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I he Holy See MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 51st WORLD DAY OF PEACE

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Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace

1. Heartfelt good wishes for peace

Peace to all people and to all nations on earth! Peace, which the angels proclaimed to the shepherds on Christmas night,[1] is a profound aspiration for everyone, for each individual and all peoples, and especially for those who most keenly suffer its absence. Among these whom I constantly keep in my thoughts and prayers, I would once again mention the over 250 million migrants worldwide, of whom 22.5 million are refugees. Pope Benedict XVI, my beloved predecessor, spoke of them as "men and women, children, young and elderly people, who are searching for somewhere to live in peace."[2] In order to find that peace, they are willing to risk their lives on a journey that is often long and perilous, to endure hardships and suffering, and to encounter fences and walls built to keep them far from their goal.

In a spirit of compassion, let us embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands.

We know that it is not enough to open our hearts to the suffering of others. Much more remains to be done before our brothers and sisters can once again live peacefully in a safe home. Welcoming others requires concrete commitment, a network of assistance and goodwill, vigilant and sympathetic attention, the responsible management of new and complex situations that at times compound numerous existing problems, to say nothing of resources, which are always limited. By practising the virtue of prudence, government leaders should take practical measures to welcome, promote, protect, integrate and, "within the limits allowed by a correct understanding of the common good, to permit [them] to become part of a new society."[3] Leaders have a clear responsibility towards their own communities, whose legitimate rights and harmonious development they must ensure, lest they become like the rash builder who miscalculated and failed to complete the tower he had begun to construct.[4]

2. Why so many refugees and migrants?

As he looked to the Great Jubilee marking the passage of two thousand years since the proclamation of peace by the angels in Bethlehem, Saint John Paul II pointed to the increased numbers of displaced persons as one of the consequences of the "endless and horrifying sequence of wars, conflicts, genocides and ethnic cleansings"[5] that had characterized the twentieth century. To this date, the new century has registered no real breakthrough: armed conflicts and other forms of organized violence continue to trigger the movement of peoples within national borders and beyond.

Yet people migrate for other reasons as well, principally because they "desire a better life, and not infrequently try to leave behind the 'hopelessness' of an unpromising future." [6] They set out to join their families or to seek professional or educational opportunities, for those who cannot enjoy these rights do not live in peace.

Furthermore, as I noted in the Encyclical Laudato Si', there has been "a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation".[7]

Most people migrate through regular channels. Some, however, take different routes, mainly out of desperation, when their own countries offer neither safety nor opportunity, and every legal pathway appears impractical, blocked or too slow.

Many destination countries have seen the spread of rhetoric decrying the risks posed to national security or the high cost of welcoming new arrivals, and thus demeaning the human dignity due to all as sons and daughters of God. Those who, for what may be political reasons, foment fear of migrants instead of building peace are sowing violence, racial discrimination and xenophobia, which are matters of great concern for all those concerned for the safety of every human being.[8]

All indicators available to the international community suggest that global migration will continue for the future. Some consider this a threat. For my part, I ask you to view it with confidence as an opportunity to build peace.

3. With a contemplative gaze

The wisdom of faith fosters a contemplative gaze that recognizes that all of us "belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth, whose destination is universal, as the social doctrine of the Church teaches. It is here that solidarity and sharing are founded."[9] These words evoke the biblical image of the new Jerusalem. The book of the prophet Isaiah (chapter 60) and that of Revelation (chapter 21) describe the city with its gates always open to people of every nation, who marvel at it and fill it with riches. Peace is the sovereign that guides it and justice the principle that governs coexistence within it.

We must also turn this contemplative gaze to the cities where we live, "a gaze of faith which sees God dwelling in their houses, in their streets and squares, [...] fostering solidarity, fraternity, and the desire for goodness, truth and justice" [10] – in other words, fulfilling the promise of peace.

When we turn that gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty-handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations, as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them. We also come to see the creativity, tenacity and spirit of sacrifice of the countless individuals, families and communities around the world who open their doors and hearts to migrants and refugees, even where resources are scarce.

