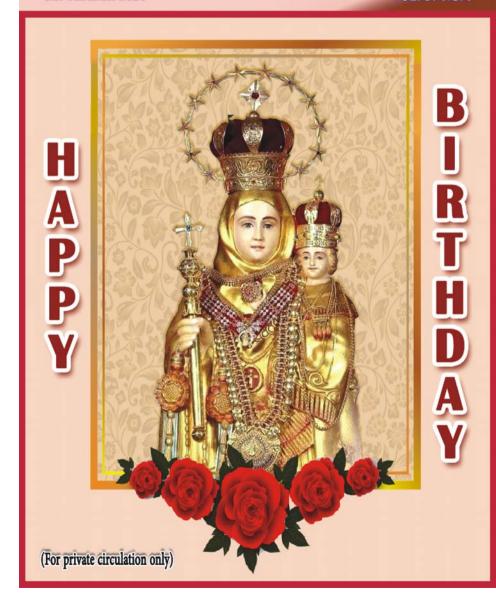
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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September 2020

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Universal Prayer Intention: Respect for the planet's Resources. We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



Archbishop's Message



1. Mary's Birthday

Every year on 8th September we rejoice in a very special way, celebrating the Birthday of our Blessed Mother Mary. The birth of a child brings great joy to its family. The birth of Mary brings great joy not only of her family but also to the whole world, because of her was to be born Jesus, the Saviour of humankind. Next to God, Mary is all for us - our joy, our hope, our consolation and our strength. On 8th September let us show our filial devotion to our loving mother Mary by devotedly praying the rosary and offering it for the Covid-19 affected people.

2. Day of the Girl Child

8th September is also observed as the day of the Girl Child. On this day let us pray for all the girl children in the world that they be welcomed as God's precious gifts and brought up with great love, care and concern.

3. The Apostolic Nuncio

September 2020

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Giambattista Diquattro, the Apostolic Nuncio, has been transferred to Brazil. We greatly appreciate and thank His Grace for his devoted services to our country India and to the Church in India. We wish him success in his office in Brazil.

4. 134 Years Old Pondicherry Archdiocese

First September 2020 marks the 134th anniversary of the canonical erection of our Archdiocese (1886-2020). Let us thank God for His abundant blessing upon our Archdiocese for the past 134 years and continue to pray for the clergy, the religious, the laity and all people of our Archdiocese.

ARCHBISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

| No | o. Date | Name | Amount |
|----|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1 | 20.08.20 | Nellithope Parish | 15000 |
| | | Total as on 31.08.2020 | 15000 |
| | | Received up to 30.07.2020 | 39894818 |
| | | Grand Total | 39909818 |

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

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

| 03-09-1971 | Lamathe. J.M., MEP |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 08-09-1975 | Cussac.A., MEP |
| 08-09-1998 | Irudayaraj. M. |
| 10-09-1980 | Raja. G. |
| 10-09-1993 | Vanchipura. J. |
| 14-09-1976 | Chauvet. R., MEP |
| 15-09-1970 | Gandy S.J. |
| 16-09-1976 | Gnanapragasam. A.M. |
| 18-09-2016 | Rajarathinam T.S. |
| 22-09-1969 | Paul S. |
| 22-09-1986 | Lazar Chinnappa. C. |
| 26-09-1982 | Amalorpavanather. A. |
| 27-09-1983 | Antonisamy. K.P. |
| 29-09-1981 | Anthony. G.M. |
| 29-09-1892 | Mgr. LAOUËNAN François Jean Marie |
| 29-09-1991 | Yagappa. P. |
| 30-09-1982 | Hougard. A., MEP |
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From the Desk of Vicars

1. The Local Church

Our Local Church Pondicherry – Cuddalore growing well vibrant and witnessing in the world today, rejoices, praises and thanks the Risen Lord as we go through the Diocesan News Letter of July 2020 with the *Dharshan* of our Immaculate Mother Mary with all the marvels God has done for all especially the simple and the ordinary people, new parishes, new buildings, renovations, new congregation etc. etc.

