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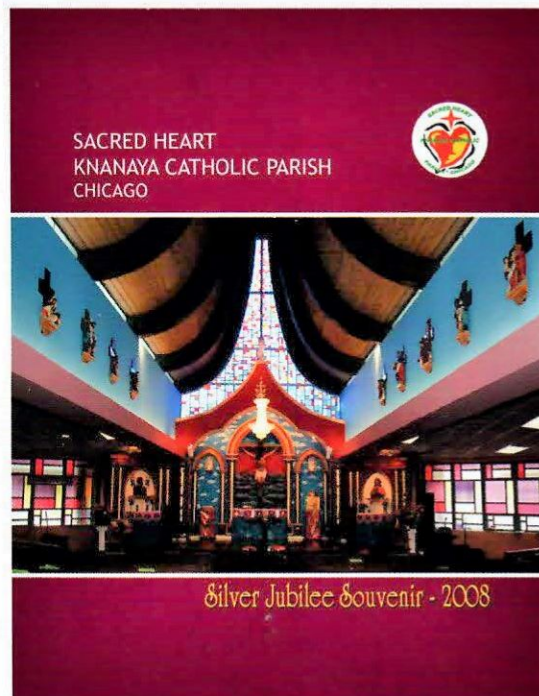
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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
In Our Church.



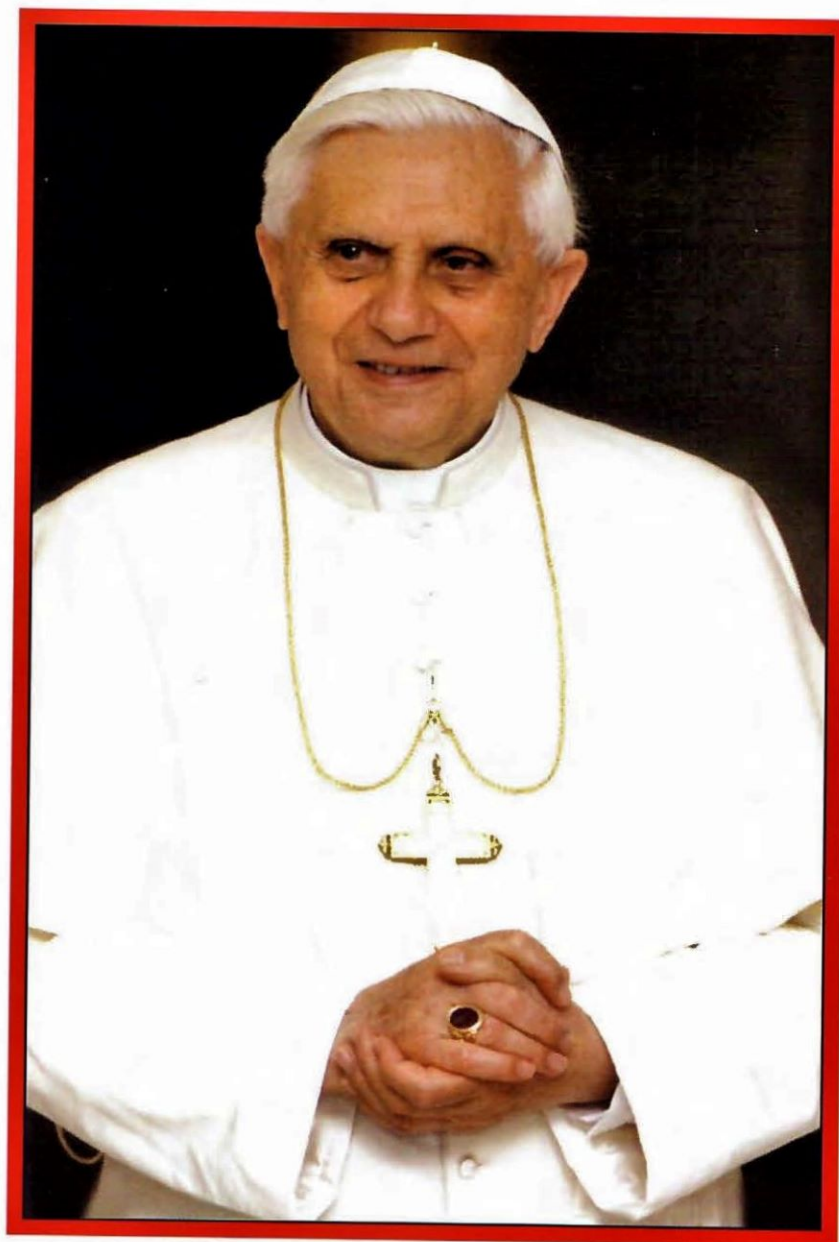
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Her Intercession  
Does Miracles Among Us.





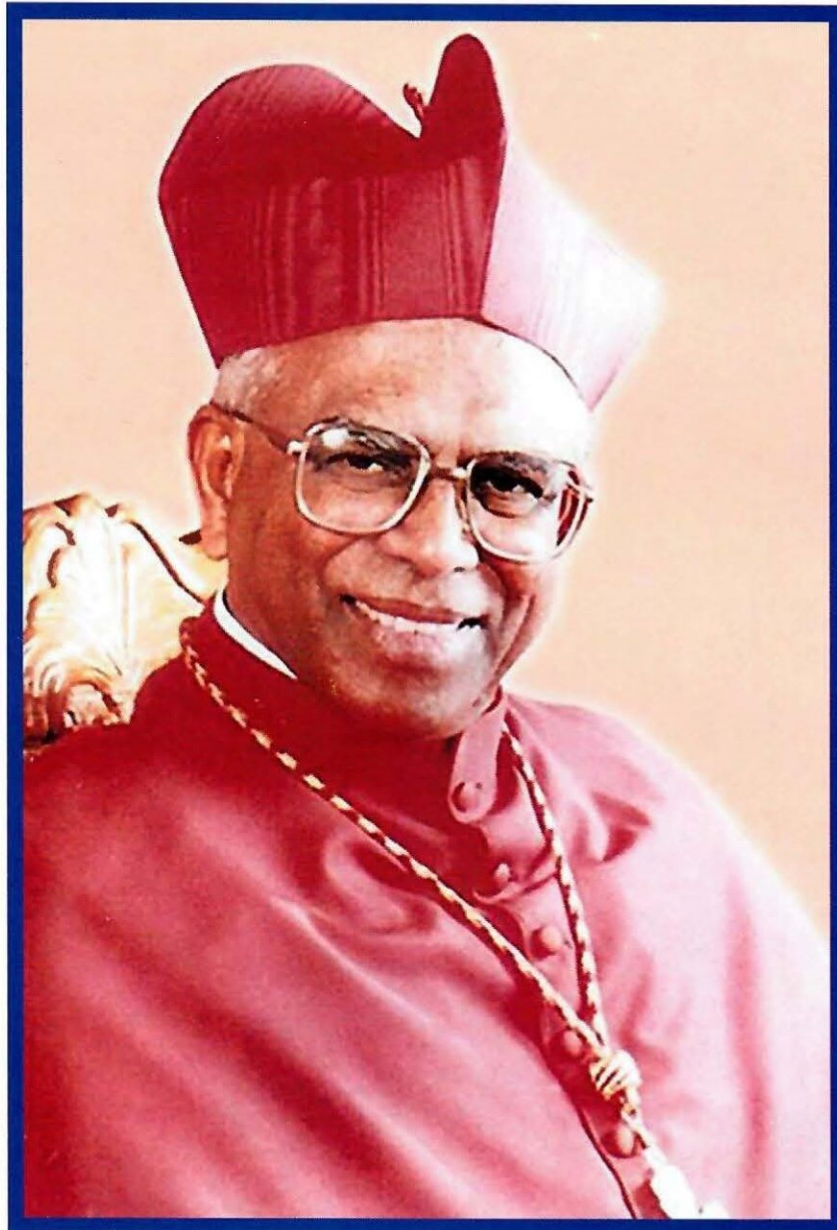


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**HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI**





**HIS EMINENCE VARKEY CARDINAL VITHAYATHIL**  
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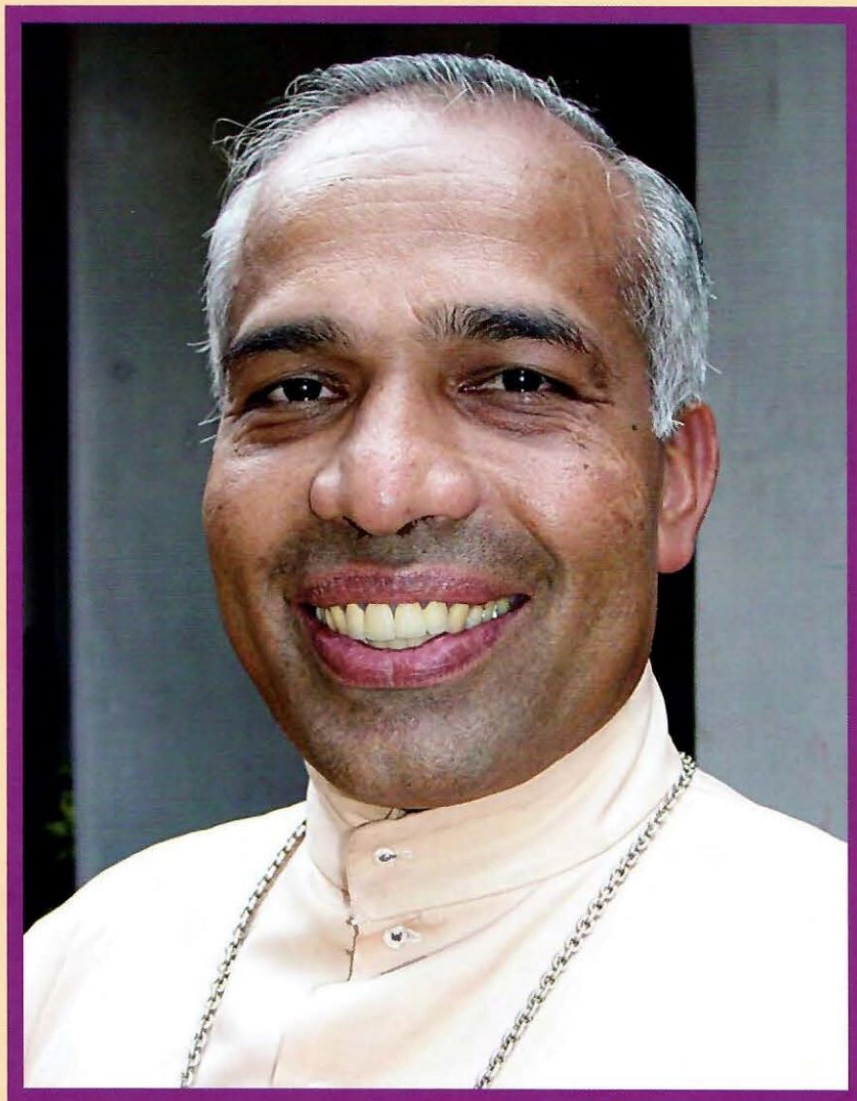




**HIS GRACE MAR KURIAKOSE KUNNACHERRY**  
**Archbishop Emeritus of the Archeparchy of Kottayam**



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**HIS GRACE MAR MATHEW MOOLAKKATT**  
**Head of the Knanaya Catholic Community**  
**ARCH BISHOP OF THE ARCHEPARCHY OF KOTTAYAM**





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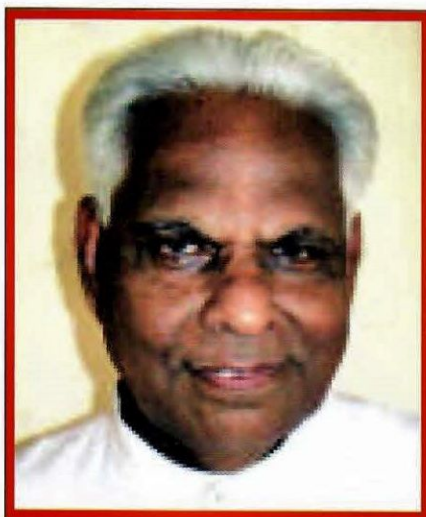
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**VERY REV. FR. ABRAHAM MUTHOLATH**  
Vicar General and Pastor of our Parish



## OUR FORMER MISSION DIRECTORS



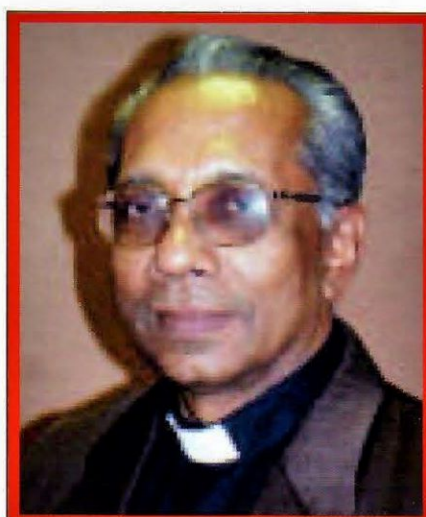
**REV. FR. JACOB CHOLLAMPEL**  
1983 - 1985



**REV. FR. CYRIAC MANTHURUTHIL**  
1988 - 1995



**REV. FR. SIMON EDATHIPARAMBIL**  
1995-1999



**REV. FR. PHILIP THODUKAYIL**  
1999 - 2004



## EDITORIAL



**JOY CHEMMACHEL**

പ്രോജലമായൊരു ചരിത്രമുണ്ട് ക്നാനായ സമൂഹത്തിന് പറയാൻ. നമ്മുടെ സമുദായം ഇന്നു കാണുന്നവിധം വളർന്നുവന്നതിനു പിന്നിൽ നമ്മുടെ പൂർവ്വപുരുഷന്മാർ വഹിച്ച പങ്ക് എന്നും ആദര പൂർവ്വം സ്മരിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

അമേരിക്കൻ ക്നാനായ സമുദായം സഭയിൽ അംഗബലംകൊണ്ട് ചെറുതാണ്. എന്നാൽ ഐക്യ മത്സ്യം കൊണ്ടും കർമ്മം കൊണ്ടും മുന്നിലുമാണ്. ക്നാനായ സമുദായത്തിന് ദേവാലയങ്ങളുണ്ട്. മറ്റു സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളുണ്ട്. രാഷ്ട്രീയത്തിലും ഭരണതലത്തിലും മാറ്റിനിർത്താനാവാത്തവിധം സ്വാധീനവുമുണ്ട്. നമ്മുടെ സഭാംഗങ്ങൾ മെച്ചപ്പെട്ട ജോലിയും വരുമാനവും നേടുന്നവരാണ്. സമൂഹത്തിൽ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കപ്പെടുന്നവരും അംഗീകാരവുമുള്ളവരാണ്. ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ നാനാ തുറകളിലും അവർ നേട്ടങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ട്; ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നുമുണ്ട്. വ്യാവസായിക രംഗത്തായാലും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ-തൊഴിൽ മേഖലയിലായാലും സേവന കാര്യങ്ങളുപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിലായാലും അമേരിക്കയിലെ ക്നാനായ സമുദായം ഏറെ മുന്നിലാണ്. നമുക്ക് നേട്ടങ്ങളുടെ കഥയേ പറയാനുള്ളൂ.

ദേവാലയങ്ങളാണ് ഒരു സമുദായത്തിന്റെ ശക്തി. അത് ആ സമൂഹത്തെ നേർത്തെളിക്കുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ മെയ്വുഡ് പള്ളി ഇന്ന് സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയ്ക്ക് ഒരു മാതൃകയായി മാറിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ഈ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് ഒരു സുവനീർ പുറത്തിറക്കുവാൻ സാധിച്ചതിലുള്ള സന്തോഷം ഇപ്പോൾ പങ്കു വയ്ക്കട്ടെ. ഈ ഗ്രന്ഥത്തിലേക്ക് അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാക്കന്മാരുടെയും അച്ചന്മാരുടെയും സന്ദേശങ്ങളും ലേഖനങ്ങളും കൊണ്ട് സമ്പുഷ്ടമാക്കുവാൻ സാധിച്ചു. ഇതോടൊത്തുചേർന്ന് പ്രവർത്തിച്ച ഏവർക്കും എല്ലാ സ്നേഹാദരവും അർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

**ജോയി ചെമ്മാച്ചേൽ**  
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## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**W**e are the descendants of Israelites who always remembered their history and passed it over to their future generations by oral traditions, written formats, and through annual celebrations. Their history begins with Abraham, the father of faith. However, their most remembered historical event is Passover. They gratefully remember how God took initiative to liberate them from their miseries in Egypt and guided them to the Promised Land. That was an initiative of God. Moses, Aaron, and other leaders were only instruments of God for this transition. So it is God who makes history with our involvement. We should be grateful to God for our past and present. Then we walk with God for our future.

Knanaya Catholic Mission in Chicago is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its origin. Like our forefathers, we need to be grateful to God for what we have achieved. We also need to document it for the grateful remembrance of our future generations. That is why we are publishing this souvenir.

Knanaya Catholics in Chicago were the first to apply for a special ministry for the Syro-Malabar faithful in the United States. Bishop Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry was the first Syro-Malabar bishop who took steps for the pastoral care of his faithful in the United States. Rev. Fr. Jacob Chollampel was the first mission director appointed to care for the Syro-Malabar Community in North America. Knanaya Catholic Mission in Chicago is the first Knanaya Mission among the Knanaya Catholics in North America to own a church. And it is the first parish of the Knanaya Catholics outside the boundary of the Archdiocese of Chicago. This parish has its own cemetery. Though we are first in many ways, the formation and development of the mission and its transition to a parish had to go through tough situations. And it still continues all over the United States for the Knanaya Catholic Community. The history revealed in this souvenir will help us understand the hurdles along the way.

We gratefully remember and pray for the bishops, priests, and lay ministers who took pain and offered dedicated service for the development of our mission and transforming it to parish. May God help us establish more parishes in Chicago and elsewhere.

**Fr. Abraham Mutholath**

Pastor





## **THE SYRO - MALABAR MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ERNAKULAM - ANGAMALY**

Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, C.Ss.R  
Major Archbishop

August 07, 2007

Prot. No. 570/2007

To

Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath  
5212 W. Agatite Ave.,  
Chicago, IL 60630 USA

Rev. and Dear Fr. Abraham Mutholath,

I am very glad to learn that Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish, Maywood, Chicago intends to bring out a souvenir with the history of the last 25 years of evolution of this parish which was established in September last year. The reminiscences of my presence among you this July are still fresh in my mind. On this occasion I appreciate the sincere efforts of the people of this parish to have a place of worship of their own in spite of all the hardships and difficulties they had to suffer for realizing that dream of theirs. While offering my hearty congratulations on their great achievement, I join the parishioners in thanking God for all the graces He has showered upon them through the instrumentality of this parish and pray that it may continue to play an active role in making them true disciples of Christ and effective witnesses of His Gospel. I invoke God's blessing on the parishioners and extend my best wishes to the commemorative volume.

With prayerful greetings,

Yours sincerely in our Lord

Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil  
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church



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**Reverend Abraham Mutholathu Jacob**  
**Vicar**  
**Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish**  
**611 North Maple Street**  
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June 15, 2007

Dear Father Mutholathu and People of Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish

Congratulations as you prepare to celebrate the first anniversary of the establishment of your parish, an accomplishment that was the culmination of twenty – five years of preparation by the Knanaya Catholic Community in the Chicago area.

Anniversaries are times for thanking God, the source of every good gift, and for gratefully remembering the faith, vision and generosity of many people who have strengthened your community of faith throughout its history. As you look toward the future with hope and trust in God's providence, committed to living as disciples of the Lord, may He grant you the grace that will enable you to grow in His love and invite others to share the joy that you find in following Him.

As you gather for the Divine liturgy and other events that will mark this joyous occasion, I thank you for your life of faith. Your presence helps the rich diversity of the Universal Church to be more visible here in the Archdiocese of Chicago and strengthens the presence of the Church in Maywood area. I promise you many prayers and ask you to remember me and the Archdiocese of Chicago in yours. May God bless you

Sincerely yours in Christ

**Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.**

Archbishop of Chicago





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# ARCHEPARCHY OF KOTTAYAM

CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN'S HOUSE

P.B. NO. 71, KOTTAYAM - 686 001  
KERALA, INDIA



July 5, 2007

I am very glad to know that on the occasion of the first anniversary of the erection of Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish, Chicago you are bringing out a Souvenir to place on record the long years of the history of its evolution as a parish. Although the mission was established in 1983 with Fr. Jacob Chollambel as the first director, the controversies that rose regarding the membership of non – endogamous Knanites became a serious hindrance in the full flourishing of the mission as a parish. Even after the establishment of the Syro – Malabar Diocese of Chicago, the growth of the Knanaya missions was very much adversely affected by the issue of membership of exogamous Knanities. After long discussions, with the consent of Mar Jacob Angadiyath we could solve the problem by accepting Knanaya parishes which will have its membership exclusively for Knanaya Catholics irrespective of their practice of endogamy. On this condition, with the endorsement of Mar Varkey Vithayathil, the Major Archbishop of the Syro – Malabar Church, who had come to Chicago for the Syro – Malabar Convention, Mar Angadiyath officially recognized the then existing ten Knanaya missions under the Syro- Malabar Diocese. This paved way for the growth of the missions under the efficient leadership of Knanaya Catholic priests sent from Kottayam.

Fr. Abraham Mutholath who took charge of the Knanaya Catholic Mission of Chicago wholeheartedly dedicated himself to the growth and development of the Mission entrusted to him. In spite of his unflinching service in the Hospital, he could bring about great development for the mission. His activities including the regular catechism for children, various pious associations for the faithful, celebration of various events like first communion of children, parish feasts etc added momentum to the growth of the Mission. The need of having a church of their own was seriously felt by the community who stood strong behind his attempts to have the first Knanaya Catholic Church outside India. The long cherished dream of the Community was realized in the form of Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish in September 2006

Now when you are completing one year after the erection of the first Knanaya Catholic Parish outside territory of the Syro – Malabar Church, I congratulate you all most sincerely and request you to work together for the growth of our Community with the zeal and enthusiasm of our fathers who nurtured and protected the early Christian Community in India. May the prayers of our fathers and the blessings of Lord be with you all so that the Knanaya Catholic Community may hold on to its valuable traditions and rich heritage and shine forth as an exemplary model of true Christian Community in the whole of North America. Invoking God's blessings on all of you.

Your's in Our Lord,

**Mar Mathew Moolakkatt**  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam





# **MAR KURIAKOSE KUNNACHERRY METROPOLITAN EMERITUS OF KOTTAYAM**

**CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN'S HOUSE  
P.B.NO.71, KOTTAYAM - 686 001, KERALA, INDIA.**

18-09-2006

My Dear Knanaya Brothers and Sisters in Chicago,

It is with great delight I understand that you have inaugurated and started using the first Knanaya Catholic Church outside the Archeparchy of Kottayam. I thank God and congratulate Fr. Abraham Mutholath and all of you for this great achievement. Let this church be the source of your spiritual growth and communal love.

I am also glad to know that Mar Jacob Angadiath, the Bishop of St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago will be elevating the Chicago Knanaya Catholic Mission as Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish on September 24<sup>th</sup>. That also is an important event in the history of our community because this is the first parish of Knanaya Catholics outside the Archeparchy of Kottayam.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to his Excellency Mar Jacob Angadiath for his great support for our community. I also realize that Francis Cardinal George, the Archbishop of Chicago and Bishop Thomas Paprocki, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago have helped us to realize this dream come true. Please convey my thanks to them also.

The Knanites built up churches wherever they went. This is our history. We built churches at Kodungalloor, Kaduthuruthy, Kallissery, Ranny and Kottayam. From these churches our people migrated to the various places in Kerala in search of virgin fertile lands and commercial opportunities. In the 1940's our people migrated to Malabar areas and we have now around 40 churches and several institutions in that area.

Inauguration of the new church at Chicago is certainly a red-letter day in the history of Knanaya Catholic people. This will pay the way for more churches and institutions for the Community. Let us grow as a faith community united in the Catholic Church while keeping our customs and traditions. My congratulations and thanks to all our lay people who spend their money, time and energy for this endeavour.

With all prayerful wishes,

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

**Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry**  
Metropolitan Archbishop  
Emeritus of Kottayam





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February 02, 2007

**ചി**ക്കാഗോയിലെ തിരുഹൃദയ ക്നാനായ കത്തോലിക്കാ ഇടവക ഒരു സ്മരണിക പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്യുന്നു എന്നറിഞ്ഞതിൽ സന്തോഷമുണ്ട്.

ചിക്കാഗോ കത്തോലിക്കാ രൂപതയുടെ കീഴിൽ 2006 സെപ്റ്റംബർ 24ന് നിലവിൽ വന്ന ഈ ഇടവകയുടെ രൂപീകരണത്തിനായി ക്നാനായ സമുദായാംഗങ്ങൾ കഴിഞ്ഞ ഇരുപത്തിയഞ്ചു വർഷമായി നടത്തിവന്ന അശ്രാന്ത പരിശ്രമത്തിന്റെ ചരിത്രം എല്ലാവരും അറിഞ്ഞിരിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ അനുഗ്രഹം കൊണ്ടും തിരുഹൃദയ ഇടവക മാതൃകാപരമായ പ്രവർത്തനമാണ് നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്.

യുവാക്കളെ ആത്മീയ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിൽ കൂടുതലായി പങ്കെടുപ്പിക്കുന്നതിന് വേണ്ട പരിശീലനം നൽകുവാൻ ഒരു യൂത്ത്സെന്റർ സ്ഥാപിക്കുക എന്ന നിങ്ങളുടെ സുദൃഢ ശ്ലാഘനീയമാണ്.

ഇടവകയുടെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കു നേതൃത്വം നൽകുന്ന മുത്തോലത്തച്ഛനെയും സമുദായ സ്പ്രോഫിക്ടയെയും എന്റെ അഭിനന്ദനം അറിയിക്കുന്നു.

എല്ലാവർക്കും ആശംസകൾ നേരുന്നു.

തോമസ് ചാഴിക്കാടൻ



REV. FR. SIMON EDATHIPARAMBIL



## A FEW REMINISCENCES

I landed in Chicago on 25-05-1995 with a religious visa for three years to work as the Director of the Knanaya Catholic Mission under the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Cyriac Manthuruthil my Kerala gave me a warm welcome at the airport. Then i was taken by my cousin Simon and family to their house for stay until I get a room in any of the rectories. I stayed with them comfortably and happily for there weeks and meanwhile nobody took interest to find out a room in any rectory. But my old friend from Chunkom parish took me to Fr. Jim the pastor of I.H.M Church where our people gathered for Sunday Mass. Heaising my sad condition Fr. Jim heartily welcomed me to his residence and gave a good room for stay. It was the greatest blessing of God that I got free food and lodge there since I was able to serve without traveling from another place like my predecessor.

I remember with joy and satisfaction the services I rendered to our people during my period in Chicago. My first attempt was to form a good church Choir. My old friend Erick Pottor extended his voluntary service to play the organ and under the able guidance of Johny Thekeparampil, a good choir was formed and thus Sunday Mass become very lively and attractive.

My next step was to prepare the kids for first communion. I myself taught them the fundamentals of faith and necessary prayers in English every Sunday on hour before the Mass at I.H.M Church. In order to avoid individual celebrations on the day first communion, I suggested a common dinner for all the members of the Mission at white Eagle Banquet Hall and it was warmly accepted by all. It was appreciated even by non Knanaya People and I think this custom still prevails there.

Christmas and Easter were celebrated with Mass, dinner and cultural programmes in more convenient school hall. It was a time of great rejoicing and fellowship.

Our Knanaya people celebrated Christmas and passover feast in Detroit every year on con-





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venient days and I was invited as the main celebration in these functions.

I started to say English Mass for our youth on certain occasions.

Every Good Friday, people were taken to the famous pilgrim centers in Indiana and St. Louis by special buses.

Many of our people are devoted to St. Jude and were going to a far off Church to attend the Novena. To give them easy access to this devotion, I started Novena of St. Jude in the Chapel of the Community Hall of K.C.S on every Thursday. When the number of participants increased, the service was shifted to the hall so as to accommodate every one comfortably.

On the occasion of the Episcopal consecration of Bishop Moolakatt we sent to him a good amount of money to build 25 houses in Malabar as memorial of his consecration. In various occasions we could send financial assistance to parishes to build up new Churches.

It was the felt need of our people to own a Church exclusively for them. So I met Bishop Gedet the vicar general of the Arch diocese of Chicago with the request to give us a Church which is closed due to financial strains. He readily replied that about forty Churches remained closed in the South and I can select any one of them at nominal price. But when I disclosed this idea to our people the majority discarded it since the South is notorious for crimes and insecurity. They desired to buy a piece of land in a peaceful area and to build a new Church there. But it was not practical due to lack of funds. Now I am happy to note that the Kananaya faithful in Chicago have a Church of their own and really it is a great milestone in the history of our people there. I wish all God's blessing to this parish and pray that it pave the way to further progress in spiritual and material realms.

It was a historical fact that the Syro Malabar liturgy was first introduced in Chicago by the Diocese of Kottayam sending Fr. Jacob Chollampel as Chaplain of all Syro Malabar faithful both Kananaya and non Kananaya. But not very late, non Kananaya priest took charge of non Kananaya people and both Syro Malabar missions co-existed. Likewise the Kananaya faithful were in front for the creation of Syro Malabar diocese in America. I remember that some of the eminent Syro Malabar priests working in America and many prominent lay men living in various states in USA fought and battled against this new venture of Syro Malabar Church and they published many articles expressing their opposition on both English and Malayalam periodicals. Refuting their arguments, fear and anxiety, I published a long article in Kerala Express and it was well appreciated by all sensible people. In spite of objections and oppositions against the creation of a Syro Malabar Diocese in America, it has become a reality now and those who desired and worked for it are a happy and proud of it.

I wish every success to the new diocese and the Kananaya parishes within it.

**Fr. SIMON EDATHIPARAMPIL**



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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

*Office of the Chancellor*  
(312) 751-8220

July 01, 1988

Dear Friends of the Knanite Community:

As most of you know by now, the Bishop of Kottayam, Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry, has graciously released Father Cyriac Manthuruthil to serve the Knanaya Syro-Malabar community under the direction of the Archbishop of Chicago. Cardinal Bernardin has appointed Father Cyriac as the director of the ministry. Father Cyriac is residing at St. Ferdinand Church, 5900 W. Barry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60634. His private phone number is 622-5588.

Father Cyriac's arrival represents a new opportunity for the Knanite ministry. It is a time for all to draw together in a spirit of unity, love, and reconciliation. He will strive to serve all members of the Knanite community with zeal and dedication.

With the appointment of Father Cyriac as director, the ministry has been entrusted to his direction. Thus, it is appropriate to dissolve the interim committee which has generously assisted the ministry for some time. We are very grateful for their help.

To symbolize the new shape of the ministry, there will be a new name and a new site for the celebrations. The official name of the ministry will be the Knanaya Catholic Mission of the Archdiocese of Chicago. At least for the time being, celebrations will be at St. Henry Church, 6335 N. Hoyne Ave., Chicago. Mass will be held every other Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. Ample parking is available.

To inaugurate the new Knanaya Catholic Mission, there will be a concelebrated Mass at St. Henry's on Saturday, July 23rd at 6:30 p.m. It will be followed by a reception for Father Cyriac in the parish hall. We hope everyone will attend.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Robert L. Kealy  
Chancellor





## **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH**

**3834 North Spaulding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60618.478-1157**

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As of November 1, 1991, in the interest of promoting mutual cooperation, understanding, appreciation and order the People of the Syro Malabar Rite and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish have reached the following agreement:

1. Arrangements for the use of parish facilities (Church or Social Center) will be made through Fr. Cyriac Manthuruthil. In turn, he will finalize arrangements with Fr. Noverth Zawistanowicz.
2. In the interest of helping meet financial expenses the following offering will be made:  
\$75.00 for the use of the Church  
\$100.00 for the use of the Social Center.
3. Persons using the facilities will be responsible for clean-up, check-up and the security of the facility. A check-off sheet is available at the rectory.
4. When children are present care should be given to monitor their behavior. E.G. there have been occasions when all the votive lights were turned on of a Saturday night. As a result, our people were unable to use them.

