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ബലിയർപ്പകൻ

“നിങ്ങളെ കൊല്ലുന്ന ഏവനും താൻ ദൈവത്തിനു ബലിയർപ്പിക്കുന്നു എന്നു കരുതുന്ന സമയം വരുന്നു”. (യോഹ. 16/2).

ജൂലൈ 26, ബുധനാഴ്ച. ഭീകരതയുടെ കരിനിഴൽ വീണ ഫ്രാൻസിൽ വീണ്ടുമൊരു ദുരന്തം. ഫാ. ഷാക്ക് ഹാമൽ എന്നൊരു വൃദ്ധ പുരോഹിതൻ അതിദാരുണമായി ബലിപീഠത്തിൽ ദിവ്യബലി മദ്ധ്യേ വധിക്കപ്പെടുന്നു. അതീവ നടക്കത്തോടെയാണ് ലോകം അതിരിഞ്ഞത്. കൗമാരം പിന്നിടാത്ത ഭീകരർ പള്ളിയിലെത്തി, ദിവ്യബലി അർപ്പിക്കുന്ന പുരോഹിതനെ മുട്ടുകുത്തിച്ചു. പാവം ആ വൃദ്ധൻ തടയാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അവർ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ കഴുത്തറുത്തു വധിക്കുന്നു. അറബിയിൽ അശ്ശത്താരയ്ക്കു ചുറ്റും എന്തോ പറഞ്ഞ് അപ്രത്യക്ഷരായി.

അഴീവ ദുഃഖത്തിന്റെയും വേദനയുടെയും സാരത്തിൽ പോപ്പ് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് പറഞ്ഞു. 'Absurd Violence' ശത്രുതയുടേയും വൈരാഗ്യത്തിന്റെയും ഒരോ പകർന്നാട്ടങ്ങളെയും സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം ശാസിച്ചു. അതിലുൾപ്പെട്ടവർക്ക് വേണ്ടി പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചു. “കത്തോലിക്ക സഭയ്ക്ക് പ്രാർത്ഥനയുടേയും സാഹോദര്യത്തിനുമപ്പുറം യാതൊരു ആയുധങ്ങളുമില്ല. നാം സ്നേഹനാഗരികതയുടെ അപ്പസ്തോലൻമാരാവുക”. അവിടുത്തെ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് പറഞ്ഞു.

തിരിച്ചടികൾക്കും അപമാനങ്ങൾക്കും കൊടിയ ഭയത്തിനൊടുവിലും അഭയാർത്ഥികളോടുള്ള അവഗണനയിൽ മനം നൊന്ത സഭയാണിത്. അതിനിടയിലും സമാധാനത്തിനുവേണ്ടി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും ബലിയർപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ സഭ.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

2016 Krakow

Poland is one of the most thickly populated Catholic societies of the world, and Krakow, its cultural capital, is the city of St. Pope John Paul II, who initiated this Festival of Faith, called the World Youth Day (WYD). Hence there's more than an excitement over the WYD that is being staged from July 26-31, in Krakow.

WYD is a massive gathering of pumped-up Catholic youth from around the world. This event in Krakow is the most international WYD so far, with pilgrims coming from 187 countries, including several that will have representatives for the first time - including Kosovo, Bangladesh, Palestine, Myanmar and South Sudan. Delegations have come from the Russian Orthodox Patriarchate and also from various Protestant denominations.



Beginnings:

Many say that WYD is St. John Paul II's best invention, but he used to say that it was the young people themselves who invented it. St. John Paul II proclaimed a Holy Year of the Redemption in 1983-1984, – to commemorate the 1950 years of the Passion of Jesus. One of

the activities that John Paul II decided was to hold a gathering of young people on Palm Sunday. The organising committee expected about 60,000 participants. 250,000 came. Looking out to the crowds who answered his invitation he said, "What a fantastic spectacle is presented on this stage by your gathering here today! Who claimed that today's youth has lost their sense of values? Is it really true that they cannot be counted on?"

International Youth Year:

In 1985 the UN proclaimed an International year of youth. The Pope felt that the Church's concern for the younger generations should be made known, and so he issued another invitation to young people to come to Rome for Palm Sunday. Again the response was huge. 300,000 young people gathered in churches around the city for times of prayer and catechesis, and then they met together in Saint Peter's Square to take part in the ceremonies with the Holy Father.

Institution of the WYD:

After these two gatherings, many people were left wondering why there had been such a huge response and what young people were seeking. John Paul II had expected it. He knew that young people felt the need to meet together to share their experiences, to listen to words of faith, to look to the future together, and to renew and confirm their commitment. On December 20, 1985 he announced the institution of World Youth Day and that it was to be celebrated every year in the dioceses. There have been till now 30 World Youth Day celebrations of which this will be the 13th International World Youth Day celebrations.

Blessed are the
merciful,
for they will receive
mercy

Mt 5:7

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The rationale of the WYD:

Both international and domestic WYD celebrations are important for three reasons:

First – Celebrating and putting trust in the young: Youth and young adults are not only the future of the Church, but are active participants in the Catholic Church today. WYD helps to prepare these young men and women to bring about Christ's mission in the world and to equip them to be missionary disciples.

Second – Making pilgrimage: Understanding that young people are on a journey, the act of going on pilgrimage is an essential component to the WYD experience. From ancient times, people of faith have made great journeys – from Abraham and Moses to the Early Christians, who travelled "to the ends of the earth" (cf. Acts 1:8) to spread the Gospel.

