that day saw Mother Theresa doing service to a man by picking out the worms which were in his wound. Mother Therese continued her free service there.

Whereever our sisters are doing service, they offer their service with great love. They don't

consider whether one is Christian or Hindu or Muslim to whom they do service. Our sisters have abandoned everything for doing free service. There are extremely few people in the world who have not received their service and love or have not met them. Where ever their presence and service are found, there all the people, without the distinction of religion and caste have enjoyed their love and service.

### **The consecrated men and women are the backbone of the Church**

As regards the Catholic Church its moral force and backbone are mainly the priests and sisters. Whereever in the world there was moral decline, it is the priests and sisters who labored to remedy it. Ours is a country which has priests and sisters who are courageous like Nathan who said to the king looking at his face thus: "you yourself are that man."

The service of the consecrated people is universally acknowledged. Mother Theresa was honoured and respected by giving Nobel Prize to her. Mother Theresa received that prize representing all the consecrated people serving in the world. If we examine the activities of the church how many Father Damiens' and Mother Therasas' can be found!

As regards the Catholic Church service is not a new phenomenon. The wheat seed decays. Thus the consecrated people offer their whole life for the human society. They work for others.

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O! consecrated ones you are the people who spend the whole life for Christ and you are the force of the church. Truly you are the moral force! Yet how serious are the challenges we face!

### **Ever Acceptability of the Priests and Sisters**

In the regions of migration like Idukki whenever the people faced any material or moral problem they immediately run to the Church for help. The priests ringing the church's bell used to save people of every religion and race from dangers. The people kept their confidence in the priests and consecrated people.

Whenever there was a dispute or crisis in the families of the people it was solved by the priests and sisters. Because they were completely acceptable for all the peoples. Their judgements and decisions were impartial and free.

In the Bible, in 33rd Chapter of the book of Ezekiel it is said: "The prophet is a guard." When the people go wrong, the prophet will correct them after a bugle call.

He will correct the people saying "You have gone wrong" Priest and consecrated people are prophets appointed by God. They have to correct the people when they go wrong. If they fail to do their duty and hence any one of the people go wrong they will be responsible for it. Hence, you priests and consecrated ones, must act like light in the darkness and hope in despair. That is the challenge which you are facing.

### **What is the aim of media? feeding the belly?**

I have seen the first challenge against the church when I was studying in the primary school. There was a false accusation against Fr. Benedict. Then certain media turned against the priests and sisters. Even before the official enquiry about the accusation, one journalist wrote that Fr. Benedict must be executed by hanging! Still journalism in general was not so dirty as it is today. Common accusations were few. Wherever our priests and sisters are working there we find a tendency to vilify them. Certain media have this aim. The aim of certain Medias is feeding their belly. They vilify anybody to increase their rating.

Moreover there are people who secretly give entrance to the church those tigers who left the protection of the church. And this is the greatest challenge! How must we react? It is said in the Bible that we must be innocent as the doves but at the same we must be intelligent as serpents. To react with reasoning power is not wrong, we must react.

### **Let us throw away the useless particles found in the rice**

I remember a day when our Prime Minister came to Ernakulam. When he got up to speak all the people kept silence. Immediately a dog barked loudly. But nobody tried to drive away the dog! Some people are like that barking dogs! While all keep silence they will bark facing the people who are respected by all. Let them bark. We must not mind certain things. Yet when the people who are with us will become our enemies we must avoid them. They must be expelled with courage, telling them that they are a burden for us. When we eat rice we pick out black rice and throw away in order to get good rice. We must not be sorry for that. There is no need of sympathy. When they are expelled there could be much negative criticism. We may welcome it.

We have to enrich our self confidence. The assemblies like this will do it. And we must show the world what we are doing our job.

### **Discussions are good-Are they not occasions?**

Once a Judge after retirement met a person whom he has severely punished. The punished person said to the Judge: "Sir, you are much indebted to me. Am I not the reason to get a prominent case and could judge and execute the judgement?" There are persons of this sort among us. So we get occasion to discuss about our activities through good

journals in public. We must be really thankful to them. Let there be worldwide discussion about our priests and sisters.

### **You Sound the trumpet we will be together with you**

As regards the laity-including me - your zealous faith and charitable works make us strong. Myself being a layman express deep gratitude to all the priests and sisters present here. I do it as a representative of the laity. When we, the laity, do wrong, you must sound the trumpet. When the society go wrong you must say that it is going the wrong way. You need not worry about the reward. It is in you that the church really finds consolation. And the Church really believes you. We look at you with hope. You may act for us. When the laity go wrong correct them. We as laity morally support you with our prayers, which will give you courage inspiration and encouragement. You the priests and sisters are the backbone of the church. You go on. The laity is with you. ■

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# Social Vigilance against Religious Terrorism

**Mr. Jacob Punnoose IPS (ex DGP)**

(Summary of the introductory speech delivered in the Symposium on "Social Vigilance Against Religious Terrorism" conducted in POC)



**S**ocial vigilance against religious terrorism is not a topic to be discussed in an assembly of the faithful. This is a subject repeatedly discussed among the police and in authoritative centres. I have never expected that I will have to talk about this topic in religious assemblies. But recent events in Sreelanka made it clear that terrorism has almost reached us. Hence now there is no situation to avoid talking about it.

There was a time when the people in Kerala did not believe when we say that terrorism is present in Kerala. It was with the relationship with my official duty that I came to think about religious terrorism. I served in Kashmir as regards its safety. I had the responsibility of 3000 soldiers. At that time twelve people became the victims of terrorists' attack. And they died. Moreover when I visited Kashmir three times I had to face the attack of terrorists.

But God saved me. It is in this circumstance that I got inspiration to study and understand religious terrorism.

## **Cigarette Bombs in Malappuram**

There were events in which cigarettes were used as bombs in the theaters in Malappuram. Those cigarettes were filled with explosives. They were very small. It was in the 1990s. Then pipe bombs were found under the Kadalundi bridge. It was in 1996. Fortunately the man who placed the bombs was found out and was put under legal procedure. Yet everybody thought that it was a singular instance. But later explosions took place in different parts of India. And it is thought that the activist behind those explosions was the same person.

When I was the IG of northern region I got chance to research and find out such things. Once a good man was killed in Malappuram District. Usually a good person is not murdered. I thought that there will be an intricacy behind it. When I enquired I understood a fact. The man who was murdered was a Hindu. Moreover he had relation with a Muslim widow. The investigators reached a conclusion that this was the reason why he was murdered.

Then I understood that in two places in Trichur similar instances happened. And in Alathur also happened the same. These four instances took place in 1997. The Hindu males having friendship with Muslim females are murdered! The manner of murder is the same everywhere!

In that occasion I wrote a letter to Sree Radhakrishnan who was then the DGP. I wrote thus: "These four instances are mutually related. All of them must be enquired together. Because I suspect that there is a terrorist factor behind them."

The DGP decided to investigate whether these four cases are interconnected or not, although four officials had investigated about them very cleverly. And by the investigation of the crime branch the following things were found out: 1) There is a society named Jam Iyyathul Ishanya (J.I.I.). 2) That society is acting all through the State. 3) They have already murdered almost twelve person in the same manner in different places in Kerala. 4) Moreover they have undertaken almost 90 attacks in 1990s. These things happened in 1997-1998. Yet the media did not give any importance to them.

### **The explosion in Coimbatore and the stories behind it**

The explosion in Coimbatore took place after the four cases which are mentioned above. The materials for the explosion was taken from Kerala. And so a person was arrested. Even now the calumnations about it are spreading. After these incidents two bombs bursted in Kozhikode. One bomb was exploded in Marad. Even then the people of Kerala did not believe that there are terrorists in Kerala. According to my demand an Anti Terrorism Squad was formed in Kerala in 2006. Then many people said: "This is quite unnecessary. It is for the appropriation of official posts in vain." After that 15 people who assembled were arrested in another place. Then there was much uproar saying that it was a false case. After that in Vagamon there was a training camp. And the participants were arrested after investigation. Even then many people did not believe that there is terrorism in Kerala!

At last four terrorists were killed in Kashmir. Two of them were from Ernakulam. And to recognize them the investigation was extended to Kerala. Then the people who were not ready to agree that there is terrorism in Kerala began to question the police: "Why did not the police inform us so far about the presence of terrorists in Kerala?"

Even though there is terrorist movement in Kerala no one was murdered in Kerala in typical terror operations. I mention this fact proudly. It is true that Kerala police tried to recognize these things in 1996-2008, when the general society did not keep serious vigilance. It is a fact.

### **We are in acquaintance with "chaverukal" from very early times**

We may think that terrorism is a product of any religion. It is not true. Terrorism existed in many societies in the world. I will say a small example. The activities of suicide bomber is a kind of terrorism. It is the activity of suicide bombers that happened in Sree Lanka. The attack on the Twin Tower in New York was a suicide bombing activity. Suicide Bomber is a new word in English which is composed of two words. But terrorism is familiar to the people of Kerala from ancient times. The word "chaver" is its proof. It is as old as Malayalam itself. There are many Chaver instances in the history of "Mamamkam." And in the history of Malabar of 19 Century we find many terrorist activities.

### **Religions do not teach terrorism**

We must never think that terrorism is taught by a particular religion. Many religions have been sometimes subjected to terrorism in particular situation. The basis of this terrorism is this: To murder those who oppose a particular faith or a political structure which it planned to make. In the history of the world almost all the religions had this situation.

All religions believe in brotherhood. The essence of all religions is the realization of God. All religions speak of this. A few people of a religion may want to become rulers. They may have hidden agenda. When the religion is used for politics, when religion and political authority are mixed, some people think that there must be khalifate based on the promise. Under the basis of such a dream some people in Iraq and Syria try to re-establish the ancient Khalifate. Then the movement called Islamic State or ISIS originates. For the realization of ISIS religious people everywhere in the world are ready to spend crores of Rupees. By the force of such people and money

International Political Islam or Radical Islam becomes strong internationally.

### **How did terrorism originate in Kerala?**

We must know how the people from Kerala became its members. It is in 1970s when there were many educated people without job. Not even the engineers had job. At that time how could we save ourselves? Lakhs of people migrated to Middle East Asia with the intention of securing a job in some company. Have we enquired whose companies were they? Did we enquire the aims of the owners of those companies? Did anyone of us enquire whether they were working in the company of Osama Bin Laden? Christians, Hindus, Muslims and the members of all sections of people, worked there. A very large multitude of international people happened to reach in Middle East Asia. The extremist people there tried to attract some people to a special philosophy. And they fell into their trap. There are almost 25 lakhs of Malayalees working in Middle East Asia. There is no difficulty to convert some 200 or 300 people to special movements. I, who have worked in the police department find no difficulty to believe it. That is what began here in small groups. The origin is there and gradually it reached here.

### **We cannot catch terrorists by placing camera**

Due to the special intervention of America the peculiar State called I.S. became non-existent. Now that region is completely in anarchy. There government called IS lost its existence. Then what did they find out? "The western Christianity is trying to expell us from our native land. So must revenge. We will revenge to any Christian in the world. Especially we will revenge to Syrian Christians."

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Many young men who are attracted by International Political Islam have this thought. They try to building a Muslim state, a Muslim Khilaphat. Khilaphat was established in Iraq in 7th century. They have a desire to re-generate it. They say that nobody must oppose it and that they have the right to create a state in their native country. And they declare that for this purpose they are ready even if to die. They want to act for it in the whole world. There is a small group in Kerala having this thought. Hence the society must be very vigilant. That vigilance must be kept by uniting different peoples. Many people think that terrorism can be abolished by placing cameras. It is not possible! The terrorist does not fear to reveal his identity. It is for fame that they do terroristic act. You may place camera to catch thieves. But that is not useful to catch terrorists. Because it is to appear in cameras that they desire.

### **Blind vengeance for attack!**

Why do terrorism and terrorist movements subsist? Louis Richardson of Hasward has written very authoritative books about terrorists. He says that terrorism has five characteristics which include revenge, fame and expectation of vengeance. Firstly, a terrorist is one who has a conviction that his religion or society has been an object of rigid discrimination. For example, in 1948 Israel state was created by America and England expelling the Muslims from that region. All the Muslims in the world believe that an injustice is done to them by the Christian countries. They consider the western countries as Christian countries. They want to revenge for the injustice by attacking Christians.

When there is an objectionable instance naturally there arise a thought to revenge. For example, consider the case in Sreelanka. Tamilians are minority in

Sreelanka . They believe that the Buddhists who belong to majority persecute them in many ways. And the Tamilians have no strength to attack Buddhists directly. Terrorism is the way which the weak people chose to attack the strong ones.

The terrorists know that a nation cannot be demolished by terrorist attacks. Then why should they do it? Their logic is this: We are minority, if we attack majority they will attack us in turn. When such an attack happens many people of the minority will love the organization which is attacked by the majority those will join the terrorism. The cruelty's increase will be useful for them. When the attack happens even those who were pretending to be sleeping will rise up. Thus the society will become a society of permanent battle. It will become a society where there is always war between the majority and minority. When the strong part of the majority try to annihilate the minority, the country will be annihilated. This is their aim. This is the way how the minority terrorist movements try to destroy the society which is the majority. This fact we must recognize. Usually we cannot oppose terrorist movement by retaliation. What is needed is high social vigilance. Only after understanding this fact we must oppose terrorism. A reaction having strong retaliation and bodily revenge will only cause to increase terrorism.

### **Let us not build walls, but build bridges**

As His Holiness Pope Francis has said we must react to terrorism not by building walls but by building bridges. We must boldly make the terrorists strangers to their own society. We must show their aim to the society for which they have become terrorists. We have to show their aim to the society for which they claim to be working for. Then we shall win in the anti-terrorist

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movements. If there are terrorists in the minority they must be made strangers to that society. Such a social vigilance is very relevant.

All the people in a society must live with cooperation and mutual love. There is no need to build a wall around the church fearing terrorism. We must go down to the society. We must be able to convince the people how great and how noble is our Christian message. Christianity is a religion which has surpassed the cruelest persecution as the Roman persecution. Christianity is not going to end if one or two persons placed a bomb in the church in Sreelanka nor by shooting somebody. We must have this faith conviction.

In the circumstance of religious friendship we can give this message: "Whatever you may think we will not abstain from doing the charitable activities which we do now. We cannot reject the thought or the faith or philosophy which induces us to goodness and fraternity."

We must not think that there will not be any terrorist attack in Kerala. How shall we react if there will be a terrorist attack? Shall we burn the shops of people belonging to that religion? Shall we kill a person of that religion by beating? These actions will be mistakes. We must think and decide early what we must do. What must be our reaction?

We have almost 20000 churches and 6000 educational institutions in Kerala. All these institutions which are among the non Christians must be messengers of peace. They must be places where people of all religions meet. Our relationship with the people of all the religions must be strong so that no terrorist movement can think about attacking us. Terrorism will never save a religion or society. Really terrorists are the enemies of their own religion. ■



## മാക്സിമും ഇല്ലൂദ് മുതൽ കൊരിദാ ആമസോണിയ വരെ പ്രേഷിതമാനസാന്തര പാതയിൽ കത്തോലിക്കാസഭ

സ്വഭാവത്താലെ പ്രേഷിതയായ സഭയ്ക്ക് (AG 1) ഫ്രാൻസിസ് പാപ്പാ പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ച പ്രേഷിതമാനസാചരണം (ഒക്ടോബർ 2019) ഒരു ഉണർത്തു പാട്ടായിരുന്നു. പ്രേഷിതമാനസത്തിൽ സഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിത ദൗത്യത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് പ്രത്യേകിച്ച്, സ്നാനം നൽകി അയക്കപ്പെട്ട സഭാംഗങ്ങളുടെ എല്ലാവരുടെയും ദൗത്യത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് സഭാപ്രബോധനങ്ങളുടെ വെളിച്ചത്തിൽ ധാരാളം പഠനശിബിരങ്ങളും ചർച്ചകളും മിഷനറിമാരുടെ സംഗമങ്ങളും മിഷൻ പ്രദേശങ്ങൾ സന്ദർശിക്കലും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളുമെല്ലാം

ലോകമാസകലം നടത്തുകയുണ്ടായി. പ്രാരംഭകാലം മുതലേ സഭ ചെയ്തുപോന്ന പ്രേഷിതദൗത്യത്തിൽ ഇടക്കാലങ്ങളിൽ സംഭവിച്ചുപോയ വീഴ്ചകളിൽനിന്നും മരവിപ്പുകളിൽനിന്നും കൂടുതൽ ആവേശത്തോടെ ഉയിർത്തെഴുന്നേൽക്കാനുള്ള ഊർജ്ജം അതു നൽകി.

പ്രേഷിതമാനസത്തിൽ ഏറ്റവും മധ്യകം പഠനവിഷയമായത് 1919-ൽ ബനഡിക്റ്റ് പതിനഞ്ചാമൻ പാപ്പാ പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ച 'മാക്സിമും ഇല്ലൂദ്' എന്ന ചാക്രിക ലേഖനമായിരുന്നു.

അതിന്റെ നൂറാം വാർഷികത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ചാണല്ലോ പ്രേഷിതമാനസാചരണം പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കപ്പെട്ടത്. ലോകമെങ്ങും പോയി സുവിശേഷം പ്രഘോഷിക്കുക (മർക്കോ 16:15) എന്ന 'ആ വലിയകാര്യം' (maximum illud) ഉന്നിപ്പറഞ്ഞു കൊണ്ടുള്ള പ്രബോധനം ബനഡിക്റ്റ് പാപ്പായുടെ കാലഘട്ടത്തിൽ മാത്രമല്ല, പിൻക്കാലത്തും പ്രത്യേകിച്ച്, രണ്ടാം വത്തിക്കാൻ സുന്നഹദോസിന്റെ പ്രേഷിത വീക്ഷണങ്ങളിലും ഏറെ സ്വാധീനം ചെലുത്തിയ ഒന്നാണ്.

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## മാക്സിമും ഇല്ലൂദിലെ നിരീക്ഷണങ്ങളും രണ്ടാം വത്തിക്കാൻ സുന്നഹദോസിന്റെ ചുവടുവയ്പ്പുകളും

ബനഡിക്റ്റ് 15-മൻ പാപ്പാ ഒന്നാം ലോകമഹായുദ്ധത്തിന്റെ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ രചിച്ച മാക്സിമും ഇല്ലൂദ് എന്ന പ്രബോധനത്തിൽ പ്രധാനമായും ഉയർത്തിക്കാട്ടിയത് നാലുനിരീക്ഷണങ്ങളാണ്. അവയ്ക്കുള്ള മറുപടി രണ്ടാം വത്തിക്കാൻ സുന്നഹദോസിന്റെ പ്രബോധനങ്ങളുടെ വെളിച്ചത്തിലും തുടർപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെ വെളിച്ചത്തിലും ഒന്നുനോക്കി കാണാം.



### 1. സഭാധികാരികളുടെ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വം

തെറ്റുകൂടാതെ ജനത്തെ പഠിപ്പിക്കാൻ നിയുക്തരായിട്ടുള്ള സഭാധികാരികൾ പ്രേഷിതശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്ക് സ്വയം സമർപ്പിക്കപ്പെട്ടവരാണ് എന്നതാണ് ബനഡിക്റ്റ് പാപ്പായുടെ ഒന്നാമത്തെ നിരീക്ഷണം. സത്യത്തിന്റെ പ്രചാരകരും പ്രബോധകരുമെന്ന നിലയിൽ മെത്രാന്മാരും സുപ്പീരിയർമാരും മറ്റ് സഭാധികാരികളും സകല ജനത്തിനും ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ രക്ഷ സാധ്യമാകുന്ന കാര്യത്തിൽ വലിയ ജാഗ്രതയോടെ വർത്തിക്കേണ്ടവരാണ്. അവർ അവരുടെ സഹപ്രവർത്തകരായ മറ്റെല്ലാ ശുശ്രൂഷകരെയും വാക്കിലൂടെയും പ്രവൃത്തിയിലൂടെയും എഴുത്തിലൂടെയുമെല്ലാം പ്രേഷിത ദൗത്യത്തിന് പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കാൻ കടപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. പ്രേഷിതപ്രവർത്തന മേഖലയിൽ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വപ്പെട്ടവർ ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ നിരുപാധികം ദത്തശ്രദ്ധരാകണം എന്നാണ് പാപ്പാ ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്തത്.

പ്രേഷിത പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ ഏറെ ചെയ്തെങ്കിലും സഭയുടെ സമസ്ത ശുശ്രൂഷാരംഗങ്ങളിലും പ്രേഷിതാഭിമുഖ്യത്തിന് ഇന്നു സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള അപചയങ്ങളെ മനസ്സിലാക്കി തിരുത്തി മുന്നേറാനുള്ള ഉത്തരവാദിത്വം സഭാധികാരികൾക്കുണ്ടെന്ന ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തൽ ഈ പ്രേഷിതമാസാചരണം നൽകുകയുണ്ടായി.

### 2. തദ്ദേശീയരായ വൈദികരുടെ രൂപീകരണം

തദ്ദേശീയരായ വൈദികർക്കും ശുശ്രൂഷകർക്കും രൂപീകരണം നൽകേണ്ടതിന്റെ ആവശ്യകതയാണ് രണ്ടാമത്തേത്. ബനഡിക്റ്റ് 15-ാമൻ പാപ്പാ ഇക്കാര്യം ഊന്നിപ്പറയുന്നതിനുള്ള പ്രധാന കാരണം, അക്കാലത്ത് മിഷൻ പ്രദേശങ്ങളിൽ വിദേശീയരായ വൈദികർതന്നെ പ്രേഷിത ശുശ്രൂഷകൾക്ക് നേതൃത്വം കൊടുക്കുകയും പ്രാദേശിക സഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ വൈദികപട്ടം കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനെ ഗൗരവമായി കാണാതിരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിരുന്നു എന്നതാണ്.

രണ്ടാം വത്തിക്കാൻ സുന്നഹദോസിന്റെ പഠനങ്ങളിൽ ഇക്കാര്യവും ഏറെ ശ്രദ്ധയാകർഷിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. സഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിത പ്രവർത്തനത്തെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള ഡിക്രിയിൽ (Ad Gentes Divinitus) തദ്ദേശീയ വൈദികരുടെ രൂപപ്പെടുത്തൽ പ്രത്യേക വിഷയമായി പഠിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി.

### 3. പ്രേഷിത മേഖലകളിലെ സാംസ്കാരികാനുരൂപണങ്ങൾക്കുള്ള ആഹ്വാനം

പ്രേഷിത രംഗത്ത് സംഭവിച്ച വലിയൊരു അപചയമായി ബനഡിക്റ്റ് 15-ാമൻ പാപ്പാ അക്കാലത്ത് നിരീക്ഷിച്ചത്, യൂറോപ്പിൽനിന്ന് എത്തിയിരുന്ന മിഷനറിമാർ അവർ ഇറക്കുമതി ചെയ്ത സാംസ്കാരങ്ങളും ദൈവശാസ്ത്രവീക്ഷണങ്ങളും പ്രാദേശികസഭകളിൽ ഉൾച്ചേർക്കാനും പരിചയപ്പെടുത്താനുമാണ് ശ്രദ്ധവെച്ചത് എന്നകാര്യമാണ്. തദ്ദേശീയരുടെ സാംസ്കാരങ്ങളിലെ നന്മകളും മൂല്യങ്ങളും സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്ത് അതിലൂടെ ക്രിസ്തുവിനെ നൽകാൻ അവരാരും ശ്രമിച്ചില്ല. അന്യസാംസ്കാരത്തിൽനിന്ന് സ്വന്തം സാംസ്കാരത്തിലേക്ക് ഇറക്കുമതി ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ട കൊളോണിയൽ ക്രിസ്തുവിനെ പൂർണ്ണമായി ഉൾക്കൊള്ളാൻ മിഷൻ മേഖലകളിലെ വിശ്വാസികൾക്ക് അന്ന് കഴിഞ്ഞതുമില്ല.

രണ്ടാംവത്തിക്കാൻ സുന്നഹദോസിന്റെ 'സഭ ആധുനികയുഗത്തിൽ' എന്ന പാസ്റ്ററൽ കോൺസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂഷനിൽ (Caudium et Spes) മിശിഹായുടെ സന്ദേശവും മനുഷ്യസംസ്കാരവും തമ്മിലുള്ള ബന്ധത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. (GS 58).

സാംസ്കാരികാനുരൂപണത്തിന്റെ സാധ്യമായ മേഖലകളെ സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്തു കൊണ്ടുതന്നെയാണ് കേരള സഭയുടെ സുവിശേഷവത്കരണ ദൗത്യവും മുന്നേറുന്നതെങ്കിലും ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ അനാരോഗ്യകരമായ ചില പ്രവണതകൾ ശക്തിപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതും അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച പരസ്യമായ വാദപ്രതിവാദങ്ങൾ ഉയർന്നുവരുന്നതും ശ്രദ്ധേയമാണ്. സഭയുടെ സാർവത്രിക ദൗത്യം മറക്കാതെതന്നെ സംസ്കാരങ്ങളോടുബന്ധം പുലർത്തി പ്രേഷിത ദൗത്യനിർവഹണമേഖലയിൽ മുന്നേറുകയാണ് സഭ ചെയ്യേണ്ടത്.

