



DIOCESE OF CALICUT



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### **“PROMOTE A CULTURE OF HOPE BY CARING FOR THE YOUNG AND THE OLD”**

(From the homily of Pope Francis during the Mass at Santa Marta on 30 September 2019, taken from <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta/2019-09/pope-mass-casa-santa-marta.html>, accessed on 07/10/2019)

Pope Francis urges us to care for the young and for the old, in families and in society at large. Speaking at Mass at the Casa Santa Marta, he says that to neglect children and the elderly because they are not productive is not a sign of God's presence.

Pope Francis told the faithful on Monday that God's love for his people is like a burning flame. He said that notwithstanding the fact that His people betrayed Him and forgot about Him, His Love is such that His promise of salvation continues to be offered to each and every one of us.

Reflecting on the 8th chapter of the Book of the Prophet Zechariah which says “I am intensely jealous for Zion,” and “I will return to Zion,” the Lord, the Pope said, is telling us that thanks to His love, Jerusalem will live.

### **Caring for the elderly and for children is a promise of future**

In this First Reading, the Pope noted, the "signs of the presence of the Lord" with his people are clear. They are made evident by an abundance of life in families and in society: old men and women sitting in the streets, boys and girls playing.

When there is respect, care and love for life, the Pope explained, this is a sign of God's presence in our communities. The presence of the elderly, he continued, is a sign of maturity. This is beautiful: “Old men and old women, each with staff in hand because of old age, shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem.”

And so many children too, he continued, who bring with them a swarm of activity.

“The abundance of elderly people and children. This is the sign that when a people care for the old and for the young, and consider them a treasure, there is the presence of God, a promise of future,” he said.

### **Culture of waste**

The Pope recalled the prophecy of Joel:” your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions” explaining that there is a reciprocal exchange between them, and that he said, is something that does not happen when the culture of waste prevails.

He described the culture of waste - a culture that “sends children on their way back to the sender” or that locks the elderly up in retirement homes because “they are not productive” and perhaps hinder us in our everyday lives – as a ruinous one.

Pope Francis recalled a story his own grandmother used to tell him about a family in which the father decided to move the grandfather to the kitchen during meal times because he would spill his soup and soil his clothes. “One day,” the Pope said, “the father came home to find his son building himself a little table because he assumed that sooner or later, he too would be a victim of that same kind of isolation.” When you neglect children and the elderly, he said, you end up being part of those modern societies who have given life to a demographic winter. “When a country grows old and there are no children, when you don't see children's prams on the streets and you don't see pregnant women (...), when you read that in that country there are more pensioners than workers, it's tragic!” he said.

It's tragic also to lose the traditions passed down by the elder generations, the Pope said, describing traditions “not as museums,” but as lessons for the future: “the lymph of the roots that make the tree grow and bear flowers and fruits”.

### **The old and the young: hope for the nation and for the Church**

At the heart of God's message, Pope Francis explained, is a “culture of hope” which is represented by the old and the young. "The elderly and the young, together. This is the sign that a people cherish life, that there is a culture of hope: the care of the young and the elderly," he said, “they are the certainty of the survival of a country and of the Church.”

Pope Francis concluded his homily recalling how during many of his journeys across the world, he has been struck by those parents who raise their children up to him when he passes by asking for a blessing, and at the same time showing him who their true treasure is.

### **Feast of St Theresa of Avila**

Feast of St Theresa's shrine Mahe is from 5<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. The Pontifical Mass is on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019. As you know it is one of the important Diocesan Pilgrim Centers. I request all of you to participate in the feast and get blessings from this Great Saint.

### **Devotion to Mother Mary**

The month of October is dedicated to the devotion towards Mother Mary; the woman of the Eucharist and the star of Evangelization. It is through the meditation on Rosary in our churches and families we show our Marian devotion. Rosary has a pivotal place in our family prayer and in our personal prayer. Let us all walk along with Mary by praying Rosary and be rooted firmly

in our faith in Eucharist. I urge all of you to regain the culture of Rosary in our families and churches.

### **Months Mind Mass of Rev. Fr Geo Payyapilly**

Months mind mass of Fr Geo Payyapilly will be on Wednesday 30 October, 2019 at 5.00pm in Holy Redeemer Church, Marikunnu. Kindly mark the date and participate in the Requiem Mass.