Third – Encountering the Catholic community: In the 21st century, technology ensures that young people are always in contact with one another. WYD goes beyond "being in contact" and gives youth and young adults a personal encounter with the international Catholic community, which they cannot get through their phones or computers – all in service to the ultimate encounter with God.

Our Youth:

For the first time in the history of Indian Catholic Youth Movement, our very own KEY Band will represent the country to perform with Pope Francis, at Krakow. The KEY Band, consisting of

various artistes from our eparchy, was formed in 2012 to provide a platform to young musicians who crave to glorify God through music. This pilgrimage to Krakow will leave a profound spiritual mark among the members of the KEY Band and our Priests who accompany them. Their first international exposure will also touch the pilgrims of the WYD through their music, personal testimony and catechesis.



WYD is often described as the 'Catholic Olympics' for being an international, regular yet itinerant event. It is not simply a celebratory gathering of disparate groups of youth and young adults, but a key time to call them forth on a great mission of faith. Like the disciples on Mount Tabor, WYD participants have a great prospect to experience a transformative event – and to use that moment of grace to endow them for the tiring work that awaits them in the everyday valleys of life.

**Fr. Jenson Porathur
& Joseph John**

Kraków diary



Krakow
WYD
2016

INTRODUCTION:

World youth day - the international get together of Catholic Christianity . It is the coming together of Catholic cultures and the youth from all over the world ; the White , the black , the brown and the yellow! The church was declaring to the world, 'Catholic church is the wine which tastes better and better as time passes by ;' because three millennium old church is growing young and cheerful.

01. Miniature heaven

Here we have met people whom we had never met before. Surprisingly they deal like having a thick friendship of many years. The volunteers, the organisers, the families who host the pilgrims, those who travel with us all come to us and make us feel loved and accepted. What makes all of us to share that sense of belongingness? It's because we are united by Catholic Church, we are formed in Catholic faith, we are mounded by sacraments, we are inspired by great saints, we have the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we are protected by mother Mary, we all are the children of one Father in Heaven! It's indeed a miniature heaven; none needs an introduction to love and to be loved.

02. Pope as a magnet :

Faith can never be abstract. It needs concrete persons to attract into and hence it needs a Personal God to encounter into a relationship. Pope Francis was attracting and inviting all the youngsters to Jesus Christ. The youth-filled streets were flowing to the 'sea' of Campus Misericordiae for the Night Vigil with the pope; more than 25 lakhs of youth! It was like particles of iron being attracted to magnet.

Usually people have a lost feeling while standing in a crowd. But here the soul was rejoicing in her Catholic identity. Everyone looked like a friend, and all cared for each other in love. During the Eucharistic adoration Pope invited everyone for a moment of silent prayer. It was indeed a wonder to see that prayerful silence striking among more than 25 lakhs of youth; it could be the largest prayer gathering ever in the universe. All of them slept at the venue itself looking towards the star filled sky.

03. Kraków: a Catholic beauty

Kraków carries the memory of 13 Catholic saints. St. John Paul II and St. Faustina are popular among them. It's churches are built in Gothic-Baroque architecture which carries the history

from the medieval centuries. The sculptures, architecture, side altars, antique church organs, sites of Catholic heritages etc. gave us one more reason to be proud of our catholic identity. To be a Catholic means to be part of a universal heritage.

04. Polish Hospitality :

We stayed in a polish country side town named krzeszowice in the family of M M Trzaskowie. They know that we have no knowledge of polish. But that doesn't stop them from explaining and expressing their soulful love towards us. Everyone in the family were competing to love us. Mrs Trzaskowie served us with typical polish food. While returning from the program, the table would be filled with foodstuffs and they would be sad if the table wouldn't be empty for the next day! Picking up from the railway station and leaving back, they were setting an example of Christian charity and unconditional love!

05. Youth Festival

Youth festivals are a special attraction of world youth day. International gospel bands perform everyday in 24 different stages. Keyband performed at two different stages in two different cities. The international crowd was dancing to the tunes of our youth, we thanked Abba Father for helping The KEY to be a part of this bigger



picture of the church. After the performance Keyband members expressed, "it's the Kalyan Eparchy Youth setting fire on an international stage; let's be proud of it!" We could also enjoy the gospel concerts from all the five continents, among which included REX BAND, the pioneering Indian gospel band.

06. Cultural Exchange

Each Catholic culture has special devotions and



practices. Many pilgrims carry with them some specialities of their culture and exchange them among one another. Black Madonna of Argentina, Maria of Guadeloupe from Mexico, images of African and Chinese saints etc are a few of them to recollect. They exchange medals, bracelets, images, flags etc of their popular devotion to spread it to the other part of the world.

07. The Holy Dance

Priests and nuns from all over the world were dancing together to the tunes of Gospel rock!!! After the Way of the Cross led by the pope, different Gospel bands were performing on the main stage. We could see few priests dancing. But it went on increasing by more priests and nuns joining to the group. Atleast 15-20 of them altogether were dancing and celebrating the Catholic fraternity. The youth were surprisingly looking at the 'Consecrated Energy'. We could not stop ourselves and we too joined them. We did not know each other but we knew that are the children of the same Mother; the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church!

08. Conclusion

It was a refreshing moment for the whole Catholic world with lots of excitements, inspirations and good decisions. Let us pray for each other that we may passionately contribute to the youthfulness of the Catholic Church. Awaiting World Youth Day 2019 at Panamá!