### 4. മിഷനറിയുടെ വഴി പരിത്യാഗത്തിന്റേതാണ്

ലോകമെങ്ങുംപോയി സർവസൃഷ്ടികളോടും സുവിശേഷം പ്രഘോഷിക്കുക എന്ന ദൗത്യവുമായി നീങ്ങുന്ന മിഷനറി ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ അംബാസഡറാണ്. പ്രേഷിതൻ തന്റെ രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ അംബാസഡറോ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിന്റേയോ സമൂഹത്തിന്റേയോ ഏജന്റോ, അല്ല. ബനഡിക്റ്റ് 15-ാമൻ പാപ്പാ ഇക്കാര്യം അസന്നിഗ്ധമായി പറയുമ്പോൾ, അക്കാലത്ത് പല സന്നിഗ്ധ സമൂഹങ്ങളും സഭയുടെ യാഥാർത്ഥ മിഷനറി സ്വഭാവത്തിൽനിന്ന് വ്യതിചലിച്ചു പോയിരുന്നതായി കാണാം. സാമ്പത്തികനേട്ടം ലക്ഷ്യംവെച്ച് പ്രേഷിത മേഖലകളെ സമീപിക്കുന്ന പ്രവണതകളും അക്കാലത്ത് വിരളമായിരുന്നില്ല.

നിരന്തരമായ ഒരു പ്രേഷിതമാനസാന്തരം (missionary conversion) സഭയ്ക്കാവശ്യമാണ്. ജനതകളുടെ പ്രകാശം (Lumen Gentium) എന്ന തിരുസഭയെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള ഡോക്ട്രിൻ കോൺസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂഷനിൽ സഭ പിന്തുടരേണ്ട ശൂന്യവത്കരണത്തിന്റെ വഴിയെക്കുറിച്ചു പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. മിശിഹാദാരിദ്ര്യത്തിലും പീഡാസഹനത്തിലും കൂടെ തന്റെ രക്ഷാകരകർമ്മം പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയതുപോലെ, തിരുസഭയും മനുഷ്യർക്ക് രക്ഷയുടെ ഫലം പകരുന്നതിനായി ഈ വഴിയിൽത്തന്നെ പ്രവേശിക്കാൻ വിളിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു (LG 8). യേശുക്രിസ്തു ദൈവത്തിന്റെ രൂപത്തിലായിരുന്നെങ്കിലും 'തന്നെത്തന്നെ ശൂന്യനാക്കിക്കൊണ്ട് ദാസന്റെ രൂപം സ്വീകരിച്ചു' (ഫിലി 2:7). സമ്പന്നനായിരുന്നിട്ടും അവൻ നമുക്കുവേണ്ടി ദരിദ്രനായി (2 കൊറി 8:9). ഇതുപോലെതന്നെ 'തിരുസഭയ്ക്ക് തന്റെ ദൗത്യത്തിനുവേണ്ടി മനുഷ്യന്റെ സമ്പത്ത് ആവശ്യമാണെങ്കിലും സഭാസമൂഹം വിളിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നത് ലൗകിക മഹത്വത്തിനായല്ല, എളിമയിലേക്കും സ്വയം പരിത്യാഗത്തിലേക്കുമാണ്' (LG 8).

### ജ്ഞാനസ്നാനം നല്കി അയയ്ക്കപ്പെട്ടവർ മാക്സിമൂ ഇല്ലൂദിന്റെ വെളിച്ചത്തിൽ

മാക്സിമൂ ഇല്ലൂദിന്റെ നൂറാം വാർഷികത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ചാണ് 2019 ഒക്ടോബർ മാസം അസാധാരണപ്രേഷിതമാസമായി ആചരിക്കണമെന്ന് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് പാപ്പാ ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്തത്. ഇതിനു സഹായകമായി "ജ്ഞാനസ്നാനപ്പെട്ട് അയയ്ക്കപ്പെട്ടവർ : ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ



സഭയുടെ ഭൂമിയിലെ ദൗത്യം” (Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World) എന്ന 412 പേജുകളുള്ള ഒരു മാർഗദർശകരേഖ പാപ്പായുടെ ശുപാർശയനുസരിച്ച് വത്തിക്കാണിലെ സുവിശേഷപ്രചാരക തിരുസംഘം പൊന്തിഫിക്കൽ മിഷൻ സംഘടനകളുടെ ശുശ്രൂഷാ സംഘത്തോടു ചേർന്ന് പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചു. ആഗോളകത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയിലെ മിഷണറിമാരുടെ രൂപീകരണത്തിനും അവരുടെ ആത്മീയമായ ഉണർവിനും സഹായകമാകുന്ന ഒരു പഠനരേഖയുണ്ടാവണമെന്ന ദീർഘകാലത്തെ ആവശ്യത്തിനുള്ള ഒരു മറുപടി കൂടിയായ ഈ രേഖ സഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിതദൗത്യത്തിനുതന്നെ ഒരു വഴികാട്ടിയെന്ന നിലയിൽ ഏവരാലും സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടു.

**നാല് ആത്മീയ പാതകൾ**

ഈ രേഖയിൽ ചർച്ച ചെയ്യുന്ന കാര്യങ്ങളുടെ ലക്ഷ്യപ്രാപ്തിക്ക് ഉതകുന്ന 4 ആത്മീയ പാതകൾ കൂടി ഫ്രാൻസിസ് പാപ്പാ ഇവിടെ നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു:

**എ) ക്രിസ്തുവിനെ കണ്ടുമുട്ടുക:**

ദൈവവചനത്തിലും ദിവ്യകാര്യത്തിലും മറ്റ് കൂദാശകളിലും പ്രാർത്ഥനയിലുമെല്ലാം ഇന്നും സജീവമായി സഭയിൽ ജീവിക്കുന്ന ക്രിസ്തുവുമായുള്ള ഒരു നിരന്തര കണ്ടുമുട്ടൽ ഉണ്ടാകുകയും അവിടന്നുമായി ഒരു വ്യക്തിബന്ധം സ്ഥാപിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുക.

**ബി) സാക്ഷ്യങ്ങൾ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുക:**

ക്രിസ്തുസ്നേഹത്തെപ്രതി പ്രേഷിത ശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്ക് സ്വയം സമർപ്പിച്ച് കടന്നുപോയ വിശുദ്ധരും രക്തസാക്ഷികളുമായ നമ്മുടെ മുൻഗാമികളുടെ ജീവിതസാക്ഷ്യങ്ങളെ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുകയും പരിചയപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്യുക.

**സി) പ്രേഷിത രൂപീകരണം നേടുക:**

പ്രേഷിതദൗത്യം തിരിച്ചറിയാനും അതിൽ പൂർണ്ണമായി സമർപ്പിക്കാനുമാവശ്യമായ പ്രേഷിതരൂപീകരണം മതബോധനത്തിലധിഷ്ഠിതമായി ആർജ്ജിക്കുക. അതിനുള്ള സംവിധാനങ്ങൾ ഒരുക്കുക.

**ഡി) പ്രേഷിത പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുക:**

ദൈവത്തോടും സഹോദരങ്ങളോടും പ്രപഞ്ചത്തോടും തന്നോടുംതന്നെയും ഓരോ ക്രിസ്തുശിഷ്യനുമുള്ള കടമകൾ നിറവേറ്റുന്നതിനാവശ്യമായ പ്രേഷിതചൈതന്യം തുളുമ്പുന്ന കാര്യപ്രവൃത്തികൾ ചെയ്യുന്നതിന് നിരന്തരം പരിശ്രമിക്കുകയും അതിനെ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുക.

**മിസ്സിയോ ദേയി 2020 പ്രേഷിതവർഷം**

അസാധാരണ പ്രേഷിതമാസാചരണം 2019 ഒക്ടോബർ 31 ന് അവസാനിച്ചതിനെത്തുടർന്ന് കേരളകത്തോലിക്കാ മെത്രാൻസമിതി കേരളസഭയിൽ പ്രേഷിതവർഷം പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചു. അസാധാരണ പ്രേഷിതമാസത്തിൽ ആഗോളസഭയിലാകമാനവും കേരളസഭയിൽ പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും സഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിതപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെ രംഗത്ത് ഉണ്ടായ ഉണർവ് കൂറെക്കൂടി ശക്തമാക്കാനും കേരളസഭയുടെ എല്ലാ ശുശ്രൂഷാമേഖലകളിലും പ്രേഷിതപ്രവർത്തനം സംഭവിക്കാനും വേണ്ടിയാണ് 2020 ജനുവരി 5 മുതൽ 2020 നവംബർ 22 വരെ പ്രേഷിതവർഷമായി കെസിബിസി പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചത്. ദൈവികദൗത്യം എന്നർത്ഥം വരുന്ന ‘മിസ്സിയോ ദേയി’ എന്ന പേരാണ് പ്രേഷിതവർഷത്തിനു നൽകിയിട്ടുള്ളത്.

പ്രേഷിതവർഷത്തോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് കേരളസഭയിൽ നടപ്പിലാക്കേണ്ട മിഷൻ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് കെസിബിസി ഒരു പ്രവർത്തനരേഖയും (Instrumentum and laboris) പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. കേരളസഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിതയാത്രയിൽ ഒരു പ്രേഷിത മാനസാന്തരം (missionary conversion) ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്ന് ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്ത പ്രവർത്തനരേഖയിൽ കൂട്ടായ്മയിലേക്കുള്ള മാനസാന്തരം, സമഗ്രമാനസാന്തരം, അജപാലനപരമായ മാനസാന്തരം, സാംസ്കാരിക മാനസാന്തരം, പരിസ്ഥിതിപരമായ മാനസാന്തരം എന്നിങ്ങനെ മാനസാന്തരത്തിന്റെ വിവിധമേഖലകളെ പ്രത്യേകമായി നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചു. ക്രിസ്തുശിഷ്യരെല്ലാം പ്രേഷിതശിഷ്യത്വത്തിലേക്ക് (missionary discipleship) വിളിക്കപ്പെട്ടവരാണെന്ന അവബോധത്തിൽ ജീവിക്കാനാവശ്യമായ പ്രേഷിതരൂപീകരണം (missionary formation) എല്ലാവർക്കും ലഭിക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്.

രൂപത, ഇടവക, കുടുംബം, സഭാസ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ, സംവിധാനങ്ങൾ എന്നീ ശൃംഗലകളിലൂടെ പ്രേഷിതചൈതന്യത്തിൽ നവീകരിക്കപ്പെടണം. വൈദികർ, സന്നദ്ധർ, അല്മായർ, യുവജനങ്ങൾ, കുട്ടികൾ തുടങ്ങി സഭാംഗങ്ങൾക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും ശരിയായ പ്രേഷിതരൂപീകരണം ലഭിക്കാൻ സംവിധാനങ്ങൾ ഒരുക്കുകയും വേണം. അതുവഴി കേരളസഭയുടെ മുഖം ഒരു പ്രേഷിതമുഖമായി രൂപാന്തരപ്പെടണമെന്ന് പ്രവർത്തനരേഖ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് കെസിബിസി ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്യുകയുണ്ടായി.

മാക്സിമൂം ഇല്ലൂദ് മുന്നോട്ടുവെച്ച നിരീക്ഷണങ്ങൾക്ക് രണ്ടാം വത്തിക്കാൻ സുന്നഹദോസ് വ്യക്തമായ പരിഹാരം നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചിരുന്നു. അതുപോലെ വത്തിക്കാൻ സുന്നഹദോസ് മുന്നോട്ടുവെച്ച പ്രേഷിതാഭിമുഖ്യത്തിന് അസാധാരണ പ്രേഷിതമാസവും, കേരളസഭയിലെ പ്രേഷിതവർഷാചരണവും സഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിതശൃംഗലാരംഗത്ത് സവിശേഷമായ ശക്തിയും ഉണർവും നല്കാതിരിക്കില്ല.

**സഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിതദാത്യവുമായി ആമസോൺ സിനഡ്**

ആമസോണിലെ ജനങ്ങളും അവരുടെ ജീവിതസാഹചര്യങ്ങളും പ്രകൃതിവിഭവങ്ങളും നേരിടുന്ന വലിയ 'ഭീഷണിയുടെ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ ഫ്രാൻസിസ് പാപ്പാ വിളിച്ചുചേർത്ത ആമസോൺ സിനഡ് ദൈവത്തെയും മാനവികതയെയും പ്രപഞ്ചത്തെയും മാനിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ള സ്വയം പ്രേഷിത ദാത്യത്തിന്റെ മുഖം കൂടുതൽ വെളിവാക്കി. 2019 ഒക്ടോബർ 6 മുതൽ 27 വരെ റോമിൽവെച്ചു നടന്ന സിനഡ് അതിന്റെ പേരുകൊണ്ടും തെരഞ്ഞെടുത്ത വിഷയത്തിന്റെ പ്രാധാന്യം കൊണ്ടും ലോകശ്രദ്ധയാകർഷിച്ചു. ആമസോണിലെ ജനങ്ങളുടെ മുന്നോട്ടുള്ള യാത്രയിൽ അവരുടെ ആശങ്കകൾ അകറ്റി അവരോടൊത്ത് സഹഗമനം നടത്താനുള്ള പുതിയ പാതകൾ തേടുകയായിരുന്നു ഈ സിനഡ്. ആമസോൺ കത്തുന്നതായി ലോകം കണ്ടപ്പോൾ, മാറ്റം അനിവാര്യമാണെന്ന് ലോകജനത തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞു - സിനഡിന്റെ പ്രത്യേക സെക്രട്ടറി കർദിനാൾ മിഖായേൽ സെർനി സിനഡ് വിളിച്ചു ചേർത്തതിനെക്കുറിച്ചു പ്രതികരിച്ചതിങ്ങനെയാണ്. പരിസ്ഥിതിയെ സംബന്ധിച്ച കാര്യത്തിൽ ജാഗ്രത വേണമെന്ന് 'ലൂദാത്തോസീ'യിൽ ഫ്രാൻസിസ് പാപ്പാ മുൻപേ സൂചിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. ആവാസവ്യവസ്ഥിതികളുടെ സംരക്ഷണത്തിന് ദീർഘവീ

ക്ഷണം ആവശ്യമുണ്ട്. എളുപ്പത്തിൽ, അനായാസമായി ലാഭമുണ്ടാക്കാൻ നോക്കുന്നവർ യഥാർത്ഥത്തിൽ അവയുടെ സംരക്ഷണത്തിൽ ശ്രദ്ധവയ്ക്കുന്നില്ല. എന്നാൽ ലഭിക്കാവുന്ന സാമ്പത്തികനേട്ടങ്ങളെക്കാൾ ഏറെ വലുതാണ് അത്തരം സ്വാർത്ഥതാപരമായ താല്പര്യംമൂലം സംഭവിക്കുന്ന നാശത്തിന്റെ വില (36). ജൈവവൈവിധ്യ സമ്പന്നമായ ശാസകോശങ്ങളായ ആമസോൺ, കോംഗോ സമതലങ്ങൾ, വലിയ ജലസ്രോതസ്സുകൾ, ഹിമ ഭരണിരികൾ എന്നിവ അദ്ദേഹം ഉദാഹരണമായി സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നു (38).

അടിയന്തിര പ്രാധാന്യമർഹിക്കുന്ന പലവിഷയങ്ങളും പാപ്പാ സിനഡിൽ ചർച്ചാവിഷയമാക്കി. ചില പ്രത്യേക വിഷയങ്ങൾ ഇവയാണ്:

- (1) മനുഷ്യാന്തസ്സിന്റെയും അവകാശങ്ങളുടെയും ലംഘനം.
- (2) വിവിധ വ്യവസായ സംരംഭകരും മറ്റും പ്രകൃതിയോടു കാട്ടുന്ന ചൂഷണം.
- (3) പ്രകൃതിയിൽ സംഭവിക്കുന്ന പരിസ്ഥിതിനാശം.
- (4) കുടിയേറ്റവും വിവിധ സംസ്കാരങ്ങളുടെ തകർച്ചയും.
- (5) യുവജനങ്ങൾക്കുനേരെയുള്ള അതിക്രമങ്ങളും ചൂഷണങ്ങളും.

ഈ വ്യത്യസ്തങ്ങളായ വിഷയങ്ങൾ ചർച്ച ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടത് അടിസ്ഥാനപരമായി നാലുമാനങ്ങളിലൂടെയാണ്.

**(1) സാംസ്കാരികമാനം**

സഭാപാരമ്പര്യത്തിനുള്ളിൽ നിന്നുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ എല്ലാത്തരം സംസ്കാരങ്ങളെയും പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുകയും വളർത്തുകയും വേണം.

**(2) പരിസ്ഥിതിപരമായ മാനം**

പരിസ്ഥിതിയുടെ നിർബന്ധപൂർവമുള്ള നാശം, ചൂഷണം എന്നിവയെ അപലപിച്ചു മുന്നോട്ടൻ ഏവരെയും സിനഡ് സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്തു. ആമസോൺ ഒരു പ്രതീകമാണ്. നമ്മുടെ 'ഭാവി ആശ്രിതമായിരിക്കുന്ന പരിസ്ഥിതിപരമായ ഒരു മാനമുണ്ടെന്നതിന്'.

**(3) സാമൂഹികമാനം**

പ്രകൃതിയുടെ ചൂഷണത്തോടൊപ്പം മനുഷ്യരും ചൂഷണം ചെയ്യപ്പെടുന്നു. ആമസോണിൽ പ്രകൃതിയുടെ നാശത്തോടൊപ്പം ജനങ്ങളുടെ നാശവും സംസ്കാരങ്ങളുടെ നാശവും സംഭവിക്കുന്നു.

**(4) അജപാലനപരമായ മാനം**

സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം അടിയന്തിരമായി പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ളതാണ്. അത് കേൾക്കപ്പെടണം, സ്വാംശീകരിക്കപ്പെടണം. വിവിധ സംസ്കാരങ്ങളിലേക്ക് അതുൾച്ചേരണം. സംസ്കാരങ്ങൾ അതിനെ മനസിലാക്കുകയും വേണം.

പരിസ്ഥിതി സംരക്ഷണം ഉൾപ്പെടെ എല്ലാ മേഖലകളിലും സഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിതാഭിമുഖ്യം ശക്തിപ്പെടണം. കേരള സഭയിലാകമാനം സഭയുടെ വിളിക്കുന്നസൂത്രമായി ഒരു പ്രേഷിത മാനസാന്തരം സംഭവിക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. അതിനുള്ള ചുവടുവയ്പ്പുകൾക്ക് ക്ഷയം സംഭവിക്കാതിരിക്കട്ടെ! ■



# വാസ്തവം

## കലാ-സാഹിത്യസായഹവേദി

കെസിബിസി പ്രസിദ്ധീകരണമായ താലന്തു മാസികയും പിട്രിയും ചേർന്ന് നടത്തുന്ന പ്രതിമാസ കലാസാഹിത്യ സായാഹവേദി വാസ്തവം പത്തൊമ്പത് സാഹിത്യസംവാദമാണ് നടന്നിട്ടുള്ളത്. മലയാളസാഹിത്യത്തിനു നിരവധി സംഭാവനകൾ നൽകിയ എഴുത്തുകാരുമായി നേരിട്ടുസംവദിക്കുന്നതിനും അവരെ ആദരിക്കുന്നതിനും ഈ വേദി ഇടമൊരുക്കി. കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭ എഴുത്തുകാരെ, സാഹിത്യത്തെ, കലകളെ എത്രമാത്രം പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുന്നു എന്നതിന്റെ മഹത്തായ ഉദാഹരണം കൂടിയായി ഈ സാഹിത്യ സായാഹ കൂട്ടായ്മകൾ.



### കലയും സാഹിത്യവും സമ്മാനിക്കുന്നത് മനുഷ്യത്വം: അടൂർ ഗോപാലകൃഷ്ണൻ

വാസ്തവത്തിന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടനം (6-7-2018) ലോകപ്രശസ്ത സംവിധായകൻ അടൂർ ഗോപാലകൃഷ്ണൻ നിർവഹിച്ചു. ഓരോ വ്യക്തിയും വ്യത്യസ്തനാണെന്നും എന്നാൽ എല്ലാവരും ദൈവികതയുടെ ഭാഗമാണെന്നും നല്ല ഹിന്ദുവിന് മറ്റൊരു മതത്തെ പ്രതിയോഗിയായി കാണാനാവില്ലെന്നു നിരീശ്വരന്മാർക്കും വിശ്വസികൾക്കും സ്ഥാനമുള്ള മതമാണ് ഹിന്ദുമതമെന്നു അദ്ദേഹം അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. കലയും സാഹിത്യവും സമ്മാനിക്കുന്ന മനുഷ്യത്വം ദൈവത്തെക്കുറിച്ചും ശാന്തിയെയും വ്യാപിപ്പിക്കുന്നതാണെന്നും അടൂർ പറഞ്ഞു.

പി.ഒ.സി. ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട് അധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ചു. ജസ്റ്റിസ് അലക്സാണ്ടർ തോമസ്, തിരക്കഥാകൃത്ത് പി.എഫ്. മാത്യൂസ്, വാസ്തവം കോർഡിനേറ്റർ ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പിള്ളി, എസ്. രമേശൻ, പി.എഫ്. മാത്യൂസ്, എഴുത്തുകാരൻ ഫ്രാൻസിസ് നൊറോണ, ബോണി തോമസ്, പ്രൊഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു. തുടർന്ന് അടൂർ ഗോപാലകൃഷ്ണനെക്കുറിച്ചു വിപിൻ വിജയ് സംവിധാനം ചെയ്ത ഡോക്യുമെന്ററി പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചു.



### വളക്കൂറുള്ള മണ്ണിലെ കരുത്തുറ്റ തൈമരംപോലെയാണ് സേതുവിന്റെ കൃതികൾ

'വാസ്തവം' കലാസാംസ്കാരിക-സാഹിത്യ കൂട്ടായ്മയുടെ രണ്ടാമത്തെ ഒത്തുചേരൽ 2018 ആഗസ്റ്റ് 2-ന് പി.ഒ.സി. ഓഡിറ്റോറിയത്തിൽ നടന്നു. താലന്തു ചീഫ് എഡിറ്റർ ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പിള്ളി സ്വാഗതം ആശംസിച്ചു. പി.ഒ.സി. ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട് അധ്യക്ഷനായി. പ്രശസ്ത സാഹിത്യകാരൻ സേതുവിന്റെ കൃതികളെ മുൻനിറുത്തി കെ.എസ്. സെബാസ്റ്റ്യൻ പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. സേതുവിന്റെ 'ആലിയ' എന്ന നോവലിനെ അധികരിച്ച് ആർ. ദാമോദർ സംസാരിച്ചു. കഥാകൃത്ത് അനന്തപത്മനാഭൻ, പ്രൊഫ. ചന്ദ്രദാസൻ, സംഗീതസംവിധായകൻ ബിജി പാൽ എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു. സേതു മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. തുടർന്ന്, സേതുവിന്റെ ആലിയ എന്ന നോവലിനെ ആസ്പദമാക്കി നിർമ്മിച്ച ഡോക്യുമെന്ററി പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചു. പ്രൊഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് കൃതജ്ഞത പ്രകാശിപ്പിച്ചു.



**എഴുത്തുകാരൻ നിലക്കേണ്ടത് ഇരകൾക്കൊപ്പം: എം. മുകുന്ദൻ**

ആവിഷ്കാര സാമന്ത്ര്യമെന്നത് വെല്ലുവിളിയാകുന്ന ഈ കാലഘട്ടത്തിൽ എഴുത്തുകാരൻ നിലക്കേണ്ടത് ഇരകൾക്കൊപ്പമാണെന്ന് എം. മുകുന്ദൻ. മാനവീയ പാർട്ടിയെന്നതാകണം എഴുത്തുകാരന്റെ പാർട്ടിയെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു. മൂന്നാമത് വാങ്മയം (സെപ്റ്റംബർ 6) പ്രതിമാസം-കലാ-സാഹിത്യ-സാംസ്കാരിക കൂട്ടായ്മയിൽ സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം.

മുറിവേറ്റവർക്കും പൊള്ളലേറ്റവർക്കും ഒപ്പം നിൽക്കുകയെന്നതാണ് എന്റെ രാഷ്ട്രീയം. ഇതിന് സി.പി.എമ്മെന്നും ബി.ജെ.പിയെന്നുമൊക്കെ പാർട്ടി ലേബലിന്റെ ആവശ്യമില്ല. എഴുത്തുകാരനെ തളച്ചിടാൻ പാർട്ടിക്കും പ്രത്യയശാസ്ത്രത്തിനും കഴിയില്ല. ആവിഷ്കാര സാമന്ത്ര്യത്തിന്റെ പ്രശ്നങ്ങൾ ഉയർന്നുവരുമ്പോൾ എഴുത്തുകാരൻ ഓടിയെത്തണം. ഹരീഷിണൊപ്പവും ഗൗരി ലക്ഷ്മിണൊപ്പവും നിൽക്കാൻ കഴിയണം. അവർക്കും വേണ്ടി ശബ്ദമുയർത്തണം. നീതി നിഷേധിക്കപ്പെട്ടവന്റെ ഒപ്പം നിൽക്കുകയെന്നതാണ് എഴുത്തിന്റെ ധർമ്മം.

