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The Pastor Speaks:

TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD XXXVI. THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST

Our Christian Vocation

THE Christian who has understood, as far as it is possible for our feeble minds to understand, what incorporation with Christ means, has realised his new vocation and sees things in a completely different vision altogether. He knows that he is not his own any more but that he is made for Christ and must belong to Him with all the fibres of his being.

He realises more than ever that without Christ he can do nothing, that outside of Christ he cannot live the true life. Cut off from Christ, he will never bear fruit. He has to rely on Christ and live in Christ. He will not see in Christ, the ruler only or the one who dominates and guides everything. He will understand that Christ is and must be his life, and that like the Apostle he must reach the point when he has to say with conviction and truth, "For me to live is Christ". "It is not I, but Christ who lives in me". It will mean a complete

dependence on Christ on our part, a dependence which must be total and permanent. This dependence will bring about a complete abandonment of ourselves to Christ. Love calls for dependence. To love Christ is to refuse to love ourselves; it is to find joy and happiness in allowing ourselves to be guided and led by Our Head. It is inconceivable that members could refuse to depend on the head. Being members of the Mystical Body of Christ, we cannot but depend entirely Him, Our Head. Submission, obedience become thus natural and logical.

Four Elements in our Calling

In his book 'Dans Le Christ Total,' Archbishop Guerry says that the Christian calling or vocation is a call to participate in the Mystery of Christ. The Mystery of Christ is the Mystery of the Son of God made man to save the world by the sacrifice of His life and the constitution of His Mystical Body. Now the Christian calling consists of four elements:

1) **Participation in the Life of the Son.** The Son incarnated Himself, becoming man to extend His Sonship to all men, so that like Him and through Him they might become the sons of God. The Christian vocation is thus a vocation to divine sonship. The Christian through holy baptism becomes a son by participation in the divine Sonship of Jesus. It is a participation in the divine life as Christ possesses it by sanctifying grace in His human soul. As He possesses the plenitude of that divine life, He as the Head communicates it to the members of His Mystical Body.

2) **Participation in the Mission of the Son.** The Son incarnated Himself to save the world. His mission of Saviour is inseparable from His being. In calling souls to enjoy the benefits of the divine sonship, He expects that they will not just stop at the consolations and delights of intimacy with Him but that they will follow Him in His mission of Saviour. Why did He call the twelve, if not that they might be at the service of the Mystical Body of Christ of which they themselves had become members? The same calling that was addressed to the twelve

and to St. Paul, is addressed to every Christian. All are called to the same mission, to co-operate in the Redeeming Mission of Christ. What a magnificent calling! Thus the Christian vocation is essentially an apostolic and redeeming vocation.

3) **Participation in the Sacrifice of the Head.** To pretend to answer the call of Christ and to follow Him only to the foot of Calvary, without wishing to participate in His Sacrifice, is to belittle the Christian vocation and to ignore its real meaning and purpose.

We are ready to be sons, we are ready to love Christ and live in intimacy with the Blessed Trinity. But how many are ready to carry the Cross? How many are ready to co-operate, as members with the Head, in the salvation of mankind through the Cross? Many are the 'generous souls willing to co-operate in the Redemption of the world, but they must go further and bring their will into action by imitating the Apostles who truly followed their Head up to the total offering of their life for the salvation of their brethren.

4) **Participation in the formation of the Whole Church.** Finally, the Christian Vocation is a call to live thoroughly the life of a member, a member of the Big Body, the Body of Christ. It is the vocation of a member who has to execute it in union with the Body. Alone that soul could do little or nothing; but united in and with the Whole Christ, her fecundity is marvellous. She

participates in all the richness and wealth of the Body and is capable of greater and bigger actions. As a fervent member her life, her actions, must turn towards the formation of the Whole Christ.

To proclaim, O Jesus, Your sovereignty over all hearts, is to proclaim our duty to submit to You, to depend on You, for You

have all the rights to our submission and love. But when we have begun to taste the sweetness and the power of Your love, our joy must be to throw ourselves into Your Divine Heart and remain there to understand You better and love You more.

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Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore.

Banns and Nuptial Blessing

By Mgr. A. Pereira de Andrade

VERY often the question is being asked whether, in regularising the marriages of those living in concubinage, the Banns are to be published, the Nuptial Mass said and the Blessing given.

The question itself is a *wrong* question, or at least it is formulated wrongly. There is, first of all, no question of regularising the marriage of those living in concubinage. Regularising a marriage means that there was a marriage that was irregular and now has to be set right.

In canonical language there is what we call *matrimonium nullum* and *nullum matrimonium*. The first is a union which had a semblance of marriage, but it was invalid on account of an invalidating impediment or because of want of consent or of the 'form' of marriage. This kind of marriage is later regularised or, to use the canonical expression, it is convalidated. *Nullum matrimonium* is a union where there was no marriage at all; there was not even a semblance of marriage. In Canon Law such unions are not considered marriages at all and

they are not regularised, but the marriage must be contracted for the first time. Such is now the marriage of those who have been living in concubinage.

The marriage therefore of those once living in concubinage is just like the marriage of those who have been living as good Christians. The only difference is that in the first case they had been a living a sinful life before their marriage.

Publication of Banns

Now, are the banns to be published before the solemnisation of such marriages? In other words, is the publication of banns forbidden, or are they deprived of the privilege of having the banns read?

I cannot answer this question; it is only the Law that must provide an answer. Canon 1022 en-

joins that publications be made of a marriage that is to be solemnised. Canon 1026 forbids publication of banns of a marriage where there exists the impediment of mixed religion or of disparity of cult. There is no law forbidding the publication of banns of those living in concubinage. The only penalties for those living in concubinage are those mentioned in Canons 2256, No. 2 and 2357, para 2. No mention is made in these canons that they are deprived of Banns.

Nuptial Mass and Blessing

Coming now to the second question, we answer :

The Nuptial Blessing is not of strict obligation, but Canon 1101 enjoins that the pastor should see to it that the parties receive the solemn blessing, which may be given them even after they have lived a long time in the married state, but only at Mass, with the observance of the special rubric. The Nuptial Blessing is inseparable from the Mass. Accordingly, it may not be given outside Mass except by Apostolic Indult; then it is to be imparted in the form given in the Roman Ritual, title VIII, chapter III (Code of Rubrics, No. 381 (a)).

Sometimes the nuptial blessing is not permitted. These are the cases :

1. Within two liturgical seasons (**tempus clausum**), that is,

from the First Sunday of Advent to Christmas Day (inclusively) and from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday (inclusively). The Ordinary of the place may, however, for a just cause and in accordance with the liturgical laws that concern the blessing, permit it within these seasons (Code of Rubrics, No. 378).

