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The Pastor Speaks:

TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD

XXXIV. THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST

Our Incorporation with Christ

THE consideration made in our previous article on the sublimity and, at the same time, simplicity of the Doctrine of the Mystical Body must inspire us to face with love and courage the most beautiful and tremendous realities it contains and at the same time accept with joy and generosity the very consoling yet frightening consequences.

We need however to go deeper into our considerations or meditations. We shall then, in a few articles, dwell a little more at length on these realities and their obvious consequences. It will be a great encouragement to us and make us admit that, if we wish to be real Christians in the real sense of the word, other Christs, we shall have to confess honestly that there is need of a change in our life, and that we must accept it and act accordingly.

In the first place, we have to consider very carefully and deeply our union with Christ consequent

on our incorporation with Him. Thus we must study thoroughly the real meaning of Incorporation with Christ.

Holy Baptism and Incorporation

We shall never understand sufficiently and appreciate enough the magnificent gift and grace we have received in Holy Baptism. Baptism is a rebirth. Through life we are born in the natural order, and through Baptism we are born in the supernatural order and re-born in Christ. Thus all the graces, all the gifts and riches we

have as Christians, have their origin in Baptism. The first effect of Baptism is our incorporation with Christ. Of course the effects of Holy Baptism are various: incorporation, filiation, purification, regeneration, all most precious gifts given to the soul contemporaneously when the Holy Sacrament of Baptism is conferred. But the first in its logical place, if we may say so, is incorporation.

The meaning of Incorporation

To be incorporated is to become a Member of Christ, a member of His Mystical Body, to form one whole body with all the members. Through incorporation, the baptised person belongs through all the fibres of his being to Christ and to the Church. In Baptism, Christ the Head has taken possession of the new Christian, who becomes thus incorporated in the human nature of Christ, and through that divine humanity enters into relationship with the Divine Person of the Incarnate Word, and becomes one of His Members to form the Whole Christ. This does not mean that we complete Christ in His Person. Christ possesses the plenitude of life in Himself and the Church will never be able to add anything to that plenitude of life. Christ possesses all and does not depend on His members. The personality of Christ is completely distinguished from the personality of the members in the midst of this most intricate union. This forms "the mystery of Christ." We have explained this distinction in our pastoral letter, but the Encyclical of Pope Pius XII on the subject is still clearer on this particular point.

The incorporation binds the Christian not only to Christ the Head, but to His Body as a whole, which is the Church, and thus binds the baptised to the Whole Christ. This is the authentic and official way of entering the Church. Incorporation is, not however the act of a day, or of a moment, like the fleeting ceremony of the day or the moment when we were baptised. It is not a passing show or a mere ceremony which ends with the rite. It is neither a membership subscription, like entering our name in a register, nor even the inscription in the Baptism Register. It does not mean that henceforth we are listed among the members of the Church as a society and have thus obtained the rights of membership.

It is much more than that. Incorporation is our insertion in a life, the life of a Person, the Person of Christ who lives in His Church. Incorporated with Christ in Holy Baptism, by a re-birth, we Christians live of His life and form His Body, the Mystical Body. Thus Baptism is the bond of unity which unites all in one, in the whole Christ.

Sharing in Grace and Charity

To be a living member of Christ and the Church means to participate in the life of grace and charity which springs from the Heart of Christ the Head and which is diffused all over the Body by the Spirit of the Church, who is also the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit.

What a tremendous reality and what a wonderful truth, which must nourish our spiritual life

continually : Incorporated with Christ! Thus then I am united with Christ in a personal intimacy which compels me to study more and more who He is and what He is. It would be unthinkable that we should love Him . . . be united with Him, and not feel eager to know more about Him, to know all that we can possibly know about Him.

Now where do we find Christ? There where He is. In the Gospels first, where we meet Him as He lived, moved and talked. In Holy

Communion, in the practice of a perennial union with Him, expecting the day when we shall fully see, know, love and possess Him for all eternity.

O Jesus! make us penetrate more and more deeply into this beautiful truth of our incorporation with Thee, so that we may live accordingly and thus be always more united to Thee.

✠ L. MATHIAS,

Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore.

BISHOP F. A. CARVALHO

A Pen Portrait

By Gratian Colaco (Egmore)

THE recent Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee of His Excellency the Rt. Rev. Dr. F. A. Carvalho provides me with an opportunity of paying my humble tribute to him, whom I have known for the past 32 years as an old and highly esteemed friend and well-wisher of my family.

I have reason to remember him very well in an intimate capacity as my quondam Parish Priest, in whose Parish of San Thome I spent 8 happy years of my life, from 1929 to 1937, when I was staying in what was then "Tiverton" (now "Ozmel") on the San Thome High Road. During this period it was my privilege to be closely associated with His Excellency (or Fr. Carvalho as he then was) in almost all the religious activities of the Cathedral and as one of the representatives of the former Diocese of Mylapore, on the Executive, Reception and Conveyance, and Exhibition Committees of the last National

Eucharistic Congress held in Madras in 1927. The experience which I gained under him stood me in good stead in later years.

Courtesy and Affability

My first contact with Bishop Carvalho was when I went to him to ask for a ticket for a seat in the Mylapore Cathedral for the consecration of the late Bishop A. M. Teixeira in 1928. I was then a perfect stranger to him. The deep impression which he made on me, of the great courtesy and affability which has characterised his life and dealings with everyone, are vivid in my mind even till today.

By the force of his personality, the strength of his character and the suavity of his manner he has won for himself a large circle of friends and admirers. Ever accessible, never irritable; accommodating, yet uncompromising in principles; gentle but firm in his decisions; a good judge of human character, Bishop Carvalho combines in himself a personality which is worldly-wise, yet absorbed in God.

He has a gift for presiding over and conducting meetings in a business-like manner, while extending every opportunity for a free and frank expression of opinion from the audience. With his clear head he is able to appreciate whatever is put before him and with his quick grasp of things he carries conviction to his hearers and wins them over to his point of view. He is a giant for work and has a great head for detail. Any letter written to him on any matter receives his personal attention and brings an almost immediate reply written with his own hand. His command of the English language and his power of expression are remarkable and his sermons, writings and speeches are both forthright and thought-provoking.

Constant Service

As Parish Priest he was at the service of his congregation round the clock and his highly devoted pastoral ministrations won for him the reputation of being a model Parish Priest, a modern version of the Cure d'Ars. His mastery of the Tamil language and the fluency with which he conversed

and preached in that language endeared him in a special way to the Tamilian section of the Parish and the name "Carvalho Samiyar" was a household word, loved, respected and revered by all.

When the Papal Seminary at Kandy was established in 1893 for the training of the indigenous Clergy of India, Burma and Ceylon, the then Pope Leo XIII uttered these memorable words: "*Fili tui O India, administri tibi salutis*" - "Thy sons, O India, shall minister to thy salvation". If this same Pope at a later date had also said: "*Filii tui, O India, gubernabunt Ecclesiam tuam*" - "Thy sons, O India, shall govern thy Church", and if he had come to life again on the 19th of March 1953, how happy he would have been to know that three sons of the soil were raised to the Episcopate. On that day, at an open-air evening ceremony in the S.I.A.A. Grounds, unparalleled in the ecclesiastical annals of India, Archbishop Mathias (who has many records to his credit) in one operation, as it were, consecrated Bishop Sundaram for Tanjore, Bishop Mariaselvam for Vellore and Bishop Carvalho to be his own Auxiliary. This unique occasion witnessed the fulfilment of Pope Leo XIII's wishes not only in regard to the indigenous Clergy, but also in what has been the policy of the Church at all times—the progressive elevation of suitable members of such Clergy to the Bishoprics of their Dioceses, thereby emphasizing the fact that the Catholic religion, though first introduced into India by Foreign Missionaries, has now become part and parcel of our Indian heritage.

The elevation to the sacred episcopate of a distinguished Priest of the Padroado regime, following the union in 1952 of the former ecclesiastical units of Madras and Mylapore, may well be regarded as a master stroke of high Vatican statesmanship, as it was a fitting recognition by the Holy See of Bishop Carvalho's long and meritorious services to his quondam Diocese. And this transformation from Priest to Prelate, from the Biretta to the Mitre, from an invisible to a golden pectoral Cross (a light one, we hope), with a Ring on his right hand and a Crozier in his left, has not changed him one bit, and every time I meet him, I feel as though I am in the same benign presence as I was when he was my Parish Priest, with the exception that I have now to address him as "Your Excellency". Fortunate is the privilege of Villenour and of the various institutions in which he studied of having been the birth-place and training-ground respectively, for a future life of dedication to the service of God and of his fellow-men.