**Fr. Cyriac Manthuruthil**

**Fr. Noverth Zawistanowicz**

Dated: October 26, 1999



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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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August 16, 1985

Dear Father Edathiparampil:

Welcome to the Archdiocese of Chicago. I am grateful to your Ordinary, Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry, the Bishop of Kottayam, for allowing you to come here to serve the Knanite community.

I hereby appoint you to be Director of the Knanite Catholic Mission of the Archdiocese of Chicago, replacing Father Cyriac Manthuruthil, who is returning to India. As Director, you will be serving, according to the norms of the Archdiocese, all Syro-Malabar Knanites who wish to participate in the ministry. You will have personal and cumulative jurisdiction over those affiliated with the Mission. Thus, any of these have the right to receive the sacraments either at the Mission or from the local Pastors. You will also enjoy all of the faculties and be bound by the duties which belong to Pastors under the law of the Church and the statutes of the Archdiocese of Chicago (including the power of assisting validity at the marriages of couples, one or the other of whom, is affiliated with the Mission).

The Chancellor, Father Thomas J. Paprocki, represents me in matters related to the Eastern-rite churches under my jurisdiction. He will assist you in any way possible.

Father Simon, may the Lord bless you in your ministry. Be assured of my prayers and support.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

**Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor**

Rev. Simon Edathiparampil  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
3834 N. Spaulding Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60618

cc: Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry, Bishop of Kottayam  
Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway, Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate II  
Rev. Lawrence F. Maddock, Dean, Deanery 4  
Rev. James F. Blazek, Pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
Ms. Teresita L. Nuval, Asian-American Consultant





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DANo.3/03

October 29, 2003

Rev. Philip Thodukayil  
Knanaya Catholic Mission of Chicago  
3817 N. Christiana  
Chicago, IL 60618

Dear Rev. Philip Thodukayil and dear brothers and sisters of Knanaya Mission,

The grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

Our Holy Father Pope John Paul II has done a great favor to our Syro-Malabar Church through the establishment of St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago and the appointment of me as its first bishop. This shows the concern of the Catholic Church for the pastoral care of our particular church and community. Through the formation of our new diocese, the pastoral care of all the Syro-Malabar faithful, including the Knanaya Catholics, living in the USA and Canada, comes under my jurisdiction.

So hereby I am glad to recognize all Knanaya Catholic Missions, in accordance with the mind of the Church (instructions from the congregation for Eastern Churches, dated November 21, 2001, Proto No. 85/2001) as missions of this St. Thomas Diocese of Chicago. Through our common efforts, we need to grow from Mission to parish. The procedure rules of our diocese are to be implemented in every Mission.

The Knanaya Catholic Mission of Chicago will consist of all the Knanaya Catholics living in the states of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Hereby, I do confirm the appointment of Rev. Fr. Philip Thodukayil, as the Director of this Mission.

Dear Fr. Philip Thodukayil, please care for the faithful entrusted to you with diligence and dedication. My dear brothers and sisters of the Knanaya Mission, please give generous support to our priests through your love and co-operation. Without your help, the priests cannot function well for the spiritual growth of our community.

I do appreciate the good will and concern of His Excellency Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry, the bishop of Kottayam and His Excellency Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, the co-adjutor bishop of Kottayam for the unity of our people and growth of our Syro-Malabar Church in this new world.

We are the chosen people of God, united with the bishop, we become a church. Let us remember the words of St. Paul; "all belong to you and you to Christ and Christ to God." (1 Cor 3:22-23).

May the Lord bless you all, Yours in the Lord,

**Mar Jacob Angadiath**  
**Bishop**



**P.S. Convey this message to our people during next Sunday celebration of Holy Qurbana.**

**Cc: His Eminence Francis Cardinal George Archdiocese of Chicago**  
**Pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Chicago**  
**Vicar General, Very Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath**



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## **OUR LADY OF VICTORY RECTORY**

**5212 WEST AGATITE AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60630**

**773 - 286 - 2950**

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August 25, 2005

Dear Staff of Our Lady of Victory

Many of you know our resident Fr. Abraham Mutholathu Jacob is the one who designed and maintains our parish web site, and also is a full time chaplain at Our Lady of Resurrection Hospital. However what is little known about him is that he is the Vicar General for the Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Syro Malabar Rite, they are one of the over twenty rites of the Catholic Church. This centuries old rite began in the country of India, and as tradition states, evolved from the early Christian community founded by St. Thomas the Apostle.

About a couple of weeks ago, Fr. Abraham had approached me about the Syro Malabar Rite community of possibility using the Our Lady of Victory's facilities on a regular (meaning weekly) basis. For their Sunday masses, they have approximately 250 people and the number of people in religious education is at around 150. Specifically, he wants to use the church for Sunday late afternoon masses, ten classrooms for their religious education, and the use of some of the other locations for special occasions. Since they are an outside group, their presence would bring into question the possibility of potential scheduling conflicts with other parish groups. Fr. Abraham said they are looking at Sundays late afternoon/early evenings, 4-5pm for catechetical sessions in the school for K-8th, first Sundays 3-5pm for high school, second Sundays 2-5pm for adults, and for the church 5:30pm for masses.

While there will be the regular times for their masses and catechetical sessions, there will be some other times (e.g. particular feast days and holidays and the like) in which they will be present outside of the regular times. In his written proposal, he did say that his group will always reserve those dates well enough in advance and will keep the dates flexible so they will not conflict with parish activities. Since most Sunday afternoons the facilities are not used much at OLV, also we have the luxury of having a lower chapel, and the Syro Malabar community is willing to work around our schedules, there should not be many conflicts with other parish groups at OLV.

Basically, this community is looking for a place for worship and catechesis. They will be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the facilities used. In terms of opening rooms and locking them, Fr. Abraham has a set of keys since he does live here. However if they need access to rooms which require keys that Fr. Abraham does not have, they will pick them up at the rectory and sign them out just like every other group.

After Fr. Abraham consulted with the other priests and the principal of our school, and has given me written proposal, I have decided that the Syro Malabar community is welcome to use our facilities when they need. If there are any questions or concerns, please bring them up to me and/or Fr. Abraham.

Yours in Christ,

**Fr. Chris Doering**





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**Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath**  
Our Lady of Victory Church  
5212 W. Agatite Ave  
Chicago, IL 60630

April 28, 2006

Dear and Rev.Fr. Abraham Mutholath:

The grace and peace of Christ be with you.

I am glad to appoint you as the Director of the newly formed Region for all the Knanites of our diocese. The formal Knanaya Catholic missions and the faithful of the Knanaya community living in other places where no formal missions are established will make one region and this is intended to foster better unity and joint efforts to promote the growth of the community and our diocese. The pastoral concerns for the region are outlined in the circular letter.

You will be in charge of the Knanaya Catholics living in areas where we do not have Knanaya missions. I would request you to make every effort to promote the pastoral care of the members of the community and their support to diocese. Procedure rules of our St. Thomas Diocese of Chicago are to be implemented in our missions for the smooth functioning of our community.

This appointment takes effect immediately and it is in addition to your present assignments.

May the Risen Lord bless you and all your efforts to promote the growth of our community, missions and our diocese.

With prayers and blessings

**Mar Jacob Angadiath**  
Bishop  
St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Diocese of Chicago





## **KNANAYA CATHOLIC MISSION CHICAGO**

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**DIRECTOR: FR. ABRAHAM MUTHOLATH**

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To

**Mar Jacob Angadiath  
Mar Mathew Moolakkatt  
Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry**

July 14, 2006

**Sub:** Suggestion to solve the current dispute on the purchase of a church for Knanaya Catholic Mission - Chicago.

Your Excellency Mar Angadiath, Your Grace Mar Moolakkatt, and Your Grace Mar Kunnacherry,

I am presenting here an analysis of the current situation in the mission and my suggestion for solving the issue.

Almost 20% of our community members in the mission are against purchasing any church by the mission. Around 10% of others are against purchasing St. James Church in Maywood only because of security concerns. Another 30% are strongly in favour of purchasing St. James Church in Maywood because if we do not buy this church we will never have another church. The rest of the people (40%) are neutral and will favor any decision.

Here is my suggestion: We shall buy the St. James Church in Maywood and move the Holy Mass and Religious Education School in Addison to Maywood at the convenience of the people. We shall continue the Holy Mass and religious education school at OLV Church in Chicago to take care of the pastoral needs of those who have issues to come to Maywood. This will satisfy the concerns of all involved including Bishop Paprocki. The only possible obstacle to this solution is that the 20% of those who do not want a church at all might object.

Hope you will consider this suggestion favorably. Expecting your blessings.

Sincerely,

**Fr. Abraham Mutholath**  
Director



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**Very Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath**  
Pastor, Sacred Heart  
Knanaya Catholic Church  
611 Maple Street,  
Maywood, IL 60153

September 23, 2006

Prot. No. AD 36/06

Sub: Decree of Erection of the Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish, Maywood.

Dear Rev. Fr. Mutholath and the Parishioners,

Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

By this decree, I am glad to announce that the ecclesiastical status of the Syro-Malabar Knanaya Catholic Mission, Chicago is changed and this Mission is erected as a Parish with Very Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath, the Syncellus of the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago as its first Pastor. The church at 611 Maple Street, Maywood, IL 60153 will be the parish church and will be known as Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church. This is in accordance with the wish and instruction of the Holy See, given to me through the document Protocol No. 85/2001 dated November 21, 2001, that the missions and parishes be established by our Eparchy for the pastoral care of the Knanaya faithful.

Let us thank our God, who gratuitously showers His innumerable gifts upon each and every one of us personally and collectively. In His great providence this has become the first parish for the Knanaya Catholic Community outside the proper territory of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church and the first to become parish among the officially erected Knanaya Catholic Missions of the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago. We gratefully remember the Most Reverend Archbishops and Bishops, Very Reverend priests and all the people of good will, who worked hard for the inception and building up of the people of God of this Mission into its present growth.

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Parish is the smallest ecclesial unit of the Church. Each family belonging to the parish is a domestic Church. The parish community in a Catholic perspective is a worshipping, sharing and caring community. As the Good Shepherd, the Pastor has to lead the flock and the parishioners are called to give total support to the pastor for the building up of the parish community. As the Kananaya Catholic community is well known for its unity, co-operation and mutual support, let this parish be a true reflection of these great virtues in the ecclesiastical context.

I wish and pray that this parish be a vibrant community that shares in the threefold functions of Christ as priest, teacher and servant-leader. As this parish is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us reflect the love of Jesus in our words and deeds and thus build a community of love.

May the Lord Jesus, Eternal Priest and Good Shepherd, bless you all.

This decree takes effect from Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006.

In Christ,

**Mar Jacob Angadiath**  
Bishop

**Fr. Roy Joseph Kaduppil**  
Chancellor



# **ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

Office of the Archbishop

155 E. Superior St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

June 21, 2006

### **D E C R E E**

Having heard the discussion of the Presbyteral Council on May 16, 2006 in accord with canon 515 82, and having reflected upon the matter in light of the personnel and resources of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I have decided that St. James Parish in Maywood ought to be divided in accord with canon 122, so that part of the parish will become part of St. Eulalia Parish in Maywood, with the remaining part being joined to St. Simeon Parish in Bellwood. The date of this division should be September 1, 2006.

The pastoral care of the people of St. James Parish will be entrusted to the pastors of St. Eulalia and St. Simeon Parishes.

The parish buildings shall be sold to the Knanaya Catholic Community of the "Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago", with the proceeds from the sale of its assets assigned equally to St. Eulalia Parish and St. Simeon Parish, after all existing debts and other obligations have been satisfied. Any other ecclesiastical good of St. James Parish, such as sacred vessels and vestments, shall become part of the public juridic persons of St. Eulalia and/or St. Simeon Parishes, as designated by the Parochial Administrator of St. James Parish, subject to the approval of the Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate IV.

The boundaries of neighboring parishes shall be altered as follows on the attached sheets.

The proper documents should be drawn up by the Office for Canonical Services.

Date: June 21, 2006  
Chicago, Illinois

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago





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**His Excellency Mar Jacob Angadiath**  
Bishop, St. Thomas Syro-Malabar  
Catholic Diocese of Chicago

June 22, 2006

Your Excellency,

We are grateful to Your Excellency for allowing us to buy a church for our mission and naming it as "Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church" on May 25, 2006 when you came to officiate the feast of the Most Sacred Heart at K.C.S. Community Center. We also grateful acknowledge your cooperation in searching a church for us.

As Your Excellency already know, the Archdiocese of Chicago has agreed to sell us St. James Church in Maywood for \$975,000. We have already raised half of the money for it. People will give the rest soon. Rev. Herbert J. Meyr, the pastor of the parish and Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, the Episcopal Vicar for Vicariate IV of the Archdiocese of Chicago has agreed to have the official inauguration of the church on July 15, 2006 at 4:30 P.M. They will let us use the church on weekends until the end of August. The Archdiocese has agreed to hand over the full ownership of the Church, school and rectory from September 1, 2006.

Hence we request Your Excellency to grant us permission to buy the property. We also invite your Excellency to inaugurate the church on July 15, 2006, to offer Holy Mass at that time, and officially elevate our mission as a parish. Requesting Your Excellency's support, blessings, and prayers in our attempt to grow as a parish.

Sincerely,

**Fr. Abraham Mutholath,**  
Mission Director





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**Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago**  
Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate IV

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May 05, 2006

Dear Cardinal George and Members of the Presbyteral Council:

As Episcopal Vicar for the region of the Archdiocese that includes Maywood, Bellwood and Broadview, I am writing to propose a reconfiguration of our Catholic presence in these areas. Originally built to serve heavily Catholic communities, all three parishes are struggling in these predominantly African-American areas. Many worshippers commute from distant areas. A discussion of ministry in the area began in September, 2004 and has continued at the deanery, pastoral and parish levels (see summary, Appendix A).

As requested by the Presbyteral Council at its March meeting, both St. Eulalia and St. James Parishes have submitted Pastoral Plans to provide for the pastoral care of Maywood and Broadview. As might be expected, each parish describes how it would better serve the community with the other parish coming to its location (see Appendices B and C).

In light of present pastoral needs and projected future trends, it makes sense for the Archdiocese of Chicago to have one parish in Bellwood and one in Maywood. As of January 1, 2006, Reverend Herbert Meyr retired as Pastor of St. James; he continues to serve as Parochial Administrator pending the outcome of plans for the parish. Given the demographic reality of the area and the lack of priests skilled in Hispanic ministry, the spiritual needs of the parish community of St. James can be provided by the neighboring parishes of St. Simeon and St. Eulalia.

St Simeon Parish in Bellwood already has Spanish ministry assisted by the Scalabrinian Fathers in Melrose Park and is best situated to care for the Latinos of St. James Parish, the majority of whom live to the west and north of Maywood (see Appendix D). The location of St. Eulalia Parish just south of the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) makes it suitable to provide for the communities for south Maywood and Broadview.

While Father Frank Latzko, Pastor of St. Eulalia Parish, has expressed an interest in studying the Spanish language and Latino culture, he is not yet ready to begin offering pastoral services in Spanish. On the other hand, Father Meyr has indicated that, if St. James closes, he would prefer to live in retirement as a Resident at St. Simeon Parish. The Pastor, Father John Mc Carville, is open to this. Father Meyr wishes to remain active in ministry and would help the Latinos make the transition from St. James to St. Simeon.

Another factor for consideration in this plan is the offer of the Syro-Malabar Knanaya Catholic Community to purchase the church, school and rectory at St. James Parish for





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\$975,000, which is within estimates of the professional appraisal indicating a fair market value of \$250,000 for the rectory and a range between \$705,000 and \$1,200,000 for the church with attached classroom wings. This Eastern Catholic community of immigrants from India currently worships at Our Lady of Victory Church in Chicago and St. Joseph Church in Addison, IL. They have already raised \$400,000 and are prepared to obtain financing to pay the full amount on the day of purchase (see Appendix E).

Accordingly, as Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate IV, I am requesting a canonical consultation (canon 515, 52) at the Presbyteral Council meeting on May 16, 2006, to consider the division (canon 122) of St. James Parish, with the proceeds from the sale of its assets assigned equally to St. Eulalia Parish and St. Simeon Parish, after its existing debts and other obligations have been satisfied.

I recognize that this plan will be most difficult for the people of St. James Parish. Any plan for the reconfiguration of parishes involves emotional consideration. However, after considering various scenarios, in my opinion this proposal offers the best option in terms of geographic location and pastoral considerations to provide for the future Catholic presence in Maywood, Bellwood and Broadview. It should be noted that this plan also includes an ongoing Catholic presence at St. James Church, but its jurisdiction would transfer from the Latin Rite Archdiocese of Chicago to the Eastern-Rite "Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago." As such, Latin-Rite Catholics can participate in the Syro-Malabar liturgy and receive Holy Communion in that rite (canon 923). Moreover, since he has biritual faculties, the Director of the Syro-Malabar Knanaya Catholic Mission could continue to offer both Latin-Rite and Eastern Rite liturgies, as he currently does at Our Lady of Victory Parish.

If this proposal is approved, I will ask the Pastors involved, the Dean, the Director of Hispanic Ministry, the Office of Research and Planning and the Vicariate Administrative Consultant to work jointly with the Parish and Finance Councils of the respective parishes to facilitate this reconfiguration of parishes.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Most Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki**  
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago  
Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate IV





## **ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

### **STATEMENT REGARDING PARISH REORGANIZATION IN THE VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD, MAYWOOD AND BROADVIEW**

June 28, 2006

For the past two years, officials of the Archdiocese of Chicago have consulted with pastors and parishioners of the parishes currently serving the communities of Bellwood, Maywood and part of Broadview about existing physical, financial and ministerial resources. These parishes are: St. Simeon in Bellwood, St. James in Maywood, and St. Eulalia in Maywood, whose territory also includes the portion of Broadview north of the I.C.G Railroad tracks. The realities are that the Archdiocese had fewer priests available to be pastors, especially for services in Spanish, and the present congregations are too small to be able to sustain vital programming and to adequately maintain their physical plants in three separate parishes.

As the Episcopal Vicar for the geographical area that includes these communities in the western suburbs of Cook County, Bishop Thomas Paprocki has been closely involved with the pastors and area residents in the difficult but creative process of developing a vision for the future to provide a viable and strong Catholic presence in this area for years to come.

This planning process resulted in several scenarios designed to create and sustain a strong Catholic presence in the villages of Bellwood, Maywood and Broadview. Those scenarios were presented recently to the Archbishop, Francis George, O.M.I., after consultation and recommendations from the Archdiocesan council of priests.

Last week Cardinal George accepted the recommendation of the priests' council and decided that St. James Parish in Maywood will be closed and the facilities will be sold to the Knanaya Catholic Community, which is part of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese, which is already located in Bellwood. The Knanaya Catholics are immigrants from the Archdiocese of Kottayam in India. The boundaries of St. Simeon Parish will cover all of Bellwood, while the territory of Broadview of St. Eulalia will cover all of Maywood and the northern part of Broadview. The portion of Broadview south of the I.C.G Railroad tracks will continue to be served by Mater Christi Parish in North Riverside.

These changes will become effective September 1, 2006. Father Herb Meyr has retired as Pastor of St. James Parish. Parishioners from St. James are invited to transfer to St. Simeon or St. Eulalia, or whatever parish may be closer to their home. Spanish Masses are already offered at St. Simeon and plans are underway to introduce Spanish services at St. Eulalia Parish.

Catholic Charities' Early Childhood Center will continue to operate in the former St. James school building at 611 Maple in Maywood. The food pantry at St. James will be transferred to a neighboring parish. There is an existing food pantry at St. Eulalia Parish.

With the assistance of the Archdiocesan Office of Research and Planning, Bishop Paprocki has met with the pastors and parish representatives to discuss the transition of parishioners from St. James to their new parishes and to welcome the Knanaya Catholic Community to the former St. James facilities.





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April 28, 2006

Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, brothers and sisters in the Lord:

The grace and peace of Christ be with all of you. May I wish all of you the peace and joy of the great feast of Easter.

1. Regions and Directors:

I am glad to announce the formation of seven regions of our diocese in continuation of the discussion we had at the last Presbyteral meeting. This division is intended to get the greatest involvement of our people in the developmental programs of the diocese. Since our diocese is very vast we need to have our activities organized at regional levels in order to have a better participation of our members.

The Pastoral plan that we discussed and shared at the Presbyteral meeting and later at the Pastoral council may be used as a model for coordinating the various activities of the region. Family, youth, faith formation, diocesan conventions, Bible conventions and liturgical training are certain areas of special importance for our regional and national priorities. Special attention may be made to the possibility of creating new missions and parishes.

The Regional coordinators are expected to organize regional events of parishes and missions in the areas entrusted to them in consultation with the parish priests and directors of the missions.

I would request the support from all priests, sisters and lay people to promote the growth of our diocese to glorify our Lord. This arrangement becomes effective immediately.

Canada is not included in this arrangement.

Regions of our Diocese:

1. Chicago: Director: **Rev. Fr. Antony Thundathil**  
Parishes/Missions: Chicago Cathedral, Detroit, Minneapolis and the missions in Ohio
2. Dallas: Director: **Rev. Fr. Zacharias Thottuvelil**  
Parishes/missions: Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Oklahoma





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### SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

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May 25, 2005

#### Use Agreement between Saint Joseph Catholic Church of the Diocese of Joliet and the Knanaya Syro-Malabar Catholic Mission

**We enter this agreement as Catholics,  
open to the call to Evangelize all people  
and to make our Church most intimately "Catholic."**

**T**he Usage of the Saint Joseph Parish Hall, for the Knanaya Syro-Malabar Catholic Mission, for Saturday evening Liturgy will commence on Saturday, June 18th, 2005. Liturgy will begin at 5:pm. Usage is from 4:00 pm on Saturday until 7:00 pm. (When Religious Education is in session it will be from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm).

The Parish School will be available for use for Religious Education Saturday afternoons starting at 3:00 pm, ending at 5:30 pm.

There will be a few times in which the Parish of Saint Joseph will use the facilities (Hall and/or class rooms) on Saturdays. At these times, no services will be held in said facilities at Saint Joseph by the Syro-Malabar Community. These dates need to be communicated at minimum one month in advance.

The donation to Saint Joseph Church is to try to offset the cost of energy and upkeep for the cost of the buildings. Being mindful of the challenges of a Small Faith Community we agree to set the stipend to Saint Joseph at \$75.00 when there is no Religious Education going on and at \$150.00 when there is both worship and Religious Education. If there is a growth in the Syro-Malabar Community and their financial support, these stipends need to be evaluated by the Syro-Malabar Community and raised to assist Saint Joseph Parish meet its needs for the upkeep and maintenance of the parish facilities.

The Diocese of Joliet requires that the Knanaya Syro-Malabar Catholic Mission, provide a Certificate of Insurance that contains \$1,000,000.00 (One Million Dollars) proof of Liability Insurance coverage. The Parish of Saint Joseph and the Diocese of Joliet will





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be named as additional insured in the Liability Insurance Policy.

It is understood that there will be an occasional use of the Kitchen facilities. For a broader use of the Kitchen there will be a \$25.00 stipend give to Saint Joseph.

Set up of the Hall and clean up are the responsibility of the Syro-Malabar Community. Also the parking will be kept to the north end of the West side Parking Lot and to Palmer Street, since there is Mass going on in Church for the Saint Joseph Parish Community at both 5:00 pm in English and at 7.00 pm in Spanish.

Any needed extension of time for celebrations after liturgy needs to be communicated with the Pastor (or in his stead the Business Manager).

The Parish Office Administrator is the usual person to begin contact with and to communicate with the Pastor and/or Business Manager.

There should be a quarterly meeting with Saint Joseph Pastor to evaluate this relationship.

This Agreement should be reevaluated by May 31st of 2006.

There is a one time Clean Up Deposit Fee of \$50.00 for use of the facilities. If there is no need for this to be used by the parish, then it will be returned at the end of the usage agreement.

If at any time the Syro-Malabar community finds a need to move to another facility for worship, it must communicate this fact with the Pastor (or the Business Manager) about this change of situation.

Agreement enter upon, May 25, 2005

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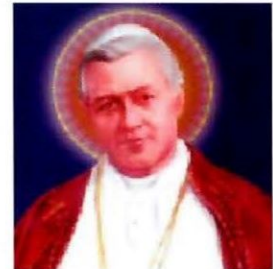
My Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all. From July 1999 to June 2004 I served as the Spiritual Director of the Knanaya Catholic Mission of Chicago. After attending the Houston Convention in 1999, I moved into the IHM Church in Chicago where Fr. Simon Edathiparambil entrusted the Mission to me before his return to India. I was warmly welcomed by KCS President Simon Pallikunnel and developed strong relationships with several good hearted members of the Chicago mission. With the cooperation of numerous hard working individuals I was able to initiate the following Mission activities.

In February 2000 I started "1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass" in Addison, IL and then in Bloomingdale, IL. During that time, Mrs. Jose Vayalil took the initiative to start

the Eucharistic Celebration there. In February 2002 I started "the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Mass" in Darien, IL. Until June 2004, I offered Holy Mass in these suburbs to meet the needs of the people in those areas.

With the help of some talented young adults, I started Catechism classes at the KCS Community Center in January 2001. These classes continued through May of 2004. I also offered masses at the KCS Community Center on Sundays in connection with the CCD classes. I am proud to say that one of those talented young CCD teachers went on to become the President of KCYL Chicago. I remember, how the students followed my class. I am proud of a clever student of my class, who is the present President of KCYL while assessing my class, explained the Commandment



"Thou shalt not kill" that there are three types of killing; Physical killing, Mental killing and Spiritual killing; where spiritual killing is the most serious sin. I started Catechism classes with the special permission of Bp. Mathew Moolakkattu with an intention of starting Sunday mass at the KCS Community Center. Though the Archdiocese of Chicago inquired about it at the instigation of some individuals, the Chancellor raised no objection and I proceeded with weekly masses.

In between the Kids' club and KCYL there was no meet-





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ing place for our youth. To solve this issue, though objected by a few leaders, KCJL was inaugurated. I am happy to learn that it continues to functioning very smoothly and effectively. Young adults who came to America from India had no meeting place in Chicago. There were so many of them. They were called together and formed Youvajana Vedhi. This group was not formed for any vested interest, but some were apprehensive about creating another association. Today the Youvajana Vedhi continue to grow in size and this group has helped hundreds of young people transition from life in India to life in America.

The sometimes dirty politics of our community, has often endangered the maturity and healthy growth of our Community. Christianity and religiosity are very relevant among us, but

spirituality is often ignored or missing. Without promoting Christian charity you cannot be a Christian practically, because God is love. We have to affirm that our life is a gift of God and we have to live it according to His Will, not our will. Let us re-check the priorities of our life. Give God His place. Then life will be peaceful and happy.

Currently I am the Rector at the M S P seminary. Many of you sponsor our seminarians and for that I am grateful. Do continue your generosity. We do pray for you all. When I look back to those 5 years with you, I am happy and feel positive in my dealings there. The pulpit was never used to comment on anybody or anything. I used to ignore some of your comments and steps because they were worthy of it. With all good motivation and positive thinking I spent 5 years there and am

back here with busy schedule. Please remember me in your prayers.

Before closing I must say a word about His Excellence Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath. As far as I know he is a man of prayer and hence is ready to hear you. I was in very good relations with him and he was very considerate on the issues that press our Community. I pray for him and thank him for all that he has helped our Community with.

Mathachen Chemmachel, Eric Pottoor, Johny Thekeparambil, numerous choir members, altar boys, and CCD teachers were so helpful in my ministry. May the Good God bless you all to foster the Divine Unity among you.

Thanking you all,  
**Fr. Philip J Thodukayil**  
Rector





## A CHURCH THAT GREW STRONG AMIDST MANY HURDLES

**H**ere is the history of the emergence of the first Knanaya Catholic Parish outside the ecclesiastical boundary of the Archeparchy of Kottayam. There have been unusual hurdles in its birth and early growth. However, in God's providence the final output is a very strong and vibrant parish.

The first difficulty to start a Knanaya parish in North America was the lack of Syro-Malabar church jurisdiction in North America. Knanaya Catholics began to migrate from Kerala to the United States from early 1950s. Many came for education and job opportunities. However, most of them settled down in this land of opportunities.

### ISSUES UNDER LATIN HIERARCHY

The Knanaya Catholics who settled

in Chicago missed the liturgical service in the Syro-Malabar Rite in their own language, Malayalam. They found the arranging of Holy Mass as an opportunity for social get together along with meeting their pastoral needs. They got organized and requested His Excellency Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry, then Bishop of Kottayam on January 17, 1981, to provide the service of a priest. Since Bishop Kunnacherry had no ecclesiastical jurisdiction here, he could not establish a Knanaya Syro-Malabar Mission in Chicago. So he wrote a letter to His Eminence John Cardinal Cody, the Archbishop of Chicago on March 18, 1981, to meet the pastoral needs of his people in Chicago by establishing a special ministry for the Knanaya Catholic Community here.

Cardinal Cody readily agreed to the recommendation of Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry and requested him to

advise the name of a priest from Kottayam for this ministry. Mar Kunnacherry proposed the name of Rev. Fr. Jacob Chollampel, some other Kerala Catholics intervened and asked for a Malayalee priest common for Knanaya and non-Knanaya faithful irrespective of liturgical rites. This caused confusion for the Archdiocese and they postponed their decision in accepting Fr. Chollampel.

When Most Rev. Joseph Bernardin became the new Archbishop of Chicago, Mar Kunnacherry wrote to him to reconsider sending Fr. Chollampel from Kottayam. Because of different petitions from various Kerala Catholic associations, the chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago convened a meeting of representatives of these associations on September 27, 1983 and decided to accept Fr. Chollampel as a priest to serve all Kerala Catholics living in Chicago and suburbs.

After Fr. Jacob Chollampel came to Chicago in October 1983, he had problems in dealing with various factions of Knanaya and non-Knanaya people. Ad Hoc Committee for Syro-Malabar Catholic Association, in consultation with the chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago, requested to the Syro-Malabar Bishops' Conference on November 13, 1984 to provide a priest to serve the needs of the non-Knanaya Syro-Malabar community in Chicago. The Syro-Malabar Bishops' Conference held on December 3 and 4, 1984, authorized His Excellency Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil, Bishop of Palai to correspond with the Archdiocese of Chicago to appoint a priest for the non-Knanaya Syro-Malabarians in Chicago, in addition to Rev. Fr. Jacob Chollampel who was serving Knanaya Community. Thus Fr. Chollampel was assigned to serve only the Knanaya Catholics while another





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priest was assigned later for the non-Knanaya Catholics in Chicago area.

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The membership issue of Knanaya mission continued during the service periods of the mission directors Fr. Cyriac Manthuruthil, Fr. Simon Edathiparambil, and Fr. Philip Thodukayil who succeeded Fr. Chollampel. Because of constant conflict on this issue in the community, these mission directors could not concentrate on developing better pastoral programs for the community. Even their position as mission directors was under constant threat when the Knanaya Mission in Chicago was under the Archdiocese of Chicago.

### ISSUES WITH SYRO-MALABAR DIOCESE

When the Syro-Malabar Diocese of Chicago was established in 2001, the pastoral care of the Knanaya Catholics came under this diocese. Bishop Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry and Knanaya Catholics welcomed it under the expectation that this would solve their issues and that they can practice as

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they do in the Diocese of Kottayam. However, the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Churches gave special instruction to Mar Jacob Angadiath, the Bishop of the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Diocese of Chicago with regard to the pastoral care of the Knanaya faithful in his diocese. The Congregation acknowledged the special cultural background of the Knanaya Catholics and instructed Mar Angadiath that he shall establish Knanaya missions and parishes with Knanaya priests as their pastors. However, the Congregation made it clear that such pastoral care shall not make any allowance for endogamy to play a role in defining the membership of faithful in any mission or parish. This caused disappointment among Knanaya Catholics.

