



The First Pastoral Council of the Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle of the Syro-Malabars

MELBOURNE

The First Pastoral Council of the Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle of the Syro-Malabars was held in Melbourne on Thursday 2nd Oct and Friday 3rd Oct at The Quality Airport Hotel, Tullamarine. Eighteen (18) priests and Thirty six (36) lay representatives from the regional/interstate communities in Australia, such as from Perth, Adelaide, Alice Springs, Darwin, Townsville, Brisbane, New Castle, Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Parramatta, Wagga Wagga, Mildura, Sandhurst, Bathurst and Melbourne attended the Council.

Fr. Francis Kolencherry, Vicar General of the Eparchy welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting started with a Holy Qurbana, where Bishop Mar Bosco Puthur as the main celebrant, followed by a short presentation by him. Bishop Bosco outlined a Vision and Mission for the new Eparchy. Bishop Bosco reminded that the Eparchy is endeavouring to build a witnessing and evangelising community rooted in Catholic faith through its oriental patrimony and traditions as expected of us by the Universal Church.

Eparchial consultant lawyer Bill DÁpice presented a proposal for a possible legal structure of the Eparchy to manage various activities. Eparchial Finance committee member, Antony Joseph highlighted the need to have a proper as well as centralised Accounting system for better manage the financial resources as well as its accountability.

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The night ended with a video presentation called "The Margam", a documentary which was produced by Mar Bosco. The video depicts about the Syro-Malabar Church from the point of a faithful.

The second day commenced with a Holy Qurbana, where the main celebrant was visiting Archbishop of Changanachery, Mar Joseph Perumthottam. Mar Joseph invited the congregation to uphold the Syro-Malabar Church traditions and its spirituality to become a witness to its sister Catholic Churches/Communities in Australia. Mar Bosco, Mar Jose Pandarasseril, Fr. Francis and eighteen (18) priests concelebrated the Qurbana.

Mar Jose Pandarasseril, Syro-Malabar Synod Youth Commission Chairman

took a session regarding Youth activities in Kerala, India and at the Syro-Malabar Church level. He urged with utmost importance, in this changed life situation of Australia, to attract Youth into the various activities or ministries of the Eparchy.

Fr. Varghese Vavolil, Eparchy's Catechetical Director, Fr George Mankuzhikary, Family Apostolate Director, and Fr. Freddy Elavuthinkal, Bible Apostolate Director; updated on their respective Ministry's future activities.

Active participation from everyone was observed on the subject of running of Chancery and the need for a Building for its effective operation. Bishop Bosco and Fr. Francis lead the discussions on this topic. Matthew Cassin, Catholic Development Fund,

General Manager, presented the need for a coordinated banking structure, for the future development of resources/properties etc within the Eparchy. Various suggestions and ideas from the discussions were consolidated by Bishop Bosco and Fr. Francis.

Building plan of the Cathedral to be constructed at Mickleham was presented by parish fundraising Convenor, Assis Mathew. The proposed project was well received.

The Eparchial Pastoral Council elected the below as executive committee and secretary. Executive Committee Members: Gene Thalappillil (Eparchial Pastoral Council Secretary), Shani Rodney (Shepparton) and Jose K.P. (Sydney) Eparchial priests elected Fr. Antony Pedikattukunnel as the Eparchial Presbyteral Council Secretary. Meeting ended with a thanks note by Gene Thalappillil.



Gene Thalappillil
Melbourne



Shani Rodney
Bendigo



Jose K.P.
Sydney



Fr. Antony Pedikattukunnel
Sandhurst

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Report prepared by Gene Thalappillil,
Secretary.