The time is ripe a **DHYANAGAM** in our Archdiocese where according to the present times we need a place of silence, able to accommodate 150 to 200 people of God Priests, Religious, Laity, Multi-Religious Communities for spiritual experiences which is more important along with other needs.

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It could be in Nainar Mantap with a conference hall and chapel above, and residential quarters as there in single room with ground floor, first floor and second floor. We have KRS and Reeman constructors ever ready to help us.

If it is God's will may it take place in 2020-2021 and finance will flow from all, as it has been flowing for the poor and education over so many years. All of us are grateful to our Archbishop, the clergy, the religious and the laity for maintaining the spirit of MEP Fathers for whom we all need thank and pray.

We thank Lord and Our Blessed Mother for the new ordinations, appointments, transfers with a sense of obedience to the Lord, the Universal Church and the Local Church. If we are guided by the spirit of the Risen Lord there won't be any problem. Some may raise church to individual and group-ghetto-attitude. Let us help and pray for one another, not judge others but love as our Lord inspire and guides. *Om Shanti*.

2. Journey Towards Total Freedom

Where there is the spirit, there is freedom, where there is freedom, there is humanity, where there is humanity, there is Jesus, where there is Jesus, there is God, and where there is God, there is the Reign of God. Let us journey and help others to journey towards true freedom after the example of Jesus.

Discover Your True Self

God creates everybody in His own image and that image has been renewed to us through Jesus. I am not the body. I am not the mind, but I am the spark of God. If One discovers ones true self. One will discover in one's self, the self of God, the self of others and the nature as well. Relying on the body, gender, ethnicity and way of

worship let us not divide as Syro-Malabar, Syro-Manankara, Latin Rite but have one as approved in April 25, 1969 the twelve points of adaptation and have Indian Catholic Mass.

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No Division but Unity

All may be one as we are one, this is the prayer of Jesus, Let us abide by it and not follow "Divide and Rule" a secular value. In India we are few Christians only and we are divided as so many denominations. Let us be of one mind and heart, one flock and one shepherd.

Secular and Sacred

Seek First the Reign of God, then all the rest will be added to you. Secular is temporary, Sacred is permanent. The church is a Sacrament and not a gathering without faith. Our Christian faith is the basis and the essential for everything. May we not have different commissions with reference to caste as SC, BC, ST, OBC, FC etc. we have one common identity that is "Human" and classified as "Christian" and just One Call and Mission "to live for others especially the poor". The "human" will include financial help, education and health care. The "Christian" will include catechetics, Bible and Liturgy and thus everything is covered in this way.

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Catholics at the local level are under the guidance of the local bishop for faith and morals and at the universal level under the Pope. The gathering of all the Local Churches constitute the Universal Church. Let our faith from childhood, adulthood, disciple, apostle and martyrhood grow in us. Let us be guided by the Spirit of the Risen Lord. Let us believe in the One, Catholic, Apostolic Church.

| Msgr. A. Arulanandam | Msgr. A. Louis |
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| Vicar General | Episcopal Vicar |
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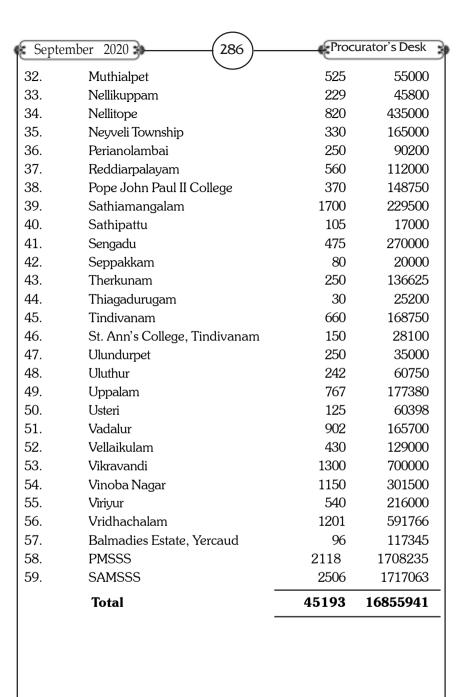
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FROM THE DESK OF FR. PROCURATOR COVID-19 Relief Work