Unique Combination

Ordinarily, it is not for us the laity to comment on high-level ecclesiastical matters. But in the context in which I am writing, I beg to be permitted to express that in the present administrative set-up of our Archdiocese, we have a wonderful combination of a two-man team, a Head and his Auxiliary, each gifted with rare abilities and talents of his own, one complementing and supple-

menting the other, and both together labouring for the greater glory of God and for the progress of our Holy Mother the Church in this Metropolis—this City which to us Catholics is sacred, whose soil was once trodden upon and hallowed by the martyrdom and burial of one of Christ's twelve Apostles, St. Thomas, from whose blood Christianity has sprouted far and wide in this country, true to the Latin saying: "*Sanguis martyrum, semen Christianorum*"—"The blood of martyrs is the seed of Christianity".

As Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar-General of a large Archdiocese, with many administrative and financial problems to tackle, a heavy responsibility rests on the head and shoulders of Bishop Carvalho. A seasoned ecclesiastical administrator for many years, he has been a great success in the high offices he has held throughout his sacerdotal career. He has won the highest encomiums from his Chief and on more than one occasion His Grace remarked publicly that, every time he went out of the Archdiocese and returned, he found that his Auxiliary managed things much better than he!

Though more than three-score and ten, the work and vitality which His Excellency is capable of, even now, hardly betrays his age. We offer the distinguished Jubilarian our warmest greetings and assurances of prayers that God's choicest blessings and graces may rest on him. **AD MULTOS ANNOS!**

Holy Father greets Bishop Carvalho

To our Venerable Brother, Francis Arthur Carvalho, Titular Bishop of Demetrias (Goritz), Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Madras and Mylapore.

By the favour and gift of God you, are celebrating fifty years of fruitful priesthood. On this occasion we eagerly desire for you every good fortune, happiness and salutary grace, and we express the eager wish that, as you ascend steadily to God along the noble way of sincere faith, keen hope and ardent love, you may attain ever higher ideals and add new merits to those you have already obtained. As a mark of our fatherly esteem and benevolence, we impart to you the Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican Palace,
The 28th day of February, 1961.

JOHN XXIII, P.P.

VENERABILI FRATRI FRANCISCO ARTURO CARVALHO, Episcopo tit. Demetracensi, Auxiliari Archiepiscopi Madraspolitani et Meliaporensis, qui Dei beneficio et dono decem fructuosi sacerdotii celebrat lustra, cuncta fausta, laeta, salutaria percipimus atque id ominati, ut in nobili, qua ad Deum conscenditur, via sinceræ fidei, alacris spei, incensæ caritatis, celsiores usque metas assequatur et antiquis nova sibi merita addat, Apostolicam Benedictionem, paterni studii testem, impertimus.

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JOANNES XXIII, P.P.

Telegrams of Felicitation

Please convey at the Public Reception to Bishop Carvalho my best wishes on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee and deep appreciation for his ministry under five Bishops, also congratulations on the Golden Jubilee of the residence (in Archbishop's House) inhabited by him since his ordination.

Bombay, 10-3-61.

CARDINAL GRACIAS.

Felicitations and Prayerful good wishes on the Auspicious Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Your Lordship's Priestly Ordination. Personnel of Internunciature join with me in congratulating Your Lordship on these fruitful years of devoted service in the Lord's vineyard and in wishing you 'ad multos annos!'

New Delhi, 10-3-61.

THE INTERNUNCIO.

CIRCULAR

on Young Christian Workers' and Catholic Workers'

THREE important functions connected with Our Young Christian Workers' Association and Our Catholic Workers' Associations are announced in this month's "Madras-Mylapore" Bulletin, and I wish to draw the attention of Our Pastoral Clergy to these functions and urge them to give their best support and enthusiastic encouragement to the Organisers of these functions.

The first function that deserves our attention is the "Cultural Week" that is being organised by the Young Christian Workers between the 22nd and 29th April 1961, and will consist of "Speech Competitions", "Athletic Competitions", "Essay Competitions", "Dramatic Competition", "Dress Parade", etc. The programme of this Cultural Week with details of date, time and place should be obtained from the Y.C.W. Office, Catholic Centre, Madras-1.

Closely following this Y.C.W. Cultural Week will be the "May Day Rally" of Catholic Workers on Sunday 30th April. Processions of Catholic Workers will start simultaneously from Mater Dolorosa Church, Royapuram, and the People's Park, behind Ripon Buildings, Periamet, arriving in St. Mary's Co-Cathedral, Georgetown, at 6 p.m., where there will be Holy Mass and Communion for the Catholic Workers.

It is particularly desired that the evening service on this Sunday in our City Parish Churches should be either anticipated

or cancelled in order to make this "May Day Rally" of Catholic Workers an outstanding event and success in Catholic Madras-Mylapore.

The third function that calls for our attention this month, is the Training Camp for Y.C.W. Chaplains that will be held at the Catholic Centre, Madras, from the 1st to 7th May 1961. Delegates from 14 Catholic Dioceses will participate in this Camp. In view of such a Camp being held in Madras, all the Y.C.W. Chaplains of our Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore should not miss this golden opportunity of a Chaplains' Training Course. They are therefore all welcome to the Camp. The detailed programme of the Camp is available at the Y.C.W. office, Catholic Centre, Madras.

All these activities of the Young Christian Workers and the Catholic Workers have the warm support and Blessing of His Grace Our Archbishop and of His Auxiliary.

✠ FRANCIS CARVALHO,
Vicar General.

St. John's Catholic Medical College

AN APPEAL

THE Hierarchy of India have resolved on the establishment of a Catholic Medical College at Bangalore. The considerations that prevailed with them were the need for imparting medical education to Catholic youth from the starting-point, and with the background of Catholic ideas which find no place in the usual secular medical institutions, the demand for Catholic doctors and Catholic nurses to staff Catholic hospitals and dispensaries, and the establishment and maintenance of the high standards which have already been established in general education by Catholic schools and colleges.

But the consideration that will weigh most with the Catholic laity is the practical consideration that it is difficult, if not impossible, for an adequate number of Catholic young men and women to get admission into the existing medical colleges. Parents and others who have failed year after year to get admission for their children or wards into the present medical colleges will, especially, welcome the establishment of a Catholic medical college which will be able to admit at least 50 Catholic students every year.

Initial Cost: One Crore

The mere wish to start a Catholic medical college will not bring it into existence. Money, especially, is required. A medical college is an expensive institution, perhaps the most expensive of educational institutions to establish and maintain. It has been estimated that the total cost of the buildings of the medical college with equipment and hostels, and the necessary hospital connected with it, will be at least 1 crore of Rupees. Its maintenance will cost 2 or 3 lakhs per year. This money must be raised by the people who

want it and whose children will benefit from it, namely, the Catholic people of India. It is their college and they must pay for it. Others, prosperous Catholic communities like those of Germany and U.S.A., will help. But these people who have prospered by helping themselves, before they dip their hands into their pockets, will want to see how much the Catholics of India have raised to build their medical college. Moreover, sheer self-respect requires that we should take the initiative and raise the bulk of the money. How much longer is Catholic India to look abroad for help for meeting urgent needs? So this appeal is made to all Catholics to contribute their portion to the Catholic Medical College fund. It can be done, provided the collection is properly organised. Starting in each parish, each household may be approached for its contribution. It may be a monthly or a yearly contribution, by instalments, starting from Re. 1 per month to about Rs. 120 per year. The thing can be done. We are confident that the Catholics of India will do it. Please give your contribution *now* to your parish priest.

PAPAL HONOURS

The following Papal Honours were conferred by His Holiness Pope John XXIII on the following members of the Clergy and Laity of the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore :

1. *Privy Chamberlain* :
 - a) Mgr. P.P. Lobo, Sacred Heart Church, Vallarpuram.
 - b) Mgr. D. Raju, St. Andrew's Church, Vepery.
2. *Knight of St. Gregory the Great* :
Mr. Selvarajan Aruldoss, San Thome.
3. *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* :
 - a) Mrs. Estelle Anne D'Netto, Vepery.
 - b) Mr. Michael Harris, Perambur.
 - c) Mr. Joseph Peter Pandiaraj, George Town.
 - d) Mr. Papu Nayagam, Broadway.
4. *Bene Merenti* :
Mr. Doraisamy Pakianathan, San Thome.