Though there were dialogues between Mar Angadiath and Knanaya Catholic Congress of North America (KCCNA) representatives, there could not be any mutual understanding. Bishop had to hold on to the instructions of the Oriental Congregation and KCCNA had to stick on to the endogamous nature of the community as it has been practiced in the Diocese of Kottayam. This resulted in non-cooperation of the Knanaya

Community with the diocese under the leadership of KCCNA and its local units. Though Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath reestablished 10 Knanaya Missions in the diocese, most people did not want to cooperate with these missions and prevented the development of these missions. The Knanaya mission directors have been in a conflicting situation. So they could not function well except taking care of the minimum pastoral needs of the people.

KCCNA representatives and Knanaya Mission directors sent a petition with the endorsement of Mar Jacob Angadiath to the Oriental Congregation to reconsider the instruction to resolve this issue. The congregation did not make any further step. The issue is still unresolved. So the Knanaya Catholics in the USA have been against establishing further Knanaya missions or building churches for the existing Knanaya missions. Most of them go to the local Latin Churches or some to the local Syro-Malabar churches.

### ISSUES ON KANAYATHOOR CHURCH IN CHICAGO

During the visit of Mar Mathew Moolakkattu, then Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam in May 2005 for the feast of St. Michael organized by the Knanaya Catholic Mission of Chicago, he was impressed with the outcome of the religious education schools and pastoral activities of the mission under the new pastoral leadership of Vicar General Fr. Abraham Mutholath. Having convinced the great role the Knanaya mission or parish can have on the total development of the Knanaya Community in North America, Bishop Moolakkattu advised the Knanaya Catholics in Chicago to establish a church of their own during his homily at IHM Church during





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Sunday Mass on May 22, 2005. The mission director Fr. Abraham Mutholath during his announcement at the end of the Holy Mass declared that, considering the large number of Knanaya Catholics widespread in Chicago and suburbs, he would try to establish two churches for the mission here. Many questioned the idea of having a Knanaya Church while the membership issue of the mission or parish is unresolved.

Fr. Mutholath formed a fund raising committee with Mr. Mathachan Chemmachel as the general convener. Balance amount from the celebration of feasts of saints were set apart as the seed money for the proposed new church. The fundraising committee worked hard to raise fund for the proposed church.

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the property. This favored the desire to buy own property. Because of increase in attendance of Religious Education schools every year, the participants of Sunday Mass also increased. The setup for Mass at North Lake Church and later at basement of Addison School was hard for the volunteers of the mission. They desired for a Knanaya Church. Mission introduced many other pastoral activities that showed the need of own building for the smooth functioning of such programs. Gradually many people began to think in favor of establishing a church of our own.

A few leaders of the community met with Bishop Thomas Paprocki, the Auxiliary bishop of Chicago requesting his help to purchase a church from the Archdiocese of Chicago for Knanaya Catholic Society (KCS). Bishop clarified that an association cannot own a church for Catholics. Since the Archdiocese of Chicago can sell a church only to another diocese, he offered them help to get a church for the Knanaya Mission, if they approach through the mission director and Bishop Angadiath.

Fr. Abraham Mutholath, the mission director, Mr. Joy Vachachira, the team leader of the group that met Bishop Paprocki, and Mar Jacob Angadiath approached Bishop Thomas Paprocki

to discuss on the possibility of buying a church for the Knanaya Mission in Chicago. Bishop Paprocki gave the options to buy a church in Chicago that has no parking lot, to lease St. Eulelia Church, or to buy St. James Church in Maywood. Because of low revenue and comparatively high expense of three nearby parishes in Maywood and Melrose Park, the Archdiocese of Chicago was considering closing down one parish and merging the parishioners with the other two. The team declined the offer of the church without any parking facility. The team members went with Bishop Paprocki to see St. Eulelia and St. James churches and to discuss with their pastors.

Since St. Eulelia and St. James were active parishes in Maywood, there was chance of protest from either parish when they come to know of closing down their church. So Bishop Paprocki requested Bishop Angadiath, Fr. Mutholath, and Mr. Joy to keep the discussions and decisions strictly confidential until discussions and decisions are made in parish and archdiocesan bodies and Cardinal's decree was released.

Cardinal Francis George proposed through Bishop Paprocki to lease St. Eulelia Church and its facilities for 30 years with opportunity of renewal for more terms so that the Archdiocese won't lose the ownership of the church and it can reestablish its parish in case the situation might change. Bishop Paprocki held a general body meeting of St. Eulelia parish to discuss the matter. There were objections on closing that parish. A few who do not know the Knanaya Community made accusations of the membership issue of Knanaya Mission. So Bishop Paprocki proposed some conditions in the lease agreement of the church that the search team could not accept. So





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the only alternative was to request the purchase of St. James Church.

Bishop Paprocki held a general body meeting of St. James Parish. Many parishioners objected to the sale of their church. Report of the meeting along with the proposal for sale of St. James Church was presented in the Pastoral Council of Archdiocese of Chicago for approval. Cardinal Francis George presided over the meeting. The council postponed the decision asking for more details of the Knanaya Catholic Mission and St. James parishioners. Pastoral Council wanted another meeting of St. James Parishioners to find out their choice of joining nearby parishes so that the council can decide to which parish the money from sale of the church property might go. Most of the parishioners were Spanish speaking and their decision was to join two parishes. The pastoral council in its next meeting decided to sell St. James church to Knanaya Mission and to divide the money from sales to those two parishes.

Prior to the purchase of the church and announcement of which church we were going to buy, Knanaya Catholic Mission had the solemn feast celebration of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus from May 25 to 28, 2006 sponsored by the immigrants from the Sacred Heart Parish in Kottayam. Archbishop Emeritus of Kottayam, Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry was the chief guest. At the request of the office bearers of the Knanaya Mission, Mar Jacob Angadiath announced at KCS Community Center on May 25, 2006 that Sacred Heart of Jesus will be the patron of the new church to be bought and the proposed parish will be named as "Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish of Chicago."

Though collection for the purchase of the church was going on, no one else was aware of the church to be bought

because of the restriction given by the Archdiocese of Chicago. Cardinal Francis George signed the decree closing St. James Church and selling the property to Knanaya Catholic Mission. However, Knanaya Catholic Mission had to wait until Cardinal's decree was revealed to St. James parishioners on June 18, 2006. That was heartbreaking news for the pastor and parishioners of St. James. Many of them were crying at the loss of their church that was 98 years old and the first church of the Archdiocese of Chicago in Maywood. However, the church and school building were only 48 years old.

The originally planned date to hand over St. James Church to Knanaya Catholic Mission was on July 1, 2006 and the inauguration of the new church and parish was scheduled to be held on July 15, 2006. Because of the delay in the decision of the Archdiocese of Chicago, it was agreed to share the church between St. James and Sacred Heart parishioners until September 1, 2006.

According to this plan Knanaya Catholic Mission had invited Archbishop Mar Mathew Moolakkattu and Archbishop Emeritus Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry from Kottayam for the inauguration along with Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath. Both the archbishops came to Chicago for this function.

While preparations were on the way, Archdiocese of Chicago allowed us to announce the name of the church to be bought from them to Knanaya Catholic Community. Mission Director Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath revealed the location of the proposed church to be bought on Saturday, June 24, 2006 at Taft High School Auditorium after the Music Concert by Rev. Paul Poovathumkal and fundraising program for the church by women's

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ministry. He also made a power point presentation of St. James Church and distributed a printed leaflet of the church. The members of the mission received this announcement with joy. The next day was an open house. Many mission members came to see their future church after 5:30 P.M. Holy Mass at OLV Church. Those who came were happy about what they got. We had a thanksgiving prayer service in the church under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Thomas Tharayil who was in Chicago for a visit.

Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath offered a dinner at his bishop's house in Cicero in honor of Cardinal Francis George on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 2006 in appreciation for providing St. James Church for the Knanaya Mission. At the same time fundraising committee of the mission met at KCS Community Center to raise the balance fund for the purchase of St. James Church and rectory. That meeting was well attended. Some people distributed an internet printout stating that the crime rate in the City of Maywood was high. They argued that it was not appropriate to buy the church for this reason. They





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demanding the purchase of any other church. The majority of those who attended the meeting favored this proposal.

The fund raised at that time was \$500,000 and the money required to buy St. James Church and rectory was \$975,000. It was impossible to buy a church in a better area with such a low amount available.

An open discussion was held on next Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup> after liturgical services at the Community Center. That meeting was also well attended. Some people who had opposed the purchase of St. James church earlier and some who were volunteers for the Mass of the Mission at Addison favored the purchase of St. James Church at that meeting. But majority who attended the meeting spoke strongly against the purchase of this church. Fr. Mutholath informed the assembly that he will inform the concerns of the people to the bishops and let them decide whatever is best for the community.

Those who oppose the purchase of St. James Church approached Mar Jacob Angadiath and requested him not to allow the purchase of the church. Those who favored the purchase of the church also met with the bishop to present their request. Because of the strong opposition and divided views, Mar Jacob Angadiath suspended the decision on the purchase of St. James Church. So the inauguration of the church and parish could not take place on July 15, 2006 as scheduled.

Archbishops Mar Mathew Moolakkatt and Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry came to Chicago as scheduled for the inaugural function of the church. Those who favor and those who oppose the purchase of the church met with both archbishops and presented their concerns. Those who

favored the purchase argued that if we do not buy this church there is less chance to have a church of our own in Chicago in the near future.

Though the inaugural mass on the evening of Saturday, July 15, 2006 at Maywood was cancelled, both Archbishops and Mar Jacob Angadiath agreed to have a concelebrated mass by them at the basement of St. Joseph's Church in Addison at the same time and at OLV church on the next day at 5:30 P.M. Before the Mass at Addison on July 15<sup>th</sup>, Archbishops Mar Mathew Moolakkatt and Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry, along with Bishop Thomas Paprocki, Fr. Abraham Mutholath and some lay representatives met with Mar Jacob Angadiath at the Cathedral Church of the diocese recommending him to decide in favor of the purchase of the church and to announce that during the Holy Mass at Addison on that day. Mar Jacob Angadiath said he wanted written assurance from more than half of the families of the mission, that is 400 families stating that they will support this church if it is bought. So the announcement could not be made during that Holy Mass. The people who attended the Holy Mass in Addison were grieving during that Mass when they were supposed to have the inaugural Mass at Maywood. Some priests and laypeople from out of state who were invited for the church inauguration were also present for this Mass.

Respecting the decision of Mar Angadiath, some volunteers of the Knanaya Mission volunteered the signature campaign immediately after the Mass in favor of the purchase of Maywood church. Parish Inauguration Banquet was scheduled at Crown Jewel Banquet Hall in Des Plaines on the evening of July 16<sup>th</sup> 2006. Only those who favored the purchase of the

parish came for this banquet that could not be cancelled because of the arrangements already made. Both archbishops and Mar Jacob Angadiath came for the banquet. The laypeople who did the signature campaign in support of the purchase of the church presented to Mar Jacob Angadiath the packet that contained the agreement of more than 400 families assuring their willingness to support the proposed church. So Mar Jacob Angadiath announced that he is allowing the purchase of St. James Church for Knanaya Catholic Mission. That was a joyful occasion for the people who were gathered there.

Because of this serious division in the community on the purchase of St. James Church, many declined to support financially for the purchase of the church. So we could not raise the full amount on time. The Archdiocese of Chicago allowed us to complete the purchase in two phases. We bought the Church and School for \$800,000 by giving full payment and took possession of the property with effect from September 1, 2006. Archdiocese of Chicago allowed us six months to raise the balance 175,000 to purchase the rectory. During this time we were renting the rectory for \$1,500 per month that was credited to the purchase value. We raised that amount in three months after six months we purchased the rectory also.

The first Mass of the Knanaya Mission at St. James Church was held on Friday September 1, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. The inauguration of the parish was held on Sunday September 3, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. by Mission Director Fr. Abraham Mutholath and parish council members by lighting nilavilakku that has 72 flames. Archbishops and Bishop Jacob Angadiath were in India for Syro-Malabar Bishops' Synod in Kerala. After the return of Bishop Mar Jacob





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Angadiath to the U.S., he elevated the Knanaya Mission as Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. and appointed Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath as its first pastor. Since then the parish got great support from the parishioners and it is functioning with maximum involvement of the people.

### DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Since the starting of Holy Mass in North Lake on Saturdays, we were having novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We continue that devotion in Maywood. However, it happened that we also started devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe because of a special reason.

The majority of attendees of St. James Church before we bought the church was people of Hispanic background. They had special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. They had a wooden statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe that they had bought from Guadalupe where Our Blessed Mother appeared to Blessed Juan Diego in 1531. Hispanic people in and around Chicago considered St. James Church as their pilgrim place to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. So they used to come to pay special homage to this statue. When they heard their sad news that this church was going to be sold to Knanaya Community, their humble request was to let them take that statue to their next church. So we allowed them to do so.

The parish committee decided that a pilgrimage shall go to Guadalupe and buy another statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe from this miraculous place. So, 51 parishioners went to Mexico under the leadership of Fr. Abraham Mutholath and Joy Chemmachel from September 14 to 16, 2006. Besides the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, they also bought many other statues and church materials to furnish Sacred

Heart Church. The pilgrims sponsored all such materials. Since the erection of the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe in our church in a special place set apart, many people pray at that shrine and witness that they also get many miraculous blessings through the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

### FORMATION OF ST. MARY'S UNIT

Though the Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish was inaugurated with regular mass on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, we continued Holy Mass on Thursdays with novena of St. Jude at Community Center and Sunday 5:30 P.M. Mass at OLV Church in Chicago. This arrangement was continued respecting the views of those who opposed the purchase of St. James Church in Maywood and to meet their pastoral needs because they have been reluctant to come to Maywood Church.

The Knanaya Mission always had Christmas and Holy Week services together. Considering this and also the difficulty to get a church at our convenience, the Christmas mass was arranged for all at Maywood church. Those who had declined to come to Maywood opposed this and complained to Mar Angadiath. Considering their strong request, Mar Angadiath allowed to organize separate pastoral programs for them at OLV church or other convenient churches. So a separate Christmas Mass was arranged also at Cathedral Church on December 25, 2006.

Considering this unwillingness of many to compromise with the parish church in Maywood, Fr. Abraham Mutholath sent a circular to all the parishioners informing that he would consider those who do not come to Maywood as St. Mary's Unit and will continue pastoral service for them at convenient churches until a second church is established for the Knanaya

Community in Chicago in honor of Our Blessed Mother. Thus St. Mary's Unit was formed under the parish with effect from January 1, 2007. Separate Sunday Mass, Religious Education School, accounts, committee, and pastoral programs are organized now for St. Mary's Unit. Since the formation of St. Mary's Unit, prayer for the second church has started at homes and after liturgy in the parish church and in St. Mary's Unit. We are hoping and praying for the St. Mary's Church in Chicago in the near future.

### PRESENT STATUS OF SACRED HEART CHURCH IN MAYWOOD

In spite of all the negative rumors on the Maywood Church, many people came to the church on a regular basis and felt comfortable participating in the liturgy there. Children and youth feel it as their "second home." During 2007-'08 academic year, we had 350 students and 80 young teachers in the Sacred Heart Religious Education School besides 120 students 40 young teachers at St. Mary's Unit. Since the number of Sunday Mass attendees rose to an average of 1,500, we started Syro-Malabar Mass in English for Children and youth at 11:30 A.M. after their catechism class that is conducted during Malayalam Mass for adults. The parish has pious associations and ministries for parishioners of all ages. We also have koodarayogams (ward prayer meetings) for the parishioners. Many people do voluntary service for the church. Those who visit from outside the parish praise the activities of the church saying that they have never seen such a vibrant parish elsewhere. They began to recommend such churches for the community all over the United States. The City of Maywood and neighbors of the church are very receptive to our community. The parishioners are grateful to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and His blessed Mother for all the blessings we receive through this church.





## കന്നനായ സമുദായത്തെ എട്ടാമത്തെ ലോകാത്മുതമാക്കുന്നത് അംഗങ്ങളുടെ പരസ്പര സ്നേഹവും ഐക്യവുമാണ്

കർദ്ദിനാൾ മാർ വർക്കി വിതയത്തിൽ

(മേജർ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ് അത്യുന്നത കർദ്ദിനാൾ മാർ വർക്കി വിതയത്തിൽ ജൂലൈ രണ്ടാം തീയതി ദിവ്യബലിമദ്ധ്യേ നമ്മുടെ പള്ളിയിൽ നടത്തിയ പ്രസംഗം)

വളരെ സന്തോഷത്തോടുകൂടിയാണ് ഞാനിവിടെ നിൽക്കുന്നത്. നാളെ നാം നമ്മുടെ അപ്പസ്തോലനായ മാർ തോമ്മാശ്ലീഹായുടെ ദുക്നാന തിരുനാൾ ആഘോഷിക്കുകയാണ്. അതിന്റെ വിജിൽ മാസ്സാണിത്. ഈ ദുക്നാന തിരുനാളിന്റെ അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങളും ആശംസകളും എല്ലാവർക്കും ഞാൻ സന്തോഷപൂർവ്വം നേരുന്നു. നിങ്ങളുടെ ഈ കന്നനായ സമുദായത്തിന് എല്ലാവിധ ആദ്ധ്യാത്മികവും ദൗതികവുമായ പുരോഗതി ഉണ്ടാകട്ടെയെന്ന് ഞാൻ വിശുദ്ധ തോമ്മാശ്ലീഹായുടെ മാദ്ധ്യസ്ഥം വഴി ദൈവത്തോടു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയാണ്.

രൂപതാദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ അഭിവന്ദ്യ മാർ അങ്ങാടിയാത്തു പിതാവേ, വികാരി ജനറാൾ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട അബ്രഹാം മുത്തോലത്തച്ച, ഇവിടെ സന്നിഹിതരായിരിക്കുന്ന മറ്റു വൈദികരേ, സന്യസ്തരേ, മിശിഹായിൽ പ്രിയ സഹോദരി സഹോദരന്മാരേ,

വളരെ സന്തോഷത്തോടുകൂടിയാണ് ഞാനിവിടെ നിൽക്കുന്നത്. നാളെ നാം നമ്മുടെ അപ്പസ്തോലനായ മാർ തോമ്മാശ്ലീഹായുടെ ദുക്നാന തിരുനാൾ ആഘോഷിക്കുകയാണ്. അതിന്റെ വിജിൽ മാസ്സാണിത്. ഈ ദുക്നാന തിരുനാളിന്റെ അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങളും ആശംസകളും എല്ലാവർക്കും ഞാൻ സന്തോഷപൂർവ്വം നേരുന്നു. നിങ്ങളുടെ ഈ കന്നനായ സമുദായത്തിന് എല്ലാവിധ ആദ്ധ്യാത്മികവും ദൗതികവുമായ പുരോഗതി ഉണ്ടാകട്ടെയെന്ന് ഞാൻ വിശുദ്ധ തോമ്മാശ്ലീഹായുടെ മാദ്ധ്യസ്ഥം വഴി ദൈവത്തോടു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയാണ്.

വാസ്തവത്തിൽ ചിക്കാഗോയിലെ കന്നനായ സമുദായത്തിന് വളരെയധികം

പുരോഗതി ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്. 1998ൽ ഞാനിവിടെ ദിവ്യബലി അർപ്പിച്ചു. പക്ഷേ അത് ഒരു ദൈവാലയത്തിലായിരുന്നില്ല. ഒരു ഹാളിലായിരുന്നു. ഇന്നു നിങ്ങൾക്കു സ്വന്തമായ നല്ല പരിസരങ്ങളോടുകൂടിയ ഒരു പള്ളി ലഭിച്ചു. അതിനു ഞാൻ ദൈവത്തിനു നന്ദി പറയുന്നു. പത്തു ദിവസം മുൻപ് ഞാൻ ഹുസ്സണിലും പോയിരുന്നു. അവിടെ നിങ്ങളുടെ കന്നനായ അംഗങ്ങളോടൊപ്പം ദിവ്യബലി അർപ്പിച്ചു. ഒരു ഹാളിലായിരുന്നെങ്കിലും പള്ളിയുടെ മാതൃകയിലുള്ള സൗകര്യങ്ങൾ അവിടെയുണ്ട്. അവിടെ രണ്ടു കൂട്ടികളുടെ ദാരുണ മരണം സംഭവിച്ച ഭവനം സന്ദർശിക്കുകയും മാതാപിതാക്കളെ ആശ്വസിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. അവിടെയും 1998ൽ, അന്ന് ഡാളസ് വികാരിയായിരുന്നു, ഫാദർ ജേക്കബ് അങ്ങാടിയാത്തിനോടൊപ്പം ഞാൻ പോയിരുന്നു. അവിടെ നിങ്ങൾക്ക് അന്ന് പള്ളിയില്ലായിരുന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ മനോഹരമായ ഒരു ഹോൾ അവിടെയുണ്ടായി. ഇവയെല്ലാം സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്





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നിങ്ങളുടെ ആഗ്രഹം സാധിച്ചു കിട്ടുമോ എന്നുള്ളത് റോം തീരുമാനിക്കണം. പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവ്, പത്രോസിന്റെ പിൻഗാമി, തീരുമാനിക്കേണ്ട കാര്യമാണ്. കാരണം സഭാപരമായ ദൈവശാസ്ത്രപരമായ കാര്യങ്ങൾ അതിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുന്നു. എനിക്കോ സിനഡിനോ ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ തീരുമാനമെടുക്കുവാൻ കഴിയില്ല. പക്ഷേ എന്നാൽ കഴിയാവുന്നതെല്ലാം ഞാൻ ചെയ്തു. സിനഡിന്റെയും മാർപാപ്പയുടെയും അനുവാദത്തോടുകൂടി കോട്ടയം രൂപതയെ അതിരൂപതയാക്കുവാൻ എനിക്കു സാധിച്ചു. കുന്നശ്ശേരി പിതാവിനെ ആദ്യത്തെ ക്നാനായ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയായി നിയമിക്കുവാനുള്ള ഭാഗ്യം എനിക്കു ലഭിച്ചു.

ദൈവത്തിന്റെ അനുഗ്രഹം കൊണ്ട് നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായം അമേരിക്കയിൽ വളർന്നു വരുന്നുവെന്നുള്ളതാണ്.

അന്നു ഞാൻ ചിക്കാഗോയിൽ പ്രസംഗിച്ചപ്പോൾ ക്നാനായ സമുദായം ലോകത്തിലെ എട്ടാമത്തെ അത്ഭുതമാണെന്നു പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. പത്രങ്ങളിൽ എന്റെ ആ വാർത്ത വരികയുണ്ടായി. അത്ഭുതമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിശേഷിപ്പിച്ചത്, നിങ്ങൾ ഇപ്പോൾ 17 നൂറ്റാണ്ടുകളായിട്ട് ഒരൊറ്റ സമൂഹമാണ്. പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കുകയും ബന്ധപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്ത് ഒന്നായി ഈ ലോകത്തിൽ നിലനിൽക്കുന്നു എന്നതാണ് അത്ഭുതമെന്ന വാക്കുപയോഗിക്കുവാൻ എന്നെ പ്രേരിപ്പിച്ചത്. ഈ സമൂഹത്തിനെ എല്ലാവിധ ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹവും ഉണ്ടാകട്ടെയെന്നു ഞാൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. ഞാൻ നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായംഗമല്ലെങ്കിലും നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായത്തെ ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി സ്നേഹിക്കുന്ന വ്യക്തിയാണ്.

നമ്മുടെ സമുദായത്തോടും ജന്മനാടിനോടുമൊക്കെ സ്നേഹമുണ്ടാകുക സാഭാവികമാണ്. ഒരു പരിധിവരെ അതു പുണ്യവുമാണ്. ദൈവം നമ്മിൽനിന്ന് ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നതുമാണ്. എന്നാൽ അതിരുകവിഞ്ഞു പോകരുതെന്നു മാത്രമേയുള്ളൂ. മറ്റുള്ളവരുമായിട്ടുള്ള സ്നേഹബന്ധത്തിന് അതു വിഘാതമായിട്ടുടാ. ഭാര്യ ഭർത്തു സ്നേഹം, മാതാപിതാക്കളും മക്കളും തമ്മിലുള്ള സ്നേഹം ഇതൊക്കെ ഈ

ലോകത്തിന്റേതാണ്. ഈ ബന്ധങ്ങളും സ്നേഹവുമൊക്കെ കടന്നുപോകുന്നതാണ്. നിത്യമായിട്ടുള്ള ബന്ധങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റിയാണ് നാമെപ്പോഴും ചിന്തിക്കേണ്ടത്. അതിനെപ്പറ്റിയാണ് ഇന്നത്തെ പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹായുടെ ലേഖനത്തിൽ വായിക്കുന്നത്. നാമെല്ലാവരും പരിശുദ്ധാരുപിയാൽ ബന്ധിക്കപ്പെട്ട ഒരു കെട്ടിടമാണ്.

ഏതു സമുദായമായിരുന്നാലും നമ്മുടെ പാരമാർത്ഥികമായ വീക്ഷണത്തിൽ നാം വിശ്വാസികളായിരിക്കുക. വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ വീക്ഷണത്തിൽ നാമെല്ലാവരും ദൈവത്തിന്റെ മക്കളാണ്. ദൈവം നമ്മളോരോരുത്തരെയും സ്വന്തം ഛായയിൽ സൃഷ്ടിച്ചതാണ്. നമ്മളെ സ്നേഹിച്ച കർത്താവിശോഭിശിഹാ കൂരിശിൽ തന്നെത്തന്നെ ബലിയായി സമർപ്പിച്ചു. ദൈവം നമ്മെ ഓരോരുത്തരെയും സ്നേഹിക്കുന്ന കാര്യം നമ്മുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ വെളിച്ചത്തിലേ കാണുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ. എന്നെന്നേക്കും നിലനിൽക്കുന്ന കാര്യങ്ങളേക്കുറിച്ചായിരിക്കണം നമ്മുടെ ചിന്ത. ഈ ലോകത്തിലെ ബന്ധങ്ങളെല്ലാം കടന്നുപോകും. മരണത്തോടെ ഇവയെല്ലാം അവസാനിക്കുന്നു. സ്വർഗ്ഗത്തിൽ വൈദികരെനോ മെത്രാനെനോ മാർപാപ്പയെന്നോ വ്യത്യസ്തമില്ല. എല്ലാവരും ദൈവത്തിന്റെ മക്കളാണ്. സ്ഥാനമനങ്ങളും സ്വന്തവും ഈ ലോകത്തിന്റേതാണ്. നിത്യമായത് സ്വർഗ്ഗമാണ്. ആരാണ് കൂടുതൽ വിശുദ്ധർ അവർ

കൊണ്ട് അവിടെ സ്ഥാനം. ഇതാണ് വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ വെളിച്ചത്തിൽ നാം മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടത്. നിത്യമായ ജീവിതമായിരിക്കണം നമ്മുടെ ലക്ഷ്യം.

നിങ്ങൾക്ക് നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായത്തിൽനിന്ന് ഇവിടെ മെത്രാപിള്ള. വേറെ സമുദായത്തിൽനിന്നുള്ള മെത്രാനാണ് നിങ്ങളുടെ മെത്രാൻ, അങ്ങാടിയാത്തു മെത്രാൻ. 400 വർഷങ്ങൾ തെക്കും ഭാഗരും വടക്കും ഭാഗരും ഉൾപ്പെടുന്ന കേരള കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയെ ഭരിച്ചിരുന്നത് വെള്ളക്കാരായ മെത്രാന്മാരായിരുന്നു. അവരെ നമ്മൾ സ്വീകരിച്ചത് നമ്മുടെ വിശ്വാസം കൊണ്ടാണ്. ദൈവം അയയ്ക്കുന്ന ഇടയൻ, അത് സ്വന്തം സമുദായക്കാരനാണെങ്കിലും അല്ലെങ്കിലും നാം അംഗീകരിക്കണം. സ്വസമുദായക്കാരനാണെങ്കിൽ സന്തോഷിക്കുക. ഇതാണ് വിശ്വാസം നമ്മെ പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. അപ്പസ്തോലന്മാരുടെ പിൻഗാമികളാണ് മെത്രാന്മാർ. കർത്താവിന്റെ ദൗത്യം ജനങ്ങളിലേക്ക് എത്തിക്കുന്നത് മെത്രാൻ വഴിയാണ്.

നിങ്ങളിവിടെ അങ്ങാടിയാത്തു മെത്രാനെ വിളിച്ചു സ്വീകരിച്ചത് അദ്ദേഹം സ്വന്ത സമുദായക്കാരനായതുകൊണ്ടല്ല. നിങ്ങളുടെ വിശ്വാസം കൊണ്ടാണ്. അതിൽ ഞാൻ നിങ്ങളെ അനുമാദിക്കുന്നു.

നിങ്ങളുടെ ആഗ്രഹം സാധിച്ചു കിട്ടുമോ എന്നുള്ളത് റോം തീരുമാനിക്കണം. പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവ്, പത്രോസിന്റെ പിൻഗാമി, തീരുമാനിക്കേണ്ട കാര്യമാണ്. കാരണം സഭാപരമായ ദൈവശാസ്ത്രപരമായ കാര്യങ്ങൾ അതിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുന്നു. എനിക്കോ സിനഡിനോ ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ തീരുമാനമെടുക്കുവാൻ കഴിയില്ല. പക്ഷേ എന്നാൽ കഴിയാവുന്നതെല്ലാം ഞാൻ ചെയ്തു. സിനഡിന്റെയും മാർപാപ്പയുടെയും അനുവാദത്തോടുകൂടി കോട്ടയം രൂപതയെ അതിരൂപതയാക്കുവാൻ എനിക്കു സാധിച്ചു. കുന്നശ്ശേരി പിതാവിനെ ആദ്യത്തെ ക്നാനായ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയായി നിയമിക്കുവാനുള്ള ഭാഗ്യം എനിക്കു ലഭിച്ചു.

ഇനി എന്താണു സംഭവിക്കുക എന്നെ നിക്കറിയില്ല. നിങ്ങളുടെ ആഗ്രഹങ്ങൾ പൂർണ്ണമായിട്ടില്ലെന്നും നിങ്ങൾ തൃപ്തരായിട്ടില്ലെന്നും എനിക്കറിയാം. അതിനാൽ തന്നെ മൂലക്കൊട്ടു പിതാവിന്റെ ആഗ്രഹപ്രകാരം റോമുമായി സംഭാഷണം നടത്തുന്നതിനുള്ള അനുമതി നൽകി. ആ സംഭാഷണം ആരംഭിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. റോമിന്റെ തീരുമാനമെന്തെന്ന് വിശ്വാസത്തോടെ നമുക്കു കാത്തിരിക്കാം. പക്ഷേ നിങ്ങളെല്ലാവരും എന്റെ സ്നേഹത്തിലും പ്രാർത്ഥനയിലും ഉണ്ട് എന്നുള്ള കാര്യം ഞാൻ നിങ്ങളെ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.





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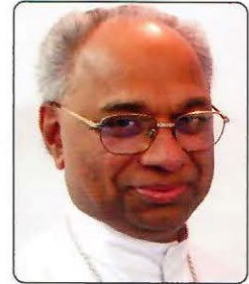


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നമ്മുടെ സഭയുടെ തലവനും കർദ്ദിനാളുമായ വിതയത്തിൽ പിതാവിനോടൊപ്പം ഈ സുദിനം പങ്കുവയ്ക്കുവാൻ സാധ്യമാകുമെന്ന് എനിக்கும் നിങ്ങൾക്കേവർക്കും നന്ദിയും സ്നേഹവും അതിലേറെ സന്തോഷവും നൽകുന്ന ഒരവസരമാണ്. അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാവിന്റെ ഈ സന്ദർശനാവസരത്തിൽ രണ്ടു ദിവസം ചിക്കാഗോയിൽ നമ്മോടൊപ്പം ഉണ്ട്. ഇന്ന് അമേരിക്കയിലെ സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയിലെ ആദ്യത്തെ ക്നാനായ കത്തോലിക്കാ ഇടവക ദൈവാലയത്തിൽ തോമ്മാശ്ലീഹായുടെ ദൂക്രാന തിരുന്നാളിൽ മുഖ്യ കാർമ്മികത്വം വഹിക്കുവാൻ പിതാവിനു സാധിച്ചുവെന്നത് നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയ്ക്കു ലഭിക്കുന്ന വലിയ അനുഗ്രഹമാണ്. അതിനു നമുക്കു ദൈവത്തിനു നന്ദി പറയാം.