സാമന്ത്ര്യമാണ് എഴുത്തുകാരന് ആവശ്യം. എങ്കിൽ മാത്രമേ അഭിപ്രായ വ്യത്യാസങ്ങളിൽ അവന് കലഹിക്കാനാകൂ. വലിയ സാമൂഹിക പരിവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കൊപ്പം നിൽക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും എഴുത്തുകാർ പൊതുവേ ഭീരുക്കളാണ്. അവർ ധൈര്യശാലികളാണെന്നത് തെറ്റായ ധാരണയാണ്. വലിയ പ്രതീക്ഷകളൊന്നും ആവശ്യമില്ല. ലോകത്തിന്റെ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വം സ്വന്തം ചുമലിലാണെന്ന് ചിലർ നടിക്കുന്നതാണ്. സ്വയം സംരക്ഷിക്കാൻ കഴിയാത്തവർക്ക് എങ്ങനെയാണ് സമൂഹത്തെ സംരക്ഷിക്കാൻ കഴിയുക. സ്വന്തം സൃഷ്ടികളിലൂടെ മറ്റുള്ളവരെ അസ്വസ്ഥരാക്കി ചിന്തിക്കാൻ പ്രേരിപ്പിക്കുകയെന്നതാണ് എഴുത്തുകാരന് ചെയ്യാവുന്ന ഒരു കാര്യം 'ഞാൻ ഒരിക്കലും ഏകാകിയല്ല. എന്റെ തലയിൽ കിടന്ന് ഒരുപാട് കഥാപാത്രങ്ങൾ നിലവിലിരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. ചിലപ്പോൾ ഞാൻ അവരെ ശാസിക്കും. 'ഒന്ന് മിണ്ടാതിരിക്കെന്ന്'. - അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു. ഞാൻ പോയിക്കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ ഇവരൊക്കെ എന്തു ചെയ്യുമെന്നതാണ് ദുഃഖം. അവർ മറ്റൊരാളിലും എഴുത്തുകാരുടെ തലയിലേക്ക് കയറുമോയെന്ന് സംശയമുണ്ട്. പക്ഷേ, അവിടെയൊന്നും ഇക്കൂട്ടർ സ്വീകരിക്കപ്പെടാൻ സാധ്യതയില്ല.'

ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട് അധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ചു. എൻ.ഇ. സുധീർ, ഇ.എം. ഹാഷീം, ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പള്ളി, എച്ചുമുക്കുട്ടി തുടങ്ങിയവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.



**എഴുത്തിന്റെ 25-ാം വാർഷികം ആഘോഷിച്ച് ഇ. സന്തോഷ് കുമാർ**

എഴുത്തിന്റെ 25-ാം വർഷത്തിലേക്കെത്തിയ പ്രശസ്ത നോവലിസ്റ്റ് ഇ. സന്തോഷ് കുമാറിന് ആദരമർപ്പിച്ച് നാലാമത് വാങ്മയം സാംസ്കാരിക സായാഹ്നം. കൊച്ചിയിൽ പാലാരിവട്ടം പി.ഒ.സി. യിൽ ഒക്ടോബർ 4 ന് നടന്ന വാങ്മയം സാംസ്കാരിക സായാഹ്നത്തിൽ ഇ. സന്തോഷ് കുമാറിന്റെ രചനകളെക്കുറിച്ച് ഡോ. ഷാജി ജേക്കബ് പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. ഇ. സന്തോഷ് കുമാർ, ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പള്ളി, ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട്, പ്രൊഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.



**മലയാളകൃതികൾക്കായി ലോകം കാത്തിരിക്കും: ടി.ഡി. രാമകൃഷ്ണൻ**

മലയാളകൃതികളുടെ വിവർത്തനത്തിനു വേണ്ടി ലോകഭാഷകൾ കാത്തിരിക്കുന്ന കാലം വരുമെന്ന് പ്രശസ്ത നോവലിസ്റ്റ് ടി.ഡി. രാമകൃഷ്ണൻ. പാലാരിവട്ടം പി.ഒ.സി.യിൽ അഞ്ചാമത് വാങ്മയം (നവംബർ 2) സാംസ്കാരിക പരിപാടിയിൽ പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. ശാസ്ത്രവും കലയും കാലത്തിനൊപ്പമെത്തണം. മറ്റൊരാൾ രംഗങ്ങളിലുമെന്നപോലെ സാഹിത്യരംഗത്തും മലയാളം ലോക നിലവാരത്തിലേക്കാണ് വളരുന്നതെന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം ചൂണ്ടിക്കാട്ടി. നമ്മുടെ പുതിയ എഴുത്തുകാർ ലോകത്തിനൊപ്പം നടക്കുന്നവരാണെന്ന് ടി.ഡി. രാമകൃഷ്ണൻ പറഞ്ഞു.

ടി.ഡി. രാമകൃഷ്ണന്റെ നോവലുകൾ മലയാളിയുടെ വായനയെ പുതിയൊരു തലത്തിലേക്കാണ് കൊണ്ടുപോയതെന്ന് നിരൂപകനായ കെ.പി. ജയകുമാർ പറഞ്ഞു. ജയകുമാറും ടി.ഡി. രാമകൃഷ്ണനുമായുള്ള സംവദമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ടി.ഡി. രാമകൃഷ്ണന്റെ 'മാമാ ആഫ്രിക്ക' നോവലിനായി ബോണി തോമസ് രചിച്ച രേഖചിത്രങ്ങളുടെ പ്രദർശനവുമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പള്ളി, ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട്, പ്രിയ നായർ, പ്രൊഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.

**ഓരോ മനുഷ്യരിലും സദാ നിലകൊള്ളുന്ന നന്മയിലുള്ള വിശ്വാസമാണ് എഴുത്തറിനു പ്രചോദനമാകുന്നത് : വി.ജെ. ജെയിംസ്**



പി.ഒ.സി.യുടെ പ്രതിമാസ കലാ-സാഹിത്യ-സാംസ്കാരിക സായാഹ്നമായ വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ ആറാമത്തെ ഡിസംബർ ന് പി.ഒ.സി ഓഡിറ്റോറിയത്തിൽ വച്ച് നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. പ്രശസ്ത സാഹിത്യകാരൻ വി.ജെ. ജെയിംസ് മുഖ്യാതിഥി ആയിരുന്നു. പച്ചമനുഷ്യരുടെ പച്ചയായ ജീവിതം കഥ കൾക്കിടയിൽ മുഖ്യവത്തായ ദർശനങ്ങളിലൂടെ കോർത്തുവെച്ചുകൊണ്ട് മനോഹരമായ കൃതികൾ മലയാള സാഹിത്യത്തിനു നൽകിയ എഴുത്തുകാരനാണ് ചങ്ങനാശ്ശേരിക്കാരനായ വി.ജെ. ജെയിംസ് എന്ന് തിരക്കഥകൃത്ത് ബിപിൻ ചന്ദ്രൻ . പ്രശസ്ത സംവിധായകൻ ലാൽ ജോസ് ആശംസകൾ അർപ്പിച്ചു. തുടർന്ന് നോവലിസ്റ്റ് കെ.വി. മണികണ്ഠൻ വി.ജെ. ജെയിംസുമായി മുഖാമുഖം നടത്തി.



**മനുഷ്യനന്മയെ ചേർത്തുപിടിക്കുന്നവയാണ് പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ: എൻ. ശശിധരൻ**

മാനവികതയുടെ നന്മകളെ ഹൃദയത്തോടു ചേർത്തു പിടിക്കുന്നവയാണ് പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ എന്ന എൻ. ശശിധരൻ. പാലാരിവട്ടം പി.ഒ.സിയിലെ ഏഴാമത് ( 3-1-2019) വാങ്മയം സാഹിത്യകൂട്ടായ്മയുടെ പ്രഥമ പുരസ്കാരം ഏറ്റുവാങ്ങി സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം.

മാനവികമായ സാമൂഹിക നന്മകൾ വെല്ലുവിളി നേരിടുന്ന ഇക്കാലത്ത് മനുഷ്യപക്ഷത്ത് ഉറച്ചുനിന്നേ തീരൂ എന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം ഓർമ്മിപ്പിച്ചു.

കഥാകൃത്ത് അഷ്ടമൂർത്തി പുരസ്കാരം സമർപ്പിച്ചു. കഥയെക്കാൾ സൗന്ദര്യപൂർണ്ണമാണ് എൻ. ശശിധരന്റെ നിരൂപണ ലേഖനങ്ങളെന്ന് അഷ്ടമൂർത്തി പറഞ്ഞു. റവ. ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട് അധ്യക്ഷനായിരുന്നു. ഒരു ലക്ഷം രൂപയും പ്രശസ്ത പത്രവും അടങ്ങുന്നതാണ് പുരസ്കാരം.

കഥാകൃത്ത് സന്തോഷ് ഏച്ചിക്കാനം മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. എഴുത്തുകാരായ അയ്മനം ജോൺ, പി.എഫ്. മാത്യൂസ്, ജോർജ്ജ് ജോസഫ് കെ., പ്രിയ എ.എസ്, രാഹുൽ രാധാകൃഷ്ണൻ, സി.പി. ബിജു, ജയൻ ശിവപുരം, പി.എസ്. റഫീഖ്, ജി. ബി. വത്സൻ, പി.വി. ഷാജികുമാർ, ഭാഗ്യനാഥ്, ബിജോയ് ചന്ദ്രൻ, കെ.ജി. വിജയൻ, ആർ. സുഗതൻ എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു. ഡോ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പിള്ളി സ്വാഗതവും പ്രൊഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് നന്ദിയും പറഞ്ഞു.



**ഹൃദയത്തിൽ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കൈയൊപ്പുമായി പെരുമ്പടവം ശ്രീധരൻ**

ഹൃദയത്തിൽ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കൈയൊപ്പു പതിഞ്ഞ പുണ്യാത്മാവായി വിശ്വസാഹിത്യകാരൻ ദസ്തയേവ്സ് കിയെ മലയാളത്തിൽ അവതരിപ്പിച്ച പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട എഴുത്തുകാരൻ പെരുമ്പടവം ശ്രീധരൻ ആദരമർപ്പിച്ച് പാലാരിവട്ടം പി.ഒ.സി.യിലെ സാഹിത്യ കൂട്ടായ്മയായ വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ എട്ടാമത് (7-2-2019) സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ വായനക്കാരുടെ മനസ്സിന് വിശുദ്ധി പകരും വിധമുള്ള രചനകളാണ് പെരുമ്പടവത്തിന്റേതെന്ന് മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തിയ ജോൺ പോൾ പറഞ്ഞു.

മൂന്നേകാൽ ലക്ഷത്തോളം കോപ്പികൾ വിറ്റുപോവുകയും തർജമയിലൂടെ ഒട്ടേറെ വിദേശഭാഷകളിലേക്ക് മലയാളത്തെ കണ്ടെത്തിക്കുകയും ചെയ്ത 'സങ്കീർത്തനം പോലെ' എന്ന നോവലിനപ്പുറം വേറെയും നിരവധി വലിയ കൃതികളുടെ രചയിതാവാണ് പെരുമ്പടവം ശ്രീധരനെന്ന് ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട് ചൂണ്ടിക്കാട്ടി.

പ്രൊഫ. മ്യൂസ് മേരി ജോർജ്ജ്, ഫാ. ജോളി വടക്കൻ, പ്രൊഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു. പെരുമ്പടവം ശ്രീധരനും വേണു വി. ദേശവുമായി സർഗസംവാദവും നടത്തി.



**എറുവറ്റം കുടുമത്തൽ സ്വാധീനിച്ച മതഗ്രന്ഥം ബൈബിൾ: സി.വി ബാലകൃഷ്ണണൻ**

വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ ഒമ്പതാമത് (7-3-2019)സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ പ്രശസ്ത നോവലിസ്റ്റ് സി.വി ബാലകൃഷ്ണണൻ മുഖ്യ പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. തന്റെ കൃതികളുടെ എഴുത്താനുഭവം പങ്കുവെച്ചതോടൊപ്പം ബൈബിൾ എന്ന മതഗ്രന്ഥം എപ്രകാരം നല്ലൊരു സാഹിത്യകൃതിയായി തന്നെ സ്വാധീനിച്ചു എന്നും പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. പ്രശസ്ത മലയാളസാഹിത്യ നിരൂപകനും നാടകകൃത്തുമായ ശശീധരൻ, ബാലകൃഷ്ണണന്റെ കൃതികളിലെ ഭാഷശൈലി, അഖ്യാന സവിശേഷത, കഥാപാത്രമികവ്, ബിംബങ്ങൾ എന്നിവയെ സസൂക്ഷ്മം നിരീക്ഷിച്ച് കൃതികളെ വിലയിരുത്തി സംസാരിച്ചു. കവിത നിരൂപകനായ ഡോ. സന്തോഷ് മാനിചേരി ബാലകൃഷ്ണണനുമായി മുഖാമുഖം നടത്തി. കെസിബിസി ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി സെക്രട്ടറി ജനറൽ ഫാ. വർഗ്ഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട്, ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പിള്ളി, പ്രഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

**സത്രീകളുടെ സൃഷ്ടികളെ 'പെണ്ണെഴുത്ത്' എന്ന് വേർതിരിക്കേണ്ടതില്ല: ചന്ദ്രമതി**

കൊച്ചി: സാഹിത്യത്തിൽ സത്രീകളുടെ സൃഷ്ടികളെ 'പെണ്ണെഴുത്ത്' എന്ന് വേർതിരിക്കാമെങ്കിൽ പുരുഷന്മാരുടെ രചനകളെ 'ആണെഴുത്ത്' എന്നും വേർതിരിച്ചു പറയണമെന്ന് കഥാകൃത്ത് ചന്ദ്രമതി. കെസിബിസി പ്രസിഡൻ്റ്



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ലോകത്തെ ഒന്നിടിക്കാൻ എന്താണ് മാർഗം എന്ന ചിന്തയാണ് ഓരോ നല്ല എഴുത്തുകാരനും ഉണ്ടാകേണ്ടതെന്ന് എഴുത്തുകാരൻ സി. രാധാകൃഷ്ണൻ പറഞ്ഞു. ലോകം വലിയ അപകടത്തിലേക്കും പ്രതിസന്ധികളിലേക്കുമാണ് പോകുന്നത്.

ലോകത്തെ ഭിന്നതകളെയും പരിഹരിച്ച് ഒന്നിച്ചുചേർക്കുന്ന ഒരു തൂണാകാൻ വേണ്ടതാണ് എഴുത്തുകാരനെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു. കെസിബിസി പ്രസിഡൻ്റ് കരണമായ താലന്ത് മാസികയും പിടസിയും ചേർന്ന് നടത്തുന്ന പ്രതിമാസ-കലാ-സാഹിത്യ സാംസ്കാരിക സായഹ്മമായ വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ പത്താമത് (4-4-2019) സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം.

ഫാ. വർഗ്ഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട് അധ്യക്ഷനായി. ഡോ. എം. ലീലാവതിയും അനന്തപത്മനാഭനും സി. രാധാകൃഷ്ണന്റെ സാഹിത്യ സംഭാവനകളെ വിലയിരുത്തി സംസാരിച്ചു. ജോൺപോൾ, ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പിള്ളി, പ്രൊഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

കരണമായ താലന്ത് മാസികയും പിടസിയും ചേർന്നു നടത്തുന്ന പ്രതിമാസ കലാ-സാഹിത്യ-സാംസ്കാരിക സായഹ്മമായ വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ പതിനൊന്നാമത് (2-5-2019) സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു ചന്ദ്രമതി. സാമൂഹിക മാധ്യമങ്ങളിലൂടെയും മറ്റും നടക്കുന്ന പ്രചാരണങ്ങളിലൂടെയുള്ള താല്കാലിക പ്രശസ്തിയിൽ കാര്യമില്ലെന്നും മേന്മയുള്ള കൃതികളേ നിലനില്ക്കൂ എന്നും ചന്ദ്രമതി ടീച്ചർ പറഞ്ഞു. നിരൂപക ഡോ. ജി ഉഷാകുമാരി ചന്ദ്രമതിയുടെ കഥകളെക്കുറിച്ച് പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. ഹൃദയത്തിൽ തൊടുന്ന കഥകളാണ് ചന്ദ്രമതിയുടേതെന്ന് ചടങ്ങിൽ അധ്യക്ഷനായിരുന്ന പിടസി ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ. വർഗ്ഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട് പറഞ്ഞു. ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പിള്ളി, എഴുത്തുകാരി വിനീത വെള്ളിമന, പ്രഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.



**കാലത്തിന്റെയും സമയത്തിന്റെയും അടയാളപ്പെടുത്തലുകളാണ് അഷ്ടമൂർത്തികഥകൾ**

വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ പന്ത്രണ്ടാമത് (20-6-2019)സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ പ്രശസ്ത ചെറുകഥാകൃത്ത് അഷ്ടമൂർത്തി മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. പുതിയ സാഹിത്യ പുസ്തകങ്ങളിൽ പലതും സമയം നഷ്ടപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതാണെന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു. മലയാളം സർവകലാശാല എഴുത്തച്ഛൻ പഠനകേന്ദ്രം ഡയറക്ടർ ഡോ. കെ. എം അനിൽ ചെറുകഥകളുടെ പലഘട്ടങ്ങളെ, എഴുത്തുകാരെ താരതമ്യം ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ട് അഷ്ടമൂർത്തിയുടെ ചെറുകഥകളിൽ കാലത്തിന്റെയും സമയത്തിന്റെയും അടയാളപ്പെടുത്തലുകളുണ്ടെന്നും ചിലകഥകളിൽ പിതൃബിംബങ്ങളുടെയും പാവപ്പെട്ട മനുഷ്യജീവിതത്തിന്റെയും അടയാളപ്പെടുത്തലോടുകൂടിയ കഥകൾ അഷ്ടമൂർത്തിയെപ്പോലുള്ള ആധുനിക എഴുത്തുകാരിൽ കണ്ടെത്താമെന്നും പറഞ്ഞു. പ്രശസ്ത മലയാള സാഹിത്യ വിവർത്തകൻ ശ്രീ.സുനിൽ ഞാളിയേത്ത്, ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പിള്ളി, പ്രഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.



**എം.ടി വാസുദേവൻ നായരുടെ പുസ്തകങ്ങളാണ് തന്നെ എഴുത്തിലേക്ക് നയിച്ചത്: അയ്മനം ജോൺ**

വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ പതിമൂന്നാമത് (4-7-2019) സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ പ്രശസ്തകഥാകൃത്ത് അയ്മനംജോൺ മുഖ്യ പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. എം.ടി വാസുദേവൻ നായരുടെ പുസ്തകങ്ങളാണ് തന്നെ എഴുത്തിലേക്ക് നയിച്ചതെന്നും, എന്നാൽ ഭാഷയേയും സാഹിത്യത്തെയും കുറിച്ചുള്ള എല്ലാ ധാരണകളെയും പൊളിച്ചുപണിതതു 'ഖസാക്കിന്റെ ഇതിഹാസ'മാണെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു. കേരളീയ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ സാമൂഹിക-രാഷ്ട്രീയ ധാരണകളെയും പരിസ്ഥിതി സമീപനങ്ങളെയും മുന്നോട്ടു നയിക്കുന്നതിൽ കഥാസാഹിത്യം വഹിക്കുന്ന പങ്ക് വലുതാണെന്ന് നിരൂപകനും വിവർത്തകനുമായ കെ. ബി പ്രസന്നകുമാർ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. വാങ്മയ സാഹിത്യകൂട്ടായ്മയിൽ അയ്മനം ജോണിന്റെ കഥകളെക്കുറിച്ച് സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. ജോണി മിരാൻഡയുടെ 'നന്നത്തെ മണ്ണടരുകൾ' എന്ന പുസ്തകം അയ്മനം ജോൺ പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു. പി.ഒ.സി. ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട് അദ്ധ്യക്ഷനായിരുന്നു. ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പിള്ളി, സി.പി ബിജു, ബോണി തോമസ്, ജോണി മിരാൻഡ, പ്രഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.

**കഥ ജനിക്കുന്നതും വളരുന്നതും വായനക്കാരിൽ: രഘുനാഥ് പലേരി**



കൊച്ചി: കഥ ജനിക്കുന്നതും വളരുന്നതും എഴുത്തുകാരിലല്ല വായനക്കാരിലാണെന്ന് എഴുത്തുകാരൻ രഘുനാഥ് പലേരി. വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ പതിനാലാമത് (1-8-2019)പരിപാടിയിൽ പങ്കെടുത്ത് പ്രസംഗിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. പി.ഒ.സി. ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട് അദ്ധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ച ചടങ്ങിൽ വാങ്മയം കോഡിനേറ്റർ റവ. ഡോ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പിള്ളി, കൺവീനർ പ്രഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് കഥാകൃത്ത് ജോൺപോൾ, ഷാനവാസ് ബാവ കൂട്ടി, പി.എസ് റഹീഖ്, ദാമോദർ രാധാകൃഷ്ണൻ എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.



**എഴുത്ത് അപകടകരമായ ജോലിയായി മാറി: ശിഹാബുദ്ദീൻ പൊയ്ത്തുംകടവ്**

കാലവും ലോകവും മാറിമറിഞ്ഞ ഈ പുതിയ സാമൂഹിക സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ എഴുത്ത് അപകടകരമായ ജോലിയായി മാറിയെന്ന് പ്രശ്നം എഴുത്തുകാരൻ ശിഹാബുദ്ദീൻ പൊയ്ത്തുംകടവ്. പി.ഒ.സിയിൽ താലന്ത് മാസികയുടെ പ്രതിമാസ കലാ സാഹിത്യ സാംസ്കാരിക സായാഹ്നമായ വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ പതിനഞ്ച് (5-9-2019) പരിപാടിയിൽ പങ്കെടുത്ത് പ്രസംഗിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. ലോകജനത പരിഷ്കൃതസംസ്കാരത്തിലേക്ക് എത്തിയത് എഴുത്തുകാർക്കും കലാകാരന്മാർക്കും തികഞ്ഞ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം അനുവദിച്ചുകൊണ്ടായിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഇന്ന് ആ സർഗാത്മാക സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം ഇല്ലാതായിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. സൂക്ഷ്മ വായനകൾ കുറയുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ടു തന്നെ വാക്കുകൾക്കിടയിൽ ധനിക്കൊണ്ടു സൃഷ്ടിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന സൗന്ദര്യവും രാഷ്ട്രീയവും അനുഭവിക്കപ്പെടാതെ പോകുന്നു. മാനവീകമായ ഉണർച്ചകൾ ഇല്ലാതായിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു എന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു. നമ്മുടെ കാലഘട്ടത്തിനുവേണ്ടി ഉറങ്ങാതിരിക്കുന്ന ജാഗ്രതയുടെ കണ്ണുകളാണ് ശിഹാബുദ്ദീൻ പൊയ്ത്തുംകടവിന്റെത് എന്ന് പ്രശ്നം കഥാകൃത്ത് സോക്രട്ടീസ് കെ. വാലത്ത് പറഞ്ഞു. പി.ഒ.സി ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട് അദ്ധ്യക്ഷനായിരുന്നു. ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പിള്ളി, രാംമോഹൻ പാലിയത്ത് പ്രഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.

**പ്രിയ എ എസ്സിന്റെ കഥകൾ ഏകാന്തതയുടെ ആവിഷ്കാരങ്ങൾ**

വ്യക്തികളുടെ ദുഷ്കരമായിട്ടുള്ള ഏകാന്തതയുടെ ആവിഷ്കാരങ്ങളാണ് മലയാള ചെറുകഥയിലെ ശ്രദ്ധേയ സാന്നിധ്യമായ പ്രിയ എ എസ്സിന്റെ കഥകൾക്ക് ഉള്ളതെന്ന് തി.കെ.കൃഷ്ണൻ ബിപിൻ ചന്ദ്രൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. വായനക്കാരെ എന്നും എൻഗേജ് ചെയ്യുന്ന എഴുത്തുകാരിയാണ് എഴുത്തിന്റെ മുപ്പതുവർഷം പിന്നിടുമ്പോഴും പ്രിയയെന്ന് ബിപിൻ ചന്ദ്രൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ പതിനേഴാമത്ത് (7-11-2019) സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ പ്രിയ എ എസ്സിന്റെ സാഹിത്യകൃതികളെ ആധാരമാക്കി മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തുകയായിരുന്നു ബിപിൻ ചന്ദ്രൻ. സ്ത്രീപക്ഷത്തു ചേർന്നു ശക്തമായി എഴുതുമ്പോഴും എന്നും ഉള്ളിലൊരു മാതൃഭാവന സൂക്ഷിക്കുന്ന എഴുത്തുകാരിയാണ് പ്രിയ



**എഴുത്തുകാർ സമൂഹത്തിലെ ജീർണതകൾ തുടച്ചുമാറ്റണം: സന്തോഷ് എച്ചിക്കാനം**

വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ പതിനാറാമത്ത് (3-10-2019) സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ പ്രശസ്ത കഥാകൃത്ത് സന്തോഷ് എച്ചിക്കാനം മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി.