2. On Good Friday, All Souls' Day and during the last three days of Holy Week (Code of Rubrics, No. 381 (d)) ;

3. At the time of interdict (Canons 2271 and 2272) ;

4. If the parties are not present to receive it ; and if either or both has already received the blessing. But where the custom obtains of giving the nuptial blessing if only the man had received it and not the bride, it is to be observed (Code of Rubrics, No. 381 (e)) ;

5. In a black Mass (Requiem).

6. In marriages of mixed religion or of disparity of cult (Canon 1102, para 2).

Thus no provision has been made in the law that the Nuptial blessing should be forbidden in the case of those who have been living in concubinage. Neither the Liturgical Code nor the Penal Code of Canon Law forbids such a blessing or deprives the parties from receiving it.

New Draft Syllabus of Religious Formation for Catholic Schools in Tamilnad

[This Syllabus will be adopted by stages from 1962]

THE Bishops of Tamilnad, assembled in Madras from January 24th to 26th 1961, decided to have a common catechism syllabus for their dioceses.

The drafting of this syllabus was entrusted to the newly appointed Tamilnad Catechetical Centre of Tindivanam, South Arcot, of which Rev. Fr. E. Becker is the Director.

For the time being, only a temporary programme could be drafted, with a few hints on its use. This programme will be completed later and enriched with the experience gained during the next two or three years. Valuable suggestions to improve it will be gathered in the meantime.

The drafting of the programme has been facilitated for three reasons:

1) The Bishops themselves have already decided the introduction of the 3 main text-books.

2) The syllabus of the Archdiocese of Bombay, "The Message of Christianity", the result of two and a half years work of a committee, has offered guidance and inspiration.

3) The International study week on Mission Catechesis of Eichstaett has indicated the right orientation by clarifying the aims and contents of mission catechesis and by defining the basic principles of modern catechetics.

For the benefit of the teachers who will have to use this syllabus, we shall now see in detail;

- 1) The text-books
- 2) The syllabus
- 3) The method

I. The New Text-books

The Bishops of Tamilnad have decided to introduce the following text-books in their dioceses:—

1. The Story of God's Kingdom (Examiner Press, Bombay, Re. 1-25)
2. The Way and the Life (Examiner Press, Rs. 2-25)
3. A Catholic Catechism (St. Paul's Publications, Allahabad, Rs. 3-90).

This decision itself represents a big leap forward in the direction of a catechetical renewal.

It is advisable therefore to try to evaluate the gain realized by this decision, by comparing the old and the new text-books.

Old Texts Unsatisfactory

The old text books were outstanding as concise, clear and well-defined expositions of Christian doctrine. They were, however, unsatisfactory for several reasons:

1) Most of the catechism books in use up to now were adaptations of the works of great catechetical authors like Canisius, Bellarmine, who did splendid work in their time chiefly in counteracting the

Protestant Reformation. While doing so, they naturally emphasized—even over-emphasized—the points under attack: justification, good works, the Mass as a sacrifice, the “intellectual side” of faith, etc. . . . and left others in the background: the Church, the sacraments, the participation of the faithful in the Mass, the life of faith.

Since then, the necessity of opposing the Reformation and the apologetic slant (apparent in the texture of those catechism books) have given place to more important objectives, calling for a reform of the contents of the catechism book.

2) The old catechism books having been revised time and again by theologians, finally became overtechnical, abstract, overloaded with many enumerations, distinctions and definitions. Moreover, an excessive stress was put on memorization.

3) The old catechism books starting from the logical question “What is the end of man?” built on it a logical system in which is indicated what man “must” believe (creed), what he “must” do (commandments), and what he “must” receive (sacraments). This system is mainly anthropocentric and puts the emphasis on duties—a “must” imposed on us from without. This system was lacking in inspiration.

Characteristics of New Texts

The modern catechetical movement has corrected these shortcomings and produced text-books, such as those mentioned above,

which are well balanced, and present the message in a more appealing way. The main characteristics of these new text-books are the following:

1) The apologetical preoccupation having been abandoned, the composition has gained in equilibrium. The sacraments find their place inside the message as actions of Christ and not as mere means of sanctification. In the commandments, the positive side is stressed, because Christ has perfected them; besides they are presented in the right focus: as a testimony of love. While presenting the Mass, the participation of the faithful is enhanced. Faith is presented in a more “living” way, as a personal “engagement”.

2) Theological technicalities and abstractions have been reduced to a minimum, the wording is more concrete. Unnecessary distinctions and enumerations have been left out. The new catechism books are no longer composed exclusively of questions and answers but of an “expose” which conveys a message rooted in the Bible.

3) The message is presented as the story of God’s love. “Our religion is essentially the history of salvation, the glad tidings not only of the magnificent goal to which God has called us, but of all that He has done and will continue to do until that blessed day when He will gather us home in glory to our Father’s house in heaven”.

The message of God, through Christ, makes the Catechism book Theocentric and Christocentric. Besides, instead of a structure of obligations, we have now a struc-

ture of values ; God's love revealed, and our answer to it. Consequently the Christian message becomes now "something warm and personal which acts on our faculties as an ideal and as a motive".

In this way, catechism books of today have profited by all the efforts of the past, even the errors, since these have revealed the shortcomings. The modern text-books, enriched by all these re-arrangements and improvements, have become effective instruments for conveying the message.

Rules for the Guidance of those who draw up Text-Books of Religious Instruction

(I) Basic Considerations :

1. Those who write religion text books must have a clear idea of for whom they are writing, and know what they want their books to accomplish.

2. The lessons in the book should not be based on mere abstract notions and definitions.

3. The lessons in the book should possess an organic unity.

4. The content of the lessons should stress the message of salvation, not mere moral obligations.

5. Religious text books should be adapted, like catechesis in general, to the age, psychology, and mentality of the catechumens.

6. Text books must proclaim in a clear manner the message of

salvation and be based on sound psychological principles.

(II) Different types of Catechetical Text Books

7. A first type of religion text book can follow the liturgical year in its main lines.

8. Another type may consist of lessons based on the Bible.

9. The lesson form, in a systematic catechism, should consist of certain integral parts, structured so as to be more effective, and not exclusively composed of questions and answers.

10. The actual text of the Bible should be used especially by older pupils.

11. Adult catechumens need a special text book, which answers their particular problems.

12. Catechetical books should, as far as possible, contain pictures which have a formative religious value.

13. As far as possible each country (or diocese) should follow a uniform and graded course of studies.

14. Besides graded text books for the students, there should be a teachers' manual for every grade.

From International Study Week on Mission Catechetics held at Eichstaett.