The diplomas were handed over by His Grace the Archbishop and the medals pinned on the recipients by His Excellency the Auxiliary Bishop at a pleasant function held at the Catholic Institute, San Thome, on Easter Sunday evening, the 2nd April, 1961.

Sacra Congregazione "De Propaganda Fide"

Prot No. 559/61

BEATISSIME PATER,

ORDINARIJ STATUS MADRASPOLITANI (vulgo Tamilnad, e Republica Indiana), ad pedes Sanctitatis Vestrae provoluti, humiliter petunt prerogationem concessionum olim Ordinario Madraspolitano at Meliaporensi factarum, per Rescriptum diei 17 Iulij 1958 (Prot N. 3113/58), scilicet :

1. Ut in Missis paroczialibus cantatis vel lectis, ministri competentes vel ipse celebrans, post cantationem vel lectionem epistolae et evangelii Latine, eadem immediate et versus populum lingua vernacula vel Anglica legere possint ;

2. Ut in Missis paroczialibus cantatis, Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus et Agnus Dei a congregatione cantari possint in lingua vernacula vel Anglica, post intonationem quidem Latine a celebrante factam in casu Gloria et Credo ;

3. Ut quattuor lectiones Sacrae Scripturae in Vigilia Paschali, in lingua vernacula vel Anglica fieri possint ;

4. Dispensandi ab abstinence feria sexta fideles pauperes qui raro tantum carnem edere possunt ;

5. Omittendi Preces post Missam, a Leone XIII prescriptas, in Missis parochialibus in quibus cantus adhibetur a choro vel a congregatione.

Et Deus . . .

Sacra Congregatio de Propaganda Fide, vigore facultatum sibi a SS. mo D N JOANNE Div. Prov. Papa XXIII tributarum, benigne petitas concedit prorogationes in forma et terminis praecedentis Rescripti.

Praesentibus valituris usque ad expirationem facultatum generalium.

Datum Romae, ex Aedibus eiusdem Sacrae Congregationis de Propaganda Fide, die 14 mensis Februarii a. D. 1961.

L. † S.

✠ PETRUS SIGISMONDI
a Secr.

Sac. Albertus Pereira de Andrade,
Cancellarius et Notarius,
Archidioecesis Madrasopolitanae et Meliaporensis.

Concordat cum originali.

Sancti Thomae de Meliapor, 28-3-1961.

Dear Rev. Fathers,

You will remember that the Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fide had granted to the Most Rev. Ordinary of this Archdiocese certain Apostolic Faculties by its Rescript No. 3113/58 dated 17-7-1958, and published in "Madras-Mylapore" in the issue of August 1958. The same faculties were granted to Priests of this Archdiocese.

That Rescript is now replaced by another Rescript as given above. These faculties are now granted until 31-12-1970 to the Priests of this Archdiocese, with this condition: Nos. 1, 2, and 5 may be used only in parochial Masses; No. 3 only in places where the Paschal Vigil Mass is permitted; and No. 4 to the Parish Priests only.

✠ FRANCIS CARVALHO,
Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General.

Oratory Day at Poonamallee

THE first days of March were busy days owing to the proximate preparation for the Oratory Day celebrations which were held on 5th of March. In order not to leave anything to chance, everything was planned to the minutest details. Several committees, each headed by a Deacon, were formed to supervise various items, such as the sports, preparation and distribution of food, entertainment, singing competition.

On the 26th February, as a preparation for the Oratory Day, there were held the Catechism and Morals examinations for the Oratory boys. For the latter nobody was compelled to appear, but still the number of participants was great, and this shows that the boys appreciate much the moral lessons we impart to them every Sunday.

Lunch and Tea for 800

On Sunday morning, March 5th, there was a special Mass for the Catholic boys of the Oratories. During the sermon the preacher invited the boys to follow the example of St. Dominic Savio who became a saint while still a boy. By 9.30, the remaining boys from the various Oratories began to arrive at the Seminary. Soon some 800 boys filled the Seminary football-field and they all lined up for the hoisting of the flag, which ceremony was performed by V. Rev. Fr. John Med, S.D.B., Provincial. After the singing of the National Anthem the sports commenced. The boys were divided into Seniors, Juniors, Subjuniors and Wee Visitors. Every section had three items each, and each Oratory was allowed to present three competitors each. All the items were keenly contested and greatly enjoyed by the enthusiastic spec-

tators. By 1 P.M. the sports ended and then lunch followed. It is not an easy task to serve 800 hungry lads, but due to the co-operation of all the Seminaricians everything went on smoothly.

To keep the boys occupied till 4 o'clock, a singing competition was organized. Those who were not blessed with a good voice tried their luck at a game of tombola. Soon after this tea was served to all. Invitations had been sent previously to all the parents of the boys to come and grace the occasion. A good many responded to our invitation and there was held a special tea-party for them.

At 5.30 there was a meeting of all the Oratory boys and their parents, at which were present several distinguished persons of the locality. Owing to unforeseen circumstances H. E. Dr. F. Carvalho, who was to preside over the function, could not be present. Hence Rev. Fr. Rector presided. Several speakers, among them Dr. Ranganathan, Health Officer, Poonamallee, and the Tamil Pandit, District Board High School, tried to explain to the boys and to their parents the purpose of the Oratories. Prizes were then distributed to those who scored

the highest marks in the Catechism and Morals examinations, to the winners of the various sports items, to those who attended the Oratories regularly, and to those who distinguished themselves in good conduct during the course of the year. The eventful day was brought to a close with the staging of a Tamil drama, "Taedi Vandha . Selvam", at which the audience numbered over a thousand.

During the meeting mentioned above the annual report of the Oratories was read. It was stated therein that during the past year the Seminary had spent over Rs. 5000 for the Oratory work. It caused a stir among the audience. This sum bears ample testimony to Rev. Fr. Rector's

generosity and his love for the poor boys.

Feast of St. Thomas

On the 7th March we celebrated the feast of St. Thomas in a humble way. Under the auspices of the Theologians' Study Club there was conducted a theological exposition of the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist. Three papers treating of the following subjects were read: The Doctrine of Transubstantiation according to St. Thomas; the Doctrine of Transubstantiation according to Scotus, Suarez and others; the Mode of the Eucharistic Presence. After each paper ample time was given for discussion. This has helped the Seminarians to increase their love and loyalty to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

Intentions for May 1961

General Intention: That the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit may destroy religious indifferentism.

Missionary Intention: That the religious training of layfolk for a missionary apostolate may be vigorously undertaken.

Catholic Workers' Association, Madras

Papal Honours

BY procuring Papal Honours for two of our members His Grace, our beloved Archbishop has expressed clearly his great appreciation of the Catholic Workers' Association.

Messrs. Papu Nayagam and J. Peter Pandiaraj through their eminent services to the Association have deservedly earned their great honour, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice," from the Holy Father. His Grace, beyond doubt, has shown to everyone the great need of all workers among Catholics enrolling themselves in the Catholic Workers' Association.

To honour all the recipients of the Papal distinctions, a tea-party was arranged by the Catholic Association of Madras on Easter Sunday at the Catholic Institute, San Thome.

His Grace spoke in appreciative terms of the qualities and services of all the recipients of the Papal Honours. When His Grace spoke of Messrs. Nayagam and Pandiaraj, he stressed that he was honouring them as members of the Catholic Workers' Association. His Grace emphasised that an Association was necessary for all working Catholics and exhorted Catholics who were not members not to wait any longer to join the Catholic Workers' Association.

Nearly 450 people participated in the tea-party. Mgr. B. deSa congratulated the recipients of Papal Honours on behalf of the clergy. Chev. G. A. Pais spoke on behalf of the laity and outlined briefly the salient qualities and work of each recipient.

The Executive Committee of the Catholic Workers' Association then met His Grace privately at Archbishop's House. His Grace chatted informally with all the members and blessed the new Office-bearers. His Grace promised a generous contribution for the Rome pilgrimage.

Rome Rally

One hundred thousand Catholic Workers will march from the Colosseum to St. Peter's Square when Rome celebrates in May this year the 70th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's famous encyclical "Rerum Novarum," popularly known as "The Workers' Charter".

Commencing on May 14th, there will be a three-day programme for the Catholic Workers assembled there from all over the world. At the end of the main procession the workers will be received in audience by Pope John.

This Rally will mark the first World Assembly of Catholic Workers. We are proud to state that our Association has also received an invitation to send delegates to Rome for the May Rally.

With the approval of His Grace our Archbishop, the working committee of the Association has decided to send to the Rome Rally, Mr. Francis Xavier, President, and Mr. P. Nayagam. Bon voyage!