ഈ ഇടവകയെക്കുറിച്ചും ഇതിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ചും എനിക്ക് വളരെയധികം അഭിമാനമുണ്ട്. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മുത്തോലച്ചന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തെക്കുറിച്ചും

ഇവിടുത്തെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ചും ഞാൻ പലയിടത്തും, ഫ്ളോറിഡാ കൺവെൻഷനിലും അച്ചന്മാരുടെ ഇടയിലും ഒക്കെ, അഭിമാനത്തോടെ പറയാറുണ്ട്. ഈ ഇടവകയിൽപ്പെട്ട ആരെങ്കിലും ഏതെങ്കിലും മിനിസ്ട്രിയലുൾപ്പെടാത്തതായി ഉണ്ടെന്നെ നിക്കു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഇടവകാംഗം എന്നതിലുപരി ഇടവകയുടെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിൽ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾ മുതൽ പ്രായം ചെന്നവർ വരെ പങ്കാളികളാകുന്നു. എല്ലാവരെയും ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിക്കൊണ്ട് ചിട്ടയായും ഭംഗിയായും ഇടവകയെ നയിച്ചു പോകുന്ന ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മുത്തോലച്ചനെ പ്രശംസിക്കുകയും തുടർന്നും നല്ല രീതിയിൽ ഇടവകയെ നയിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കട്ടെയെന്നു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയുമാണ്. അച്ചന്റേ നിങ്ങൾ നിൽക്കുന്ന നല്ല സഹകരണത്തിനു നന്ദി പറയുന്നു. തുടർന്നും ഈ സഹകരണം നിലനിർത്തണമെന്ന് ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.

ഇവിടെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾ മുതലുള്ളവർ നമ്മുടെ പള്ളിക്ക് സംഭാവന നൽകുന്നതുകാണുന്നതിൽ അതീവ സന്തോഷം തോന്നുന്നു. വീടു കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ നമ്മുടെ അടുത്ത സങ്കേതം നമ്മുടെ പള്ളിയാണ്. മറ്റേതു പള്ളിയിൽ പോയാലും നമ്മുടെ പള്ളിയാകില്ല. അനേക കാലം ഐ.എച്ച്.എം. പള്ളിയിൽ നാം പൊയ്ക്കൊണ്ടിരുന്നു. എങ്കിലും ഇവിടെ വരുന്ന അനുഭവം അവിടെ നിങ്ങൾക്കു ലഭിച്ചിരുന്നോ എന്നു ചിന്തിച്ചു നോക്കുക. ഇതു മാത്രമല്ല, ഇതുപോലുള്ള സൗകര്യങ്ങളും ഇടവകകളും നമ്മുടെ സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയുടെ കീഴിൽ മറ്റു സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലും ഉണ്ടാകണം. അതിനായി നമ്മൾ ഒത്തൊരുമിച്ചു പരിശ്രമിക്കണം.

രുപതയോടു സഹകരിച്ച് കൂട്ടായ്മയോടുകൂടി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുവഴേ ദൈവം നമ്മോടു കൂടെയായിരിക്കുന്നവനാണ് എന്ന ബോധ്യം നമുക്കുണ്ടാകൂ. അതിന്റെ ഏറ്റവും വലിയ അനുഭവം, സാക്ഷ്യം നാം തന്നെയാണ്.



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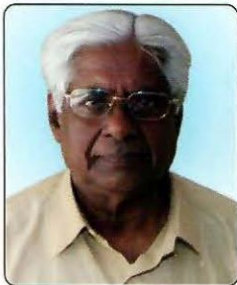
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ഇവിടെ കുടിയേറിയവർ കോട്ടയത്തു നിന്നും വൈദികരെ വരുത്തി നമ്മുടെ തന്നെ റീത്തിൽ തിരുക്കർമ്മങ്ങൾ നടത്തുവാൻ താല്പര്യം കാണിച്ചു. കൂടാതെ 1993ൽ കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി സെന്റർ വാങ്ങിക്കുകയും സമീപത്തുള്ള ഐ.എച്ച്.എം. പള്ളിയിൽ തിരുക്കർമ്മങ്ങൾ നടത്തുകയും ചെയ്തുപോന്നു. പള്ളിയേക്കാളുപരി സംഘടനയ്ക്കു നാം പ്രാധാന്യം നൽകി പോന്നിരുന്നതിനാൽ നമ്മുടെ വൈദികരോ അതായതോ സ്വന്തമായ പള്ളിയ്ക്കുവേണ്ടി അടുത്തകാലം വരെ താല്പര്യമെടുത്തില്ല. അതിൽ മാറ്റം വരുത്തുവാൻ നേതൃത്വം നൽകിയത് നമ്മുടെ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ വികാരി റവ. ഫാ. ഏബ്രഹാം മുത്തോലത്താണ്.

നമ്മുടെ പൂർവ്വികർ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിൽനിന്നു കടുത്തുരുത്തിയിലും കോട്ടയത്തും കല്ലിശ്ശേരിയിലും തുടങ്ങി കുടിയേറിയ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലെല്ലാം ആദ്യം ചെയ്തത് പള്ളി പണിത് സമുദായംഗങ്ങൾ ഒന്നു ചേർന്ന് ദൈവത്തെ, ആരാധിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു. തൽഫലമായി നമ്മുടെ സമുദായത്തിന് കേരളത്തിലുണ്ടായ നേട്ടങ്ങൾ അനവധിയാണല്ലോ. കോളേജുകൾ, പ്ലസ് ടു വിദ്യാലയങ്ങൾ, സ്കൂളുകൾ, ആശുപത്രികൾ, തൊഴിൽ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ, സന്യാസ സമൂഹങ്ങൾ, സാമൂഹ്യ ക്ഷേമ പദ്ധതികൾ എന്നിങ്ങനെ ഏറെ കാര്യങ്ങൾ സഭാ സംവിധാനത്തിലൂടെ നാം നേടി.

ചിക്കാഗോയിലെ ക്നാനായ സമുദായത്തിന്റെ അജപാലന വളർച്ചയിൽ പുതിയൊരു പന്ഥാവു വെട്ടിത്തുറക്കുവാൻ 2004ൽ ക്നാനായ കാത്തലിക് മിഷന്റെ ഡയറക്ടറായി ചുമതലയേറ്റ ബഹു. മുത്തോലത്തച്ചൻ കഴിഞ്ഞു. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ത്യാഗോജ്ജ്വല സേവനത്തിന്റെ ഫലമായി 2006 സെപ്തംബർ ഒന്നു മുതൽ ഈ പ്രവാസി നാട്ടിൽ നമുക്കു സ്വന്തമായൊരു ദൈവാലയം നിലവിൽ വന്നു. വികാരിയച്ചനും പാരീഷ് കൗൺസിൽ അംഗങ്ങളും ചേർന്ന് സെപ്തംബർ മൂന്നിന് 72 തിരിയുള്ള നിലവിളക്കു കത്തിച്ച് പ്രാർത്ഥനാത്തരീക്ഷത്തിൽ ലളിതമായി ഇടവകയുടെ ഉദ്ഘാടനം നിർവ്വഹിച്ചു. സെപ്തംബർ 24ന് രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ ജേക്കബ് അങ്ങാടിയാത്തു പിതാവ് നമ്മുടെ മിഷനെ പ്രവാസി ക്നാനായക്കാരുടെ പ്രഥമ ഇടവകയായി ഉയർത്തി.

കഴിഞ്ഞ ഒരു വർഷമായി ഈ ഇടവകയ്ക്കും ഇതിനോടു സഹകരിക്കുന്നവർക്കും അത്ഭുതകരമായ നേട്ടങ്ങളാണ് ഉണ്ടായിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്. മുഴുവൻ വിലയും റൊക്കമായി നൽകി പള്ളിയും സ്കൂളും ഇരിക്കുന്ന ബ്ലോക്കു നിശ്ചിത സമയത്തു തന്നെ വാങ്ങുവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞു. ആറു മാസത്തിനകം പള്ളിയോടു ചേർന്ന മറ്റൊരു സ്ഥലവും കെട്ടിടവും പള്ളിമേടയ്ക്കും ഓഫീസിനുമായി മുഴുവൻ തുകയും കൊടുത്തു വാങ്ങുവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞു. ക്യൂൻ ഓഫ് ഹെവൻ സെമിത്തേരിയിൽ 1460 പേരെ സംസ്കരിക്കുവാൻ ക്നാനായ കത്തോലി

ക്കർക്കു മാത്രമായി ഒരു പ്രദേശം വേർതിരിച്ചുകിട്ടി. നമ്മുടെ ഇടവക ഇൻഡ്യയിലെ മിയാവു രൂപതയെ സ്പോൺസർ ചെയ്യുകയും നമ്മളും നമ്മുടെ വികാരി ബഹു. മുത്തോലത്തച്ചനും സംഭാവന നൽകി രണ്ടു പള്ളികൾ മിയാവു രൂപതയിൽ നിർമ്മിച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. അടുത്ത ജനുവരിയിൽ അവരുടെ കൂദാശ കർമ്മം നടക്കുമെന്നിയു ന്നു. നമ്മുടെ പള്ളിയോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് വിപുലമായ സൗകര്യങ്ങളുള്ള യൂത്ത് സെന്റർ നിർമ്മിക്കുവാനിരിക്കുന്നു. അതിനുള്ള അടിസ്ഥാന ശില അത്ഭുതകര കർദ്ദിനാളും സീറോ മലബാർ സഭാതലവനുമായ മാർ വർക്കി വിതയത്തിൽ തിരുമേനി നിർവ്വഹിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. സർവ്വോപരി ഈ ഇടവക വഴി നമ്മുടെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾക്കും യുവതിയുവാക്കൾക്കും മറ്റെല്ലാവർക്കും എന്തെന്നില്ലാത്ത അത്മീയ ഉണർവും മാനസിക സന്തോഷവും സംജാതമായിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇവയെല്ലാം ദൈവത്തിന്റെ അത്ഭുതമല്ലാതെ മറ്റൊരാളാണ്?

ഈ ഉയർച്ചയ്ക്കെല്ലാം കാരണം സെക്രഡ് ഹാർട്ട് ക്നാനായ ഇടവകയുടെ ഉത്ഭവവും ഈ പള്ളിയുടെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ രൂപീകൃതമായ വിവിധ സംഘടനകളും പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങളുമാണ്. പള്ളിയുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനാ ഗ്രൂപ്പും, സെന്റ് വിൻസന്റ് ഡിപോൾ സൊസൈറ്റിയും, ലീജിയൺ ഓഫ് മേരിയും, കുട്ടികളുടെ ആരാധനയും, ദിവ്യബലിയ്ക്കു ശേഷം ദൈവാലയത്തിനും യൂത്ത് സെന്ററിനും വേണ്ടിയുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥനയുമെല്ലാം ഏറെ ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹം വർഷിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള മാർഗ്ഗങ്ങളായി ഭവിക്കുന്നു.

നമ്മുടെ ആളുകൾ കുടിയേറിയ അമേരിക്കയിലുള്ള മറ്റു പ്രധാന നഗരങ്ങളിലെല്ലാം ക്നാനായ പള്ളികളും ഇടവകകളും ഉണ്ടായി നമ്മുടെ സമുദായം അത്മീയമായി അഭിവൃദ്ധി പ്രാപിക്കുവാൻ നമുക്കു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും അതിനായി അവരെ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യാം. കേരളത്തിലെ കോട്ടയം അതിരൂപതക്കാർ ഇവിടെ ക്നാനായ രൂപതക്കാരായി മാറുവാൻ ദൈവം ഇടയാക്കട്ടെ എന്നും നമുക്കു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാം.



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# History of St. James Church

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## St. James Church

On June 4, 1908, Archbishop James E. Quigley appointed Rev. James E. O'Shea to organize a parish "in the town of Maywood, west of the DesPlaines River and Oak Park and south and east of Melrose Park." The new parish encompassed all of Maywood, a village located 11 miles west of Chicago's downtown business district.

Following his ordination in Ireland in 1893, Father O'Shea came to Chicago where he served for the next 13 years as an assistant at St. Anne (now St. Charles Lwanga) Church. Prior to his appointment in Maywood, he had been pastor of Holy Cross Church in Batavia, IL. (now in the Joliet diocese). Father O'Shea celebrated Mass in Maywood for the

first time on June 21, 1908 in Meyer's hall.

Property has been secured for a church, school, convent and parochial residence. A house has been rented at 212 S. 6th ave. for the pastor until a rectory will be built.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1908, ground at 301 S. 7th ave. was broken for a four story combination building. Mass in the new quarters was celebrated for the first time on Mar. 28, 1909 and St. James Church was dedicated on May 16, 1909 by Archbishop Quigley. It is said that the combination building satisfied the requirements of parish life so well that six new parishes in the Archdiocese used St. James Church and school structure as a model.

The Dominican Sisters from

Adrian, Mich. opened the parish school in September 1909 with an enrollment of 60 pupils. St. James was the first of many schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago to be staffed by members of this religious order.

In 1910 8003 persons lived in Maywood and the Catholic population then numbered 218 families. An advertisement in the Maywood Herald in 1911 contained the information that

A commercial course, embracing book keeping, typewriting, stenography, arithmetic, grammar, commercial law, English punctuation, spelling and penmanship is taught at St. James School. All Catholic and non-Catholic pupils must have completed the eighth grade to take the course. Music pupils receive



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special attention. St. James Hall for rent to the public.

On Apr. 10, 1925, the Peters' home at 307 S. 7th ave. was bought and remodelled as a convent for the Adrian Dominicans who staffed St. James school. The population of Maywood boomed during the 1920s, increasing from 12,072 to 25,829 between 1920 and 1930. The Catholic community was growing so rapidly that George Cardinal Mundelein authorized the formation of St. Eulalia parish in 1927 to serve families living in south Maywood and the adjoining village of Broadview. In 1930, St. Simeon parish was established in Bellwood, a suburb directly east of Maywood.

Like other parishes in the western suburbs, St. James experienced steady growth as Catholic families moved from the

city to the suburbs following World War II. Between 1940 and 1950, parish membership increased dramatically, from 350 to 1,142 families.

On Feb. 2, 1948, Rev. Charles L. Wallace, an assistant at St. James parish since 1945, was named administrator. Following Father O'shea's death on Dec. 2, 1951 at the age of 81, Father Wallace was named pastor in February 1952.

At the time of the golden jubilee of St. James parish, which was celebrated on June 1, 1958, 344 children were enrolled in the school under the direction of six Adrian Dominicans and two lay teachers.

On June 21, 1963, a small group of active parishioners met to discuss the possibility of a new church and school. John Aldworth was delegated to contact the

Archdiocesan Chancery Office for advice and guidance. One week later he reported back to the group of laymen. Three members of the group subsequently met with Father Wallace to offer their cooperation and services in setting up a building program.

To assess the feelings of parishioners, a census was taken under the direction of associate pastor Rev. John M. Lane, George Cassady, and Felix Ciechanowski. A majority of St. James parishioners favored the plan and Father Wallace then began to attend meetings at the Chancery Office to obtain the necessary information and permission to build. The pastor's health began to fail and he was forced to be in the hospital on several occasions. Early in 1965, he decided to retire from parish life. Named pastor emeritus in February 1965, he





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accepted a post as chaplain at Mercy Hospital. Father Wallace died on June 13, 1970 at the age of 67.

Rev. William J. Buhrfeind, a former assistant at St. Francis Xavier Church in Wilmette, IL., was named pastor on Feb. 8, 1965. Following a successful pledge campaign, Archbishop John P. Code granted permission for construction to begin on a new church and school. Architectural firms submitted proposed sketches and a committee of parishoners selected the firm of Kiefer & Pilolla to design the new St. James Church and school.

On Oct. 23, 1966, ground at the southwest corner of 6th ave. and Maple St. was broken for the new church and school which would replace the combination building erected in 1908. The church was designed in such a way that it invites total participation at Mass. Four rows of pews fan out from the sanctuary, giving worshippers an unobstructed view of the sanctuary; the seating capacity is 600 persons. The school at 611 Maple St. is connected to the church by a foyer; it contains eight classrooms, a library, and an office.

Cardinal Cody dedicated St. James Church on May 12, 1968. The New World noted that presently, this integrated parish serves 650 families. The school, staffed by the Adrian (Mich.) Dominicans, has 280 pupils. The one-level building is constructed of red matched brick and follows a modern style.

In January 1971, Father Buhrfeind was named pastor of St. Raymond de Penafort Church in Mount Prospect, Ill. From 1971 to 1973, Rev. James T. O'Connor

and Rev. A. Paul Reicher served as co-pastors of St. James Church. On Sept. 19, 1973, Father O'Connor was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Loretto Church in Hometown, Ill., and Father Reicher was named administrator of St. James parish.

In 1972, the original parish church and school building was demolished. In the early 1970s, the Women's Club of St. James parish established a "Happy Hours Club" for senior citizens in cooperation with Catholic Charities of Chicago. A Social Care Program organized with the help of Catholic Charities in June 1973 reaches hundreds of Maywood residents, many of whom are not parishioners.

In 1976, the Archdiocese gave the parish \$5, 132 to cover half the cost of a new school roof. In a letter to Cardinal Cody, the business commission of the parish expressed its gratitude for this assistance as well as for indirect subsidies granted to the parish each year. The letter read, in pertinent part the St. James Parish community is rather unique in the metropolitan area of Chicago, comprising a racial and cultural blend of black, white and Spanish speaking persons. The fact that the Archdiocese has made an investment in our parish is a sign to us that the Archdiocese is seriously trying to promote the continuation and development of one of the few really integrated or racially and culturally mixed parishes in the Archdiocese. The spirit of cooperation and respect among our parishioners is a real sign of hope for persons who believe that all truly can live in peace and harmony with one another.

A multi-racial and cultural par-

ish, St. James serves approximately 500 families who live in that part of Maywood which is bounded by the village limits on the north; Madison St. on the south; the east side of 22nd ave. on the west; and the Des Plaines River on the east. The parish membership is approximately 55% white, 35% black, and 10% Spanish. The black population of Maywood increased from about 3% in 1930 to 19% in 1960. The number of black families belonging to the parish grew steadily during the 1960s. The parish's Spanish population, which is mainly Mexican-American, did not begin to increase until the early 1970s. While the parish has committees on Liturgy, Social Action, Parish Life, Education, and Business, they do not operate in the same way as a traditional Parish Council. In St. James parish, individual committees are responsible for a certain area of parish life and have the responsibility and authority to develop and implement programs in that particular area. Active parish groups include the School Board, Women's Society, CCD, Teen Club, Prayer Group, Senior Citizens Club, and Social Care Program.

St. James parish has extensive involvement in the Maywood community and holds membership in the local Chamber of Commerce. The school building is open to many non-parish groups. The parish also cooperates with Triton College in nearby River Grove, IL. for educational programs, especially English classes and the GED program.



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GEORGE THOTTAPURAM

# Chronology of Events in The Knanaya Catholic Parish in Chicago

### 1980 December 13

Twenty one members of the Kottayam diocese living in Chicago and surrounding areas gathered and decided to request to the Bishop of Kottayam for a priest from Kottayam diocese to serve the community here. The assembly delegated Chacko Poovathumkal, George Kappadakunnel (Convener), and Rajan Kalladanthil to draft the petition to the Bishop of Kottayam.

### 1980 December 20

A meeting of Knanaya Catholics in Chicago approved the draft petition and compiled the list of Knanaya Catholics in the area. Four groups were formed for a petition drive for the appeal to the Diocese of Kottayam.

### 1981 January 17

The petition collected by the four teams was compiled. Two hundred and five people signed the petition in 36 sheets. The meeting delegated the committee to submit the petition.

The following is the copy of petition submitted by each family to Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry, Bishop of Kottayam dated January 17, 1981:

"We the undersigned faithful of the Diocese of Kottayam wish to submit this petition for your kind consideration. We have a substantial number

of Knanaya catholic families residing in the Metropolitan Chicago and its suburban areas who feel an increasing need for the pastoral guidance by a Knanaya Catholic priest to preserve and continue our heritage and traditions among the Knanaytes here. His services will be of help to meet the spiritual and social needs of our people. We recollect that these needs have been brought to the attention of Your Excellency on a few previous occasions. We have also become aware of the inability of some of our older people here to receive and fully participate in the Holy Sacraments due to language barriers. Therefore we hereby request that a priest of our Diocese be sent to Chicago to help meet these pastoral needs of our people here."

Each petition was signed with full names of family members, their telephone number, mailing address in the USA and in India along with name of the parish in India.

The following was the forwarding letter of the petitions:

"From: The Committee for Petition Forwarding

Members: Chacko K. Poovathumkal, Rajan Kallidanthil, George Kappndakunnel, Cyriac Kottoor, Chacko Padavil.

The following is a brief summary

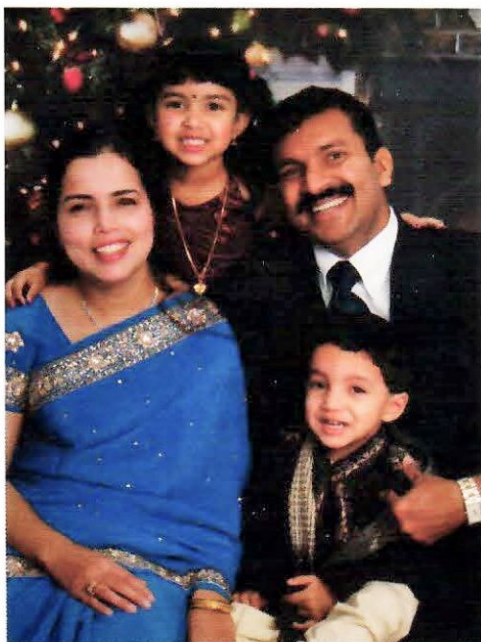
of the events that led to the filing of the enclosed petition. On December 13, 1980 twenty one members of the Kottayam Diocese who currently live in Chicago and the surrounding areas gathered together to discuss the highly needed pastoral guidance for our people here. During the gathering itself, we began the collection of a list of the members of our Diocese that now live in the area. The assembly delegated Chacko Poovathinkal, George Kappadakunnel and Rajan Kalladanthil to draft a petition to the Bishop of Kottayam requesting a priest to be assigned to this area.

On December 20, 1980 we got together again. The drafted petition was presented to the assembly for review. It was unanimously approved, both content and format. A tentative list of the Catholic Knanaytes in the area was compiled during this meeting. Four teams were formed from among the people present for the petition drive that was agreed upon by the first assembly.

We met again on January 17, 1981. The following people were present:

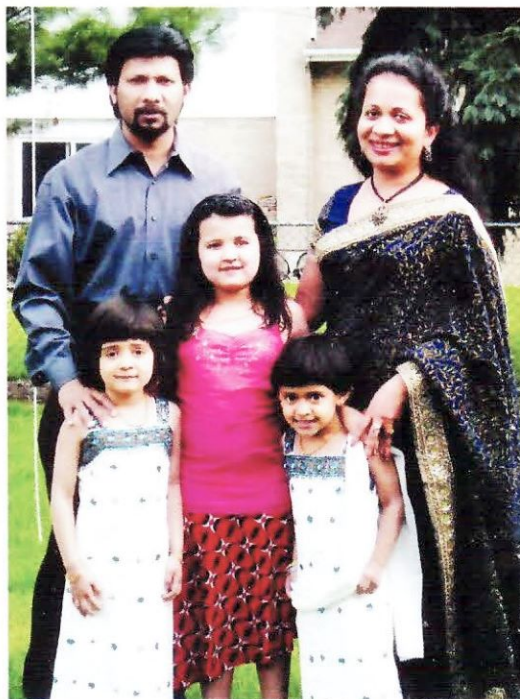
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Moly Pokkamthanam  
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George Kappadakunnel  
Joy Choottuvellil  
Chacko Padavil  
Cyriac Kottoor  
Elamma Kappadakunnel  
Vimala Thachett  
Naithy Illikkattil

The petition collected by the four teams was compiled. Two hundred and five names were counted in the petition and a total of thirty six pages were accounted for in the whole compilation. Immediately the meeting moved to appoint the committee for petition filing.

It was reported that all the people who signed the petition responded to the endeavor with great enthusiasm. The assembly discussed the views expressed by them and formulated a few suggestions. One suggestion is that it might be good to consider sending one of our priests to Chicago for higher studies who could also meet our spiritual needs. We also feel that one of our priests who is already in the United States could be considered for the position. Perhaps, consideration should also be given to sending some of our older priests, in turn on extended vacations. Considering the difficulties that may be involved, we

feel that a priest with organising abilities, maturity and dependability will have the best chance in giving the project a good start. It could be possible that the priest placed here might be able to extend his services to our people in other parts of this country too. We are wondering if it might be possible to ask the Archbishop of Chicago or the Bishop of Joliet to provide temporary residence for one of our priests placed here.

If one of our priests from home is to come here fresh, it would be best for him to reach Chicago during spring or at least by the early part of summer for easier adaptation to the change of seasons here."

### 1981 March 18

Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry wrote to His Eminence John Cardinal Cody, Archbishop of Chicago asking his help to make provisions for appointing a priest for the Knanaya Catholic Ministry in Chicago.

### 1981 April 2

Letter from the Very Rev. John R. Keating, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago to Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry asking for the name of the priest to be sent to Chicago.

### 1981 May 9

Letter from Bishop Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry proposing the name of Fr. Jacob Chollampal and requesting to appoint him as part-time associate pastor in a parish of the Archdiocese.

### 1982 February 16

Letter from the Chancellor Rev. John R. Keating that "it is our judgment that the creation of such a special ministry would not be appropriate at the present time."

### 1982 (Date unknown)

Get together of the Knanaya Catholics in Chicago on fortnight on Saturdays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass at the parish hall of St. Alphonsus Church. Whenever a Syro-Malabar priest is available Holy Mass was arranged in the basement chapel of St. Alphonsus Church.

### 1982 November 3

Bishop Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry's letter to the then new Archbishop of Chicago Most Rev. Joseph L. Bernardin to reconsider the request for starting the new ministry.

### 1983 September 7

Rev. Richard J. Feller, the pastor of Church of St. Ita wrote to the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago expressing his willingness to provide residence for Fr. Jacob Chollampal in his parish.

### 1983 September 27

Rev. John C. Hergenrother, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago held a meeting with two representatives each from four associations: (1) Kerala Catholic Fellowship, (2) Knanaya Association of North America, (3) Knanaya Catholic Congress, and (4) Knanaya Association of Chicago. Agreement was reached to avail the service of Fr. Jacob Chollampal to serve all Kerala Catholics in Chicago.

### 1983 October 7

Rev. John C. Hergenrother, the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago wrote to Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry welcoming the service of Fr. Jacob Chollampal.

### 1983 October 28

Fr. Jacob Chollampal reached Chicago and started his special ministry to the Kerala Catholics while living in Church of St. Ita.

### 1984 October

Non-Knanaya Catholics and Syro-Malabarians started writing to Kerala Catholic Bishop's Conference and Syro-Malabar Bishop's Conference asking for separate ministry for Non-Knanaya Catholics in Chicago.

### 1984 December 3 and 4

The Syro-Malabar Bishop's Conference authorized His Excellency Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil to correspond with the Archbishop of Chicago "to get a priest for the Syro-Malabar Rite appointed for the special minis-



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try to the non-Knanaya Syro-Malabarians in Chicago in addition to Rev. Fr. Jacob Chollampel who is already appointed for the ministry to the Knanaya Community."

### 1985 April 15

Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry wrote to Joseph Cardinal Bernardin proposing to send Rev. Fr. Cyriac Manthuruthil to continue the special ministry of Knanaya Catholics in Chicago in the place of Rev. Fr. Jacob Chollampel who is asked to return to Kottayam.

### 1985 August 31

Rev. Robert L. Kealy, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago wrote to Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry that clarification is to be made on membership issue of Knanaya Ministry before Fr. Cyriac Manthuruthy could come and take over the ministry.

### 1985 September - December

Fr. Jacob Chollampel returned to India and the community kept waiting for the arrival of Fr. Cyriac Manthuruthil.

### 1985 December 3

Fr. Anthony Kurialacherry, Spiritual Director of Syro-Malabar Catholic Community of Chicago has agreed at the request of the Knanaya Community members to continue with the Syro-Malabar Mass at St. Benedict's Church, Chicago on every Saturday evening. Fr. C.T. Vayalil from the Archdiocese of Changanacherry who serves as a chaplain in a hospital in Chicago also agreed to help with the ministry.

### 1987 January 23

Letter from Rev. Robert L. Kealy assigns Fr. Zacharias Elapunkal, the director of the Syro-Malabar Ministry to coordinate the services of all the Syro-Malabar priests who might celebrate the liturgy for the Knanaya Syro-Malabar Ministry.

### 1987 December 7

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin wrote to Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry expressing his willingness to accept the

service of Fr. Cyriac Manthuruthil for the Knanaya Syro-Malabar Ministry in Chicago.

### 1988 May 24

Fr. Cyriac Manthuruthil left India to Chicago to serve the Knanaya Syro-Malabar Ministry.

### 1988 May 31

Archdiocese of Chicago appointed Fr. Cyriac Manthuruthil as director of Knanaya Catholic Mission while residing as St. Ferdinand's Church in Chicago.

### 1988 July 23

Inauguration of a new "Knanaya Catholic Mission" at St. Henry's at 6:30 P.M. Mass is offered at St. Henry's Church every other Saturday night at 6:30 P.M. Chancellor Rev. Robert L. Kealy delivered a message during the mass.

### 1989 April 15

Final liturgy of the Knanaya Catholic Mission at St. Henry's Church and the beginning of the liturgy at IHM Church.

### 1991 October 26

Agreement signed for the use of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church by Rev. Fr. Norbert Zawistanowicz, pastor of IHM Church and Rev. Fr. Cyriac Manthuruthil, Knanaya Mission Director.

### 1995 August 16

Archdiocese of Chicago appointed Fr. Simon Edathiparambil as the director of Knanaya Catholic Mission replacing Fr. Cyriac Manthuruthil. The residence of Fr. Edathiparambil is at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

### 1995 December 30

Agreement renewed between Rev. James F. Blazek, pastor of IHM church and Mission Director Rev. Fr. Simon Edathiparambil for the use of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for the Knanaya Community.

### 1999 June 25

Archdiocese of Chicago appointed Fr. Philip Thodukayil as the director

of Knanaya Catholic Mission with his residence at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

### 2000 February 5

Fr. Philip Thodukayil started Saturday evening mass at 6:00 P.M. on every first Saturdays of the month at St. Isidore's Church in Bloomingdale.

### 2001 January 14

Fr. Philip Thodukayil started Sunday morning mass at 10:00 A.M. at KCS Community Center followed by Religious Education Classes at the center.

### 2001 July 1

Inauguration of St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago and consecration of its bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath at Hyatt Hotel in Chicago.

### 2002 February 16

Fr. Philip Thodukayil started Saturday evening mass at 6:00 P.M. on every third Saturdays of the month at our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Darien.

### 2003 October 29

Mar Jacob Angadiath officially recognized the Knanaya Catholic Mission of Chicago, along with nine other Knanaya Catholic Missions in the USA as a mission of the St. Thomas Diocese of Chicago. He also confirmed the appointment of Rev. Fr. Philip Thodukayil as the director of this mission. According to Mar Jacob Angadiath, "The Knanaya Catholic Mission of Chicago will consist of all the Knanaya Catholics living in the states of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin."

### 2004 July 1

Mar Jacob Angadiath relieved Rev. Fr. Philip Thodukayil from his service as director of Knanaya Catholic Mission of Chicago and appointed Fr. Abraham Mutholath, the vicar general, also as the director of the mission.

### 2004 July 1

Fr. Abraham Mutholath selected



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Mathachan Chemmachel, John Elackatt, Johny Thekkeparambil, Kurian Nellamattam, and Anil Edukkuthara as the "trustees" and George Thottappuram as secretary and PRO of the mission.

### 2004 August 7

Last Mass at St. Isidore's Church in Bloomingdale.