(To be continued)

St. Francis Xavier's Church, Broadway

Celebrations in Honour of Mary Help of Christians

THIS year the Annual Celebrations in honour of Mary Help of Christians assumed very special solemnity. The whole Novena service had a very consoling attendance. The first 6 days were preached by Rev. Fr. A. Joseph, Redemptorist Father, and the last three days were preached by Rev. Fr. J. S. Pinheiro, Parish Priest of Vallam, Tanjore.

The devotees of Mary Help of Christians were really taken up with the beautiful sermons of the two preachers and the clear demonstration of this was the celebrations which took place on the 24th and the 28th of May. On the 24th of May, the day in which generally people flock to Mary Help of Christians' Shrine, it was crowded during all the services. The High Mass was sung by the Parish Priest and the children's Mass by Rev. Fr. Jacob, S.D.B. The children had their treat in the evening before the Church compound procession which preceded the Eucharistic Benediction and the solemn entertainment. The Entertainment was the first fruit of the work of a group of our men directed by Mr. V. Peter Raj. During the Triduum, after the sermon, the Relic of the Veil of Our Blessed Lady was given to be kissed by all the faithful. The eve of our Annual Celebrations, the 27th of May, was characterised by the yearly feature of the burning of the petitions which all throughout the year have been sent to Mary Help of Christians to be placed at Her feet so that devotees should pray for these intentions. This burning of petitions took place in front of the whole community and a large number of devotees and

Salesian Co-operators who on that occasion consecrated themselves to Mary Help of Christians. The touching ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. Jacob, S.D.B., and it was a very impressive one. On the 28th, the last day of the celebrations, the High Mass was sung by V. Rev. Fr. J. Baracca, S.D.B., Rector of St. Joseph's Technical School, Basin Bridge, Madras. The climax of the celebrations took place in the evening when little by little the Church compound got crowded and the devout procession took place. The procession was a wonderful demonstration of the great love and devotion our people have towards Mary Help of Christians. Eucharistic Benediction was imparted by Rev. Fr. J. E. De Souza. The procession was rendered solemn by a big crowd of devotees from every part of the City and from outside Madras, headed by a big number of priests, Clerics and Rev. Sisters. There were pilgrims from Trichy, Gooty, Ooty, Coimbatore, Vellore, Kodaikanal, K.G.F. and other places.

A tribute of gratitude is to be given to all our people and in a particular manner to Rev. Fr. Stephen Bernard, S.D.B., and Rev. Fr. K. Jacob, who were the soul of everything and to the Parish

Co-workers headed by Mr. S. H. David and A. Gnanaprasam. Special thanks must be given to Mr. Peter Raj and Mr. Peter P. Ryan for their sacrifice in preparing the beautifully decorated car procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady and to the Secretary of St. Joseph's Sodality, Mr. M. Arokiaswamy, for the sacrifice he has shown in decorating the Church compound and the streets where the procession was arranged to pass. To all these and other people and all the sections of the Co-workers, to the Senior and Junior Sodalities of Mary Help of Christians, a special word of thanks from the whole Parish and from the Parish Priest in a special manner.

Marian Competition

For a few weeks preceding the beginning of the month of Mary Help of Christians, people were prepared for the celebration of this month. The first day began with a special recommendation that the daily nosegay should be practised faithfully till the end of the month of May, that something practical be done to honour Our Blessed Lady, but special stress was laid on the daily attendance at Holy Mass and evening service. This was taken to heart by almost all and this is another proof of the love that reigns in the heart of our people towards Our Heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians. The Parish Co-Workers were faithfully distributing the tokens every morning during the different Masses and at the evening service. The tokens were different for the different classes of people. At the

end of the month, on the 24th May, all these tokens were collected in order to see who the winner was in this competition, in every one of the 8 Sections of the Parish. In several sections people were competing because a very good number of them had been present at all the services without missing a single one. Due to this we had to cast lots and the families that stand first in each of the sections are:

1. Sagayamatha Section, Mr. Peter Raj, No. 27, Pedariar Koil Street.

2. St. Francis Xavier's Section, Mrs. S. Susaiammal, 12, St. Xavier Street.

3. Sacred Heart Section, Mr. J. Dharma Rao, 64, Savarimuthu Street.

4. Holy Family Section, Mrs. Susaiammal, Meeralabbai Street.

5. Immaculate Heart Section, Mr. Lourduswamy, 70/71, Broadway.

6. St. Joseph's Section, Mr. Sundaram, 8, C. Block, B. R. N. Garden.

7. Guardian Angel Section, Mrs. M. Arokiaswamy, Harbour Quarters.

8. Don Bosco Section (Anglo-Indians), Mrs. B. Thomas, 1/155/B, Coral Merchant St.

The heads of these families were so happy when during the procession they were given a special banner prepared for each of them to be carried in procession.

The banners beautifully prepared by the Carmel Convent of Bangalore represent:

1. Mary Help of Christian Section, Mary Help of Christians carrying a lit torch, surmounted by a Cross, over India.

2. St. Francis Xavier's Section, Mary Help of Christians protecting with her mantle St. Francis Xavier's Church.

3. Sacred Heart Section, Mary Help of Christians covering the Globe of the world with her mantle.

4. Holy Family Section, Mary Help of Christians offering to the world the scapular with which she wants to be the help of mankind.

5. Immaculate Conception Section, Mary Help of Christians appearing to St. John Bosco, the apostle of this devotion.

6. St. Joseph's Section, Mary Help of Christians with the Holy Rosary which forms the best form of devotion to her.

7. Guardian Angel Section, Mary Help of Christians standing on India, at Madras where her Centre is.

8. Don Bosco Section (Anglo-Indians), Mary Help of Christians standing before her Basilica at Turin, Italy, and St. John Bosco kneeling before her.

These banners were blessed on the morning of the feast before the High Mass by V. Rev. Fr. J. Baracca, S.D.B., Rector of St. Joseph's Technical School, Basin Bridge. They will serve for the different demonstrations of the Parish when the different Sections of it have any public demonstrations or when a family of it stands first in any activity.