BISHOP'S MESSAGE



SYRO-MALABAR
EPARCHY OF
THE ST. THOMAS
THE APOSTLE,
MELBOURNE



OUR VISION, MISSION & ACTION

Dear friends in Jesus,

It is almost eight months since our diocese was formally inaugurated on 25 March 2014. A lot of things have happened in this time and a lot of things are yet to be done. I would like to thank you for your generous cooperation, through prayer and action. It is a great blessing to the universal Church that Chavara Kuriakose Elias and Euphrasia Eluvathingal are declared saints on 23 November 2014. Soon will come the Season of Annunciation, liturgical time to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas, the birth of our Lord Jesus. At this moment I thank God for all the graces

he has bestowed on us through the motherly intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

When I was asked to write 'Message from Bishop' for the December issue of the Newsletter, I thought of sharing with you "OUR VISION, MISSION AND ACTION" which was presented before the first meeting of the Pastoral Council of our diocese. May I request you to read it carefully and suggest modifications if any. Let us share the VISION, commit ourselves to the MISSION and join together in the ACTION.

Yours in Jesus Christ,
+ Bosco Puthur

VISION

The Syro-Malabar faithful in Oceania becomes an evangelizing community, living their faith in Jesus Christ in the fullness of their Oriental Catholic Ecclesial Identity, handing it over to the next generation so that, by the power of the Spirit, they become mature Christians to dialogue with the pluralistic, multicultural and secular society, for the greater glory of God.

MISSION

Accompany the Syro-Malabar communities in Oceania in their pilgrimage of faith following Jesus Christ, by helping them to acquire greater awareness of their Oriental Catholic Ecclesial Identity, leading them by the power of the Spirit to Christlike maturity, and equipping them for their evangelizing ministry in the Church and in the world, for the greater glory of God.

ACTION

- To form Eucharistic communities through sacramental life according to the Oriental Catholic Ecclesial identity of the Syro-Malabar tradition
- To empower the children and the youth into mature disciples of Jesus Christ through catechesis, imparting them proper values
- To foster vocations in the families by helping them to live in fellowship with God and among themselves
- To create strong fellowship through family units, by caring and sharing for each other
- To equip the people, by the power of the Spirit, for their evangelizing ministry in the Church and world in order to glorify God.



May the Blessed Mary, Mother of God, the patroness of our Diocese, St. Thomas the Apostle, our Father in faith and the saints and blessed of our Church intercede for us to achieve this goal.



BISHOP'S APPEAL 2014



My dear brothers, sisters and children,
Praised be Jesus Christ!

It was with great enthusiasm that our people welcomed the formal inauguration of our diocese on 25 March this year, the Feast of Annunciation.

As a diocese, we need to provide adequate facilities for the general administration and maintenance of the common pastoral ministries and for its personnel. The priority before us is the diocesan chancery. The chancery is the branch of administration that handles all written documents used in the official government of the diocese including those relating to the sacraments.

Once a year Bishop's Appeal was unanimously endorsed at the meetings of the Diocesan Finance Council, Priests' Council and the Diocesan Pastoral Council for the establishment of our Diocese. Accordingly, as the objective for the first Bishop's Appeal - 2014, I would like to propose to you the construction of a chancery, the central administrative office of our diocese. Our plan is to construct the chancery at the Mickleham property, where we will have, in due course, our Cathedral as well as bishop's residence. Our modest cost estimate for the construction of the chancery is AUD\$400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand).

I appeal to each one of you to contribute generously to this common cause. Big or small, your contribution means a lot for our infant diocese. Each contribution will be gratefully acknowledged.

I earnestly request our priests/chaplains to explain to our communities the purpose and spirit of the Bishop's Appeal. I request that your contribution reach our diocesan office at least before Easter 2015.

Cheque payable to Syro Malabar Australia,
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Address: Fr. Francis Kolencherry,
30 Parkland Crescent, Mickleham, VIC-3064

With Christmas Greetings,
1 December 2014
Your Bishop
+ **Bosco Puthur**

Major Archbishop George Cardinal Alencherry to all the faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church

After the XXII Synod (2014), Session 2, of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church held from 18 to 30 August 2014 in the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkannad, Kochi

Reverend Fathers, men and women of consecrated life and my dear brothers and sisters,

