



DIOCESE OF CALICUT



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“THE LONGEST JOURNEY IS THE JOURNEY INWARDS”

(Homily of Rainer Maria Cardinal Woelki on 22 July 2018 during the Holy Mass at Mother of God Cathedral, Calicut)

Dear sisters and brothers,

What is politics? Politics, that is "dealing with reality". That's what a politician once defined and meant: you have to acknowledge reality and take it seriously. But that does not just affect politics. That goes for each one of us. Obviously, our life unfolds in dealing with reality. But in what consists the reality with which we shape our lives? This certainly includes the people and the things we have to deal with every day.

But is there yet another reality? Dag Hammarskjöld, the unforgettable Secretary General of the UN, speaks in his notes of a journey inside. He, who has traveled widely throughout the world during his tenure, writes: "[The longest journey is the journey inwards](#)". On this journey, we also come into contact with a reality that does not pop into our eyes. Among others, Mother Teresa of Calcutta talked about this journey, and where it leads:

"[We have to find God. However, he will not be found in the noise and the restlessness. God is a friend of silence](#)". Dag Hammarskjöld and Mother Teresa speak of the same, just in different words. And the Gospel speaks of it today.

Jesus gathers the apostles again whom he had previously sent out to preach, and he takes them on a journey inward, to a lonely place where he is alone with them. He wants to move forward the apostles back then, and us today, on this journey inward.

That is why he invites us to silence, to inner peace - not easy in our noisy, hectic world, but it is vital! Otherwise, we do not perceive the closeness and proximity of God. God, who shows us his human face in Jesus Christ, who has come to our side in him, is the decisive reality for us. This God did not just create us. He carries us and calls us into the community

with him. This fellowship with him is life, eternal life. This reality outshines everything our eyes see and our hands grasp, as the sun outshines the stars. You just have to notice them.

Jesus can be our role model here. His life, his faith and his proclamation were completely determined by silence. [The difference between Jesus and us, however, is that we come out of the noise and in silence try to find ourselves and God again and again. Jesus comes out of the silence.](#) Before he starts his public life, he has been silent. This silence is the basis for his proclamation. Out of hush and silence he speaks in a simple way of God, for example in the form of parables, so that all understand him. His words are refreshing as spring water. His words are soothing. His words make one breathe and respire. They are like fresh air. They come, without pathos and fanaticism, in peace and serenity from the center of his person, where he knows being one with God. To be one with God. That's what Jesus wants for us, too. Because when we are completely with God, we are also completely with ourselves. Then we have peace with God, with ourselves and with our neighbor as well.

Therefore, the Lord invites us today in the Gospel to go on this journey inward. It is the basis for keeping our life in balance, also in its chronological order, or getting it back into balance. We can only proceed forward in life if we also move inwards at the same time. Already more than 200 years ago, when progress was still at a leisurely pace, one wise man of his time said: "If people want to take a single step forward to master nature through the art of organization and technology, they must first take three steps inward for ethical deepening ". Today, this word has gained a great urgency.

Everything calls for reforms, but there is little progress. Maybe because we are not on the journey inward? So, looking at the Gospel of today's Sunday, I wish all of us the courage to embark on such a journey inward, to progress on the journey to the depths, and thus to perceive the nearness of God, the reality that will ultimately decide on our whole life.

Amen.

APPOINTMENT

Rev. Fr Jiju is appointed as the Family Apostolate Director of the diocese.

BISHOP MAXWELL NORONHA SACERDOTAL GOLDEN JUBILEE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are invited to Bishop Maxwell Noronha Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee Scholarship from the students of our Diocese, who have passed SSLC 2018 with **Grade A+** in all the subjects. Eligible students may please send the filled application form together with the photocopy of SSLC certificate to the Bishop's House before 20th August 2018.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Please pray for all our priests who are celebrating their Patron's day on 4th August, feast of St John Mary Vianney.

COLLECTION TO PMAF

Kindly send to the Curia, the collection which is made for PMAF on the Sunday close to the feast of St John Mary Vianney.

PETER'S PENCE

I would like to remind you about the Peter's Pence collection to be remitted in the Curia.

BIRTHDAYS

August	01	Rev. Fr Tom Arackal
	12	Rev. Fr Joseph Anil
	15	Rev. Fr Aloysius Kulangara
	31	Rev. Fr Sanal Lawrence D' Souza

We join you dear fathers in thanking the Lord for the gift of life and wish you a very happy Birthday and God's blessings. "*Ad Multos Annos*"

Seminary Formation Fund

1. Anu, Mary and Lilly, St Vincent's Home, Calicut..... Rs 5000/-
2. Anil and Mini, Mother of God Cathedral, Calicut..... Rs 2000/-

Total.....Rs 7000/-

Deepalayam Blind School, Perinthalmanna

1. Mr Leslie Mathew, Vythiri..... Rs 2000/-
2. RC UP School, Pallikunnu-.....Rs 500/-
3. Regina, Mother of God Cathedral.....Rs 5000/-
4. Rahul Suresh, Puthiyara.....Rs 7000/-

Total.....Rs 14,500/-

BISHOP'S DIARY- AUGUST, 2018

August 1-3	:	Priests' Retreat, Navajyothis, Eranhipalam
August 4	5:00pm:	Our Lady of Snow Basilica, Palliport, Ernakulam
August 6	11.00am :	Jubilee Mass, Assumption Convent, Malaparamba
August 7	:	Conference of Theologians & Bishops, Kakkanad
August 8-21	:	Rome
August 22	12:00pm:	Catechism Annual Day
August 23-24	:	Bangalore
August 25	10:30am :	Poomala, Bathery
August 26	11:45am :	Baptism, Sacred Heart Church, Kalpetta
August 27	11.00am :	Trichur
August 28	10.30am :	Jeevana, Governing Body meeting, Bishop's House
August 29	10:00am :	Charismatic Sub-region meeting, Calicut
August 30	10:00am :	Charismatic Sub-region meeting, Thalassery
August 31	:	Bishop's House