New Units

On Monday 27th March, a group of enthusiastic Catholic Workers gathered together at the Parochial House, Tambaram. The Parish Priest and the Assistant who had arranged the meeting, as well as the Spiritual Director of the Association, were present. The Spiritual Director explained to those present the great need and the usefulness of the Association. A very lively discussion followed, which clearly indicated that they were in dead earnest about forming themselves into a vigorous unit of the Catholic Workers' Association. Four of those present paid their subscriptions and joined the Association as well as the Madras Mutual-Aid Co-operative Society. The 9th of April was fixed as the day of inauguration. Mr. Lopez was

nominated by the Parish Priest as Leader for the time being and Mr. Philomen Raj as the Secretary.

On the 5th March, a new unit was inaugurated at Chromepet. Thanks to the interest taken by the Parish Priest, the new parish was very quick in forming a unit of the Catholic Workers' Association in that area. Mr. R. Anthoni-swamy and Mr. L. J. Dominic were nominated as Leader and Secretary respectively.

Pallavaram also evinced equal interest in inaugurating a new unit on the 19th of March. The Parish Priest spared no pains to make the inaugural function a great success. Mr. A. Lazar and Mr. Stephen Nallan were appointed as Leader and Secretary respectively.

SEVA (The Catholic Social Guild)

Fifth Annual Report (1960).

DURING 1960, Seva made every effort to encourage and consolidate the work of its constituent members: 115 institutional and 38 individual members. Nine individual members were admitted.

Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting was held on 29th March at 10 a.m. at the Catholic Centre. His Excellency Bishop Carvalho presided, about forty members (both institutional and individual) attended. The minutes of the previous General Body Meeting held on 16th March 1959 were read and adopted. Then the Hon. Treasurer presented the Annual Audited Statement of Accounts of Seva for 1959, which was adopted. The General Body then approved

the following minimum programme of work for the year 1960:

1. To encourage and help to conduct Seva Day in all the big parishes of the City.
2. To help to open Social Welfare units in Parishes.
3. To conduct leadership Training.
4. To follow up the subject of the Social Week, i.e., Slum Improvement.
5. To continue the Social Survey in all the City Parishes of the

Archdiocese, which was began in 1958.

Concluding the meeting, His Excellency requested the Members present to try and enroll one new member each for 1960. He stressed the need for following up the Social Week programme, viz., Cottage Industries through Co-operation, and explained how it would relieve many Catholic families from the clutches of the money-lenders. He then requested the members to assist the parish priests in completing the Social Survey and also in trying to improve the condition of the poor Catholic parishioners in the slum areas. He remarked that our activities so far were confined to the city limits only and said that we had still to go to the mofussil parishes and carry on our social work.

The General Body which met on the 16th March 1959 elected the Office-Bearers and the Working Committee members for a period of two years.

When a vacancy arose in the Working Committee on account of Rev. Fr. Mathew Vettical's transfer to Pallavaram parish, it nominated Rev. Fr. Joseph Kottoor in his place.

The Working Committee met regularly every month at the Catholic Centre, with His Excellency Bishop Carvalho in the chair.

Christmas Treat

The annual Christmas Treat for the poor children of the city was given by Seva on 23rd December 1960. This year we were able to

extend our hospitality to 210 more poor children, making a total of 1210. Nine hundred of these were entertained in St. Mary's Co-Cathedral Compound and St. Mary's Hall, and three hundred from the outlying places (Kodambakkam, Luz and San Thome) which were most hit by the floods; received their full quota of presents, sweets and food bags in their respective parish centres.

The pattern of the Treat followed that of the previous years, based on the experience gained in giving the best with the funds at our disposal. There were first the games, with about fifty excellent prizes, the Merry-go-Round, Punch and Judy, a drink of tea and biscuits, taken from the mug and bowl gifted to each, a bag of sweets and a balloon to be collected on entry into the gaily decorated hall, and lastly, a large bag of edibles to be taken home by each.

Subsidy to Institutional Members

Seva was able to allot from its funds this year also a non-recurring grant to some of its institutional members to initiate or to continue Social Welfare Works in their institutions.

1. Children's Welfare Centre, Washermanpet. Rs. 50/-
2. Service Civil International Tondiarpet. Rs. 25/-
3. Kasimode Fire victims. Rs. 155/-

Kasimode Fire Relief

Early in August a devastating fire broke out in Kasithottam, which burnt nearly a hundred

huts and rendered many homeless. The Working Committee of Seva decided to help the poor fire victims. An appeal for help was drafted by His Excellency Bishop Carvalho and sent to all the members of Seva. A sum of Rs. 845/- was collected. To this amount Seva added its own contribution of Rs. 155/- and donated Rs. 1000/- to the Parish Priest of Kasimode to be utilised by him in favour of the Fire Victims.

In the meantime the Corporation of Madras proposed to put up houses for the victims if the sites were made over to the Corporation and issued notice to Seva not to proceed with constructing houses. The Working Committee, in agreement with the appeal made by the Parish Priest, Kasimode, permitted him to use the asbestos sheets for roofing a hall which Rev. Fr. Kottaram desired to build inside the church compound for starting a sewing class to teach sewing to the poor people of the area.

Sewing Class

The Sewing Classes were regularly conducted by the Sisters of St. Anne's Convent, Royapuram, every Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Catholic Centre. Young girls and grown-up women attended these classes and were taught embroidery and sewing. Some of the girls who have completed their course in sewing are in a position to earn a small income for themselves. Seva would be happy to extend this free service to more interested persons.

We express our sincere thanks to the Rev. Sisters of St. Anne's

Convent, Royapuram who, with considerable inconvenience to themselves, come week after week to conduct the classes.

Social Week

The Annual Social Week programme on Slum Improvement was organised on 25th, 26th, and 27th of February 1960. Inaugurating the function, His Grace the Archbishop furnished instructive information on the problems of the slums, and presented facts and figures relating to the slum improvement measures of the Government of India.

The theme was divided into three topics, viz., "Government and Slum Improvement", "Voluntary Agencies and Slum Improvement," and "The Tondiarpet (Cherian Nagar) experiment" (which is a combined effort of the Government, Voluntary Agencies and Slum Dwellers). Mrs. Tara Cherian (former Mayor), Mr. S. R. Venkataraman (Secretary, Servants of India Society), and Rev. Fr. P. Ceyrac, S.J., were the main speakers who dealt with the right way of tackling the problems of the Slums with the joint efforts of Government, voluntary Social Workers and the dwellers in the slums. All the speakers pleaded for more sincere workers. Rev. Fr. Ceyrac, who spoke on the excellent works of the Service Civil International at Tondiarpet, exhorted the youth to imitate the noble example of this International Organisation whose members give their unstinted service to the improvement of society in many parts of the world in a spirit of genuine brotherly love.

Sri M. S. Abdul Khader, the City Mayor, and Mr. V. N. Subbarayan, former Commissioner of the Corporation, were deeply interested in the welfare of slum dwellers and participated in the study week, contributing thereby to the success of the social week.

Reviews of the lectures were given in Tamil on the second and third day by Mr. C. Motha, M.A., and Mr. S. Arokiaswamy, B.Com. (Hons), of Loyola College respectively.

Seva Day

The Seva Sangam, Kasimode, celebrated the Seva Day in their parish on 25th September 1960. There was a full-day recollection for the social workers. The sermons were preached by Rev. Fr. Kulandaiswami, S.J., of Loyola College. In the evening His Excellency Bishop Carvalho gave a talk to the Seva members. A public meeting was held under the distinguished presidentship of Mr. S. Aruldoss. Prominent speakers like Thirupoor Vincent, Mrs. Krishna Bai, Mr. S. Arokiaswamy, and the divisional Municipal Coun-

cillor spoke on various problems of the slums.

Seva Funds

There was loss of funds of Seva due to the liquidation of the Palai Central Bank, Ltd. Seva lost its entire credit balance of Rs. 1,578/-. Thanks to the timely help received from His Eminence Cardinal Agagianian, when he visited Madras during September, we got a sum of Rs. 875/- towards our good works. We are grateful to His Eminence for the donation. The Working Committee which met soon after decided to open a new account in the name of SEVA with the NATIONAL and GRINDLAYS BAND LTD., Madras.

We are deeply grateful to the Catholic Relief Service, N.C.W.C., for their regular supply of food gifts like wheat, corn, powdered milk, all-purpose flour. These food gifts were promptly distributed to the poor and needy, irrespective of caste and creed.