അസമതങ്ങളിലൂടെ സമൂഹത്തിലുണ്ടാകുന്ന ജീർണതകൾ തുടച്ചുമാറ്റേണ്ടത് എഴുത്തുകാരന്റെ ചുമതലയാണെന്ന് കഥാകൃത്ത് സന്തോഷ് എച്ചിക്കാനം. വ്യക്തികൾ പരസ്പരവും സമൂഹത്തോടും നടത്തുന്ന ആശവിനിമയമാണ് സാഹിത്യം. ആശയവിനിമയമില്ലെങ്കിൽ സാഹിത്യമില്ലെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. നിരൂപകൻ രഘുനാഥൻ മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. പി.ഒ.സി ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട് അദ്ധ്യക്ഷനായിരുന്നു. ഫാ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പിള്ളി, തിരക്കഥാകൃത്ത് സിദ്ധാർത്ഥ് ഭരതൻ, പ്രഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു. ജോസ്ലിറ്റിന്റെ 'ഇഷാൻ എന്ന കുട്ടി' ചടങ്ങിൽ പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു.



എ എസ്സ് എന്ന് ചടങ്ങിൽ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ച കെസിബി സി യുത്ത്കമ്മീഷൻ സെക്രട്ടറി ഫാ. സ്റ്റീഫൻ തോമസ് ചാലക്കര പറഞ്ഞു. അക്ഷരങ്ങളാണ് തന്റെ സ്വന്തം മലയാളം അക്ഷരങ്ങൾ ഇല്ലായിരുന്നു എങ്കിൽ താൻ എന്തായിത്തീരുമെന്ന് ഒരിക്കലും പറയാൻ കഴിയില്ലെന്നും മറുപടി പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ പ്രിയ എ എസ്സ് പറഞ്ഞു. കൂസാറ്റ് മുൻ വൈസ് ചാൻസലർ ചടങ്ങിൽ പ്രിയ എ എസ്സിന് ഉപഹാരം സമ്മാനിച്ചു. പ്രശ്നം കഥാകൃത്ത് ജോർജ്ജ് ജോസഫ്, സി. ഗ്ലാഡീസ് ഒഎസ്എസ്, പ്രൊഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.



**വായനക്കാരുടെ എഴുത്തുകാരെക്കാൾ മുകളിലാണ്: ബെന്യാമിൻ**

കെസിബിസി പ്രസിദ്ധീകരണമായ താലന്ത് മാസികയും പിങ്ങിയും ചേർന്ന് നടത്തുന്ന പ്രതിമാസ-കലാ-സാഹിത്യ സാംസ്കാരിക സായാഹ്നമായ വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ പതിനെട്ടാമത് സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ (5-12-2019) പ്രതിമാസ പരിപാടിയിൽ മുഖ്യാതിഥിയായി സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു പ്രശസ്ത എഴുത്തുകാരനായ ബെന്യാമിൻ. തന്റെ രചനകൾ എല്ലാം തന്റെ ജീവിതാനുഭവവുമായി ബന്ധമുള്ളതാണെന്നും വായനക്കാരോടുള്ള ബഹുമാനം ഉള്ളിൽ സൂക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു തന്നെയാണ് എഴുതാനിരിക്കുന്നതെന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു. ബെന്യാമിന്റെ കൃതികളെ അനുപാപ്പച്ചൻ വിലയിരുത്തി. ഡോ.സതീഷ്കുമാർ, റവ. ഡോ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പള്ളി, പ്രൊഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.



**ഏതു കഥകളെക്കാളും വിസ്മയകരമാണ് ജീവിതം: ഇന്ദുഗോപൻ**

സാധാരണ മനുഷ്യരുടെ ജീവിതം തൊട്ടറിഞ്ഞ കഥകളെ എഴുതിയിട്ടുള്ളു എന്ന് പ്രശസ്ത എഴുത്തുകാരൻ ജി.ആർ. ഇന്ദുഗോപൻ. ഏതു കഥയെക്കാളും വിസ്മയാവഹമാണ് മനുഷ്യജീവിതമെന്ന് നല്ല ബോധ്യമുണ്ടെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു.

കെസിബിസി പ്രസിദ്ധീകരണമായ താലന്ത് മാസികയും പിങ്ങിയും ചേർന്ന് നടത്തുന്ന പ്രതിമാസ-കലാ-സാഹിത്യ സാംസ്കാരിക സായാഹ്നമായ വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ പത്തൊമ്പതാമത് സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ (2-1-2020) പ്രതിമാസ പരിപാടിയിൽ മുഖ്യാതിഥിയായി സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു ഇന്ദുഗോപൻ. കഥകളും സാഹിത്യവുമൊക്കെ വായിച്ചുസാദിക്കുന്നവരുടെ സാമൂഹികാവസ്ഥകൾക്കൊക്കെ അപ്പുറത്താണ് ദുരിതമനുഭവിക്കുന്ന മനുഷ്യരുടെ ജീവിതം. അവിടേക്ക് ആശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ ഒരിറ്റൊങ്കിലും പകരാനാവുമോ എന്നതാണ് എഴുത്തിൽ തന്റെ ആഗ്രഹമെന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു. എഴുത്തുകാരനായ ജോർജ്ജ് ജോസഫ് കെ. അധ്യക്ഷനായി.

ജി.ആർ. ഇന്ദുഗോപന്റെ കഥാ ലോകത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് പ്രശസ്ത കഥാകൃത്തായ കെ.വി. മണികണ്ഠൻ മുഖ്യപ്രദോഷണം നടത്തി. കഥാകൃത്തും സംവിധായകനുമായ വിനോദ്കൃഷ്ണ ഇന്ദുഗോപന്റെ കഥകളുടെ രാഷ്ട്രീയ പ്രസക്തി വിശദീകരിച്ചു.

ജസ്റ്റിസ് അലക്സാണ്ടർ തോമസ് വാങ്മയത്തിന്റെ ഉപഹാരം ഇന്ദുഗോപന് സമ്മാനിച്ചു. റവ. ഡോ. സ്റ്റാൻലി മാതിരപ്പള്ളി, പ്രൊഫ. ഷാജി ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.

# വിശുദ്ധ നാമകരണ നടപടികളിലെ അത്ഭുത സൗഖ്യങ്ങൾ - യുക്തിയും സത്യവും

2019 ഒക്ടോബർ 29 പാലാരിവട്ടം പി.ഒ.സിയിൽ വച്ച് സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച സിനോഡിയൽ അത്ഭുതസൗഖ്യങ്ങൾ യുക്തിക്കോ ശാസ്ത്രത്തിനോ എതിരല്ല: ഡോ. എ. ആനന്ദകുമാർ

**രോഗചികിത്സയും** രോഗ സൗഖ്യവും തമ്മിൽ അന്തരമുണ്ടെന്നും ഒരു വ്യക്തിയുടെ രോഗസൗഖ്യത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ആത്മീയതയ്ക്കും മനഃശാസ്ത്രപരമായ ഘടകങ്ങൾക്കും സാധ്യമായും ഉണ്ടെന്നും അതിനാൽ അത്ഭുതസൗഖ്യങ്ങൾ യുക്തിക്കോ ശാസ്ത്രത്തിനോ എതിരല്ലെന്നും അമൃത ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ട് ഓഫ് മെഡിക്കൽ സയൻസസ് വൈസ് പ്രിൻസിപ്പലും ന്യൂറോളജി വിഭാഗം തലവനുമായ ഡോ. ആനന്ദകുമാർ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. വിശുദ്ധ നാമകരണ നടപടികളിലെ അത്ഭുത സൗഖ്യങ്ങൾ - യുക്തിയും സത്യവും എന്ന വിഷയത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് പി.ഒ.സിയിൽ നടന്ന സിനോഡിയത്തിൽ പങ്കെടുത്ത് സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം.

അറിവിനെ സംബന്ധിക്കുന്ന പുതിയ സങ്കേതങ്ങൾ ഉപയോഗിച്ച് ആഖ്യാനം ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ അത്ഭുതങ്ങൾ അസാധുവാകുകയല്ല, നേരെ മറിച്ച് അതിന് കൂടുതൽ യുക്തിപരമായ സീകാര്യത കൈവരിക്കുകയാണ് ചെയ്യുന്നതെന്ന് റവ. ഡോ. അഗസ്റ്റിൻ പാംപ്ലാനി സി എസ്റ്റി. അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു.

മനോജന്യ രോഗസൗഖ്യം എന്ന ചട്ടക്കൂടിനുള്ളിൽ ഒതുക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നവയല്ല അത്ഭുതരോഗശാന്തികൾ എന്ന് വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കുന്ന രോഗസൗഖ്യങ്ങൾ എന്ന് സൈക്കോളജിസ്റ്റ് നിഷ ജോസ് നിരീക്ഷിച്ചു. വിശുദ്ധരുടെ നാമകരണത്തിൽ അത്ഭുതരോഗശാന്തി വിശകലനം ചെയ്ത് സ്ഥിരീകരിക്കുന്ന നടപടികളുമുണ്ട് റവ. ഡോ. റോയി കടുപ്പിൽ വിശദീകരിച്ചു. ശാസ്ത്രീയ വിശകലനങ്ങൾക്കതീതവും ഉടനടി സംഭവിക്കുന്നതുമായ സൗഖ്യങ്ങളെ മാത്രമേ അത്ഭുതമായി സഭ



പരിഗണിക്കു എന്നും നാമകരണനടപടിയിൽ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കൈയൊപ്പാണ് അത്ഭുതങ്ങൾ എന്നും അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു.

കയോസ് സിദ്ധാന്തം, ക്വാണ്ടം സിദ്ധാന്തം തുടങ്ങിയ ശാസ്ത്ര മുന്നേറ്റങ്ങൾ നമ്മുടെ പരിമിതികളെക്കുടിനമുക്കു പറഞ്ഞു തരുന്നവയാണെന്നും, നമ്മുടെ ചിന്തയുടെ സ്വാഭാവിക ചട്ടക്കൂട്ടിൽ ഒതുങ്ങാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് പ്രാർത്ഥനയിലൂടെ സംഭവിക്കുന്ന രോഗശാന്തി അശാസ്ത്രീയമാണെന്ന് പറയാൻ സാധിക്കില്ല എന്നും ആശംസകൾ അർപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് അയച്ച സന്ദേശത്തിൽ ഡോ. സി. രാധാകൃഷ്ണൻ പറഞ്ഞു.

സിനോഡിയത്തിൽ കെസിബിസി ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി സെക്രട്ടറി ജനറൽ ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട് ചർച്ചകൾ നിയന്ത്രിച്ചു. ജാഗ്രതാ കമ്മീഷൻ സെക്രട്ടറി ഫാ. സാജു കുഞ്ഞോടി പുത്തൻപുരയിൽ സിഎസ്റ്റി സ്വാഗതം ആശംസിച്ചു. സിസ്റ്റർ എൽസി

സേവ്യർ സിഎച്ച്എഫ് കൃതജ്ഞത പ്രകാശിപ്പിച്ചു.

ദൈവത്തെ അറിയില്ലെങ്കിൽ ദൈവമില്ലെന്ന് പറയുന്നത് എളുപ്പം: സി. രാധാകൃഷ്ണൻ

ദൈവത്തെ അറിയില്ലെങ്കിൽ ദൈവമില്ലെന്ന് പറയുന്നത് എളുപ്പമാണെന്ന് സാഹിത്യകാരൻ സി. രാധാകൃഷ്ണൻ. ഈ അജ്ഞതയാണ് ഏറ്റവും വലിയ അത്ഭുതം. ശാസ്ത്രകാരന്മാരുടെ ഓരോ കണ്ടുപിടുത്തങ്ങളും അത്ഭുതമായിരുന്നു. പൂവുണ്ടാകുന്നതും കായ് ഉണ്ടാകുന്നതും മനസ്സിൽ ആർദ്രതയുണ്ടാകുന്നതും അത്ഭുതമാണ്. എല്ലാത്തിനും കാര്യകാരണങ്ങളുണ്ട്. എല്ലാകാര്യങ്ങളും നമുക്ക് അറിയാമെന്ന് ശരിക്കരുത്. വിശുദ്ധ നാമകരണ നടപടികളിലെ അത്ഭുത സൗഖ്യങ്ങൾ - യുക്തിയും സത്യവും എന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ പാലാരിവട്ടം പി.ഒ.സിയിൽ നടന്ന സിനോഡിയത്തിൽ വീഡിയോദൃശ്യത്തിലൂടെ സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. ■





ചെയ്യാൻ സന്നയാസജീവിതം സഹായകമാകുമെന്ന ചിന്ത യോടെ ഞാൻ മഠത്തിൽ ചേരുന്നത്. എന്നാൽ ചേർന്ന നാളുകൾക്കുള്ളിൽ ഇതല്ല എന്റെ ദൈവവിളിയെന്ന് എനിക്ക് ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെട്ടു. മഠത്തിന്റെ സുരക്ഷിതത്വവും സൗകര്യങ്ങളുമല്ല എനിക്കുവേണ്ടതെന്ന ശക്തമായ ഉൾവിളിയാണ് ക്രമേണ ഹോളി ക്രോസ് സന്നയാസസമൂഹത്തോടു വിടപറയാൻ എന്നെ പ്രേരിപ്പിച്ചത്. ആ നാളുകളിൽ പ്രേഷിതകേരളം എന്ന മാസികയിൽ വന്ന ഒരു പാട്ട് വല്ലാതെ എന്നെ സ്വാധീനിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. അതിങ്ങനെയാണ്:

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കൂട്ടാക്കാതെയിതാരോ  
കൂട്ടാക്കാതെയിതാരാരോ...

ഈ വാക്കുകൾ എന്നെ വല്ലാതെ ആകർഷിച്ചിരുന്നു. ഞാൻ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തതല്ല എന്റെ ദൈവവിളിയെന്ന് മനസ്സിലായ നാൾ മുതൽ ഓരോ മാസവും ഞാൻ മിസ്ട്രസ്സിന്റെ അടുക്കൽ ചെന്ന് ഇക്കാര്യം സംസാരിച്ചിരുന്നു. പിന്നീട് പഠിക്കാൻ പോയി. എനിക്കിപ്പോഴും എന്റെ പഴയ സന്നയാസസമൂഹത്തോട് വലിയ ഇഷ്ടമാണ്. ആ സന്നയാസസമൂഹത്തിന്റെ സവിശേഷമായ സിദ്ധി (charism) Need of the time is the will of God എന്നതാണ്. ഞാൻ ജീവിക്കുന്ന ജീവിതം ഈ സിദ്ധിയോട് വളരെ ചേർന്ന ഒരു ജീവിതവുമാണ്. മദ്ധ്യപ്രദേശിലെ ആദിവാസികളോടൊപ്പം വർഷങ്ങളോളം ജീവിച്ചത് അവിടെ ആ കാലഘട്ടത്തിന്റെ ആവശ്യമായിരുന്നു. ഈ നാളുകളിൽ കാസർഗോഡ് പ്രദേശത്ത് എൻഡോസൾഫാൻ ദുരിതബാധിതരോടുകൂടെയാണ് ഞാൻ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നത്. മഠത്തിലായിരുന്ന കാലത്ത് 365 ദിവസങ്ങൾ നൊവിഷ്യേറ്റ് കാലയളവ് നിയമപരമായിത്തന്നെ പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയ ആളാണ് ഞാൻ. ഒപ്പം ആ സന്നയാസ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ സിദ്ധിക്കനുസൃതം ജീവിക്കുന്ന വ്യക്തിയും. ഇക്കാരണങ്ങൾകൊണ്ടു തന്നെ ഞാൻ ജീവിക്കുന്നത് സന്നയാസജീവിതം തന്നെയാണ്. സന്നയാസത്തിൽ നിന്നു ലഭിച്ച അഗ്നിയാണ് എന്നിലെ സാമൂഹ്യ പ്രവർത്തകയെ ഇന്നും ആളിക്കത്തിക്കുന്നത്. സമൂഹത്തിൽ പുറംതള്ളപ്പെട്ടവർക്കുവേണ്ടി ഉരുകിത്തീരാനുള്ള മഹത്തായ ക്രിസ്തു ദർശനത്തിന്റെ ആഴം എനിക്കു പകർന്നു നൽകിയത് എന്റെ സന്നയാസിനീസമൂഹമാണ്.

**സന്നയാസം 'ടോർച്ചറിങ്' അല്ല 'നർച്ചറിംഗ്' ആണ്**

സന്നയാസജീവിതം പീഡനമാണെന്നും മഠങ്ങൾ മുഴുവൻ കണ്ണീരാണെന്നുമൊക്കെ പറയുന്നത് എന്നെ അത്ഭുതപ്പെടുത്തുന്നുണ്ട്. സന്നയാസജീവിതത്തിലേക്ക് പ്രവേശിക്കാൻ ആരെയാണ് നിർബന്ധിക്കാറുള്ളത്? (വ്രതങ്ങളെടുക്കുന്നത് പോലും പ്രായപൂർത്തിയായ ശേഷം മാത്രമാണ്. പകുതയെത്തിയ ശേഷം നടത്തുന്ന ഒരു തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പാണ്. അതെങ്ങനെയാണ് പീഡനമാകുന്നത്? മാത്രവുമല്ല, സമൂഹമായി എവിടെ ജീവിച്ചാലും ചില ചിട്ടകളൊക്കെ നാം പാലിക്കേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ട്. ചിട്ടകളില്ലാത്തതിടത്ത് നിലനിൽക്കുന്ന അരാജകത്വം ആർക്കാണ് ആസ്വദിക്കാൻ കഴിയുക? ചിട്ടകളും ചട്ടക്കൂടുകളും സംസ്കാരമുള്ള ഒരു സമൂഹത്തിന് അത്യന്താപേക്ഷിതമാണ്. അവയോട് യോജിക്കാൻ കഴിയാത്തവർ പുറത്തുപോകാനുള്ള ആർജ്ജവതം കാണിക്കുകയാണ് ചെയ്യേണ്ടത്, അല്ലാതെ അതിനെ വെല്ലുവിളിച്ച് അവിടെ ജീവിക്കുന്നവരുടെ ജീവിതം കൂടി അസ്വസ്ഥമാക്കുകയല്ല വേണ്ടത്. കന്യാസ്ത്രീ മഠങ്ങൾ കണ്ണീരിന്റെ ഇടങ്ങളല്ല എന്ന് ഉറപ്പിച്ച് പറയാൻ കഴിയും. അത് പരസ്പരബന്ധം കൊണ്ട് നമ്മെ വളർത്തുന്ന ഒന്നാണ്. സന്നയാസം ഗ്ലോറിയൂസിഴ അല്ലീഗ്യൂഗ്ലോറിയൂസിഴ ആണ്.

കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയിലെ സന്നയാസിനീ മഠങ്ങളിൽ അവകാശലംഘനങ്ങൾ നടക്കുന്നുവെന്ന ആരോപണം വസ്തുതാവിരുദ്ധമാണ്. സന്നയാസിനികളെയും മഠങ്ങളെയും അകാരണമായി ഇന്ന് പലരും അധികേഷപിക്കുന്നതിൽ ദുഃഖമുണ്ട്. ഏതൊരു സംവിധാനത്തിനും നിയതമായ ചട്ടക്കൂട് ഉള്ളതുപോലെ സന്നയാസിനീ മഠങ്ങൾക്കുമുണ്ട്. അത് പൗരാവകാശ ലംഘനമാണെന്നും സ്ത്രീകളുടെ അവകാശങ്ങൾ വെല്ലുവിളിക്കപ്പെടുന്നതാണെന്നുമെല്ലാം വ്യാഖ്യാനിക്കുന്നതും പ്രചരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതും സ്ഥാപിത താല്പര്യക്കാരാണ്. അധ്യാപികയായ ഒരു സന്നയാസിനി മഠം ഉപേക്ഷിച്ചു തന്റെ കൂടെച്ചേരാൻ ആഗ്രഹം പ്രകടിപ്പിച്ചിരുന്നു. ലക്ഷ്യം ആത്മാർത്ഥമല്ലെന്നറിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ താൻ വേണ്ടെന്നു പറയുകയായിരുന്നു. അവർക്കായി പൊതുവേദിയിൽ പ്രസംഗിക്കാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടപ്പോഴും അതിനു താനില്ലെന്നറിയിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു. ■

# മതഭീകരതയ്ക്കു വളംവയ്ക്കുന്ന രാഷ്ട്രീയ, സാമൂഹ്യ സാമ്പത്തിക ഘടകങ്ങൾ - കേരളപശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ



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മുൻ ഡിജിപി ടി.പി. സെൻകുമാർ

സംസ്ഥാനത്ത് നിലവിലുള്ള രാഷ്ട്രീയ സാഹചര്യങ്ങളാണ് ഭീകരതയ്ക്ക് അനുകൂലമായ പ്രധാനഘടകമെന്നും ജനസംഖ്യാപെരുപ്പം ലാക്കാക്കിയുള്ള ലവ്ജിഹാദ് പോലുള്ള പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ ചിലർ തങ്ങളുടെ സാമ്പത്തിക രാഷ്ട്രീയ ലക്ഷ്യങ്ങൾക്കായി ഫലപ്രദമായി ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നും അതിന് വ്യക്തമായ അനവധി തെളിവുകൾ ലഭ്യമാണെന്നും മുൻ ഡിജിപി. ടി.പി. സെൻകുമാർ പറഞ്ഞു. ‘മതഭീകരതയ്ക്ക് വളംവയ്ക്കുന്ന രാഷ്ട്രീയ- സാമൂഹ്യ-സാമ്പത്തിക ഘടകങ്ങൾ കേരള പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ’ എന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ നവംബർ ഇരുപത്തൊന്നാം തീയതി പാലാരിവട്ടം പിബിയിൽ കെസിബിസി സെക്രട്ടറിയേറ്റും അല്മായ -ഐക്യ ജാഗ്രതാ കമ്മീഷനുകളും സംയുക്തമായി സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച സെമിനാറിൽ മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. കഴിഞ്ഞ ഏതാനും വർഷങ്ങളായി കേരളത്തിൽ വളർന്നുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന മതമൗലികവാദവും തീവ്രവാദ ചിന്തകളും അതു മൂലമുണ്ടാകുന്ന അക്രമങ്ങളും അവസാനിപ്പിക്കാൻ പോലീസ് മേധാവികൾക്ക് തന്റേടമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ നിഷ്പ്രയാസം കഴിയും. രാഷ്ട്രീയവും സാമ്പത്തികവുമായ ബന്ധങ്ങളെയും സാധ്യതകളെയും ചിലർ സ്ഥാപിത താല്പര്യങ്ങൾക്കായി ദുരുപയോഗിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇതുവഴിയായി കേരളസമൂഹം പൊതുവിൽ അരക്ഷിതാവസ്ഥയിൽ അകപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുകയാണ്. സാമ്പത്തികവും രാഷ്ട്രീയവുമായ മേൽക്കോയ്മ നേടിയെടുക്കാൻ അന്തരക്കാർക്ക് കഴിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നത് ഇന്ന് കേരളം നേരിടുന്ന പ്രധാന പ്രതിസന്ധികളിൽ ഒന്നാണ്. ഇവയ്ക്ക് പരിഹാരം കണ്ടെ

ത്താനുള്ള ആദ്യപടി പ്രശ്നങ്ങൾ നിലനില്ക്കുന്നുവെന്ന തിരിച്ചറിവും ജാഗ്രതയും പൊതുസമൂഹത്തിനുണ്ടാകുക എന്നതാണ്. ഭരണാധികാരികളും വിവിധ മതങ്ങളിലെ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വപ്പെട്ടവരും ഒരുമിച്ചിരുന്ന് ഇക്കാര്യങ്ങൾ ചർച്ചചെയ്യുകയും അവിടെ ഉരുത്തിരിയുന്ന പരിഹാരമാർഗ്ഗങ്ങൾ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ താഴേത്തട്ടിലേക്കെത്തിക്കുകയുമാണ് ഇതിന് പരിഹാരമെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. കെസിബിസിയുടെ വിവിധ കമ്മീഷനുകളുടെയും സംഘടനകളുടെയും അംഗങ്ങൾക്കായി സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച സെമിനാർ കെസിബിസി അല്മായ-ജാഗ്രതാ കമ്മീഷനുകളുടെ ചെയർമാൻ ബിഷപ്പ് ജോഷ്വാ മാർ ഇഗ്നാത്തിയോസ് ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. ഇന്ന് കേരളവും ആഗോളസമൂഹവും നേരിടുന്ന മതഭീകരതപോലുള്ള പ്രതിസന്ധികൾക്കും മനുഷ്യത്വ രഹിതമായ അക്രമണപരമ്പരകൾക്കും കടന്നുകയറ്റങ്ങൾക്കും മാനവികതയിൽ ഊന്നിയുള്ള പരിഹാരം വിവിധ സമുദായങ്ങളുടെയും സർക്കാരിന്റെയും നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ കണ്ടെത്തേണ്ടതുണ്ടെന്ന് ബിഷപ്പ് ജോഷ്വാ മാർ ഇഗ്നാത്തിയോസ് ഓർമ്മിപ്പിച്ചു. പ്രൊഫ. ഡോ. തോമസുകുട്ടി പനച്ചിക്കൽ, ഡോ. കുര്യൻ കുന്ദകുഴി, കെസിബിസി ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി സെക്രട്ടറി ജനറൽ ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വള്ളിക്കാട്ട്, കെസിബിസി ഐക്യജാഗ്രതാ കമ്മീഷൻ സെക്രട്ടറി ഫാ. സാജു കുത്തോടിപുത്തൻ പുരയിൽ സിഎസ്റ്റി, കെസിബിസി അല്മായ കമ്മീഷൻ സെക്രട്ടറി പി. കെ. ജോസഫ് എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു. ജോയി ഗോതുരുത്ത് സെമിനാർ മോഡറേറ്റ് ചെയ്തു. ■

## Important Events at a Glance

1 JANUARY 2018

### New Year celebration

The thanks giving prayer and the New Year celebration was started with and Adoration led by our residential Sisters. Midnight mass was offered by Rev.Fr.Varghese Vallikkatt as main celebrant. In addition to the POC staff, the neighbours and some members of religious congregations close to POC participated in the liturgy and celebrations. The New Year was welcomed with crackers and illuminations. The group exchanged greetings each other and cakes and sweets added the joy of the day.



