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### The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for June 2016

**General:** That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

**Mission:** That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.



### ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE



## REV. FR. LOUIS SAVINIEN DUPUIS, MEP SERVANT OF GOD

Reverend and dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, prayerful greetings to you in the Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 1. Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis, MEP

I, Most Rev. Dr. Antony Anandarayar, by the Grace of God and by the favour of the Apostolic See, Archbishop of Pondicherry & Cuddalore, give the following testimony about the holiness and intercessory power of Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis, M.E.P. the founder of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Congregation and a zealous missionary priest of the Pondicherry Archdiocese from 1832 to 1874.

Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis was born on 18th August 1806 at Sens, France, of very good Catholic parents. From early

age he had a great love for God. He was pious and prayerful. He was a service minded person. He was ordained priest on 25th April 1829. As a young priest he has a great love for Jesus and for the mission of Jesus. He joined the MEP Society on 25th May 1831. He was sent to the mission of Pondicherry, India. On 9th April 1832 he reached Pondicherry.

He was always available, approachable and quite obedient to his Bishop. He started the Mission Press in 1840 and paid special attention to Catechetical ministry. He made the necessary preparations for the First Synod of Pondicherry and took an active part in it in 1844. This Synod focused in a special way on evangelization, pastoral care of the faithful, the formation and education of boys and girls.

Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis was deeply aware of the pitiable conditions of women in India. He felt that education is the best means to renew the Indian Society and to empower women. He also felt the urgent need of a local Congregation of religious Sisters. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, on **16th October 1844 he founded the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** for the following objectives: **Sanctification of the Sisters for the sanctification for women; Education and formation of girl children.** Hence on 17th October 1844 he started the Immaculate School, which is the first formal school for the girls. During the period of 30 years (1844-1874) he founded 10 convents and started 12 schools. He died on 4th June 1874.

Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis was a man of great faith and had deep trust in divine providence. He was a man of prayer and holiness. As the founder and first Director of the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, he paid great attention to the spiritual formation of the Sisters. Through his writings and spiritual conferences he exhorted the Sisters to have great love for God, to grow in holiness. Like

a loving mother he accompanied the Sisters althrough their lives and activities. He made the religious community of his Sisters to be a **believing, praying, worshiping, serving and witnessing** community. He constantly exhorted the sisters to spend long hours at the feet of the Eucharistic Lord, praying for the church and for the world. By his simple life style he inspired the sisters to lead a life of simplicity and poverty. He greatly encouraged the sisters to have a tender and filial devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

He was sensitive to the needs of the people, especially the poor and the women. He advised the sisters to live in solidarity with the people and to take care of the education of the children and the empowerment of women in a special way.

He is a holy priest. He did God's will always and everywhere. Inspired by his holy life and guided by his instructions and writings, the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary do excellent services in the fields of education, health care, development and empowerment, especially of women. Some do direct evangelization and pastoral services. They actively participate in the life and mission of the local churches and make a significant contribution to the growth of the local churches in India and abroad. The greatest apostolate of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pondicherry, is the witness of their holy and exemplary life.

The Mother House and the Generalate of the Franciscan Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Congregation are in Pondicherry since 1844. The mortal remains of the holy priest, Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis are in Pondicherry. The sisters, the faithful, the novices, the students pray at the tomb of this saintly priest. They are strengthened in their faith and obtain special graces by the powerful intercession of this man of God. The Hindus and other non-Christians pray at his tomb and obtain God's special blessings. Personally I prayed at his tomb and obtained God's special graces for my Episcopal ministry.

The cause for the Beatification and Canonization of this holy priest of God is initiated almost after 140 years after his death. It is really very late. But the grace of God works in its own time and in its way. I am very happy that the cause for the canonization of Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis has been at last started. We are very happy that the Congregation for the causes of Saints has accepted our petition for the cause of the beatification of Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis, and after having carefully and thoroughly scrutinized our documents, has granted **no objection** to proceed with the process of the Beatification and Canonization of Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis, the servant of God. I wish and pray that the cause for the Beatification and Canonization of Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis reaches its completion according to God's will and ways.

## **2. Transfers and Appointments**

Considering the pastoral needs of the Archdiocese the following changes have been done in the transfers and appointments of priests:

- i. Rev. Fr. M. Arokiadoss is transferred and is appointed the parish priest of St. Theresa's Parish, Chinnasalem.
- ii. Rev. Fr. M. Lourdu Jayaseelan is transferred and is appointed the parish priest of Sacred Heart Parish, Vadalur, HM and Correspondent of St. John's High School, Vadalur.
- iii. Fr. A. Arputha Raj is transferred and appointed the parish priest of St. Mary Magdalene's Parish, Anaikeri. He will be the new secretary of SC/ST commission.