P. Gnananantham,
Hon. Gen. Secretary.

17th March, 1961.

To Miss Leonora Helen Philipsz (1891—1961)

An Orphan's Tribute

By Victor Matthews (*Egmore*)

Ardent worker in the Lay Apostolate,
Brilliant scholar, teacher and educationist ;
Conscientious in her duties to Church and State.

Devoted and sincere to her colleagues and friends,
Exemplary Christian and eloquent speaker ;
Firm and sure in her moral convictions.

Generosity unlimited to the Poor, the Widow, the Orphan,
Humble and unassuming unto the end ;
Indian true and patriotic to the core of her heart.

Never jealous of her fellowmen's health,
Kind and gentle, loving and forbearing ;
Laboured unremittingly for the spread of the Faith.

Maiden fair in the Legion of Mary,
Noble and great in mind and heart ;
Orator crystal-clear, eloquent and impressive.

Patience, prayer, perseverance, her watchwords,
Refulgent in conversation, Lady-like in demeanour ;
Sagacious in judgment, spontaneous in service and sacrifice.

Talented in declamation and tranquil at prayer,
Uncomplaining in her sore life-long affliction ;
Victim of love, offered for the Church Suffering,
Active but hidden in corporal works of mercy.

Winner of souls, for her Saviour and His Church.
Christian true and edifying, to all self-evident ;
Yielded not to physical disability, laboured in His Service :
Catholic Actionist, true Sodalist, Legionary, Lay Missionary !

AROUND THE PARISHES

POONAMALLEE

St. Paul's Catechists' Training Centre

On Tuesday, 4th April, 1961, His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. L. Mathias, S.D.B., D.D. laid the foundation stone of the St. Paul's Catechists' Training Centre at 5-40 p.m. in the presence of His Grace the Archbishop of Bangalore and His Excellency the Auxiliary Bishop of Madras-Mylapore. Very Rev. Mgr. R. Arulappa, Administrator of St. Thomas's Basilica, and Very Rev. Fr. C. Mauri, S.D.B., Rector of Poonamallee Seminary, were also present.

Over 40 seminarians and the professors from the seminary, Rev. Fr. S. B. Couto, the parish priest of Poonamallee, Mr. C. T. D'Silva of Guindy, the engineer and architect, the workers and many boys awaited the arrival of His Grace the Archbishop. Everything was ready. At 5-30 the car of His Grace appeared and slowly entered the compound, which was the occasion for the two Archbishops and the Auxiliary Bishop to be greeted with thunderous clapping. At once His Grace, our Archbishop proceeded to bless and lay the foundation stone. He looked fine and smiling, evidently quite pleased at having begun this great and apostolic enterprise. He officiated at the liturgical ceremony, while the Archbishop of Bangalore and the Auxiliary Bishop stood by.

After laying the foundation stone they were garlanded by the expeditious [Contractor, Sri

K. Devados of Vedachalanagar, Chingleput, and a group photograph was taken. Then the three Bishops wept round, giving their blessing to the foundations which have quickly come up to the plinth level. With the distribution of sweets donated by the Contractor, the fine ceremony came to a close. We are looking forward to the speedy completion of the building and the inauguration of this new venture, the St. Paul's Catechists' Training Centre.

SACRED HEART SEMINARY

Debate

On 2nd March, 1961 the Philosophers' Study Club conducted a debate. Three members led by their leader spoke for the proposition, "The Christian Truths as admitted by Muslims can be used by us in working for their conversion." The main endeavour of the party for the proposition consisted in establishing a common ground between Catholicism and Islamism so that the Muslims could be more easily convinced of the veracity of Christianity. For this purpose they brought out instances of a common footing in many doctrinal points, such as the ideas about Our Lord and Our Lady, the notion of Unity in Trinity, in both the religions. To make their stand more resolute, the proposition party fell back upon the many Christian writers, including the present Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, and that master mind, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, who recommend the approach to Muslims through Mary.

The opposition party, which consisted of four members, vehemently opposed the proposition on the ground that similarity of belief is not identity. They further maintained that although some passages are apparently identical, yet they varied essentially in their significance when examined in the light of the text and context. For instance, the Koran speaks of Christ as a creature, or at the most as a prophet; the Muslim concept of Mary is quite alien to Catholicism.

However, after the proposition was put to the vote, it was learnt that those speaking for the proposition had carried the day. Very Rev. Fr. Rector concluded the debate with congratulations for all those who took an active part in the debate. "Many educated Muslims," he said, "are anxious to know about our religion from a merely cultural point of view but never with the will to be converted. Conversion is the work of grace, which God will not deny if we are zealous preachers of the Word of God."

Theological Discussion

An extraordinary session of the Theologians' Study Club was held on 7th March, 1961 to honour St. Thomas, the theologian par excellence. This meeting took the form of a theological discussion on the Holy Eucharist, more precisely, on the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The four thoroughly prepared and well delivered speeches on the day's topic were appreciated by the house as they were illuminating.

The singing of the Eucharistic hymns, composed by St. Thomas himself, in Gregorian and polyphonic music well suited the occasion. Very Rev. Fr. Rector showed his deep appreciation of the way in which his seminarians honoured St. Thomas and praised the speakers of the day for their generosity. Nothing better could have been done to honour the Angelic Doctor, who, he remarked, learnt much of his astonishing wisdom at the foot of the Tabernacle, an example which the future priests, who will one day have power over the real Body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, should follow.

Auxiliary Bishop Felicitated

The staff and the seminarians of Poonamallee felicitated His Excellency Dr. F. Carvalho on the Golden Jubilee of his Sacerdotal Ordination. This was on 19th March 1961. His Excellency said Mass in our chapel on that day. During the breakfast which followed, the alumni presented a variety entertainment. Welcoming His Excellency, Very Rev. Fr. Rector expatiated on the gentle manners and extreme kindness of Bishop Carvalho towards the Staff and the seminarians of Poonamallee. "We are doubly glad," he said, "because to-day happens to be the eighth anniversary of His Excellency's episcopal consecration."

Reading a suitable address for the occasion, the seminarians said that on the feast of St. Joseph, the forgotten saint, a prelate who had a horror of publicity was brought to the notice of the

public by his episcopal consecration. "Now after eight years," the address said, "we are happy to have His Excellency in our midst on the anniversary of his episcopal consecration." This short address was wound up with earnest prayers of the Staff and the seminarians and with wishes to see His Excellency celebrate His Diamond and subsequent Jubilees.

Replying to the address with a rare touch of humour, His Excellency said, "I would have celebrated the Golden Jubilee of my Sacerdotal Ordination as any other ordinary day because a priest ought to consider every day of his life as a jubilee day and spend that day in thanksgiving for the unspeakable gift of the Priesthood which God has given him." While His Excellency thanked the house for the fine short entertainment, it was evident that he "bore" it all to please others. He concluded his speech by paying glowing tributes to the excellent work done by our Salesian superiors in training us, future priests, and exhorted us to follow the good example of the many zealous priests who went out of this Institution. After the group photo the car sped away with our loving "Father" and we stood gazing at it as it vanished from our sight.

ARAMBAKKAM Annual Feast

Sunday March 12th witnessed the annual feast of Our Lady's Shrine. It is an event looked forward to every year and an occasion when all the old and

young pay their humble homage to our Heavenly Mother. This year six beautifully decorated cars were taken out on Saturday night for a long procession.

Rev. Fr. J. F. Menezes of Pulicat, Rev. Fr. M. Louis of Roshanagaram, Rev. Fr. V. M. Thomas of Thiruvallur, and last but not least, the Rev. Fr. S. Anthayya of Dharkast, gave their full support to the parish priest, V. Rev. Fr. N. Xavier. On Saturday evening Rev. Fr. Anthayya gave a very touching sermon on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary, which kept the congregation spell-bound for well over half an hour. On Sunday morning His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Louis Mathias arrived at 7 a.m. and celebrated Pontifical Mass, when sixty people made their first Holy Communion. His Grace never fails to show his fatherly interest in everything which concerns the Arambakkam Shrine.

This year we had an unusually large gathering and the Holy Table was well attended at every Mass both on Saturday and Sunday morning. The credit for celebrating the feast goes to our parish priest, Very Rev. Fr. N. Xavier, in spite of his being in indifferent health for a long time.