From Kraków

**Fr. Shaiju Kattayath
& Nikhil Xavier.**



Krakow
WYD
2016

KEY to Krakow



It is with insurmountable joy and gratitude in abundance to God that we present you all the new initiatives of our Kalyan Eparchy Youth. It gives us more joy that our Musical Band (**KEY Band**) officially elected to perform at the World Youth Day 2016 in Poland. This was the first time that a catholic gospel band performed at the World Youth Day from India under the banner of the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM). This is indeed a milestone, a memorable souvenir in the history of our Eparchy's Youth Ministry.

Our youth ministry is blessed a lot with good number of talented members. To thank the Lord for His never-ending Mercy, KEY has released its debut album, '**Faith. Hope. Love**'

Together with our bishop Mar Thomas Elavanal we can say that these Christian Gospel songs in the album are rich in piety and devotion. They have the charm to turn hearts and purify souls.

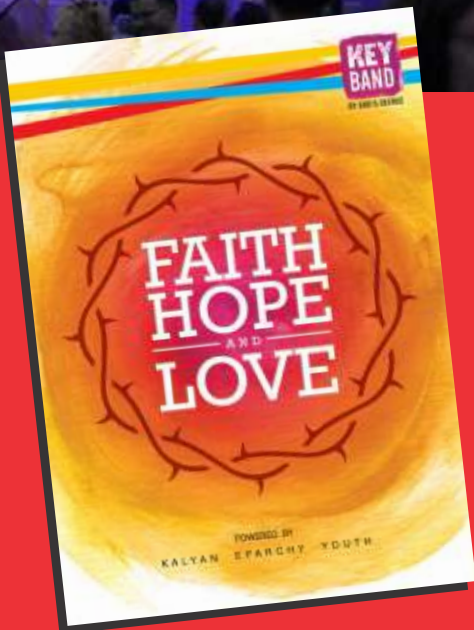
The lyrics of these songs are inspired by the Word of God and the lives of Saints that will call out to your heartstrings and gift you an epitome of musical resplendence.

Our heartiest appreciation to KEY for presenting their musical performance at the World Youth Day, and touching a million hearts around the world by being an instrument in the hands of the Almighty and releasing their musical album

..... Directors, KEY

KEY BAND

BY GOD'S DECREE



Right from childhood, my parents have brought me up in strong Christian values and made me experience Christ through them. They have supported me to choose music as my career. I am Thankful to God for blessing me with such wonderful parents and my sister who helped me walk with Jesus and inspire others through music.

I was deeply influenced by all my Parish priests and Catechists in my life. They have significantly deepened my faith and helped me grow as a good Christian leader.

The immense opportunities provided by KEY strengthened me in faith, hope and love.



Keyband was formed way back in 2012. After attending an all India youth retreat in Delhi, we came back and formed a band which would stand firm for Christ alone.

We have spent over four years together and travelled across various parishes in our diocese with a sincere heart to touch the lives of youngsters so that they may look at us and be fearless to give their time and talent to God and serve others with love.

Performing at World youth day was a big dream since years. We are thankful to our Bishop, directors, Icym and all other well wishers who have constantly prayed for us young souls to go out into the world and preach the Good news!

“Touch us Lord ,So that we can touch others!”

Prince George



I started off my musical journey by singing for all the catechism competitions and parish events that I could, I still remember all that grooming given by my parents and catechism teachers, slowly moving to the parish choir which brought me even closer to the lord. But joining KEY was the best part I came across so many God gifted young talented people from whom I learnt so many things whether in aspects of music, interacting with people, organizing events etc etc. from being a part of our Forane band 'syncopation' and now the diocese KEYBand I can never forget all the immense opportunities and platforms KEY has provided me not only to grow spiritually but also as a confident person. A big thank you for all the love and support.

Lijo Kuzu



When I was 9 months old, all of a sudden i was diagnosed with severe intestinal obstruction. Doctors told that it was not possible to save my life and medical science could not save me. But my parents were strong in faith, so they asked the doctor to do major surgery in which i might have lost my life as my rectum was bleeding profusely. But the doctors were amazed to see that my intestine was pink and normal showed this miracle to my parents. I thank God for giving me a new life.

Unfortunately due to this major surgery my immune system got weak and since my schooling i started getting high fever in every 45 days which affected my health overall, but after playing piano for the Christmas mass in 2010 I was completely healed. I want to thank god for gifting me music through which i can glorify him!

Maurice



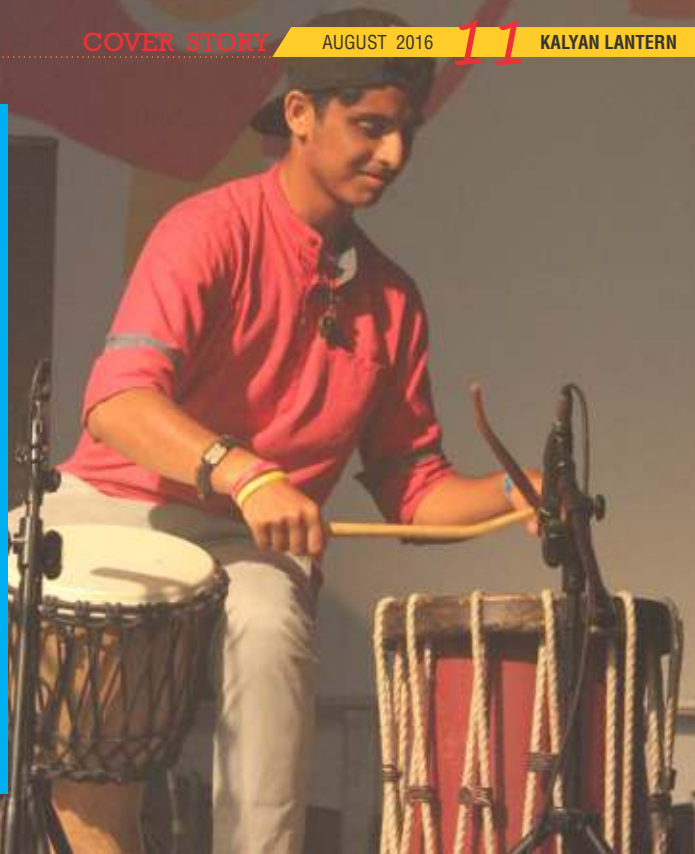
"And whenever the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, and the evil spirit would depart from him."(1 Samuel 16:23).How blessed are musicians because of the powerful intercession they make before God. I started my musical journey by playing for the mass on sundays. I believe that this has enriched me with graces and and gave me enough strength to combat all the trials and temptations. To worship God through KEYBAND has been a wonderful experience and look forward to impart a divine encounter in the lives of many through music.