A contemplative gaze should also guide the discernment of those responsible for the public good, and encourage them to pursue policies of welcome, "within the limits allowed by a correct understanding of the common good" [11] – bearing in mind, that is, the needs of all members of the human family and the welfare of each.

Those who see things in this way will be able to recognize the seeds of peace that are already sprouting and nurture their growth. Our cities, often divided and polarized by conflicts regarding the presence of migrants and refugees, will thus turn into workshops of peace.



4. Four mileposts for action

Offering asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and victims of human trafficking an opportunity to find the peace they seek requires a strategy combining four actions: welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating.[12]

"Welcoming" calls for expanding legal pathways for entry and no longer pushing migrants and displaced people towards countries where they face persecution and violence. It also demands balancing our concerns about national security with concern for fundamental human rights. Scripture reminds us: "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." [13]

"Protecting" has to do with our duty to recognize and defend the inviolable dignity of those who flee real dangers in search of asylum and security, and to prevent their being exploited. I think in particular of women and children who find themselves in situations that expose them to risks and abuses that can even amount to enslavement. God does not discriminate: "The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the orphan and the widow." [14]

"Promoting" entails supporting the integral human development of migrants and refugees. Among many possible means of doing so, I would stress the importance of ensuring access to all levels of education for children and young people. This will enable them not only to cultivate and realize their potential, but also better equip them to encounter others and to foster a spirit of dialogue rather than rejection or confrontation. The Bible teaches that God "loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt." [15]

"Integrating", lastly, means allowing refugees and migrants to participate fully in the life of the society that welcomes them, as part of a process of mutual enrichment and fruitful cooperation in service of the integral human development of the local community. Saint Paul expresses it in these words: "You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people." [16]

5. A proposal for two international compacts

It is my heartfelt hope this spirit will guide the process that in the course of 2018 will lead the United Nations to draft and approve two Global Compacts, one for safe, orderly and regular migration and the other for refugees. As shared agreements at a global level, these compacts will provide a framework for policy proposals and practical measures. For this reason, they need to be inspired by compassion, foresight and courage, so as to take advantage of every opportunity to advance the peace-building process. Only in this way can the realism required of international politics avoid surrendering to cynicism and to the globalization of indifference.

Dialogue and coordination are a necessity and a specific duty for the international community. Beyond national borders, higher numbers of refugees may be welcomed – or better welcomed – also by less wealthy countries, if international cooperation guarantees them the necessary funding.



The Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has published a set of twenty action points that provide concrete leads for implementing these four verbs in public policy and in the attitudes and activities of Christian communities.[17] The aim of this and other contributions is to express the interest of the Catholic Church in the process leading to the adoption of the two U.N. Global Compacts. This interest is the sign of a more general pastoral concern that goes back to the very origins of the Church and has continued in her many works up to the present time.