By Mr. O. L. D'Cruz.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S, BROADWAY

Typing Institute and Sewing Class

The two longed-for activities which had been planned long ago for the welfare of our people in a particular manner, the Sagaya-

matha Typing Class and the St. Mary Mazzarello's Sewing Circle, solemnly began on the 24th of February, the day of the commemoration of Mary Help of Christians. The Parish Priest blessed the premises of the two activities and also those who were to begin their work in the Sagayamatha Typing Institute; the Parish is very grateful to the active Mr. Gnanapragasam who took such pains to organise it. This activity began with only 2 pupils, but soon the number has increased.

For the St. Mary Mazzarello's Sewing School, we are most grateful to Mrs. L. Susaiammal for her untiring activity in which she was helped by Mrs. B. Katherine Ammal. This activity began on the first day with 10 pupils. We wonder whether every one of them will persevere, but we are sure that new pupils will join the classes little by little to make up for the deficiency of all those who have taken it up only in their enthusiasm. May the Parish be blessed with these two activities.

KILPAUK

Tamil Study Circle

Under the auspices of the Parish branch of the Sodality (Tamil section), a study group has been started. The first meeting of the group was held on 5th March 1961, under the Chairmanship of Very Rev. Fr. S. P. Carmel, the Parish Priest. He spoke on the importance of the people's knowing their faith well so that they might be able to answer the questions of their non-Catholic

neighbours. The great reason, he said, why some Catholics lapse from the Faith is that, whilst their secular knowledge keeps growing and growing, their knowledge of the sacred doctrines of the Faith stops in their teens. Ours must be a very living faith, and a living thing always keeps growing. For this, he concluded, they must develop a taste for reading Catholic books and Catholic newspapers.

Next Mr. V. Arul Ponniah spoke on "The Salvation of non-Catholics". He outlined the supernatural end of man and explained the various steps through which a sincere non-Catholic passes before he is given the supernatural gift of faith, whereby he is able to make a perfect act of contrition. A lively discussion followed, in which all took part. Mr. Vanathiyam proposed a vote of thanks and the meeting came to a close.

The next meeting of the group was held on 9th April 1961 when the topic for discussion was "The Historicity of the Gospels".

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF MADRAS

Jubilee Dinner

The Catholic Association of Madras arranged a dinner party, on the occasion of the Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee celebrations of Bishop F. A. Carvalho, on 12-3-61 at the Catholic Institute, San Thome. It was attended by many Catholics from different parts of the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore. His Grace, the Archbishop, the Hon'ble Minister Mrs. Lour-

dammal Simon, Chevalier A. P. C. Albuquerque, Chevalier O. G. C. Vaz, Chevalier G. A. Pais, Chevalier S. Aruldoss, were among the guests. Dr. O. G. C. Vaz, while proposing the toast, paid glowing tributes to the qualities of head and heart of His Lordship. Rev. Fr. L. D. Murphy, S. J., seconded the toast. His Lordship thanked the guests for their good will and affection and blessed them. The band of 'Jolly Brothers' was in attendance.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S, BROADWAY

Departure of

Rev. Fr. Stephen Chollampal

Rev. Fr. C. Stephen has been working for two years in this Parish. The Parish is greatly indebted to him for the hard work he has done. On March 17, the Superiors decided to transfer him as an Assistant to St. Thomas's Parish in Mylapore. He has gone certainly for a greater apostolate. This Parish will never forget what his apostolic zeal has done amongst us. His silent work, his unlimited and blind obedience, his love for children and, in a particular manner, for the poor people of the Harbour, his delicate attention to the sick, his love for the Sodality of St. Joseph, his weekly assistance to St. Sebastian's night school, his visits to families, and specially to the families of poor people of the slums and of the pavements, are characteristics that will always remain with us and that will keep Fr. Stephen always dear to everyone of us. Everyone feels the need of thanking him and every-

one assures him of plenty of prayers as an act of gratitude for all that he has been doing for us. The Parish gathered around him on St. Joseph's feast and prepared for him a very hearty send-off. If everyone is grateful to dear Fr. Stephen for the work he has done for the Parish, the Parish Priest feels more than anybody else indebted to him for the wonderful assistance he has given him during these two years. May God bless him and may he be always a great apostle. For this the prayers of the Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier's will always accompany him. May God recompense this beloved assistant.

The Feast of St Joseph

This year the feast of St. Joseph was a most successful one. It was preceded by the whole month dedicated in honour of St. Joseph and in the evening there was daily Eucharistic Benediction, preceded by the Holy Rosary and spiritual reading on the Saint. The attendance was good and it was particularly good towards the end of the month while nearing the Feast. On St. Joseph's Feast a solemn High Mass was celebrated and in the evening solemn Benediction. There was a procession rendered very grand by the Tamil Legionaries of the City of Madras. The celebration was crowned with an appropriate entertainment prepared by the Parishioners, under the direction of our dear Fr. Jacob and Mr. Peter Raj. We should thank Mr. Peter Raj in a particular manner for all the interest he takes in the preparation of our entertainments.

The credit for the success of the feast goes to the Sodality of St. Joseph, and in a particular manner to Mr. J. Dharmarao, the President of the Sodality, and to the helpful Secretary, Mr. M. Arokiaswamy. To them too our gratitude for all that they have done, and in a particular manner for keeping up the Sodality of St. Joseph so well and for having printed the beautiful souvenir of the feast of St. Joseph.

Annual Legion Meeting

Our Marian Centre was chosen by the Tamil-speaking Legionaries as the place for their annual 'Acies' Meeting which took place on March 19th at 4-30 p.m. in our Church. It was a great example that the Legionaries gave our people. 250 Legionaries met together in our Church, paid their tribute to Mary, Help of Christians, and made their promise of work in union with our Blessed Lady, for our Blessed Lady, and with the spirit of our Blessed Lady. Rev. Fr. Adaikalam preached a sermon which only he can preach to the Legionaries. The Parish Priest is most grateful to him and Fr. C. Mathew, Parish Priest of Assumption Church, and to the Assistant Parish Priest of Kasimode, for having solemnised the occasion. Eucharistic Benediction crowned the celebrations. While the Parish is most grateful to the Legionaries for having chosen this Marian Centre for their Acies Meeting, all express the desire that they should choose this centre for the meetings they hold every year, and for the different manifestations the Legionaries have during the year. God bless

the Legionaries! May they be always great apostles.

MATER DOLOROSA, ROYAPURAM

Assumption Sodality

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Assumption Sodality was held on Sunday 15th February at 5 p.m. in the Fatima Hall, with the Very Rev. Fr. G. H. Lourdes, Spiritual Director, presiding. A large gathering, which included many members of the ladies' sodality, was present. The proceedings began with the singing of the Office of our Lady, followed by the reading of the Annual Report by the Prefect, Mr. S. J. Pinto. The Report revealed all-round improvement in almost every sphere of its activities, both spiritual and temporal, and this is attributable to the interest and zealous efforts of the Prefect who, on most occasions, personally went round, inviting the presence or cooperation of the members.

Very Rev. Fr. Lourdes, in a brief address, congratulated the members of the Assumption Sodality on the work done during the year. He emphasised the need for unremitting labour in the promotion of the aims and objects of the Sodality. With the singing of the Hymn, the Meeting terminated.

Mater Dolorosa Parish Club

The Fifth Annual General Body Meeting of this club took place on Sunday the 12th February at 10 a.m. with the Very Rev. Fr. G. H. Lourdes, Spiritual Director, presiding.

After light refreshments had been served, the minutes of the previous General Body Meeting held on 7th February 1960 were read and confirmed.

The adoption of the Annual Report, which formed the first item on the agenda, was successfully carried through.

Mr. W. J. Fernandez, the president, next addressed the meeting. He regretted the absence of a certain group of members at the meeting. This was the time and place, he said, for members to make their viewpoints or suggestions known. He dwelt on the Cloak Room which, though lacking in some items, had cost a tidy sum. As the club was bound to defray the entire cost of the room, he exhorted the members to co-operate and participate in the functions organised to raise funds. In fact, the aim of the members should be, he said, to have an entirely separate reading-room or library, by the extension of the hall on the southern side.

The election of Office-bearers, which formed the next item on the agenda, resulted in the election of Mr. W. J. Fernandez as president for the sixth time in succession, testifying to the trust which the members place in his leadership and direction.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee and the Chairman of the Meeting.

ST. ANTONY'S, PUDUPET

The Young Catholic Workers held their study-group session on

Sunday the 5th March 1961 at 10 a.m.

The meeting began with the Y.C.W. Opening Prayers, after which Rev. Fr. Michael, the Parish Priest, spoke on "Catholic Action". He mentioned the duty of lay people to participate in the apostolate of the Hierarchy.

