

"The Word became flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that he has from the Father as only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

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Dear Brothers,

Prayerful Greetings to you all in the sweet and most precious name of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus!

For many people and us Christmas is

exactly that a happy time for merry gift and sharing. Most Christians observe this as a time of added celebration and thanksgiving for the greatest gift ever given, the Lord Jesus Christ, "God with us". So the Christmas season is overflowing with joy and celebration. But for others, Christmas is just the exact opposite. It can be an intense reminder of lost loved ones or that they have no close members to celebrate with. Instead of feeling joy, many people feel overwhelming, seemingly unbearable anxiety and depression. Christmas can potentially be a time of hopelessness and loneliness.

The Incarnation, God becoming a man, is the very reason why we have hope. Without Jesus, we have no hope and only death to look forward. But for those of us who are in Christ Jesus, we are no longer hopeless! This living hope is the hope and promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ, "our hope". We have hope because Jesus came as a man, lived, died, and rose again.

In Genesis we read that God originally created a perfect world, but it was soon marred by Adam and Eve's sin. The consequence of sin was death. However, even during the darkest day in history, God offered a message of hope, "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed. God promised that He would send a Saviour who would conquer Satan and deal with the problem of death and suffering.

Jesus came in the flesh as a little baby so that He could bear our punishment on the Cross, and then conquer death by rising from the dead. The first man Adam brought death, suffering, and the Curse into the world through his sin, but the last Adam, Jesus Christ, will do away with those things. Someday we can dwell with Him eternally in a place where "God will

wipe away every tear from our eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away". "And there shall be no more curse" (Revelation 22:3).

Loneliness and depression will be done away with forever. What a blessed hope for us to eagerly look forward to! "we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Jesus' Incarnation, death, and Resurrection also brings believers into God's family. Although some of us may not have or may be isolated from our families, those who have placed their faith in Christ are part of God's family. All around the world we have brothers and sisters in Christ to fellowship with. During the time of Jesus, Gentiles were considered unclean and no Jew would eat or stay with a Gentile (Acts 10:28); yet, in Christ, such barriers were broken down (Ephesians 2:14-17) and Jews and Gentiles could openly fellowship with one another.

Even if we are far away from our brothers and sisters in Christ, we are still never alone. Jesus is right there with us. The Lord promises, "I will never leave you nor forsake you". Jesus came to earth to be our Immanuel, the "God with us" promised in the Old Testament (Isaiah 7:14), and He is still with us today. No matter how lonely we may feel, we are never truly alone because Christ dwells in our hearts through faith (Ephesians 3:17). Someday those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as their Saviour will spend eternity with the entire family of God in His very presence! If you have repented and trusted in Christ, then you will be there too! Surely that is the best reason to smile and have a merry Christmas filled with hope and year 2025.

Let us wish and appreciate all the brothers who are celebrating their Natal day and feast day in this month.

May I appeal every one of you to remember and offer mass for our brothers who had rested in the Lord.

Bro. A. Stephen Arockiasamy, SHJ Provincial Superior

Provincial's Programme December 2024

01 PROVINCIALATE

O3 PALAYAMKOTTAI
CRHSS

O5 DINDIGUL *Marriage Function*

O6 PANAGUDISports day - SHPS

O8 TRICHY Vocation Meeting

13 PROVINCIALATE *Province Consult*

14 PROVINCIALATE

Province Level

- Monthly Recollection

Christmas Celebration

15 PALAYAMKOTTAI

CRI-Christmas Celebration

16-21 PROVINCIALATE

25 PROVINCIALATE *Christmas Celebration*

27 KALAYAR KOIL Holy Communion

28 MADURAIGolden Jubilee Function

30-31 PROVINCIALATE

Important Days / Events

14 PROVINCE LEVEL MONTHLY RECOLLECTION

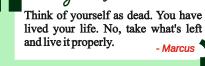
25 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

THE POPE'S Monthly Prayer Intention FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF)

India chapter- IARF

Religious Freedom Youth Network(RFYN) Meet











On November 23rd, the IARF Youth Seminar (RFYN) was held at St. Joseph's College in Trichy. The one-day event drew nearly 61 students from St. Joseph's College, Holy Cross College, and Jamal Mohammad College.

The seminar began with an inaugural ceremony, presided over by Bro. A. Britto, General Secretary of IARF's India Chapter. Special guests included Prof. John Peter from Loyola College, Chennai, Dr. A. Syed Zakir Hasan, Controller of Examination at Jamal Mohammad College, Trichy, Fr. Annaraj, State Advisor of AICUF at St. Joseph's College, Trichy, and Dr. Sr. Fabiana, Director of AICUF at Holy Cross College, Trichy. Bro. Savarimuthu and Mr. Salai Rengarajan were also in attendance.