### 2004 August 8

First Solemn Feast Celebration of the mission at IHM Church in honor of Pope St. Pius X. Bishop Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry sent a particle of the skull cap worn by St. Pius X and personally gifted to Bishop Mar Mathew Makil as relics. Bishop Mar Mathew Moolakkatt was the main celebrant. Peter and Salykutty Kulanagan were the sponsors (prasudenties).

### 2004 August 21

Last Mass at our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Darien.

### 2004 September 4

Mass started at St. Peter's Church in North Lake on every Saturday at 5:00 P.M. followed by novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

### 2004 September 11

Starting of Religious Education School at North Lake. Classes are held from 3:45 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. every Saturday.

### 2004 September 12

Starting of Religious Education School at IHM School. Classes are held from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. every Sunday.

### 2004 December 3 - 5

First Pre-marriage Course offered by Knanaya Catholic Mission.

### 2005 March 5

First Religious Education Festival at Thaft High School.

### 2005 May 12 - 15

Feast of St. Michael sponsored by parishioners from Neendoor residing in Chicago area. Co-adjutor Bishop of the Archeparchy of Kottayam Mar

Mathew Moolakkatt was the main celebrant.

### 2005 May 22

His Excellency Mar Mathew Moolakkatt requested the Knanaya Catholics in Chicago to establish our own church during his homily at IHM Church. The planning to have our own church started with this.

### 2005 May 31

Agreement signed by Rev. Thomas H. Cargo, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Addison and Mission Director Rev. Abraham Mutholath for the use of St. Joseph School for Religious Education and hall for Mass on Saturdays with effect from June 18, 2005.

### 2005 June 18

Mass for Chicago Suburb is moved from St. Peter's Church in North Lake to the hall of St. Joseph's Church in Addison. Fr. Abraham Mutholath celebrated the first mass here for the mission.

### 2005 July 1

Saji Pootrhukeyil, Sunny Thekkepparambil, James Manjankal, and Baby Karikkal took charge as kaikkararans (trustees) of the mission.

### 2005 August 18 - 21

Solemn Feast Celebration of St. Stephen sponsored by Mathew and Alphonsa Poothura and family at Community Center, Thaft High School, and IHM Church.

### 2005 September 23

Mission started beginning of two-year Theology Course for lay people to learn more on the Church, Bible, and Spirituality. This helped for church awareness and development of dedicated volunteers.

### 2005 September 24

First Sal Solo Devotional Music Program for Knanaya youngsters held at OLV gymnasium.

### 2005 October 2

Started publishing Sunday Bulletin for the mission in the website and printed copies in the churches during weekend Masses.

### 2005 December 4

Celebrated the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of our Mission Director Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath at OLV Church. Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath was the chief guest.

### 2006 February 11

Starting of Legion of Mary unit in the mission.

### 2006 March 4

Religious Education Festival at Thaft High School. First presentation of Knanaya Kudiyetta Ballet with original songs published by the mission.

### 2006 March 18

Beginning of Senior Citizen's Ministry in the mission.

### 2006 April 18

First Meeting of Better Family Movement of the Knanaya Catholic Mission.

### 2006 April 28

Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath established seven regions in St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Diocese of Chicago. One of these regions is for all Knanaya Catholics in the diocese. "The formal Knanaya Catholic missions and the faithful of the Knanaya community living in other places where no formal missions are established will make one region." Vicar General Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath is appointed as the director of this region.

### 2006 April 30

Mar Jacob Angadiath officially declared the establishment of Knanaya Catholic Region at OLV Church Chicago and appointed Vicar General Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath as Region Director.

### 2006 May 25 - 28

First Solemn feast celebration of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at Community Center, OLV Church, Thaft High School Auditorium, and St. Joseph's Church Addison. Archbishop Emeritus Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry and Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath were main celebrants.

### 2006 May 25





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Mar Jacob Angadiath announced that the patron saint of the proposed new church would be the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the name of the parish would be "Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish."

### 2006 June 24

Fr. Abraham Mutholath revealed the location of the church to be bought during the Music Concert by Rev. Fr. Paul Poovathumkal at Thaft High School Auditorium.

### 2006 July 1

Matchan Chemmachel took charge as program coordinator and Roy Kannothena, Joy Nediakalayil, Jose Pinarkayil, and Alex Kannachamparambil took charge as trustees (Kaikkarans) of the mission.

### 2006 July 9

Started full pages multicolor printing of the Parish Bulletin.

### 2006 July 15

Originally planned date of inaugurating former St. James Church in Maywood as Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church for Knanaya Catholics in Chicago. Instead, a concelebrated Mass was offered at Addison School Hall by Archbishop Mar Kuriakose Kunnachererry, Archbishop Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, and Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath.

### 2006 July 16

Originally planned Parish Inauguration Banquet at Crown Jewel Banquet Hall in Des Plaines. During this banquet, Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath announced his decision to purchase St. James Church in Maywood for Knanaya Catholic Mission. The decision to purchase the church was suspended because of the objection from many members of the community. At the request of the bishop, more than 400 families signed in favor of purchasing the church.

### 2006 September 1, Friday

First Mass at St. James Church in Maywood for Knanaya Catholic Mission at 7:00 P.M..

### 2006 September 2, Saturday

First administration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation, and Holy Communion) at St. James Church in May for Knanaya Catholic Mission.

### 2006 September 3, Sunday

Inauguration of Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church in Maywood at 10:00 A.M. by Vicar General Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath and parish council members.

### 2006 September 14 – 16

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by 51 parishioners to ask for the intercession of Our Blessed Mother for our church and to purchase statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe from there and get it blessed in the Basilica.

### 2006 September 22

Purchase of Church property from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

### 2006 September 24

Blessing of new interior architectural work of Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church and declaration of Knanaya Catholic Mission as Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish and appointment of Mission Director Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath as pastor or vicar of the parish by His Excellency Mar Jacob Angadiath. Installation of the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Church by Mar Jacob Angadiath. His Excellency Bishop Thomas Paprocki inaugurated the meeting and City Mayor of Maywood was another chief guest.

### 2006 October 1

Starting or prayer group in our parish. The group meets every Sunday after Holy Mass.

### 2006 October 20

Starting Holy Mass on Friday evenings at 7:00 and Saturday mornings at 10:00. Adoration is held on every First Friday's of the month after Holy Mass. Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is held every Saturday after the Holy Mass.

### 2006 October 29

Inauguration of Religious Stall of the parish by Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath.

### 2006 November 10

Starting of novena to St. Michael once month in our church.

### 2006 December 8

First Feast celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe in our parish church.

### 2006 December 25

Vicar Fr. Abraham Mutholath sent a circular announcing the formation of St. Mary's Unit for those Knanaya Catholics who attend OLV church for their pastoral needs with effect from January 1, 2007.

### 2006 December 26 – 29

First Youth Retreat of the Parish at Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford. It was an "amazing experience" for the participants and they began to involve actively in the parish.

### 2007 January 14

Starting of separate English Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite for youngsters at Maywood Church.

### 2007 March 10

Combined Religious Education Festival of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Religious Education Schools at Thaft High School auditorium. Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath was the chief guest.

### 2007 April 22

First Meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish.

### 2007 April 27

Fundraising drama "Velicham Tharatha Deepangal" organized by Women Ministry for the building fund of Youth Center.

### 2007 April 29

First Meeting of Senior Citizens' Ministry at Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church.

First Holy Communion and Chrismation of St. Mary's Unit at St. John's Church in Niles.





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### 2007 May 6

First Holy Communion and Chrismation of Sacred Heart Religious Education Schools at the parish church.

### 2007 May 31

Purchase of Rectory from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

### 2007 June 1

Dedication of Knanaya Catholic Parish Cemetery at Queen of Heaven Cemetery by Bishops Mar Jacob Angadiath, Bishop of Miao Mar George Pallippambil, and Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Paprocki, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

### 2007 June 1 – 3

Solemn Feast Celebration of Little Flower at our parish church in Maywood sponsored by Nediakalayil family. Bishops Mar Jacob Angadiath and Bishop of Miao Mar George Pallippambil were main celebrants.

### 2007 June 3

Our parish became the sponsor of the Catholic Diocese of Miao in the state of Arunachal Pradesh in India. The pastor Fr. Abraham Mutholath handed over two checks of 10,001 each for the construction of Sacred Heart Church and Sts. Peter and Paul Church in the Diocese of Miao to Mar George Pallippambil. The fund for Sacred Heart Church was raised from a second collection today and the fund for Sts. Peter and Paul Church is personal contribution of our Vicar Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath.

### 2007 June 6

The first burial in the Knanaya Catholic Cemetery. Mr. Lukose Koduvathara who died on June 2<sup>nd</sup> was buried here today.

### 2007 June 7

The first funeral service in our parish church. Mr. Abraham Pinarkayil who died on June 4<sup>th</sup> had his funeral service in this church and was buried in Mary Hill Cemetery.

### 2007 July 1

Kannachampambil Alex took

charge as program coordinator and Aikkarappambil Thomas, Chemmachel Mathachan, Karickal Baby, Varakalayil Joy, Vettathukandathil Sunil (St. Mary's Unit) took charge as the trustees (kaikkarans) of the parish.

### 2007 July 2

Cardinal Varkey Vithayayil, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church visited our parish and offered Holy Mass along with Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath. Cardinal blessed the foundation stone for the proposed Youth Center of our parish.

### 2007 July 4 – 7

Second Youth Retreat of the parish at Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford. Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath also was present for this retreat to guide our youth.

### 2007 September 20 – 23

Retreat by Bro. Benny Punnathura and other members of Shalom TV Team.

### 2007 September 28

First Meeting of Knanaya Region held in our parish. Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath, Vicar General and Region Director Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath, Priests and lay representatives from Knanaya Missions in the U.S. participated in it.

### 2007 October 7

First visit of Archbishop Mar Mathew Moolakkatt in our church.

### 2007 October 31

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago terminated their Early Childhood Development Program at Sacred Heart Church school building.

### 2007 November 18

Inauguration of the Silver Jubilee Year of Knanaya Catholic Mission of Chicago by lighting 24 candles at Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church by Vicar Fr. Abraham Mutholath and parish council members.

### 2008 January 11

Parish Pilgrimage to the Diocese of Miao for the inauguration of Sacred

Heart Church in Miao sponsored by our parish and SS. Peter and Paul Church in Miao sponsored by our vicar Fr. Abraham Mutholath.

### 2008 January 19

Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath blessed Sacred Heart Church in the Diocese of Miao sponsored by Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish in Chicago. Thirty members from Chicago Knanaya Catholic Parish participated in the function.

### 2008 January 20

Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath blessed Saints Peter and Paul Church in the Diocese of Miao sponsored by Fr. Abraham Mutholath. Thirty members from Chicago Knanaya Catholic Parish participated in the function.

### 2008 January 23

Holy Mass at the tomb of Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta by Vicar Fr. Abraham Mutholath and 29 other participants from Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish.

### 2008 March 1

Religious Education Festival of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Religious Education Schools at Mather High School auditorium. Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath was the chief guest.

Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath inaugurated Sacred Heart Productions, the media unit of the parish.

### 2008 April 5

Agreement signed by Fr. Abraham Mutholath, pastor and Ms. Rose Hilson, CEO of God Loves Little Children Inc., for lease of Sacred Heart Church School facility for the use of Early Childhood Development Program of God Loves Little Children Inc.

### 2008 May 3

First Holy Communion and Chrismation at Sacred Heart Church.

### 2008 May 4

First Holy Communion and Chrismation of St. Mary's Unit at OLV Church.



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ജോസ് കണിയാലി



കേരള സഭയെ ശക്തിപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ 17 നൂറ്റാണ്ടുകൾക്കുമുമ്പ് സാഹസിക പ്രേഷിത കൂടിയേറ്റയാത്ര നടത്തിയ തീർത്ഥാടക സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ പിൻഗാമികളായ ഞങ്ങൾ എന്നും എക്കാലവും സഭയുടെ വിശ്വസ്ത സംരക്ഷകരും വിനയാന്വിത ശുശ്രൂഷകരുമാണ്. ആ മഹത്തായ പാരമ്പര്യത്തിന്റെ തുടർക്കണ്ണികളായി നിന്നുകൊണ്ട്, ഇവിടെ ഈ മേഖലയിൽ, കനാനായ സമൂഹം ഈ ദൈവാലയം വാങ്ങി, ദൈവത്തെ ആരാധിക്കുന്നു, സ്തുതിക്കുന്നു.

ഇതിനു ഞങ്ങളെ ഏറ്റവുമധികം സഹായിച്ച വ്യക്തിയാണ് അഭിവന്ദ്യ അങ്ങാടി യത്തു പിതാവ്. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ അനുഗ്രഹത്താലും ആശീർവാദത്താലും 2006 സെപ്തംബർ 24നു ലോകപ്രവാസി ക്നാനായ കത്തോലിക്കരുടെ പ്രഥമ ഇടവക ഇവിടെ സ്ഥാപിതമായപ്പോൾ, ചിക്കാഗോ ക്നാനായ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ ഒരു ചിരകാല സ്വപ്നമായിരുന്നു സാക്ഷാത്കരിക്കപ്പെട്ടത്.

ഒരു ദിവസത്തെ 24 മണിക്കൂറിൽ 20 മണിക്കൂറും ഈ ഇടവക സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ വളർച്ചയ്ക്കായി ചിന്തിക്കുകയും പ്രവർത്തിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന മുത്തോലത്തച്ചനെയാണ് നമുക്കു വികാരിയായി ലഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്. എല്ലാ ഞായറാഴ്ചയും കളർ പേജുകളിൽ മുടങ്ങാതെ പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന ഇടവക ബുള്ളറ്റിന്റെ താളുകൾ തന്നെ അതിന്

ഏറ്റവും വലിയ സാക്ഷ്യമാണ്. ഓരോ ഞായറാഴ്ചയ്ക്കും ഇടവക ബുള്ളറ്റിന് മറിച്ചു നോക്കിയാൽ മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കും, ഈ ഇടവകയിൽ നടക്കുന്ന പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെ ബാഹുല്യം. ഈ ഇടവകയിലെ ആബാലവൃദ്ധം ജനങ്ങളുടെയും ആത്മീയ വളർച്ചയ്ക്കും സഭാ ബോധവൽക്കരണത്തിനും സാമൂഹിക സാംസ്കാരിക പുരോഗതിയ്ക്കും, ഇടവക ജീവിതം ഇന്നു ചാലക ശക്തിയായി മാറുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ, അതിനു കാരണക്കാരൻ മറ്റാരുമല്ല, നമ്മുടെ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട മുത്തോലത്തച്ചനാണ്.

ചിക്കാഗോ ക്നാനായ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ സഭാത്മക വളർച്ചയെ തരിതപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന പ്രേരക ശക്തിയായി ഈ ഇടവക ഇന്ന് മാറിക്കഴിഞ്ഞു. കഴിഞ്ഞ ഒൻപതു മാസംകൊണ്ട് സംഭവിച്ച ഏറ്റവും വലിയ മാറ്റമാണത്. നൂറുകണക്കിനു വിശ്വാസികളുടെ നിസ്വാർത്ഥമായ വിയർപ്പിന്റെയും കഠിനാദ്ധ്വാനത്തിന്റെയും വിലയാണ് പരിശുദ്ധമായ ഈ ദൈവാലയം. ബാലാരിഷ്കന്മാർ പിന്നിട്ടുകൊണ്ട്, വളർച്ചയുടെ വഴിത്തരയിലൂടെ അതിവേഗം ബഹുദൂരം സഞ്ചരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ ഇടവകയിൽ ആരംഭിക്കുന്ന ഓരോ പുതിയ പ്രോജക്ടും സാമ്പത്തിക ഭദ്രതയിലൂടെ വിജയിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ പ്രധാന കാരണം ഇടവക വിശ്വാസികളുടെ കൂട്ടായ്മയാണ്.

ആത്മായരേ സജീവമായി കർമ്മനിരതരാക്കുന്ന വളരെയേറെ പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങൾ ഈ ഇടവകയ്ക്കുണ്ട്. ചിൽഡ്രൻസ് മിനിസ്ട്രി, റീൻസ് മിനിസ്ട്രി, യൂത്ത് മിനിസ്ട്രി, വിമെൻസ് മിനിസ്ട്രി, മെൻസ് മിനിസ്ട്രി, സീനിയർ സിറ്റിസൺസ് മിനിസ്ട്രി എന്നിവയും ലീജിയൺ ഓഫ് മേരി, സെന്റ് വിൻസന്റ് ഡി പോൾ, ക്യാന്ററിയോഗ, ധ്യാനങ്ങൾ, തിരുന്നാളുകൾ, ആത്മീയ സാംസ്കാരിക ആഘോഷങ്ങൾ എന്നിവയും സജീവമായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു. പ്രവാസി ക്നാനായക്കാരുടെ പ്രഥമ സെമിത്തേരിയും ഈ ഇടവകയ്ക്കുണ്ടായതിൽ ഞങ്ങൾ ദൈവത്തിനു നന്ദി പറയുന്നു. ദൈവം ഞങ്ങൾക്കു നൽകിയ ഈ ഇടവക ദൈവാലയത്തിന് പ്രതിനന്ദിയായി ഇന്ത്യയിലെ മിയാവു രൂപതയിൽ ഈശോയുടെ തിരുഹൃദയ നാമത്തിൽ മറ്റൊരു ദൈവാലയം ഈ ഇടവക സ്‌പോൺസർ ചെയ്തു നിർമ്മിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇവിടെ ഞങ്ങളുടെ മക്കൾ മലബാർ സഭയുടെ പാരമ്പര്യത്തിൽ മതബോധനം നടത്തി, വിശ്വാസവിരൂന് ആസ്വദിച്ചു വളരുന്നത്, ഞങ്ങൾ അഭിമാനത്തോടും ആശ്വാസത്തോടും സന്തോഷത്തോടുംകൂടെ കണ്ടുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു.

സമുദായ വിവാഹ നിഷ്ഠയും, തനതായ ആചാരങ്ങളും, നമ്മുടെ സാംസ്കാ

(ശേഷം 77-ാം പേജിൽ)



Installation and blessing of the new parish volunteers by Major Arch bishop Varkey Vithayathil, Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath, and priests.





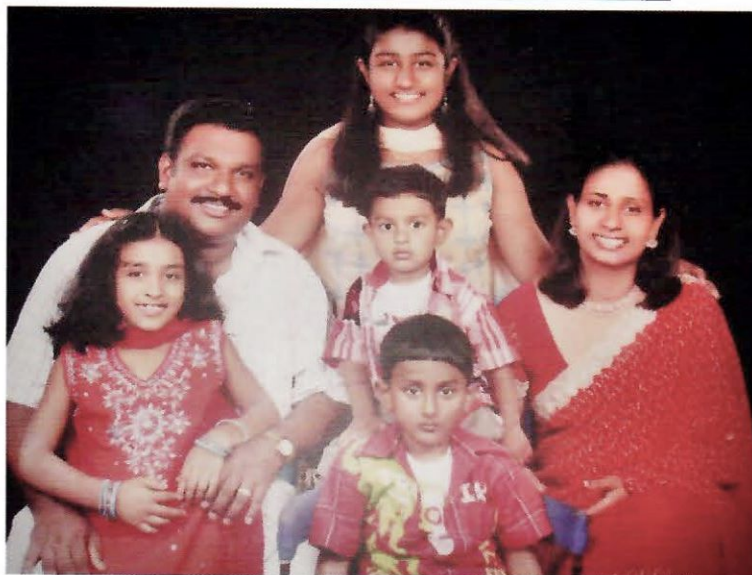
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# കുറഞ്ഞ കാലംകൊണ്ട് ഏറെ നേട്ടങ്ങൾ

ജെസ്സിൻ കട്ടപ്പറം

ജീവകൊണ്ടുനേടിയ ക്നാനായ പാരമ്പര്യങ്ങളിൽ വളരെയേറെ അഭിമാനിക്കുന്ന ഞങ്ങൾ എല്ലാവരും പൂർണ്ണമായി വിശ്വസിക്കുന്ന മറ്റൊരു പരമ സത്യമുണ്ട്. കർമ്മംകൊണ്ടു മാത്രമേ നല്ല കത്തോലിക്കനാകുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ. ആ സത്യാനുഷ്ഠാനത്തിന്റെ പൂർത്തീകരണമെന്നോണം, നീണ്ട കാത്തിരിപ്പിനൊടുവിൽ ഞങ്ങൾക്കു ലഭിച്ച ഈ ഇടവക ദൈവാലയം ഇന്നു ഞങ്ങളുടെ ആരാധനാലയമാണ്, ആശ്വാസ കേന്ദ്രമാണ്, കൂട്ടായ്മയുടെ പ്രതീകമാണ്, ഞങ്ങളുടെ എല്ലാമെല്ലാമാണ്.

പ്രവൃത്തിയില്ലാത്ത വിശ്വാസം നിർജീവമാണെന്നു വിശ്വസിക്കുകയും അതു സജീവിതത്തിലൂടെ കാണിച്ചുതരികയും ചെയ്ത് ഞങ്ങളെ നയിക്കുന്ന കർമ്മധാരനായ ഞങ്ങളുടെ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട വികാരി മുത്തോലത്തന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ വളരെ കുറഞ്ഞൊരു കാലം കൊണ്ട് പല നേട്ടങ്ങളും ഈ ഇടവകയ്ക്കു കൈവരിക്കാനായതിൽ ഞങ്ങൾ വളരെ സന്തുഷ്ടരാണ്.

ഇടവക സ്ഥാപനത്തിനു മുമ്പുതന്നെ പ്രവർത്തനമാരംഭിച്ച വിമൻസ് മിനിസ്ട്രി ഇപ്പോൾ മെൻസ് മിനിസ്ട്രിയോടു ചേർന്ന് ഇടവകയുടെ സർവ്വതോമുഖമായ വളർച്ചയ്ക്കുവേണ്ടി കഠിനാദ്ധ്വാനം ചെയ്യുന്നത് ഇതിനോടകം ശ്രദ്ധ നേടിയ കാര്യമാണ്. കൊച്ചു കുട്ടികൾക്കു മുതൽ വാർദ്ധക്യത്തിലെത്തിയവർക്കുവരെ യുള്ള എല്ലാ മിനിസ്ട്രികളും സേവന തലപരതയോടെ ത്യാഗോജ്ജ്വലപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ ഇടവകയ്ക്കുവേണ്ടി കാഴ്ചവെയ്ക്കുന്നു. തിരക്കേറിയ അമേരിക്കൻ ജീവിതത്തിനിടയിലും ധാരാളം ഇടവകാംഗങ്ങൾ തങ്ങളുടെ വിലയേറിയ സമയം ഈ തിരുഹൃദയ ദൈവാലയത്തിനുവേണ്ടി സന്തോഷപൂർവ്വം ചിലവഴിക്കുന്നു.

360 കുട്ടികൾ 70ൽപരം യുവജനങ്ങളുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ മതബോധന പരിശീലനം നടത്തി വരുന്നത് ഞങ്ങളുടെ ഇടവകയുടെ ഏറ്റവും വലിയ നേട്ടമായി ഞങ്ങൾ കരുതുന്നു. പ്രാർത്ഥനാ ഗ്രൂപ്പ്, സെന്റ് വിൻസന്റ് ഡി പോൾ സൊസൈറ്റി, ലീജിയൺ ഓഫ് മരി എന്നീ ഭക്ത സംഘടനകൾ ആദ്ധ്യാത്മിക വളർച്ചയ്ക്ക് ഊന്നൽകൊടുത്തുകൊണ്ട് കാര്യക്ഷമമായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു.

സ്വന്തമായൊരു ഇടവക ദൈവാലയം ലഭ്യമായ

തിൽ പിന്നെ നടത്തുവാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ധ്യാനങ്ങളും തിരുന്നാളുകളും ബൈബിൾ ക്ലാസ്സുകളും പ്രീമാര്യേജ് കോഴ്സുകളും ജീവിത ഗന്ധിയായ വിഷയങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള സെമിനാറുകളും ഞങ്ങളുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനാ ജീവിതത്തിന്റെയും സാംസ്കാരികോന്നമനത്തിന്റെയും വളർച്ചയ്ക്ക് വലിയ പങ്കു വഹിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയിലൂടെ ഞങ്ങൾക്കു കൈവന്ന വിശ്വാസദീപം അതിന്റെ പൂർണ്ണ ശോഭയിൽത്തന്നെ വരും തലമുറയിലേക്ക് കൈമാറുകയെന്നതാണു ഞങ്ങളുടെ ആത്യന്തിക ലക്ഷ്യം. സൗമ്യനും ദീർഘക്ഷമയുള്ളവനുമായ ഞങ്ങളുടെ രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ ജേക്കബ് അങ്ങാടിയായ്ക്കു പിതാവിന്റെ സാന്നിധ്യവും

പ്രോത്സാഹനവും ഞങ്ങളുടെ ഇടവകയ്ക്ക് വേണ്ടുവോളം ലഭിക്കുന്നുവെന്നത് ഏറ്റവും വലിയ അനുഗ്രഹമാണ്.

വന്ദ്യ പിതാക്കന്മാരേ, ഞങ്ങൾ ഇനിയും ഒരുപാടു വളരേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ക്നാനായ മക്കൾക്കായി അമേരിക്കയിൽ ഇനിയും ദൈവാലയങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. സ്ഥലപരിമിതിയുള്ള ഇവിടെ യുത്തു സെന്റർ നിർമ്മാണ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ താമസിയാതെ തുടങ്ങേണ്ടതും അത്യാവശ്യമാണ്. ഞങ്ങളുടെ എല്ലാ സംരംഭങ്ങൾക്കും വന്ദ്യ പിതാക്കന്മാരുടെ അനുഗ്രഹവും പ്രാർത്ഥനയും പ്രോത്സാഹനങ്ങളും ധാരാളമായി നൽകണമെന്ന് വിനീതമായി അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.



Major Arch Bishop Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil cutting his 80th Birthday cake along with Mar Jacob Angadiath who is celebrating the sixth anniversary of his consecration as Bishop of the St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago

## സമുദായത്തിന്റെ ചാലകശക്തിയായ ഇടവക

(ശേഷം 75-ാം പേജിന്റെ തുടർച്ച...)

രിക പൈതൃകത്തിന്റെ ഈടുവെയ്പ്പുകളാണ്. അവ

സംരക്ഷിച്ച് സഭയെ സ്നേഹിക്കുവാനും ശുശ്രൂഷിക്കുവാനും, തലമുറതലമുറകളിലൂടെ നമ്മുടെ തനിമ നിലനിർത്തുവാനും നമുക്കു കഴിയണം. അതോടൊപ്പം സഭയോടു ചേർന്നു നിന്നുകൊണ്ട്, ആത്മീയവളർച്ച കൈവരിക്കുവാനും, ജീവിക്കുക ജീവിക്കുവാൻ അനുവദിക്കുക എന്ന ആപ്തവാക്യം പ്രാവർത്തികമാക്കുവാനും, ഞങ്ങളെ അനുഗ്രഹിച്ച് ആശീർവ്വദിക്കണമെന്ന് ഈ ഇടവക സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ പേരിൽ അത്യുന്നത കർദ്ദിനാൾ മാർ വർക്കി വിതയത്തിൽ പിതാവിനോട് അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ഞാൻ ഉപസംഹരിക്കുന്നു.



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Let me share my reflections on our ministries for the youth and children of our parish. Our parish has become a vibrant community with great involvement of the children and youth because of children's ministry, teens ministry, youth ministry, children choir, ushers, altar servers, and of course religious education school. The spiritual formation of us is assured by all these and the youth retreat held at Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford. Resource persons from various places had come to guide us in these activities.

In our religious education program the youth of the community teach the younger generation about God. Naturally we are all very excited for this opportunity, because it provides us with a chance to interact with the kids, to work together and to strengthen our relationship with God. The youth CCD teachers took this task as a challenge.

We had a magnificent turn out for our holiday food drive. A spectacular Christmas day celebration with an entertaining Christmas caroling concert. We had an inspiring field trip to Indiana during holy week for the Way of the Cross. And who can forget the Religious Education Festivals. Each program had a Biblical theme that was being presented in various forms of dances and skits. The friendships that were formed, the smiles on their faces, and the love that they all had for God were indications that the religious education program has done its job in promoting a spiritual growth and unity in our community.

With a great beginning, everyone was anticipating the

# Our Youth Centered Parish

TESSA THANNIKKARY

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years to come, and now I am happy to say that the religious education program has flourished from the foundations that we created three years back. Now look at us, we have our own church, over 360 students, and over 70 youth teachers and adult volunteers in two religious education schools. In fact we even have classrooms now, with real walls and everything. The success of this program will continue since our community is very sportive and we have the great guidance of Fr. Mutholath.

Since this program started three years back all of us youth have become closer and better friends. Of course we all knew each other before, but no one really kept in touch other than at main community or church events. Now we all keep in touch and meet outside of church as well as at church every Sunday. All of us have created a special bond with each other that was

not there before. Each of our spiritual life has also become a stronger and now we have become closer to Christ. Our relationships with adults and other parishoners have also increased.

A girl who was in the second grade this past year wrote an article for the news letter describing our Sacred Heart church in Maywood as being her second home. She's right because everyone gets up early to get here for mass and no one wants to leave. I myself have often cancelled plans that I have made after church because I'd rather be here. I'm very happy to see what our church has become. There's a compassionate and warm atmosphere, which lets anyone who comes feel welcomed and loved, just like one big family.

Once again, thank you to all. On behalf of the youth and young kids here we would like to thank our cardinal and bishop for your visit and encouragement.



പാവന സ്മരണയ്ക്ക്



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**ചിക്കാഗോയിൽ പ്രവാസി ക്നാനായക്കാരുടെ പ്രഥമ സെമിത്തേരി**

**പ്രവാസി** ക്നാനായക്കാർക്ക്, വിശിഷ്ട ചിക്കാഗോയിലെ ക്നാനായ കത്തോലിക്കാർക്ക്, അഭിമാനകരമായൊരു നേട്ടത്തിന്റെ സന്തോഷവാർത്ത നിങ്ങളെ അറിയിക്കട്ടെ. ഹിൽസൈഡ് സിറ്റിയിലെ വുൾഫ് റോഡ് റ്റുസ്വെയർ റോഡിലുള്ള ക്യൂൻ ഓഫ് ഹെവൻ സെമിത്തേരിയിൽ 1,460 പേരെ സംസ്കരിക്കുവാൻ സൗകര്യമുള്ള ഒരു പ്രദേശം ചിക്കാഗോ ക്നാനായ കാത്തലിക് ഇടവകയ്ക്കു മാത്രമായി 2007 മെയ് 15 മുതൽ ലഭ്യമായിരിക്കുന്നു. ബാലാരിഷ്കർ തകളിലൂടെ കടന്നുപോകുന്ന നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയ്ക്ക് ഈശോയുടെ തിരുഹൃദയവും നമ്മുടെ പരിശുദ്ധ അമ്മയും നൽകുന്ന മറ്റൊരു സമ്മാനമാണിത്. അതിനു നമുക്ക് ദൈവത്തിനും പരിശുദ്ധ അമ്മയ്ക്കും നന്ദി യർപ്പിക്കാം. അതോടൊപ്പം ഈ സംരംഭത്തിൽ നമ്മെ സഹായിച്ച ചിക്കാഗോ അതിരൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ കർദ്ദിനാൾ ഫ്രാൻസിസ് ജോർജ്ജ്, സഹായ മെത്രാൻ മോസ്റ്റ് റവ. ഡോ. തോമസ് പത്രോക്കി, നമ്മുടെ രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ മാർ ജേക്കബ് അങ്ങാടിയിൽ, കാത്തലിക് സെമിട്രീസ് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥർ എന്നിവരോടു നാം കടപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു.