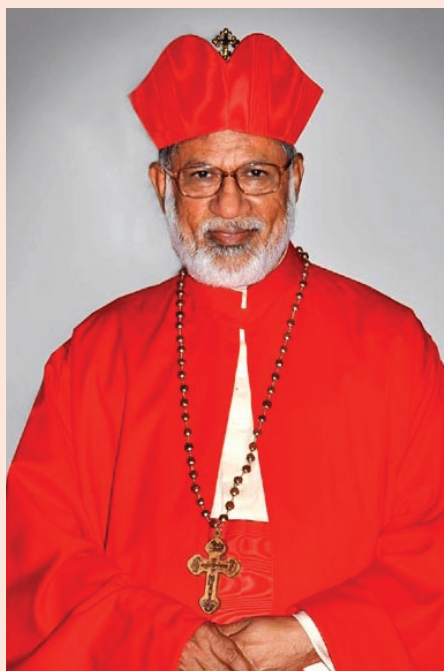
I am very happy to present the relevant details of the Second Session of the XXII synod held at Mt. St. Thomas from Aug. 18-30. Forty three bishops attended the Synod. The Bishops began the Synod after spending the whole first day of the session in prayer, meditation and in the Eucharistic celebration.

The Synod began its deliberations after recalling the major events that took place after the session that was held in January. One of the major events was the General Assembly of the CBCI that was held at Pala. The diocese of Pala did a superb job in organizing the assembly very efficiently.

The Synod also recalled the passing away of Cardinal Lourdasamy who was the Prefect of the Oriental Congregation. He had a very important role in helping the Syro-Malabar Church at a critical phase of its development. We shall remember his valuable service with gratitude and pray for the repose of his soul.

Another major event was that the Church was blessed to have two new bishops. Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram CMI, the Bishop of Chanda, the first missionary diocese of the Syro-Malabar Church, retired and Mar Ephraim Nariculam was appointed the new bishop in his place. Similarly, Mar Joy Alappat was appointed the auxiliary bishop of the Syro-Malabar diocese of Chicago. We shall offer our greetings to them and keep them in our prayers.

Mar George Valiamattam, the Archbishop of Tellicherry retired as per the Canonical norms of the Church and in his place, Mar George Njaralakkatt, the Bishop of Mandya was appointed. We shall remember with gratitude the ministry of Mar George Valiamattam and offer him our prayers. Mar



Mathew Vaniakizhakel retired from his office as the Bishop of Satna diocese on account of ill-health. We shall offer him our prayers for his health and well-being.

Procura - the office at Rome

A new office is being set up for the Syro-Malabar Church to maintain our contacts with the Vatican. The financial investment for the purchase of the office is enormous. We request the help and cooperation of our benefactors and dioceses for this purpose. The information with regard to the Procura was published earlier.

Religious Persecution

The persecution of Christians in Iraq and Syria and in other countries in the Middle East is very severe. A terrible situation has arisen where hundreds of innocent people are killed brutally because of their faith or are forced to flee their native countries or abandon their faith. This persecution is spearheaded by a few terrorists in the name of Islam. The conscience of the world has to be awakened to the immensity of this brutality. We have to pray for the conversion

of these persecutors and for the grace to be given to those innocent Christians to remain strong in their faith in the midst of these persecutions.

Pastoral Ministry for the Migrants

Efforts are continuing to institute new set-ups to take care of the pastoral needs of our people who live beyond the proper territory of our Church in India as well as in other parts of the world. A letter signed by all the Synod Fathers was sent to the Holy Father requesting that the process for establishing adequate structures for the pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar faithful in the Gulf Countries be expedited. I have visited some of these countries in order to understand their plight. I am very happy to note that the Apostolic Visitor and the Commission for Migrants and Evangelization are working with great enthusiasm for this purpose. I request your prayers for the success of our efforts in this matter. Our new diocese of Melbourne in Australia, although in its initial stages, is also progressing well with the cooperation of all. We shall thank the Lord for His blessings in all these areas.