6. For our common home

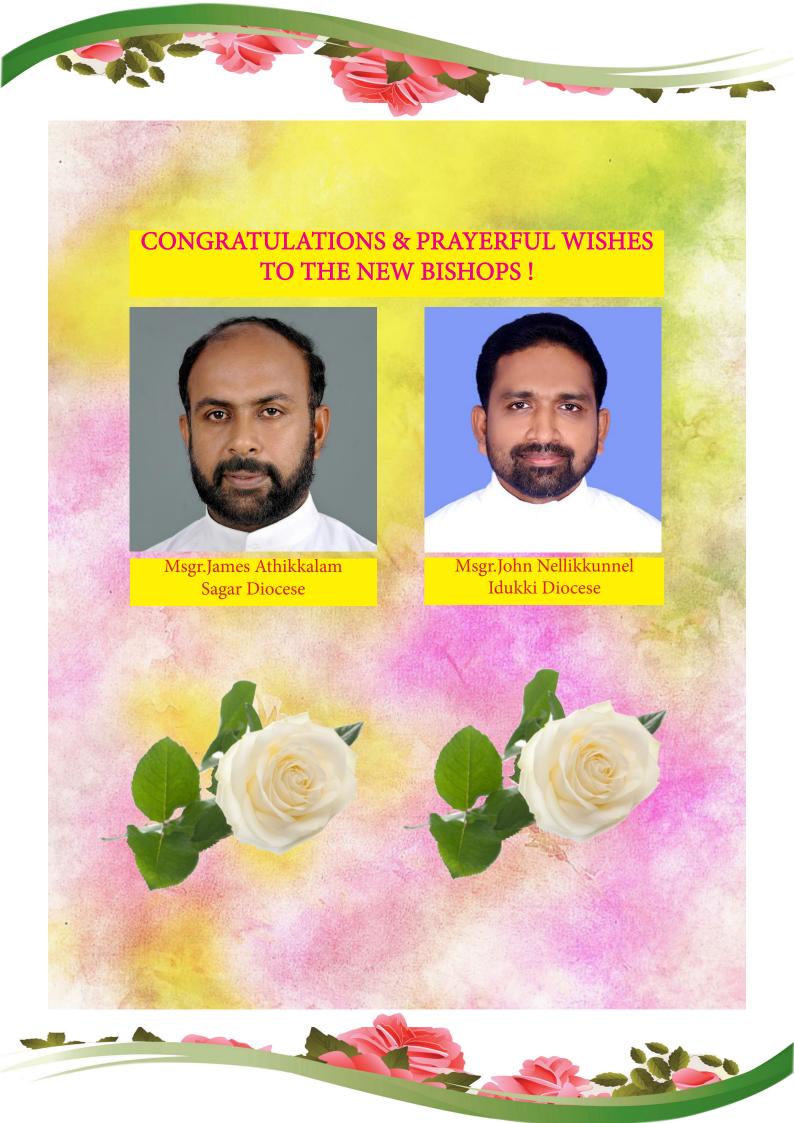
Let us draw inspiration from the words of Saint John Paul II: "If the 'dream' of a peaceful world is shared by all, if the refugees' and migrants' contribution is properly evaluated, then humanity can become more and more a universal family and our earth a true 'common home." [18] Throughout history, many have believed in this "dream", and their achievements are a testament to the fact that it is no mere utopia.

Among these, we remember Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini in this year that marks the hundredth anniversary of her death. On this thirteenth day of November, many ecclesial communities celebrate her memory. This remarkable woman, who devoted her life to the service of migrants and became their patron saint, taught us to welcome, protect, promote and integrate our brothers and sisters. Through her intercession, may the Lord enable all of us to experience that "a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." [19]

From the Vatican, 13 November 2017 Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Patroness of Migrants FRANCIS

> **അരുൾ** കത്തോലിക്ക കുടുംബമെന്നാൽ സ്വർഗ്ഗരാജ്വത്തിന് സമ്പയ്യമാകുന്നു. ദൈവവിശ്വാസവും ഭക്തിയുമാണ് ആ കുടുംബത്തിന്റെ സമ്പത്ത്.

> > St. Chavara





In a speech on Monday, January 8, Pope Francis said that the stability of the family is integral for the future, and that such stability is created when founded upon the faithful and lasting relationship of a man and woman. "Today fleeting relationships are preferred to the stability of a definitive life project. But a house built on the sand of frail and fickle relationships cannot stand," the Pope said.

"What is needed instead is a rock on which to build solid foundations. And this rock is precisely that faithful and indissoluble communion of love that joins man and woman, a communion that has an austere and simple beauty, a sacred and inviolable character and a natural role in the social order."

Therefore, it is urgent, he continued, that government policies support the family, on which "the future and the development of states depend," and without which future challenges cannot be met.

Pope Francis' words were addressed to ambassadors and other members of the Diplomatic Corp in a message for the start of the new year. In his lengthy speech, which centered on human rights, Pope Francis not only emphasized the importance of the family, but also the right to life, beginning in the womb.

Seventy years after the creation of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, it's painful to see the many ways the fundamental rights of human beings continue to be violated, he said.

The first among these is the right of every human person to "life, liberty and personal security," he noted, which are not only frequently destroyed by war and violence, but by even more "subtle means," such as abortion.