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| COVID-19 Relief Work | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------|---------|--|--|
| Sl.No. | Parish Family / Members | | Total | | |
| 01. | Chief Minister, Pondicherry | | 1000000 | | |
| 02. | District Collector, Cuddalore | | 500000 | | |
| 03. | District Collector, Villupuram | | 500000 | | |
| 04. | Keezhputhupattu, Srilankan Camp | 520 | 191992 | | |
| 05. | Notre Dame | 113 | 91000 | | |
| 06. | Sacred Heart | 709 | 120000 | | |
| 07. | Arcadu | 100 | 60000 | | |
| 08. | Ariancoupam | 295 | 180000 | | |
| 09. | Arulambadi | 20 | 20000 | | |
| 10. | Bahour | 78 | 35000 | | |
| 11. | DOS, Cuddalore | 7000 | 2041712 | | |
| 12. | St. Joseph's College, Cuddalore | 171 | 55000 | | |
| 13. | Gingee | 125 | 37500 | | |
| 14. | St. Michael's HSS, Gingee | 490 | 191400 | | |
| 15. | Irundai | 1461 | 715000 | | |
| 16. | Kakkanur | 1650 | 330000 | | |
| 17. | Kallakurichy | 300 | 125000 | | |
| 18. | Kanakankuppam | 235 | 111000 | | |
| 19. | Karaikal | 535 | 157600 | | |
| 20. | Konankuppam | 8961 | 973111 | | |
| 21. | Kurumbagaram | 350 | 97000 | | |
| 22. | Madampattu | 680 | 340000 | | |
| 23. | Maiyanur | 350 | 132664 | | |
| 24. | St. Don Bosco HSS, Pagandai | 817 | 300000 | | |
| 25. | Mel-Pazhangur | 275 | 23000 | | |
| 26. | Melvazhi | 609 | 176400 | | |
| 27. | Michaelpuram | 190 | 67000 | | |
| 28. | Mugaiyur | 338 | 114000 | | |
| 29. | St.Xavier HSS, Mugaiyur. | 130 | 36000 | | |
| 30. | Munnur | 210 | 67500 | | |
| 31. | Murungapakkam | 350 | 140000 | | |
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Procurator's Desk September 2020 287 CONGREDATIO PRO GENTILIM EVANGELIZATIONE Page 336/20 30 March 2020 Your Grace, I would like to acknowledge receipt of the Financial Report of the Archdiocese of Pondicherry-Cuddalore for the fiscal year 2018-2019 which you forwarded to this Dicastery. This Missionary Dicastery is grateful for your efforts in properly administering the temporal goods of the Local Church as the Balance Sheet reflects a credit balance for the year in review. In thanking you for sending the Report, I extend assurances of respectful esteem, and remain, Sincerely yours in Christ, To His Grace The Most Rev. Antony ANANDARAYAR Archbishop of Pondicherry-Cuddalore INDIA (via Apostolic Nunciature)

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The Newly built St. Antony's Church at Mathalankudi, a sub-station of Kurumbagaram Parish, was blessed and opened by Rev. Fr. R. Josephraj, Secretary, Archdiocesan Board of Education on 3rd Spetember 2020 with the approval and Blessings of His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Antony Anandarayar, our Archbishop. We appreciate Rev. Fr. E. S. Paul Sekar the parish priest and we

contributions.

also thank the donors and the faithful for their generous

LIST OF SEMINARIANS IN THE YEAR 2020-2021

Major Seminarians

SI. No. Name Seminary **Parish** IV Year Theology 01. Bro. M. Bart Augustine Nellithope St. Peter's 02. Bro. V. Johnson Mariya Joseph Velanthangal St. Peter's 03. Bro. A. Aron Kommedu Good Shepherd 04. Bro. M. Prem Kumar Manampoondi. Good Shepherd Thirukoilur