13 JANUARY 2018

### Lumen Bible Short Film Competition

In order to encourage the youth to make use of Media for the spread of the Word of God, the Bible commission organized Lumen Short film completion based on the parables of Jesus.

20 JANUARY 2018

### One day Seminar on Cyber Law and Cyber Crime:

One day programme for the Entire Religious on the theme Cyber Crime and Cyber Law was held at POC on 20th January 2018. The resource persons of the day who handled the topics were Cyber Law and Cyber Crime by Mr. Francis Perera from Cochin investigation cell and in the afternoon session "Effective Communication in the Formation and Apostolate By Fr. Capistan Lopez from Varapoly Archdiocese. The total participants were 272 religious from different Congregations.



21 JANUARY 2018

### Inauguration of the KCBC Year of Youth

On 21st January 2018, in the presence of the KCBC-CY Chairman, the commission members, youth directors and youth representatives from all the 32 dioceses and representatives of all youth movements, the KCBC President His Grace Dr.SoosaPakiam inaugurated the Year of Youth. The President of KCBC instructed all youth leaders and the gathering to observe this year with its seriousness and proper planning. Soon after the inauguration, there was a special meeting of the leaders directors and animators of all the youth movements, in which the team discussed and agreed the responsibility of each movement to ensure at least one state level program in favour of the KCBC Year of Youth.



27 JANUARY 2018

### Night Vigil of Jesus Fraternity

On January 27th, Jesus Fraternity conducted night vigil for the ministry at POC chapel. The Ernakulam zonal members were actively present for the night vigil. Every third Friday of the month we gather for the night vigil at poc. It is a time of prayer and communion.



10 - 15 FEBRUARY

### Witnesses of Mercy course - 1<sup>st</sup> session

The first session of the Pastoral course on mission was inaugurated by Mar Jose Puthenveetil, Auxiliary Bishop of Ernakulam- Ankamaly Arch-diocese. The duration of the first gathering was from 10th to 15th February of 2018. The theme of the session was Baptism and Mission. Rev.Frs.Varghese Vallikkatt, Dr.Joshy Mayyattil, Dr.Stanly mathirappilly, Dr.Antony Narikulam, Dr.Gregory Arby, Dr. Joyce kaithakottil, Dr.Joseph Marottikkaparambil, Dr. Jacob Palliparambil, Dr.Roldent Jacob led the sessions. Through the classes, dynamics, prayer sessions the group was initiated into theme of the course mission and Evangelization.

3 FEBRUARY 2018

### 'Caring for Migrants' Consultation Meeting on Migrants

A consultation meeting was convened for the representatives of social workers who already engaged in empowering the migrants and those who wish to step into this ministry along with diocesan directors. Main objective was to create a common platform for all those who are engaged in migrant ministry from Kerala church. 43 delegates took part in the meeting at POC, Kochi on 3rd February, 2018. Msgr. Mathew Kallingal, Vicar General of the archdiocese of Verapoly inaugurated the function. Fr. George Thomas Nirappukalayil presented the introduction and moderated the sessions. Mr. Muhammed Siyad, Dt Labour Officer Ernakulam presented theme 'Laws and social security measures for Migrants and the Migrant Policy of Government.' Joseph Jude presented the theme for discussion 'Safeguarding the rights of Migrants.' Mr. Joy Gothuruth, Sr. Anitha FCC, Fr. Shin SJ presented their concerns about this ministry during the discussion. A coordination committee is formed from the participants.

15 FEBRUARY 2018

## Media Directors' Meet

During the period two official meetings of the diocesan media directors were held. The Annual general body meeting of the diocesan media directors was held on February 15, 2018. The meeting was inaugurated by Joshua Mar Ignatius, CBCI Vice president and Chairman of KCBC Social Harmony and Viilance Commission. Rev. Dr. Sebastian Thekkethecheil, Chairman, KCBC Media



Commission Presided over the meeting. Rev. Dr. Binoy Pichalakkat, Chief Editor of Ezhuthu Magazine presented the main paper on the Role of the Church in the Contemporary Context of India and Rev. Fr. Deepak Anto presented the theme The role of social media in the present world.

15 FEBRUARY 2018

## Bible Apostolate Directors' Meeting

The Diocesan Bible Apostolate Directors met on the 15th Feb 2018, shared the experiences, ideas and visions regarding Bible Apostolate and took important decisions. 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.



19 FEBRUARY 2018

## POC Home Day Celebrations and reception to His Excellency, Rt.Rev.Dr.James Anaparambil

The Home day celebrations of Poc was conducted on the 19th of January 2018. Rt.Rev.Dr. Joseph Kariyil, Bishop of Cochin inaugurated the meeting. Rev.Fr.Varghese Vallikkat presided over. It was also graced by the presence of Rt.Rev.Dr.James anaparambil. There was cultural programmes and felicitations from the part of staff and priests council.

23 FEBRUARY 2018

## Jesus Fraternity state executive meeting

On February 23rd 2018 state executive meeting was held at St. Peter's hall, POC. The executive members were present for the meeting.

24 FEBRUARY 2018

## One day programme for post jubilarians:

It was held on the theme Joy of Consecrated Life on 24th February 2018. The resource persons of the day who handled the topics were Fr. Jijo Kurian Ofm Cap on The Urgency of Rebuilding the Church and Religious Life. In the afternoon the theme Women Religious-Moving Beyond was explained by mother general Siby CMC. The total participants were 170 religious from different Congregations.



3-4 MARCH 2018

### Laity State Working Committee Meeting

A two days State Working committee meeting was held on 3rd and 4th of March 2018 at POC. During the meeting an elaborate one year action plan for KCF was formulated. On the second day (march 4) a debate was conducted on the topic 'Kerala's development and welfare of Scheduled Tribes'. The debate was attended by many activists which include Mr. M Geethanandan -President of AadhivasiGothrasabha and Mr C S Murali – President of Kerala Dalit Mahasabha.



14 MARCH 2018

### Daya Thusharanga

The Art works of Carp Members as well as the participants selected from Vara 2018, were exhibited for one week at Durbar Hall Ernakulam. The name of the exhibition was Daya Thusharanga. It was inaugurated by Benny Thomas, Columnist. All the portraits all depicted the theme of uniy in diversity.

19-24 MARCH 2018

### Witnesses of Mercy course - 2nd session

The second session of the 'Evangelical Pastoral training on Mission' was conducted from 19th 24th March, 2018. The theme of study of the session was 'Charisms and Mission'. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, Rev. Dr. Sebastine, Rev, Dr. Joseph Thondiparambil, Rev. Fr. Joseph Marottiparambil, Rev. Fr. Antony Ponvelil and Rev. Dr. Stanly Mathirappally led the input sessions. Sr. Nirmal Jyothi and team guided the workshop on Charisms. The sessions were mixed with group sharings, prayer sessions, visual presentations, group dynamics, workshops, cultural programmes. They all actively participated in daily Holy mass, adoration, personal prayer and rosary.

10-11 MARCH 2018

### Jesus Fraternity volunteers training program

Jesus Fraternity conducted state level Jesus fraternity volunteers training program on March 10th to 11th March at poc and 126 volunteers had participated in it. IG for prison, IG . Gopakumar has inaugurated the training program and other distinguished resources had led the class.

17 MARCH 2018

### Protest Meeting by Education Commission

Education Commission organized a protest meeting on 17th March 2018 at S.B. College campus, Changanassery, demanding immediate intervention of State Government in solving various problems confronted by Managers and teachers regarding approval of appointment of teachers approval of courses etc. Baselios Cardinal Clemis Catholicos, Abp. Mar Joseph Powathil, Abp. Mar Joseph Kallaranga, Abp. Mar Andrews Thazhath etc. addressed the gathering which was attended by more than 4000 teachers gathered from all parts of Kerala.

24 MARCH 2018

## Certificate distribution of Psychology course

The farewell function of the one year Psychology batch (Saturday) was held on 24th March 2018. The Arch Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Francis Kallarackal inaugurated the function and distributed the certificates. Rev. Fr. Shibu Xavier OCD delivered welcome speech. Rev Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, Director POC presided over the function. Mr.Kiran spoke in the function. The meeting was enriched by the 'feed back' session and entertainment programmes of the students.

25 MARCH 2018

## Prolife Day Celebrations

One of the major activities of the samithi this year is prolife day celebration at Snehalayam, Thrissur. Archbishop Mar Andrews Thazhath presided over the meeting. He insisted to stand for the life, to stand with the needy during his presidential address.

25 MARCH 2018

## Distribution of the prolife awards

Pro-life awards were distributed to the dioceses for the best prolife performance in the diocesan level. This year dioceses of Thamarassery, Thrissur and Kollam were selected for the awards.

29 MARCH 2018

## Holy Week Observance

On March 29th, at Ernakulam district jail, kakkanadu, the Holy Thursday observance was done and His Excellency Abp. Thomas Mar Koorilos had presided over the ceremony. The Pasqua bread was cut and distributed among them. On the same day afternoon, the washing of feet ceremony and the Holy Mass were celebrated at Ernakulam



2 APRIL 2018

## Marriage Preparation course for the Deaf

This is a new initium of the KCBC Family Commission. The Commission conducted two Marriage Preparation Courses at POC in this year. The programme lasted for three days. It is the first time such a programme conducted in the history of the Kerala Catholic Church. In each course more than fifty deaf participated and the admission was open to non-Catholics also.



## Badaniya

An all Kerala Singles Meet was conducted at POC on 6th April 2018. 64 singles participated in this two days programme. It was a good time of sharing, communion and celebration.

8 APRIL 2018

## Volunteers Training programme.

KLM conducted a training programme on 8th April 2018 at POC, Ernakulam for the members from different areas to send them to the dioceses and parishes to sensitize the vulnerable and unorganized workers. The team also equipped to analyze the socio, economic situation of India in General and Kerala in particular. KLM with the help of these team-members tries to raise awareness against the marginalization of the unorganized workers especially the women workers.



16-20 APRIL 2018

### Witnesses of Mercy course -3rd session

The third session of the Witnesses of Mercy course was held at POC from 16th to 20th April 2018. The theme of input for the 3rd session was

Evangelization. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, Rev. Dr. Jacob Palliparambil, Rev. Dr. Johnson Puthussery, Dr. Gregory Arbey, Rev. Rajive Michael OCD, Dr. Prasad Theruvathu OCD, Rev. Fr. Jolly Vadakken and Rev. Dr. Joseph Thondiparambil were the resource person on the main theme. Rev. Fr. Dayi Kunnath MST led sessions on Theatre workshop. Adv. Charley Paul led a session on Oratoy. In addition to the input sessions, there was regular Holy mass, rosary, adoration, personal prayer, practice of oration, group sharing, group dynamics, Lexio Divina, Carmelite prayer, Taize prayer, evaluation of daily programmes etc.

1-10 MAY 2018

### Formative Refresher workshop

Pastoral Training Institute conducted Formative Refresher workshop for formators and Youth animators from 1st to 10th of May 2018. It was open to priests and religious. It was a unique formation programme conducted in the context of the youth synod as well as the formation directives given by the CBCI to all regions. It was a ten days intensive workshop. The major objectives of the trainings were to impart knowledge and skills in the areas of formation and animation of youth teens, candidates etc. and also to enhance personal growth as well as improved performance in formator and animator ministries. The topics of the formative course were Biblical dimensions of formation, Human Development



and formation, psycho-cultural aspects of formation, mental health in formation, psycho-sexual integration, counseling skills in formation, psycho-spiritual dimensions of formation, spiritual direction and Vocational discernment in formation. The resource persons were Dr. Rajive Michael ocd, Dr. Berni OFM, Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, Dr. Joshy Mayyattil, Manoj Sunny, C. C. Joseph and Fr. Jolly Vadacken

3-6 MAY 2018

### Nrutya 2018

A folk dance workshop was organized by the commission for the children from 3-6 May 2018. Dr. Vincent B Wilson from NATFORM and teachers from Thine Folk Arts Centre, Nagarcoil trained the Children in different levels of Folk Dance. Dr. Wilson is the National Coordinator of folk arts which is functioning under CBCI office of Communication. It was a new experience for the participants and they were trained in different areas of folk dance.





7-10 MAY

### Vara 2018

An art camp for the students – Vara 2018- was organized in POC from 7th to 10th May 2018. The students were trained in various aspects of painting, pencil sketching, oil painting, caricature, clay modeling etc. rev. fr. Roy Thotttam, , Rev. Fr Alby, Rev.fr. James, Mr. Augustine were the resource persons.



10 MAY 2018

### Nadya 2018

Theatre Workshop was organized for the youngsters from 10 May to onwards. The camp was conducted under the leadership of well known Theatre Man John T Vekkan. Fr. Daey and the resource persons from different professional institutions helped the children to get acquainted. The groups were trained in the level of street play as well as the theory and practice of Performing arts. Finally they all were motivated to write a script by themselves and stage it.

10-15 - 23 MAY 2018

### Children's Summer Camp

In the month of May three Children's Camps were conducted by Jesus Fraternity. 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, Kannur and Ernakulam. There were 10,23,15, and 60 children respectively along with their parents for the camps. All were given study material for the new academic year. In the camp, we 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. Also distributed study kits which contains note books, umbrella, lunch carrier and school bag for the new academic year.

12 MAY 2018

### Migrants' Ministry Joint Committee Meeting

Joint committee met at POC, Ernakulam on 12th May, 2018. His Excellency, Dr. Alex Vadakkumthala, the Chairman presided over the meeting and Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, the Deputy Secretary General of KCBC made the key note address. Fr. George Thomas Nirappukalayil presented the subject for the discussion on the basis of the proposals of the consultation meeting held on 3rd February Fr. Shin SJ was selected to be the coordinator of the Committee

13 MAY 2018

### Moral Science Scholarship Examination

Education Commission organized Annual Examination and Scholarship Examination for Moral Science in the Schools and scholarships were distributed to the winners during the meeting conducted at P.O.C. on 13of May 2018

16-24 MAY 2018

## Workshop on personal Growth and development

Pastoral Training Institute conducted a Workshop on personal Growth and development from may 16th to 24th May, 2018. It was a ten days workshop on unique self development and life skills training programme. it was a package of three mutually related modules, counseling, Transactional analysis and Neuro-lingusitic Programming. The objective of the training was to impart knowledge as well as hands on training in Counselling, to enhance self awareness and sharpen skills for better self adjustment and social adaptation aimed at improved performance in various life roles. The topics of discussion were counseling, counseling techniques, transactional analysis, Neuro-Lingusitic programme, self awareness, self esteem, assertiveness, stress management, anger management, communication skills, managing problems of youth, teenage and children.



## Mugham 2018

Present world is a world of Media and who are influenced mostly by Media are children. Media Commission organised the training on 21 may 2018 for teachers who can guide the students in this media world. The different areas of digital world were introduced to the teachers. Short film making, Mobile Apps, Social networking etc were dealt in the camp.

22-23 MAY 2018

## Empowerment Seminar for Headmasters.

Education Commission conducted an empowerment seminar for newly appointed Headmasters. It was conducted on 22nd & 23rd May 2018 at P.O.C., Palarivattom. It was a time of learning, time of developing vision in line with the educational policy of the Catholic church and a time sharing and support.

24-26 MAY 2018

## Wagamon Art Camp 2018

KCBC Media Commission conducted an art camp for the religious on 24th to 26th of May 2018. The venue of the camp was in wagamon and those who participated were really motivated by the Natural ambience. This year the camp was conducted with the theme United in diversity for a mission of witness and vigilance. Later the group was organized and formed themselves as CARP – Company of Artists Religious for Peace. YODHAVU In collaboration with Jesus Youth media commission organized a Theatre workshop for youth in the month of May. 30 youngsters interested in audio visual ministry were trained in 4 different modules and after each module they were given the field work and tasks. Those who completed the course were given the certificates.

26 MAY 2018

## Bible Correspondence Course

The total number of students of the Bible Correspondence Course is 12795. There are 630 new registrations this year. A contact class was arranged on 26th May 2018 at the POC and certificates were distributed after the class. Rev. Dr. Cyriac Valiakunnumpurath delivered lectures on Deuteronomy. 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.

28-29 MAY 2018

## Bible Classes conducted by POC, in Dioceses

As part of extending service of the Bible Commission to dioceses, classes are arranged in Dioceses and different centres. During summer holidays two days' Bible class on the Gospel of John was conducted by Fr Johnson Puthussery for the laity from various dioceses (28-29 May, 2018) and the participants were given subsidy for the programme. Short Bible programmes in dioceses are partially subsidized by the Bible Commission in order to encourage them to conduct such courses.



2 JUNE 2018

## Oneday seminar on the "Encyclical Gaudete et Exsultate"

Seminar on the Encyclical Gaudete et Exsultate was conducted in association with the theology commission on the 2nd of June 2018. The seminar was inaugurated by His Grace, Rev. Dr. James Anaparambil, Bishop of Alleppey. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt presided over the meeting and Fr. Shibu Xavier OCD, dean of studies welcomed everyone. Rev. Fr Varghese Vallikkatt, Rev. Dr. Stanly Mathirappaally, Rev. Dr. Mathai Kadavil and Rev. Dr. Jacob Naluparayil led the various sessions. There were around five hundred participants comprising of priests, religious and laity. Rt. Rev. Dr. Released the Malayalam translation of the Encyclical Gaudete et Exsultate



3 JUNE 2018

## Regional Communication Day

After the decision of II Vatican Council universal Church dedicates one day for the World Communication day. Every year the Kerala Church is celebrating this day with different programme. This year we celebrated the World Communication Day on 3 June. The message of the Holy Father was circulated to all the parishes through the diocesan media directors. This year the media award day and public meeting was conducted on 15 July. In the public meeting conducted in POC auditorium the Media awards were distributed. A musical Concert by the cine music director Roni Raphael was conducted after the award function.

4 JUNE 2018

## The 47th Annual General Body Meeting of Kerala Conference of Major Superiors

The 47th annual General body meeting was held at Ashirbhavan Ernakulam North on 4th June 2018. His grace Bp. Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom, the Bishop of Pathanamthitta and the chairman for the KCBC Commission for the Religious delivered the inaugural address. He highlighted that each and every religious should be a role model for all. Rev. Dr. Fr. Joe Fernandez SDB presented a paper on the theme - "Youth Today and Crisis of Lifelong Commitment". He emphasized that without commitment nothing happens. The panel discussion was led by Rev. Fr. Agustine Mulloor OCD, Rev. Fr. Saju Chakkalal CMI, Rev. Fr. Joe Fernandez SDB and Mr. Edward Edazath. In the afternoon the discussion session included the issues and challenges related to the Religious in their field of apostolate, vocation and in the church.

5 JUNE 2018

## 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 work on the Study Bible of the rest of the New Testament is going on.



5 JUNE 2018

## KCBC-KCMS JOINT MEETING.

The joint meeting of KCBC & KCMS was held at POC Palarivattom on Tuesday 5th June, 2018. Many of the Bishops and 243 Major Superiors participated in the meeting. In his inaugural address, Most. Rev. Dr. Soosa Pakiam, the president of KCBC emphasized the importance of unity among the three Rites of Kerala to give witness in our Mission. His grace Bp. Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom, the Bishop of Pathanamthitta and the chairman for the KCBC Commission for the Religious, in his presidential address said that our way of life must give witness to the presence of Jesus. Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas SFX, the secretary general of CBCI presented the theme "United in Diversity for a Mission of Mercy and Witness". He emphasized the importance of the unity among the clergy and the religious.



In the afternoon session His Excellency Mar Joseph Pamplany Auxiliary Bishop of Tellicherry spoke on the theme United in Diversity for a mission of mercy and witnesses and its applicability in the context of Kerala, the church and the people. He emphasized that the future is based on co-existence of diversity. In our living we must witness our Christian identity. When we are convinced of ourselves, our faith and our mission then our Apostolate will be successful.

Honorable Justice Cyriac Joseph spoke on the same theme based on constitutions and literacy. He wanted from the Kerala Church the co-operation not the competition. The three rites of the Catholic Church in India stand together in the nation building. He pointed out that our democracy is based on the trust and expectation that the majority group will allow the minority group to exercise their rights to the full, through mutual acceptance of differences. Inter-religious and Ecumenical dialogues are to be seriously promoted in India.

## Bhala Samrudhi (Prosperity of Fruits)

As part of KCBC Year of Youth, KCBC-CY organized a one-year green world campaign. This project, BhalaSamrudhi (Prosperity of Fruits), is organized under the leadership of MIJARC Kerala. It helps to spread the message of Laudato Siand to support families to self-sufficiency though agriculture, especially through the promotion of fruit trees. In collaboration with Home Grown and Deepika daily, MIJARC Kerala coordinator Mr.CyriacChazhikkadan coordinated this project through KCYM, the regional youth wing of MIJARC. All dioceses welcomed this project and it was well accepted by everyone.

6 JUNE 2018

## Wednesday Evening Bible Course (2018-2019)

The Bible Commission has started a new batch of the Wednesday Evening Course of 40 weeks (6th June 2018 – 13th March 2019). 115 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. The resource persons and the subjects are the following: Dr. Joshy Mayyattil (Psalms of Hope; Palestine in time of Jesus); Dr. Antony Tharekadavil (Sirah; Prophets of Old Testament); Dr. Sebastian Kuttianickal (Acts of the Apostles; Jewish Groups in Jesus' Time); Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly (Festivals and rituals in Israel); Dr. Jacob Prasad (Christology in the book of Peter);



Dr. Sr. Shiney Muttanthottil (Colosians 1,24); Dr. Sr. Therese Nadupadavil (Holiness in the OT); Dr. Sr. Bincy SH (1 John); Dr. Sr. Linta SH (ShaLaH in Hebrew Bible); Dr. Varghese VC (Death of Christ in Paul); Dr. Maleparambil MCBS (Galatians 4,4); Dr. Johnson Achandy (Ephesians); Dr. Luke Thadathil (Creation account); Dr. J Nalpathilchira (Parables in mathew); Dr. Johnson Puthussery CST (The Gospel of Luke; St paul and the churches)

13-15 JUNE 2018

## Three day workshop on the 'Encyclical Gaudete et Exsultate'

A three day workshop on the "Encyclical Gaudete et Exsultate" was conducted in POC, 13to 15 June, 2018. Rt.Rev.Dr.Francis Kallarackal inaugurated the session and Rev.Fr.Vaarghese vallikkatt, presided over. Rev.Dr.Stanly Mathirappally welcomed everone and Fr.Shibu Xavier, Dean of Studies proposed the vote of Thanks. The topics were presented by various experts namely, Rev. Fr.Varghese Vallikkatt, Rev. Fr. Jacob Naluparayil, Rev. dr. Stanley Mathirappilly, Rev.Dr.Sebastine



Kuttiyakkal, Rev.Dr. Mathai Kadavil, Rev.Dr. Jolly Karrimbil, Rev.Dr.Jacob Prasad, Rev.Dr.Augustine Mullor, Rev.Dr.Joshy Mayyattil, Rev.Dr. Johnson Puthussery and rev.Dr.Jolly Vadacken. Around hundred persons participated in the seminar including priests and religious.

26- 30 JUNE 2018

## Khandamal Mission Station Visit

A group of twelve members under the leadership of women's commission spiritual director, Fr. Wilson Elavathinkal Koonan visited Kandhamal, Orissa. The visit was for a period of 4 days from 26th to 30th June, 2018. Thousands affected by the antichrist persecution that took place in Kandhamal during 2007-2008, were found to be still in dire need of help and support, for the improvement of their living standards. The KCBC donated Rs.1 Lakh towards the construction of a community hall. This community hall will serve as a location for the people to assemble and to do activities such as tailoring, tutions, etc as a group. Fr. Madan Sual Singh, director of Jana Vikas guided and helped us throughout our stay in Kandhamal. The visit to Kandhamal proved as a faith deepening experience for all the members of the team.



18- 23 JUNE 2018

### **Witnesses of Mercy, 4th session**

The fourth session of Witnesses of Mercy course was conducted from 18th June to 23rd June at the Christ the King Church, Elavumthata, Punalur Diocese. Rt.Rev.Dr. Selvester Ponnuthan celebrated the inaugural Mass and welcomed everyone. His Excellency led the first session on Evangelization. The group was given input sessions in the morning. In the afternoon they visited families in the parish in a team of two each. In the evenings the whole parishners were given retreat under the leadership of the group. There were separate sessions for the children and the elders. The members of the group stayed with various families in the parish. The input sessions were led by Rev Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, Director POC, Very Rev. Msgr. Vincent S. D'Cruz and Rev. Fr. Varghese Clement. Rev. Fr. Shibu Xavier OCD coordinated the whole programme along with Rev. Fr. Varghese Clement, the Parish Priest.



30 JUNE 2018

### **one year Psychology course**

The one year Psychology course (Saturday batch) was inaugurated by Mar Jose Puthenveetil, Auxiliary Bishop of Ernakulam- Angamali Arch-Diocese on 30th June 2018. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt presided over the function. Rev. Fr. Shibu Xavier OCD delivered a welcome speech. Mr. Jithin and Mr. John Paul spoke. Mr. Kiran delivered a vote of thanks. The course focuses on varied topics like mental health, basic psychology, counseling, psychopathology, life skills, REBT, NLP, Transactional analysis, etc. Various experts in the field lead the sessions.