"I think primarily of innocent children discarded even before they are born, unwanted at times simply because they are ill or malformed, or as a result of the selfishness of adults," the Pope stated.

This disregard for life and the family has had an immense effect; particularly in those parts of the world experiencing a decline in birth rate, which has led to a true "demographic winter!" he underlined.

The Pope also pointed to the waning birth rate as a sign of societies which are struggling to face present challenges, growing even more fearful of the future.

Discussing the importance of the right to life, Francis also drew attention to the maltreatment of the elderly, who are often seen as a burden, and of women, who repeatedly suffer from violence and oppression.

Defending the right to life also includes "safeguarding the right to health on the part of individuals and families," he said, as well as "actively striving for peace, universally recognized as one of the supreme values to be sought and defended."

Commenting on maintaining peace, particularly in the relationships between states, he quoted Pope John XXIII's 1963 encyclical, "Pacem in Terris," which says that "love, not fear, must dominate the relationships between individuals and between nations."

Relations between nations, like all human relationships, "must likewise be harmonized in accordance with the dictates of truth, justice, willing cooperation, and freedom," Francis stated, quoting from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"The basic premise of this approach," he said, "is the recognition of the dignity of the human person." It is a disregard and contempt for that dignity, he continued, which has resulted in "barbarous acts that have outraged the conscience of mankind."

Vatican City, Jan 8, 2018 / 06:44 am (CNA/EWTN News)





BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

JANUARY-2018

JANUARY -02

Ordination of Dn. Christo Kalluvelil

JANUARY -03

Golden Jubilee of Sr. Lucy Arikat

JANUARY -06

To Hyderabad

JANUARY -07

AM. Installation of Mar Raphael Thattil and the inauguration of the Diocese of the Samshadabad

JANUARY -08

Syro-Malabar Bishops Synod

JANUARY -13

Silver Jubilee of Major Archiepiscopal Status of SMC

JANUARY -14

Kalluvelil Kudumbayogam, Kanjirathanam

JANUARY -17

Baptism at St. Mary's Church Nagapuzha, koothamangalam

JANUARY -19

Holy Mass at Gagultha retreat center, Thrissur

JANUARY -20

First Holy Communion, St. Thomas Frone Church Kanjirapuzha

JANUARY -25

AM. Betrothal at Kanjirapplly

PM. Memorial Mass at Jaigiri, Pala

JANUARY -26

Annual day celebration of Kanikamatha HSS, Palakkad

JANUARY -27

Memorial Mass at Jellipara

JANUARY -29

Marriage at Thodupuzha

FEBRUARY -2018

FEBRUARY -05

Return to Toronto



APPOINTMENTS

Fr. Toby Pulickassery, Secretary of the Pastoral Council (Port. No. 141/2017) and Member of the College of Consultors of the Apostolic Exarchate for the Syro-Malabar Catholics in Canada, w.e.f. December 21, 2017 (Port. No. 142/2017).

EXARCHATE PASTORAL COUNCIL

12 January 2016

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Hope you all are doing well with the Grace of God.

This letter is to inform you about the Pastoral Council, which is to be held in February 19, 2018 at St Alphonsa Pastoral Centre, Mississauga, in which you are a member.

The announcement of Pope Francis' theme of Fifteenth General Synod Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment" invites us to dedicate a year for the youth. It is an expression of the Church's pastoral concern for the young. The Synod wishes to accompany young people along with their existential journey towards maturity so that, they can discover their life plan and achieve it joyfully, opening themselves up to an encounter with God and humanity and actively taking part in the building of the Church and the society.

Last year our Exarchate had dedicated the year for the Youth. This year is a special year for all of us in the exarchate, with the universal Church, to pray for the youth. The three categories where young people can be divided are: Teens, Young Adults and Adults. We are continuing this year as the Youth year concentrating on the Young Adults (from age 16 to 25), who are the immediate future of our exarchate. There should be authentic and personal engagements by the Church and its members in the challenges and success in young one's mind. We have to acknowledge the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our youth.