III Year Theology

05. Bro P. M. S. Jeeva Keezhvayalamur, Anilady St. Peter's

I Year Theology

06 Bro. C. Auxiliam Selva Kumar Arcadu St. Peter's

07. Bro. A. Geo Francis Xavier Seedevi – Saveriarpuram

St. Peter's

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| September 2020 | (209) | Seminarians List |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 08. Bro. J. Gilbertraj | Azhagapuram, | |
| | Sozhampattu | Good Shepherd |
| Regency | • | • |
| 09. Bro. N. Alpha Venis 10. Bro. V. John Britto | Neyveli Township Arumpattu , | St. Peter's |
| | Madampattu | St. Peter's |

11. Bro. A. Thomas Berna Nellitope St. Peter's 12. Bro. S. Vincent Sathiamangalam Good Shepherd

I Year Philosophy

Santambar 2020

13. Bro. R. Albert Raj Iruppukurichy St. Peter's 14. Bro. I. Antony Richardson Krishnankuppam St. Peter's Iruppukurichy St. Peter's 15. Bro. I. Paul Ruso

16. Bro. A. Antony Prabakaran Alagappasamutiram

Good Shepherd

17. Bro. A. Donald Robin Sathipattu Good Shepherd

Propaedeutic Course

18. Bro. B. Antony Rai Virivur 19. Bro. D. Joyson Mugaiyur 20. Bro. R. Lourdu Sagayaraj Thelu

21. Bro. D. Tony Clinton Elemangalam, Mel-Sithamur

22. Bro. A. Denish Thuriniicollai

23. Bro. A. Idayath Ragavan Alagappasamutiram

College Seminarians and Latinists in St. Agnes' Seminary

III Year College

Palayanur, Viriyur 24. Bro. J. Alwin

25. Bro. L. Anthuvan Joseph Viriyur

26. Bro. J. Arun Prakash Kunankurichv 27. Bro. V. Jerome Selvarai Velanthangal

28. Bro. P. Vijayakumar Alagappasamutiram

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II Year College

29. Bro. S. Clinton Seedevi-Saveriarpuram

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I Year College

30. Bro. F. Abiyouth Aniladu

31. Bro. H. Gnana Anishek Mel-Sithamur Arulambadi

32. Bro. A. Lucas

Latinists

33. Bro. A. Amala Jones Periakurichy

34. Bro. S. David Pushparaj Virivur

35. Bro. P. Rajendram Oulgaret, Reddiarpalayam

36. Bro. A. Ruban Diyas Konankuppam

Rev. Fr. P. Rozario

Rector, St. Agnes' Seminary

Voice from Metropolitan Matrimonial Tribunal – 117

Where do we stand in getting rid off, the Corona Virus?

COVID – 19, an ongoing infectious global pandemic caused by the most recently discovered corona virus was unknown until its outbreak in Wuhan. China in December 2019. So far thousands of people have perished from the disease and the number of people infected is rapidly running into lakhs. Worldwide statistics daily gives a shock!

It is spreading like wildfire across the world with unprecedented speed. Government and people fumble with how to combat. Caution is the only weapon. Measures like isolation, quarantine, social distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are the only hope for breaking its transmission.

Utmost support and cooperation for the lockdowns declared by the governments are necessary to combat infections. Work more from home, commute less, shop less, cook at home, eat out less, fly less, drive less. But in the long run, lock downs may backfire, unless we can put social safety nets in place.

Modern science will find ways to combat. Vaccines may be on the way. But long drawn lockdowns and not corona virus, may kill more millions who live by serving us, drivers, conductors, mechanics, cleaners, caterers, cooks, janitors, sales men, technicians. If we are not commuting, visiting, restaurants, shops, concerts, cinemas, people will lose jobs. Their families will starve; many may be forced into crime, suicide or revolt. They could join revolutions, ignite strife, run riots or turn mobsters.

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People who have been strangers for years have now seen each other from their balconies (Chennai Flood 2015 experience again) through social media and an unexpected solidarity was emerging among them.

It is a tragedy. A family member who is tested positive will have to stay in isolated room, eat alone, and use a separate bath room. Children suffer greatly because of forced immobility and also because they are forced to stay away from infected mothers. They do not know how to contain their energy and the parents do not know how to entertain them.