Chapel of Mary Help of Christians

May Celebrations

It was touching to see how the poor people of the harbour locality celebrated the month of May in honour of Mary Help of Christians. On the 24th of April they began the month of Mary Help of Christians and in a touching and persevering manner the month of Our Blessed Lady was continued till the 31st of May. On the 24th of May they did their hoisting of the flag and the Novena was celebrated in a solemn manner. Every day during the whole month the harbour locality Catholics gathered in their chapel. The nosegay was given to them every day and their attendance was checked regularly and at the end, the family that won the May devotion attendance was Mr. Magimadas's from harbour quarters. This family was seen prominently carrying the banner of Our Lady in the solemn parish procession held in honour of Mary Help of Christians. On the 31st the harbour people had in their own chapel High Mass sung by their Parish Priest, assisted by their children, as thanksgiving for the beautiful month which was granted to them. The Mass was preceded by a devout procession which left from III Line Beach, went over Ebrahim Sahib Street, IV line Beach, Jaffer Saran Street, and from North Beach Road it went back to the chapel. Before the Mass the petitions which the childlike confidence of our harbour people had sent to Our Blessed Lady during the month were burnt. A number of parishion-

ers also took part in these celebrations. We feel the need of thanking in a particular manner for this great success the Catechist, Mr. Sathyanathan, who was the soul of everything, together with the enthusiastic apostle, Mr. T. Abisegam, who worked with the help of Mr. Sandanam.

Sodality Inaugurated

On May 31st at the conclusion of the May Devotion in honour of Mary Help of Christians, the poor people of the harbour locality gathered members to have a permanent souvenir of this year's celebrations in the inauguration of the Sodality of Mary Help of Christians for the women of the locality. It was inaugurated just immediately after the procession, with the blessing of the medals of the Sodality by the Parish Priest.

The questionnaire was done by Rev. Fr. K. Jacob, S.D.B. After this the imposition of the medal took place and everything concluded with the blessing of Mary Help of Christians. The following

are the office-bearers and members of the Sodality :

1. M. Arokiamary, President, Harbour Quarters.
2. Natchathiram, Secretary, 48, Corporation New Lines.
3. Mariammal, Treasurer, 48, Corporation New Lines.
4. M. Amalorpavam, Member, Harbour quarters.
5. T. Rajammal, Member, Harbour quarters.
6. K. Lourdamary, Member, Harbour quarters.
7. A. Jayamary, Member, 17, Varadarajulu Mudali St.
8. S. Selvamary, Member, 4, Commissioner's Garden.
9. P. Arputhamary, Member, 4, Bank Road.

The Parish is confident that these few members who have laid the foundation of the Sodality will be the good leaven of the locality and the Harbour people will gain spiritually very much due to the work of these good souls.

Intentions for July 1961

General Intention : That the time of leisure may be used in accordance with God's law, for promoting health of mind and body.

Missionary Intention : The appropriate adaptation of Catholic Action and similar lay groups to local conditions and needs.

Corrigendum

In our May number on page 122 under the heading, "St. Paul's, Tiruvottiyur,—Passion Play", it was stated by mistake that the *Mylapore Dramatic Troupe* were to be congratulated on their performance. It was the *Dramatic Group of St. Thomas' Club* that staged the play.

AROUND THE PARISHES

CHINTADRIPET

Church of Queenship of Mary

Sunday 9th April was a memorable day for the working youth of the Chintadripet parish. At 10 a.m. about 20 enthusiastic young men were present for the inauguration of the Young Christian Workers. Mr. A. Ignatius, who presided over the meeting, expressed the eagerness of the young men to start this movement and he thanked the regional chaplain, Rev. Fr. Thomas Joseph, and the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Joseph Madathil, for giving facilities to start the Y.C.W. The Regional Chaplain exhorted the young men to become full-fledged members of the Y.C.W. and work for the betterment of their fellow workers with Christian charity. Mr. Bernard Dougetty, a Y.C.W. leader from Australia who was also present, tried to infuse into his hearers his own enthusiasm and explained the motto of the Y.C.W.: SEE, JUDGE, and ACT. Rev. Fr. Joseph Madathil, Parish Priest, exhorted those present to persevere with the spirit of sacrifice and self-denial in all their enterprises, overcoming the difficulties and failures they have to face in future. The members of the newly started Y.C.W., Chintadripet, were very happy to have the Asst. Parish Priest as their local chaplain. With the vote of thanks by the Asst. Parish Priest, the meeting came to a conclusion.

The celebration of the anniversary of the Sacerdotal Ordination and First Holy Mass of the Parish Priest and the Asst. Parish Priest

was celebrated as the Priests' Day in the parish. On their anniversary days the grateful parishioners attended Holy Mass and received Holy Communion in large numbers and gave thanks to Almighty God for the fruitful apostolate of their pastors, and all the graces that Almighty God had bestowed upon them. On the 23rd evening there was a variety of entertainment by the children of the parish, thanks to the efforts of the Rev. Sisters and staff of the convent and Mrs. Sladen. One of the teachers read an address in which all the activities of the Parish Priest were explained, especially his untiring zeal as the spiritual director of the C.W.A. The entertainment, which lasted two hours, was well attended.

The Parochial Feast of the Queenship of Mary was celebrated on 31st May 1961 with the usual pomp and piety. During the novena the faithful attended evening Mass and devotions in large numbers. On the 30th at 6 p.m. the parish priest celebrated the High Mass. Then the faithful went in procession along the nearby streets, reciting the rosary and singing hymns and carrying a gracefully decorated car of Our Blessed Mother. Indeed it was a piety-inspiring manifestation of faith and was appreciated by even the non-Christians. After the procession Rev. Fr. P. Michael, parish priest of St. Antony's Church, Pudukottai, preached an instructive and inspiring sermon which was appreciated by the faithful very much. Then follow-

ed Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The feast came to a conclusion on the 31st evening at 6-30 p.m. with Solemn High Mass and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

OUR LADY OF GUIDANCE, MYLAPORE

Corpus Christi Procession

The annual Corpus Christi Procession of the Parish of the Church of Our Lady of Guidance, Mylapore, was conducted quite solemnly on the 4th of June.

A new future that added special grandeur to the procession this year was that, instead of the Maede-Deus Church of the present Retreat House, which was used in previous years as the first and the only station on the route of the procession, a beautifully decorated temporary altar on the southern verandah of the newly-built extension block of the Bon Secours Convent High School facing the East Circular Road, near the Maede-Deus Church, was used. The vast compound of the school in front of the altar provided ample space for the faithful to attend the Benediction, and gave an edifying open view of the ceremonies to the non-Catholic spectators.

The procession was, as usual, long, orderly and perfectly silent. People from the neighbouring parishes also attended. The procession left the church punctually at 5-30 p.m. in the order of children, women, men, nuns and priests. A good number of priests were present and the Very Rev. Mgr. A. Pereira de Andrade officiated, assisted by Rev. Frs.