4-8 JULY 2018

### **CARP Exhibition at Durbar Hall**

The art works of CARP members as well as the participants selected from VARA 2018, and some children from Cardinal School made their art works exhibited from 4th to 8th July 2018. The exhibition, Daya Thusharangaal, was inaugurated by the well-known columnist Berry Thomas. It was graced by many dignitaries. All the art works had a common theme of Unity in Diversity. The art gallery was visited by many renowned artists and children from various schools.

7 JULY 2018

## Sign and Braille Bibles for the Physically Challenged

The third volume of the Sign Bible called "Ephphatha" which presents Infancy Narratives in Gospels presented in sign language and with visual aids was distributed to institutions and individuals on 7th July 2018. Copies of the Braille Bible were printed at the CCB press, Aluva and distributed to institutions. Now we have started distributing copies of Gospels.



7 JULY 2018

## Ramadan Discourse and "IFTAR" Celebration

On the occasion of Ramadan, the Ecumenism and Dialogue Commission conducted an inter-religious programme with the Christian-Hindu-Muslim participants on 7th June 2018 from 5pm to 8 pm. The theme of the Ramadan discourse was fasting and prayer. KCBC Dialogue Commission Chairman Rt. Rev. Dr. Selvester Ponnuthan inaugurated the function. Imaran KA Usaf, Sri. Narayanarishi Swami and Dr. Zacharias Paraniyam presented the topic. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt and Rev. Dr. Prasad Theruvathu addressed the gathering.

7 JULY 2018

## The State Executive Meeting

The State Executive Meeting of Jesus Fraternity was conducted at POC on July 7th 2018. His Excellency Abp. Joseph Kalathiparambil, the vice chairman of Jesus Fraternity was present for the meeting and given proper instructions.

15 JULY 2018

## Media Awards

On the 15th of July 2018 Media Commission distributed the Media Awards. Every Year Media Commission selects renowned persons from different areas. The commission calls for the entries from different areas to find out the right persons who are eligible for awards. This year Sahitya Award was given to Smt. Lissy from Trissur, Media Award to Sri. Tini Tom, Yuva Prathibha Award to Sri. Roni Raphael, Vynjanika Award to Rev. Dr. Augustine Mulloor, Chavalier Abraham Arackal, Rev. Fr. Alexander Paikada CMI, Rev. Msgr. Mathe M Chalil and Sri Solomon Joseph were honoured with Gurupooja Puraskaram. The Award winners were honoured with Cash Award and mementos.



11-12 JULY 2018

## KLM-Diocesan Directors Meet

The meeting of diocesan directors was held on 11th and 12th of July 2018 at POC, Ernakulam. Bp. Alex Vadakkumthala inaugurated the meeting. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt presented the key note address. Directors from 16 dioceses attended in meeting. KLM executive committee members also attended the meeting. Mr. Joy Gothuruth presented the issues faced by the unorganized workers in the contemporary situation for discussion. Mr. Sebastian Palamparambil has analyzed the present picture of diocesan KLM and its activities. Mr. Joseph Jude explained to the new directors about KLM, its structure and activities. Fr. George Thomas Nirappukalayil welcomed and introduced the objectives of the meeting. Mr. K.J. Thomas extended the vote of thanks.



24 JULY 2018

### POC staff picnic

July 24th was a day for enjoyment and relaxation for the POC family. The staff went for a relaxation Trip. The POC family visited Athirampilly and Vazhachal water falls. Rev.Frs.Shibu Xavier, Dr. Stanly Mathirappilly and Fr.Jolly Vadacken coordinated the trip. The tour was helpful to create community feeling, mutual bond and unity among the staff together with the enjoyment of sight-seeing.



7 AUGUST 2018

### Theological Colloquim.

The annual Theological Colloquim was held on the 7th of August 2018 at St.Thomas Mount, Kakkand. It was inaugurated by Most.Rev.Dr.Soosai Pakkim, the president of KCBC. Rt.Rev.Dr. Varghese Chakkalackal, the theological commission Chairman welcomed the August gathering comprised of Respected Bishops, Major Seminary rectors, theologians and commission secretaries. The theme of the seminar was Holiness. Papers were presented by Dr.Jolly Karimbil and Rt.Rev. Bishop Mar Joseph Pamblany.



13 AUGUST 2018

### Colloquium on “Madhiama Swathanthryavum keralasamuhavum”

The Commission organized the colloquium on at P.O.C, Palarivattom on 13th August 2018. Justice Cyriac Joseph, Dr. K. S. Radhakrishnan, Mr. V. Jayakumar, Senior Editor, Mathrubhumi, and Mr. Romy Mathew, Senior Editor, Manoramma Channel were the resources persons. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, KCBC Deputy Secretary General inaugurated the meeting. In addition to the KCBC commission members and persons from educational, social and political realm staff and students from different colleges participated in the programme.



13-17 AUGUST 2018

### Witnesses of Mercy 5th session

The fifth session of Witnesses of Mercy course was held from 13th to 17th August 2018 at POC. The main theme of the final session was 'Missionary leadership'. The resource persons were Rev.Fr. Jolly Vadakken, Rev. Dr. Stanly Mathirappilly, Rev Dr. Sebastian Kuttianickal, Rev. Dr. Rajiv Michael and Mr. K K Joseph. There were also testimonies of Theruvoram Murughan, Mr. Judson of Sehion Ministry and Mr. Peter who are outstanding Mercy activists in Ernakulam. In addition to the input sessions, there was regular Holy mass, rosary, adoration, personal prayer, group sharing and group dynamics. .

14 AUGUST 2018

### Fraternity Day Celebration

On August 14th the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the patron saint of prisoners, is celebrated as Fraternity Day. On August 12th a circular of Bishop Thomas Mar Koorilos, the Chairman of Jesus Fraternity, was read in all parishes and the same day's collection is contributed for prison ministry. This year the state level celebration was organised by kollam Diocese and the celebration was held at the St. Sebastian church ,Chemmakad,Kollam on 12th Sunday of August. And the State Director and Zonal Director presided over the meeting after the Holy Eucharist.

1 SEPTEMBER 2018

### Psychological Training for enhancing the mental health of the flood affected People.

The Pastoral training Institute in association with San Pio Psychological Institute, Kollam conducted a psychological Workshop for enhancing the mental health of the flood affected People in the context of the flood disaster that occurred in Kerela. It was conducted on the 1st Of September 2018. Around hundred people participated in the training. The training was coordinated by Rev.Dr.Berni OFM and team. Further interventions were done in association with Rev.Dr.Rajive Michael OCD. The trainees visited various places like Aluva, Koonamvu, Pizhala, Cheriyanthuruthu etc and provided psychological support with the help professional Doctors and Nurses



## Preparation of Moral Science ( Value education) Malayalam series Text Books.

In continuation of the Publication of the English Text book series (Life Is beautiful), a new committee consisting of Rev.Fr.Varghese Vallikkatt, Rev.Fr.george Kurukkoor, Rev. Jolly Vadackan, Rev.Fr. Stanly Mathirappally, Fr.Shibu Xavier, Mr.Sippi Pallipuram, Mr.Sunny Kockappailly, Sri. Primus Perichery, Mr.Unni amayambalm, Mr.Shaji Malippara, Mr.Shiju Achandy, Mr.Vinayak nirmal, Mr. Simichan, Mr.Edward Edehath, Mrs. Kochurani and mrs.Alice Mathew have started with this project of Malayalam Value education Texts books. To rejuvenate the preparation of these value education text books, we have included a few more members namely, Dr.Thomas, Mr.Sajan, Mr.Pathrose, Mr.Xavier, Mr. Abraham Kurien and Mr.Varkey nirappel. we have distributed the preparation of each class to one person each and decided to meet on a certain dates and discuss the topics. Further resource persons are added to the text book preparation committee, namely Mr.Sebastian, Mr. A Augustine,Mr.Luis, Thannikkot,Mr.M.O.Augustine and Mrs.Sheeja Biju.

14-16 SEPTEMBER 2018

## Short Film Training Programme

To equip the youth to produce short films at the service of the Word of God, the Bible commission organized a Short Film Training programme in collaboration with KCBC Media Commission, 14th to 16th of September. Competent people as John Paul (script writer), Joseph Nellickal (Film art director), Siby Vallooran (Goodness TV Director), Rafi Macartin, Fr Jacob Korothe, Fr Daay MST took classes.

13 SEPTEMBER 2018

## Bible Apostolate Directors' Meeting

The Diocesan Bible Apostolate Directors met on the 13th Sep 2018, shared the experiences, ideas and visions regarding Bible Apostolate and took important decisions. 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.



15- 18 SEPTEMBER 2018

## Psycho-Spiritual training for participants of the "witnesses and mercy Course", pastoral course on Mission

A special training for the participants of the witnesses of Mercy Course, pasrtoral Course on Mission was arranged in POC. Thirty participants of the three batches of the witnesses of Mercy course came together for the training . From 15 to 18 September we visited an Island called Cheriyanthuruthu, in the Diocese of Varapuzha. We visited all the houses in that area irrespective caste, creed and religion. We had intercession for the people before the Eucharistic Lord. Dr.Rajive Michael OCD supported us in this new initiative. Fr.Shibu Xavier OCD coordinated the programme.

16 SEPTEMBER 2018

## Psychological support and Intervention in the schools of Flood affected area

Pastoral Training Institute conducted a special training for students who attend one year Saturday psychology class on the 16th of September in association with Jyothir Bhavan Institute, Kalamassery and continuing the school centered counseling support to the schools. In collaboration with Dr.Rajive Miachael OCD and Rev.Dr.Boby OCD they visit the schools every month as a team of thirty to forty people, they conduct group work and individual counselling. They provide motivational classes as well as continued support. They have intervened in the schools of Koonammavu, Panayikulam, Varapuzha, Manjummel etc.

21 SEPTEMBER 2018

## KLM- Diocesan Leaders meet

The diocesan leaders' meeting was convened on 21st of September 2018. It was inaugurated by Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, the Deputy General Secretary, KCBC. 30 members from 16 dioceses participated in the meeting. The meeting discussed about the role of KLM after the flood and in the present socio, economic Kerala/India. Sebastian Palamparambil presided over the meeting and moderated the whole programme. It also discussed progress of the formation of KLM units in parishes and villages, diocesan lay-leadership training and KLM diocesan election. Fr. George Thomas Nirappukalayil gave introduction and Mr. Joy Gothuruth and Mrs. Shoba Antony delivered felicitation speeches. Mr. K.J. Thomas concluded with vote of Thanks.

22 SEPTEMBER 2018

## ONE DAY SENINAR FOR THE RELIGIOUS:

On September 22nd 2018 at POC, Palarivattom, KCMS and KCBC Labour Commission arranged one day seminar for all the religious. The resource persons were Mr. Johney Pallivathukkal FCA and Alph Anie Mini Joy the Finance Controller of Rightedge Infrastructure PLd, Kochi. They handled the themes of the day such as Accounting, Auditing, Taxation of charitable or religious trust and institutions, and people management policy for catholic institutions and new labour laws for Kerala, respectively. The subjects were very useful and could clarify the doubts of the participants. The total participants were 320 including priests and sisters.



## Witnesses of Mercy course Final session

The final session of the course was a mission trip to New Delhi and Haryana. It was from 17th to 28th September 2018. An introductory session was given to the group on 17th September at POC. Journey to the Mission centre started in the evening after the introductory talk and preparatory Holy mass. The Santwana Mission Community in New Delhi hosted the group. They arranged input sessions and prepared the group for mission. They also arranged food and accommodation. For two days the group stayed with the Santvana team. The remaining days were spent in visiting the Samalga village in Bazhada. The group was divided in teams for the mission outreach. There were input sessions in between. The participants described the experience in the village as a unique mission exposure and a land mark in their Christian life. It created a missionary zeal and also opened the scope of missionary work in Indian villages. After spending eight full days in the north, the group started journey back on 27th September with heartfelt memories of life experience with a people of different culture, different back ground and different life situations- entirely different from our own. It was a wonderful missionary journey for all.

6 OCTOBER 2018

## One day programme for the religious:

On October 6th at Niveditha KCMS arranged one day seminar for all the Religious. The resource persons were Dr. Bernard Kilroy from UK and Dr. Sr. Namitha SIC. They handled the themes of the day such as "Fresh Springs from Our Faith's Dawn" and "Dynamism of Spiritual Life-A Mystical Contemplative Approach". There were only 28 participants due to severe cyclone warning of the weather forecast department.



13 - 14 OCTOBER 2018

## Consultation Meeting on International Migration

Workers India Federation (WIF), the national organization promoted by the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) in collaboration with KLM convened a consultation meeting on International Migration at POC, Ernakulam on 13th and 14th October, 2018. Archbishop Dr. Joseph Kalathiparambil of the archdiocese of Verapoly inaugurated the meeting. Mr. Joseph Jude, National President, WIF presided over the meeting. Adv. Thampan Thomas, Former National President HMS and Ex MP delivered the Key Note address. Fr. Jaison Vadassery, Secretary to the CBCI Office for Labour and the National Director of WIF welcomed the chair and all gathered. Fr. George Thomas Nirappukalayil, Secretary, KCBC Labour Commission and State Director, KLM made the felicitation talk and Mr. Sebastian Palamparambil, the State president, KLM offered the vote of thanks. There were 9 main presentations in different sessions during the two days consultation cum training programme. There were 89 participants from 22 dioceses and Lawyers collective, workers forums initiated by KLM



24 OCTOBER 2018

## Magazine Editor' Forum

A meeting of the Catholic Magazine Editors forum was convened in POC on 24 October in a vie to make them feel with the Kerala Church. The editors and publishers rom the leading weeklies and monthlies were present. Dr. Binoy Pichalakkatt presented the main paper and Fr. Bovas Mathew, Sri. Shaji George made their observations. It was suggested that a KCBC Corner in all the Catholic periodicals would be ideal so that it can reach widely. There should be a think tank group who can seriously observe the issues of the time and season and should give proper response of the Church which could be disseminated through all the catholic publications.

29 OCTOBER 2018

## The fourth batch of witnesses of mercy course inauguration

The fourth batch of the witnesses of mercy, pastoral course on Mission commenced on the 29th of October with thirty three participants. The course was inaugurated by Rt.Rev.Dr. Joseph Karrikkassery, Bishop of Kottapuram Diocese. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, Director of POC presided over the inaugural function. Fr. Shibu Xavier OCD, Fr. Raymond Pallan, Mr. Shibu Joseph spoke in the inaugural function. As a permanent arrangement for the six months duration, the participants were divided into five groups. For each group one Priest from POC was appointed as a spiritual guide with whom each group sat together frequently. Rev. Fr. Raymond Pallan of Verapoly Arch-Diocese is the Spiritual father for the whole of the programme. In addition to the input sessions, there were regular Holy mass, Rosary, Adoration, Personal prayer, Group sharing, Group dynamics, evaluation of daily programmes etc. There were some sessions together with the POC fathers after supper. A team consisting of members like Mr. K K Joseph, Mr. Shibu Joseph, Mrs. Jancy Jacob, Mr. Chacko Joseph, Mrs. Sheeja support the missionary formation.



21-30 OCTOBER 2018

## Japamala Yangam



In the month of October the POC family celebrated the Rosary devotion in veneration of Our Lady. The last ten day of the month of October was like an evening feast with Mary. The POC family was divided into five groups and each group give initiative for the same. Each group made the rosary meaningful and participatory. They used various modes of recital, chanting, singing etc. There were also video presentations too. It was really a graceful month.

30 OCTOBER 2018

## Certificate distribution of the third batch of Witnesses of Mercy



The certificate distribution ceremony of third batch of Witnesses of Mercy course was conducted in the evening of 30th October 2018. Rt.Rev. Dr. Joseph Karrikkassery, Kottapuram Diocese inaugurated the function. Rev.Fr.Shibu Xavier welcomed everyone. Rev.Fr.Varghese Vallikkaat presided over. His Excellency, Rt..Rev.Dr. Joseph Karrikkassery felicitated the participants and the certificates were distributed. All the participants had the chance to share their experiences and chalked out the future plans. Rev.Sr. Treasa SH shared her beautiful experiences and thanked everyone.

29 OCTOBER 2 NOVEMBER 2018

## Witnesses of Mercy course 1<sup>st</sup> session

The first session of the Evangelical course on mission 29th October to Nov.2 of 2018. .. The theme of the session was Baptism and Mission. Rev.Frs.Varghese Vallikkatt, Dr.Joshy Mayyattil, Dr.Stanly mathirappilly, Dr.Gregory Arby, Dr. Antonytharekadavil, Dr.Jacob Palliparambil OCD, Dr.Joseph Marottikkaparambil, Dr.Mathew Jacob, Dr.Rajive Michael led the sessions. They were initiated into the theme of baptism.

1 NOVEMBER 2018-

## Commission Secretaries Meeting

The gathering of the commission Secretaries took place on the 1st of November 2018. The KCBC President, Most Rev.Dr.Soosai Pakkim presided over. The presence of the Vice president SDr. Yoohan Mar Chrisostom and secretary general Mar Mathew Moolakkat gave inspiration for the gathering. The CBCI statement was the point of reflection and Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt gave the keynote address on the focuss of the CBCI these two years. The secretaries had a planning session and they decided to present their two year plan basing on this report later.



3 NOVEMBER 2018

## Religious Media Councilor's and PRO Meet



In collaboration with the Social Harmony and Vigilance Commission Religious Media Councilor's and PRO Meet was conducted on 3 November 2018. Above 120 participants from different religious congregations attended the conference. Rev. Fr. Roy Kannanchira and Rev. Dr. Augustine Pamplani were the resource persons. The presence of his excellency Joshua Mar Ignatius was there for the whole program which helped to share the stand of KCBC as well as the necessary steps to be taken in situations of Crisis were formulated.

3-15 NOVEMBER 2018:

## Drama Festival.

As in the other years Drama festival was conducted in POC auditorium from 3 November to 15 November 2018. The scripts from the drama groups were invited and from 35 entries 12 dramas were selected after the scrutiny. Social dramas as well as Bible dramas were performed with the view to promote social and biblical values. This year there was also a Bible Drama by Darsana Kottayam. This year the Social Drama KURUTHY by Trivandrum came in the first place. The winners were awarded with Cash prizes and trophies.

6 NOVEMBER 2018

## Meeting of Charismatic preachers

A meeting of the charismatic preachers were conducted in POC on 6th November 2018. KCBC Charismatic commission and theology commission took active role in the gathering. His Grace Archbishop Soosai Pakiam presided over the meeting. His Beatitude Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos and Commission Bishops graced the occasion. Rev. Dr. James Anaparambil, Bishop of Alleppey presented the paper. The present day challenges as well as the theological errors were the point of Discussion.



11 NOVEMBER 2018

## Day for the Poor

Prolife Samithi gathered in Abhaya Bhavan Kooappady on the 'Day for the Poor'. KCBC Family Commission Chairman Mar Sebastian Adayathrath was the chief guest to the programme. Samithi executive members spent the whole day with the inmates of the house and it was really a different experience for all of us.

24-25 NOVEMBER 2018

## Logos Quiz - 2018

Logos Quiz, the joint venture of the KCBC Bible Commission and the Kerala Catholic Bible Society was conducted with great success this year also. On-line registration facility ([www.logosquiz.org](http://www.logosquiz.org)) for NRI's was utilised by 310 persons. Miss Rose Mary Jiji, the Logos Prathibha of 2018, from the Diocese of Kothamangalam was given free trip to the Holy Land. 5,47,600 participants from 39 dioceses took part in the diocesan level Mega Bible Quiz conducted. Deuteronomy 1-11, Sirach 1-10, Matthew 10-18 and the Book of Revelation 10-16 were the study portions. The state level Logos Quiz was conducted on 11th, 22nd -25th of November. State level



semifinals was conducted this year at Kozhikode, Kollam and Aluva. We continued this year Telequiz for six group finals, ie., separate TV quiz for six different age groups. This year also we conducted Logos Familia Quiz to encourage the study of the Bible in families. The quiz for the deaf was a new item added this year. The family of Moses Vachakkal from the diocese of Alleppey won the first prize. First prize in the Special Logos Quiz organised for the deaf, a new initiative, was bagged by David Paul from Iritty (Thalassery). After the Grand Finale Telequiz, the Logos Prathibha was awarded with the Palackal Thoma Malpan Memorial cash award and trophy instituted by Palackal Kudumba Yogam and the Logos Familia winner was awarded Cash award. All the winners in various age groups were given cash awards, certificates and medals.

25 NOVEMBER 2018

### Bible short Film Competition

In order to encourage the youth to make use of Media for the spread of the Word, the Bible commission organized Lumen Short Film competition in parish and Institution categories based on parables of Jesus. For the competition this year entries are invited based on Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew. Short film 'Dayalu' produced by Fr. Renjith OFM Cap bagged the first prize.

25 NOVEMBER 2018

### Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2019

On 25th November 2018, during the prize distribution ceremony of Vachanasarga award, the Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2018 was released by Most Rev Dr. Abraham Mar Julio

27 NOVEMBER 2018

### Publication of Books & Souvenir by Bible Commission

The Bible Society published on the 27th of November 2018 Psalms written by Rev. Dr. Joshy Mayyattil, Pravachaka Padhangal written by Rev. Dr. Antony Tharekadavil and Bibliinu Oramukham written by Dr. Sr. Therese Nadupadavil SABS and distributed them as gift for Society members and Logos participants.

27 NOVEMBER 2018

### Mar George Punnakkottil Vachan Sarga Prathibha Award

On 27th November 2018 Mar George Punnakkottil Memorial Vachanasarga Award for the year 2018 was presented to Mr. Sibychen Joseph from the archdiocese of Thalassery for his contribution in the category of Bible and music.



26 NOVEMBER TO 1 DECEMBER 2018

### Witnesses of Mercy course 2nd session

The second session of the 'Evangelical Pastoral training on Mission' was conducted from Nov 26rd to 1st December 2018.. The theme of study of the session was 'Charisms and Mission'. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, Rev. Dr.Francis Pittapaallil, Rev. Fr. Joseph Marottiparambil, Rev. Dr.Rajive Michael, led the input sessions. Rev.Sr.Nirmal MSMI and team conducted the charism workshop. The sessions were mixed with group sharings, prayer sessions, visual presentations, group dynamics, workshops, cultural programmes. They all actively participated in daily Holy mass, adoration, personal prayer and rosary.



30 NOVEMBER 2018

### Unaided school Managers Meeting

The education Commission conducted unaided school managers meeting on 30th November 2018. The various issues the managers facing to run the school were the topic of discussion. Further the relation with the government authorities also presented.



4 DECEMBER 2018

### KCBC-KCC Meeting

On the 4th of December we had KCBC-KCC meeting. Apart from the Parish Council members, in this meeting representatives of the youth ministry were also specially invited. The theme of “Holiness” was the point of discussion. The presence of the representatives from KCYM, Jesus Youth, CLC, IcuF etc. gave Colour to the gathering.



5-6 DECEMBER

### KCBC Meeting

KCBC December session was held in POC on 5 to 6th December 2018. The KCBC meeting was presided over by His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Soosai Pakkim, the president of KCBC. The participation of all the forty one Bishops gave seriousness to the discussion. Almost 20 above agendas were discussed. There was also discussion on the political scenario of the Indian Politics which was animated by the Thiruvananthapuram M.P. Sasi Tharoor all the commission secretaries were also present for the programme. Mainly there were 42 agendas for discussion during this KCBC and also all the activities of the commission secretaries were also

4 DECEMBER 2018

### KCBC- Fr. Mathew Nadackal Catechism Teachers’ Award

KCBC- Fr. Mathew Nadackal Catechism Teachers’ Award 2017 was conducted on the 4 of December 2018 at POC. The function was organized by the Pastoral Training Institute at POC. The three outstanding teachers who received the award were Mr. Mathew C.M ( Palakkad, Syro-Malabar) Mr. S.K. Alex (Kollam, Latin) and Mr. Thankarajan L (Mavilikkara, Syro- Malankara). The award distribution was done by Most. Rev. Dr. Soosa pakkim, President, KCBC in the presence of all the Bishops. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt and Rev. Fr. Shibu Xavier OCD addressed the assembly.



7 DECEMBER 2018

## KSSF's Response in Kerala Floods

KSSF has been entrusted with the responsibility of Collecting and consolidating information on the response of the Kerala Catholic Church to the Kerala Floods and disseminate the same to the authorities, Public etc. in view of the same there was a public gathering of the Social service institution heads and people representatives and the KCBC. It was conducted on the 7th December 2018. The Caritas India Head Rev. Dr. Paul Moongeli and KSSF Secretary actively led the gathering. The name of the project devised by the Kerala Church is 'Arise Kerala- 2018'- which encompasses the whole rehabilitative initiative of the flood stricken Kerala by the Catholic Church. The programme shall encompass the entire humanitarian and project works engaged by Caritas India, the DSSS, Dioceses, pious organizations, religious congregations etc. for flood relief, rehabilitation and Disaster Risk reduction.

16 DECEMBER 2018

## 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 labourers and migrants in the state. A committee was formed with seven members and the office bearers of KLM. They are Adv. Fr. Johnson Ainickal, Renil Anto Kandamkulathi, Sojan Job, Peter J. Kurisinkal, Angeli Syrus, Tina Cheriyan, Justin Karippatt, Jacob E. Symon and Mathew Moothedan (convener). A meeting of the committee was convened on 16th December to discuss about the central formulation of the labour codes.