നമുക്കു ലഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ സെമിത്തേരിയുടെ പ്രത്യേകതകൾ താഴെ പറയുന്നവയാണ്. സർഗ്ഗ രാജ്ഞിയായ പരിശുദ്ധ അമ്മയുടെ നാമത്തിലുള്ള ഈ സെമിത്തേരിയുടെ പ്രവേശന കവാടത്തിന്റെ ഇടതുഭാഗത്തുള്ള (തെക്കു ഭാഗത്തുള്ള) മനോഹരവും 1,460 കുഴിയ്ക്കുള്ള സ്ഥലമാണ് നമുക്കു ലഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്. അവിടെ നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയുടെ പേര് ആലേഖനം ചെയ്ത ബോർഡും ഇടവകയുടെ വക ശ്രോത്രോയും സ്ഥാപിക്കുവാൻ സൗകര്യമുണ്ട്. വുൾഫ് റോഡിലൂടെ യാത്രചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ നമ്മുടെ സെമിത്തേരി വാഹനത്തിലിരുന്ന് കാണുവാൻ സാധിക്കും. ഇടവക വികാരിയുടെ അനുവാദത്തോടെ വ്യക്തികൾക്കു മുൻകൂട്ടി കുഴിമാടങ്ങൾ കുറഞ്ഞവിലയ്ക്ക് ഈ ജൂൺമാസത്തിൽ വാങ്ങാവുന്നതാണ്. ജൂലൈ ഒന്നു മുതൽ വില വർദ്ധിക്കുന്നതിനാൽ പിന്നീടു വാങ്ങുന്നവർക്ക് അതാതു കാലത്തെ

നിശ്ചിത നിരക്ക് നൽകേണ്ടിവരും. പലിശയില്ലാതെ തവണകളായി മാസാമാസം പണം അടയ്ക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ക്രമീകരണവുമുണ്ട്. തറപ്പാക്കുമുള്ള ഹെഡ്സ്റ്റോണുകൾ കൂടാതെ ഉയരമുള്ള മനോഹരമായ മോണുമെന്റുകൾ സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതിനുകൂടി സൗകര്യമുള്ള സ്ഥലമാണ് നമ്മുടെ സെമിത്തേരി. മുൻപ് ക്യൂൻ ഓഫ് ഹെവൻ സെമിത്തേരിയിലോ മറ്റെവിടെയെങ്കിലുമോ സംസ്കരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവരെ നമ്മുടെ ഇടവക സെമിത്തേരിയിലേക്കു മാറ്റി അടയ്ക്കുന്നതിനും സൗകര്യമുണ്ട്. കുഴിമാടങ്ങൾ വാങ്ങുന്നതോടൊപ്പം ഡിഗ്രിംഗ് ചാർജ്ജ്, കോൺക്രീറ്റ് കാസ്കറ്റ്, ഹെഡ് സ്റ്റോൺ എന്നിവ പായ്ക്കേജ് നിരക്കിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ തന്നെ വാങ്ങാവുന്നതാണ്. നമ്മുടെ ഇടവക പള്ളി

യിൽനിന്ന് അഞ്ചു മൈൽ മാത്രം ദൂരവും 290, 294, 88 എന്നീ എക്സ്പ്രസ് വേകളുടെ സംഗമസ്ഥലത്തുമാണ് ഈ സെമിത്തേരി. അതിനാൽ നമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ ആളുകൾക്കും ഇവിടെ വന്നെത്തുവാൻ സൗകര്യമുണ്ട്. നമ്മുടെ ആളുകൾ വസിക്കുന്നതിനു മദ്ധ്യഭാഗത്താണിത്. നമ്മുടെ നാട്ടിലെ പാരമ്പര്യമനുസരിച്ച് നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയുടെ ഭാഗമായുള്ള സ്വന്തം സെമിത്തേരിയിൽ നമുക്കേവർക്കും ഒരുമിച്ച് അന്ത്യ വിശ്രമം കൊള്ളുവാൻ സാധിക്കുന്ന ഈ സ്ഥലത്ത് സകല മരിച്ചവരുടെ ഓർമ്മദിവസമുൾപ്പെടെ വിശേഷാവസരങ്ങളിൽ സമൂഹ പ്രാർത്ഥന നടത്തുന്നതിനുള്ള സൗകര്യം വിശാലമായ ഈ സെമിത്തേരിക്കുണ്ട്.

## FEATURES OF OUR CEMETERY

Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish in Chicago is blessed to have its own cemetery in the Queen of Heaven Cemetery at 1300 S. Wolf Road, Hillside, IL. Its main features are the following:

- ★ 1,460 graves for the parish
- ★ Central location for all our people with easy access from three express ways.
- ★ Headstones and monuments are allowed.
- ★ Parish shrine and name board allowed.
- ★ Maintenance by the Catholic Cemeteries.
- ★ Parish Cemetery is at south side of entrance.
- ★ Our Cemetery is visible from Wolf Road.
- ★ Only five miles away from our parish church.
- ★ Convenient for common prayer service.
- ★ Special discount for advance purchase.
- ★ Package deal offered for grave, digging charge, concrete casket, and headstone.
- ★ Interest free monthly payment is available.
- ★ Those buried elsewhere can be brought here.





Best Compliments from

**Ellankiyil Mathew  
& Family**



പാവന സ്മരണയ്ക്ക്

**Abraham Pinarkayil**

March 10, 1962 - June 04, 2007





# വേണം ഹോഫ്മാൻ എസ്റ്റേറ്റിൽ നമുക്കൊരു പള്ളി

ജോയി ചെമ്മാച്ചേൽ

ഹോഫ്മാൻ എസ്റ്റേറ്റിൽ ഒരു പള്ളി എന്ന ആശയം ഇപ്പോൾ നമ്മുടെ സമുദായത്തിൽ പ്രധാന ചർച്ചാവിഷയമായിരിക്കുകയാണല്ലോ. ഇത്തരമൊരു ചിന്താഗതിക്ക് ഇന്ന് സാഹചര്യമുണ്ടാകുന്നതിന് മുമ്പ് ഷിക്കാഗോയിലെ നമ്മുടെ വിശ്വാസികളുടെ പഴയ ജീവിത സാഹചര്യം കണക്കിലെടുക്കണം. 1900-ന്റെ അവസാന പാദങ്ങളിൽ മൾട്ടി പർപ്പസ് കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി സെന്റർ എന്ന ആശയം നാം ആവിഷ്കരിക്കുകയും അതിനായി പണപ്പിരിവ് നടത്തുകയും ചെയ്തു. അതുവഴി നമുക്കു ലഭിച്ച ഒരു നേട്ടംകൂടിയാണ് ഹോഫ്മാൻ എസ്റ്റേറ്റിലെ ഏഴ് ഏക്കർ ഭൂമി. അന്നു നമ്മുടെ സമുദായത്തിന്റെ ഉന്നമനത്തിനു വേണ്ടി തുടങ്ങി വച്ച മൾട്ടിപർപ്പസ് കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി സെന്റർ എന്ന ആശയത്തിന് കൂടുതൽ പ്രചാരം ലഭിക്കുകയും നമ്മുടെ സമുദായത്തിന് ഈ രാജ്യത്ത് നിരവധി നേട്ടങ്ങൾ ലഭിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.

മൾട്ടിപർപ്പസ് കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി സെന്ററുകൾക്ക് കൂടുതൽ ചുമതലകൾ പൂർത്തീകരിക്കുവാൻ പ്രാപ്തിയുണ്ടാവില്ല എന്ന തിരിച്ചറിവ് 2004-ഓടുകൂടി ഉണ്ടായി. അതൊരു ന്യൂനതയല്ലായിരുന്നു; മറിച്ച് കാലഘട്ട

വളരുന്ന തലമുറയുടെ ചിന്തകൾക്ക് ഊടും പാവും നൽകി പതം വരുത്തുന്ന ദൈവനിയോഗത്തിന്റെ സാക്ഷാൽക്കാരമാണ് മെയ്വുഡ് പള്ളി. സ്വന്തമായൊരു പള്ളിയുണ്ടായതോടെ അതിലൂടെ കൈവരുന്ന ഭാഗ്യവും ഈശ്വരാനുകൂല്യവും പുരോഗതിയും നേരിട്ടറിയുവാൻ സുമനസ്സുകൾക്ക് സാധിച്ചു. എന്റെ കുട്ടികളിൽ അതിന്റെ നേരിട്ടുള്ള പ്രഭാവവും ആവേശവും മാറ്റങ്ങളും ഞാൻ കണ്ടു.

അതിന്റെ മാറ്റം മൂലമുണ്ടായതാണ്. നമ്മുടെ കുട്ടികളിൽ ആദ്ധ്യാത്മികവും ധാർമ്മികവുമായ വളർച്ച പ്രദാനം ചെയ്യാൻ അവശ്യം വേണ്ടത് പള്ളികളാണെന്ന തിരിച്ചറിവ് നമ്മളിൽ ഉണ്ടായി. അർത്ഥവത്തായ ആ ആശയം പ്രചരിപ്പിച്ചത് മാർ മൂലക്കാട്ടു പിതാവാണ്. ആ മഹത്തായ ആഹ്വാനം അമേരിക്കൻ ഐക്യനാടുകളിൽ ശക്തമായി പ്രചരിച്ചു.

ക്നാനായ സമുദായത്തിന് അമേരിക്കൻ ഐക്യനാടുകളിൽ പള്ളികൾ എന്ന ആശയം അത്ര ലഘുവായിരുന്നില്ല. ഏറെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾ തുടക്കത്തിലേ അനുഭവിക്കേണ്ടിവന്നു. എന്നാൽ നമ്മുടെ നിശ്ചയദാർഢ്യവും ദൈവകൃപയും ഒന്നായ

പ്പോൾ അസാധ്യമായി തോന്നിയത് സാധ്യമായിത്തുടങ്ങി. 2000ൽ ക്നാനായ സമുദായത്തിന്റെ ചരിത്രത്തിലാദ്യമായി, കേരളത്തിനു പുറത്ത്, അമേരിക്കയിൽ ഒരു പള്ളി എന്ന സ്വപ്നം യാഥാർത്ഥ്യമായി. മേയ്വുഡ് പള്ളിയുടെ പിറവി അങ്ങനെയായിരുന്നു. ആ സ്വപ്ന സാക്ഷാൽക്കാരത്തിന് ഒരു പാട് എതിർപ്പുകളും അഭിപ്രായ വ്യത്യാസങ്ങളും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. സഭാപിതാക്കന്മാരുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും, മുത്തോലത്തച്ചന്റെ ആത്മാർപ്പണവും, വിശ്വാസികളുടെ നിശ്ചയദാർഢ്യവും അതിനായി ഒത്തുചേർന്നു. ദൈവഹിതത്തെ മാറ്റിമറിക്കാൻ മനുഷ്യജന്മങ്ങൾക്ക് കഴിയുകയില്ല എന്ന അചഞ്ചലമായ



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സന്ദേശവും ഉൾക്കൊണ്ട് 2006ൽ മെയ്വുഡിൽ നമ്മുടെ സമുദായത്തിന്റെ ആദ്യത്തെ പള്ളി ആരാധനക്കായി തുറന്നു. അതൊരു തുടക്കമായിരുന്നു.

വളരുന്ന തലമുറയുടെ ചിന്തകൾക്ക് ഊടും പാവും നൽകി പതം വരുത്തുന്ന ദൈവനിയോഗത്തിന്റെ സാക്ഷാല്ക്കാരമാണ് മെയ്വുഡ് പള്ളി. സ്വന്തമായൊരു പള്ളിയുണ്ടായതോടെ അതിലൂടെ കൈവരുന്ന ഭാഗ്യവും ഈശ്വരാനുഗ്രഹവും പുരോഗതിയും നേരിട്ടിരുന്നവർ സമന്വയങ്ങൾ സാധിച്ചു. എന്റെ കുട്ടികളിൽ അതിന്റെ നേരിട്ടുള്ള പ്രഭാവവും ആവേശവും മാറ്റങ്ങളും ഞാൻ കണ്ടു. സമുദായ വിശ്വാസികൾക്കെല്ലാം അവരുടെ കുട്ടികളിലൂടെ ഈ മാറ്റം അനുഭവപ്പെടുവാൻ തുടങ്ങി. മൾട്ടി പർപ്പസ് കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി സെന്ററിനേക്കാൾ ദൈവാലയം എന്ന ആശയം ശക്തമായി. പള്ളിയിലൂടെ പകർന്നുകിട്ടിയ ആത്മീയവെളിച്ചം കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി സെന്ററിലൂടെ കിട്ടിപ്പെന്ന ബോധം കരുത്താർജ്ജിച്ചു. ഈ തിരിച്ചറിവ് ക്നാനായ സമുദായ അംഗങ്ങളുടെ ഇടയിൽ വേഗത്തിൽ ഫലം ചെയ്തു. അതോടെ സമുദായ വിശ്വാസികൾ തിങ്ങിപ്പാർക്കുന്ന ഷിക്കാഗോയിലും കൂടുതൽ പള്ളികൾ വേണമെന്ന ആവശ്യത്തിനു കരുത്താർജ്ജിച്ചു.

ഷിക്കാഗോയിൽ കുറഞ്ഞത് മൂന്നു പള്ളികളെങ്കിലും ആവശ്യമാണ്. സ്വന്തമായ ഇടവക പള്ളികളിൽ നിന്നു മാത്രമേ നമുക്കു വേണ്ടുന്ന നയകളെല്ലാം ലഭിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ. നമ്മുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിനും ആചാരത്തിനും ഉന്നമനത്തിനും സൗകര്യമുള്ള ഒരു പള്ളി ഹോഫ്മാൻ എസ്റ്റേറ്റിൽ ഉണ്ടാവേണ്ടത് വളരെ ആവശ്യമാണെന്ന തോന്നലിന് ആക്കം കൂട്ടിയത് ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിലാണ്. മെയ്വുഡിൽ ഒരു മില്ലൻ ഡോളർ പള്ളിക്കായി ചിലവിട്ടു. ഹോഫ്മാനിൽ അതിലും അധികമാകും. എങ്കിലും അത് നമ്മുടെ കുട്ടികളുടെയും വിശ്വാസികളുടെയും ശ്രേയസ്സിന് മുതൽക്കൂട്ടാവും എന്ന് ഓർക്കുമ്പോൾ ശങ്കിക്കേണ്ടതില്ല. ഇന്നത്തെ സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ നമുക്കതിൽ നിന്നും പിന്നോക്കം പോകാൻ പറ്റില്ല.

1980കളിൽ ഷിക്കാഗോ സിറ്റിയിൽ താമസക്കാരായിരുന്ന നമ്മുടെ വിശ്വാസികൾക്ക്

**പള്ളിയെക്കുറിച്ചും ഈശ്വരാരാധനയെപ്പറ്റിയും നമ്മുടെ കുട്ടികൾ അറിഞ്ഞിരിക്കണം. രക്ഷകർത്താക്കൾ അവരെ ദൈവാലയത്തിൽ എത്തിക്കുവാൻ പ്രേരിപ്പിക്കുകയും വേണം. നമ്മുടെ സമുദായത്തിന്റെയും പള്ളിയുടെയും വളർച്ചയിൽ അവർ പങ്കാളികളാകട്ടെ.**

ഡെസ് പ്ലേസ്സും ഡെയ്റിയനും വലിയ ദൂരമായി തോന്നിയിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ 1990ന്റെ തുടക്കത്തിൽ ധാരാളം വിശ്വാസികൾ അങ്ങോട്ടു താമസമായി. അതുപോലെയാ ചിന്ത ഹോഫ്മാന്റെ കാര്യത്തിൽ തോന്നിയാൽ അത്ഭുതപ്പെടേണ്ടതില്ല. കാലക്രമേണ ദൂരം എന്ന എതിർപ്പിന്റെ ശക്തി കുറഞ്ഞു കൊള്ളും. നമ്മുടെ സഭാംഗങ്ങൾ അവിടേക്ക് കുടിയേറിപ്പാർക്കുന്ന കാലം അതിവിദൂരമല്ല.

മനഃപൂർവ്വമെന്ന നിലക്ക് നമുക്ക് നമ്മെത്തന്നെ സൂക്ഷ്മമായി നിരീക്ഷിക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. കാലം അതിനായി കാത്തുനിൽക്കുന്നു. എതിർക്കുന്നവർ എന്തും പറയും. അത് നമ്മുടെ സഭാവത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമാണ്; ശീലത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമാണ്. ഈ ശീലത്തിൽനിന്നും എനിക്ക്ക്കേടനെ സ്വതന്ത്രനാവാൻ കഴിയും? നമുക്ക് നമ്മുടെ കുട്ടികളുടെ മുഖത്തേക്ക് നോക്കി ഈ ശീലം മാറ്റിയെടുക്കുവാൻ കഴിയണം. നമ്മുടെ കുട്ടികൾ ഭാവിയിൽ നമ്മെക്കുറിച്ച് മറ്റുള്ളവരോട് അഭിമാനത്തോടെ എന്തെല്ലാം ചർച്ചചെയ്യണം എന്ന് നമുക്ക് ചിന്തിക്കുവാനും പ്രവർത്തിക്കുവാനും ലഭിക്കുന്ന അവസരങ്ങളാണിത് എന്ന് തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞാൽ ദൂരവും ചിലവും യാതൊരു പ്രശ്നവുമല്ല. പ്രാർത്ഥനയോടെ ലക്ഷ്യത്തിലേയ്ക്കു മുന്നേറുന്നവന് പ്രതിബന്ധം റോസാളും പോലെയായിരിക്കും.

ഹോഫ്മാനിൽ പള്ളി പണിയുന്നതിന് ഏഴ് ഏക്കറിൽ മൂന്നര ഏക്കർ പൂർണ്ണമായി കാരന്തോടെ വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കുവാൻ മൂലക്കാട്ടു തിരുമേനിയുടെ സാന്നിധ്യത്തിൽ ധാരണയുണ്ടായത് ശ്ലാഘനീയമായ മാറ്റത്തിന്റെ തുടക്കമാണ്. അങ്ങനെ, ഹോഫ്മാനിൽ നമ്മുടെ അടുത്ത പള്ളി യാഥാർത്ഥ്യമാവുകയാണ്. അതിന് വഴി വച്ചത് മെയ്വുഡ് പള്ളിയാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ മെയ്വുഡ് പള്ളി, മൂലക്കാട്ടു പിതാവിന്റെ ഭാഷയിൽ പറ

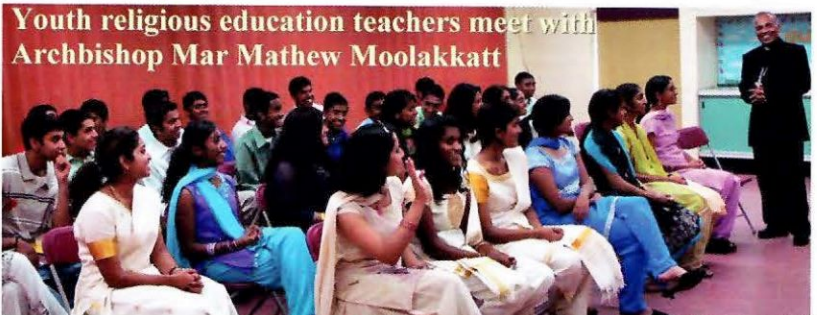
ഞ്ഞാൽ, ചരിത്രപ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള പള്ളിയായി മാറിയിരിക്കുന്നു.

പള്ളിയെക്കുറിച്ചും ഈശ്വരാരാധനയെപ്പറ്റിയും നമ്മുടെ കുട്ടികൾ അറിഞ്ഞിരിക്കണം. രക്ഷകർത്താക്കൾ അവരെ ദൈവാലയത്തിൽ എത്തിക്കുവാൻ പ്രേരിപ്പിക്കുകയും വേണം. നമ്മുടെ സമുദായത്തിന്റെയും പള്ളിയുടെയും വളർച്ചയിൽ അവർ പങ്കാളികളാകട്ടെ. ദൈവത്തെ അറിഞ്ഞ് സ്നേഹിച്ച് അവർ കരുത്തുള്ളവരായി വളരട്ടെ. നമ്മുടെ കുട്ടികളുടെ ഭാവിയാണ് നമുക്കെപ്പോഴും വലുത്.

നമ്മുടെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളുടെ ഭാവിക്ക്ക്കായി അവരുടെ മനസ്സിന്റെ രൂപീകരണത്തിനും ആദ്ധ്യാത്മികമായ വളർച്ചക്കും പള്ളികൾ വേണം എന്ന ആശയത്തിന് ചുക്കാൻ പിടിക്കുന്ന മൂലക്കാട്ടു പിതാവും മുത്തോലത്തച്ചനും വഹിക്കുന്ന പങ്ക് സർവ്വകാല സ്ഥരണീയമാണ്. ഈശ്വരൻ അവരെ നിയോഗിച്ചതാണ്. കാലികമായ മാറ്റങ്ങളെ ഉൾക്കൊള്ളാതെ അർത്ഥമില്ലാത്ത എതിർപ്പുകൾ വച്ചുകൊണ്ട് നാമാരും ചിന്തിച്ചുകൂടാ.

പുതിയ പള്ളികൾ എന്ന സങ്കല്പത്തിന്റെ സാക്ഷാത്ക്കാരമായി ഹോഫ്മാനിൽ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ എത്രയും വേഗം പൂർത്തിയാക്കുവാൻ നമുക്ക് ഒത്തൊരുമിച്ച് പ്രവർത്തിക്കാം. ഹോഫ്മാനിലെ പള്ളിയും നമ്മുടെ സമുദായ ചരിത്രത്തിലെ മറ്റൊരു നാഴികക്കല്ലായി മാറട്ടെ. ഈ ദൈവാലയത്തിനായി യത്നിക്കുന്നവരെ ദൈവം അനുഗ്രഹിക്കുക തന്നെ ചെയ്യും. ഈ പ്രദേശവും ദൈവസാന്നിധ്യമുള്ള ഇടമായി മാറും. ഇവിടെ ഭിന്നിപ്പിന്റെ സ്വരമുണ്ടാവില്ല. ഒരുമയുടെയും വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെയും നാദം ഉയരും. ഹോഫ്മാനിലെ പള്ളിയും സമുദായ വിശ്വാസികൾക്കും കുട്ടികൾക്കും ലഭിക്കാൻ പോകുന്ന ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹമാണ്.

സാങ്കേതികമായ കാരണങ്ങളാൽ മൊരടിച്ചു നില്ക്കേണ്ടവരല്ല നാം. മാറ്റങ്ങളെ ഉൾക്കൊണ്ട് നമുക്ക് കരുത്താർജ്ജിക്കാം. മെയ്വുഡ് പള്ളിയിലൂടെ നമ്മുടെ സമൂഹത്തിനും കുട്ടികൾക്കും ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന ആദ്ധ്യാത്മിക വളർച്ചയും സമുദായ ബോധവല്ക്കരണവും സാമൂഹ്യ സ്നേഹവും നമ്മുടെ സമൂഹം മുഴുവൻ ഒരുപോലെ അനുഭവിക്കുവാൻ "വേണം ഹോഫ്മാൻ എസ്റ്റേറ്റിൽ നമുക്കൊരു പള്ളി".



**Youth religious education teachers meet with Archbishop Mar Mathew Moolakkatt**



Best Compliments from



**Kannothara Family**  
Philip, Ancy, Lecil, Legi, Lenin, Lebin





# Do you feel the Inspiration?

SHIJU CHERIYATHIL

In the last couple of months, I have felt a tremendous amount of inspiration and fulfillment while attending mass at the Maywood Church. I have been pondering this sense of inspiration for quite some time, trying to decipher why and how this emotion has come to be and whether others are experiencing a similar sentiment.

After reflecting on my experience with the Maywood Church I've come to realize that there are numerous factors that may have contributed to this sense of inspiration and fulfillment that I am especially grateful for. The moment I walk through the doors of the Maywood church, I feel a sense of pride and ownership that I have not encountered in the past 25 years. I am no longer rushed to leave church so that another congregation can attend mass. I no longer need to wait for another service to conclude in order to park my car. No longer

do I need to celebrate Christmas or Easter Vigils at odd hours of the night in order to avoid conflict with the regular scheduled services.

Since the launch of the Maywood Church, the youth of our community has demonstrated an increased level of commitment and responsibility through various volunteer activities. The ushers, altar servers, readers, and teachers exemplify a strong sense of purpose that I believe comes from a sense of ownership that never existed in the past.

Even the most diminutive of elements such as the fresh coffee that is prepared after the service, the smiling faces of my church community and the ability to gather and socialize without constraint induces this sense of fulfillment that I know now.

With the youth center on its way, there are even further advantages to look forward to. As parents, we are constantly concerned with the future of our

children and anticipate any developments that would enhance the cultural awareness, spiritual fulfillment and social interaction among our youth. The youth center will provide our children with this opportunity.

I am a parent and my oldest child is 8 years old. I have already begun to worry about his future and am constantly thinking of ways to keep him occupied and out of trouble especially when he begins his teenage years. I am looking forward to the youth center because it will provide a safe heaven for our children to interact with their fellow Knanaya youth and will help build community spirit as our youngsters grow to be future leaders.

The inspiration and fulfillment that arises from the Maywood Church as well as its bright future fills me with confidence that we are heading in the right direction. I hope all of us can appreciate the positive aspects of our church and experience it to the fullest.



കുടുംബ യോഗത്തിന്റെ സമ്മേളനം വരകു കാലായിൽ ജോയിയുടെ ഭവനത്തിൽ കൂടിയില്ലെന്ന്



Best Compliments from

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**Kandarappallil Family**  
Tito, Sherly, Tobin, Tima, Tiya





## Maywood Church is My Second Home

SHELLY KATTAPURAM

**A** home is a place where you belong, share, and care. With this context, I proudly say I belong to Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church in Maywood I get a homely feeling every time I enter the church.

Belonging to Sacred Heart means everyone is one, whole, big family. Part of this family is my friends who are like my brothers and sisters. If I need something, I don't have to go to my parents. I feel free to approach anyone. Whenever I enter the gate to Sacred Heart, Philip uncle and Joy uncle are standing there to protect us like guardian angels. Moreover the presence of James makes me feel really safe. When I enter the doors to my "home", I see uncles making coffee, aunties bringing food, and my friends reading the bulletin and

chatting. Inside the church, I see many people helping Fr. Mutholath to get everything ready for mass and the rest of them praying.

My favorite part of this church is when we have English mass. I enjoy it because I can fully participate in it. The children's choir makes the mass lovelier. I learn a lot of good things from the homilies given by our dear Vicar, Fr. Mutholath.

My friends here are different from my school friends. I can share everything with them because we are all similar. We enjoy meeting each other at least once a week. I cannot even think about missing a Sunday mass.

Another thing that makes this church different from all the other churches I've been to is the freshly cooked food from our loving

aunties. We have a wide variety of food starting from American to typical Indian food. It is even more enjoyable to eat with our friends.

The religious education classes are really enjoyable because our teachers are very active. They make the class fun by including games and other activities. Before, I only knew a little about my classmates from Addison. Sacred Heart has given me the chance to know them well. The religious education festival was an amazing experience for me because I got closer with many people.

Sacred Heart Church, my second home, is a place of adoration, thanksgiving, learning, friendship, sharing, and love. There is no other place like Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Church in this world!



Participants of marriage preparation course held at our parish hall organized by the Family Commission of our parish



Best Compliments from



**Kaithakkathottiyil Family**  
Sibi, Suja, Tina, Tijo, Tisha & James

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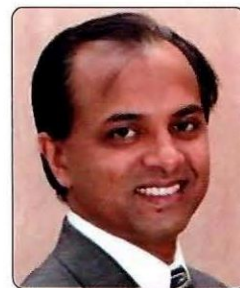


**Kanjiraparayil Family**  
Benny, Shyla, Betsy & Michelle



## Humble Beginnings of Our Knanaya Church

SABU MUTHOLAM



**A**s we are celebrating the first anniversary of the inauguration of the first Knanaya Catholic Parish outside Kerala, it is only appropriate to take a look at our humble beginnings.

Jesus Christ, Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Theresa, Abraham Lincoln and many others all have one thing in common. When you thump through the pages of history books or biographies, the image that sticks in your mind about these great men and women from all walks of life is that of their **humble beginning**, thus gaining our admiration.

We admire them for what they did for humanity and not for what they didn't do or could have done. They had the vision and determination to make changes in people's lives through their actions. The true essence of any religion's teaching.

Early Knanaya immigrants can tell you many stories of their humble beginnings in this greatest country on God's green earth. Before the mass influx in the 90's, the pioneers of our community can tell you about the countless hours they had spent looking for the cheapest apartment to live in, the cheapest car etc. because that's

all they could afford. From that humble beginning, they built their little empires and moved on to bigger and better mansions.

On numerous occasions I have heard a phrase repeated especially by our men. I would imagine that in an effort to teach their children humbleness, they would say in a proud and firm voice, "When I came to this country, I only had \$11 in my pocket" or a version there of. A vast majority of us who migrated to this country can say with pride that we did not come with a silver spoon in our mouth, rather \$11 or less in our pockets. That is the story of our personal humble beginning; now let's talk about our parish's.

Based on our current socio-economic standards, one can easily argue that Maywood may not be the ideal place for our community. However, since we proudly claim to be Christians, shouldn't our mission be to spread Jesus' teachings of tolerance, humbleness, and simplicity and try to influence others' lives in a positive manner? What better place for that mission to take place than Maywood? The simple fact of the matter is that this is the best we could afford at the time. Let's do

the most with what we have.

I can tell you with confidence that our presence in Maywood, albert short, already had profound impact in the local community. Let me illustrate my point with an example.

One of our neighbors, most likely recognizing our growing need and also seeing an opportunity to better himself, offered to sell his property with a house for \$200,000. Although we have no need for any more houses, we certainly could use the land for additional parking. Well, the word must have gotten out somehow, before anybody could react and initiate a negotiation process on behalf of the parish, some astute business person within our community recognized the golden opportunity (must be the Jewish side of our ancestry) called and offered \$300,000 within a matter of hours. Low and behold, by 2 O'clock that afternoon, the asking price had shot up to a whopping \$400,000 plus. (Of course, I am not oblivious to the possible motivation behind this.) Isn't this a testimony of our influence in a community? What an impact our presence makes! Now, this is what I call economic rejuvenation.



Best Compliments from



**Kizhakkevalayil Family**  
James, Sherly, Adersh, Aliza, Angela & Amala

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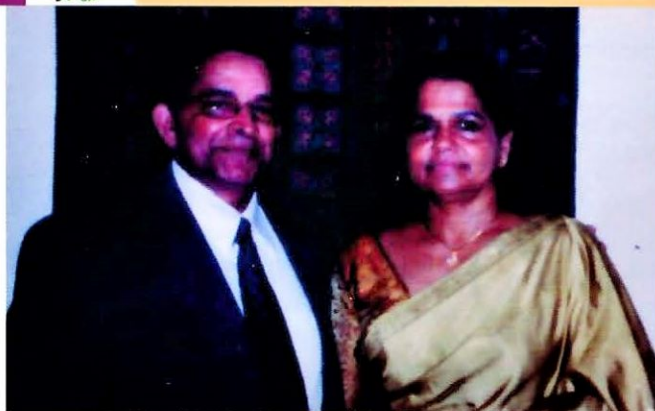


**Kuzhiparampil Family**





## MISSION SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR 2008



**Lukose  
Aleyamma**

**Paret**



**KLACKEEL  
FAMILY**

**O.J. JOHN &  
MARY JOHN**

From a personal standpoint, I consider myself fortunate and blessed to have such an opportunity while my kids are at an impressionable young age. In the short time that we had our church, they have become so entrenched in the regular offerings of spiritual, cultural, traditional and social values that only a church can provide. They consider this church their prized possession. It has come to the point that I cannot even bribe them to go anywhere other than our Knanaya Church, even my 5 year old. The benefits we as a family have received are priceless. They are even more excited about the prospects of having regular English mass that they can better understand and participate.

I can empathize with those who claim "fear" as the reason

for not coming to the Knanaya Church. After all, fear is purely subjective and an element of our perception. However, for this fear to be genuine, one would expect this phobia to be exhibited in different walks of their lives at least for a period of some time or until they overcome this fear. So quite naturally one would expect these folks to show the same restraint, 1) when their spouse or children go to work in an establishment that is in an "unsafe" neighborhood, or 2) they would have great reluctance and reservation to pay premium price to acquire a retail business in the worst part of town or 3) spend countless hours partying at a nearby similar "unsafe" neighborhood church while their children are roaming around outside without any supervision

in the dark of night.