Mission Fund

ASSM which was established to help our missionary efforts financially and otherwise is working very efficiently. As informed earlier, your sincere cooperation in this effort will make us accomplish much in this area. These efforts of ours will be a source of great encouragement to our mission dioceses as well as to our missionary activities. The Synod decided that the proceeds of the Sunday collection on the Syro-Malabar Mission Sunday which is the Sunday after the feast of Denha, to be sent to the Curia for the activities of the Mission Fund. I request your generous cooperation in this matter. Bishop Raphael Thattil has taken charge as the Director of ASSM in the place of Bishop Gregory Karotemprel CMI. The Synod acknowledged gratefully the services of Bishop Gregory



Vocation and formation

The Year of the Religious

Other matters discussed at the Synod

Jesus Youth is a spiritual movement that is engaged in youth Ministry. We have to pay more attention to its working so that it may work in union with the Mother Church and organize its activities in conformity with the authentic teachings and traditions of the Church.

AKCC

The Women's Forum which was started recently is also working with great fervor. Family units have an important role in the pastoral Ministry of the Church. Guidelines are being formed to coordinate their activities more effectively.

Care Homes and other Centres

Education

Church also has a great responsibility in this area. Teachers have to take into account the vision of the Church in this field in the discharge of their ministry.

Ecumenical activities

We have to strive hard to strengthen our ecumenical activities as well as to foster warm relationships with other religions through inter-religious dialogues. Seminarians have to be given more training and information in order to engage in ecumenical activities.

Anti-alcoholic activities

The Church supports the policy of the State in the prevention of alcoholism. We have to aim for an alcohol-free society. More conscientization and constant vigilance are needed in this area. We shall try to strengthen anti-alcoholic movements and create a society free of the use of alcohol.

Some Other things to be specially mentioned

A beautiful documentary on the Syro-Malabar Church known as the "Margam" has been produced. Please popularize the use of this DVD. In order to commemorate the 1950th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Thomas, the bishops made a pilgrimage to Kottakavu church, Paravur, one of the seven churches established by St. Thomas. The Synod has also decided not to bury the deceased bishops in the Madbaha.

The Synod also discussed the needs and anxieties of the Knanaya Community and entrusted a Committee of Bishops to study this matter more profoundly.

After many effective and lively exchanges of ideas and discussions, the Session of the Synod was concluded on 30 August at 12.30 p.m. I request your prayers so that the work of the Synod may continue to be beneficial to the good of our Church and for her growth.

**GEORGE CARDINAL
ALENCHERRY**

MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF THE
SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia
of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount
St Thomas, Kakkannad on 10 October 2014.



RELATIO SYNODI

Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelization

VATICAN CITY — Now released in English, the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops of the Family's relatio synodi (final report) reveals a more positive tone regarding the family called for by the synod's small groups, as well as greater clarity on phrases that generated confusion in the midterm relatio.

The Oct. 5-19 synod reflected on "The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization." At the close of the 10-day meeting, which gathered together 253 bishops from around the world, a final document was issued that summed up key points of the discussion that took place and which serves as the official "working document" for next year's ordinary synod on the family.

With substantial changes made in comparison to the much-discussed midterm synod report, particularly surrounding the topics of both homosexual and divorced-and-remarried persons, the final document, the English translation of which (<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2014/10/18/0770/03044.html>) was released Oct. 30, offers a more positive tone, more references to Scripture and clearer language.

Although media headlines have been swirling since the end of the synod, the

synod fathers have been outspoken in saying that all reports published during the synod are still a work in progress, with no official weight attached.

In his concluding speech, Pope Francis himself explained that "we still have



"Relatio Synodi" of the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops: "Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelization" (5-19 October 2014)

The Vatican releases the official English translation of Synod's final report Oct. 31. It will serve as the official working document for next year's ordinary synod on the family.

one year to mature, with true spiritual discernment, the proposed ideas."

He encouraged that this spiritual discernment be used to "find concrete solutions to so many difficulties and innumerable challenges that families must confront; to give answers to the many discouragements that surround and suffocate families."

The Pope also prayed that the Lord would accompany and guide the synod fathers as they prepare for next year's ordinary synod, which will reflect on the theme "Jesus Christ Reveals the Mystery and Vocation of the Family."