Nitn Xavier



My parents have been the reason behind me for reach in this far in music. Without the support given by my appa I would not have done anything in music. Appa sent me for piano lessons even though I was least interested at the age of 10. It took me 5 years to realise that God has gifted me and he wants me to use this talent in a better way. I was in the choir playing the keyboard for the church and that blessing that I have received due to it is immense. Then I learnt chenda, mrudangam and drums. KEY's support in building me does not have words to describe.

Joel



After having a drought for events we finally got to perform for sunny choir 2015. And this event brought some life to our lives and we came back on track with some practises before the

event, And then we had Enthusia 2016 which a blast as we The vasai forane band secured first position in the keyband competition. So things were again rolling back to fun and delight.

Meanwhile to add on top of everything, We Keyband official got selected to perform for world youth day at Poland, this was a huge

achievement for us and also a bigger responsibility to represent our

diocese and to glorify God through our band and to reach out to hearts and souls and to inspire them through our music

We have seen many ups and downs throughout this entire 4 year journey of us in Keyband most of us have had our own personal issues and have had fallen apart but we never ceased to come back in unison to glorify the name of God And today we are set to go to Poland, to make history and to witness the Mighty power of our Lord along with thousand of devotees.

Thank you Jesus for everything you have given us and thank you mother Mary for not letting us fall apart in darkness.

Benjamin





We all are well aware of the power of music and I am sure that at some point each of us have experienced the healing power of music. Very fondly I remember the first KEY Band meeting at Bishops House, Powai. We had met to learn our first song named 'Faith'. And the journey began. From animating Koinonia camps, going to different parishes to assist in praise and worship, and today the KEY Band is on its way towards it's first international performance at Krakow for the World Youth Day. This journey with KEY Band has moulded, changed and helped me become the individual I am today. That is, to be proud of my identity as a Catholic and to share the joy of having Christ with others.

Steffy



My first song on keyboard was "All to Jesus I surrender". Then I started to play for small events in our church like prayer meeting of youth. When I was confident enough to play I joined the church choir. God chose me to play for Jesus Youth Mumbai music ministry. I played for many big events like Fire retreat, Campus meet, All

India Bishop's Conference. I also had a opportunity to attend the training session on music ministry from Rex Band. I joined in Key activ8 team and learned new things in the team. And that's how I am in Keyband, I feel really blessed to be part of this band.

Johnson Thomas



My journey with the key band started the initial days wen it was a small unit of enthusiastic musicians who use to gather in Bishops house to do praise and worship. Key band played a substantial part in me since then in my spiritual belief and as a musician. Thank you KB for everything and hope to spread this love to my other friends in the world.

Regards

Andrin Johnson



It was in the month of September when practices for Keyband competition had just begun. I wasn't a part of the zonal band, but circumstances led me to guide a musician friend to practice because he didn't know the place. And as things fell into place, by the end of the day practice I was singing for them. And so began the journey. Writing as well sort of came naturally, although the earlier instances of lyrics were never really good. And when the diocesan Keyband was formed by Fr. Rajesh Mathew and co-ordinated by Fr. Shaiju Kattayath in 2012, they were kindhearted so as to leave out a place for me. A sincere thanks to the Almighty, Fr. Rajesh, Fr. Shaiju and the new director Fr. George Vattamattam for believing in us all throughout.

Cyril Thomas



MY MUSICAL JOURNEY WITH JESUS

I started with music in 2011, while singing for my church choir. I faced stage fright and lacked so much confidence then, that I couldn't even sing the chorus of a song. Getting inspired by Sejo Jose of my parish and after being encouraged by Fr. Shaiju Kattayath, I took up guitar for few months and started singing along which is when I realised that i can sing. A slow but steady growth, but worth! Jobin suggested my name for the diocesan KEYBAND. Thanks to Fr. Rajesh Mathew who has been a great mentor from DAY 1. Life has been a Roller Coaster ride from then. Soon I started facing large audience which I never was used to, but it never affected me as i felt a great spirit inside me like never before. A lot has happened in the past 5 years & WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016, Krakow, Poland for KEYBAND adds up to this amazing Journey.

All what i am today, i owe to Jesus and the beautiful gifts he has given me, The Church, Family & Fellowship.

Keni Joseph Sebastian





Being a part of KEY Band I got an opportunity to explore different instruments like Drums, Octopad and Darbuka as well as perform in various programs and experience a large audience, which I was never used to. I can testify that it is the powerful guidance of the Holy Spirit giving me this impetus to go forth and blossom in the Garden of Music. KEY Band is even more special to me as it is for a purpose, a purpose which we as

Baptized Christians ought to fulfill. I am happy that I am contributing in spreading God's Kingdom and the Gospel through music in a very interesting, enjoyable, melodious and yet strong way.