In his first inaugural address in 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said the following" ..... the only thing we have to fear is fear itself -- nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.

So, I urge the entire Knanaya community to first of all think about and feel proud of our humble beginning and help build this into an empire that we can all be proud of. Our dream should be to be able to move into that bigger and better place in a "safer" neighborhood with pride as soon as we can. Let's not retreat in the face of adversity. We must realize that we are all fighting the same war but with two different war plans.



Best Compliments from



**Kattapuram Family**  
Sabu, Jiji, Ryan, Brianna, Brandon

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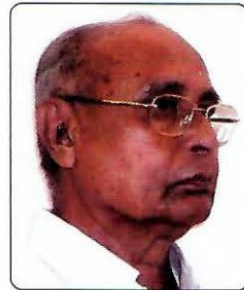
**Keezhangattu Family**





കുറഞ്ഞ കാലയളവിലെ അമേരിക്കയിലെ കൂടുതൽ കുടിയേറ്റം 60-കളിൽ ആരംഭിച്ചു ഇന്ന് ചിക്കാഗോയിൽ മാത്രം 900 കുടുംബങ്ങളോളം ആയിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ നമുക്ക് ഒരു ദൈവാലയം ഇല്ലാത്തതിന്റെ കുറവ് ഇതര വിഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ പോലും പരിഹാസവിഷയമായി. വടക്കും ഭാഗർ, സീറോ-മലങ്കര, ലത്തീൻ, സി.എസ്.ഐ, യാക്കോബായ, ക്നാനായ യാക്കോബായ, മർത്തോമ്മ എന്നീ വിഭാഗങ്ങൾക്കെല്ലാം സ്വന്തമായി ദൈവാലയങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായി. ഹിന്ദുക്കൾക്കും മുസ്ലീംങ്ങൾക്കും സ്വന്തമായി ആരാധനാലയങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായി. നമ്മൾ മാത്രം വാടക

തികമായി പല പ്രശ്നങ്ങളും ഉള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് കെ.സി.എസ്സിന്റെ പൊതുയോഗം അത് അംഗീകരിച്ചില്ല. പലയിടത്തും ദൈവാലയങ്ങൾ കണ്ടുവെങ്കിലും അവയൊന്നും നമുക്ക് യോജിച്ചവയായിരുന്നില്ല. അപ്പോഴാണ് ചിക്കാഗോ അതിരൂപതയിൽ നിന്ന് മെയ്വുഡിലുള്ള രണ്ടു പള്ളികൾ കാണിച്ചു തന്നിട്ട് ഒന്ന് തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുവാൻ നമ്മളോട് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടത്. അതിൽ ഭേദപ്പെട്ട സെന്റ് ജെയിംസ് പള്ളി ബഹു. മുത്തോലത്തപ്പൻ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു. മേൽപ്പറഞ്ഞ പള്ളി വിൽക്കുന്നതിന് ആ പള്ളിക്കാരുടെ ഇടയിൽ ഭിന്നാഭിപ്രായം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതിനാൽ, പള്ളി



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## കാവും കോളും മാറി അനുഗ്രഹ പൂമഴ പെയ്ത ഒരു വർഷം

ദൈവാലയങ്ങളിൽ ഒരുങ്ങി. തൽഫലമായി അവർക്ക് ആവശ്യമില്ലാത്ത സമയങ്ങളിലേക്ക് നമ്മുടെ തിരുക്കർമ്മങ്ങൾ ഒരുക്കേണ്ടിവന്നു.

വി. മിഖായേൽ റേൾ മാലാഖയുടെ തിരുനാളിന് അഭിവന്ദ്യ മുലക്കാട്ടു പിതാവ് ഇവിടെ എത്തിയപ്പോൾ നമ്മുടെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകളും ആവശ്യങ്ങളും മനസ്സിലാക്കി സ്വന്തമായി ദൈവാലയം വാങ്ങണമെന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്തു. അടുത്ത പ്രാവശ്യം പിതാവു വരുന്നത് ക്നാനായ ദൈവാലയം ഉത്ഘാടനം ചെയ്യാനായിരിക്കുമെന്ന് മിഷൻ ഡയറക്ടർ ഫാദർ അബ്രഹാം മുത്തോലത്ത അപ്പോൾ തന്നെ ആഗ്രഹം പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.

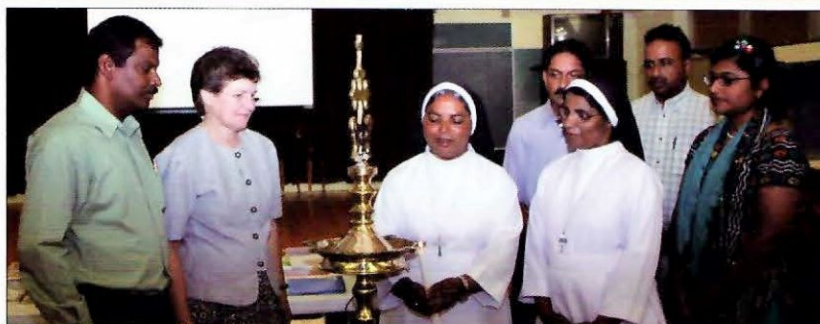
താമസിയാതെ തന്നെ സ്വന്തം പള്ളി വാങ്ങിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥനയും പ്രാരംഭ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളും തുടങ്ങി. അപ്പോൾ ചിലതിലുണ്ടായ ആശയമാണ് കെ.സി.എസ്സിന്റെ പേരിൽ പള്ളി വാങ്ങിയിട്ട് മിഷ്യനു വാടകയ്ക്ക് നൽകാമെന്ന്. സാങ്കേ

നമ്മൾ വാങ്ങിക്കുന്ന കാര്യം ആർച്ച് ഡയോസിന് നിർദ്ദേശിക്കുന്ന സമയത്ത് മാത്രമേ പരസ്യപ്പെടുത്താവൂ എന്ന നിബന്ധന ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. തിരുഹൃദയ തിരുനാളിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് മാർ കുന്നശ്ശേരി പിതാവ് ഇവിടെ വന്നപ്പോൾ മേൽപ്പറഞ്ഞ ദൈവാലയം കണ്ട് സന്തുഷ്ടനായി ഈ ദൈവാലയം വാങ്ങുന്നതിന് അനുകൂലാഭിപ്രായം പ്രകടിപ്പിച്ചു. തിരുഹൃദയ തിരുനാളിന്റെ പ്രഥമ ദിനത്തിൽ മാർ അങ്ങാടിയാത്തു പിതാവ് പള്ളിയുടെ നാമകരണം നടത്തിയെങ്കിലും പിതാക്കന്മാർ ആരും പള്ളി എവിടെയാണെന്ന് പറഞ്ഞില്ല. അതിനുശേഷം പലരും പിതാക്കന്മാരെ നേരിട്ടും അല്ലാതെയും സമീപിച്ചെങ്കിലും ആർച്ച് ഡയോസിന്റുമായുള്ള വ്യവസ്ഥ ലംഘിക്കുവാൻ അവർ തയ്യാറായില്ല.

സെന്റ് ജെയിംസ് പള്ളിയാണു നമ്മൾ വാങ്ങുന്നതെന്ന പ്രഖ്യാപനം ഉണ്ടായി രണ്ടു നാൾ കഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ ആ സ്ഥലം മോശമാണ്, ക്രൈം വളരെ കൂടുതലുള്ള പ്രദേശമാണ് എന്നു തുടങ്ങി നിരവധി ആരോപണ

ങ്ങൾ ഉന്നയിക്കുകയും അതുവരെ പള്ളി വാങ്ങാൻ താല്പര്യമെടുത്തിരുന്ന പലരും എതിർപ്പു പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. തന്മൂലം മാനസികമായി തളർന്ന മുത്തോലത്തപ്പൻ ഈ പള്ളി വാങ്ങണമെന്ന തീരുമാനത്തിൽ വരെ എത്തി.

എന്നാൽ ദൈവഹിതം മറിച്ചായിരുന്നു. പള്ളി കണ്ടു കഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ മുതൽ ഇത് ക്നാനായക്കാർക്കു വേണ്ടി ദൈവം നീക്കിവച്ച പള്ളിയാണ് എന്ന തിരിച്ചറിവ് ഉണ്ടായ കുറെ ആളുകൾ അപ്പൻ പിന്തുണ നൽകിക്കൊണ്ട് രംഗത്ത് വരികയും സമ്മർദ്ദം ചെലുത്തുകയും ചെയ്തതിന്റെ ഫലമായി ഫിനിക്സ് പക്ഷിയെപ്പോലെ പൂനർജീവൻ പ്രാപിച്ച് വികാരിയച്ചൻ ഈ പള്ളി വാങ്ങിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള തീരുമാനത്തിനായി പിതാക്കന്മാരെ സമീപിച്ചു. 400 കുടുംബങ്ങളുടെയെങ്കിലും സമ്മതം വാങ്ങിത്തന്നാൽ ഈ പള്ളി വാങ്ങാമെന്ന നിർദ്ദേശം മാർ അങ്ങാടിയാത്ത് പിതാവിൽ നിന്നുമുണ്ടായി. 24 മണിക്കൂറിനുള്ളിൽ മേൽപ്പറഞ്ഞ സമ്മതം പിതാവിനു രേഖാമൂലം നൽകി. ഡെസ് പ്ലേൻസിലുള്ള ക്രവുൺ ജുവൽ ബാങ്കാറ്റ് ഹാളിൽ വച്ച് കുന്നശ്ശേരി പിതാവിന്റെ സാന്നിധ്യത്തിൽ, അങ്ങാടിയാത്ത് പിതാവ് ഈ പള്ളി വാങ്ങുന്നതിനുള്ള അനുമതി പരസ്യമായി പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചു. പ്രഖ്യാപനം നടന്നതോടെ അഭിവന്ദ്യ കുന്നശ്ശേരി പിതാവ് മാർത്തോമ്മൻ പാടിക്കൊണ്ട് എല്ലാവരോടുംമൊത്ത് ആഹ്ലാദം പങ്കിട്ട ആ സുന്ദരനിമിഷം അത് നേരിൽ കണ്ട എല്ലാവരും ഓർമ്മയിൽ എന്നും സൂക്ഷിക്കും. കോട്ടയത്ത് നമ്മുടെ പിതാക്കന്മാരുടെയും അങ്ങാടിയാത്ത് പിതാവിന്റെയും അനുഗ്രഹത്തോടെയും നല്ലവരായ



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കഴിഞ്ഞ വർഷം നമ്മുടെ ക്നാനായ പള്ളിയ്ക്കുണ്ടായ വളർച്ച വളരെ പഴക്കമുള്ള ദൈവാലയങ്ങളെ വെല്ലുന്നതാണ്. വിവിധ മിനി സ്റ്റിക്കൾ, മതബോധന സ്കൂൾ, അൾത്താര ശുശ്രൂഷികൾ, സെന്റ് വിൻസെന്റ് ഡീപോൾ, ലീജിയൺ ഓഫ് മേരി, ഇവയിലൂടെ എല്ലാ കുടുംബങ്ങളും തന്നെ ഇടവകയുടെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ടുപോകുന്നു.

ക്നാനായ മക്കളുടെ നിർലോഭമായ സഹകരണത്തോടെയും ആർച്ച് ഡയോസിസ് നിർദ്ദേശിച്ച സമയത്തു തന്നെ മുഴുവൻ തുകയും നൽകി ക്ലോസിംഗ് നടത്തുവാൻ സാധിച്ചു.

ഒരു വർഷം പിന്നിടുമ്പോൾ ദൈവാലയത്തിനെതിരെ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്ന സംശയങ്ങൾ അടിസ്ഥാന രഹിതമാണെന്ന് തെളിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുകയാണ്. എല്ലായിടത്തും രൂപതയുടെ പേരിൽ പള്ളികൾ വാങ്ങിക്കുമ്പോൾ ഇവിടെ വികാരിയുടെയും ട്രസ്റ്റിയുടെയും പേരിലാണു നമ്മൾ പള്ളി വാങ്ങിയിരിക്കുന്നത്. ദൈവാലയങ്ങൾ സീറോമലബാർ, സീറോമലങ്കര, ലാറ്റിൻ എന്നിങ്ങനെ റീത്തുകളുടെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലാണ് അറിയപ്പെടുന്നത്. എന്നാൽ നമ്മുടെ ദൈവാലയം സേക്രട്ട് ഹാർട്ട് ക്നാനായ കാത്തലിക് പാരീഷ് എന്ന പേരിലാണ് രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള അനുവാദങ്ങൾ ചിക്കാഗോ സീറോമലബാർ രൂപത നമ്മളോട് എത്ര സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വമാണ് പെരുമാറുന്നത് എന്നുള്ളതിനു തെളിവാണ്.

നമ്മുടെ ദൈവാലയത്തിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്ന ഗുഡ്വുപ്പെ മാതാവിന്റെ അത്ഭുതം പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന തിരുസ്വരൂപം സെന്റ് യൂലേലിയാ പള്ളിയിലേക്ക് മുൻ ഇടവകക്കാർ കൊണ്ടുപോയപ്പോൾ പകരം ഒന്നു വാങ്ങി നമ്മുടെ പള്ളിയിൽ പ്രതിഷ്ഠിക്കണമെന്ന ഉൾവിളിയാൽ ഗുഡ്വുപ്പെയിലേക്ക് തീർത്ഥാടനം നടത്താൻ വികാരിയച്ചൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചു.

അവിടെ രൂപങ്ങൾക്കും മറ്റും വളരെ വിലക്കുറവായതിനാൽ ഡിന്നർ സമയത്ത് അച്ചൻ പറഞ്ഞു, രൂപങ്ങളും മറ്റും സ്പോൺസർ ചെയ്യാവുന്നതാണെന്ന്. മിനിറ്റുകൾക്കകം നമ്മുടെ പള്ളിക്ക് ആവശ്യമായ സക്രാതി, തിരുഹൃദയരൂപം, ക്രൂശിതരൂപം, കബരക്കരൂപം, ഉയർപ്പുരൂപം, കൊച്ചുത്രേസ്യോ, യൗസേപ്പ് പിതാവ്, സ്റ്റീവാ പാഥയുടെ 15 സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ, ഓസ്ട്രി, കാസാ, പീലാസ തുടങ്ങിയവ തീർത്ഥാടക സംഘം സന്തോഷത്തോടെ സ്പോൺസർ ചെയ്തു.

കഴിഞ്ഞ വർഷം നമ്മുടെ ക്നാനായ പള്ളിയ്ക്കുണ്ടായ വളർച്ച വളരെ പഴക്കമുള്ള ദൈവാലയങ്ങളെ വെല്ലുന്നതാണ്. വിവിധ മിനിസ്റ്റിക്കൾ, മതബോധന സ്കൂൾ, അൾത്താര ശുശ്രൂഷികൾ, സെന്റ് വിൻസെന്റ് ഡീപോൾ, ലീജിയൺ ഓഫ് മേരി, ഇവയിലൂടെ എല്ലാ കുടുംബങ്ങളും തന്നെ ഇടവകയുടെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ടുപോകുന്നു. മാസത്തിലെ രണ്ടാമത്തെയും നാലാമത്തെയും വെള്ളിയാഴ്ചകളിൽ വൈകുന്നേരം ദിവ്യബലിയ്ക്കുശേഷം കുട്ടികൾക്കുവേണ്ടി ആരാധനയും നടത്തിവരുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ സൗകര്യാർത്ഥം ക്രിസ്തുമസ്സും, ഈസ്റ്ററും ഓഗിയായും ഭക്തിപുരസ്സും നടത്തുവാൻ കഴിയുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ പള്ളിയിൽ നടക്കുന്ന എല്ലാ കാര്യങ്ങളും നമ്മുടെ കോട്ടയത്തെ പിതാക്കന്മാരുമായി ആലോചിച്ചാണ് നടത്തുന്നത്. നമ്മൾ ഒരു മിഷ്യൻ രൂപത സ്പോൺസർ ചെയ്തപ്പോൾ

ക്നാനായക്കാരനായ പള്ളിപ്പുറമ്പിൽ പിതാവ് അജപാലനം നടത്തുന്ന മിയാവു രൂപതയെ ആണ് തെരഞ്ഞെടുത്തത്. നമ്മുടെ പള്ളി വാങ്ങി ഒരു വർഷത്തിനകം മിയാവു രൂപതയിൽ നമ്മുടേതായി പള്ളി പണിയിക്കുവാൻ കഴിയുന്നത് നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയുടെ വിശാല മനോഭാവമാണ് കാണിക്കുന്നത്.

നമ്മുടെ ഇടവക അംഗങ്ങൾ അഭിപ്രായങ്ങൾ തുറന്നു പറയുകയും സഭയോടും സഭാധികാരികളോടും ചേർന്നു നിന്ന് അവർക്ക് വിധേയരായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നതാണ് നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയുടെ വിജയം. ഷെവലിയർ പി.എം. ജോൺ പൂല്ലാപ്പള്ളിക്ക് നൽകിയ നൂഹറാ അവാർഡുദാന ചടങ്ങ് ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്ത് കർണ്ണാടക ചീഫ് ജസ്റ്റീസ് സിറിയക്ക് ജോസഫ് പറഞ്ഞ കാര്യം ഓർമ്മയിൽ വരുന്നു. ഞാനും ജോണിച്ചായനും പിതാവ് പറയുന്നത് അപ്പാടെ അനുസരിച്ച് അഭിപ്രായം ഇല്ലാത്തവരായി നിന്നതുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഇത്രയും കാലം പിതാവുമായി യോജിച്ച് പോകാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നതെന്ന് ചിലർ ആരോപണങ്ങൾ ഉന്നയിക്കാറുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ ഞങ്ങൾ ഞങ്ങളുടെ അഭിപ്രായങ്ങൾ പറയുകയും അതിൽ പലതും പിതാവ് അംഗീകരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. അംഗീകരിക്കാത്തതിന്റെ പേരിൽ പിതാവിനെ ഞങ്ങൾ എതിർത്തിട്ടില്ല. രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ എന്ന നിലയിൽ പിതാവിന്റെ നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ അനുസരിച്ച് ഞങ്ങൾ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അത് ഒരു കുറവായി ഞങ്ങൾ കാണുന്നില്ല. ഇത്തരം സമീപനമാണ് നമുക്കിനാവശ്യം.

നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയുടെ ഇതുവരെയുള്ള പ്രവർത്തനവിജയത്തിൽ നമുക്ക് അഭിമാനിക്കാം. ദൈവത്തിന് നന്ദി പറയാം. അനൂരജ്ഞനപ്പെട്ട് നമ്മുടെ സ്വപ്നമായ യൂത്ത് സെന്ററും പുതിയ ദൈവാലയവും ക്നാനായ ആസ്ഥാനവും ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിന് ഒത്തൊരുമിച്ച് പ്രവർത്തിക്കാം.



Fr. Abraham Mutholath giving instructions to the teachers as they prepare for the new academic year.



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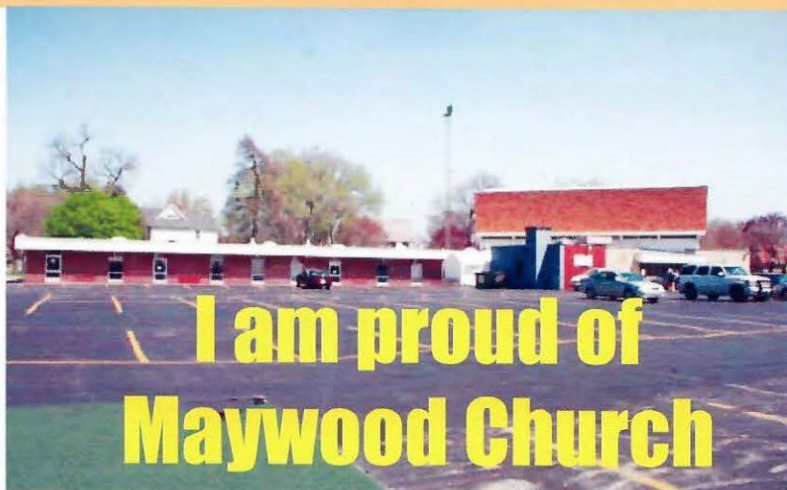
## MISSION SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR 2008

In the 27 years I have lived in Chicago, I have seen our community go through good times and bad times. Therefore, I was cautiously optimistic when we bought the Church in Maywood nearly a year ago. Today, as I witness the growth of our vibrant Church community, I can only salute the people who took the initiative to buy this Church for our community.

What I see at the Maywood Church facility is joy, happiness, and above all peace. The Church is always overfilled with worshippers who genuinely come there to pray, just as Jesus would have wanted them to do in His Father's house. Though the hallways are crowded, the sound of friendly chatter flows through them as the congregation builds their Knanaya unity and camaraderie. At Maywood, the people are surrounded by love and laughter without any time to criticize each other.

Every week there are new faces present at mass. The Church is welcoming to all ages: children, parents, and grandparents alike. Many of them are reluctant to leave the church after all the services are over. In fact, I often hear people confess that they are anxiously waiting for next Sunday to arrive so they can attend Maywood Church once more. The once dormant Knanaya sneham and oruma are blossoming here in Maywood.

The dedication and hard work of our trustees and volunteers keeps our church running. My sincere thanks go out to all of you. There is never a shortage of coffee, snacks, or food at Maywood Church. It was a rough start, but today people are willingly bringing and sharing bread with their



RAJU KANJIRATHUMKAL

fellow Knanayaites.

What I do not see at Maywood Church are rooms filled with cigarette smoke and small groups sitting around, gambling and playing cards. I have not seen men gathering around the trunk of an automobile in the wee hours of the night for a "small" or the parking lot littered with beer bottles or cigarette butts. The Church, the hallways, and the classrooms are clean without any odor of cigarette smoke or alcohol. As a matter of fact anyone can walk through the halls of the Church without the fear of stumbling into a room where a bunch of men are drinking or playing cards. It is unfortunate that a small group in our community projects such a negative image. For some, alcohol and happiness are synonymous but for many of us it is a disgrace to the Knanaya name.

People who do not come to Church have no idea what they are missing. Some say they are afraid of the Maywood neighborhood, some use the "excuse" of endogamy, but the



truth is that many are afraid of their own family members and friends. As for me, I am proud of this church and what it has done to touch many members of our community.

A couple of years ago when Archbishop Mathew Moolakkatt visited Chicago, I asked him how we can establish a Knanaya diocese in America. He replied "Without having Churches, how can we have a diocese? Under the current circumstances in America we should buy Churches". Now that we have Maywood church, I only wish that we could have a few more like this one in our Knanaya Community in North America. Once we have more churches established, I am confident that the Holy See will grant us our wish.



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### MAYWOOD CHURCH

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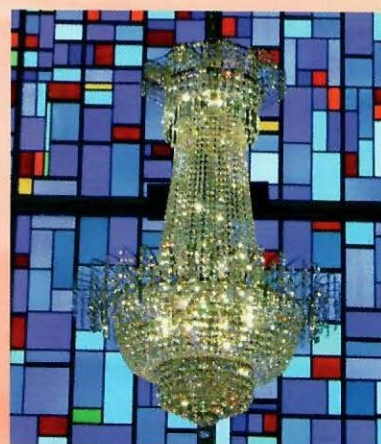
Church Inauguration



Perpetual Help



Sacred Heart



Light



Rectory



Children Play Ground



# MAYWOOD CHURCH

## Photo Pages



Madbaha



Church When We Got



Cross From Guadalupe



Bible



Tabernacle



Madbaha When We Got



Holy Saturday





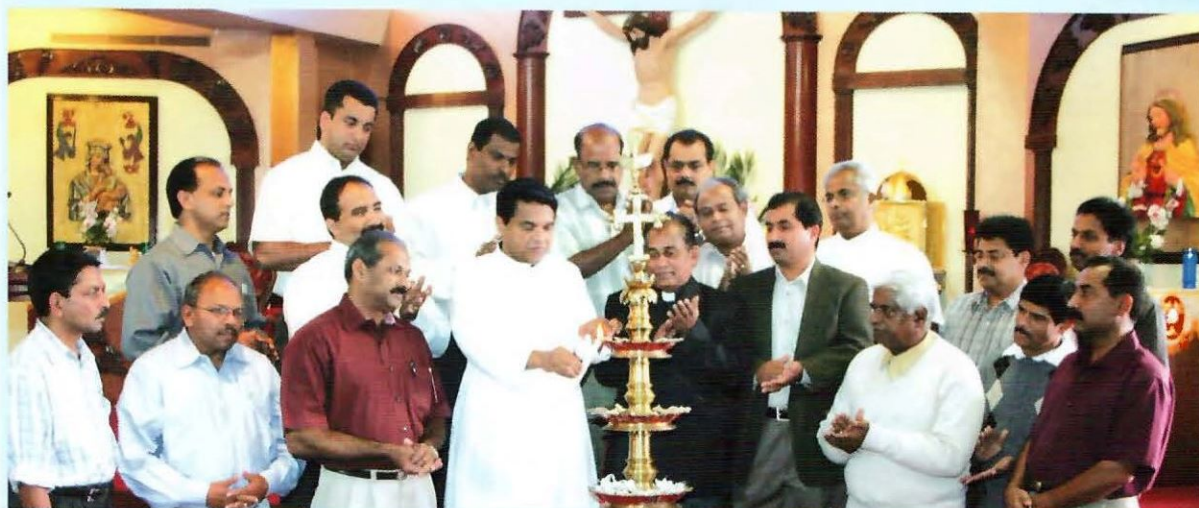
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### PARISH

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Church Inauguration





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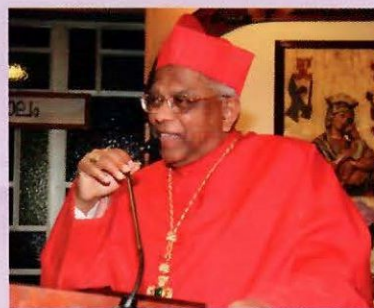
Cardinal Reception



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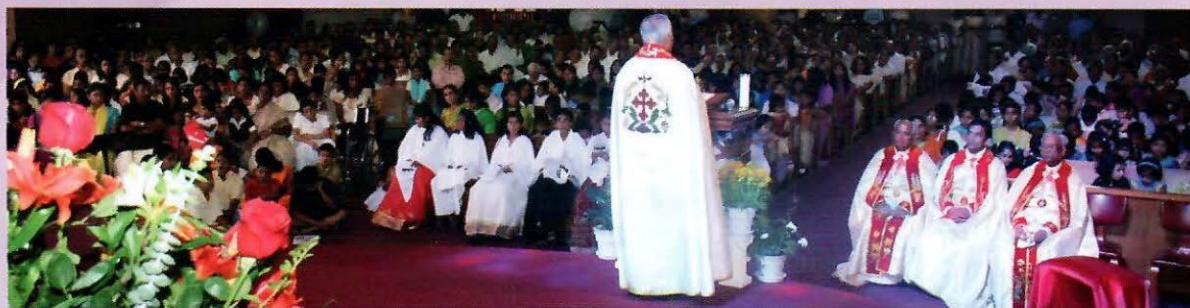
Mar Moolakkat Impressed



Cardinal Vithayathil Speech



Honoring Bishop on Birthday



Bishop Moolakat our Church





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## ACTIVITIES

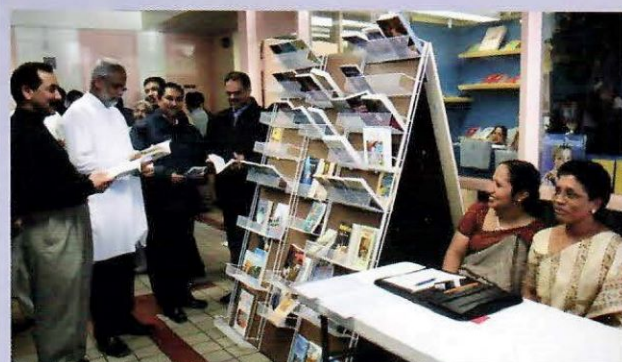
## Photo Pages



Religious Store Inauguration



Premarriage course



Parish Library



Memorial Mass



First Baptism



Syriac Mass by Mar Kunncherry



Carol Teams



Choir





ACTIVITIES

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PARTICIPANTS THEOLOGY COURSE



THEOLOGY CLASS



CHRISTMAS TREE

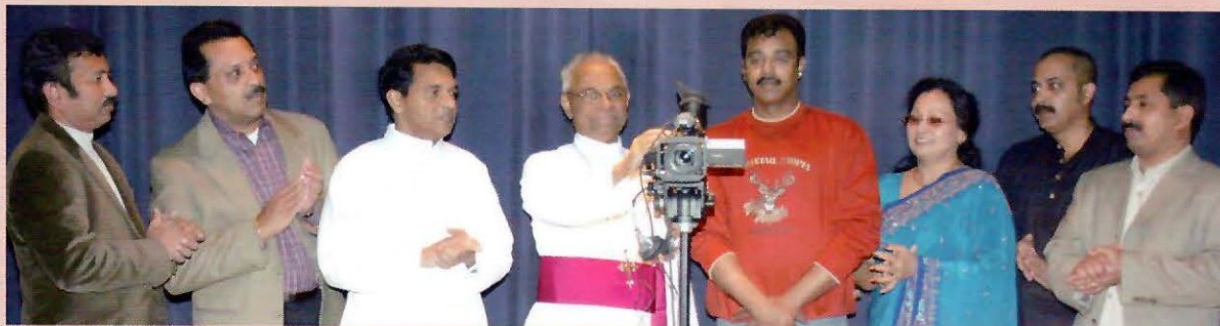


MEDIA

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KNANAYA KUDIYETTA BALLET DVD INAUGURATION



VIDEO PRODUCTION UNIT INAUGURATION



SCENE FROM KUDIYETTA BALLET





## MISSION SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR 2008

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### *Photo Pages*



Religious Education Inauguration



Religious Education Bishop Visit



First Communion Maywood



Appreciation Dinner



Religious Education Festival Finale





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Photo Pages



Blessing of Students



Religious Education Grand Festival



Religious Education final





## MISSION SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR 2008

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### *Photo Pages*



Religious Education Teachers with Bishops



Teachers Training 2005



Teachers at OLV 2005





## CHILDREN & TEENS MINISTRY

## Photo Pages







## MISSION SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR 2008

### KOODARA YOGAM

### *Photo Pages*



Koodaraygam



Koodaraygam 2



Koodarayogam



Koodarayogam Boating

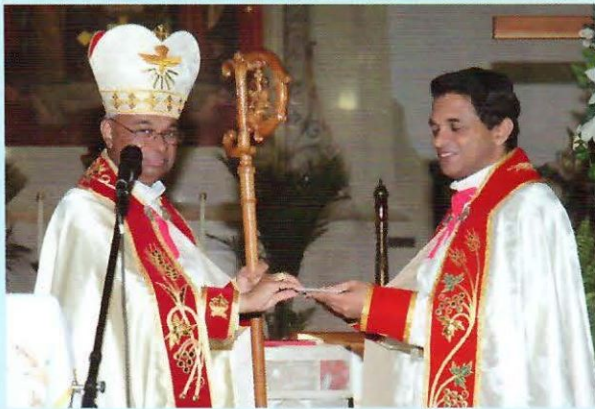


Koodarayogam Anniversary



KNANAYA  
CATHOLIC REGION

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Handing over the Decree



Region Announcement



Region Mass



Region Meeting



## FEAST

## Photo Pages



Procession



At IHM Church



Procession



Decorative Umbrellas



Venchamaram at procession



Mar Kunnacherry at Procession



Drum



Sacred Heart Feast





## MISSION SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR 2008

### BEFORE PARISH

### Photo Pages



Planning To Meet Angadiath



Mass at North Lake



KCCNA & Priests



Giving Signatures for Maywood Church



Fund Raising Committee



Fund Raising Committee 2



Youth Car Wash for Church



## BEFORE PARISH

## Photo Pages



Mass Addison



Announcing Church Name



Church Deed



Fr. Thodukayil Reinstated as Mission Director



Piggy Bank Inauguration



## BEFORE PARISH

## Photo Pages



Meeting at Oriental Congregation



Search Team at Maywood Church



Dinner for Cardial Francis George By Mar Anadiath



Joy Chemmachel, Joy Nedyakal, Abraham Kalladanthiyil together handing over the memorandum to Msgv. Norgert Gladmoe in Rome



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## CHILDREN & TEENS MINISTRY

## Photo Pages



Indian Drum



Sal Solo Music Concert



Preyer Seminar



Children Choir





CHARITY

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Pages*



Pilgrimage to Culcutta, Kalighut



Blood Donation





## MISSION SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR 2008

### CEMETRY

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Knanaya Cemetery Dedication



Shrine Knanaya Cemetery



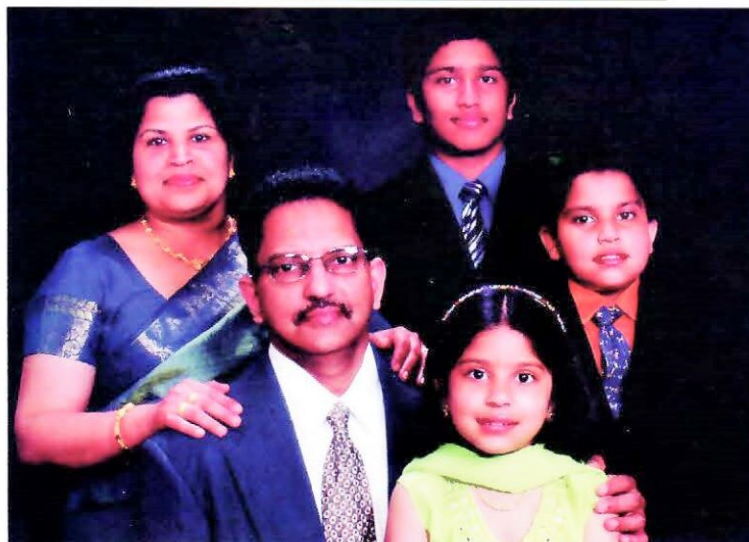
Shrine Knanaya Cemetery



Memorial Service Cemetery



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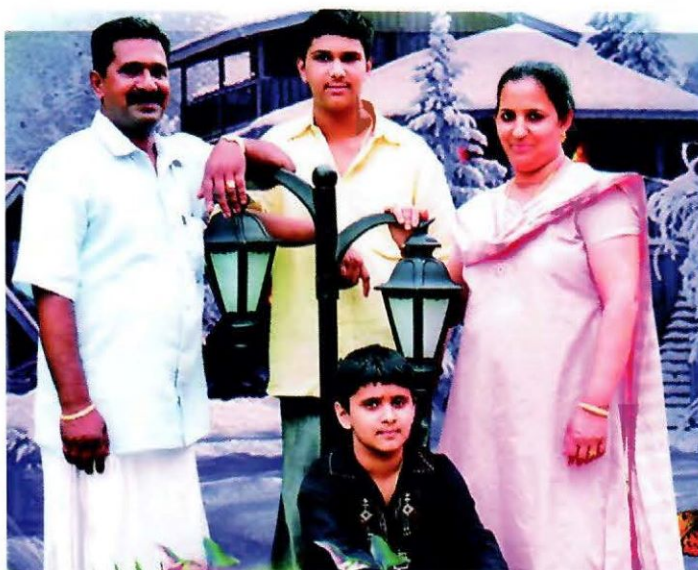
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**Muthukattil Family**  
Joy, Jessy, Jasmine, Justin



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**Machanickal Benny & Family**





# Religious Education Program:

## A mile stone in the History of Knanaya Catholics of Chicago

Over the 25 years of its existence, the Knanaya Catholic Mission of Chicago, under the leadership of great priests has been a major factor in the overall growth of the Knanaya Catholic Community of Chicago land. The immense growth and the accomplishments of our mission during the last four years period deserve special mention. Elevation of the Knanaya Catholic Mission to the Sacred Heart Knanaya Catholic Parish and the acquisition of the Sacred Heart Knanaya Church are the major achievements of this period. Our people have grown spiritually to a greater extent, and many are making remarkable contribution to the development of their parish. Thanks to Fr. Abraham Mutholath for his efficient leadership and for his determined effort with which we have accomplished so much. It is through the expansion of our Religious Education program that our people began to realize the need for a church of our own, and this change of attitude was the major key to all our success and accomplishments.