Courtesy: <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/synods-final-report-same-sex-unions-not-in-gods-plan-for-marriage-and-famil/#ixzz3ICDt6j2E>
by ELISE HARRIS/CNA/EWTN NEWS 11/03/2014



Department of Youth Apostolate updates

Catechetical Department Director Fr. Varghese Vavolil, presented the below updates:

a. Objectives of the Department

- Integral Development of youth: Spiritual, Social, Psychological and Physical
- Leadership and Personality Development
- Ministry in the Church
- Uphold Christian as well as Australian

values such as respect the dignity and freedom of the individual...

v. From 15 to 30 years old, unmarried

Three levels of focus were explained;

b. Academic Level

- Celebrative Level
- Organizational Level

c. Expectations of the Department are:

- Faith formation of Children
- Classes for Parents
- Teachers Training
- Orientation Programme
- Common Syllabus
- Intensive Catechism
- Annual Exams

d. Current status:

- Total Centres – 23
- Total Catechists- 267
- Total Children-1976

e. National Catechism Seminar is organised in Oct & Nov 2014 at various centres around Australia.

f. 2015 Planning

- Catechism every Sunday, every Centre

- Make books and resources available
- VWVP card or Working with Children card for teachers and volunteers
- Children's Retreat
- Visiting various centres

g. Structure

- Parish Level
- Regional Level
- Diocesan Level

h. Children's Organizations which could be promoted

- Cherupushpa Mission League
- Holy Childhood
- Altar Servers Association
- Teens Prayer Group

i. Youth Apostolate

- Ministry for the youth
- Diocesan Youth Ministry
- JESUS YOUTH, SMYL, KCYLO could work under this with their special charisms.

j. Proposal

Formation of an Australian Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (ASYM), similar to ICYM, DSYM.



Department of Bible Apostolate updates

Bible Apostolate Director Fr. Frederick Eluvathingal, presented the below updates:

Basic Christian Communities (BCC –Kudumbakootaima).

Periodic gathering(generally monthly)

of between 10 and 15 families of the same suburb (geographical proximity is a value) in order to continue faith formation.

This comprises praying Rosary together; Bible reflection and shared prayer; faith sharing; discussion of current and relevant issues of faith and life; Rosary with maximum participation of the young; English or/and Malayalam; Hail Mary sung in Mal; mysteries by reading texts from the Bible etc.

Bible texts chosen from the Acts of the Apostles, passages concerning the early Christian community, yet relevant to the modern Australian community. Passages are taken progressively, and interpreted. Its aim is to initiate Bible interpretation among the laity.

Discussion of themes from the Bible

Egs. i) Evolutionists and creationists

- Idolatry in the Bible and in the modern society
- Mother Mary in Bible and tradition.

It's an attempt to answer questions and challenges against Catholics. Children's and youngsters' presentations; memorizing Bible verse; singing; Occasional meet of teenagers; Annual house blessing and dedication to the Sacred Heart.

Bible Apostolate

- Online Bible Class/Course for the young and not so young
- Bible Quiz at BCC meeting, Catechism class etc.
- Bible Correspondence Course made available
- Bible Week and Bible Sunday in Eucharistic communities and Parishes



Department of Family Apostolate updates

Family Apostolate Director Fr. George Mankuzhikary, presented the below updates on activity planning for the renewal of the families:

The Family Apostolate Department has decided to conduct programmes like Marriage Preparation Courses for a better preparation for the youth before they commit themselves to the Sacrament of Marriage.

Programmes for the young couples:

This programme will be arranged for the couples married for 2 years, 5 years, 10 years etc. Some classes and programmes for the couples who are celebrating both silver and golden jubilees. This also includes

a family retreat, recollection and classes etc. Some helping seminars and programmes for the people who are leading single life. A little more attention to the lives of the Widows and Widowers.

Parenting and value education:

(Parenting for the 21st Century A Values-Based Approach) -Traditionally, parent education has helped people be better parents and caregivers. In recent years, two trends have especially increased the challenges of parenting: growing materialism and violence in films. Both have diverted time and focus away from traditional pastimes and the transmission of culture and spiritual values.