Purathur Shenil Vincent



Being in a band always used to excite me ever since I picked up a guitar. The feeling was no different when we came up on this idea of making a diocesan band.

From imagining myself playing like someone whom I idolize, to playing wrong chords during rehearsals and on-stage, I have done everything that any amateur guitarist would do.

But later, during a praise and worship, when you realize that you're being an instrument for people to connect with God, the joy that engulfs you is simply amazing. It's been a beautiful journey since then, through all the good and bad days that has made this band more of a bond.

We wouldn't have seen this day, our dreams coming true, if it hadn't been for the immense support from our loving parents. We're grateful to all the people who given the band opportunities that has molded us the way we are now. Keep us in your prayers!

Joseph Vincent





കാനോന Qanona

സ്തുതിയും ആരാധനയും

ഓരോ പ്രണാമവൃത്തവും അവസാനിക്കുന്നത് 'കാനോന' എന്നു വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കുന്ന സ്തുതിപ്പോടെയാണ്. "ഞങ്ങൾ അങ്ങയ്ക്ക് സ്തുതിയും ബഹുമാനവും കൃതജ്ഞതയും ആരാധനയും സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു". ഇത് നമ്മുടെ കുർബ്ബാനയിൽ പല പ്രാവശ്യം ആവർത്തിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന പ്രാർത്ഥനാരൂപമാണ്. വെളിപാട് സ്മരണയിൽ ദൈവത്തിനു 'സ്തുതിയും ബഹുമാനവും കൃതജ്ഞതയും' നൽകുന്നതായി പരാമർശമുണ്ട്. അതുപോലെ സ്തുതിയും ബഹുമാനവും ശക്തിയും സ്വീകരിക്കുവാൻ ദൈവം അർഹനാണെന്നും (4:10-11), 'എന്നും എന്നേയ്ക്കും പുകഴ്ചയും ബഹുമാനവും സ്തുതിയും അധികാരവും ശക്തിയും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കട്ടെ ആമ്മേൻ' (7:12) എന്നും കാണുന്നു.

ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സൃഷ്ടികളായ മാലാഖമാരും മനുഷ്യരും ഒന്നിച്ചേർന്ന് ദൈവത്തിനു സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നത് ദൈവസ്തുതിയാണ്. ദൈവത്തെ സ്തുതിക്കുകയാണ് അത്യന്തികമായി മാലാഖമാരുടേയും മനുഷ്യരുടേയും ദൈവവിളി. ദൈവത്തിനു കൊടുക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുന്ന ഏറ്റവും വലിയ സ്തുതിയും ബഹുമാനവുമാണ് ദൈവാരാധനയിലൂടെ മനുഷ്യൻ നൽകുന്നത്. കുർബ്ബാന ദൈവത്തിന് സ്തുതിയും ബഹുമാനവും കൃതജ്ഞതയും ആരാധനയും സമർപ്പിക്കലാണ്. സ്തുതിയുടേയും കൃതജ്ഞതയുടേയും പ്രാർത്ഥനകൾ നമ്മുടെ കുർബ്ബാനയിൽ ധാരാളമുണ്ട്. എല്ലാ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും തന്നെ ദൈവത്തിന് കൃതജ്ഞതയർപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് അവസാനിക്കുന്നത്. ഇത് നമ്മുടെ കുർബ്ബാനയുടെ ഒരു സവിശേഷതയാണ്. അപ്പവും വീഞ്ഞും അൾത്താനിൽ സമർപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥന അവസാനിക്കുമ്പോൾ "അവിടുത്തെക്ക് സ്തുതിയും ബഹുമാനവും കൃതജ്ഞതയും ആരാധനയുമുണ്ടായിരിക്കട്ടെ" എന്നാണ് പുരോഹി

തൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നത്. അനാഫെറയ്ക്കുശേഷം പുരോഹിതൻ വി. കുർബ്ബാന കൈകളിലെടുത്ത് ഉയർത്തിക്കൊണ്ടു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. "നിന്റെ തിരുനാമത്തിനു സ്തുതിയും നാമനായ നിനക്ക് ആരാധനയും എപ്പോഴും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കട്ടെ". ദൈവത്തിനു മാത്രം നൽകുന്നതാണ് ആരാധന. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ കാനോന പ്രാർത്ഥന ദൈവാരാധനയുടെ തന്നെ ആത്മചൈതന്യം ഉൾക്കൊള്ളുന്ന പ്രാർത്ഥനയാണ്.

എപ്പോഴും എന്നേയ്ക്കും

ദൈവത്തിനുമാത്രമാണ് നാം സ്തുതിയും ബഹുമാനവും കൃതജ്ഞതയും ആരാധനയും സമർപ്പിക്കേണ്ടത് (സങ്കീ. 115 : 1) ദൈവത്തെ നിത്യവും ആരാധിക്കുവാൻ നമ്മൾ കടപ്പെട്ടവരാണ് (റോമ. 1:3). ദൈവത്തെ നിരന്തരം മഹത്വപ്പെടുത്തുക മനുഷ്യന്റെ കർത്തവ്യമാണ് (എഫേ. 5:19-20). അതുകൊണ്ടാണ് 'എപ്പോഴും എന്നേയ്ക്കും' എന്ന് കൂട്ടിച്ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നത്.