## **3. Accounts**

Those Parish Priests and those Heads of the educational institutions who have not yet sent the accounts for the financial year 2015 – 2016, are asked to send the accounts immediately to the Procurator.

**4. Happy Birthday**

Our beloved Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. S. Michael Augustine is having his birthday on **12<sup>th</sup> June**. We wish His Grace a very Happy Birthday and pray for him in a special way on that day.

**5. Laity Sunday**

On 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016, we are celebrating the **Laity Sunday**. The special theme of this day is: **“Let us become witnesses of divine mercy.”** The laity have a special role to play in the life and mission of the church. They are called in a special way to transform the temporal order with the light of the Gospel. On 26<sup>th</sup> June let us all pray in a special way for the laity in the Church.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR JUNE - 2016**

03	FRI	12.00 noon	Feast Mass, Sacred Heart Basilica.
04	SAT	05.30 p.m.	Mass and Functions – Official inauguration of the Diocesan enquiry for the cause of the Beatification of the Servant of God Louis Savinien Dupuis, MEP, Cathedral.
06	MON	06.00 p.m.	Mass, TNBCLC, Tindivanam.
08	WED	04.00 p.m.	Meeting, TNBCLC, Tindivanam.
10	FRI	05.30 p.m.	Ordination, Oduvankuppam, Mugaiyur
12	SUN	07.15 a.m.	Confirmations, Samupillai Nagar, Cuddalore-1.

13	MON	08.00 a.m.	Feast Mass, Nariappanur
		06.00 p.m.	Feast Mass, Attupatti
23	THU	10.00 a.m.	Meeting, TNBCLC, Tindivanam.
26	SUN	07.00 a.m.	Feast Mass, Tagore Nagar
29	WED	10.30 a.m.	Annual Finance Committee Meeting.

**[sd]+Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**

Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore

**ARCHBISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND**

No.	Date	Name	Amount
1	11.05.16	Kodukkapattu, Attipakkam Parish	5000
2	"	Legion of Mary, Kodukkapattu, Attipakkam	2000
3	"	A. Arokia Inbaraj, Kodukkapattu	1000
4	"	Christian people, Kodukkapattu	1000
5	"	A. Vincent Yesu, Kodukkapattu	500
6	"	Children, Kodukkapattu	260
7	"	Pappu-celi, Kodukkapattu	200
8	"	Anandhan Menana, Kodukkapattu	100
9	"	Paulraj-pauline, Velanganni	100
10	"	A.Pushparaj, Sadaikatti	100
11	"	St.Joseph Sabai, Vinoba Nagar	3000
12	"	Vinoba Nagar Parish	2000
13	"	Vivek Antony, Vinoba Nagar	2000
14	"	Irundai Parishioners	5000
15	"	Lourdunathan-Elizabeth, Irundai	1000
16	"	People of Sithanangur, Irundai	1000
17	"	People of Siruthanur, Irundai	1000
18	"	People of Parugampattu, Irundai	1000

19	"	I.C. Convent, Irundai	500
20	"	S.Anthonisamy, Irundai	300
21	"	R.P.Arokiasamy, Irundai	200
22	"	Well wisher, Irundai	1000
23	"	Sri Velayutham Constructions, PONDY	10000
24	"	Oulgaret, Reddiarpalayam	5000
25	"	Well wisher, Oulgaret	100
26	"	FIHM Generalate, PONDY	20000
27	"	ME Sisters, St.Antony Convent	5000
28	"	Msgr.A.Arulanandam, Vicar General	2500
29	"	Richard Isidore, PONDY	500
30	"	St.Paul's Mat. Hr.Sec.School, Neyveli	25000
31	"	St.Antony's Mat. School, Neyveli	25000
32	"	Presentation Church, Neyveli	10000
33	"	Confirmation Children, Neyveli	10000
34	"	Cluny Convent, Neyveli	10000
35	"	Joseph Beloramine Mary, Neyveli	500
36	19.05.16	Arulampadi Parish	10000
37	"	People of Antoniar Nagar, Arulampadi	5000
38	"	Confirmation children, Arulampadi	2000
39	"	People, Arulampadi	2000
40	"	Legion of Mary, Antoniyar Nagar, Arulampadi	1000
41	"	Mangala Madha presidium, Arulampadi	500
42	"	Ubagara Madha presidium, Arulampadi	500
43	"	Superior General, FSAG, Puducherry	10000
44	"	HGN Provincialate, Poolangulathupatti, Trichy	10000
45	"	Cluny Provincialate, Pondicherry	5000
46	"	Kunankurichy Parish	15000
47	"	Confirmation Children, Kunankurichy	13600
48	"	Sagodharavazhu Sangam, Kattu Kunankurichy	5000
49	"	S.Lourdusamy-Rajeswari, Kunankurichy	2000
50	"	L.Fouroush Dharshin, Veli Kunankurichy	500
51	"	Perianayaga Mary, Kunankurichy	300
52	"	Leo Joseph, Veli Kunankurichy	200
53	"	A.Reena Salomi, Veli Kunankurichy	100
54	"	A.Aruna Christy, Veli Kunankurichy	100
55	"	A.Lourdu Joshiba, Kunankurichy	100