Then Miss Philomena Dubier read a well prepared paper on the "Lay Apostolate" in which she brought out the definition, purpose, scope and doctrinal basis of the "Lay Apostolate". She gave many arguments from Scripture, Tradition, and the teaching of the Church to prove her thesis. She even brought out an objection sometimes raised by persons that they do not possess the requisite knowledge to be apostles. In answer to the objection she quoted Cardinal Gracias, "The lay apostolate is not a luxury of devotion, nor a work of supererogation. It is a plain duty which lies upon each of us according to our abilities. One may choose the form of the Apostolate, but choose one must". In her conclusion she again quoted the words of Pope Pius XII who addressed the men of the Italian Lay Apostolate in 1947 thus: "*The time for thinking and planning has passed; the hour for action has come. Are you ready? The forces opposing each other in the religious and moral spheres become daily more sharply defined, and the time of testing is here.*"

Then followed discussions in groups. At the end of which the resolutions taken in the group discussions were read out for the benefit of all members present.

Afterwards Rev. Fr. Thomas

Joseph concluded the study day, exhorting the members to bring out many facts to make their discussion lively. At about 12-30 p.m. there was the singing of the Y.C.W. Anthem and the first Study Day on the "Lay Apostolate" came to a conclusion.

About 24 girls took part. The girls are looking forward eagerly to the next Study Day.

The hall was tastefully decorated, which gave the assembly a pleasant environment. The Y.C.W. flag was hoisted prominently at the entrance outside. Then on the blackboards appropriate wordings were written artistically in coloured chalk, giving the members thought-provoking slogans such as "Workers are children of God, and not slaves."

ROYAPURAM

Forty Hours' Adoration

The 4th—5th of March was the occasion of the 40 Hours' adoration in Mater Dolorosa Church. Beginning with High Mass at 4 a.m., the Blessed Sacrament was exposed for public veneration throughout Saturday and Sunday the 4th and 5th of March. The programme drawn up enabled groups and institutions, including schools, to pay their homage to our Blessed Lord during all the hours on both days. The adoration on Saturday night—the period allotted to the Ladies' Sodality—was well attended from 9 to 12 p.m. and followed by Mass. The Assumption Men's Sodality kept watch during the more difficult part of the night,

namely, from 1 to 5 a.m. A large gathering of parishioners assembled on Sunday evening for the final hour of adoration which ended with a procession round the church compound and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Confirmation Service

About 80 children, belonging mostly to the age group 7 to 14, were given the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 19th March by His Excellency Dr F. Carvalho, Auxiliary Bishop of Madras-Mylapore. Arriving precisely at 5-30 p.m. His Excellency was quickly assisted into his episcopal robes. Thereupon he proceeded to explain to the children the significance of the Sacrament and the need for its reception. As the recipients included both English and Tamil-speaking children, the instruction had to be repeated in Tamil, all of which took considerable time. However His Excellency was able to dispose of the entire group on schedule and the service ended with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament by 6-30 p.m.

CHINGLEPUT

Feast of St. Joseph

On the 20th March 1961 the Titular Feast of the Chingleput Parish was celebrated on a grand scale. On the eve of St. Joseph's Feast, there was a pious car-procession of St. Joseph through the principal streets of Chingleput where most of the Catholics reside. There was a long procession composed of all the faithful of Chingleput and of the sub-stations as well.

Nearly ten Fathers from other Parishes were present and helped in the procession. All along, the faithful were reciting the Rosary and singing hymns in honour of St. Joseph.

At convenient intervals five tableaux representing five important landmarks in the life of St. Joseph, were presented to the public. They were St. Joseph at the manger, St. Joseph finding the Boy Jesus in the temple of Jerusalem, St. Joseph at work, the death of St. Joseph, and St. Joseph in glory. These Tableaux were beautifully explained by Rev. Fr. Andrew Dorai Raj, S.D.B. At the end of the procession, there was a sermon in the church. With the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the celebration was over.

The following day, there was High Mass. Rev. Fr. John Nedumpuram, S.D.B., the Parish Priest, took all the pains possible to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph in the most fitting manner and there was unstinted co-operation on the part of the parishioners.

ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL School-Day Celebration

Amidst joy and jubilation, the 74th anniversary of St. Joseph's Multi-Purpose High School, Chingleput, was celebrated on 28th March, 1961, in the premises of the school. His Excellency, the Rt. Rev. Dr. F. Carvalho, the Auxiliary Bishop of Madras-Mylapore, presiding.

The premises of the school were

tastefully decorated. At 5 p.m. sharp the President arrived. The Headmaster, Rev. Fr. Andrew Dorai Raj, B.A. (Hons.), B.T., welcomed the chief guest and others. The ground was packed with many distinguished guests, parents and well-wishers.

The members of the staff and the students, gave a variety entertainment and it was really a treat to those assembled. The Headmaster entertained the audience with Magic and Pommalattam. The people enjoyed them very much. "The Seven Ages of Man" from Shakespeare's "As you Like it", the Life of Mahatma Gandhi sung on "the Bow" by a party of Old Boys, and "Seran Senguthuvaa" were the other pleasant presentations.

Then the Annual Report was read by Shri G. Sundara Raja Iyengar, the Vice-Headmaster. The President then distributed prizes, certificates of proficiency and merit cards to the best students. Many were the recipients.

The President then delivered his speech. He said he had been keenly watching the steady growth of the school. He also referred to the fact that he had been closely connected with the school for over thirty years, and wished the Institution greater laurels in the years to come.

Mr. Namasivaya Mudaliar proposed the vote of thanks. With the "National Anthem" the function came to a happy conclusion.

MADHAVARAM

Feast of St. Sebastian

The pilgrimage season in Madras commences after the feast of Easter, a feast being celebrated each Sunday at a different shrine in the vicinity of the city. The first Sunday after Easter saw a crowd of pilgrims flocking to Madhavaram, two miles beyond the northern boundary of the city, where the beautiful little church of St. Sebastian is looked after by the Franciscans, Fr. Ambrose Papiah and Fr. Paulinus being the parish priests. As usual, elaborate arrangements had been made for the feast on the 8th and 9th of April, down to drinking water, sanitary conveniences and eight buses for transporting pilgrims to and fro. His Excellency the Auxiliary Bishop honoured the feast with his presence on Sunday morning, when he celebrated Mass and blessed the people. On the previous evening as many as fourteen priests gathered in response to the invitation of Fr. Ambrose, including Franciscans from the monasteries at Palmaner and Bangalore. Fr. Ignatius, O.F.M., of Bangalore preached in English and Tamil, holding up the Saint as a model for our times, when Catholics need to be men of action and crusaders, defending the Church and extending her beneficent conquests. Rev. Fr. H. Turenna, S.D.B., officiated at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and at the hour-long procession, following the exquisitely decorated and beautifully lit "car" of the Saint through a sandy route around the Church compound. In spite of the large crowd, and the attraction of the

many stalls, the procession and the service in the church were marked by decorum and devotion. There were five confessionals in and outside the church, to serve the needs of penitents.

Social work has always been a feature of this shrine. This year a new institution was seen: the dispensary conducted by two Sisters of St. Ann of Lucerne (Switzerland) which has been functioning since the 8th of September 1960. The poor flock to the dispensary for treatment, and the Sisters attend to their ailments and wounds for four hours every morning and between 3 and 4 hours in the evening. Two doctors are in attendance, Dr. Isaac in the morning and Dr. Shantha in the evening, the number of patients every day ranging between 75 and 100. The dispensary is a great boon to the poor and, it is hoped, will one day be developed into a hospital.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S Harbour Chapel Celebrations

A long cherished dream became finally a reality. Our Harbour labourers had always been so far without any place of their own to meet, to have their gatherings and Sunday Mass. Up to lately their Sunday Mass was celebrated regularly in the open in the Harbour Quarters, and we are most grateful to a good Mohammedan gentleman who so willingly put his verandah and courtyard at our disposal for our Sunday Mass and meetings. Of late Mary Help of Christians solved the problem: she has given us a special blessing

to enable us to purchase a few yards of land and a small hall where we can have our Sunday Mass. It is a temporary arrangement, but our people are very happy.