22 DECEMBER 2018

## Christmas Celebrations

Pastoral Orientation Center celebrated Christmas on 22nd December 2018. It was an ecumenical celebration. Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Karrikkassery presided the celebration. Archbishop Mor Severios Kuriakose inaugurated the celebration. Sri. Sivaswaroopananda Swami felicitated the gathering. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt welcomed everyone and Rev. Dr. Sebastain expressed the Vote of thanks. It was followed by Carol Singing and snahavirunnu.



5 JANUARY 2019

## Youth Commission Ruby Jubilee Celebration

Fr. Mathew Thiruvallil OIC, the Secretary of the Youth Commission informed the Council that the Ruby Jubilee celebrations of the KCYM at Trivandrum was well attended by delegates from all the dioceses. The yearlong celebration of Youth Year will conclude with the valedictory function on 5 January 2019 at POC. The Council thanked Fr. Mathew for his exemplary leadership for the past 5.5 years as the Secretary of the Youth Commission and as Director of KCYM.

20 JANUARY 2019

## CLC Annual Action Plan

The Annual Action Plan of state council for the year 2019 has been released at Ernakulam POC on January 20. President Jaison Sebastian presided over the function. Director Fr. Geo Thekkiniyath delivered the keynote address.



12-18 JANUARY 2019

## Witness of Mercy –Parish Outreach Programme

Parish outreach programme for the 4th batch of witness of mercy was conducted from 12 to 18 January 2019 at St. Francis Xaviour parish Azheekal. 30 members participated in the programme. Classes on family, Dialogue & holiness and ecology were taken by Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, Fr. Joy, Fr. Shibu, Shri KK Joseph, Mr. Shibu and Mr. Shiju. The programme was concluded with a pilgrimage to St. Sebastian's Church Arthugal.

29 JANUARY 2019

## Jesus fraternity Directors meeting

Jan. 29 Jesus Fraternity directors meeting was held at POC. 17 directors had taken part in the meeting. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt was present for the meeting. Future plans were shared and discussed.



30 JANUARY 2019

## Dialogue on peace and sustainable development of Kerala

A collaborative inter-religious initiative was taken to reflect about the peaceful coexistence and sustainable development of the flood affected Kerala. Collaborators: Loyola Institute of Peace & International Relations (LIPI), Dharma Bharathi Ashram (Mulanthuruthy) and Anandadhamam Ashram (Keralapuram). Bishop Selvester Ponnuthan delivered the inaugural address and Swami Bodhendra Thirtha the inaugural address. Swami Acharya Sachidananda Bharathi, the founder of the "Disciples of Christ for Peace (DCP)" who is also the initiator of the concept of Peace & Sustainable development did the keynote address. K.P. Fabian, former diplomat gave a talk on "Sustainable Development goals adopted by UN Summit 2015 & their relevance to flood-ravaged Kerala". Adv. TPM Ibrahim Khan (Islamic scholar) spoke on the theme "Peace & Sustainable Development: an interreligious perspective".

## Symposiums – Youth Commission

Basing on the theme of the year and sub themes six Symposiums were conducted in 2019 on varied topics.

- 1 Indian Democracy and Constitutional Institutions at stake? (26th January 2019 at POC).
- 4 Higher Education and Research Programmes (20th July 2019 at POC).
- 5 Martyrs of Love – A Study on Love-Jihad (13th October 2019 at POC).
- 6 Minority reservations –Christian Response (4th October 2019 at POC).

19 FEBRUARY 2019

## CHAI-Kerala Catholic Nurse’s Guild of India Meeting

The Catholic Nurses Guild of India-Kerala meeting held on 19th February 2019, at POC Palarivattom, Kochi, 40 Nurses from different Hospitals participated in the program, and the meeting helped the members to grow Spiritually, Professionally, Socially, Economically.



14 FEBRUARY 2019

## POC Home Day

Home day of POC was celebrated on 14th February 2019. The celebration were started with a concelebrated mass in the morning. Fr. Jacob Prasad was the main celebrant and Fr. Mathew Thiruvallil OIC delivered the homily. The community members were divided into two groups and various competitions were held on group basis .The concluding session was presided over by Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Kariyil, Bishop of Cochin. Prizes were distributed to the winners in various competitions

21 FEBRUARY 2019

## The Bible Apostolate Directors' Meeting & KCBS Meeting

The Diocesan Bible Apostolate Directors met twice (21th Feb 2019, 12th Sep. 2019) shared the experiences, ideas and visions regarding Bible Apostolate and took important decisions. 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 also the members of the Managing Council of Kerala Catholic Bible Society. The Managing Council and the Executive Committee together met three times (21th Feb 2019, June 26th 2019, 12th Sept 2019) and the Executive Committee met four times (21th Feb 2019, June 26th 2019, 12th Sept 2019, 26th Oct 2019) for various purposes.

## Common Purchase & Procurement Program

Common Purchase meeting for product negotiation were held on Pastoral Orientation Centre Palarivattom on 21st February 2019 and 17th June 2019. The CHAI Kerala Common Purchase Committee has signed rate contracts with more than 50 Companies and Manufactures for quality products with competitive rate.

23 FEBRUARY 2019

## KCMS organized one-day seminar

On February 23rd 2019 KCMS organized one-day seminar for all Kerala major superiors and CRI local units' executive members on the theme The Changing Cultural Context and the Growing Crisis in Religious Life by Mar Joseph Pamplany, the Auxiliary Bishop of Thalassery. Mr. Jacob Punnoose IPS talked on the topic Religious Discipline and Commitment. Total participants were 270.

## State level leaders meet of member lay organization.

Three summits were held for diocese and state level delegates of all three lay organizations on 12.01.2019, 06.03.2019, and 06.07.2019. In the meeting on 12.01.2019 discussions were made on the attitude of the state government against church and also discussed the current matters in the church. On 13.09.2019 the lay leaders met and discussed on the programmes to be executed along with the celebration of extra ordinary month of mission declared by His Holiness Pope Francis.

28 FEBRUARY 2019

## Mission Out Reach -4th Batch

4th Batch of Witness of Mercy team visited Suradi Village of Hariyana Mission as part of the mission out reach programme. They stayed in the houses in the slums and colonies. The teams consisting of 30 members visited Basadha, Samalka and Gunpur under this mission. The programme was organized by Fr.Shibu OCD, Shri. KK Joseph and Mr. Shiju with the guidance of Santwana Mission Community, Delhi.

6 MARCH 2019

## Laity Leaders Meeting -Church Act Bill.

On 06.03.2019 seminar on church act bill has been conducted. Retd. Justice Abraham Mathew presented the topic in a venue of selected resource persons including laity leaders of the three rites. Justice Abraham Mathew clarified the doubts raised by the audience.

9 MARCH 2019

## KCSL Special Central Council

A special central of KCSL assembled in POC on 9 March 2019. Rev. Fr. Kurian Thadathil, the General Director delivered the introductory speech. The state President, Sri. Mathukutty Kuthanappillil was the president. The State General organiser sri. Cyriac Mathew read the report. Then there was a discussion on organising of the Leader Training Camp of the students and on the calendar of the activities in 2019,

The following people are elected in the meeting as a state executive committee members:

Sri Praveen Joseph of Quilon Diocese for HSS section

Sri Aju Benjamin of Alleppey Diocese for HS section

Sri. Jemin j. Verappilly of Changanacherry Archdiocese for UP Section

The State General Treasurer Sri. Manoj Chacko said the vote of thanks.

14 MARCH 2019

## Diocesan Directors' Meeting

KLM Diocesan Directors' meeting was held on 2019 March 14 at POC

Ernakulum. KCBC & CBCI Labour Commission Chairman Bishop Rt.Rev.Dr.Alex Vadakkumthala inaugurated. KCBC Dy. Secretary General Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt made the keynote address. Fr. Prasad Joseph Kandathippambal gave introductory address. Shaju Antony presided over the meeting. The meeting discussed the KLM Diocesan activities and suggestions for Annual Action Planning. Directors from 19 Dioceses attended the meeting.



16 MARCH

## A joint meeting

A joint meeting of pastoral council secretaries, members of diocesan pastoral councils and KCC executive was held on 16/3/19 at POC. Abp. Mar. Mathew Moolakkatt inaugurated the function which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt. The Church Property Bill 2019, Christian response on Renaissance and Parliamentary Election 2019 were discussed. Justice Abraham Mathew, Rev. Dr. Gaspar Saniyasi and Mr. Jacoby presented the papers on the said themes. The members actively participated in the discussions. Secretary Adv. Joji Chirayil welcomed the meeting and executive member Mrs. Marykutty James expressed vote of thanks

23-24 MARCH 2019

## Diocesan Leaders Meeting

KLM Diocesan Leaders meeting was held on 2019 March 23,24 at POC Ernakulam. KCBC Labour Commission Vice Chairman Bishop Rev. Dr. Jose Puthenveetil inaugurated the meeting. Fr. Prasad Joseph Kandathippambal State Director given introductory address. State President Shaju Antony presided over the meeting. KCBC Dy. Secretary General Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt given Keynote address. The outgoing State Director Fr.George Thomas Nirappukalayi honored with felicitations and memento in the meeting for valuable service and contributions given to KLM State for last six years.Joseph Jude and Sebastian Palampambal presented the subjects related to Challenges in Labour Sector- Vision of KLM , Ethical and Justifiable Labour culture.The leaders meeting formulated Action Plan -2019 for State and Dioceses of KLM. 75 leaders from 21 dioceses participated in the two days meeting.



29 MARCH 2019

### 4th Batch Witness of Mercy - Distribution of Certificates

Certificates were distributed to the members of witness of Mercy 4th batch who have successfully completed the course during the meeting arranged on 29th March 2019 at POC. Curia Bishop Mar Sebastian Vaniapurackal inaugurated the meeting and distributed the certificates. Sr. Aradda welcomed the gathering which was presided over by Fr. Varghese Vallikatt



### Witnesses of Mercy 6th Module

The last and 6th module of witness of Mercy 4th batch was conducted from 28 March 2019. The main topics of the session were Leadership in Biblical view, Psychological aspect of mission ministry. Fr. Varghese Vallikatt, Fr. Stanley Mathirappilly and Sri K.K. Joseph were the main resource persons in this session.



31 MARCH 2019

**POC One day Tour** A one day tour to Munnar was conducted for the members of POC family on 31.3.2019. All staff members of POC under the leadership of Fr. Varghese Vallikatt participated in the tour.

1 APRIL 2019

### Child awareness camp

A session was organized by media commission at Chertala for 42 children on 'child rights awareness' on 01st April, 2019. Shri. Joby Mathew and Fr. Daey Kunnathu led different classes. The purpose of the camp is to provide awareness among the children on the importance of child rights.

7-9 APRIL 2019

### Jesus Fraternity State Conference, Kottiyam.

April. 7 to 9 Jesus Fraternity State Conference was held at Kottiyam animation center, Kollam. H.E Abp. Thomas Mar Koorilos had inaugurated the meeting and H.E Bp. Paul Mullasery, the Bishop of Quilon was the president of the function and Sri. Gopakumar IG has delivered the message. H.E Bp. Mar Jose Piluckal, H.E Bp. Stanly Roman, H. E Bp. Mar Remigius and other prominent resources had led the classes in these three days. More than 200 volunteers had participated in it.

8 APRIL 2019

## Farewell and Welcome

A farewell session was organized at the concluding session of the media seminar to express the gratitude to Fr. Jolly Vadaken, from the diocese of Iringalakuda, the secretary of the commission who completed tenure of 6 years. Rt. Rev. Dr. Sebastian Thekkethacheril welcomed the new director Fr. Abraham Irimbinikal, from the Archdiocese of Tiruvalla.



8 APRIL 2019

## Send-off Meeting

A meeting was Organized on 8th April 2019 to say fare well to the outgoing members of various commission of KCBC- Fr. Jolly Vadaken(Media Commission) , Fr. George Thomas Nirappukalayil (Labour commission) Fr. Varghese Mundackal (Temperance commission)and Mrs. Dency Lukachen ( Women's Commission). Rt. Rev. Dr. James Anaparampil Bishop of AlleppyDiocese presided over the meeting. Fr. JoshyMayyattil Fr. Stanly Mathiappilly Sr. Tresa, Mr. Alosious and Fr. Varghese Vallikat felicitated the outgoing commission secretaries for their meritorious services in their commissions during the past years . All the inmates of POC were present in the meeting. POC family accompanied Fr. Shibu OCD as he moved to his new residence at Kacheripady.



10 APRIL 2019

## Media Seminar for directors and PROs

Media seminar for media directors and PROs of all catholic dioceses was held on 10thApril 2019. It was inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Sebastian Thekkathacheril the Chairman of KCBC Media Commission. "it is our responsibility to preach the Gospel all over the world and the social media is a powerful instrument in accomplishing this task", said Bp. Sebastian in his inaugural address. Delegates from various dioceses, sisters and priests took part in this seminar. Adv. Sijil Joseph presented different aspects of New Media and Cyber Rules. Fr. Jolly Vadakkan, Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil and Fr. Abraham Irimbinikal addressed the audience.

13 APRIL 2019

## House Blessing

A house constructed with the voluntary contribution and support of the 4th batch of Witnesses of Mercy was blessed by Fr. Varghese Vallikatt on 13th April 2019. The project was organized by Fr. Shibu OCD and Fr. Siju. Fr. Stanley Mathirappilly, Fr. Jose Karivelickal, Sr. Beatrice, Sr. Soja and a few members of the parish were present during the function.



16 APRIL 2019

## Taking Charge

On 16th April 2019, Mrs. Jane Ancil Francis was elected as the Kerala Region Secretary for a period of 3 years in the presence of His Excellency Bishop Dr. Joseph Karikkassery, KCBC Women's Commission Chairman and KCBC Deputy Secretary General Dr. Varghese Valliikkatt. Outgoing Secretary Dulcy Lukachan handed over the charge to the new Secretary Mrs. Jane Ancil Francis. Father Wilson Elavuthinkal Koonan, CBCI core committee member Rosakutty Abraham, Jibi Geeverghese and Ani Joseph was also present. Delcy Luckachan gave the thanksgiving speech and extended her wholehearted cooperation to the new committee.



10 MAY 2019

## International Mother's Day Celebration

KCBC Women's Commission conducted the International Mother's Day Celebration at POC, Kochi on 10th May 2019. His Excellency Bishop Dr. Joseph Karikkassery, KCBC Women's Commission Chairman inaugurated the memorable function. Women's commission Executive Secretary presided over the function. The first Women's commission Executive Secretary Mrs. Beena Sebastian was the Chief Guest. The main theme was "Pursuances of Mothers" was presented by Mrs. Beena Sebastian. She explained the early stages of the KCBC Women's Commission and its formation. Women's Commission Spiritual Director Fr. Wilson gave the introductory speech. A memento was given to Dulcy Lukachan, the past executive secretary for her sincere and dedicated work to the KCBC Women's Commission.



5-8 MAY 2019

## Natya

Natya was organized from May 5- 8, 2019 and 19 children were participated in the programme. The camp was inaugurated by Fr. Varghese Vallikattu ,Director of POC. Fr. Daeyand Mr. Vishu led various sessions to the participants. Certificates were distributed to all the participants on the valedictory session.



## Summer Camp- Fiesta 2019

Media commission conducted three different summer camps for children at P.O.C in the month of May 2019. The camps were inaugurated by Fr. Varghese Vallikatt,P.O.C director.



9-12 MAY 2019

## May Vara

The programme was organized by the media commission from 9 – 12, 2019. The camp was inaugurated by renowned artist Shri. Kaladaran Master. Twelve children participated in the programmes and they were welcomed by the commission secretary Fr. Abraham Irimbinikkal. The technical sessions were handled by Shri. Jomon, Fr. James, Sr. Sandra. There was an experience sharing session organized in the valedictory session of the programme by the participants and resource persons.

13 MAY 2019

## Sendoff Meeting

A Meeting was organized on May 13, 2019 to say farewell to Sr. Glancy, office secretary of Jesus Fraternity and Fr. Prabhu, Director of Snehashramam. The meeting was presided over by Fr. Varghese Vallikat. Fr. Shaji Stephen, Fr. Stanley Mathirappilly, Mrs. Anie, Sr. Treasa and Fr. Jose Karivelickal felicitated the outgoing members during the meeting.



11 MAY 2019

## Bible Correspondence Course

The total number of students of the Bible Correspondence Course is 13101. There are 306 new registrations this year. A contact class was arranged on 11th May 2019 at the POC and certificates were distributed after the class. Rev. Dr. Joseph Nalpathilchira delivered lectures on First Corinthians. 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.



20-22 MAY 2019

## Mukham

20 – 22 May, 2019 Mukham programme was organized and there were 25 participants. The participants includes children from various parishes and nuns from various congregations. Various sessions were led by Fr. Roy, Ms. Jaya, Mr. Leon, Fr. JoshyMayattil, Shri Shiva Prasad and Shri. Rajesh. Certificates for all the participants were distributed.

## Education Commission programmes

During the reporting year the following activities were also organized by the Commission. Two empowerment camps for the headmasters who are already in service. 13-14 & 15-16 May 2019 A two days training program for the Newly appointed Managers of Corporate Educational Agencies. 19-20 February 2019.

National Education Policy 2019. Commission Conducted seminars for the Managers of Aided schools and colleges on 27-06-2019, Self-financing arts and sciences and professional colleges on 20-07-2019 and Representative of Teachers on 30-08-2019 to study the National Education Policy and to prepare our suggestions on the Draft.



20-22 MAY 2019

### Media training programme for Religious and Catechism teachers – 2019

Along with the summer camp a media training programme was conducted for religious and catechism teachers by the commission from May 20- 22, 2019. The sessions helped them to understand the role of the media in Christian life and how it helps in the parish and in congregational activities.

4 JUNE 2019

## KCBC-KCMS Joint Meeting

The joint meeting of KCBC & KCMS was held at POC on Tuesday 4th June, 2019. Many of the Bishops and 191 Major Superiors participated in the meeting. Most. Rev. Dr. Soosa Pakiam, the president of KCBC, inaugurated the meeting and Bp. Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom, the chairman for the KCBC Commission for the religious, presided over it. Retired Archbishop Thomas Menampampil SDB presented the paper on the theme "Mission, the Heart of Christian Faith".

In the afternoon session His Excellency Mar Thomas Tharayil, the Auxiliary Bishop of Changanassery, & Rev. Sr. Siby CMC gave response to the morning session. The response session was moderated by Mar Raphael Thattil the bishop of Shamshabad. The open forum was moderated by Rev. Fr. Jose Paul Edakkalathur CMI. All the Bishops and major superiors actively participated in the discussions and the meeting came to an end at 4 O'clock.

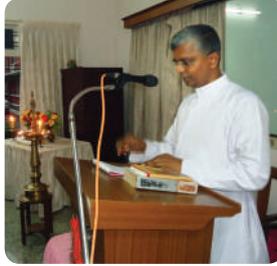


5 JUNE 2019

## Evening Bible Course (2018-2019)

The Bible Commission started a new batch of the

Wednesday Evening Course of 40 weeks (5th June 2019 – 11th March 2020) with the inaugural lecture by His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. James Anaparambil.. 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 the theme of Mission in 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 (Sirach); Dr. Sebastian Kuttiyanickal (Background to the Study of the Bible); Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly (Mission and Major OT Prophets); Dr. Jacob Prasad (First Corinthians); Dr. Sr. Bincy SH (Mission in John); Dr. Sr. Linta SH (OT Missionaries); Dr. Joy Panjikaran MST (Mission Theology of St. Paul); Dr. Luke Thadathil (Mission in Matthew; Mission in Luke); Dr. Johnson Puthussery CST (Mission and Book of Revelation);



8 JUNE 2019

His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vaniyappurakkal, Curia Bishop of Syro Malabar Church inaugurated the State Animators' Conference, which was the first major program of the academic year 2019-20. It was held on 8th June 2019 at POC, Palarivattom. During this function Chevalier P. T. Thomas Award and Best Animator Award for the academic year 2018-2019 were given to Mr. Joseph Mathew Pathippilly from the diocese of Kanjirappilly and Rev. Sr. Maggie CMC from the diocese of Idukki respectively.



13 JUNE 2019

## Chellanam Visit

Visited the families and consoled them during the costal flooding in the month of June 2019 in the area of chellanam Kochi, Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikatt and team from POC including priests and sisters.

12 JUNE 2019

## Icon Media Online- YouTube Channel

Media Commission initiated its YouTube presence through Icon media online channel. It was launched on Jun 12, 2019. This youtube channel comprises news related to Church, socially relevant topics, music, short films and documentaries, cultural programmes, short stories, events and other relevant programmes etc. The channel was inaugurated by Shri. Sibi Malayil, Malayalam Film director.



15 JUNE 2019

## Inauguration of Psychology Course

One year course on Psychology was inaugurated by Dr. SijuJawahar (Consultant Psychiatrist Perumbavoor) on 15th June 2019 during the meeting presided over by Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt Director of POC. Rev. Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly Dean of Studies PTI welcomed members of the new batch as well as the dignitaries on the Stage. Rev. Dr. Burney OFM took the first session – Introduction to Psychology. There was a meeting of the Resource Persons of this Course; Rev. Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly, Rev. Dr. Wilson SJ, Mr. Stephan, Mr. Rolings, Dr. SijuJawahar, Dr. Sobha, Mr. Rixon and Sr. Soja. MSST. Mrs. Sobha was entrusted to do necessary office work to get the certificates of this one year course from the University for the participants.



22 JUNE 2019

## Seminar on Christus Vivit,

KCBC Secretariat organized a one day study session on the Apostolic Exhortation – Christus Vivit by Pope Francis for 150 representatives from the Dioceses, Religious Congregations and youth organizations on 22 June, 2019.

24-25 JUNE 2019

## Gathering of Witness of Mercy members

A Get together of members of all the batches of Witnesses of Mercy was held on 24-25 June 2019. His Excellency Rev Dr. Silvester Ponnuthan, Bishop of Punalur inaugurated the meeting. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt Director of POC. presided over the meeting and Rev. Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly welcomed the dignitaries and participants. The gathering was attended by 70 members. Fr. Shibu OCD felicitated the gathering and Mr Shibu Joseph expressed vote of thanks.





## National Education Policy 2019.

Commission Conducted seminars for the Managers of Aided schools and colleges on 27-06-2019, Self-financing arts and sciences and professional colleges on 20-07-2019 and Representative of Teachers on 30-08-2019 to study the National Education Policy and to prepare our suggestions on the Draft.



### Website launch

The media commission launched its official website on 30th June, 2019. It is accessible at [www.kbcmedia.com](http://www.kbcmedia.com). The website was inaugurated by Rt.Rev. Sebastian Thekethecheril the Chairman of the Commission. The website provides updates from the media commission.



### Media Awards 2019

The Media Awards for this year was announced in press meet held at POC by the chairman Rt. Rev. Dr. Sebastian Thekkethecheril on 1st June 2019. Media award ceremony was held on 30th June. The event was presided by Rt.Rev. Sebastian Thekethecheril the Chairman of the Commission and inaugurated by Mr. Siby Malayil, Malayalam Film Director. Following are the winners of the award for their exemplary work in the fields of Literature, art, culture and media. The award winners are Shri. Francis Norona (Literature), Shri. Joseph Annamkutty Jose (Young Talent), Dr. K.M Francis (Mar Sebastian Mankuzikari Darsanika Vijnanika Award), Shri. C. Radakrishnan (Samskritipuraskaram), Dr. K.V Peter (Gurupuja), Shri, John Paul (Gurupuja) and Dr. Kurien Valuparampil (Gurupuja).

4-5 JULY 2019

## Infection Control Certificate Program

Second batch of Infection

Control Certificate program was held on July 4th and 5th 2019 at POC, Ernakulam in collaboration with CHAI-Kerala, Lisie Hospital and 3M India Ltd. 35 candidates successfully completed the certificate program, Arch Bishop Mar George Njaralakkatt (Chairman KCBC Health Commission & Ecclesiastical advisor -CHAI Kerala) presented certificates to the participants.



6 JULY,

## The Annual General Body of KCBS

The Annual General Body of KCBS was convened on 6th July, 2019. It was inaugurated and presided over by the Chairman Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Julios. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt delivered felicitatory address. The General Body gave approval to various programmes of the current year of the Bible Society presented by the secretary Rev. Fr. Johnson Puthussery CST. In this meeting, Bishop Mar Joseph Pallickaparambil Award, instituted for the diocese which brings in the highest membership sum, was granted to the archdiocese of Trivandrum (L). Among the promoters, Mr. Varghese Lopez who collected greatest membership sum and added maximum members to the Society during the year received cash award.



6 JULY 2019

## Symposium

On 06.07.2019 a symposium was held on the subject social vigilance against threat of global terrorism at POC. Topic was presented by Mr. Jacob Punnoose IPS formerly Police Chief of the state of Kerala. Chairman Bishop Dr. Joshua Mar Ignatheos inaugurated the meeting and Fr. Varghese Vallikkattu moderated the session. Adv. Biju Parayannilam Mr. Antony Norona and Mr. V.P.Mathai presidents of the three laity organizations responded on the subject.