Keeping all these in mind, we have to come to some practical aspects about youth in our exarchate. This pastoral Council should be a platform to discuss about the activities of our exarchate as well as the activities for the youth.

There are four questions to be discussed in three different levels.

- 1. Family Unit Level
- 2. Parish Council Level
- Pastoral Council Level 3.



These questions are first to be discussed in each family units in every parish. The proposals from the discussions are to be presented in the parish council meeting. The member of the pastoral council in each parish will send the proposals to the Parish Council Secretary and Joint Secretary on or before February 10, 2018 and he will present the summary in the pastoral council which is to be held in February 19, 2018.

The questions for discussion are:

- 1. What are your expectations from our parish and Exarchate regarding the pastoral ministries for our faithful (children, youth and adults) within next five years? Please suggest your priorities.
- 2. What are the action plans you suggest for the integral development of our youth, especially the young adults, who are the "Future" of our family, Church and society?
- 3. What would be your suggestions to overcome the financial constrains of our parishes and Exarchate to carry out its Pastoral and Evangelization ministries effectively and successfully?
- 4. Our Church is a partnership of Family-Parish-& Exarchate. The growth of the Church depends on the strength of this partnership. How can we strengthen this Family-Parish-Exarchate partnership?

Your valuable presence is awaited for this meeting. Please save the date. February 19, 2018 at St. Alphonsa Pastoral Centre, Mississauga, 6630 Turner valley, from 10am to 4pm.

God Bless you!!

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ആരാധനക്രമഗ്രന്ഥങ്ങൾ പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു

സീറോ മലബാർസഭയുടെ ആരാധനക്രമകമ്മീഷന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ തയ്യാറാക്കിയ വിവാഹവാഗ്ദാനക്രമവും സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണമാർഗ്ഗരേഖയും കാക്കനാട് മൗണ്ട് തോമസിൽ വച്ചു നടക്കുന്ന മെത്രാന്മാരുടെ സിനഡിൽ മേജർ്ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ജോർജ് ആലഞ്ചേരി, മെൽബൺ രൂപതാ ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ബോസ്കോ പുത്തൂർ, പാലാ രൂപതാ എമിരറ്റസ് ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ജോസഫ് പള്ളിക്കാപ്പറമ്പിൽ എന്നിവർക്കു നല്കി പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു. സീറോ മലബാർസ്ഭയ്ക്ക് വേണ്ടി സിനഡ് പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിക്കുന്ന ആദ്യത്തെ വിവാഹവാഗ്ദാനക്രമഗ്രന്ഥമാണിത്. ഇതിന്റെ ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് പരിഭാഷയും സിനഡിൽ വച്ച് പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്യുകയുണ്ടായി. റോമിൽനിന്നും പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിച്ച സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണഡയറക്ടറിയുടെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ സീറോ മലബാർസഭയ്ക്ക് വേണ്ടി സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണമാർഗ്ഗരേഖ എന്ന ഗ്രന്ഥവും സിനഡ് ഹാളിൽ വച്ച് പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു. പ്രസ്തുത പുസ്തകങ്ങളും സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയുടെ സുറിയാനി ഭാഷയിലുള്ള റാസകുർബാനയുടെ രണ്ടാംപതിപ്പിന്റെ കോപ്പികളും കാക്കനാട് മൗണ്ട് സെന്റ് തോമസിലെ ആരാധനക്രമ കമ്മീഷൻ ഓഫീസിൽ ലഭ്യമാണ്. ഫോൺ: 9446477924.

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

THE FAMILY APOSTOLATE

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES

SCHEDULE FOR 2018

February 2018	10, 11, 12	Sat, Sun & Mon
May 2018	19, 20, 21	Sat, Sun & Mon
August 2018	4, 5, 6	Sat, Sun & Mon
November 2018	9, 10, 11	Fri, Sat & Sun

The classes will begin at 9.00 a.m. and conclude at 6.00 p.m. every day.