Young people are healthy carriers of the disease and are advised not to visit the grandparents. Nurses face enormous stress and are forced to favor patients with a higher life expectancy, a choice they would not make, not to mention their personal risk and what their families are subjected to.

Covid is a crisis that marks a great blow to our families. When a member of the family is affected by this disease s/he is to be isolated and kept in quarantine suspending all contacts from other members. There are so many who work abroad to support their families some of whom may be in the native country while others far away. In the case of the death of a close relative people are not able to come home to pay the last tributes. So many families are locked apart and isolated from exercising obligations. But everybody lives with the hope that through rigorous and painful measures we may overcome this pandemic and regain our normal family relations.

But the family has also met with destructive trends in recent times, plunging many into confusion. These are some of the new legislations and verdicts passed by the Indian Supreme Court questioning the sacredness of family relations and moral understanding of the people based on religious convictions and traditions. While the corona virus may be overcome and there is the hope of restoring the normalcy the new developments brought up by the judiciary will drive the delicate family life beyond recovery.

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The judiciary has thrown tremendous challenges to the culture and religious consciousness of the people and throws light on the disastrous consequences of the new court verdicts and legislations for the family in the Indian society.

In the light of the verdicts of the Supreme Court it will be difficult for the common people to hold on to the official stand of the Church. While they have the general impression that the Church is against the progressive steps in favor of individual freedom, they also do not know the full implications of the judgments in order to take a balanced and mature view.

The changes of laws in the different areas of marriage, gay life, live in relationship, adultery, abortion, divorce, suicide, euthanasia etc. are confusing the basic unit as the family. The recent court verdicts and the parliamentary legislations indicate the influence of globalization. Ideas borrowed from abroad are imposed on the people. The identity of the Indian Culture disappears. Social morality has no place in the Constitution of India.

The recent verdicts of the Supreme Court are in violation of the norms rooted in the dignity of the human persons made in the image and likeness of God. The legal approval of an act never guarantees its moral excellence. The values within the Christian context are both objective and given by God to be protected for promoting the common good. (cf: Thomas Kochuthara, Editorial, Indian Journal of Family Studies, Vol. 21, No.1, Mar. 2020, pp. 3-6)

Points to Ponder:

- You can't walk with God and holding hands with the devil
- Fear is a reaction and Courage is a decision
- Behavior is always greater than knowledge because in life there are many situations, where knowledge fails but behavior can still handle
- You will never reach your destination, if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks
- A person can copy your notes but he can't copy your intelligence

- Respect is the foundation of any relationship
- "We have now entered Unlock 3.0 in our fight against the COVID-19. We are also entering the season of increasing cases of cough, cold and fever. I, therefore, request all of you to take special care of yourself. Please don't be careless." Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (10-08-2020)

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- Short and True message for life: "Care should be in **Heart** and not in words; Anger should be in **words** and nor in heart"
- Never leave a true friendship for few faults, Nobody is perfect, Nobody is correct and at the end, Affection is always greater than perfection
- "No one has ever become poor by giving" Diary of Anne Frank
- "Let us remember that love lives through **sacrifice** and is nourished by giving" Maximilian Kolbe
- Attachment to Christ is the secret to detachment from the world
- C-O-V-I-D Christ Offers Victory in Diseases and my God will supply all my needs – Philippians.4:19

For your kind information:

Dear loving parish priests,

I am once again reminding you. Kindly do not send the people to the tribunal office, until the school reopens. Hearing and enquiries are impossible through phone contacts, due to defect in technology system. You may send them when everything takes shape in running the normalcy, informing me ahead with your letter as the parish priest.

Fr. S. Pascal Raj

Judicial Vicar

Youth Commission Report

1. Youth Sunday Celebration:

We had Youth Sunday Mass celebration in Archdiocesan youth commission office, vikravandi on 2nd August 2020. This program was live streamed through Tcym Pondicherry Face book page.

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2. National Level Youth Directors Annual Meeting:

We had virtual Youth director's annual meeting on 24th August 2020. During the meeting there were reports of the commission and movements presented and followed by a short discussion. Chairman bishop addressed the gathering.