56	"	A.Pauline Mary, Kunankurichy	100
57	"	Joshinamary, Kunankurichy	100
58	"	Well wishers, Kunankurichy	630
59	"	Faithful, Murungampakkam, Ariaynkuppam	5000
60	"	Confirmation Children, Cathedral Parish	5000
61	"	Dr.M.T.Dumont, PONDY	5000
62	"	Cathedral Parish	5000
63	"	Sacred Heart Basilica, Pondicherry	10000
64	"	Villianur Parish	10000
65	23.05.16	Mugaiyur Parish	5000
66	"	Fr.Wessel, Pondicherry	7600
67	"	St.Mary's Eye care, PONDY	7000
68	"	Well wisher, PONDY	5000
69	26.05.16	Nellithope Parish	20000
70	"	First Communicants, Nellithope Parish	5000
71	"	Muthialpet Parish	10000
72	"	St.Joseph's Govt Aided High School, Muthialpet	5000
73	"	Wilson Bernard, Muthialpet	200
74	"	Packiam Textiles, PONDY	100
75	"	Well wishers, Muthialpet	1400
76	"	Faithful, Manicollai, Periapet	5500
77	"	Idaya convent, Manikollai	5000
78	"	DHM Sisters, Parangipettai	1000
79	"	People of Thachanpalayam, Periapet	500
80	"	A.cemil infanta, Cuddalore	200
81	"	S.Dhondoss, Gopalapuram	100
82	"	Arokia Leo	100
83	"	Devadoss	100
84	"	Jayapal	100
85	"	Veerareddikuppam parish	10000
86	"	Confirmation children, Veerareddikuppam	5000
87	"	Parishioners, Veerareddikuppam	1000
88	"	Immaculate Convent, Veerareddikuppam	1000
89	"	A.Arul chinnappan, Veerareddikuppam	500
90	30.05.16	Confirmation children, Krishnankuppam	5000
91	"	Parishioners, Krishnankuppam	5000
92	"	People of Silivaipalayam, Krishnankuppam	2000

93	"	Annai Teresa society, Vazhuthalampattu	1000
94	"	People of Madanagopalapuram	500
95	"	People of South Vazhuthalampattu	500
96	"	People of Aiyee pattai	500
97	"	Gonzaga Convent, Krishnankuppam	500
98	"	Well wishers, Krishnankuppam	500
99	"	Confirmation Children, Reddiarpalayam	5000
100	"	Cluny Provincialate, Pondicherry	5000
101	"	Ariyankuppam Parish	10000
102	"	Faithful, Alagappasamuthiram	10000
103	"	Confirmation Children, Alagappasamuthiram	5000
104	"	Sundaram, Alagappasamuthiram	4000
105	"	Leaders, Siruthondamadevi, Alagappasamuthiram	1000
106	"	Francis- Elizabeth, Alagappasamuthiram	1000
107	"	Vincent-Arokiaselvi, Alagappasamuthiram	500
108	"	Leaders, Sattamampattu, Alagappasamuthiram	500
<b>Total as on 31.05.2016</b>			<b>429490</b>
<b>Received up to 30.04.2016</b>			<b>20424000</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>20853490</b>

[sd]+Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar  
Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore

## List of Transfers and Appointments – 2016

### Reverend and dear Fathers,

Prayerful Greetings to You! I am glad to inform you that following are the transfers and appointments taking place in our Archdiocese. I wish the reverend Fathers God's abundant blessings and every success in the new assignments.