Venue: St. Alphonsa Cathedral, 6630 Turner Valley Rd., Mississauga. It is important that the participants attend all the session, for getting the certificate. For further details contact: Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur. Cell No.: 519-851-9000

Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur Director

NURSES' MINISTRY

There will be a meeting of Nurses' Ministry Office Bearer's at 10.30 am on 20th January 2018 at St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Cathedral Mississauga.



Be Rooted in Christ - National Youth Conference '17

The national youth conference was held on December 27, 28 and 29 in the John Paul II Polish Cultural Center, Mississauga. There were about 250 participants from 9 parishes of our Exarchate, namely St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Cathedral Mississauga, St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church Cambridge, St. Joseph Syro Malabar Catholic Church Hamilton, St. Mary's Syro Malabar Catholic Church London, St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic Church Niagara, St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ottawa, St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Church Scarborough, St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Mission Toronto and St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Calgary.

The conference aimed not only at a deep delving into one's own faith but also to create an ambience for the youth and young adults for socialization. The youth conference succeeded in both and all the participants were unanimous in expressing that the youth conference was a unique experience. There were many resources conducting the various sessions. Bishop Jose Kalluvelil, Fr. Stan Fortuna, Fr. Gaurav Shroff, Fr. Matthias Kotoka Amuzu, Fr. Justin Pulikunnel, Ms. Nadia and Ms. Jenifer enabled a fruitful faith journey of the participants with their subject expertise and skills. The adoration services and praise sessions were made very experiential with the music ministry of Dry Bones, a musical band comprising of youth from our own parishes. The presence of The Witnesses, a musical band from the United States boosted the moral of the entire programme. The musical concert presented by the Witnesses on the final day was indeed mind blowing and capturing.

The workshops on the second day came out to be very creative and productive. They were not only informative but gave real time knowledge about various life skills everyone needs to be equipped with to become successful in life. With its participatory nature, everyone enjoyed and gained through those sessions. After the workshop there was the formal dinner and gala. It was not only exciting but the various party games included gave gala time for everyone and it was indeed enjoyable.

It is indeed worth to mention the dedication of the National Leaders, James Nirmal Thomas, Aswathy Thomas, Shawn Xaviour, Roney John and Ann Mary Thomas. The yearlong meticulous planning helped in the successful execution of the entire programme. With the positive energy drawn from Be Rooted, the Department of Youth Apostolate is geared to host many more similar programmes for the youth in the future.





INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MEET

The International Students of Mississuaga were invited by the Bishop Jose Kalluvelil for the CHRISTMAS CLEBRATION on 25th December 2017. In this first gathering itself 72 students took part. At 11.30 am solomn celebration of Holy Mass was there as Bishop the main celebrant. He inspired them through his words. Afterwards there was a meeting. Fr. Martin welcomed everybody. After the self - introduction ,the students shared their problems, the difficulties they are facing here and their expectations through these gatherings. Dr. Sunny Johnson gave them speech about certain facts that they have to be taken care for a better stay here, in Canada. For the further development of the International students Unit the leaders were elected. They are Aby Seban, Jibin P Jimmy, Anila Babu and Neethumol John. Bishop assured them all the support from the Exarchate. A grand lunch was provided for them. All fathers ,sisers, the parish trustee and few council members were present and helped to make this occasion joyful and graceful.







St. Alphonsa Cathedral, Mississauga

25TH DECEMBER

NATIVITY MASS FOR THE CHILDREN



CHRISTMAS MASS



31 ST DECEMBER-YEAR ENDING

As a time of thanksgiving we had from 10.30 pm one hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament Then we had year end and New Year prayers followed by Holy Mass.

5TH JANUARY:-

On 5th January we celebrated the feast of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara. The St. Chavara Family Unit helped out in the celebration, in making the prayer of the faithful, procession and distributing snacks. On the same day, the Parishioners Congratulated and offered prayers to our Pastor Sebastian Arikat. On the occasion of his 47th Priestly Ordination.



6TH JANUARY:-

Teachers of the Catechism Department celebrated a day of fellowship with Potluck lunch and with cultural entertainments. Their family members also joined the celebration and it was a good occasion to know each other.