Fr.A.Arputharaj,

Secretary

SC/ST Commission Report Activities:



1. Tamil Nadu level Day of Mourning Online Demonstration:

This year we had Day of Mourning **Online Demonstration** through Zoom App on 10th August 2020 (Monday) at 10.30am to 1pm. Around 800 people from all over Tamil Nadu virtually participated in the Demonstration and expressed

their concern and solidarity with the Dalit Christians who are discriminated on the basis of religion.

1. Observance the Day of Mourning in parish level:

We have arranged to give proper awareness to the Parishners regarding Day of Mourning (Black Day) on which the Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims lost their



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constitutional right of Religious freedom by excluding them from the Scheduled Caste list. In many parishes people have prayed for this Intention during mass and conducted special prayer service for this Nobel intention. With Black Face mask and the poster people observed **Individual silent protest** in front of church and their house on 10th August 2020 in many parishes of our Archdiocese.

2. Corona relief work:



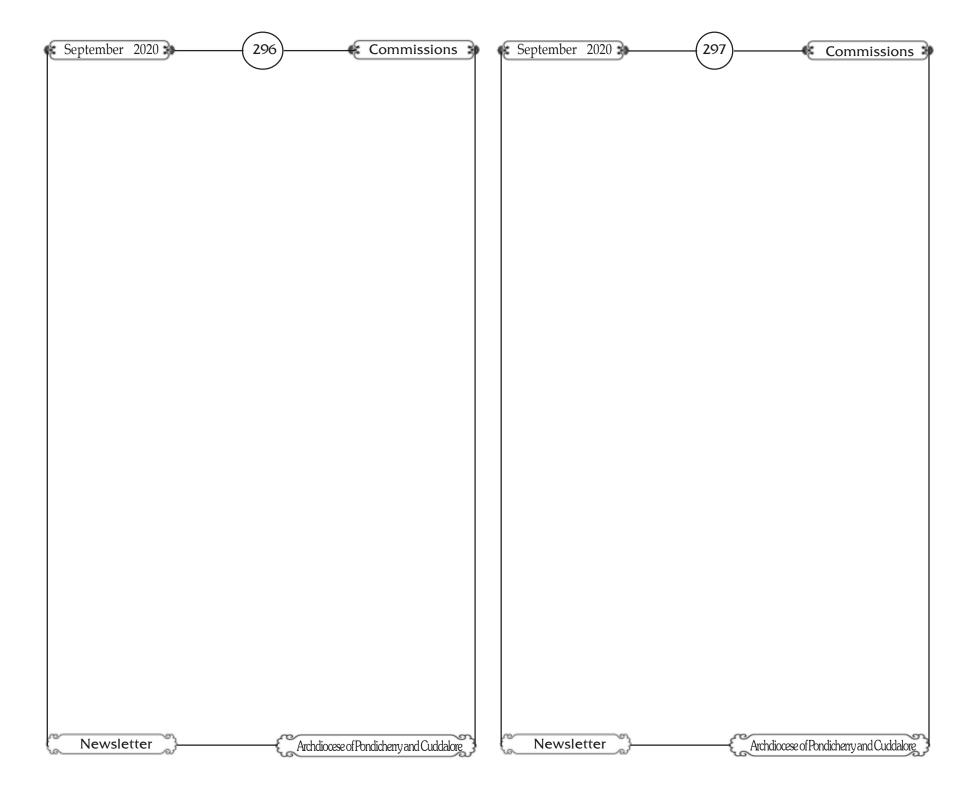
In collaboration with Dalit Solidarity with the help and support of Fr.C.Benjamin and his friends from the United States of America we have organized COVID19 (CORONA) relief distribution on 11th August 2020 to Dalit Christians in 34 parishes of our Archdiocese. We distributed a food package containing 10 Kgs of rice, a liter of oil, half kg of dal, rasam products, and mask for totally 1700 families. Many families from fifty villages benefited from this food packages.