In the 21st Century, we must tap into the creative energy and universal values that each human being holds within. Not only must we renew efforts to educate parents, but utilize their dreams for their children to facilitate the development of universal values -- providing an opportunity to look anew at what is important in their life, to reconnect with the values of their culture, explore attitudes to actualize those values, and skills to incorporate them in their child rearing practices.

- The Department would set a platform for the various renewal programmes like retreats for the families and the department will find the means for the same.
- The Priest in-charges will have to take initiative in choosing couples from each centre and work as animators to coordinate the activities conducted in the central level. The priest in-charges will have to send the name of these couples to the Department at the earliest with the details of these members.
- The Department will also conduct programmes for the animators in the central level. Each station/centre (parish) will make the activity plans and the department will try to arrange the resource persons and support needed. The animators will continue their office for two years.
- The Family Apostolate Department would like to plan world-wide marriage encounters. There will be counselling programmes in family levels and other level required as per the need of the people. Planning a Chain Prayer (chain rosary, chain Mercy Chaplet etc) in family level for the various needs of our society. Family Gatherings would facilitate the unity and harmony among the members.

സീറോ മലബാർ ഓസ്ട്രേലിയ രൂപതയിൽ മതാഭ്യാപക സെമിനാറുകൾ

മെൽബൺ: സീറോ മലബാർ ഓസ്ട്രേലിയ രൂപതയുടെ മതബോധന വിഭാഗത്തിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ രൂപതയിലെ മതാഭ്യാപകർക്കു വേണ്ടി സെമിനാറുകൾ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. ഒക്ടോബർ 27 മുതൽ നവംബർ 15 വരെ രൂപതയിലെ പെർത്ത്, അഡ്ജെയ്ഡ്, മെൽബൺ, ബ്രിസ്ബെയ്ൻ, ഡാർവിൻ എന്ന സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലാണ് സെമിനാറുകൾ ക്രമീകരിച്ചത്.

സീറോ മലബാർ സിനഡിന്റെ മതബോധന കമ്മീഷൻ സെക്രട്ടറി ഫാ. ജോർജ്ജ് ധനവേലിൽ സെമിനാറിൽ ക്ലാസുകൾ നയിച്ചു. സഭയുടെ മുഖ്യ അജപാലന ദൗത്യമായ മതബോധനത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് ശരിയായ അവബോധം വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലകർക്ക് ആർജ്ജിച്ചെടുക്കാൻ സഹായകരമായ വിധത്തിൽ വിവിധ വിഷയങ്ങൾ സെമിനാറുകളിൽ ചർച്ച ചെയ്തു. വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനം ഓസ്ട്രേലിയൻ പൾചാ



ത്തലത്തിൽ, കത്തോലിക്ക സഭയിൽ മതബോധനത്തിനും മതാഭ്യാപകർക്കുമുള്ള പങ്ക് എന്നി വിഷയങ്ങളും 'രക്ഷയുടെ പാതയിൽ' എന്ന സീറോ മലബാർ സഭാ മതബോധന പുസ്തകങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള പഠനവും മാതൃക ക്ലാസുകളും സെമിനാറിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിരുന്നു. താഴെ പറയുന്ന കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിലാണ് സെമിനാറുകൾ ക്രമീകരിച്ചത്.

പെർത്ത്: ഒക്ടോബർ 27,28 സ്ഥലം: ഹോളി ഫാമിലി ചർച്ച് മാഡിംഗ്ട്ടൺ.

അഡ്ജെയ്ഡ്: ഒക്ടോബർ 29, 30 സ്ഥലം: കനൻ ഓഫ് ഏയ്ഞ്ചൽ ചർച്ച് തെബാർട്ടൺ.

മെൽബൺ: നവംബർ 1 സ്ഥലം: യാദ തിയോളജിക്കൽ യൂണിയൻ ചാപ്ലൽ ബോക്സ്ഹിൽ.

ബ്രിസ്ബെയ്ൻ: നവംബർ 3, 4 സ്ഥലം: ഓൾ സെയിന്റ്സ് കാത്തലിക് ചർച്ച് ലിവർപ്പൂൾ

കാൻബറ: നവംബർ 6 സ്ഥലം: പോളിഷ് സെന്റർ നാബുൻഡ.