13TH JANUARY:-

On 13th January, Parish Council had the ordinary meeting with a special gathering of the families. Potluck lunch was so tasty and everybody appreciated it.

ST. JUDE PARISH WINNIPEG

St. Jude parish Winnipeg celebrated Christmas with good preparation and devotion.

Four prayer groups had secret Christmas friend to pray for 25 days, advent night vigil on 23rd night and Christmas Mass on 24th evening 7pm.

All four groups organized Christmas gatherings and carols..carol singing in church by different prayer groups, crib competition and photography competition on the theme "Christmas spirit" was special attractions. We had ChristmasMass and celebrations in Portage la Prarie and Ashern....









ST. ALPHONSA, VANCOUVER

We, here in Vancouver, had a wonderful month of December. We organized Christmas Carol visiting more than hundred houses bringing the Good News of love, peace and joy. The faithful came out in huge number for the Christmas Carol. We also celebrated Christmas Vigil Mass and New Year Vigil Mass. On January 7, 2018, we are going to celebrate Christmas and New Year combined, and we stage some programs on this auspicious occasion.

We are so grateful to the Exarchate for helping us with the registration of our parish and it was completed with the opening of a bank account on 29th Dec, 2017. We certainly believe that it will help us for our further progress as a parish.





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വീട്ടിൽ ചീത്ത പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ സുക്ഷിച്ചു വയ്ക്കുന്നത് വൈക്കോലിനുള്ളിൽ തീ സുക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിന് സമാനമാകുന്നു. ഭക്തിയും അറിവും വർദ്ധീഷിക്കുന്ന പുസ്കങ്ങളും തത്വശാസ്ത്ര പുസ്തകങ്ങളും മക്കൾക്കുള്ള നീക്ഷേപങ്ങളാകുന്നു.

St. Chavara

ST. MOTHER TERESA SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH, OTTAWA

St. Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Church of Ottawa celebrated Christmas in the traditional way. Christmas carol was conducted every Saturday starting Dec. 2nd, in every house under the parish spreading the message of good news of birth of Jesus Christ. Fr.Daris blessed each home with Christmas message. Fr.Daris led the Holy Mass on Dec. 24th. After the Holy Mass, Christmas programme was held in the name of Gloria 2017. Children and adults performed various programs followed by Christmas dinner.













ST. JOSEPH PARISH, HAMILTON



NATIVITY SHOW, JANUARY 24







ST. MOTHER TERESA PARISH, CALGARY

The month of December was an eventful one for the Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic community in Calgary. Annual Retreat, Christmas Carols, Christmas Celebration and the year ending Mass on the New Year's Eve were the notable events of the month.

ANNUAL RETREAT.

A family renewal cum Annual Retreat for the community was conducted on Dec 8, 9, and 10 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) by Bro. Dominic P. D, executive director and chairman of the Marian Channel, Philadelphia. He was accompanied by Bro. Tojo who was in charge of the music ministry. The retreat was attended by hundreds of people and the people had a spiritually rejuvenating experience.

CHRISTMAS CAROL.

The family units of the community organized Christmas carols and the teams visited each home in the community and conveyed the Christmas message in the traditional way. The family unit leaders took leadership in conducting the carol, with drumming and singing.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

The community celebrated Christmas with a lot of enthusiasm and devotion. Holy Mass and the celebration were conducted at Mary, Mother of Redeemer Church, Calgary. The Celebrants of the Christmas Mass were Fr. Sajo Puthussery, Fr. Shibu, Fr. Jos Tom Kalthipparambil, and Fr. Thomas Vadasserry. Fr. Thomas Vadasserry gave the Christmas message.