### History and Background

Although the Knanaya Catholic Mission of Chicago has existed for more than 25 years, it was only in the year 2000 it was able to start its own Religious Education Program. In the year 2000 Fr. Philip Thodukayil, the then Director of the Mission, took initiative to open a Religious Education School of our own. It indeed was a major accomplishment, and also it marked a major turning point in the history of the Knanaya Catholic Mission of Chicago. The school was operated at the Knanaya Catholic Community Center, and the classes were officially begun in September of that year. Classes were organized and taught by Fr. Philip with the help of a group of high school and college going youth from our community on Sundays following the Holy Mass at 10 am. The school year ended in May with a common celebration of the First

Communion, a tradition set forth by Fr. Simon Edathiparambil a decade ago. This system continued in the following years, and it was beneficial to many families who had easy access to the community center.

### Expansion and Restructuring

In July 2004 when Fr. Abraham Mutholath became the Director of the Knanaya Catholic Mission, he proposed the idea of expanding and reorganizing our Religious Education Program so that it would be beneficial to all Knanaya Catholic children in the Chicago land. With this idea, after consulting with the Trustees of the Mission, Fr. Mutholath decided to operate our Religious Education Program at two locations; on Sundays at IHM School in Chicago at 4pm followed by Holy Mass at IHM Church, and on Saturdays at 3.45 pm at St. Mary's church, North Lake followed by Holy Mass. The school year extended from the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of September 2004 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of May 2005. In that school year 130 children attended IHM School and 75 children attended North Lake School. Training and the orientation for the Religious Education Teachers were provided by the Religious Education Faculty at the Marthoma Sleeha Syro-Malabar Parish.

In September 2005 the Schools were relocated to OLV School in Chicago and St. Joseph's School in Addison, with the same class schedule from the previous school year. In 2005-06 School year there was a considerable increase in the number of registrations. In that School year 200 children attended OLV School and 120 children attended St. Joseph's School. The 2005-06 school year ended on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of May 2006.

In September 2006 after the acquisition of the Sacred Heart Knanaya Church in Maywood, it became our parish church and



**JOHNY THEKKEPARMBIL**

Coordinator of Religious Education Program.

the center for the Religious Education Schools. Considering the convenience of many families from north suburbs, the Parish decided to continue the Religious Education School at OLV church. The schools were named Sacred Heart School and St. Mary's School respectively. In school year 2006-07 230 children attended Sacred Heart School and 130 children attended St. Mary's School. The school year extended from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of September 2006 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of May 2007. At St. Mary's School the class schedule remained the same from the previous year. At Sacred Heart School the classes were held on Sunday mornings immediately after the Holy Mass at 10am. There was a considerable increase in the number of students attending the schools during the school year 2007-08. At present there are 375 students attending Sacred Heart School, and 150 students attending St. Mary's School. Since the beginning of 2007-08 school year, the classes at Sacred Heart School begins at 10am on school days, followed by Holy Qurbana in English for the youth and children at 11.30am.

### Curriculum

The curriculum for our Religious Education Program is designed not only to focus on the faith formation of our children but also to give them knowledge about the Knanaya community. It is required that the children attend Holy Mass before or after their classes. In addition to the regular classroom activities, children participate in monthly spiritual programs organized by the various ministries. For convenience they are divided into children, teen and youth ministries.





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tries based on their age. Once or twice a year the children along with their young teachers will be given classes based on the history and traditions of the Knanaya Community.

### Religious Education Festival

A highly appreciated program of the school is the annual Religious Education Festival, which is a 3-4 hour performance including dances and skits with themes based on the Bible and the Knanaya Culture by the children and the young teachers. It is part of the school's curriculum. Knanaya Kudiyetta Ballet, a dance performance based on the historical origin and formation of the Knanaya community caught the attention of many, a theme proposed by Fr.Mutholath. The songs of for ballet are taken from the album Knanaya Kudiyetta Ganangal. These songs, written and composed by Fr.Martin Varikkanickal, give great insight into the evangelical origin and formation of the Knanaya Community and their contribution to Christianity in India, a truth often ignored by many. Thanks to Mrs.Mary Thomas Alumkal for assisting

Fr.Martin with the production of the album and directing the Ballet.

### Faculty

The faculty consists of DREs, Asst.DREs, Secretaries, and Coordinators of children, teen and youth ministries and the Catechists, functioning under Parish Vicar, Fr.Abraham Mutholath. These are a group of very dedicated individuals who with their great service brought us success. The main feature of our Religious Education Program is that 95% of our catechists are high school and college going youth. Not only the children love them but also they feel at home in their presence. It is great to see them participating in various activities of the church in addition to teaching, and staying in the mainstream of the community.

Over the years we have been fortunate to receive extremely valuable service from Tony Pullappallil, Tomy Kunnasseril and Saji Poothrakkayil as DREs, Brenda Edukkutharayil, Tissy Njaravelil, Josmy Edukkutharyil and Maneesh Kaimoolayil as Asst. DREs, Femia Puthenpurayil, Tesa

Thannikkari, Ann Kulangara, Veena Kaniayali, Gity Chakkalathottiyil, Abeena Karickal, Neethu Kurppanparambil, and Rose Ann Pathiyil as Secretaries, and Mrs. Mary Thomas Alumkal, Mrs.Saly Francis Kizhakkekuttu and Mrs.Josmy Edukkutharyil as Religious Education Festival coordinators. These individuals, along with the coordinators of various ministries and the catechists, work as a great team under our Parish Vicar Fr.Abraham Mutholath doing great service to our Parish and to our Community. I thank the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus for being a part of such a team of great individuals, and I am grateful to Fr.Mutholath for giving me that opportunity. We extend our sincere gratitude to H.E. Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath for all his blessings and encouragements over the years. We also extend our sincere thanks to Archbishop Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry, and Archbishop Mar Mathew Moolakkat for visiting our schools, and for giving valuable directives.

May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Bless our Parish and our Community.

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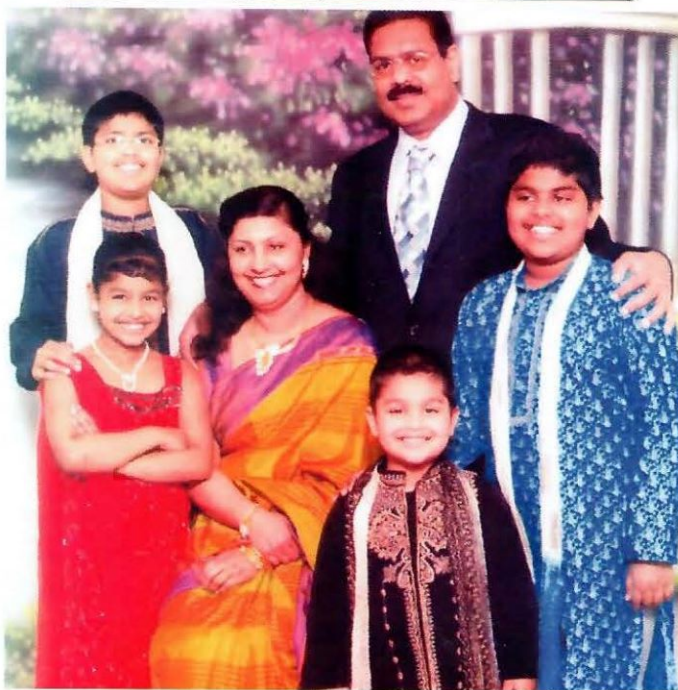
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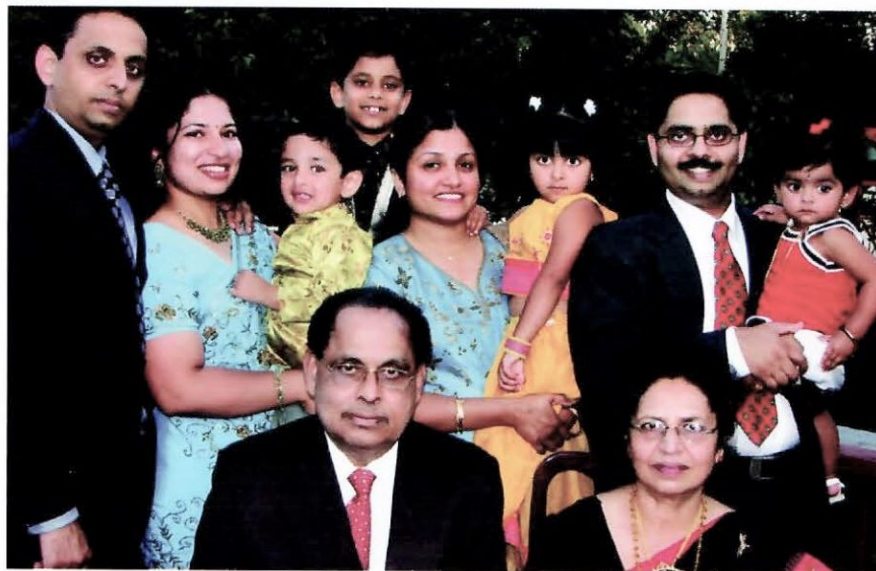
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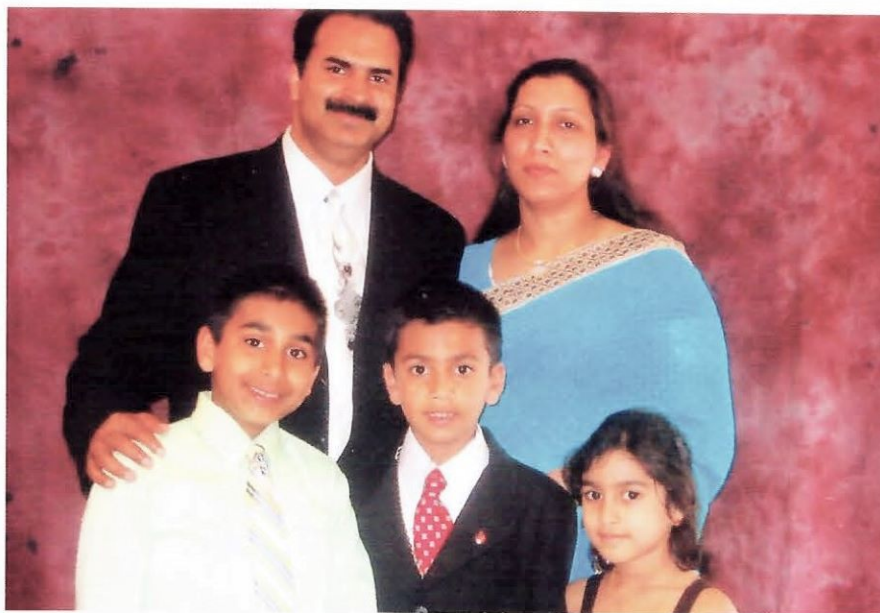


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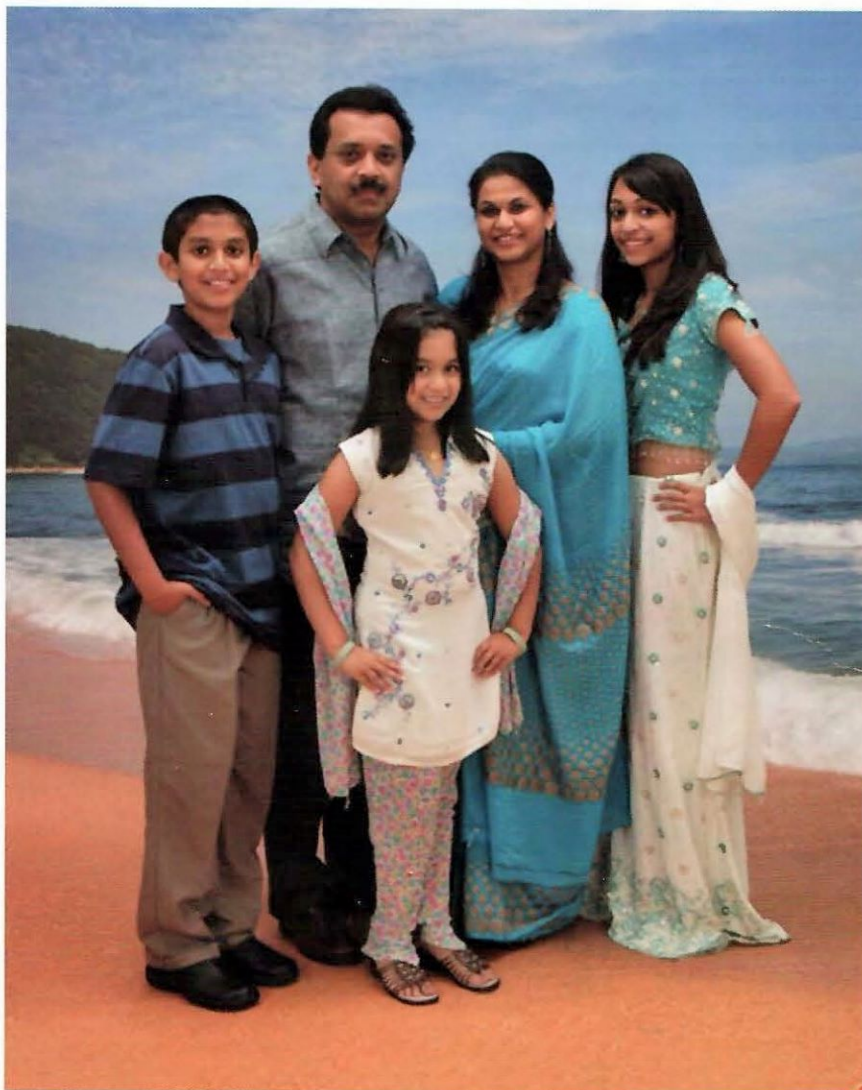


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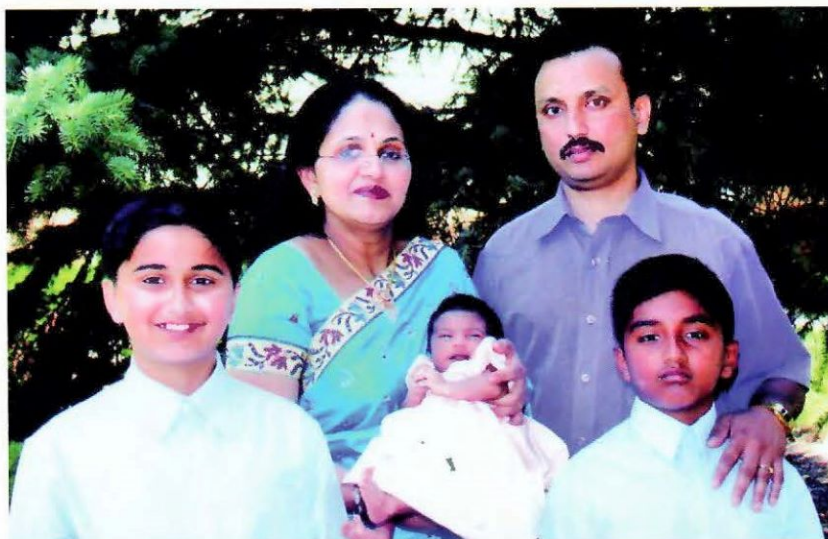
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# NEW EVENTS



Mar Jacob Angadiath and Mar Mathew Moolakkatt at the dedication ceremony of the youth center property



Mar Joseph Pandarasseril celebrating Holy Mass at our church





# NEW EVENTS



Photo above: Religious Education staff training at Maywood.  
Photo below: Religious Education staff training at Community Center.

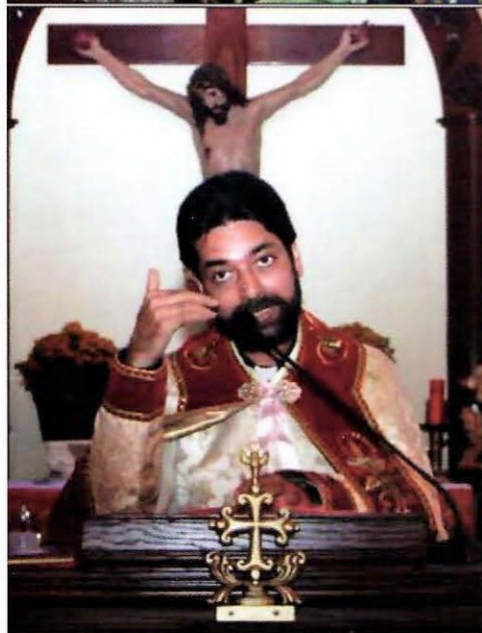


Photo Above: Mass by Fr. Paul Poovathumkal.  
Right: Preparation for Holy Land/Rome Pilgrimage.



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# NEW EVENTS



Koodarayogam Anniversary Camping





## MISSION SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR 2008

# NEW EVENTS



Fun Games by Men's And Women's Ministry of the Parish



Koodara Yogam Camping 2008



Bishop Mar Joseph Pandarasseril blessing of the shrine at Knanaya Catholic Cemetery



Prayer on November 2nd at the Knanaya Catholic Cemetery



Fr. Abraham Mutholath speaking at the blessing of the shrine at Knanaya Catholic Cemetery



Audience at the entertainment in the parish during the main feast in 2008.





## MISSION SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR 2008

# NEW EVENTS



First performance of Church Band trained in our church



Drum Class for juniors in our church



Blessing of grand parents before the grand-parents' day celebration



Prayer at the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in our church after the Holy Mass



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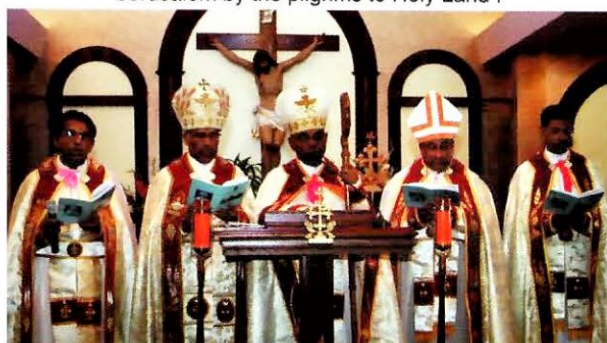
Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee during Holy Land pilgrimage by the parish.



Group photo after the Holy Mass at Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem by the pilgrims to Holy Land .



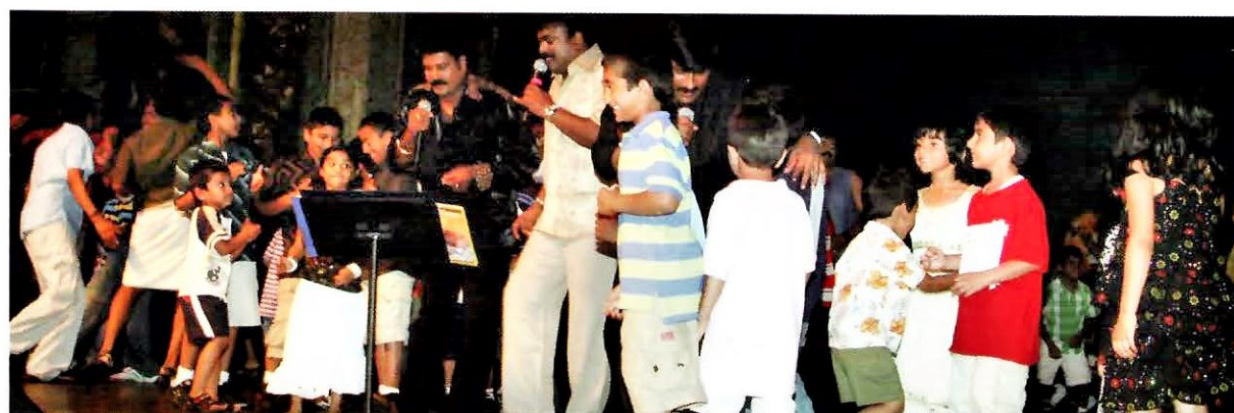
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Jubilee Mass of the Knanaya Catholic Mission



Prayer Song by senior citizens at the Entertainment Night of the main feast in 2008.



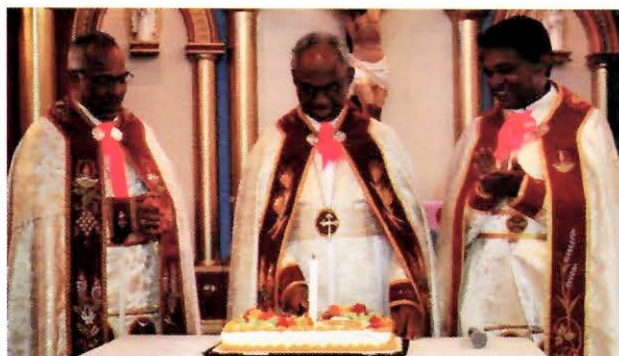
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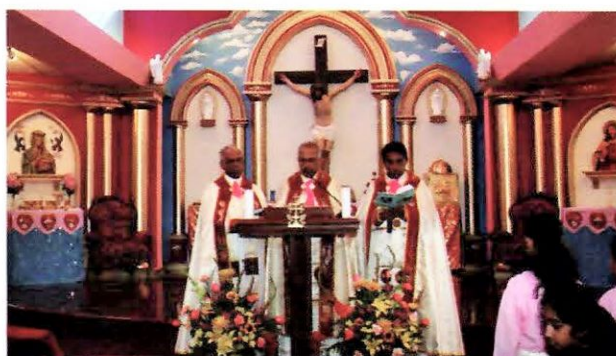
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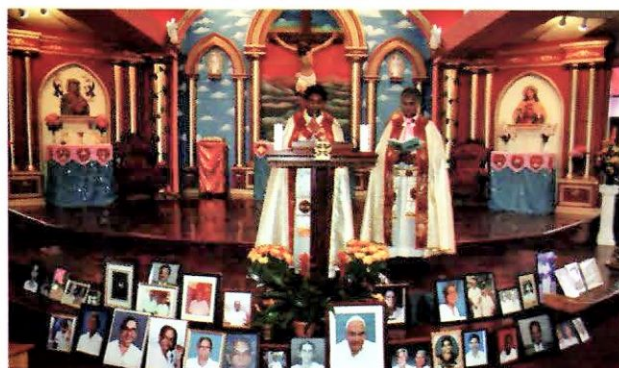
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Birthday celebration of Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath at our church with Archbishop Mar Mathew Moolakkatt and Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath



Holy Mass at our remodeled sanctuary by Archbishop Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Bishop Mar Jacob Angadiath, and Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath



November 2nd memorial Mass held at our church with photos of the deceased.



Syro-Malankara Holy Mass is offered on a regular basis in our church.



Handing over money for church construction sponsorship in the Diocese of Miao to bishop Mar George Palliparambil



## NEW EVENTS



Staff of St. Mary's Religious Education School



Tour of senior citizens' ministry



Procession during the main feast of the church





## MISSION SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR 2008

# NEW EVENTS



Pilgrims from our parish who went to Vatican for Canonization of St. Alphonsa with Mr. K.M. Mani M.L.A



Group Photo of the pilgrims from our parish who went to Vatican for the canonization of St. Alphonsa





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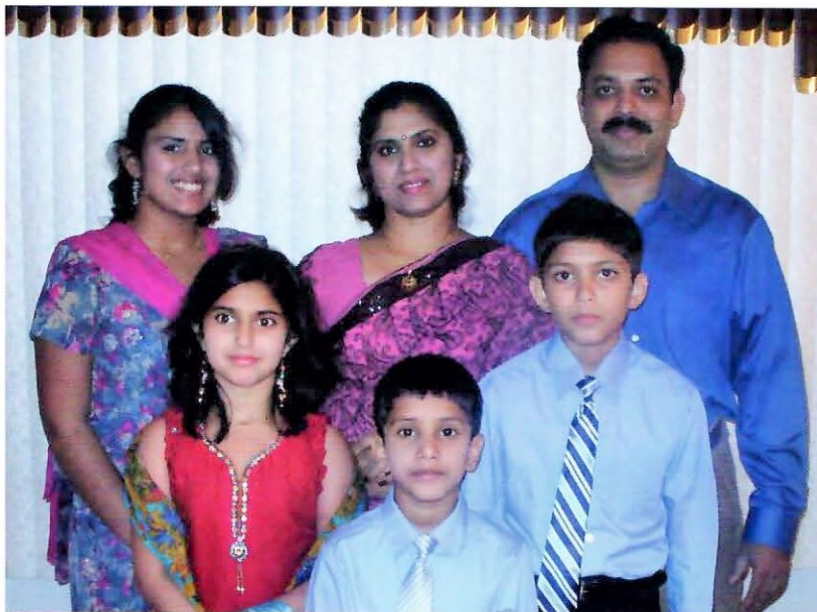
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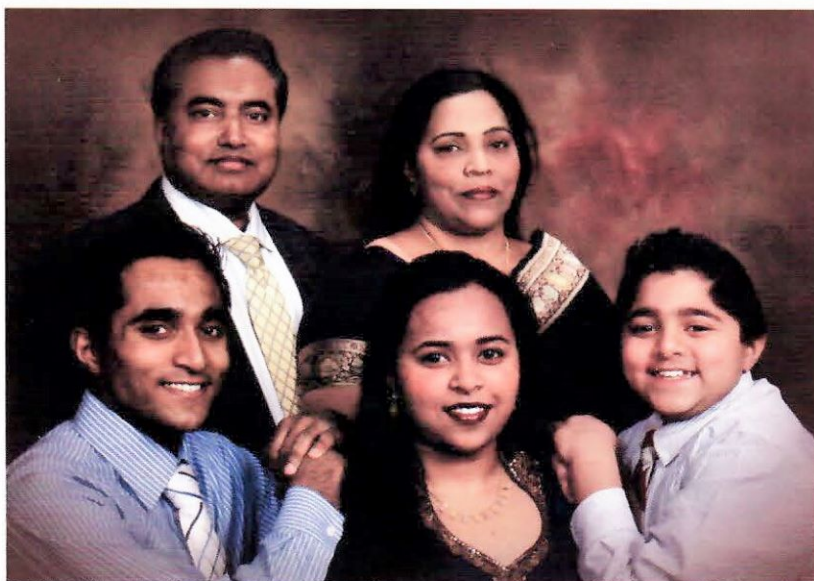


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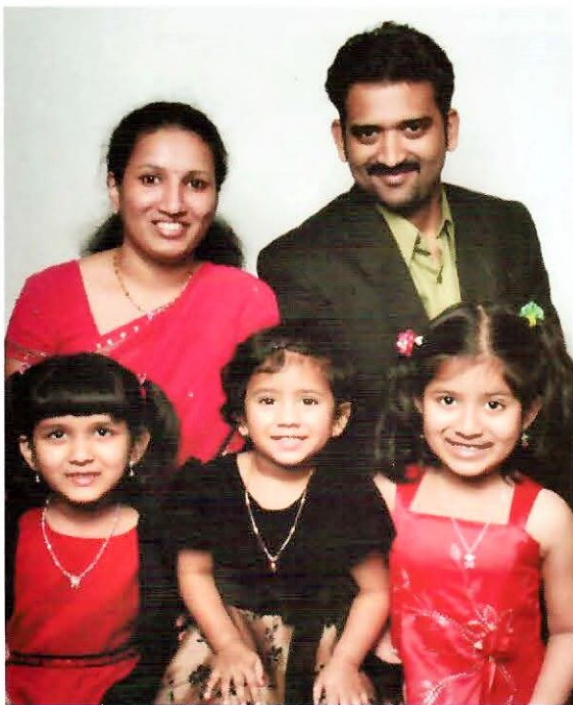
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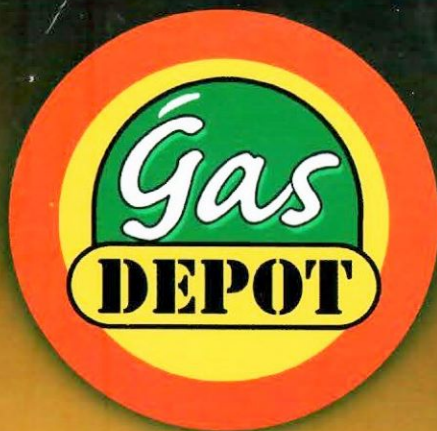
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