ഡാർവിൻ: നവംബർ 14.

രൂപതയിലെ മൂന്നുറോളം മതാഭ്യാപകർ സെമിനാറുകളിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തതായി ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാ. വർഗീസ് വാവോലിൽ, സെക്രട്ടറി മാർട്ടിൻ തിരുനിലം എന്നിവർ അറിയിച്ചു.



ST. ALPHONSA CATHEDRAL (MASTER PLAN) MICKLEHAM

The construction of the St Alphonsa Cathedral, Mickleham, will be another milestone for the Eparchy of St Thomas, Melbourne. Indeed, it will be a source of pride for all Syro-Malabar Catholics, particularly the migrant Syro-Malabar faithful in Australia and New Zealand. God has sent us to these countries to continue our missionary call for spreading the Good News in every corner of the world after our ancestors received our great faith from St Thomas, the Apostle.

Soon a master plan for the site development at Mickleham will be realised, and in the coming weeks a town planning application will be submitted to the Hume City Council for approval. In every sense, the design for the Cathedral will reflect most of the features and architecture of our traditional Syrian churches in Kerala, both externally and internally, that will cater to sacramental life of the faithful within the diocese.

The proposed cathedral church will be 1400 square metres in size with a



seating capacity for 750 people, in order to provide for the future needs of the diocese. The master plan also includes separate proposals for construction of a chancery, bishop's residence and a multi-purpose community hall that will initially become a venue for the celebration of mass until construction of the cathedral is completed. Catechism classrooms and a 250 vehicle parking facility will follow to complete the project.

The Syro-Malabar faithful in the North and West regions of Melbourne have been leading this spiritual cause on behalf of our diocese, and we now seek everyone's participation in this major diocesan project. For this

project to materialize, we need many intercessory prayers from everyone that God's providence and the Holy Spirit's guidance may prevail in every work we do for its construction, together with your financial support. The construction cost will be approximately \$4.5 million. This is because of revisions to the church design, increasing its size to the status of a cathedral. This will better cater for future growth, whereas the original design was limited to the needs of the local community.

We invite everyone to become a part of this spiritual cause that will become a centre for imparting our great faith, which our ancestors received from St Thomas, and nurtured and preserved through many generations. Now, while we are in countries like Australia and New Zealand we are reminded to be even more vigilant and proactive in our responsibility to the present generation as we faithfully await the second coming of Jesus.

We respectfully request your generous spiritual and financial support for this great and worthy project. You may use the following account for any financial contribution to the construction of the cathedral. You may send your contributions to:

Account Name:
Syro Malabar Australia
BSB: 062 902
Account number: **1029 6442**

Contact person:
Fr. Francis Kolencherry at:
smncoordinator@gmail.com



Fr. Francis Kolencherry,
Vicar General



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ഫാ. ഏബ്രാഹം കുന്നോളി സീറോ മലബാർ മെൽബൺ സൗത്ത് - ഈസ്റ്റ് റീജിയൺ ചാപ്ളെയിൻ

മെൽബൺ: സീറോ മലബാർ സൗത്ത് ഈസ്റ്റ് റീജിയണിന്റെ ചാപ്ളെയ്നായി ഫാ. ഏബ്രാഹം കുന്നോളിയെ മെൽബൺ സീറോ മലബാർ രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ ബോസ്കോ പൂത്തൂർ നിയമിച്ചു. കാർമ്മലൈറ്റ് ഓഫ് മേരി ഇമാക്കുലേറ്റ് (സി എം ഐ) സഭാ വൈദികനാണ് ഫാ. ഏബ്രാഹം. എറണാകുളം-അങ്കമാലി അതിരൂപതയിലെ തിരുഹൃദയകുന്ന് ഇടവകാംഗമാണ്. മധ്യപ്രദേശിലെ സീറോ മലബാർ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ വളർച്ച എന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ ഡോക്ടറേറ്റ് നേടിയിട്ടുള്ള അച്ചൻ, നിരവധി പുസ്തകങ്ങളുടെയും ഗവേഷണ പ്രബന്ധങ്ങളുടെയും രചയിതാവുമാണ്. ഇന്ത്യയിലെ വിവിധ രൂപതകളിലെ സെമിനാരികളിൽ ഫോർമേഷൻ വിഭാഗങ്ങളുമായി ദീർഘകാലം പ്രവർത്തിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. മധ്യപ്രദേശിലെ സെന്റ് ജോസഫ്സ് സെമിനാരിയിൽ റെക്ടറായും ബെല്ലാർഷാ