To inaugurate this and to show their gratitude to Mary Help of Christians, our poor Catholics of the Harbour met together on the 25th and 26th of March and had their special celebrations to thank Mary Help of Christians. The temporary chapel belongs to her and is dedicated to her, and therefore it was quite natural that they should hold some special thanksgiving celebrations. On the 26th evening the Pilgrim Virgin in a most solemn Car-procession, with the participation of a very good number of parishioners and almost all the Catholics of the Harbour, was taken to the Harbour for a 24 hours' visitation. The whole night and day there were people venerating Our Blessed Lady, not excluding their Hindu friends. On the following evening, the solemn High Mass, which took place for the first time in the locality and was celebrated by the Parish Priest, was preceded by a very good number of confessions of the Harbour people who performed their Easter duty and by a number of baptisms, marriages and first communions. It was a real triumph. For this the Parish Priest feels the need of congratulating in a special manner the Catechist, Mr. P. Satyanadan, and Mrs.

G. Arpudamary, who have done so much, together with Mr. S H. David, and Mr T. Abishegam. They have sacrificed themselves very much. They were aided in this by Mr. Paulus and Mr. Sandanam. All the Harbour people deserve a word of congratulation as well. Now Mary Help of Christians from the top of the temporary chapel of the Harbour watches all our people, smiles at them and blesses them. On the top of the building from where she dominates the locality, she will be an encouragement to all the poor people of the Harbour, who very often find consolation in uttering a prayer to Her and getting from Her the help they need.

ST. THOMAS' MOUNT Confirmation Service

On the 17th of March 1961, the feast of St. Patrick, His Excellency, The Right Rev. Dr. F. A. Carvalho, Auxiliary Bishop, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on 136 children in St. Patrick's Church.

The service, conducted in a most orderly manner, was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Choir excelled in the capable hands of Rev. Fr. Lucio Fernandez. The English-speaking children were instructed by Rev. Fr. Lucio Fernandez, and the Tamil-speaking children were prepared by Very Rev. Fr. A. Louis Xavier, the parish priest.

NOTICES

Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle for the Indigenous Clergy

(*Opus Sancti Petri*)

The undersigned, the Diocesan Director for this Society, is happy to note that His Grace's suggestion—that priests of the Archdiocese should "support this Society with at least a yearly contribution as a token of gratitude for the gift of their own priesthood"—has obtained a ready response from some of our clergy. Many more promises have been secured. All contributions will be published hereafter in this Diocesan Bulletin, 'Madras-Mylapore'.

	Rs.
1. Mgr. A. Pereira de Andrade. ...	30
2. Mgr. R. Arulappa ...	25
3. Rev. Fr. O. Mantovani, S.D.B. ...	25
4. Fr. R. Antony ...	25
5. Fr. K. M. Joseph ...	20
6. Fr. J. E. De Souza ...	20
Total ...	145

R. Arulappa.

San Thome, 4-4-61.

May Day Rally

May Day Rally will be held on Saturday, 30th April 1961. Processions will start simultaneously from Mater Dolorosa Church, Royapuram, and People's Park (behind the Ripon building), arriving at the St. Mary's Co-Cathedral,

George Town, at 6 p.m. There will be Holy Mass and Communion at the Co-Cathedral.

Training Camp for Chaplains

A Training Camp for Y.C.W. Chaplains will be held at the Catholic Centre, 1st-7th May. Delegates from 14 dioceses will participate. The Y.C.W. Chaplains of Madras-Mylapore will be welcome to this course. For detailed programme, contact the Y.C.W. Office, Catholic Centre, Madras-1.

The Catholic Centre Library

You may be a non-Catholic with a question in your mind about the Catholic religion, or a Catholic with a desire to know more about the great foundation truths of your life: in either case, the Catholic Centre Library (the only one of its kind in Madras for the public) is at your service with good books to suit different tastes. You will find biographies of outstanding members of the Church, such as Thomas Merton, Charles de Foucauld, Cardinal Newman, Pius XII, and Group Capt. Leonard Cheshire, V.C. You will find details on varied subjects; for instance, life at the Vatican, the famous Cardinal Stepinac case, the beginnings of Christianity in India. Catholic and general fiction, travel, literature and history are sections of the Library. You are welcome to pay a visit and give your suggestions from 9-30 a.m. to 12-30 noon and 2-30 to 7 p.m. on week days at the Library on the 2nd floor, Catho-

lic Centre, 6 Armenian Street, Madras-1.

An Appeal to All

DO YOU REALISE that our Non-Catholic brethren are thirsting for knowledge about Christ and His religion? This is becoming more and more evident through the work of the Catholic Information Centres functioning in different parts of India. For example, in Madras, 34 out of 284 non-Catholics contacted in one parish (Mylapore) during a period of three weeks, have asked for literature on the Catholic Faith, and one made this remark: "At last Catholics have come forward to make Christ known and loved by Hindus. You should have begun this work much earlier."

Such requests are daily increasing, and there are various possibilities of giving information in the future; for instance, pamphlets and booklets for sale at railway station bookstalls (where there is a known market).

But . . . THE IMMEDIATE NEED to be met, requiring a working capital, is the re-printing of the pamphlets written by Mgr. R. Arulappa, D.D.—a complete series of about 40 Tamil pamphlets specially designed to meet the enquiries of our Hindu friends: the existing stock is nearly exhausted.

Must we say NO! to those who ask for knowledge about Christ simply because we cannot reprint these Tracts, for lack of funds?

We make a fervent appeal to all who enjoy the priceless gift of the Faith, not to forget the 400

million non-Christians around them. Give generously to the authorised collectors, or send your contribution direct to:

The Catholic Information Bureau,
The Catholic Centre, Madras-1.
Tel: 2883

Annual Feast at Ennore

As building operations in connection with the new Church of St. Joseph at Ennore are still in progress, the annual feast usually celebrated there on the third Sunday after Easter, will not be held this year.

Cultural Week

22nd—29th April 1961

(Organised by the Young Christian Workers)

Programme at Catholic Centre.

Saturday, 22nd: Inauguration of the Cultural Week—Speech Competition: "Multiplicity of Unions—Suicide of Working Class".

Sunday, 23rd: Athletic Competitions: Morning: Hockey Competition (Girls), Cycle Race (Boys). Afternoon: Open Competitions.

Monday, 24th: Extempore Speech Competition.

Tuesday, 26th: Essay Competition: "Recreational Facilities and their utilisation by workers of Madras".

Thursday, 27th: Dress Parade: an educational evening programme.

Saturday, 29th: Dramatic Competition at Royapuram Open-Air Theatre. Closing of the Cultural Week.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS

- 17-3-1961:** Rev. Fr. Stephen Chollampel, until now Vicarius Co-operator of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Madras, transferred and deputed for the time being to be Vicarius Co-operator in the St. Thomas' Cathedral Basilica Parish.
- 25-3-1961:** Decree of His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore executing the Rescript of the Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fide dated 14-1-1961, by virtue of which the Parish of St. Francis Xavier in Broadway, Madras, is permitted to be united *pleno jure* (with full right) in accordance with Canon 1425, para 2, to the Religious House of the Salesian Society in Madras.
- 10-5-1961:** FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL BASILICA. First Class of Our Lord. (Code of Rubrics No. 91 and Variationes No. 60). Festive Office. All Priests of the Diocese (whether Secular or Religious, even though exempt) are bound to recite the Divine Office and say the Mass of the Feast (Nos. 43 and 57-b), Office and Mass from the Common of the Dedication.

On 9-5-1961 First Vespers of the Dedication. No commemoration of St. Gregory (see *Tabella concurrentiae*). Compline of Sunday.

On 10-5-1961 Festive Office of the Dedication with 3 Nocturns and 9 Lessons, as in the Breviary. At Lauds no commemoration of the Vigil of Ascension (Nos. 111-a and 112-a). No commemoration of Rogations (No. 111-a).

Mass of the Dedication. No commemoration of the Vigil or Rogations (Nos. 111-a and 112-a).

Where the Rogation procession is held, and it is obligatory in all the Parishes of the Archdiocese (Statute No. 840), the Mass that follows it is of the Dedication (white colour) with commemoration of the Rogations *sub una conclusione* (Nos. 89, 346, 347, 341, 343-c).

The Second Vespers will be of the Dedication (No. 103) without commemoration of the 1st. Vespers of the Ascension (No. 112-a). Psalms for Lauds, Little Hours and Compline from Sunday.

- 1-5-1961:** Recollection Meeting for the Clergy in the City of Madras.
- 2-5-1961:** Recollection Meeting for the Clergy of St. Joseph's Vicariate.
- 11-5-1961:** ASCENSION DAY. Feast Day of Obligation. *Missa pro populo*.

A. Pereira de Andrade,
Chancellor.