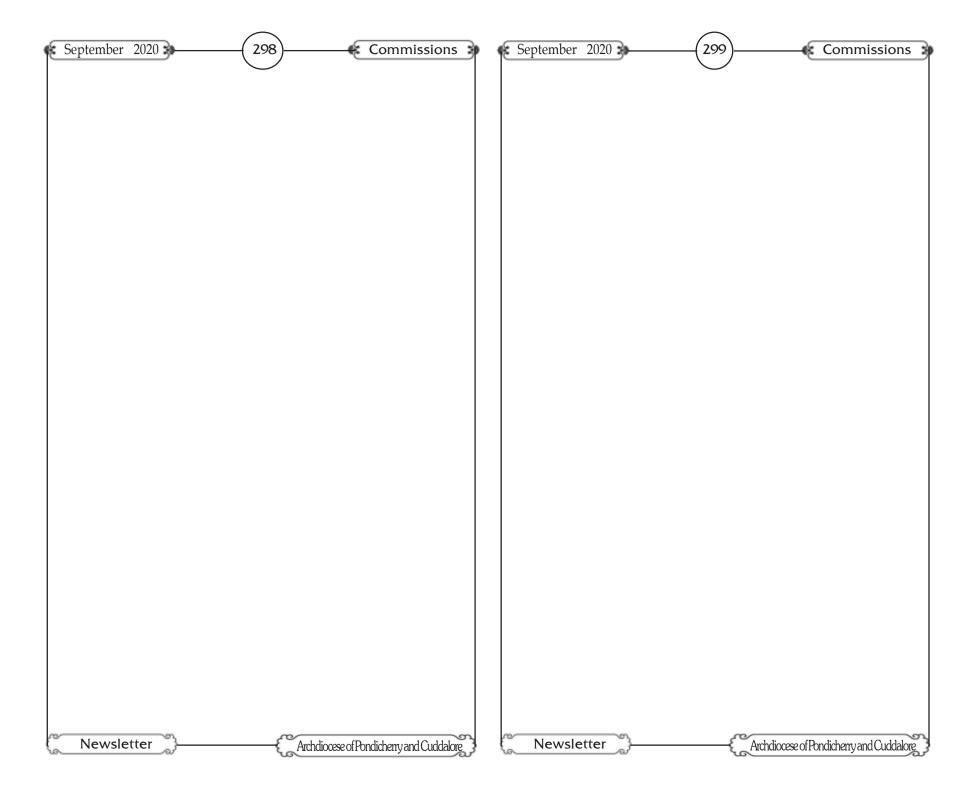
In order to protect the people from the virus, Automatic Sanitizer Dispenser (ASD) were installed both in 34 parishes & schools. This is a requirement from the government before one could open the churches & schools. We specially thank Dalit Solidarity and Fr.C.Benjamin for the sponsor. Thanks for everyone who supported this project and those who coordinated it successfully. May God heal us and protect us from this pandemic.

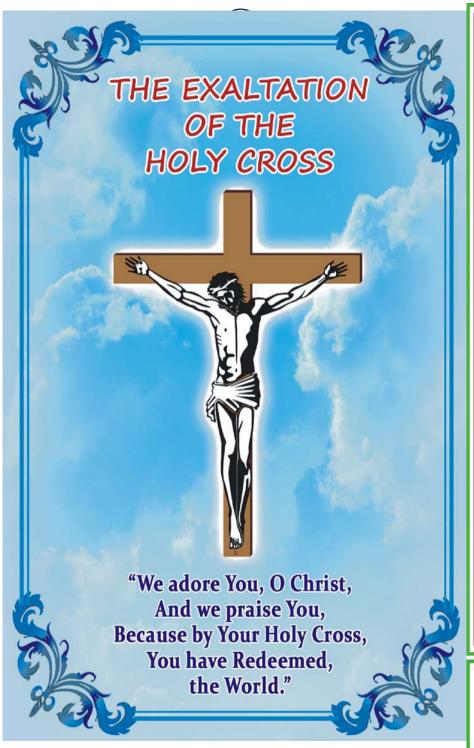
-Fr. A. Arputharaj, Secretary

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