കുരിശടയാളം

കാനോന ചൊല്ലുമ്പോൾ കാർമ്മികൻ തന്റെമേൽത്തന്നെ കുരിശടയാളം വരക്കുന്നു. സജ്ജീവവും പരിശുദ്ധവുമായ ദിവ്യരഹസ്യങ്ങൾ പൂർത്തിയാക്കുവാനുള്ള യോഗ്യത കുരിശിന്റെ ശക്തിയാൽ ലഭിക്കുവാനായിട്ടാണ് തന്റെമേൽ കാർമ്മികൻ കുരിശടയാളം വരക്കുന്നത്. ഈ സമയത്തല്ല സമൂഹം തങ്ങളുടെ മേൽ കുരിശടയാളം വരക്കേണ്ടത്, മറിച്ച് അതിനുശേഷം കാർമ്മികൻ ജനങ്ങളുടെ നേരെ തിരിഞ്ഞ് കുരിശാകൃതിയിൽ ആശീർവ്വദിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് സമാധാനം ആശംസിക്കുമ്പോൾ ഓരോരുത്തരും തങ്ങളുടെമേൽ കുരിശു വരച്ച് തങ്ങളെത്തന്നെ ആശീർവ്വദിക്കുകയും അനുഗ്രഹം സ്വീകരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. ഇത് വളരെ

അർത്ഥവത്തായ പ്രവർത്തിയാണ്.

ആമ്മേൻ

കാനോനയുടെ അവസാനം സമൂഹം 'ആമ്മേൻ' എന്ന് പ്രത്യുത്തരിക്കുന്നു. പുരോഹിതൻ ചൊല്ലുന്ന പ്രാർത്ഥനയിൽ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ പങ്കാളിത്തമാണ് ഈ പ്രത്യുത്തരം വ്യക്തമാക്കുന്നത്. കാർമ്മികന്റെ നന്ദി പ്രകാശനത്തിനും പ്രാർത്ഥനയ്ക്കുമുള്ള സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ അംഗീകാരമാണത്. ആമ്മേൻ എന്ന് പ്രത്യുത്തരത്തിലൂടെ പുരോഹിതന്റെ പ്രാർത്ഥന സമൂഹം ചൊല്ലിയതുപോലെ സ്വന്തം പ്രാർത്ഥനയാക്കി മാറ്റുന്നു. പ്രാർത്ഥനകളിൽ നമ്മൾ സജ്ജീവമായി പങ്കെടുക്കുന്നതിന്റെ അടയാളമാണത്. അതുകൊണ്ട് സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രത്യുത്തരം ഏറെ പ്രസക്തവും പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ടതുമാണെന്ന കാര്യം ബലിയിൽ സംബന്ധിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാവരും ഓർക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

Worship and Adoration

Every Gehanta cycle is concluded with a doxology called qanona: "we offer you praise and honour, worship and thanksgiving now, always and for ever". This form of prayer is often repeated in our Qurbana. In the book of Revelation there are references to offering praise, honour and worship to God. "Our Lord and God is worthy to receive glory, honour and power" (Rev. 4:11) and "Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honour, power and might belong to our God for ever and ever, Amen" (Rev. 7:12)

As creatures of God angels and people offer up praise and worship to God, and this offering of praise and worship to God is the ultimate end and vocation of the angels and all humankind. It is through the liturgy that we can offer the greatest praise and worship to God, and our Qurbana is offering up of our praise, thanksgiving, worship and adoration to God. In our Qurbana most of the prayers are primarily prayers of praise and thanksgiving, and all the prayers are concluded offering thanksgiving to God. This is a specific characteristic of our Qurbana. At the time of placing the bread and wine on the altar, the prayer of the priest is concluded in this way: "glory and honour, thanksgiving and adoration be yours, now, always and for ever". The whole anaphora is concluded again with the doxology "we offer

glory and honour, thanksgiving and worship to your living, holy and life giving name". We give adoration only to God, and this prayer of doxology or Qanona expresses well the spirit of our liturgy.

Always and for ever

It is only to God that we should offer praise and honour, thanksgiving and adoration (Ps. 115:1). We are bound to adore God and only God for ever (Rom. 1:9). In order to remind us that we are bound to worship God continuously and for ever (Ep. 5:19 - 20) most of our prayers especially qanona is concluded saying "always and for ever".

The Sign of the Cross

When the qanona is recited, the priest makes the sign of the cross on himself. This is also a sign of the priest requesting, through the merits of the cross, the grace to fulfill through his hands, the living and holy mysteries. It is not at this time of the priest making the sign of the cross on himself that the community too should make the sign of the cross on themselves. But afterwards, as the celebrant blesses the people in the sign of the cross, each one in the community should make the sign of the cross on oneself as a sign of receiving the blessing imparted to them. Making the sign of the cross on oneself is also very significant and meaningful.

Amen

At the end of the Qanona the community responds saying 'Amen'. This is an expression of the response of the community to the prayer of the priest. This is a means of approving and personalizing the prayers recited by the priest. The response of Amen is equal to the participant reciting those same prayers. It is the best expression of the active participation of the community. So everybody should bear in mind that this response, though small, is very important and relevant.

മാർ തോമസ് ഇലവനാൽ

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

The first meeting of 11 th Pastoral Council of Eparchy of Kalyan was convened on 30 July 2016. The new Pastoral Council consists of 96 members. Besides the Ex-Officio members, Mrs. Mini Thomas as Secretary, Mr. PKX Thomas as Joint-Secretary, Rev. Fr. George Vattamatam, Mr. Joseph Pudassey and Mrs. Joffey Anil as other Executive members were elected on the day. Msgr. Emmanuel Kadankavil, Rev. George Vattamatam and Mr. PKX Thomas will be the members of follow-up Committee.