Abraham Punoly S.D.B., and Arokiam, S.J. A line of pretty white-robed girls sprinkled flowers on the route and two choirs, one of men and the other of women, provided music. Except for the deviation to the East Circular Road mentioned above, the procession followed the usual route of Kanagaraya Malayappa Naicken Street, Periapalli Street, and Malayappan Street, and reached the Church compound again at 7. p.m. With the Benediction at the altar adjoining the Fatima Grotto in the Church compound, the procession ended.

ROYAPURAM

Crowning the Queen of May

Crowning our Lady as Queen of May is an occasion always replete with absorbing interest to the young of the parish, and this year was no exception. The 1st of May witnessed a large gathering of Parishioners assembled in St. Kevin's School Compound awaiting the arrival of the May Queen, the child selected for performing, this role being little Bertille Watts, daughter of Mr. Walter Watts and Mrs. Watts of Arathoon Road. The May Queen, accompanied by her principal ladies in waiting, Llewella Clements and Charmaine Daniels, with train-bearer and retinue, were received on arrival and conducted in procession to the dais on which was set up a neat little altar and the statue of Our Lady. Then to the singing of the May Queen hymn and synchronising with the words "WE CROWN THEE", the May Queen placed the Crown on the head of the statue of Our Lady. Addressing himself

chiefly to the children, the parish priest briefly described the significance of the crowning ceremony and of the need to emulate the virtues of Our Blessed Lady, specially chastity and humility.

The statue was then carried in procession, accompanied by the May Queen and her retinue and the entire congregation, from the school to the Mater Dolorosa Church where it was placed on its pedestal. Then following the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The interesting ceremony was brought to a close amidst scenes of intense joy and fervour.

Scholarship Fund

A Fete and Fair, in aid of St. Mary's Old Boys' Association Scholarship fund, was held on Saturday 6th May 1961 at 4-30 p.m. in the Mater Dolorosa Church grounds, under the kind patronage of Mrs. Lorna D'Monte.

A variety of stalls, early visitors to which were rewarded with useful articles at competitive prices, and a number of side-shows attracted a large gathering of old boys and their families and other well-wishers on the look-out for a pleasant evening's pleasure and entertainment.

Study Club

It had for long been the desire of the Parochial Board and of its spiritual director to start a study club in this parish. It would be more correct to call it a revival rather than an institution, since a study club seems to have existed

during Rev. Fr. Schupp's term of office about 42 years ago but it petered out for want of succour and sustenance.

A fairly large gathering of sodalists and others interested in its formation assembled in Fatima Hall on Sunday 7th May. After the parish priest, Fr. Lourdes, had explained the purport of the meeting, he introduced the speaker of the day, Miss Audrey Pinto, daughter of Mr. S. J. Pinto. Miss Pinto, maintaining a confident note throughout, began by stating that the purpose of her talk that evening was not to propose any subject for discussion but only to give the audience a general idea of what study-groups meant and why these were an imperative necessity in these days when so much stress was being laid on the participation of lay apostles in the work of redemption.

It was admitted, she said, that the average lay Catholic was woefully ignorant of the tenets of his religion and study-groups tended not only to increase his own knowledge of it but also enabled him to prevail in any discussion of the faith with non-Catholics. She then proceeded to give details of the composition and size of study-groups, the frequency of meetings, the subjects suitable for discussion, and other essential particulars connected with the subject.

Rev. Fr. Lourdes proposed a vote of thanks. It was decided to hold the next study club meeting in June, taking the gospel of the day as a subject for discussion.

ST. BEDE'S, SAN THOME

Transfer of Rev. Fr. Tuena

When St. Bede's High School re-opens on the 12th June, its inmates, staff and pupils are surely going to miss a very popular personality. For the Very Rev. Fr. H. Tuena, S.D.B., its Rector, has been transferred, and has already left to take up his new appointment as Rector at Tirupattur (South Arcot).

St. Bede's High School was handed over to the Salesian Congregation in 1956, and Father Tuena took charge as its first Rector on the 8th January that year. At the very outset his contacts with both the Staff and the Pupils earned for himself their affection and respect by his winsome smile, his amiable disposition and, above all, his ready sympathy towards the problems and difficulties of all those under his care. To run a large Institution like St. Bede's is no easy matter and entails numerous difficulties; yet there was no outward indication in Fr. Tuena of the heavy task he had to bear. One of the qualities that stood out foremost was his generosity towards the poorer section of boys, and his concern for their education.

Father Tuena has left behind several mementoes of his Rectorship in St. Bede's. Being an outstanding musician himself, and recognising quite a lot of musical talent among the boys, he obtained for the School a complete set of band instruments, and set about organising and training a School Band and School Choir; this band now makes its regular appearance

on the programme of every School activity. Every Salesian knows that the best way to reach a boy's heart is through sports and games; Father Tuena had the playing fields of St. Bede's well levelled and laid out, and properly fenced in. Then came a very big undertaking,—the building of a School Auditorium. With a little help from the Central Government, but putting in more than three-fourths of the money himself, he built over the existing refectory one of the finest School Auditoriums found anywhere in India; this was completed and opened in 1959. In 1960 he had the whole of the sanitary block built and furnished with up-to-date fittings.

Perhaps he had more plans for St. Bede's, but he had had more than his full term of Rectorship of this Institution, and so he had to bow to the will of his Superiors and accept the transfer. St. Bede's will always remember him with gratitude and affection.

By R. E. Davey.

KILPAUK

"Origin of The World"

The monthly meeting of the Tamil Study Club was held on the 7th May. After the reading of the report of last month's meeting by the Secretary, the Chairman, Very Rev. Fr. S. P. Carmel, called upon Prof. S. Rajendran, M.A., L.T., to speak on the subject "The Origin of the World". The speaker dealt at length on the Theory of Evolution, under three main headings, viz., similarity, recapitulation theory and Paleontology, and said as the arguments

in favour of evolution are not necessarily a proof, the Church has not made any pronouncement upon it and Catholics are free to accept evolution either as a scientific hypothesis or as a philosophical speculation. Then he explained creation in the light of philosophy and in the light of revelation and concluded by saying that evolutionists and atheists being afraid of having to face a judge, they blind themselves and prefer to deny the existence of God Who created the universe.

After an interesting discussion that followed the speech, Mr. Vanathian proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker for his clear and erudite exposition of the subject.

The next meeting was held on 11th June.

SAN THOME

The Late Mr. Absalom

Mr. T. J. Absalom, aged 85 years, one of the oldest parishioners of St. Thomas' Basilica, passed away suddenly at the General Hospital, Madras, in the early hours of Sunday 16-4-1961. Being a Sodalist and a member of the Apostleship of Prayer and the 3rd Order of St. Francis, he was regular at daily Mass and for the Divine Banquet.