Sl. No.	Name	From	To
	Rev. Fr.S. Appolin	Socius, Michaelpuram	Socius, Viriyur
	Rev. Fr.A. Arokiadoss	P.P., Kalpet	P.P., Kanakkankuppam
	Rev. Fr.V. Chinnappan	H.M., Kolping HSS, Kizhpathupattu	P.P., Vikravandi

Rev. Fr.I. Ratchagar	H.M. & Correspondent, Blessed Mother Theresa HSS, Nainarmandapam	P.P., Ulundurpet
Rev. Fr.C. Susaikannu	P.P., Akkrpalayam	P.P., Agarakottalam
Rev. Fr.N. Belevendiran	Leave	Socius, Neyveli T.S.
Rev. Fr.P. Paulraj Kumar	H.M., Correspondent Sacred Heart HSS, Anilady	H.M. Correspondent, St. Ann's HSS. Tindivanam
Rev. Fr.P. Arokianathan,	H.M. & Correspondent, St. Ann's HSS. Tindivanam	P.P., Uppalam
Rev. Fr.A. Michael John	Leave	PP., Thattanchavadi
Rev. Fr.V. Agnel	Principal, St. Paul's HSS, Neyveli	PP, H.M. & Correspondent, St. Joseph's, Thirupapuliur
Rev. Fr.S. Antonisamy	PP., H.M. & Correspondent, St. Joseph's, Thirupapuliur	H.M. & Correspondent, Blessed Mother Theresa HSS, Nainarmandapam
Rev. Fr.A. Zacharias	Leave	Prefect, St. Joseph's Boarding, Cud -1
Rev. Fr. S. Clitus Rex	P.P., Marakanam	P.P., Nellikuppam
Rev. Fr. S. Arockiadoss	P.P., Nellikuppam	Socius, Karaikal
Rev. Fr. L. Jarard	P.P., Ulundurpet	P.P., Kottucherry
Rev. Fr. J. Ambrose	P.P., Agarakottalam	P.P., Akkrpalayam
Rev. Fr.A. Arockia S.Selvam	P.P., Kanakkankuppam	P.P., Kalpet
Rev. Fr.J. Lawrence	PP., Thattachavadi	PP., Periyakurichy
Rev. Fr.M. Arokiyadoss	PP., Periyakurichy	PP., Chinnasalem

Rev. Fr. P. Susai Raj	PP and H.M. Correspondent Vadalur	PP & H.M. Correspondent Iruppukurichy
Rev. Fr. C. Nirmal Raj	PP & H.M. Correspondent, Iruppukurichy	Principal, St. Paul's HSS Neyveli
Rev. Fr.I. Antonysamy		Correspondent, Sacred Heart HSS, Anilady
Rev. Fr.A. Nayagam	PP., Vikravandi	H.M. & Correspondent St. Michael's HSS, Gingee
Rev. Fr.A. Wilson George	PP., Kommedu	PP., Marakanam
Rev. Fr.A. Stephen Sagayadoss	Asst. PP., Karaikal	PP., Kommedu
Rev. Fr. S. Edward Anand	H.M. & Correspondent St.Michael's HSS, Gingee	Sabbatic Leave
Rev. Fr.A. Edward Francis	PP., Anaiyeri	PP Krishnankuppam
Rev. Fr.A. Arputharaj	PP. Krishnankuppam	PP., Anaiyeri & Secretary, SC/ST Commission
Rev. Fr. M. Lourdu Jayaseelan	PP., Chinnasalem	PP, HM & Correspondent, Vadalur
Rev. Fr.S. Charles Edison	Prefect, St. Joseph's Hostel,Cuddalore	Higher Studies
Rev. Fr.T. Pravin Kumar	Asst. PP., Cathedral	Asst. PP., Reddiarpalayam
Rev. Fr.B. Samuel	Asst. PP., Reddiarpalayam	Asst. PP.,St. Xavier's Villupuram

Rev. Fr. G. John Paulraj	Prefect, Adaikala Annai Boading,Viriyur	Asst.PP.,Neyveli T.S.
Rev. Fr.G. Sagayanathan	Asst. PP., St.Xavier's Villupuram	Asst. PP., Anilady
Rev. Fr.A. Yesuraja	Asst. PP., Vadalur	Asst. PP., Cathedral
Rev. Fr.A. Vincent Amalraj	Asst. PP., Neyveli T.S.	Prefect, Adaikala Annai Boarding, Viriyur
Rev. Fr.P. Antoniraj		Asst. PP., Basilica
Rev. Fr.S. Martin D'Cruz		Asst. Fathima HSS, Muthialpet
Rev. Fr.L. Arokiadoss		Asst. PP., Konankuppam
Rev. Fr.A. Kulandai Yesuraja		Prefect St. Joseph's Hostel,Cuddalore-1
Rev. Fr. C. William Johnson Antoniraj		Asst. PP., Vadalur
Rev. Fr.A. James		Asst. Don Bosco HSS, Pagandai

**NB: A.** Fathers are kindly requested to handover the present charge and assume their new assignments in the presence of Vicar Forane or any other Priest delegated by me and they must:

- i) Keep ready all the registers and accounts pertaining to the parish and the Institution.
- ii) Give details of any project incomplete together with accounts.
- iii) Submit a copy of the inventory to the concerned Vicar Forane or Priest delegated by me.

**B.** i) Rev. Fathers appointed in educational institutions will take charge on 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2016.

ii) Rev. Fathers appointed in parishes will take charge in the first week of June, 2016 as specified in their letter of appointment.

With cordial wishes,

Yours in Christ,

**Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**  
Archbishop of Pondicherry & Cuddalore

### **BLESSINGS**

#### **1. Blessing of the New Church of St. Paul the Hermit, Kodukapattu, Athipakkam**

The **Newly built Church of St. Paul the Hermit, at Kodukapattu** in Athipakkam Parish was blessed and opened by **His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**, our Archbishop, in the gracious occasion of the Holy Mass on **29<sup>th</sup> April 2016**. We appreciate **Rev. Fr. I. Sagaya Arulselvan**, the Parish Priest, for his labourious work and we thank the donors and the Parishioners for their generous contributions.

#### **2. Blessing of the renovated Church of St. Joseph, Irundai**

The **renovated church of St. Joseph, Irundai** was blessed and opened by **His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**, our Archbishop, in the gracious occasion of the Holy Mass on **1<sup>st</sup> May 2016**. We greatly appreciate **Rev. Fr. J. Dharmaraj**, the Parish Priest, for his timely work and enthusiastic ministry and we thank the donors and the Parishioners for their generous contributions.

#### **3. Blessing of the renovated Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Arulambadi**

The **renovated church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Arulambadi** was blessed and opened by **His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. A.**

**Anandarayar**, our Archbishop, in the gracious occasion of the Holy Mass on **9<sup>th</sup> May 2016**. We greatly appreciate **Rev. Fr. A. Loudusamy**, the Parish Priest, for his timely work and enthusiastic ministry and we thank the donors and the Parishioners for their generous contributions.

#### **4. Blessing of the renovated Church of St. Sebastian, Manicollai, Periapet**

The **renovated church of St. Sebastian, Manicollai**, in Periapet parish was blessed and opened by **His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**, our Archbishop, in the gracious occasion of the Holy Mass on **20<sup>th</sup> May 2016**. We greatly appreciate **Rev. Fr. S. P. Jegaraj**, the Parish Priest, for his timely work and enthusiastic ministry and we thank the donors and the Parishioners for their generous contributions.

### **ORDINATIONS**

Deacons **P. Antoniraj, L. Arokiadoss, A. Kulandai Yesu Raja, S. Martin D' Cruz, A. James and C. William Johnson Antoni Raj** of our Archdiocese were ordained to the order of Priesthood and Bros. **J. John Paul, A. Amala Madhvan and J. Irudaya Raj** to the order of Diaconate by **His Grace the most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**, our Archbishop on **4<sup>th</sup> May 2016** at Immaculate Conception Cathedral Pondicherry. We offer our hearty felicitations to them and wish them success in their new ministry.

Deacons **A. Ashok Kumar, A. Edwin Raj, P. Arockia Soosai Dass, A. Joseph Lawrance, K. Robinson Joseph Charles, S. Savarimuthu, P. Varun Raj and D. Susai Ragis** of Heralds of Good News were ordained to the order of Priesthood by **His Grace the most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar**, our Archbishop on **12<sup>th</sup> May 2016** at Heralds of Good News Minor Seminary, Gedilam. We offer our hearty felicitations to them and wish them success in their new ministry.

**INFORMATION****1. New Supplement to the ORDO**

As it is time for the preparation of the **New Supplement to the ORDO** for the year 2016 – 2017, it would be of great help if you could communicate to us your **suggestions, corrections and additions** to be made in the forthcoming Supplement to the Ordo.

**2. Please note down the mobile numbers of the newly ordained priests**

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1. Fr. P. Antony raj        | 8489447030 |
| 2. Fr. C. William Johnson   | 9659302719 |
| 3. Fr. S. Martin D'Cruz     | 9751605180 |
| 4. Fr. A. Kulandai Yesuraja | 9941142314 |
| 5. Fr. A. James             | 9597727436 |
| 6. Fr. L. Arokiya Doss      | 7845895707 |

Fr. M. Maria Vianney  
Secretary

**NECROLOGY****Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rev. Frs.:**

02-06-2014	His Eminence Simon Cardinal Lourdasamy
03-06-1951	Amaladassou. J. M
05-06-1999	Anthonisamy. V. S
07-06-1973	Divianader. S
10-06-1998	Auguste Mahe, MEP
14-06-1984	James Perianayagam
27-06-1970	Savarinather. R
30-06-2009	John Bosco. A

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED IN APRIL 2016**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of the Parish</b>	<b>No. of Masses</b>
03.05.2016	Vinoba Nagar parish	251 mass intentions

**Rev. Fr. J.M. Gregory Louis Joseph**  
Procurator

**VOICE FROM METROPOLITAN MATRIMONIAL TRIBUNAL - 68****Dear Rev. Father,**

The article presents how the young couples in their first 5 to 7 years can be a struggle and challenging above their imaginations of blooming future before having the reality of marital life. It can be of some help in your preaching, counseling, family visits, etc.

**Mercy – In Marriage and Family – by Shane Gomes**

Marriages are made in heaven. That's a phrase we have often heard which may be true. But again the same has to be fulfilled here on earth. We cannot expect God to fulfill the same but yes, we can and need to seek His help in doing so. Another phrase we hear is: 'Marriage is a bed of roses but with a lot of thorns', and these thorns do not help a marriage blossom. May be this happens because we do not know how to deal with or handle the thorns.

Just as the first 5 years of a child are considered the most important years for the child's growth and overall development, likewise the first 7 years of a marriage are considered the most formative years of any marriage. It is during this period that the overall development on the marriage takes place. When these years are treated in a very kind sensitive way by both partners we have a healthy marriage. However this is not so in most cases and why, because we haven't understood the actual meaning of a Christian Marriage? We haven't understood that we need to bring in the author of marriage into our lives.

To know this we need to understand first that the author of marriage is none other than GOD HIMSELF and He has a plan in this marriage which is:

The Union of two people, a man and a woman to form a home of their own-Gen 2:24 and live in a lifelong bond, fulfilling each other's needs.

Procreation – we are called to be co-creators with God – Gen 1:28

To successfully raise children – Eph 6:1-4

To prevent immorality – 1 Cor 7:1-5, 8 & 9 and Heb 13:4

To develop our spiritual lives – Eph 5:22-32

A Christian Marriage is a Covenant Relationship for life and not a Contract – Song of Solomon 8:6 and Mal 2:14.

**Covenant:** Giving of oneself totally without expecting anything in return is the basis of the marriage. This is unconditional love. I need to love my spouse the way Christ loves His bride which is the Church. No expectations. He continually loves us but we just fail to acknowledge His love due to the daily grind in our lives.

**Contract:** If you do this I will do the same. If you don't then I too won't, Give and take. This is where the problem arises when we look at our marriage as a contract and not a covenant. Today we have marriages where it is understood by the couple that we will live for a particular period and if things go well we continue or else we call it quits. This is not what God wants of us. Let us also go back to our Marital Vows – 'to be true to each other, in good times and bad times, in sickness and health, in poverty and riches till death do us part.'

Today life is materialistic and we are expected to keep pace. Both partners are working which results in them not seeing each other sometimes. Yes we need to work but at what cost. We need to have the best in life.

Being career oriented is good but again, is that going to take us away from our spouse. Are we present when our spouse needs us, or when a crisis occurs? There may be difficult moments to deal with like losing a job or a sudden unexpected illness. Does the job come in the way or does the job take a priority over looking after our spouse? Do we put down our spouse when the going gets tough and rough? These are some of the realisms of life.

All these challenges and difficulties can be overcome when we have God Himself as the third partner in our marriage. May be our

approach is "I can do all by myself, no need of God or for that matter anyone". We keep God aside and do things on our own. But God has to be the first in this partnership and without Him things could go in a direction which would not be conducive to a healthy marriage. As the triangle seen below:

GOD

HUSBAND

WIFE

To keep God first in this partnership we need to spend time with Him. We do so in prayer, as an individual first and then as a couple. We need to make God an integral part of our marriage. It is only when we spend time with Him will we understand what plans He has for us. Jer 29:11-plans only that is good and not evil. When we spend time in prayer will we understand what God wants us to do?

**Scripture in Eph 6:21-33** tells us of the relationship between a husband and wife. Wives need to be submissive to their husbands. So long as the husband doesn't lead you into sin we need to submit to him. Husbands must love their wives just as Christ loved His Bride. Christ who is the Bridegroom continues to love and present His Bride which is the Church. He did that by laying down His life for the Church. That's what husbands are called to lay down their lives meaning they sacrifice for the wife, ensuring that all her needs are met.

**Mt.9:13 and Hosea 6:6** – Jesus is very clear that all the sacrifices are good but if we are not merciful then we are not doing what we need to do.

In Marriage and within the Family mercy must play a significant role. It is in being compassionate and forgiving to spouse and children especially when one is hurt that really matters. Jesus Himself has the power to punish, but he never used it. We too need to be compassionate and forgiving towards our spouse, children and other family members. It may be difficult but that's what Marriage and Family relationships is all about. When we are not forgiving the bonds of marriage begin to fray and this can harm the relationship.

In this 'Year of Mercy' let us begin first by being merciful to first to selves forgiving ourselves, then forgiving our spouse and our children, to enjoy the blessing of a good happy family life. (Courtesy: 'Jeevtsav!')

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Thanking you.

**Fr. S. Pascal Raj**  
Judicial Vicar

### **COMMISSIONS AND REPORTS**

### **ST. XAVIER'S PASTORAL CENTRE**

**Dear Rev. Fathers,**

Since now I am full time Director of the Pastoral Centre, I would like to have some planned programme. So, I would like to visit all the parishes in the coming months. Every week from Thursday to Sunday, I will be in one of the vicariates as it is convenient to the VFs and will be meeting all the Parish Priests to discuss about your Parish Pastoral Vision and programmes. I will be discussing with you about Anbiyam, Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee, Madha T.V. etc. I will inform you directly or through your VFs about my visit to your parish.

**Commission Secretaries:** I request you to conduct your commission meeting and evaluate your activities, so that we can proceed to have our Annual meeting of the commissions.

**Dear Vicars Forane:** The report of the last Senate Meeting will be sent to you soon. Meanwhile if you are having your vicariate meeting in the beginning of June, kindly collect the proposals for the next senate meeting the date for which is not yet decided.

**Fr. A. J. Philomindoss**  
**Director, Pastoral Centre**

### **விவிலிய ஆணைக்குழு அறிக்கை**

அன்புடையீர்,

கடந்த ஏப்ரல் மாதம் 25-30 வரை நெய்வேலி புதுநகர் பங்கில் மறைநூல்பற்றிய கருத்தரங்கும் தியானமும் நடைபெற்றது. அதன் விவரம்:

**இடம்:** புனித காணிக்கை மாதா ஆலயம்

**பொருள்:** மறைநூல் பற்றிய அறிமுகம், படிக்கும்விதம், ஞானவாழ்வின் ஊற்று

**ஏற்பாடு செய்தவர்:** அருட்பணி ஆர். இரட்சகர், பங்குத் தந்தை அருட்பணி எ. வின்சென்ட், உதவிப் பங்குத் தந்தை மற்றும் கன்னியர், பங்குப் பேரவை உறுப்பினர்

**பங்குபெற்றவர் :** இருபால் இறைமக்கள், பள்ளி இறுதி ஆண்டு முடித்த மாணவ, மாணவியர்

**வழி நடத்தியவர்:** அருட்பணி முனைவர் அ. பெஞ்சமின், விவிலியக்குழுச் செயலர்

28-29 தேதிகளில் காணிக்கை மாதா கோவிலிலும், 30ஆம் தேதி புனித சூசையப்பர் கோவிலிலும் நடைபெற்றது. 28ஆம் தேதி 75 பேரும், 29-30 தேதிகளில் 100 பேரும் பங்குபெற்றனர். எல்லாரும் வெகு ஈடுபாட்டுடன் பங்கு பெற்றது போற்றத்தகுரியது. 30-01-05-2016 ஆகிய இருநாட்களிலும் கருத்தரங்குடன் மறையுரைகளும் சேர்க்கப்பட்டன. மே மாதம் முதல்தேதி பணியாளனான புனித சூசையப்பர் விழாவுடனும், தேர்பவனியுடனும் அனைத்தும் இனிதே முடிந்தன. ஏற்பாடு செய்த தந்தையர், உடன் உழைத்தவர், பங்குபெற்ற அனைவர் எல்லார்க்கும் நன்றியும் பாராட்டும்! இறைவார்த்தை அவர்களை என்றும் வாழவைக்கும்!!!

புனித இருதய அண்டவர் பேராலயத்தில் அருட்பணி முனைவர் அ. மரியசெல்வம் ஆண்டில் மூன்றுமுறை (அ) நான்குமுறை விவிலிய

கருத்தரங்கும் தியானமும் நடத்துகிறார். இதை ஏற்பாடு செய்வது பேராலய முதன்மை குரு அருட்பணி மரிய ஜோசப் அடிகள்.

இவற்றைப்பற்றிய விவரம் முன் அறிவிக்கப்படுகிறது. இந்தக் கருத்தரங்கு மூன்று ஆண்டுகள் நடைபெற்று வருகின்றது. புதுவையில் உள்ளவர் பங்குபெற்று பயனடைய வேண்டுகிறேன்.

அருட்பணி. அ.பெஞ்சமின்

விவிலிய ஆணைக்குழுச் செயலர்

### Doctor's Message

#### **Drinking Water is the First Step to Good Health**

While we cannot survive a full day without water, so few of us actively drink water each day. Well shying away from what you may classify as a 'bland' beverage could be costing you in a number of other areas. Here are some common ailments that usually result from dehydration and a reminder on just how important drinking water is to our health.

#### **1. Fatigue**

If you wake up tired after a full night's sleep or find yourself wanting a nap at mid-day, you may not be drinking enough water to keep you going. Before bed and after waking, try drinking at least 2 cups of water so that you are squared away with hydration at the end and the beginning of the day.

#### **2. Asthma and Allergies**

If you or someone you know has suddenly begun to suffer from allergies, it is possible that it's not the pollen's fault, but rather their own for not drinking enough water. When you are dehydrated, your body restricts airways in order to conserve water and keep it from

exiting the body. In addition, as the body loses water, its histamine production increases, and allergy symptoms worsen.

#### **3. High Blood Pressure**

Although blood pressure fluctuates in response to a number of factors, and it is possible that one of them is dehydration. The blood is made up of 92 percent water when the body is fully hydrated. But when we are dehydrated, the blood becomes thicker, causing a certain resistance to the blood flow and thus resulting in elevated blood pressure and even a higher risk of clotting.

#### **4. High Cholesterol**

When the body is dehydrated, it produces more cholesterol to prevent water loss in the cells. As your body is in defense mode as a result of not drinking enough water, your cholesterol spikes to make up for the change.

#### **5. Skin Disorders**

If you suffer from dry skin, eczema or are prone to rashes and dandruff, it is possible that your skin is not receiving the moisture it needs. When you are dehydrated, the body's ability to eliminate toxins through the skin is impaired, making it more vulnerable to all kinds of skin disorders and dryness. Make sure to drink your 8-10 cups of water daily and you may be able to save your skin and your wallet a lot of the effort.

#### **6. Bladder and Kidney Problems**

Dehydration triggers the accumulation of toxins and acid waste that creates an environment for bacteria to thrive. These bacteria-ridden areas can result in bladder and kidney problems, and increase the chances for infection, inflammation and pain in these areas.

## 7. Digestive Disorders

It's no secret that the key to a good digestive system is drinking enough water, especially lukewarm (room temperature) water. The shortage of water in your body also means a shortage of alkaline minerals calcium and magnesium. These minerals are essential for your digestive system to work effectively, and when you have a short, you become more prone to painful and uncomfortable conditions ulcers, gastritis and acid reflux.

## 8. Constipation

Possibly the most stressful of all digestive disorders, constipation is one of the earliest and clearest signs that your body is not getting the water it needs. Your colon (where the final stages of digestion take place) is one of the primary sources for water in the body. When you are dehydrated, the body continues to draw water from the colon, but this means that waste moves through the large intestine much slower or not at all. This results in painful cramps in your lower abdomen as well as frustrating constipation and discomfort.

## 9. Joint Pain and Stiffness

One of the most important parts of the joint, its cartilage padding, is composed mostly of water, so when you are dehydrated, this cartilage is weakened. This makes it difficult to move and use your joints freely, and repair to the joints is much slower and more painful.

## 10. Weight Gain

Probably one of the least obvious results of dehydration, weight gain can occur easily when an individual is not properly hydrated. Cells are depleted of energy and seem to cry out for more nutrients. The problem is that most individuals confuse

the cells' cry for help as a reason to eat a sandwich, when what they really need is a glass or two of water.

## 11. Premature Aging

Don't put off drinking water until you're too old for it to count! When you are chronically dehydrated, the body's organs, including the skin, begin to wrinkle and 'wither', just your hands do after being in the bath for too long. Once this process begins, it is difficult to stop, and it may leave you looking a lot older than you actually are!

In order to control some of these conditions and to remain properly hydrated, it is recommended to drink between 8-10 8 ounce glasses of water every day. You should especially drink more water when you are exercising, experience a change in environment, or when you are sick. Keep in mind that each day we lose about 10 cups of water by just breathing and sweating, so try and keep the balance in your favor.

If you aren't drinking water each day, and instead prefer soda, just remember that water has 0 calories and loads of health benefits while a can of soda has 35 grams of sugar and 140 calories. It's quite silly to be getting your sugar from drinks when all you need to stay hydrated is a sugar-free glass of water!

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