After the most solemn Holy Mass, there was a Christmas dinner catered and served by the Knights Of Columbus Council. Following the dinner, there was a formal gathering with variety of cultural programs. Catechism teachers took leadership in organizing and coordinating the cultural programs, which included kids' folk dance, biblical theme dance based on Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want". Catechism students also presented carol songs, action songs, and a skit on the nativity theme. The youth group too presented a skit on Christmas theme, and a group song too.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The members of the community gathered together for year ending on Dec 31 at 10.00 pm in the church. There was Holy Mass, followed by adoration of the Eucharist. The whole community thanked God for all the blessings they received in the past year and begged for God's mercy in the New Year. Fr. Sajo Puthussery gave leadership for the Holy Mass and adoration. The members left for their homes only after sharing the New Year cake and greeting each other and socializing.





ST. MARY'S PARISH, LONDON











INFANT JESUS MISSION, BARRIE

December 24, 2017 is a golden lettered day in the annals of the Syro-Malabar Catholics in Barrie. It was on that day Mar Jose Kalluvelil inaugurated the Infant Jesus Syro Malabar Church, Barrie, the 44th center for the Syro-Malabar Catholics in Canada. The inauguration took place with the Holy Eucharist celebrated for the faithful there at Holy Spirit Polish Catholic Church, Barrie. The mass was concelebrated by Fr. Martin Augustin, the pastor appointed for Barrie. There were about 80 faithful including a few international students residing in that area. There are about 25 families there. After the Holy Mass there was time for socialization too. During that meeting an ad hoc committee was also chosen to further develop the center.







BISHOP'S DIARY

DECEMBER 3

AM Offered Holy Mass at St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Church Bronx, New York, PM Offered Holy Mass at St. Geroge Syro-Malabar Catholic Church Paterson New Jersey and ad dressed the young adults of the parish.

DECEMBER 5

Received Msgr. George Jacob Koovakad, Counselor of the Apostolic, Nuncio His Excellency Arch bishop Antonio Arcari (Vatican Embassy) in Costa Rica.

DECEMBER 6

AM. Participated in the Monthly Recollection of Priests and Sisters,

PM. Presided over the Exarchate College of Consultors' Body meeting.

DECEMBER 7

PM. Participated in the Viewing of Leo Abraham at Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. West, Bolton, ON L7E 2C6.

DECEMBER 9

AM. Addressed the Meeting of Jesus Youth National leaders.

AM. Presided over the burial Mass of Kavitha.

PM. Participated in the finance council meeting of the Syro-Malabar Exarchate

DECEMBER 12

Participated in the Curia meeting, and there after meeting with representatives of Divine Academy.

DECEMBER 13

AM. Video conference with Archbishop Gerard Pettipas and his Curia members, together with Fr. Augustine kallumkatharayil.

PM. Meeting with Fr. Thomas Valummel.

DECEMBER 14

Christmas message to Shalom television channel.

DECEMBER 15

PM. Visited Thresiamma Johnson(sick), trustee of St. Alphonsa Cathedral Mississauga.

DECEMBER 16

PM. Christmas Message at C.S.I. Church Etobicoke.

DECEMBER 18

AM. Offered Holy Mass on the 33rd Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Bishop Jose Kalluvelil.

PM. Addressed the divine academy meeting.



DECEMBER 19

Offered Holy Mass at CMC. Convent Mississauga.

DECEMBER 20

Offered Holy Mass at CHF Convent Mississauga.

DECEMBER 21

Addressed the College of Consulters Body Meeting.

DECEMBER 22

Offered Holy Mass at Apostolic Oblates Convent Scarborough.

DECEMBER 24

PM. Presided over the Holy Mass and inaugurated the new Syro-Malabar community at Barrie. Presided over the Christmas Vigil Mass at Cathedral.

DECEMBER 25

Presided over the Holy Mass for International students and followed by the public meeting and Christmas gathering at cathedral.

DECEMBER 26

Offered Holy mass and participated in the Christmas celebration with Rev. Fathers and Sisters, at Bishop's house.

DECEMBER 27-29

Inaugurated the SMYM National Conference2017 and Presided over the Holy Mass at St. John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre Mississauga.

DECEMBER 29

3.00 PM. Delivered the session on the Identity of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, at the National Conference of SMYM, 2017.

9.00 PM Flight to India for Syro-Malabar Bishops' Synod.

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