Following prayers and readings, Bro. Britto delivered a thought-provoking introduction, outlining the seminar's objectives. The dignitaries then shared their insights on the theme of Religious Freedom. After a short break, the second session commenced, featuring Prof. John Peter as the resource person. Ms. Priscilla Valan Assumption A, State Co-ordinator of RFYN, introduced the speaker. The session was engaging and informative, fostering connections among participants. After the lunch the event concluded with feedback from students and the selection of coordinators, marking a successful day.

- Br. Britto SHJ, General Secretary - IARF India Chapter - Caussanel province, Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,





In the 2024-25 academic year, various competitions were held at the Government Arts Festival. In the competitions between schools at the Ambasamudram union level, in the categories of small-scale and regional-scale competitions, our St. Michael's Primary School at Singampatti participated and won first place in rural dance, Thirukkural recitation, and Bharatanatyam dance. We congratulate the students who brought pride to the school.







On November 18, 2024, our school, NGC and NSS, proudly planted 100 saplings in the V.K. Puram Police Quarters. This initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness and foster a spirit of community service. The event was a great success, with students and staff coming together to contribute towards a greener and healthier environment. Through such efforts, we continue to make a positive impact on our community and the planet.







We are beaming with pride! Our school students rocked the District level cultural competition and are headed to the state level. We are proud to announce that our students have emerged victorious in the District level. We are thrilled to see our students excel and look forward to their participation in the upcoming state level competition.





Kanthalore

On 14th November, Children's Day was celebrated at Sacred Heart High School, Kanthaloor, under the direction of the District Collector. A tree planting event was held on the school campus as part of the occasion.

We are proud to announce that the following students of SHHS Kanthaloor have been selected to represent Idukki district's sub-junior and junior Kho Kho teams in the Kerala State School Kho Kho Championship, held in Ernakulam from 5th to 7th November 2024.



Sidharth K., a 9th-grade student, participated in the Sub-District Level Light Music Competition on 21st November 2024 and won first position. He later participated in the District Level Light Music Competition on 27th November 2024, where he again secured first position. Vinotha P. of our school earned the 6th position in the 400 meters relay at the Kerala State School Athletic Meet, held in Ernakulum from 7th to 11th November 2024. Balasubramani, a 6th grade student, secured first position at the Sub-District Level Verification Competition on 27th November 2024. He then participated in the District Level Competition and finished in third place. These accomplishments highlight the remarkable talents and achievements of our students, showcasing their dedication and hard work.











The Children's Day celebration at St. Thomas Primary School, Kurichy included the opening of a computer room and the inauguration of the renovated baby class. The event was graced by the presence of Br. Chacko Ayathil, Br. Mariadas, and Br. Anbarsan. The celebration was further enhanced with generous sponsorships: T-shirts were sponsored by Mrs. Meena, a water purifier by Mrs. Bahavathi, and desks and benches by Jos Alukkas.































































December



- Bro. M. Jesu Arulanandam
- 20 Bro. S. Jesuraj @ Jesan
- 20 Bro. V. Kannis Peter
- 22 Bro. K. Antony Christopher
- 27 Bro. A.P. Chacko Ayathil



- 03 Bro. M. Savariar
- 03 Bro. Albert Xaviour
- 08 Bro. S. Amalrai
- 21 Bro. V. Kannis Peter
- 26 Bro. A. Stephen Arockiasamy
- 27 Bro. S. John Peter



Happy **Feast** to you

May God bless you abundantly and strengthen you as you move forward into the future."



Glory to God in the highest! My precious Lord, Jesus,

I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the celebration of Your birth.

Your love for us is unfathomable, it is glorious transforming, awe-inspiring,

and deeply personal. You chose to come and dwell among us, being born into poverty, rejection and humility. Yet Your mother knew whom she bore.

Her heart was filled with the tenderest love as she adored her Child and her God. Help me, dear Lord. to come to love You with the heart of Your mother. Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds. Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself. I love You, dear Lord Jesus. Help me to love You with all my heart. Newborn Savior of the World, I trust in You. Mother Mary and St. Joseph, Pray for me and for all. Amen.



- 01 Br.M. Savariappan
- 01 Br.S. Rajanayagam
- 01 Br.M.D. Dominic
- 05 Br.A. Antony Samy
- 11 Br.D. Xavier
- 11 Br.S. George
- 13 Br.K.S. Amirtham
- 15 Br.A. Amirthasamy
- 17 Br.J. Mathavadian
- 19 Br.A. Irudayam
- 22 Br.J. Lazer Silva
- 22 Br.S. Alphones
- 22 Br.S. Xavier



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Amen.