

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters...

We have entered into the New Year 2022 with much of hopes and dreams; joys and happiness. Let this New Year be a fulfilling, promising and blessed one for our diocese and for all of us. The Church has given us Mary the Mother of God as our gift in the very first day of this year. Let us entrust ourselves totally to her feet so that she may intercede for us and bring us all choicest blessings. We have celebrated the Christmas meaningfully in all our diocesan sectors connecting the Synodal them: our RCM school educational department invited all the consolidate pay teachers for the first time to our diocese and honored them with some cash gift along with Christmas celebration that was very unique and appreciable. I appreciate Rev. Fr. Clement Rosario, Manger of RCM schools and the teacher association for this commendable event. In a special way I thank and appreciate the generous contribution of Rev. Fr. S. John Peter, California. Our social service department celebrated the Christmas with poor people of our diocese both in Vellore and T.V. Malai centers by giving them cloths and flood relief materials. Appreciation goes to Rev. Fr. S. James, director, VSSS&TVMSS and his team. All our catechists were invited by our pastoral centre department and were given Christmas gift and flood relief materials. I do appreciate Rev. Fr. L. Ramesh, director, Pastoral Centre. During the Christmas celebration to all the priests and religious a meaningful Christmas message was given in connection with the Synaodal theme 2021-2023 and Christmas gift was given to them by the diocese. I thank Rev. Fr. A. Kulandesu, Procurator.



As we celebrated the 55th World Day of Peace on 1 January 2022 our Holy Father Pope Francis enlightened the world with his message on the theme Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work: Tools for Building Lasting Peace. Today the world has lost its peace and joy. Everything is valued on the basis of money, power and possession. Secularism has taken its zenith. Human beings have become enemies to each other. Values have lost its face and dialogue became monologue. In this situation how we are going to promote peace? Let us break the walls, join hands with others, and make education available even to the marginalized and work together to build our society that foster peace and unity.

The double blessings and opening of Rosary Garden in Cathedral campus and the New Church at Bagayam parish went in a grand manner on 6 Jan. 2022. Our beloved Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. George Antonysamy, Madras - Mylapore graced the occasion. His graceful presence brought blessings to our diocese in abundance. We extend our sincere thanks and prayers to him. Hearty congratulation to Rev. Msgr. M. Joe Lourdasamy and Rev. Fr. N.T. Irudayaraj and their parishioners for their magnificent work.

On Tuesday 1st Feb. 2022 the blessing and consecration of the renovated Shrine Church of Our Lady of Lourdes is going to take place at Chetpet in memory of the 125th Jubilee of its foundation. Most Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio to India-Nepal is going to bless and dedicate the Shrine Church. It is our diocesan Shrine. I cordially invite all our diocesan priests, religious and people come and grace the occasion.

On the 31st January we celebrate the feast of St. Don Bosco. I on behalf of all our priests, religious and people wish the Salesian Provincial and all the Salsian friars a very Happy Feast. We assure them our sincere prayers and thank them for their wonderful ministry in our diocese.

The Synodal preparation was done meticulously in the first two phases: diocese and Vicariate. Now it's the responsibility of all the parish priests to prepare our people. Hence, I ask all our parish priests kindly organize the meetings for Anbiam, Parish council members and youth, enlighten them about the Synodal Church, make them to discuss the Synodal questionnaires and come out with their solid suggestions, proposals and dreams for a vibrant Church of third Millennium.



Dear fathers, brothers, sisters and my dear people as we are facing the virulent third face of Covid 19 kindly take care of yourselves and celebrate the liturgy and other Sacraments following the standard operating procedure (SOP). Be hale and healthy.

God bless,

Yours in Christ Jesus,



Very Rev. Msgr. I. John Robert,
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