### **Extraordinary Missionary Month Celebration 2019.**

Diocesan Celebration of the Extraordinary Mission Month will be on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019. I invite all the priests and religious of the diocese to the Eucharistic Celebration which will be at 4.00pm in Mother of God Cathedral, Calicut. Kindly mark this date in your calendar and make sure your participation.

### **Birthdays**

October	<b>06</b>	<b>H.E. Bishop Joseph Kalathiparambil</b>
	07	Rev. Fr Joseph Nicholas Rev. Fr Paul Percy D'Silva Rev. Fr Denny Moses
	08	Rev. Fr Joseph Chittooparambil, S. J.
	10	Rev. Fr Anto Muringatherry, S. J.
	19	Rev. Fr Arjun John

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*"

<b>Deepalayam - School for the Visually Impaired, Perinthalmanna</b>	
Mrs Shoji Stephen, Morning Star Church, Chathamangalam	Rs 2,500.00

  

<b>Seminarians Formation Fund</b>	
Mr Nithin S Mathew, Kannur	Rs 75,000.00

### BISHOP'S DIARY OCTOBER 2019

Oct. 1, Tuesday	3.30pm	Funeral of Fr Geo Payyapilly, Holy Redeemer Church, Marikunnu
	7.00pm	CST Provincial House
Oct. 2, Wednesday	3.30pm	Funeral of Sr Francis Clare AC, Carmel Hill, Malaparamba
Oct. 3, Thursday	6.00pm	Feast Mass, Bethany Provincial House, Chevayur
Oct. 4, Friday	10.00am	Talk, Charity Provincial House, Sellere
Oct. 5, Saturday	5.00pm	Feast Mass, Potta
Oct. 6, Sunday	10.00am	Confirmation, Morning Star Church, Chathamangalam
	6.00pm	Jubilee Conclusion- Teachers Gathering, Thiruvambadi
Oct. 7, Monday		Marriage, Iritty
Oct. 8, Tuesday	9.00am	Meeting people
	4.00pm	Bible Kaloltsavam, St Vincent Colony School, Eranhipalam
Oct. 9, Wednesday		Feast Mass, Elamkulam
Oct. 10, Thursday	10.00am	Inauguration of Travellers Planet, East Nadakkavu
	11.00am	Meeting people
Oct. 11, Friday	11.00am	Blessing of Parish Hall, Tholpetty, Mananthavady
	5.00pm	Feast Mass, Dwaraka, Mananthavady
Oct. 12, Saturday	11.00am	Golden Jubilee, Nazareth Convent, Kakkavayal
Oct. 13, Sunday		Chowannur, Thrissur
Oct. 14, Monday	9.00am	Meeting people
	6.00pm	PDDM Convent, Malaparamba
Oct. 15, Tuesday	10.30am	Feast Mass, Mahe
Oct. 16, Wednesday	9.00am	Meeting people
Oct. 17, Thursday	6.30am	Death Anniversary of my Mother, Mala
Oct. 18, Friday	9.00am	Meeting people
	4.00pm	Pro-Life Prayer meeting, Devagiri, Calicut
Oct. 19, Saturday	10.30am	Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, Navajyothis, Eranhipalam
Oct. 20, Sunday	10.30am	Feast of St Jude, Thrikkalangode, Manjeri
Oct. 21, Monday	9.00am	Meeting people
	6.30pm	Feast Mass, Nirmala hospital
Oct. 22, Tuesday		Bishop's House
Oct. 23, Wednesday	10.30am	Diaconate, Holy Redeemer Church, Marikkunnu
Oct. 24, Thursday		Bishop's House
Oct. 25, Friday		Engaged
Oct. 26, Saturday		Blessing of Old Age Home, St Charles Borromeo Sisters, Rippon
Oct. 27, Sunday	4.00pm	Diocesan Celebration of Extraordinary Mission Month, Cathedral
Oct. 28, Monday	12.00pm	Baptism, Chundale
	5.00pm	Feast Mass, St Jude's Shrine, Chundale
Oct. 29, Tuesday	5.30pm	Marian Convention, Gethsemane Retreat Centre, Calicut
Oct. 30, Wednesday	11.00am	Thamarassery
	5.00pm	Months Mind Mass of Fr Geo Payyapilly, Holy Redeemer Church, Marikunnu
Oct. 31, Thursday	5.00pm	Grotto Blessing, Sacred Heart Church, Kalpetta