Mrs. Mini Thomas

BISHOP'S DIARY

August - 2016

1st-3rd	CLC Kakkanad	14th	Pastoral Visit - Kamothe
4th	Vianny Feast - Bishop's House	15th	Qurbana - Dahisar
6th	Laying Foundation Stone - Dombivli (W)		MPC Resource Persons Seminar - Bishop's House
7th	Pastoral Visit - Dombivli	16th	Qurbana - Wagale Estate
8th	MS Class - Panvel	17th	Principals Meet - Powai
9th	Priests recollection - Bishop's House	18th	Curia - Bishop's House
	Forane Vicars' Meet	19th	Satsang Committee - Bishop's House
10th	Curia - Powai	20th	Qurbana - Mankhurd
11th	Karuny Board Meeting - Matunga	21st	Pastoral Visit - Chakala
12th	MPC - Panvel	22nd-31st	Synod - Kakkanad
13th	Snehasangamam - Tabore, Kalyan		

“Meraviglia 2016”

A FESTIVE DAY FOR ALTAR ANGELS!!!

Dear Altar Angels,

The Catechism Department is organizing “Meraviglia 2016” A Festive Day for Altar Angles. “Meraviglia” is an Italian word which means “Awe and Wonder.” Altar Angels closely witness the heavenly marvels on the Holy Altar, in the Eucharist. Come! Let's celebrate the Diocesan Altar Angels' Day with joy and wonder!!!

Prayer and Adoration, sessions, testimonies, music, games, lots of fun and much more are in the store!!! Get ready and block your date!

Date	:	August 17th, 2016
Venue	:	ARC, Panvel
Time	:	10 am to 4.00 pm
Registration Fee	:	Rs. 100/-

Pope tells youth: get off the sofa and follow Jesus (CWN)

Pope Francis challenged the participants in World Youth



Day not to settle for a “sofa happiness” of personal comfort. A sofa that makes us feel comfortable, calm, safe and promises us hours of comfort so we can escape to the world of videogames and in front of a computer screen. “Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths.”

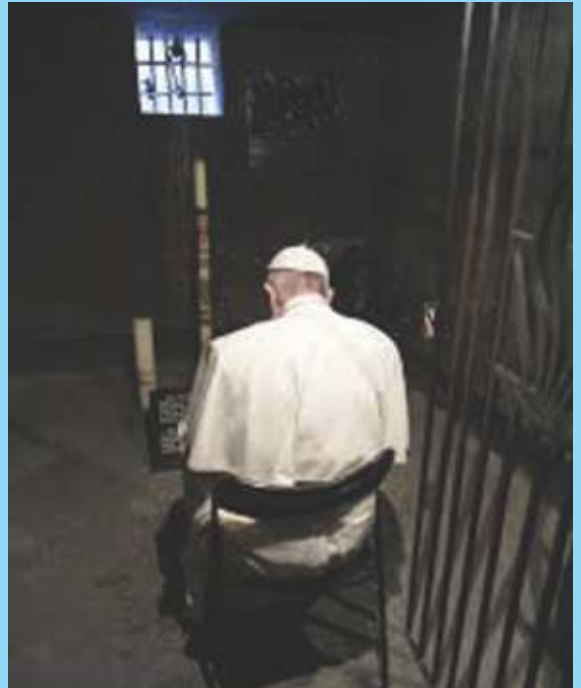
Apostolic Nuncio Kurian Vayalumkal ordained Archbishop (Holy See Press Office)

The Episcopal ordination of Msgr. Kurian Mathew Vayalumkal, the Apostolic Nuncio to Papua New Guinea, was held at Christ the King Cathedral, Kottayam. Archbishop Mar Mathew Moolekkatt, head of the Knanaya Archeparchy of Kottayam, led the consecration proceedings.



Pope Francis visits Auschwitz-Birkenau (Vatican Radio)

Pope Francis paid an emotional visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau memorial and museum, the site of a Nazi concentration camp where more than 1.1 million people, were put to death during the 2nd World War. The Pope decided not give a speech, saying he preferred to enter alone, in silent prayer. The Pope was then driven to the notorious block 11, also known as the death block where, St. Maximilian Kolbe was killed after offering up his life for a complete stranger 75 years ago.



A new eparchy for England and Apostolic Visitor for Europe (Vatican Radio)

The Holy Father has erected the Eparchy of Great Britain and has appointed Rev. Fr. Joseph (Benny Mathew) Srampickal, from the clergy of the Eparchy of Palai, until now Vice-Rector of the Collegio De Propaganda Fide in Rome, as the first bishop of the Eparchy. Some 21,000 migrant Kerala Catholics live in England, Northern Ireland and Scotland. Pope Francis also appointed Rev. Fr. Stephen Chirappanath from the Eparchy of Irinjalakuda, as the Apostolic Visitor with Episcopal character, for the Syro-Malabar faithful of Europe.

Bishop James Pazhayattil passes away

(CBCI)

Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of Irinjalakuda, His Excellency Mar James Pazhayattil (82) passed away on 10 July at Jubilee Mission Medical College Hospital Thrissur. Mar Pazhayattil was the first Bishop of Irinjalakuda. Born in 1934 at Puthenchira, he was ordained priest in 1961. Bishop James shepherded the Eparchy since its inception in, 1978, for 32 Years.



Pope appoints laypersons as Vatican spokespersons

(Holy See Press Office)

Pope Francis has named an American layman, Greg Burke, as the director of the Holy See Press Office. Burke succeeds Fr. Federico Lombardi, SJ, (73), who has served in the position since 2006. Holy Father also appointed a Spanish laywoman, Paloma García Ovejero, as the vice director.