Doubtless, his daily Mass and Communion ever kept him united to his Maker and Judge, so that when the end came, he met it as a valiant soldier of Christ in the battlefield of Christian perfection and holiness.

He covered many holy places in Palestine and visited several

shrines in Europe and the United Kingdom in 1933 when on the first Indian Pilgrimage. His piety and devotion to Our Lady of Mylapore was one of his greatest assets. His remains were taken to the Basilica of St. Thomas for a Requiem Mass on Monday 17th, where some priests and a congregation of friends and relations were present. Thereafter, his remains were interred at the Quible Island, San Thome. If service is the rent that one pays for one's place on earth, the late Mr. T. J. Absalom paid that rent in full measure, till the last moment of his life.—R. I. P.,

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, VEPERY

Vestition and Profession

The picturesque and devotional ceremonies of the religious Vestition and Profession took place on May 25th and 26th respectively. The eight days' Retreat preached by the Rev. Fr. Augustine, S.J., was brought to a close on the 25th May.

On the 25th May, the day of rejoicing, the Chapel tastefully decorated was crowded to the doors with parents, relatives, friends and well-wishers of the candidates. The Vestition service started immediately after the Holy Mass at 7 a.m., amidst great rejoicing and fervent piety, the climax of the celebrations leading to the Vestition itself.

The Vestition ceremony was conducted by the Very Rev. Mgr. P. L. Jeganather, the Spiritual Director of the Congregation. Rev. Fr. Arokiaswamy, S.J., preach-

ed an inspiring sermon on the dignity of the Religious life. Then the Ten Postulants gave up their bridal dresses and received the Religious Habit of the Congregation of St. Francis of Assisi. They were given their religious names as follows:

1. Mary Isabel Sam—Sr. Mary Thomasina.
2. Chinnamma Thomas—Sr. Mary Prudencia.
3. Marykutty, M. M.—Sr. Mary Georgia.
4. Chengol Mary—Sr. Mary Claudia.
5. Devabakthi—Sr. Mary Generosa.
6. A. L. Mary—Sr. Mary Juditha.
7. M. O. Annamma—Sr. Mary Nobertina.
8. P. L. Mary—Sr. Mary Patricia.
9. P. O. Annamma—Sr. Mary Tarsia.
10. Anne Edattel—Sr. Mary Theodosia.

A number of young sisters also renewed their Holy Vows. The Vestition ceremony concluded with the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and with the singing of the "Te Deum".

On the 26th May, after Holy Mass, the First Profession ceremonies began with the eloquent and moving sermon preached by Rev. Fr. A. Joseph, C.S.S.R. Then the Very Rev. Mgr. P. L. Jegannather received the First Vows of the following Novices:

1. Sr. Mary Fabiola.
2. Sr. Mary Mercy.
3. Sr. Mary Hermina.
4. Sr. Mary Nirmala.
5. Sr. Mary, Joseline.
6. Sr. Mary Fidelis.
7. Sr. Mary Louis.
8. Sr. Mary Leena.
9. Sr. Mary Victoria.
10. Sr. Mary Evangelina.
11. Sr. Mary Gratia.
12. Sr. Mary Lilian.
13. Sr. Mary Purita.

The Profession ceremony was followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the singing of the "Te Deum". The day ended with joy and festivity.

ST. JOSEPH'S, VEPERY

On the 28th May the Catholic Employees of the Southern Railway (Madras Area) had their annual thanksgiving service at St. Joseph's, consisting of High Mass at 7:30, followed by fraternity breakfast in the parish hall. Fr. P. J. Lobo spoke.

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On the same day St. Joseph's Hall was the venue of a Rally of a good number of Legionaries from Kilpauk, St. Andrew's and St. Joseph's parishes. Rev. Frs. K. Satur, P. T. Arulappa and P. J. Lobo were present. Mr. F. Dwyer and Mr. H. Anthony spoke in English and Tamil, and Fr. Lobo made the concluding remarks. St. Joseph's Junior Legionaries provided musical items between the speeches.

The month of May was celebrated with morning and evening service, consisting of Rosary, sermon, and Benediction. On the last day there was a car procession around the church, sermon, consecration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The church was tastefully decorated and the choir rose to the occasion.

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Corpus Christi Procession was held on Sunday, the 4th June, at 6 p.m. Very Rev. Fr. G. H. Lourdes carried the monstrance. After the first Benediction at the altar *ad hoc* erected in the church compound, the exceptionally well attended procession moved out on almost a-mile-long route, which was profusely decorated. On return to the church there was another Benediction. The Men's Sodality and the Altar Society helped with the decorations and maintenance of order. An augmented choir rendered choice music. The clergy, the choir and the altar boys were served dinner.

SAN THOME

Corpus Christi Procession

On the feast of Corpus Christi, the two Cathedrals have the privilege of celebrating the procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening. The route is short, around the sacred edifice in each case, but what is lacking by way of a public manifestation along the roads of the city, is made up for by the liturgical solemnity, with a large attendance of priests and nuns, the exquisite decorations prepared for long in advance, the Eucharistic melodies sung by a massed choir of chil-

dren, and the decorum and devotion of the thousands in the procession. At the San Thome Basilica, in the absence of His Excellency the Auxiliary Bishop who was indisposed and awaiting an operation, the Chancellor of the archdiocese, Very Rev. Mgr. A. Pereira de Andrade, officiated, assisted by Fathers P. J. Kurian and J. Kottoor. The clergy preceded, dressed in chasuble, dalmatic, tunicella or surplice. Over the route beautiful patterns had been traced in coloured chalk and sand by the deft hands of the Convent children and teachers, and the altar of repose erected at the grotto was a resplendent sight with a background draped in cloth of silver and gold and ornamented with Eucharistic symbols, the work of lady Catholic Actionists directed by the parish priest who has a keen eye for aesthetic beauty and liturgical splendour and knows how to enlist the co-operation of his parishioners and the children. After the procession, the clergy, 30 in number, were entertained to dinner at Archbishop's House.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S, BROADWAY

Mary Help of Christians and St. Sebastian's Night School.

In the parish that belongs to Mary Help of Christians—St. Francis Xavier's, Broadway—25 years ago a night school sprang up, due to the wonderful activity and apostolic zeal of Mr. K. S. Mariasoosai. The whole parish is preparing to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of this school. Mary Help of Christians found a prominent

place in the Court of Arms of this free St. Sebastian's night school, whose work will remain immortal in the parish, and in a particular manner in Asirvadapuram. The school is doing its work under the guidance, inspiration and help of Mary Help of Christians, through the work of the apostolic man who directs it. Mary Help of Christians in the Court of Arms appears by the side of the torch surmounted by the Cross, so as to lead the work of apostolate not only of the school but of the children who are found in it, who will be made ready for the battle to defend their faith or, if non-Catholics, to embrace it. Mary Help of Christians found her place not only in the Court of Arms, but also in the main entrance of the school where a beautiful statue of her was erected six years ago. She was placed there by the school and the people of the locality and was declared the Queen of Asirvathapuram. May the Help of Christians bless the school and prepare and strengthen it for ever greater victories.

The Day of the Sick

St. Francis Xavier feels the need of the activity of the sick people also. They too are supposed to work in the Parish with their prayers and sufferings, and for this the 21st of May was fixed as the Day of the Sick and the Mission Sunday of those who suffer. On the day previous to this Sunday, Rev. Fr. Jacob, S.D.B., visited all the sick people, prepared them for the occasion, heard their confessions, and thus everyone was well prepared to give his or

her cooperation to the welfare of the Parish with a great deal of prayer and sufferings.

On the 21st at 5-30 everyone assembled in the Church compound and at 6-00 everyone was ready in the sanctuary in the appointed place. Holy Mass was celebrated for them by Fr. Jacob himself and the Very Rev. Fr. R. Savarimuthu, Rector of the Minor Seminary of Tanjore, preached to the sick people, helping them to make the most of their sufferings for the good of the Parish and of the Missions and teaching them to sanctify their sufferings. 21 sick people of the Parish could hear their Mass and receive Holy Communion, and they were assisted by our Parishioners and, in a particular manner, by the lay apostles of the Parish. Immediately after Holy Mass the blessing of Mary Help of Christians was imparted to them by the Parish Priest, and the relic of the veil of Our Blessed Lady was given to them to be kissed. When the Church service was over, a fraternal social was offered to them and everyone was happy to see how the parishioners surrounded the suffering brethren of the Parish. After the social the Parish Priest blessed again everyone of them and they were taken to their homes. May the Heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians, bless these brethren of ours, in the merit of whose sufferings the Parish trusts so much.

St. Francis Xavier's Philodramatic Society

The Parish is immensely grateful to a group of youngsters who

volunteered to put together all their efforts and form a society in order to entertain the parishioners and people with entertainments prepared by themselves. They have taken this very much to heart. The Parish is extremely grateful to all of them, and in a particular manner to Mr. Peter Raj who is the soul of everything. On the 24th of May, Feast of Mary, Help of Christians, this Philodramatic Society entertained for the first time a big crowd of people with their performance of 'Anbin Vazhi'. It was a real success. Everyone in the Parish hopes that these volunteers will give the people often an opportunity of being entertained. Their first performance was appreciated very much and it did plenty of good. The attendance, enthusiasm and attention of the crowd amply testify the appreciation given by the people to the first performances.

DHYANA ASHRAM, MYLAPORE

Transfer of Fr. Louis Raj, S.J.

Many hearts were saddened by the departure from the Retreat House, Mylapore, of Fr. Louis Raj, S.J., who was transferred in May to St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirapalli, as Minister and Professor. During his stay at the Dhyana Ashram Fr. Louis Raj preached retreats to all types of people—fisher folk and domestic servants, school girls and teachers, college lecturers and professional men. Each retreat entailed arduous preparation and many days of painstaking, unremitting labour. Above all, there was his

personality, simple and unassuming, courteous and self-sacrificing, placing himself at the disposal of all and sundry. Those who will miss him most are the Catholics of South Mylapore, to whom he was an apostle of the confessional, available at all hours, pouring balm on and bringing healing to troubled or besmirched souls. And all this ministry was accomplished in spite of constant illness and a frail constitution. He has left behind the fragrance of a life of sacrifice and complete dedication to God's service in his fellowmen.

LEGION OF MARY

Auxiliary Rally at Perambur

Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium conducted an Auxiliary Rally in English at Perambur on Saturday the 10th June 1961 at 3-30 p.m.

There were about 100 members present at the Rally which commenced with the Legion Opening prayers and a Hymn to the Holy Ghost. The President, Sr. Bastian, then introduced to the House Bro. C. E. Dwyer and requested him to give the talk on Auxiliary membership.

Bro. Dwyer in his talk explained in detail the object of being in the Legion and the various works undertaken by the Legion and, above all, stressed personal sanctification, Love of God, of neighbour and then of one's own self.

After a Hymn (Totus Tuus Ego Sum) the Sp. Director, Rev. Fr. A. Papes, S.D.B., gave the allocution in which he clearly explained

the active and the praying wings of the Legion. He made a comparison of the work of the clergy and the religious with that of the Lay apostolate. He made reference to the Monks in the Monasteries and Abbeys where, they only do penance and pray, whereas the priests and nuns have to do active work as well as pray. Similarly, the Legionaries who join the active ranks do both active work as well as pray, whereas the Auxiliaries only pray, thereby obtaining the required graces for those active members who do active work in the apostolic field.

Comparing the attendance at the Rally with the number of Parishioners, Father stated that there was scope for many more to join this religious organisation and be of help in the lay apostolate.

The Senatus President, Bro. A. N. Joseph, who was present at the meeting, was then introduced to the house by Sr. Bastian, who requested him to say a few words.

Bro. Joseph in his short address, impressed upon the members the object of the meeting, detailing the conditions under which the members may get themselves enlisted in the Auxiliary ranks, the advantage the Legion derives from their valuable prayers, the benefits derived by the deceased Legionaries of all ranks (which includes the Auxiliaries also), by sharing in the indulgences obtained through the millions of Holy Masses said all over the world during the month of November each year by each praesidium. He also exhorted the members to join the

Auxiliary ranks if they were not able to join the active ranks and also ensure that their children were enrolled as well, so that they might be very well looked after by the Legion in their spiritual needs.

With a vote of thanks to those present, the Rally terminated at about 4.45 p.m. with the concluding prayers and the blessing of the Spiritual Director.

ROSARY MATRICULATION SCHOOL, SAN THOME

100% Matriculation Results

• First class	—	25
Second class	—	4
Third class	—	Nil
Failures	—	Nil
Total No. in class:		29 girls.

ST. RAPHAEL'S GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

S.S.L.C. Results

• No. appeared	—	88
No. passed	—	71
Percentage	—	81%

Among the 88 candidates, there were 11 Catholics, of whom 9 passed (82 per cent.)

SAN THOME HIGH SCHOOL Examination Results

50 pupils were presented for the S.S.L.C. examination in March. 37 of them passed, giving a percentage of 74%. Nearly half the number sent up for the examination, namely, 23, were Catholics, and out of them 19 passed, that is, 83 per cent.

CONVENT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Matriculation Results

Candidates sent up	—	48
1st class	—	21
2nd class	—	22
3rd class	—	1
Failures	—	4

The percentage of passes is 92. The entire class was sent up; it is not our policy to detain anyone. The number of Catholic girls was 4. Last year our pupil, V. Susheela, came 1st in the State, with a total of 610 marks out of 800.

NOTICES

Pontifical Society of St. Peter Apostle for Indigenous Clergy

Contributions from our Priests

	Rs.
Previously acknowledged	145.00
Rev. Fr. Mantovani, S.D.B. (2nd contribution)	25.00
Very Rev. Fr. B. A. Figredo	20.00
Rev. Fr. S. Arulappa	20.00
Rev. Fr. Stephen Cholampel	20.00
Rev. Fr. G. H. Lawson	5.00
Total	235.00

Leadership Course for Catholic Workers

Open to all

Those interested in hearing details of this Course should contact The Secretary, Catholic Information Bureau, Catholic Centre, Madras-1. (Tel. 3882). The Course (in English) will start

in July, every Tuesday, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., at The Catholic Centre. Director: Rev. Fr. S. Arulappa.

Study Group in Tamil Open to All

It is proposed to organise a Study Group on the Catholic Faith, using the special series written in Tamil by Mgr. R. Arulappa. The Talks will be given by a Panel of Priests at The Catholic Centre, weekly, commencing at the beginning of July.

Those interested should contact:
The Secretary,
Catholic Information Bureau,
Catholic Centre, Madras-1.
Tel: 3882.

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Employers and Managers, Please Note that on our books at the moment are the following unemployed young men and women:

1. M.Sc. and M.A. in Physics and Chemistry.
2. M.A. Economics and Politics, holder of Ford Scholarship, with experience.
3. B.A., B.L., D.S.S. (Diploma in Social Service with merit), ten years experience as Clerk.
4. B.Sc. with 1st class in Chemistry.
5. Book-keepers with experience.
6. Stenographers, Typists and Clerks, with and without experience. (Male and female)

7. Confidential Clerks.
8. Telephone Operators (Diploma holders).
9. Electricians.
10. Mechanical Engineers (Diploma holders).
11. Civil Engineer, trainee with experience.
12. Carpenter and Fitter.
13. Teacher for Latin.
14. Peons, Watchmen, Drivers, etc.

Write or call at any time for applicants to be sent to you.

A EUCHARISTIC TRIUMPH

Corpus Christi Celebrations in St. Francis Xavier's Parish, Broadway, Madras, were this year at an extraordinary Eucharistic Triumph. It took place on the 11th June. There were three Low Masses at 5-15, 6-30 and 7-45 a.m. and High Mass was sung by Rev. Fr. T. Mathew, S.D.B., Assistant Parish Priest, who took charge of his parish work only the previous evening, and the Blessed Sacrament was exposed for adoration

the whole day. The different hours of adoration were kept up by the faithful according to the Parish Sections. In the evening thousands of people gathered in the compound for the procession of Our Eucharistic Lord. The streets were tastefully decorated and the faithful conducted themselves very edifyingly during the whole procession under the guidance of the Parish Priest and V. Rev. Fr. Rector of Our Lady of Refuge House. The Most Blessed Sacrament was carried by V. Rev. Fr. J. Med, Salesian Provincial, escorted by the Scouts of the Don Bosco Youth Centre, through the streets tastefully decorated with arches. 33 Religious and Secular Priests from all over the City and many Sisters from different congregations and a large number of Altar Boys took part in the procession. The First Benediction was given at the beautiful altar prepared by the members of the Don Bosco Youth Centre. The Eucharistic feast came to an end with the final Benediction at the Parish Church compound.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS

- 16-5-1961:** At the request of the Very Rev. Regional Superior of the Foreign Missions of Paris, Rev. Fr. Mauviel, Chaplain to the Holy Apostles' Convent, St. Thomas' Mount, has been relieved of the said Chaplaincy.
- Do. Until now Vicarius Cooperator in St. Thomas' Mount, Rev. Fr. Lucio Fernandez is appointed Chaplain of the Holy Apostles' Convent, St. Thomas' Mount (Hill Church).
- Do. Rev. Fr. J. Nazarene Rodriguez, Parish Priest of Pannellore, is transferred and appointed Parish Priest of St. Peter's Church, Royapuram.

16-5-1961 : Rev. Fr. Jacob Thomas Vettiphirayil, until now Vicarius Cooperator, St. Anthony's Church, Pudupet, is transferred and appointed Parish Priest of Palnellore.

Do. Rev. Fr. George Thekeddam from the Apostolic School, San Thome, is transferred and appointed Vicarius Cooperator, St. Anthony's Church, Pudupet.

Do. Rev. Fr. P. C. Balaswamy, until now Vicarius Cooperator of Royapettah, is transferred and appointed Professor and Prefect of Studies in the Seminary of Mary Immaculate (Minor) at San Thome.

Do. Rev. Fr. George Palakattukumnel is appointed Vicarius Cooperator of Royapettah.

Do. Rev. Fr. Stephen Chollampel, Vicarius Cooperator ad interim in the Cathedral Basilica, is transferred and appointed Vicarius Cooperator of St. Thomas' Mount, in place of Rev. Fr. Lucio Fernandez.

Do. His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore by Decree dated 16-5-1961 has confirmed his decree given on 15th. December 1941, by virtue of which the canonical Parishes of Mater Dolorosa and St. Peter's in Royapuram had been erected to function independently as separate ecclesiastical Parish units, with boundaries and other provisions made in the said Decree of 15-12-1941, to enter into force from 1st. June 1961.

3-7-1961 : Clergy monthly Meeting in San Thome.

4-7-1961 : Clergy monthly Meeting in St. Thomas' Mount.

Priests, Parish Priests, Heads of Institutions are requested to inform the Diocesan Curia, without failure, before the 30th. June 1961, how many copies of the Ordo of the Universal Church are required by them for themselves, their Churches, Chapels and Institutions. It is also notified that this Ordo is the only Ordo approved by the Most Rev. Ordinary for use in the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore.

The Religious, however, follow their own Calendar (Ordo) if they have one. Religious not having their own Ordo use the Diocesan Ordo.

A. Pereira de Andrade,
Chancellor.