9-12 JULY 2019

## Vara

The programme was organized by the media commission from 9 – 12, 2019. The camp was inaugurated by renowned artist Shri. Kaladaran Master. Twelve children participated in the programmes and they were welcomed by the commission secretary Fr. Abraham Irimbinikkal. The technical sessions were handled by Shri. Jomon, Fr. James, Sr. Sandra. There was an experience sharing session organized in the valedictory session of the programme by the participants and resource persons.



11-13 JULY 2019

## Three days Seminar on Christus Vivit,

KCBC Secretariat organized a three days workshop for youth leaders and animators from 11 to 13 July, 2019 for a detailed study of Christus Vivit, the Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis. There was a detailed study of the text in 12 sessions extended in 3 days.

15 JULY 2019

## Inauguration of 5th batch of Witnesses of Mercy

The Course of the 5th batch of Witnesses of Mercy was inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Francis Kallarackal during the meeting presided over by Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, Director of POC on 15th July 2019. Rev. Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly Dean of Studies PTI welcomed the dignitaries and the members participating in this batch. The following classes were taken during the first session from 15-19 of July: Baptism and Mission – Rev. Fr Varghese Vallikkatt, Baptism and Holy Spirit- Rev. Dr. Joshy Mayyattil, Baptism and Kerygma - Rev. Dr. Jacob Prasad, Theological aspect of Baptism - Rev. Dr. Josep Marottikaparambil, Experience of being a child of God- Rev. Dr. Sebastian Kuttianickal, Missionary Experience – Rev. Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly, Introduction to Bible -- Rev. Dr. Johnson Puthussery, Spirituality in Personal life- Rev. Dr. Antony Valuunkal, Baptism and Christian Communion - Rev. Dr. Francis Pittappilly.

16- JULY 2019

## Meeting for formulating a 3 year action plan

CBCI National Secretary for women, Sr. Talisha visited and met with the entire core committee members and planned for the coming 3 years. State-level and the Diocesan level programs were charted at this very important meeting. Issues discussed during the meeting were related to our youth who is facing so many problems including social issues, sexual issues and misguidance by the media. Schools under the diocesan were recommended to include sex education as part of the curriculum.



20 JULY 2019

## Awareness Program

KCBC Women's Commission Kerala Region arranged an awareness program in the state level. The theme was "The youth and the women leadership". Professor Leena Jose was the main speaker of the event. From the 17 Diocese, 45 Women's commission leaders attended this meeting. Our Women's Commission Members were active participants with the interaction session. His Excellency Bishop Dr. Joseph Karikkassery, KCBC Women's Commission Chairman lighted the lamp and the Executive Secretary Mrs. Jane Ancil Francis chaired the meeting. After the meeting the election of the office-bearers for the coming 3 years was conducted for the posts of Joint Secretary, Treasurer and Zonal Secretaries.

30 JULY 2019

## CHAI-Kerala Special Meeting

One day Special meeting on medical legal awareness, relevant legal issues of hospital and medical negligence was organized at POCDr. Sreechithra (Forensic Medicine, Caritas Hospital Kottayam) and Dr. Aneesh Pillai (Kusat, Kochi) were the main resource persons. Kerala TB Elimination Mission director Dr. Sunil Kumar made a presentation on TB project mission of Kerala. There was also a presentation on Nano Solar Energy. Around 150 members attended the meeting.

31 JULY 2019

## KCSL Director's Meet

The assembly of diocesan directors conducted in POC was inaugurated by the General Director Rev. Fr. Kurian Thadathil. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt the deputy secretary General of KCBC gave the message. The directors from 21 dioceses took part in the meeting. The directors of each diocese explained the activities in the dioceses.

4 AUGUST 2019

## An Interaction with adolescent girls

This was the very first-time KCBC Women's Commission started programs for the grass-root level. Our CBCI Commission for Women Chairman, Dr Bishop Bernabas has always insisted on working at the grass root levels rather than having a meeting at some halls. We had arranged a special program at the Charumood Forane Church premises at Punalur Diocese for Plus1, Plus 2 and Degree students who came forward and shared their issues. The adolescent girls faced more problems in their homes and as well as their institutions. They can't share their problems with their family members or their teachers. So they are confused and are in a dilemma about what to do. We caught up with their minds during the interaction program and they started to have more open minded conversation with us. The 3-hour program had an effect on the youth who attended the program. They opened up their talents to singing, small stories and skits. They were able to express their ability on the stage. The participants wanted more interactive sessions like this.



5 AUGUST 2019

## KCBC Colloquium

The Colloquium of KCBC with theologians on “Formation for Missionary Discipleship” based on the document “Baptized and Sent: The Church of Church on Mission in the World” began with prayer at 10.00 am on 5 August 2019 at Mount St. Thomas auditorium, Kakkanad. Bp. Dr. Varghese Chakkalackal, Chairman KCBC Commission for Theology welcomed the participants. Abp. Soosa Pakiam, the president of the KCBC inaugurated and Abp. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt presided over the inaugural meeting. The Archbishop Soosa Pakiam in his inaugural address pointed out that the Church is sent into the world with a mission. Sending is an essential feature of mission.

Rev. Dr. Mathew Illathuparambil presented a paper on Missionary Discipleship and Priestly and Religious Formation, Bp. Joshua Mar Ignatios presented a paper on Missionary Discipleship and Faith-Formation. Rev. Dr. Clement Valluvassery and Rev. Dr. Joy Puthenveetil responded. Rev. Fr. Wilson Tharayil CMI, Sr. Ruby CTC, Mr. Varghese Abraham, shared their views in a panel discussion. Rev. Dr. Jacob Prasad presented the concluding statement. Bp. Thomas Mar Eusebius and Bp. James Anaparampil moderated the sessions. Rev. Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly proposed the vote of thanks.



9 AUGUST 2019

## Kerala Flood 2018 Concluding Function

The valedictory functions and project dedication meeting of Kerala Flood -2018 was conducted at Pastoral Orientation Centre on 9th August 2019 in collaboration with Caritas India and KCBC. KSSF compiled the report of the relief and rehabilitation measures of Kerala Church through the DSSS in Kerala. This was released by Most Rev. Dr. Soosa Pakiam President KCBC.

10 AUGUST 2019

## KCSL II Central Council

The Meeting began at 10.30 in POC. Vice president Mr. Shaju A. Thomas welcomed the members. The General Director Rev. Fr. Kurian Thadathil inaugurated the meeting. The State President Mr. Mathukutty Kuthanappillil presided over the meeting. The general organizer Mr. Cyriac Mathew read the report. The Meeting discussed in detail on Literature celebration, competition in essay writing for the teachers and competition for short films for children. The general treasurer Sri Manoj Chacko expressed thanks.



25 AUGUST 2019

## Short film festival and awards – Trinita 2019

Media Commission conducted a short film festival to promote young talents in film making industry where values can be effectively communicated. Trinita short film festival award function was held on 25th August, 2019. The panel of judges comprises Shri. K.G George, Shri. John Paul and Shri.Siva Prasad Kaviyoor. The winner of the best short film is Shri. JintoThekinyath, director of the short film "Pakki". Second pullanji directed by Girish Macrery, third sorry directed by Benjith Baby. The other winners are PrejiVengatt- best cinematographer, Christy Sebastian- best Editor, Noble Peter- Best background score, VisalViswanath- Best script Writer, Stephy Leon- Best Actress, AneishaSarmma- Special Jury Mention.

The prizes for the winners films were awarded by Rt. Rev. Bishop Joseph Pandarasseril, Vice Chairman of Media Commission on 26th August, 2019. The best short films were screened after the award ceremony.

26-30 AUGUST 2019

## Witnesses of Mercy 2nd Module

The second module of this batch was started on 26th August 2019. Main Topics of this module were Gift of Holy Spirit. Rev.Fr Varghese Vallikkatt, Rev. Dr. Francis Pittappilly, Rev. Dr.Jacob Prasad, were the Resource Persons for this session. A training session on Gift of Holy Spirit was conducted by Rev. Sr. NirmalJyothi & Team from MSMI Congregation.

29 AUGUST 2019

## Interaction with Flood affected people

Our second grass-root program was arranged in the Coastal Areas of Valiyathura, in the Archdiocese of Trivandrum. We were shocked to hear their real problems. So many families are still at the Camps run by the government after the floods. The people who were affected by the floods are mainly from the coastal areas are still in the camps and not yet issued housing by the government. We gave a representation to the state government and the Minister for fisheries.

31-1 AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2019

## Seminar on Theology of Body

A Two days seminar was conducted here at POC on 31st August 2019 and 1st September on Theology of Body-the topic of a series of 129 lectures given by Pope John Paul II during his Wednesday audience in St Peter's Square and the Paul VI Audience hall between September 5, 1979 and November 28th, 1984. Rt. Rev. Dr Stanly Roman, Bishop Emeritus-Kollam Diocese inaugurated the programme. Dr. Babu John USA, Dr Tony Joseph, Dr Finto Francis and Dr Reju Varghese were the major resource Persons.

4 SEPTEMBER 2019

## KCMS – Religious Superiors PRO Meeting

On 4th September 2019 at POC a meeting of the Superior Generals was organized by KCMS to react against unjust media attack and to discuss about stopping the circulation of Mathrubhoomi newspaper. Rev.Fr.VargheseVallikkatt welcomed the gathering. Rev.Fr.AugustinePamplany CST,Rev.Sr.Siby CMC, and Rev.Fr.Noble PRO from Manathavady analyzed the untrue statements imposed by the media on the religious. Everyone opined that in the present situation our greatest evangelization is to give responses ontime and the greatest sin is keeping silence. The meeting decided to send complaint letter to Managing director of Mathrubhoomi.



5 SEPTEMBER 2019

## KLM - Diocesan Directors Meeting

Diocesan Directors and Zonal Directors Meeting was held on 5th September 2019 at POC Ernakulam. Diocesan reporting, Action Plan discussions and planning was the main agenda in the meeting. Joy Gothuruth National President, WIF gave Key note address. The meeting proposed to conduct State level orientation camp for parish priests to sensitize labour issues.



14 SEPTEMBER 2019

Training Programme for Diocesan and Religious Media Directors and PROS: The Commission, together with the Media Commission organized a training programme for the Diocesan and Religious Media Directors and PROS on September 14th 2019 at POC, Palarivattom. Mr. George Pulickan, took class on samakalamadiama lokam and Mr. Jins T. Thomas, Cyber media law & tech. Specialist, Jr. Commander-Kerala Police Cyber dome, took class on the New Trends in the Cyber Media.

14 SEPTEMBER 2019

## Media Directors meet 2019

The commission conducted media directors and PROs meet on 14thSeptember, 2019 from 10 a.m to 3 p.m at P.O.C. A session on 'recent trends in cyber media' was conducted by Shri. Jins C. Thomas, [Cyber Media Law & Tech Specialist, Jr. Commander - Kerala Police Cyberdome, You Tube Certified Professional, Key Alliance Manager at Share Chat (Malayalam)].



16-19 SEPTEMBER 2019

### Witnesses of Mercy 3rd Module

The 3rd module of this batch of Witnesses of Mercy was started on 16 September 2019. Rev. Fr.Varghese Vallikkatt, Rev. Dr.Jacob Prasad, Rev.Dr Stanley Mathirappilly and Rev. Dr. Sebastian Kuttiyanickal took classes on different aspects of Missionary activities.

Rev.Fr Dai Kunnath conducted a Theatre Training Workshop during this session . There was also a session on Personality Development by Rev. Dr Rajeev Michael, Dr. Kochurani Joseph conducted a class on speech practice.

17 SEPTEMBER 2019

### Meeting of Managers of Catholic Colleges

The meeting was presided over by KCBC Education Commission Chairman Abp. Mar. Andrews Thazhath. Legal advisor Adv. Jose Kannamthanam and Co-ordinator of Catholic Professional Colleges Shri. P.J. Ignatious were present in the meeting. Commission Secretary Fr. Jose Karivelickal welcomed the gathering and introduced the agenda.

The Chairman Abp. Andrews Thazhath in his presidential address explained the crucial situation in the education sector and advised the managers to stand united to fight out the issues. He explained the efforts taken by the bishops to solve various issues liaising with the government authorities.

- Topic
1. Case regarding the definition of Community as having no subdivisions.
  2. Government’s proposed Ordinance to legalize student union activities in the College Campus.

#### Action plan proposed:

Give wide publicity against this decision of the government by passing resolutions in the PTA meetings, giving paper news and sending representations to the government. • The members proposed that a delegation of bishops may represent our apprehensions and protest to the government authorities.

Co-operate with organizations and educational agencies having similar opinion. • Think of legal procedure if the government brings out the ordinance.



20-29 SEPTEMBER 2019

### 32nd KCBC Drama Mela & Competitions

The Thirty Second annual All Kerala Professional Drama Festival was held at P.O.C auditorium from 20th to 29th, September, 2019. Nadaka Mela was inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Mar Pauly Kannookadan, Vice Chairman of Media Commission. International and National award winning film producer of Malayalam Movie “Allorukkam” Shri. Jolly Lonappan was felicitated during the inaugural occasion. The prizes for the successful teams were distributed by Archbishop Mar Antony Kariyil on the concluding ceremony on 20th September. During the prize distribution ceremony Shri.Maradu Joseph, recipient of Kerala Sangeeta Nadaka academy fellowship and a veteran drama artist was felicitated by the media commission. After the prize distribution ceremony “Allorukkam” was screened. Fr. Varghese Vallikattu, Mrs. Leelama Mathew, director All India Radio, Prof. M. Thomas Mathew, Fr. Shaji Stephen and Fr. Abraham Irimbinikal addressed the audience.



22 SEPTEMBER 2019

## KLM Diocesan Leaders Meet

Diocesan Leaders meeting was held on 2019 September 22 at POC Ernakulam. The diocesan reports presented and evaluated in the meeting. Joseph Jude and Babu Thannikot presented the various topics related to KLM Workers Forum formation, Structure and Welfare fund schemes. The meeting evaluated the Zonal meetings and diocesan camps held in last six months. The meeting suggested to conduct one more zonal level leaders meeting in 2019. The meeting welcomed the decision of Malankara Catholic Association (MCA) to formulate and lead KLM diocesan units in the Malankara Catholic dioceses.



28 SEPTEMBER 2019

## Inauguration Extraordinary Missionary Month

As Pope Francis has declared October 2019 an Extraordinary Missionary Month, with theme "Baptized and Sent", its inauguration was organized on 28 September 2019 at POC. It was attended by members of KCBC, KCMS, Kerala Catholic Council, Kerala Catholic Federation and the Diocesan Directors. His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry, Major Archbishop of Syro Malabar Church, delivered the Inaugural Address. An input session was followed on the theme "The Context and Relevance of the Missionary month" and "Christian Mission in India - Challenges & Scope". The classes were animated by Rev. Fr. Justine Vettukallel MST & Rev. Fr Daey Kunnath MST.

24 SEPTEMBER 2019

## Joint Meeting

On 24TH September 2019 from 3.00 PM to 6.00 PM there was a meeting of the provincial superiors in and around Aluva – Ernakulam, together with the Vicar Generals from Verapoly, Ernakulam-Angamally, Kochi, Kottapuram, and Alapuzha. The representatives of KLCA, KPCC, KCF, KCC and KCMS also were present at this meeting at POC. The meeting decided to highlight the positive values of consecrated religious life in the wake of the recent brutal media trials and negative discussions against the Church.

8 OCTOBER 2019

## KLM Table Talk discussion on Social Security Code



An open discussion on Social Security Code was held at POC on 8th October 2019 at POC by KLM. The program inaugurated by Adv.Thampan Thomas former National President of HMS, Sri. Joy Gothuruth WIF National President presented the subject. State Director Fr.Prasad Joseph Kandathippampil, other various TU leaders participated in the open discussion. 35 members attended in the meeting.

10 OCTOBER 2019

## Jesus Fraternity Manvila Snehasram Anniversary

October 10 The Snehasram anniversary was conducted at Manvila, Snehasram, H.E Abp. Thomas Mar Koorilos was present for the function. Trivandrum VG, Fr. Joseph and other dignitaries were present for the function.

10 OCTOBER 2019

## Symposium on “Khristava saniyasam pavuravakasha viruthamo”:

The Commission organized the Symposium together with KCBC Secretariat at P.O.C, Palarivattom, on 10th October 2019. Dhayabhai, social activist and Dr. Muse Mary George, UC College, Aluva, were the resource persons. Rev. Dr. Augustine Pamplaney CST moderated the Symposium.

18 OCTOBER 2019

## Consultations, Caritas Youth

Caritas, the face of Indian Catholic Social Work, came forward to extend their hands to join in training programmes in Disaster Management and Social Media Advancement. This is a historical event. Rev Fr Paul Moonjely the executive Director of Caritas, came to POC with his team and had a fruitful discussion with state team and all diocesan Directors and Animators on 18th October 2019.



## Samarppitha Sanyasa Sangamam

POC and KCMS joined together and organized a religious gathering of the Ernakulam zone from the dioceses of Varapuzha, Ernakulam-Angamally, Kochi, Kottapuram and Muvattupuzha on 11th October 2019 at Town Hall, Ernakulam from 3 PM to 6 PM. It was presided over by His excellency Joseph Kariyil, the Bishop of Cochin, and inaugurated by Mr. Abraham Mathew, former high court judge. Rev. Fr. Mathew Chanrankunnel, the Managing Director of Deepika delivered the keynote address. Sr. Jaya CTC, Sr. Vineetha CMC, Sr. Noble Therese DM, Dr. Kochrani Joseph, Sri. Shaji George KRLCC convener, Sri. Cyriac Chazhikadan KYM State President, Ms. Rose Maria, and Ms. Maria Jesneela Martin spoke at the event. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC, the president of KCMS welcomed the audience and Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt KCBC deputy secretary general proposed the vote of thanks. Around 2500 religious participated for the gathering and thus it was a grand success.



## The fifth batch of Witnesses of Mercy

The fifth batch of Witnesses of Mercy was fortunate to visit Orissa as a part of their outreach Mission outside Kerala. From October 25 to November 8, 2019. There were 34 members in the group under the leadership of Fr. Stanley Mathirappilly, Sr. Soja Martin and Mr. K.K. Joseph stayed at Njjevan Retreat Centre and visited Ollada, Kandamal, Tiagia and many other villages in Orissa.



24-25 OCTOBER 2019

## Missionaries' Summit-DUC in Altum II

KCBC Secretariat organized a two days Mission Summit –Duc in Altum II in continuation of the All India Missionaries' Summit –Duc in Altum I convened in January 2018 and as part of the celebration of the Extraordinary Missionary month declared by Pope Francis. The summit was attended by nearly 300 members representing 32 Dioceses (Vicar General, Pastoral council secretary, Catechetical committee members and a member of committee for evangelization) and Religious Congregations (2 persons in charge of mission). Rev. Fr. Dheeraj Sabu IMS, founder of Santhwana Community inaugurated the seminar and Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil Auxiliary Bishop of Changanassery Archdiocese gave the concluding message. The sessions included paper presentations on Maximum Illud, Baptized and Sent, and Missionary Conversion, followed by group discussion and report presentations. Sharing by persons from different missionary fields enriched the summit and inspired the participants.



29 OCTOBER 2019

## Symposium

Symposium on “Vishutharuda namakarana nadapadikalia albuthasathiyagnalum uktium sathiyau” was held at POC, Palarivattom on 29th October 2019. Dr. A. Anandkumar, Neurologist, Amrita Hospital, Rev. Dr. Augustine Pamplaney CST, Rev. Roy Joseph Kadupil and Nisha Jose MSc, Clinical psychology were



the resource persons. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, KCBC Deputy Secretary, moderated the programme.

15 NOVEMBER 2019

## 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 15th November at POC, Palarivattom.

19 NOVEMBER 2019

## Workshop for School Resource Team:

The Commission cooperated with the KCBC Commission of for Education in organizing a workshop for the Resource Team for Catholic Corporate managements in Kerala on 19th November 2019. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikkatt, KCBC Deputy Secretary General, inaugurated the programme. Mr. Jacob Job IPS; Smt. Nisha Jose, Clinical Psychologist; Dr. Kavitha Ravi and Fr. Joseph Pennaparambil were the recourse persons.

21 NOVEMBER 2019

## Seminar on Mathabeekarthakku

Valamvayukkunna Rashtreeya-samooheya-sampathika ghadakangal- Kerala Pashathalathil was on November 21, 2019 at POC, Palarivattom. The Commission together with the POC Secretariat and Laity Commission organized this Seminar. Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Joshua Mar Ignathios Inaugurated the seminar. Dr. T. P. Senkumar IPS presented the main paper. Dr. Thomaskutty Panachickal and Dr. Kurias Kumpalakuzhy responded to the paper. Mr. Joy Gothurath moderated the Seminar.

23 - 30 NOVEMBER 2019

## Parish out reach Programme

29 Members of the 5th batch of Witnesses of Mercy participated in the out reach programme organized at St. Mary's church Thomaspuram. Every after a class in the morning the members visited the houses in group sharing the good news and praying with them. The programme was concluded on 30th November 2019



24 NOVEMBER 2019

## Logos Quiz - 2019

Logos Quiz, a joint venture of the KCBC Bible Commission and the Kerala Catholic Bible Society was conducted with great success this year too. On-line registration facility for NRI's was utilised by 310 persons, mainly from Canada. There were 5,47,639 participants this year from 39 dioceses in the diocesan level Bible Quiz conducted on 29th September 2019. Deuteronomy 12-21, Sirach 11-17, Matthew 19-28 and the Book of Revelation 17-22 were the study portions for the Quiz. The national level examination was conducted on 10th November at Kozhikode, Kollam and Aluva. The group finals national quiz was conducted on 23rd November at POC. The quiz for the deaf was again organised this year. First prize in the Special Logos Quiz for the deaf was bagged by Neena Elias from Thalassery. An eleven year old girl Mettilda Johnson from the Diocese of Irinjalakuda won the Logos Prathibha award of 2019. She was awarded with the ticket to Holy Land (Israel), sponsored by Kandirickal Travels from Thodupuzha and the Palackal Thoma Malpan Memorial cash award. All the winners in various age groups were given cash awards, certificates and medals.

## Mar George Punnakkottil Vachan Sarga Prathibha Award

Mar George Punnakkottil Memorial Vachanasarga Award for the year 2019 was presented to Fr. Shaji Thumpechirayil from the archdiocese of Changanachery for his contribution in the category of Bible and Digital Media on 24th November by His Excellency Abraham Mar Julios.



## Publication of Books & Souvenir

The Society published First Isaiah written by Rev. Dr. Mathew Varyamattom CST, Creation Story written by Rev. Dr. Matthew Olickal and Introduction to the Bible written by Rev. Dr. Jacob Prasad, Rev. Dr. Sebastian Kuttiyanickal and Rev. Dr. Johnson Puthussery CST and distributed them as gift for Society members and Logos participants.

## Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2020

During the prize distribution ceremony of Vachanasarga award, the Daily Bible Reading Calendar 2020 was released by Most Rev Dr. Abraham Mar Julios.

## Audio Bible Player

With the support of the organization Mega Voice, the Bible Society brought out audio Malayalam Bible Player which is very useful for the elderly or sick people.

## 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 Logos Quiz 2018 was telecast in Goodness TV for seven months continuously. The audio files of bible classes of Fr Joshy Mayyattil in Goodness TV is now available in our website. Now there are more than 5 lacs download for the POC Bible App which shows the spread of Bible in digital media.

26 NOVEMBER

## One day Picnic-POC Family

A One day Picnic -House boat trip at Kumarakam- was arranged for the members of POC family on 26th November 2019. It was a very interesting and happy experience for the POC family.



4 DECEMBER 2019

### 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.



14 DECEMBER 2019

### III Central Council Meeting

The meeting began in POC at 10.30am. The state vice president Sri. Aju Benjamin welcomed the members. The General Director Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Thadathil inaugurated the meeting. The president was the state president sri. Mathukutty Kuthanappillil. Rev. Fr.Varghese Vallikkatt, the deputy secretary general of KCBC inaugurated the new website of KCSL and distributed awards to the winners in literary celebration. The report was read by Sri. Cyriac Mathew, the General Organizer. Sri. Praveen Joseph, the vice president expressed thanks for all. The meeting of the state executives also took place.



15-16 DECEMBER 2019

## 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 15th and 16th 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.

20 DECEMBER 2019

## 5th Batch Witnesses of Mercy - Distribution of Certificates

Certificates were distributed to the members of witness of Mercy 5th batch who have successfully completed the course during the meeting arranged on 20th December 2019 at POC. Auxiliary Bishop of Trichur Mar Sebastian Vaniapurackal inaugurated the meeting and distributed the certificates. Fr. Stanley Mathirappilly welcomed the gathering which was presided over by Fr. Varghese Vallikatt

16-20 DECEMBER

## Witnesses of Mercy 6th Module

The last and 6th module of witness of Mercy 5th batch was conducted from 16-20 December 2019. The main topics of the session were Leadership in Biblical view, Psychological aspect of mission ministry. Fr. Varghese Vallikatt, Fr. Stanley Mathirappilly and Sri K.K. Joseph were the main resource persons in this session.

21 DECEMBER 2019

## Christmas Programme

AS usual anecumenical Christmas celebration was conducted at P O C in association with Alinchode Residence Association and Sreekala Residence Association on 21st December 2019. The celebration was inaugurated by the Head of Assiriyanchurch in Kerala, Mar Aprem Metropolitan. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikatt welcomed the gathering which was presided over by the



Curia Bishop Mar Sebastian Vaniapurackal. Sri. Payipra Radhakrishnan, former Secretary of Kerala Sahithya 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.