സാൻജോ മൈനർ സെമിനാരിയിൽ പ്രൊഫസറായും സേവനം അനുഷ്ഠിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. എറണാകുളം-അങ്കമാലി അതിരൂപതയിലെ ഞാറക്കൽ ഇടവകയിൽ അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് വികാരിയായിരുന്നു.

Jesus Youth movement is organising a Conference in Victoria ("Deeper and Higher") which will be held this year from December 5th to the 7th. This year has been a great year of blessings for Jesus Youth Movement especially since it marks the '10th Year Anniversary' of the movement in Australia. The conference will be running programs for families, youth, teens and kids, facilitated by the well known speakers of Catholic Church include Bp. Bosco Puthur, Bishop Vincent Long, Alphons Joseph (Rexband), CC Joseph, Toms Michael, Shane Bennett, Fr. Bony MGL and Sam Clear.



Bishop Bosco Puthur with Syro Malabar community in Perth



BISHOP BOSCO'S PROGRAM DIARY

NOV. 2014

24 - 28 NOV: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS BISHOP'S CONFERENCE (ACBC), SYDNEY

29 NOV: WELCOME TO BATHURST DIOCESE AT THEIR CATHEDRAL

30 NOV: SYRO MALABAR COMMUNITY'S CANONIZATION CELEBRATION OF ST. KURIAKOSE ELIAS CHAVARA & ST. EUPHRASIA ELUVATHINGAL WITH THE BISHOP MICHAEL MCKENNA (BATHURST DIOCESE) AT ORANGE, NSW

DEC. 2014 & JAN. 2015

DEC 5: INAUGURAL MASS OF DEEPER & HIGHER JESUS YOUTH CONFERENCE, IN PORT SEA

DEC 6: CAROLS SERVICE WITH MARTHOMA SYRIAN CHURCH, MELBOURNE

DEC 7: EVENING MASS AT ARDEER, MELBOURNE

DEC 13-14: BRISBANE VISIT

DEC 16: CAIRNS VISIT

DEC 19-21: SHALOM RETREAT (INAUGURATION OF SHALOM FESTIVAL IN MELBOURNE)

DEC 21: EVENING MASS AT CRAIGIEBURN, MELBOURNE

DEC 24: CHRISTMAS MASS AT CRAIGIEBURN, MELBOURNE

DEC 25: CHRISTMAS MASS AT BOX HILL, MELBOURNE

DEC 26-JAN 31: TRAVELING OVERSEAS



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ST. EUPHRASIA ELUVATHINGAL

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"PRAYER AND MISSION ARE THE VERY BREATH OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. WHEN WE INHALE, BY PRAYER, WE RECEIVE THE FRESH AIR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. WHEN EXHALING THIS AIR, WE ANNOUNCE JESUS CHRIST RISEN BY THE SAME SPIRIT".
POPE FRANCIS



Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney

On 18 September 2014, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Anthony the ninth Archbishop of Sydney. Installation Ceremony happend on Wednesday 12th November 2014. Bishop Bosco Puthur, head of the Syro Malabar Church in Australia & New Zealand extends his congratulations and heartfelt wishes to Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, a great supporter and well-wisher of Syro Malabar Church, for the new responsibility as Archbishop of Sydney.



Prayer to Mary, Mother of Grace

It becomes you to be mindful of us, as you stand near him who granted you all graces, for you are the Mother of God and our Queen. Help us for the sake of the King, the Lord God and Master who was born of you. For this reason, you are called full of grace. Remember us, most holy Virgin, and bestow on us gifts from the riches of your graces, Virgin full of graces. (St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor)