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The Pastor Speaks:

TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD

XLI. PRACTICE OF CHARITY IN UNITY

If we examine or meditate on some of the virtues, like chastity, poverty, fortitude, temperance, even faith and hope, we see that these virtues can be exercised alone, by ourselves, without any relation to others. But it is not so for charity. The practice of charity calls for a second object. We must be two persons at least to practise charity, and this has to be such as to unite both the subjects so as to form one. One in mind, one in heart, unity of intellect and of will.

In our previous articles, while presenting the four evangelical episodes related to charity, we have tried to show how far we can and should go in the exercise of charity. However, we remained necessarily on a rather abstract plane, in a theoretical realm.

How to Reach Unity

We must now see how, in practice, we can reach that unity

which is the desire of Christ. If charity has for its object, in the mind and prayer of Christ, that we should be one, and that we should be one as the Triune God is one, then we must try to find out how and by what means we can reach the unity necessary to realise the wish and prayer of Our Lord. The heart is controlled by the intellect and the will. Unity of intellect and unity of will will naturally bring about unity of heart, and charity in its perfect aspect.

Let us begin with the intellect.

The object of the intellect is truth. Truth, by its nature and objectively speaking, is one and immutable. Unity in truth, and consequently unity of intellect in relation to truth, cannot but bring about unity.

But better still. Christ has said of Himself: "I am the Truth". He did not say, "I have the truth, I possess the truth, I preach the truth", but "I am the Truth". It seems strange, but His words are clear. If He had said "I have the truth", we could have asked Him to replenish our minds with it, since truth is the mind's first need. But He has said: "I am the Truth," so that we must ask Him not only to enlighten our minds, but to be the Light of our minds. And He has also said, "I am the Life", so that we can only ask Him to live in us. The gifts are not distinct from the Giver. The gifts and the Giver are the one same Christ... The union with Him which is ours as members of the Church is now seen to be a union as intimate as that of truth with the mind and of love with the will. (Cf. Sheed, "Theology and Sanity").

One with Jesus

Seen in that light, Truth now takes on another aspect. Truth is Jesus. To be united in Truth is to be with Jesus, in Jesus, and naturally to be one with Him, and consequently one with the Holy Trinity. To love Christ and our brethren who are of Christ with a pure love means therefore to reach complete unity of mind in a perfect accord of thinking and a

mutual understanding of truth. Truth is one as Truth is Christ. To have the same conception of truth and to live accordingly cannot but bring about the same attitude, the same understanding and the same way of acting among all those who believe in and live up to such a conception, which means unity. It is not easy. It requires courage and great humility. To accept truth always and to serve it always in any circumstance and at any time, because Truth is Christ Who is God, is to renounce oneself and be ready to accept in all humility the decisions of our superiors, the remarks of our inferiors, the contradictions of our equals.

What about the will and the unity of the will? The intellect is at the root of all human actions, and the will naturally should follow. But it is known that ultimately it is always the will which disposes the intellect to function. One will means one way of acting, the right way. One with Christ as Members of His Mystical Body, we have to be one and the same will with Him. Members cannot differ from the Head. What is His Will? He Himself gives us the answer, "My meat is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish the task He gave Me." (John, IV, 34).

In consequence of this, His continual disposition of mind, He was always united with His Father. He Himself again tells us: My Father "has never left me all alone, because what I do is always what pleases Him." (John VIII, 29).

Conformity with God's Will

Marvellous disposition of Christ, which must be ours if we really wish to be all of one will, the will of God, the will of Christ. Charity will be perfect when each and every action and thought of ours is in conformity with the will of God. Such a conformity of our will with the will of God will naturally unite us intimately to God for, as St. John of the Cross says, "the soul whose will is entirely conformed and similar to the will of God, is naturally unit-

ed with God and transformed in God".

Could we dream of a better and greater unity among men than if all were doing the will of God? Could there be greater unity of will? Then would be realised finally what we so often ask in that most beautiful prayer taught us by Our Lord Himself, which we call the Lord's prayer: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

✠ L. MATHIAS,

Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore.

Birthday Greetings to Holy Father

The following cablegram was sent to the Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

HIS HOLINESS, CITTA DEL VATICANO.

ARCHBISHOP, AUXILIARY, CLERGY, RELIGIOUS, LAITY, ALL CELEBRATING SOLEMNLY HAPPY BIRTHDAY OF YOUR HOLINESS, ASSURE YOU OF THEIR FILIAL LOYALTY, VENERATION, AFFECTION, WISH YOU AD MULTOS ANNOS, IMPORE SPECIAL BLESSING.
ARCHBISHOP MATHIAS.

The Holy Father's Appreciation

HIS Excellency the Apostolic Internuncio informed the Holy Father that a sum of Rs. 994-54 was received from the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore as its contribution towards Peter's Pence for 1961.

His Eminence Amleto G. Cardinal Cicognani, Secretary of State, writing from the Vatican City on the 16th October 1961 to His Grace the Archbishop, states: "The Supreme Pontiff cannot fail to appreciate the sentiments of Christian charity and of loyal attachment to the Vicar of Christ which prompted this offering and which inspired the many sacrifices it entailed. He wishes me to extend his cordial gratitude to Your Grace and to your good priests and faithful people. Invoking upon your charity a copious heavenly recompense, He lovingly imparts to you and to them His paternal Apostolic Blessing."

The Coming World Council of Churches' General Assembly

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Almost from the inception of his Pontificate, Pope John XXIII by word and action has shown Himself keenly interested in bringing about Christian Unity among the nations of the World. Quite recently too a Secretariate for Promoting Christian Unity has been established in Rome.

This Secretariate, as you would have read in our Catholic papers, has received an invitation from the World Council of Churches (not in communion with Rome) to send Roman Catholic Observers to the General Assembly of the said Council which will meet at New Delhi and hold its sessions between the 18th November and 6th December 1961. Accepting this invitation, the Secretariate has chosen and authorised five Roman Catholic Observers to attend the New Delhi Assembly; two of these observers are from our own country.

In view of the importance and significance of this event and its possible repercussions on the deliberations of the ensuing Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, for which preparations are being made in Rome, you are desired to unite in prayer for the success of the New Delhi Assembly of the World Council of Churches during the days of the Assembly, and in general to foster among the members of your flock the Church Unity Octave Movement in existence already for some years in many parts of the World.

During the days of the New Delhi Assembly, however, We commend to our Pastors and Institutions to have the Prayer approv-

ed for the Church Unity Octave said daily after Mass in their Church together with the Congregation.

✠ FRANCIS CARNALHO,
Auxiliary Bishop
and Vicar General.

San Thome, 4-11-61.

Chair of Unity Octave Prayer

(Form of Prayer decreed by Pope Benedict XV to be recited daily during the Octave).

ANTIPHON: "That they all may be One, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou has sent Me."

(John 17, 21).

V. I say unto Thee, Thou art Peter,

R. And upon this Rock I will build my Church.

PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you: regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy will; Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

Annual Clergy Retreats, 1962

OUR Diocesan Clergy are hereby reminded of, and invited to take part in one or other of the two Spiritual Retreats that will take place in our Retreat House in Mylapore, the first from Sunday 7th. January till Saturday the 12th., and the second from Sunday 14th. January till Saturday the 20th.

Both the Retreats will be directed by the Very Rev. S. Arulswamy, S.J., Director of the Dhyana Ashram, and will commence at 9 p.m. on Sunday and conclude with Te Deum and Benediction at 8-30 a.m. on the Saturday following. The priests taking part in these retreats will have to bring with them their own bedding and toilet requisites and bed linen, and their own book of Rubrics and "Imitation of Christ". The Retreat House Library books will be placed at their disposal for reading during their free time. It is particularly requested that these books be returned or left back in the Library at the close of the Retreat. The priests making their retreat will reside in the Retreat House and may not leave the House without the permission of the Rev. Prefect of the House. Outsiders will not be permitted to visit the priests in Retreat without the permission of the Rev. Director.

All priests making the Retreat will have their meals in the common Refectory, partaking of a common fare. Anyone requiring a special diet, because of illness or health reasons, will please inform the Rev. Director in good time about their special needs. The Bill of fare for each priest will be as usual Rupees two per day, or Rupees ten for the five days of the Retreat, which should be paid

to the Rev. Treasurer of our Archdiocese before leaving the Retreat House.

The priests saying Mass in the Retreat House are expected to strictly adhere to the time-table drawn up by common agreement previous to the opening of the Retreat. Chaplains of local Institutions will say Mass in their respective institutions, as substitutes cannot be provided.

Supper will be provided for all the priests making the Retreat on the opening Sundays at 7-45 p.m. Those who do not require supper on the opening day, will please inform the Rev. Director in advance and in good time. For convenience sake we are publishing the lists of priests that will come for the two Retreats; but should any one find the listing inconvenient, he is at liberty to exchange his turn with his Assistant or neighbouring priest and inform our Chancellery of the mutual exchange in good time. All are expected to be in the Retreat House by 8-45 p.m. on the opening days of the Retreats.

On account of the Retreats in January 1962 there will be no Recollection that month on the first Monday.

The monthly Recollection for December 1961 will be held as usual, on 4-12-61 in San Thome and 5-12-61 in St. Thomas Mount.

FIRST RETREAT

1. His Excellency The Auxiliary Bishop
2. Very Rev. Mgr. A. Pereira de Andrade
3. Rev. J. E. DeSouza
4. Very Rev. Mgr. R. Arulappa
5. Rev. P. J. Kufian
6. Rev. A. S. D'Rozario
7. Very Rev. B. A. Figredo
8. Rev. C. G. Maria Joseph
9. Rev. P. C. Balaswamy
10. Rev. Thomas Cherath
11. Rev. P. J. Lobo
12. Very Rev. Mgr. D. Raju
13. Rev. K. L. Satur
14. Rev. Joseph Kottoor
15. Rev. A. J. Adaikalam
16. Rev. P. Michael
17. Rev. George Puthiyaveetil
18. Rev. Mathew Charath
19. Rev. Jacob Mullore
20. Rev. Stephen Chollampel
21. Rev. Matthew Vettical
22. Rev. Thomas Varikatt
23. Rev. S. Irudayaswamy
24. Rev. P. C. Inniah
25. Rev. J. Nazarene Rodriguez
26. Rev. Thomas Chennatuchery
27. Rev. John Pillaveetil
28. Rev. J. F. Menezes
29. Rev. M. Louis
30. Rev. John Vennadt
31. Rev. V. M. Thomas
32. Rev. C. Innayya
33. Rev. Irudayadoss Razulu
34. Rev. A. L. Arumainathan
35. Very Rev. Mgr. P. P. Lobo
36. Rev. Jacob Thomas Vetti-chirayil
37. Rev. Joseph Cholanal
38. Rev. S. Anthony
39. Rev. E. F. Williamson

SECOND RETREAT

1. His Grace The Archbishop
2. Very Rev. J. P. D'Souza
3. Rev. R. Antony
4. Rev. M. Joseph Kunnum-puram
5. Very Rev. Mgr. B. de Sa
6. Rev. C. Milton Fernandes
7. Very Rev. Mgr. P. L. Jegathanathan
8. Rev. P. M. Mani
9. Rev. P. T. Arulappa
10. Rev. Gregory Mutholy
11. Very Rev. S. P. Carmel
12. Rev. J. Madathil
13. Rev. Varghese Thekeddiam
14. Very Rev. A. Louis Xavier
15. Rev. P. Antonydoss
16. Rev. C. J. Mani
17. Rev. M. Arulraj
18. Rev. J. Kuncherakatt
19. Rev. A. S. Royan
20. Very Rev. G. H. Lourdes
21. Rev. A. J. Stanislaus
22. Rev. T. Balaiah
23. Rev. John Kottaram
24. Rev. Emmanuel Kottaram
25. Rev. J. A. Ross.
26. Very Rev. N. Xavier
27. Rev. Philip Manathra
28. Rev. P. Joseph
29. Rev. Joseph Tamby
30. Rev. Thomas Joseph
31. Rev. Arulappa Samenini
32. Rev. G. H. Lawson
33. Rev. Lucio Fernandez
34. Rev. Joseph Thyparambil
35. Rev. B. Rajappa
36. Rev. S. Anthayya
37. Rev. Inniah Andra.
38. Rev. George Palakattukumnel

San Thome-Mylapore,
20th. October, 1961.

✠ FRANCIS CARVALHO,
*Auxiliary Bishop and
Vicar General.*

Conference of Catholic Teachers in Mylapore

V DAYS for the Catholic teachers in the Archdiocese were the 9th and 10th September, because of the important decisions taken regarding: 1) The teaching of Catechism, 2) The formation of a Catholic Teachers' Guild. Nearly 600, including priests, nuns and lay teachers from the city and outside, attended the conference. Arrangements were made by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary to hold the meeting in St. Thomas' Convent, but after the first session the other meetings were held in the more spacious Auditorium of St. Bede's High School.

His Excellency Bishop F. Carvalho, inaugurating the Conference, expressed his joy at seeing the great number of teachers handling Catechism. He said it was the wish of His Grace the Archbishop that such a meeting be convened in order to adopt a suitable and common method of teaching Catechism. Moreover it was necessary to form a guild for Catholic teachers so that it would be a safeguard for religious interests.

Mgr. D. Raju described the Psychological Method of teaching Catechism and said that every lesson should have a threefold aim: 1) The knowledge aim, 2) The feeling aim, 3) The conduct aim. He dealt in detail with the advantage of appealing to the senses by way of illustrations, stories, dramatization, etc.

Liturgy from the point of view of teachers was explained by Mgr. R. Arulappa in such an appealing and simple manner as to make it easy for everyone to understand. He stressed the need for teachers

to lead the pupils through Catechism to worship God.

His Grace has appointed Rev. Fr. S. Arulappa and Rev. Fr. M. Arulraj as Spiritual Directors of the Guild. The following office-bearers were elected:—

President—Mr. Antonysamy;
Vice-President—Miss J. Jeevaratnam; Secretary—Mr. Pappiah;
Treasurer—Miss K. Daniel

Two model lessons were given by Mgr. D. Raju, which showed the teachers how to make the Catechism lessons vivid and interesting and at the same time sow seeds of Faith that would live in the hearts of the children.

The teachers left with a definite revival in their outlook on the methods of teaching Catechism, eager to put into practice what they had seen and heard.

Though the teachers missed His Grace the Archbishop, they nevertheless felt his presence, his encouragement, his ever-ready understanding and sympathy, and they wish to express their deep gratitude to him for giving them this opportunity to unite and form a Catholic Teachers' Guild, which doubtless will bear much fruit for the furtherance of the cause of Catholic Education and the Lay Apostolate.

Third South India Y.C.W. Study Week

By Mr. Stephen (Nungambakkam)

TWENTY Young Christian Workers from Madras-Mylapore (from the parishes of Nungambakkam, Tambaram, Little Mount, Chintadripet, San Thome, Royapuram, Kilpauk and Pudupet) left Madras Central on Wednesday 20th September 1961 by the Blue Mountain Express to participate in the Third South Indian Regional Study Week held at Coimbatore.

Our fellow Workers gave us a rousing send-off. On arrival, we were heartily welcomed by the Young Christian Workers of Coimbatore.

The sessions began right away with the inauguration ceremony at 10 a.m. by His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Savarimuthu, Bishop of Coimbatore. In the afternoon there was a recollection which ended with a dialogue Mass specially prepared for the occasion. After supper, there was an informal entertainment, in which the musical, cultural and dramatic talents of young workers from all the Southern States were exhibited.

Friday 22nd began with meditation and Holy Mass (a daily feature). In the morning a report was read on the enquiry on *Apprenticeship Training* by Jerry Veliath. He deplored the hardship and the insufficient training given to the apprentices and showed the scope for apostolic action by our Christian Workers' movement to improve their condition. The report was studied in the four workshops.

'*Organisation of the Y.C.W.*' was the topic introduced and examined in the afternoon by the four workshops. It was decided to form diocesan committees and

a Regional Council for co-ordinated work and for expansion of the Y.C.W. From 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. we organised a vigil of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

On Saturday the 23rd September a paper on '*Lay Spirituality and Y.C.W. Spiritual Training*' was presented and studied in the four Workshops. The sections emphasised the spiritual training of the leaders, through Gospel Enquiries, Recollections, Retreats, and especially through the influence of the Chaplain.

A careful study was made in the afternoon in the four workshops on *Preparation for Y.C.W. National Meeting* (Madras, December 11th to 16th) and for the *Y.C.W. International Council* (Rio de Janeiro, November 1st to 15th). Every section agreed to give appropriate spiritual and material collaboration; a specific commitment of 'ONE DAY'S WAGE' was pledged to help finance our delegates for the International Meeting at Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

At 6 p.m. the concluding session was held under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Gnanaprakasam, our Regional President.

On Sunday the 24th September we visited the Lakshmi Textile

Mills and P.S.G. Engineering Works. In the evening every delegate bade farewell with joy and sorrow, for we knew that, though our South Indian Regional Study Week was held in a humble manner, the outcome was abundant. All the

delegates from the whole of South India, with different backgrounds and languages, met, ate, prayed, shared and cherished each other's problems, and thus promoted better understanding and love between themselves.

Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore

Statistics of Religious Men and Women for 1961

By Mgr. A. Pereira de Andrade

Priests :	Houses	Indian	Foreign	Total
Salesians of Don Bosco	10	21	24	45
Society of Jesus	2	15	9	24
Friars Minor	1	1	1	2
Syrian Carmelites	1	2	—	2
	<hr/> 14	<hr/> 39	<hr/> 34	<hr/> 73

Brothers :	Houses	Indian	Foreign	Total
Salesians of Don Bosco (Scholastics)	—	10	—	10
Salesians of Don Bosco (Brothers)	—	21	5	26
Society of Jesus (Scholastics)	—	39	—	39
Society of Jesus (Brothers)	—	6	—	6
Brothers of St. Gabriel	2	9	—	9
Brothers of St. Patrick	1	3	3	6
	<hr/> 17*	<hr/> 88	<hr/> 8	<hr/> 96

* These 17 Houses includes the 14 Houses of Priests cum Brothers.

SISTERS

A. Of Pontifical Right

1. Franciscan Missionaries of Mary	5	55	47	102
2. Presentation of B. V. Mary	6	19	43	62
3. VII Dolours Congregation	2	50	—	30
4. Apostolic Carmel	1	27	—	27
5. Miss. Sisters of St. Augustine	1	11	15	26
6. Daughters of Mary Help of Christians	3	17	8	25

7. Franciscan Hospitaliers	1	19	5	24
8. Little Sisters of the Poor	1	10	9	19
9. Salesian Missionaries of M. Imm.	2	9	9	18
10. Good Shepherd Sisters	1	7	6	13
11. St. Anne of Providence	1	10	—	10
12. Medical Sisters of St. Anne	1	2	—	2

B. Of Diocesan Right

1. St. Anne's Congregation	10	189	—	189
2. Bon Secours Congregation	9	110	—	110
3. III Order Regular of St. Francis.	5	101	—	101
4. Sisters of Our Lady of Fatima	1	10	—	10
5. Sisters of Imm. Heart of Mary	1	8	—	8
Secular Institute	1	1	2	3
	<u>52</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>779</u>

In 1952 the Archdiocese of Madras and the Diocese of Mylapore had:

Religious Men	Priests	Brothers	Houses
135	74	61	11
Religious Women			Houses
803			76

But with the dismemberment of their territories and the creation of two new Dioceses, the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore remained in November 1952 with:

Religious Men	Priests	Brothers	Houses
79	50	26	7
Religious Women			Houses
535			42

The Statistics given in the tables above show a marked increase, and we have now in 1961:

Religious Men	Priests	Brothers	Houses
169	73	96	17
Religious Women			Houses
779			52

Correction: In the Statistics published last month the number of Diocesan Priests not belonging to any Religious Institute was given as 76 instead of 78, and the number of regular clergy as 72 instead of 73. The total figure for the clergy in the archdiocese is therefore 151.

Impressions of Mission Sunday

By A Parishioner

MISSION Sunday had been prepared for beforehand by the parish priest, who spoke to the different associations of the Parish to be real apostles of the Missions and support mission works throughout the year but especially during the month of October. He spoke in Church most insistently of the duty of everyone to show their missionary spirit and their love for the extension of the Kingdom of God. They were asked to show this in a practical manner—besides their prayers and sacrifices, with their charity. It was impressed that everyone has the duty of giving his share according to his means.

Mission Sunday came. The Parish Priest (the only Sunday in the year on which he did this) personally went round for the Mission Sunday collection, to give everyone the example that we must become beggars, if necessary, for the missions and to show them the importance of the divine work of evangelisation. The collection took place. Touching scenes were witnessed, but also distressing scenes that showed how people do not understand as yet their duty of co-operating financially also in the support of the missions. The Priest with tray in hand started the collection. He went round. The first donors were four poor people who are fed and sheltered by the Social Relief Centre, who are practically naked, suffering privations because they lack even what is indispensable; these put a naya paisa each. Going ahead he found another poor woman who put 3 naye paise. A miserable old granny (she too is maintained by the Social Relief Centre) gave 5 naye paise. The Parish Priest could not resist such generosity.

Deeply moved, he took 50 naye paise from the tray and gave it to the poor woman and said, "Go and enjoy yourself at least today!" She smiled and said, "Father, I too must do something for the missions; I do not wish to take this". A wonderful example, an example that moves one to tears.

The collection continued. Some 38 people put one-rupee notes, one a 2-rupee note, four 5-rupee notes, and about 30 people gave 50 naye paise each. All the others dropped a few naye paise or one naya paisa, and among these there were people who own a house and have a good salary!!!

During the four Masses, after so much insistence by the priests on this duty, Rs. 127-76 nP. was collected. Out of this, Rs. 74-44 nP. was the collection among the 800 Tamil families and Rs. 44-40 nP. from the 23 Anglo-Indian families, the balance of Rs. 8-82 being from others. In a Parish of 3,800 people Rs. 127-76 nP. was gathered, which comes to practically 3 naye paise per head! This is the active financial help of our Catholics! It is sad to conclude that our Catholics do not realise this duty of co-operating towards the most important problem of the Church, the financing of the missions.

Dives is Adamant

Besides, a sad thing occurred. After all his efforts, continuing the collection after finding that there were many who could not give anything due to want, the Parish Priest happened to go and stretch his hand before a man who gets a fat salary of over Rs. 400/- a month. He did not take any notice of the priest. On purpose the Priest went and stretched forward his hand again. After having witnessed the previous scene of the one naya paisa given by four miserably poor people, our Dives had the courage again not to pay any attention to the tray extended before him. It was a blow for the parish priest. Greater unworthiness of membership of the Mystical Body of Christ cannot be found.

At the evening Mass which took place at the chapel in the Harbour slums the same collection was made. We have here 150 Catholics all practically living on the street, in utter misery. They have big families and at times they have only three or four days' work in the month, and often not even that! Their collection was Rs. 2-95 nP., something that is beyond appreciation. In their own simplicity these very poor people understood what Mission Sunday is, and they deprived themselves of what was necessary on that day for their sustenance. Here we have the

Christian spirit, true Catholics who answer to any desire of their Priest, and in consequence, of the Church.

What about the education of the children on this point of supporting the missions? Their duty too was insisted upon. During the children's Mass the collection was Rs. 5-93 nP. from 400 children! One and a half naya paisa each!!

Another campaign was launched, i.e., the enrolment in the Association of the Propagation of the Faith. Great credit goes to Mrs. B. Catherine Ammal of our parish who enrolled 19 members. She stands first among the promoters. Three other ladies did something by getting altogether another 19 persons enrolled. The whole Parish has 38 enrolled in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. 3,500 Parishioners did not answer the appeal at all! All this speaks volumes for the fact that we Indians need to be formed on this vital point of our Catholic life, the practice of charity towards the missions. Prayers are asked so that our people may understand the missionary problem and their duty to help in solving it, and that no efforts should be spared by priests or people to attain the greatest results in working for the extension of the Kingdom of God on earth. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy kingdom come!

AROUND THE PARISHES

FATIMA CHURCH, KODAMBAKKAM

Annual Parish Feast

The annual feast of our Lady of Fatima was celebrated with all solemnity and splendour on the 15th October. The solemn Novena prior to the feast started on the 6th October. Every day there was Holy Mass at 6.30 A.M., and in the evening special prayers, sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. On the first three days the Rev. Parish Priest preached both in English and in Tamil and earnestly invited the people to comply with the ardent desires of our Lady of Fatima. On the next three days Rev. Fr. J. E. DeSouza and Fr. P. Irudayam, S.J., Warden of Loyola College, preached in English. On the last three days Rev. Fr. A. J. Adaikalam of Egmore and Fr. C. K. Samy of Loyola College addressed the congregation in Tamil. All the Rev. Fathers tried their very best to bring home to the parishioners the important message of Fatima in a forceful manner.

On the feast day the church was very well decorated with freshly cut flowers just got down from Bangalore for the occasion. The Rev. Parish Priest sang a High Mass and distributed First Holy Communion to 43 children, and that evening the Holy Mass was at 5.30 P.M. After Mass there was a car decorated beautifully in multiple colours which was carried in procession around the church and on its arrival the Rev. Fr. A. J. Adaikalam, of Egmore, preached a panegyric on our sweet Mother of

Fatima, after which Rev. Fr. R. Antony, of San Thome, assisted by Frs. A. J. Adaikalam and P. Joseph of Little Mount, gave the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The parish choir was at its best, singing every day new hymns in honour of our dear Mother most enthusiastically. Thanks to the co-operation of selfless workers like Messrs. Basil D'Roza, K. C. David, Joe Halliburn, Joe Mariadas and K. S. Joseph, the feast was a grand success. Mr. John Visuvanathan deserves to be congratulated on the fine decoration of the car and on the special music arranged for entertaining the people after the evening Service.

ST. ISABEL'S HOSPITAL

The Late Sr. Maria Anna

On Friday the 20th October there passed to her eternal reward Rev. Sister Maria Anna of the Infant Jesus, Franciscan Hospitalier Sister, at the age of 63 — R.I.P. Three years ago she came to St. Isabel's Hospital as an invalid from Daman near Bombay. At 8 o'clock on Friday she had an attack of coronary thrombosis. Three hours later, as her condition appeared precarious, the parish priest, Fr. Kurian, was sent for. He administered Extreme Unction and 20 minutes later she breathed her last breath peacefully, with the Sisters praying around her. That morning she had received her Divine Spouse in Holy Communion.

Born of a respectable Goan family at Daman on the 28th

September 1898, Sister Maria Anna spent 36 years in religion, spending most of her time in the convent at Damao. She was always admired in the community for her great humility and prompt obedience. In 1958, when thrombosis made its appearance, it was thought advisable to give her better medical attention at St. Isabel's, so she was brought down to Madras. She was an ornament to the local community as she proved herself a very pious sister, exemplary in her practice of the virtues of the cloister. In spite of illness she would drag herself every morning to the chapel for Mass and Holy Communion, and the chaplain recalls only three occasions on which he had to take Communion to her in bed. Living in constant union with Jesus, she was not afraid when the last summons came suddenly and took her away to the realm of the Blessed.

ST. DOMINIC'S CONVENT

Big-Hearted Mother Luan

When Rev. Mother Luan arrived in December 1947 to take charge of St. Dominic's Convent, she found a compound that would have delighted the heart of St. Francis, a veritable Rivo Torto. The Convent and the two schools were housed in buildings badly in need of repair. The compound was infested with monkeys. With strong faith and firm trust in Divine Providence Rev. Mother Luan went to work. Slowly but surely everything improved; the monkeys disappeared, repairs and improvements were made and extensions to school buildings added. St. Dominic's Anglo-Indian Middle

School and St. Helen's Elementary School have been raised to High Schools. Enrolment in both schools has more than doubled in these years.

The parish of St. Patrick's has also profited from her large heart and zealous soul. Over the years she has helped many, both spiritually and materially. Through Rev. Mother Luan's continual efforts, six sisters now teach Catechism at St. Antony's, Alandur, and family visiting has increased with additional personnel. Marriages have been regularized, children baptized, First Communion arranged for the many poor children, and many old people instructed in the Faith and baptized. A good number of the latter have gone peacefully to their eternal reward.

Rev. Mother Luan's transfer on August 28th to Holy Angels' Convent, T. Nagar, was felt throughout the Mount where her big-heartedness will long be remembered. Our loss is the gain of Holy Angels'.

DHYANA ASHRAM, MYLAPORE

Report of the two days' retreat for Christian Workers (Men). More than double the number of those who attended the retreat last year made it this year. This increase was mainly due to the zealous efforts of Rev. Frs. Joseph Madathil and S. Arulappa. The following units were represented:—Royapuram led the list, Basin Bridge came next, Pallavaram, Nungambakam, St. Mary's, Georgetown, Pudupet,

Little Mount, St. Francis Xavier's, Broadway, Chintadripet, Sacred Heart Church, Egmore, Casimode, Thiruvottiyur, were the others. Another worker not attached to any unit also attended. Total number: 82. Last year's number was 39.

MATER DOLOROSA, ROYAPURAM

Titular Feast

The feast of Our Lady of Dolours, to whom this parish church is dedicated, was celebrated with solemnity on Sunday the 17th September. It was preceded by a Novena and Vespers at which Rev. Fathers Nazarene Rodrigues, parish priest of St. Peter's, and Fr. Mathew of the Salesian House, Broadway, preached eloquent sermons on the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, the former in Tamil and the latter in English. Sunday dawned bright and cheerful and the solemn High Mass—at which the celebrant, the Very Rev. Father G.H. Lourdes, parish priest, was assisted by Fathers Stanislaus and Innayya—was largely attended.

The evening service consisted of procession, Rosary, Sermon and Benediction.

ST. ANTONY'S, PUDUPET

Parish Priest's Feast

The feast of St. Michael, the patron saint of our parish priest, was on the 29th of September. This year it was celebrated in a very singular way. There was a three-day celebration: on the 27th there was the children's day, on the 28th a Garden Party, and on the 29th a grand drama.

The Presidents of all the religious organizations of the parish met frequently to draw up an appropriate programme for the three days.

On the 27th evening at 7 p.m. all the children gathered in the school hall to felicitate their parish priest. The entertainment was well appreciated by them.

On 28th evening at 7 p.m. again there was a Garden Party in the church garden. Rev. Fr. George Thekkedam invited the guests in a very warm welcome speech. The chief speaker of the evening, Dr. V. S. Subramaniam, F.A.C.S., in his speech said that he had admired and appreciated the work of the Missionaries in the fields of Social Work and Education in various parts of the country and in various parts of the world in general, but in particular he had watched the admirable qualities of Rev. Fr. Michael and his activities in the parish. He observed his great organizing ability and his charitable and liberal qualities.

The other speakers were Mr. Philip and Mrs. Regina. Fr. Michael thanked everybody for their kind gestures. Mr. Noble Fernando in his vote of thanks said that the function was a success because of the whole-hearted cooperation of the parishioners. He thanked Dr. Subramaniam in particular for having so willingly smuggled himself out of his surgery during that evening hour and given them a pleasant talk.

There were about 200 invitees and the function was better orga-

nized this year. There were two classical dances, a Burmese dance and a gipsy dance by Miss Savitri and Miss Zena. Miss Lalitba gave a song, to the accompaniment of sweet music rendered by Sunder-raj and party. Light refreshments were served earlier by the Y.C.W. boys and the legionaries. It was providential that the rain came down at the end of the party, immediately after the National Anthem, "Jana Gana Mana."

On the 29th there was a drama entitled "Palitha Kanavu" (A dream that Came True), a Biblical story of Joseph and his brothers. It lasted for an hour and a half. An opening chorus by the children of Mary was followed by garlanding and the presentation of some useful gifts and a spiritual bouquet, as a token of love and esteem by the parishioners to their Father and Friend. All the religious organizations sent representative members to take part in the drama. Young and old played their part well and the success was mainly due to the energetic efforts of Mr. R. Edward, B Sc. The drama was well appreciated by the public and by Fr. Michael who said it was a pleasure to see such a good performance. He exhorted parents to foster vocations among their children at an early age and to encourage them by their example in the family at home and in society.

The hall was packed to capacity. The costumes and make-up were undertaken by Vauhini Studio. Miss Chandra was presented with a cup for her exquisite dance. Anandaraaj and party

accompanied the Drama with their music.

VOTIVE SHRINE, KILPAUK

"The Origin of Suffering"

At the sixth meeting of the Kilpauk Study Club held on 8th October 1961, Mr. Imdayam explained how suffering entered the world through the sin of our first parents. Very Rev. Fr. S. P. Carmel was in the chair.

The natural state of man and the free gifts which God chose to bestow upon him were explained. Because God's plan was frustrated by the disobedience of Adam, sufferings inevitably followed.

The discussion that followed the main speaker showed the keen interest of the audience in the subject. The Chairman in his concluding remarks commented upon the gravity of Adam's sin by an illustration. A rich man in his generosity, he said, bestowed vast fertile lands on a beggar and in return, to conserve his rights as owner of the lands, asked him to pay only one rupee a year as rent. But the ungrateful beneficiary after some time refused to pay, and that at the instigation of the rich man's enemy. The rich man then turned him out of his lands. To an unthinking person this may look cruel, but men with a sense of justice will not condone the pride of the ungrateful man. Similarly God had justly acted, he concluded, in depriving Adam and his posterity of the preternatural gifts, which were in no way due to them and which were given on condition that Adam carried out God's easy command.

TAMBARAM

Affiliation of Y.C.W. Leaders

The 17th September, 1961 was a red-letter day in the history of Tambaram parish. On this day 11 Y.C.W's. were affiliated to the International Y.C.W. movement after a preparation of 18 months.

The Leaders of the Tambaram Section, the representatives of the Madras City Section, headed by the National President, Mr. Leo Canute, and the Regional President, Mr. Gnanapragasam, and the Catholic Workers of Tambaram assembled at the Fatima Church, Tambaram, at 2 p.m. The half-a-day's recollection started with the Way of the Cross.

Three stimulating discourses were given at different intervals by Rev. Fr. S. Arulappa, M.A., B.T., Parish Priest of Park Town. He gave a short account of the development of the Y.C.W. movement, explained to the leaders the objects of the movement and the duties and responsibilities of Leaders, and stressed the need and opportunity of their being real apostles of CHRIST amidst their fellow workers in factories, workshops and offices, where the Pope, the Bishops and the Priests cannot sufficiently extend their influence. In the discussions that followed many enquiries were made and different points clarified, including the Sacred Congregation's findings on the historicity of St. Philomena.

At 3-30 p.m. a Rosary was offered for the success of the Third South Indian Study Week and for the spread of the Y.C.W. movement.

At 5-45 p.m. Rev. Fr. Thomas Varikatt our Chaplain, offered Holy Mass for the intentions of the Leaders. After Mass, Rev. Fr. C. J. Mani, our Parish Priest, explained the meaning of the Y.C.W. badge and the commitments of the Y.C.W. leaders, and blessed the badges. The names of the eleven members, who were to be affiliated, were called out. They stepped forward one by one, knelt down before the altar and took the Y.C.W. oath. The Regional President declared that they were enrolled in the International Y.C.W. The Leaders, with their heads bowed, surrounded by the Parishioners, received the badges from the hands of the Parish Priest, assisted by our Chaplain. The Y.C.W. anthem was sung. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed.

After the Benediction, a social party was arranged. The National and Regional Presidents congratulated the newly affiliated Leaders and expressed their joy at having taken part in the day's function and shared the happiness of all. They explained the role of the Y.C.W. Leaders and emphasized the need of their whole-hearted dedication to the noble ideals of the movement.

Following this, Mr. Sylvester Thomas, our Section President, expressed the section's gratitude to the three Fathers, the National and Regional Presidents, as well as the other representatives from the various city sections and the Catholic Workers of Tambaram, who all made the day's function a great event by their generous

efforts, co-operation and participation.

The function came to a close with the concluding prayer of the Y.C.W. and the blessing of the three Reverend Fathers.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Leaders of Indian Delegation

Mr. Leo Canute, from Royapetah Parish, left for Rio-de Janeiro on Friday, 13th October: he is leading the Indian delegation for the Y.C.W. International Council. He will visit Holland, Belgium, Germany, and Austria before he returns to India early in December.

Leo Canute is the national president of the Young Christian Workers' movement in India. He was the Secretary, and subsequently president, of the Y.C.W. in Madras. He was working as a clerk in Voltas Ltd. and he has just resigned his job to dedicate himself fully to the Y.C.W. movement.

Leo Canute visited Europe last year when he was invited to participate in the executive meeting of the International Y.C.W. at Amsterdam: he made use of the occasion to visit the national headquarters of the Y.C.W. in Germany, England, France and Belgium. He had an audience with the Holy Father before his return to India.

Leo Canute is nominated to the Executive of the International Y.C.W. and if the Council elects him, he will be the representative of the Young Christian Workers' movement of Asia. Mr. Hideo

Inohara of Japan was the Asian representative in the Y.C.W. International for the past 4 years.

We wish Leo all success.—T.J.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S

Recollection Days

In the past weeks St. Francis Xavier's parish, 77, Broadway, had two sets of closed retreats, in which 101 retreatants took part. It was a wonderful blessing.

Since it is impossible to get all the parishioners for a three-days' closed retreat, the Parish decided to hold a recollection day for different groups in the Parish, and in a particular manner for every Section of the Parish. Every Section of the Parish has been entrusted to its own President and his co-operators whose duty is to see that everything is realised. On the appointed day all the families of a particular Section have to be in the Church compound and Parish Centre for the full day, with all the members of the family present. A full day is spent in the Church premises where there are special talks for them, special meetings to discuss their difficulties and proposals, in order to attain what we aim at, the formation of the Parish as a family. The different Recollection Days are concluded with confession and general Communion. In two months the whole Parish will be taken care of thoroughly in an organised manner. The Recollection Days commenced on the 22nd of October and are held on every Sunday and holiday till the 11th February 1962.

Exhibition of Mass and Liturgy

Numbers speak eloquently and the following ones are certainly a wonderful sermon to anyone. They, above all, speak of Our Lady's attraction of people to Jesus and to Him in the Holy Eucharist, since all the preparation was the work of the laity attached to the Mary Help of Christians' Centre. The Centre had a Liturgical Week and Exhibition on the Mass from the 27th of August to the 3rd of September, 1961, having on

27th August	3020	visitors
28th August	7996	"
29th August	8298	"
30th August	10,750	"
31st August	7745	"
1st September	9003	"
2nd September	10,730	"
3rd September	12,353	"

Total : 69,895 visitors

A total of 69,895 people from the City thus visited our Church and were touched by Jesus and His mysteries of Love as shown in models, pictures charts, etc. in the Exhibition Hall.

The wonderful figures speak eloquently of the great amount of good that the exhibition has done in attracting Catholics and non-Catholics alike to reflect on the Holy Life of Jesus and His greatest gift to us, the Holy Eucharist.

Erection of New Centres

Our Mary Help of Christians' Centre of St. Xavier's Parish is happy to devote itself to the canonical erection of new centres of the Association of Devotees

of Mary Help of Christians. During these days the Centre has effected the erection of a new Centre of this Association in the Chapel dedicated to St. John Bosco in the Don Bosco Matriculation School at Egmore. The diploma of erection has been issued by V. Rev. Fr. Ziggotti, Superior General of the Salesians, and bears the date of August 5th, Feast of Our Lady of Snows. From the decree number on the diploma we understand that the Don Bosco Matriculation School is the 1,233rd Centre of the Devotees of Mary Help of Christians canonically erected in the world.

Our Night Study

On the 24th September this year our social work activities were increased: another activity has been embraced, the Night Study for poor children. We have children without any facilities for study at home; still worse, others who have no home at all. One of our halls, therefore, in the 'Parish Centre' has been placed at their disposal. Every night actually 55 children are well looked after and helped in their studies. This is also a big help given to our poor people, so that they may be able, little by little, not to hear any more the perpetual complaint of school authorities that our Catholic pupils are always the last in the class!

Besides, this activity helps us in getting the Parish children, and in a special manner the small girls who study in St. Anne's and St. Agnes' schools, closer to the Parish activities. This has been possible in a special manner due

to the fact that Miss S. Annamary has taken it as her responsibility, so that the beginnings of this activity have been well organised. Soon other help will be given to her. To this self-sacrificing lady of the Parish go the Parishioners' and the Parish Priest's deep gratitude.

Recollection Day for the Anglo-Indians

Don Bosco Section of the Parish, formed of the Anglo-Indians in the Parish, had their recollection day on the 22nd of October. 78 Anglo-Indians took part in it. It must be noted that the Parish has only 25 Anglo-Indian families. All of them were here in the Church compound punctually at 8 a.m. All gathered in Sagayamatha Hall for their meditation, which was given by V. Rev. Fr. Baracca, S.D.B., Rector of St. Joseph's Technical School. After it all had their Mass with a sermon on the missions, and this was followed by two other most practical instructions given by the same preacher.

In the afternoon, before tea, the Parish Priest himself presided over a discussion in which he was pleased to find such great union and fraternal spirit. It was a great help towards an ever greater union and family spirit in the parish. Plenty of practical suggestions came out, to help towards this. All this was followed by confessions. Two extraordinary confessors were called for the purpose. High Mass and Eucharistic Benediction took place at 6-30 p.m. There was general Holy Communion. The Church was

crowded with people. There is no doubt that it was a real triumph of grace in the heart of every one. All the parishioners, and the Parish Priest and the Anglo-Indians in particular, are grateful to Mr. Abroe, a Salesian Cooperator, who has organised by himself and almost spontaneously this day of recollection, with the co-operation of Mrs. Peters. We have to note here that 25 Anglo-Indian Salesian Cooperators also took part in the recollection day. Everyone was very satisfied. The main proposal passed was that these recollection days should be repeated several times a year, since they afford beautiful chances of meeting together and of discussing vital points of family, Christian and parish life.

SAN THOME

Fr. C. M. Fernandez Bereaved

Mr. Anthony Joseph Fernandez, father of Rev. Fr. Milton C. Fernandez, passed away peacefully, fortified by the rites of the Church, at the age of 81 on the 11th October 1961 at his residence in Ilha Divar, Piedade, Goa. He had an attack of paralysis four years ago and was confined to bed till his death. All these four years he bore his illness with exemplary patience, preparing himself all the while for a happy death. He had the privilege of breathing his last on the Feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary to whom he had a very special devotion. The funeral took place on the following day in his own parish, and was attended by nine priests and the entire parish. The happy

death of Mr. A. J. Fernandez is a patent proof of how the good God rewards those that are generous even to the extent of giving their only son to the priesthood. Rev. Fr. Milton Fernandez kindly requests the prayers of all our readers for the repose of the soul of his father.—R.I.P.

ST. JOSEPH'S, VEPERY

Parish Priest's Jubilee

The Parish celebrated the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of its beloved pastor, Rev. Fr. P. J. Lobo, with a grand 5-day programme from the 11th to the 15th October 1961.

On the 11th, the date of his Ordination in the Cathedral of St. Catherine in Goa, a Solemn High Mass was sung by the Jubilarian with his two adopted sons, Frs. M. Louis and R. Irudayadoss, acolyting. His Grace the Archbishop preached at the Gospel, and Fr. A. J. Adaikalam translated the sermon into Tamil. His Grace said that it was a very happy idea to start the celebrations with Children's Day and to invite the Archbishop to preach, giving him thereby the opportunity to speak on the priesthood and to appeal both to children and their parents for vocations. A mixed choir sang Pagella's Mass in 4 parts. The church, artistically decorated with drapery and Eucharistic motifs, the work of Mr. A. Guest, was packed to overflowing, despite its being a working day. After a group photo, breakfast was provided for His Grace, the clergy present and the children. In the evening there was a variety entertainment,

arranged by the children themselves; an address and a wrist-watch were presented. In his reply Fr. Lobo said he had learnt a lesson, namely, that very high programmes could be put on the boards without him, who had been always solely responsible for all the functions held in St. Joseph's during the last seven years. He spoke very feelingly, thanking the Jambes of his parish for their love and appealing to them for vocations.

The next day Fr. Lobo offered a Solemn Requiem High Mass with Absolution for the departed priests and parishioners, and the poor of the parish were given lunch. On the 13th High Mass was sung for the parish associations. There was in the evening a subscription buffet tea, at which Mr. T. B. Antique presented a beautifully worded and illuminated framed address, with an acrostic of his own composition. Mr. V. Coelho, advocate, spoke and the Jubilarian replied.

The 14th was School Day. After High Mass St. Joseph's High School stood a breakfast to the Jubilarian, Staff and pupils and a few invited guests. In the evening an Academy combined the Parents' Day and distribution of prizes with a reception to Fr. Lobo. The programme was of a high order. A purse and a copy of the first issue of the School Annual, dedicated to him as a jubilee souvenir, were presented.

On the 15th, Sunday, there was Solemn High Mass, Te Deum and Benediction; in the presence of H. E. the Auxiliary Bishop. Fr.

Adaikalam preached in English and Tamil. In the evening there was a Public Reception addresses in English and Tamil by Mr. C. Theobald and Mr. L. Irudayaraj, reading of numerous messages by Mr. K. D'Monte, presentation of a purse of Rs. 4,001 and other gifts, speech by His Grace, reply by the Jubilarian and vote of thanks by Dr. (Mrs.) T. Masilamani. Mr. Harry Rose and his orchestra gave three delightful items and Mr. George Harris and his Minstrels provided two well-chosen "spirituals". St. Joseph's combined choir contributed three choruses which were much appreciated. H. E. the Auxiliary Bishop and the elite of the parish and City graced the function, which was acknowledged as one of the best ever witnessed. 150 guests, including His Grace, sat at dinner, at which Mr. D. V. D'Monte raised the toast, suitably replied to by Fr. Lobo. The young ladies of the parish gave a colourful dance performance on the stage, "The Starlight Dance," at the close of the dinner.

The festivities will ever remain in the minds of St. Joseph's parishioners, young and old. Their success was due to the untiring efforts of Rev. Fr. P. T. Arulappa, the assistant parish priest, and a number of willing and generous parishioners, who formed them-

selves into a committee to make the jubilee celebrations the grand affair that they were. We wish Fr. Lobo many more years of fruitful ministry.

CATHOLIC CENTRE

Talks on Catholic Faith

(in Tamil and English)

There continues to be an excellent attendance for the series of Talks — with discussion — taking place at the Catholic Centre every Thursday. There were about 150 present for the last (the 16th in the series of 21 Talks).

The English series every Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hall, Vepery, drew 155 persons for the first Talk on the Triune God by Fr. Michael. Appreciation was evident, in that the number was nearly doubled for the Talk the following week on "The Origin of the World" by Mgr. D. Raju.

In both series there are plenty of questions and the Chairman of the evening sees that they are relevant to the Talk, so that an orderly exposition is possible.

It is hoped that more Non-Catholics will be brought by their Catholic friends. Literature and programmes are available after each meeting, supplied by the Catholic Information Bureau, The Catholic Centre, Madras 1.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS

For Annual Clergy Retreats, see special Circular of His Excellency the Auxiliary Bishop in this issue of "Madras-Mylapore".

26-10-1961: His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop has directed that the Eucharistic Benediction should not be imparted after Mass.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass should be given greater importance than simple Benediction. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass we have the Consecration, Elevation, Adoration, Blessing of each Communicant with the Eucharist (before receiving Holy Communion) and the final Blessing of the Priest. There should be no repetition of this service. Benediction is not an enhancement of a religious service, but a part of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the purpose of Adoration.

18-11-1961: The World Council of Churches (non-Catholic) assembles at New Delhi. The Chair of Unity Octave Prayer must be recited daily after Mass till the conclusion of the General Assembly on the 6th December 1961. (See page 284).

21-11-1961: Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Though this Feast is now of III Class, as it is the Titular of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Presentation of B. V. Mary, in all the Houses of this Congregation, in according with the Rubrics, the Feast will be celebrated with the rank of I Class, with Gloria and Credo.

30-11-1961: Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle. In the Parish of St. Andrew, Vepery, the Feast will be celebrated with the rank of I Class, being the Titular of the Church and Parish. The Priests attached to this Church must celebrate it as such. Festive throughout, with I Vespers.

3-12-1961: First Sunday of Advent. In all Masses announcement should be made that there will be *Fast and Abstinence* on Thursday the 7th, (transferred from 14th August) and there will be no Abstinence on Friday the 8th.

3-12-1961: In the II Vespers of Sunday commemoration should be made of St. Francis Xavier (taken from its I Vespers).

4-12-1961: FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF THE WORLD CATHOLIC MISSIONS. I Class. Both Mass and Office Festive. The Archdiocese being in a Mission Country, the Feast must be observed as I Class by the whole Clergy, both Diocesan and Regular. Gloria and Credo, and commemoration of the FERIA of Advent in the Mass and in the Lauds and

Vespers of the Office of St. Francis Xavier. Mass proper in the current Missal. Office from the Proper in the Breviaries hitherto used, with three Nocturns. Lessons of I Nocturn from the Common of Confessors who are not Pontiffs. Lessons of II and III Nocturn from the proper in the Breviaries hitherto used.

- 4-12-1961: Clergy Monthly Recollection in Mylapore.
5-12-1961: Clergy Monthly Recollection in St. Thomas' Mount.
6-12-1961: Clergy Monthly Recollection in Pannur.
7-12-1961: Fast and Abstinence on the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception.
8-12-1961: Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF B. V. MARY. Friday. By virtue of Diocesan Statute No. 771, section 3, there will be no abstinence in this Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore.
8-12-1961: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF B. V. Mary is the Titular of the Church and Parish of Chromepet. Office and Mass as in the Ordo in use in the Archdiocese.
12-12-1961: Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass in the Cathedral Basilica at 7 a.m. for Their Excellencies the late Most Rev. Eugene Mederlet, Archbishop of Madras, and the late Rt. Rev. Antonio Maria Teixeira, Bishop of Mylapore.

A. Pereira de Andrade,
Chancellor.

Retreats at Dhyana Ashram

November 19th. A day's Recollection for the English Sodalities. Begins at 8 A.M. and ends with Holy Mass in the evening.

November 24, 25, 26. Retreat for the senior girls of the Bon Secours Convents of Mylapore and Alwarpet.

December 1, 2, 3. Retreat for the junior girls of Bon Secours Convent

December 11th: A day's recollection preparatory to the All-India National Council of Young Christian Workers.

Intentions for December 1961

General Intention: The distribution of earthly goods among men according to justice and equity.

Missionary Intention: That under the guidance of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, the saving light of the Gospel may reach the farthest parts of the earth.