Sajan Prakash of Idukki eparchy qualifies for Rio Olympics

(New Indian Express)



The faithful at St George Forane's Church at Muthalakodam in Idukki, prayed for a whole year for Theresamma's grandson to qualify for the Rio Olympics. And when the achievement happened, it was a proud moment not only for the village but also the whole country. Sajan Prakash (22), a clerk at Bengaluru Railway Division, emerged victorious in the last qualifying round in the 200m butterfly stroke category held in Hong Kong.

Bezwada Wilson: Ramon Magsaysay Award winner

(UCAN)

Bezwada Wilson, a Dalit Christian from Karnataka, and a member of CSI, was one of the 6 recipients of the 2016 Ramon Magsaysay Award – considered Asia's equivalent of the Nobel



Prize. Wilson founder of the 'Safai Karmachari Andolan' (manual scavengers' movement) in 1994 was recognised for his efforts to eradicate manual scavenging. The movement has grown into a network of 7,000 members in 500 districts across the country.

DREAM BIG

- Felicitation of 10th Standard Toppers

Congratulations to all the students who excelled in their 10th standard examinations.

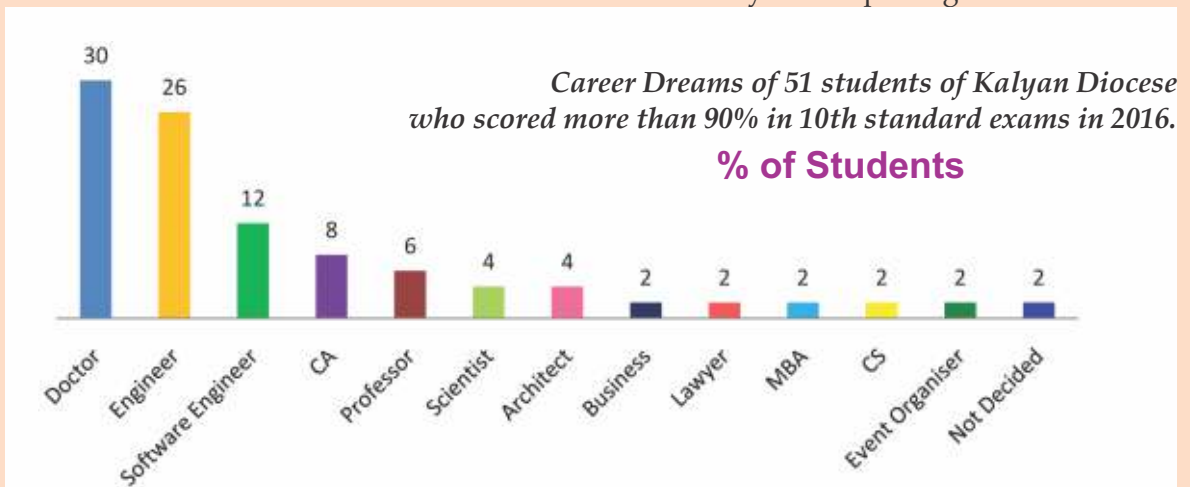
The Department of Catechesis of Kalyan Diocese for the first time ever organised a felicitation function for the students who scored more than 90% in 10th standard exams in 2016. 51 students from across the Diocese along with their parents participated in the event. His Excellency Mar Thomas Elavanal felicitated each student with mementos. In his inspiring message, he exhorted that each student should have 4 D's - Dream, Desire, Determination and Dedication. Rev Fr. Sheen Chittattukara congratulated all toppers. An informative session on Career Guidance by a professional team was also conducted, which was well appreciated by all students.

Career Dreams

Two-third of top students of our diocese would like to go for the most traditional choice of Doctor or Engineer. 12% of students have specifically mentioned that they want to become IT Engineers. It is interesting to note that a good number of students would also like pursue their career in academic/research fields. Very few students have opted to go for non-conventional horizons.

Role Models

Majority of students have a role model in their life. Many of them have been inspired by these role models to take up their career dream. It is heartening to know that around one-third of the students have parents as their role models. This once again emphasises the values that parents of our community are imparting to the children.

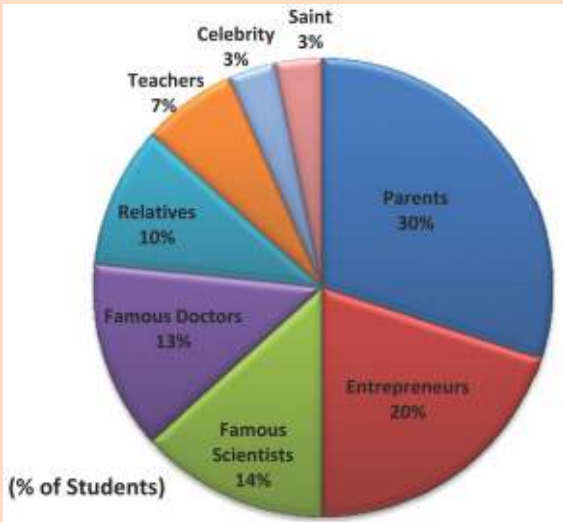


All participated students filled up a **Dream Big Form** that had questions on Career Dream, Inspiration and Role Model. Summary of the data obtained is given below.

Famous doctors and scientists like Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and Dr. Stephen Hawking and successful entrepreneurs such as Henry Ford, Bill Gates, Larry Page and Satya Nadella have significantly influenced our students.

*Role Models of 30 students of Kalyan Diocese
who scored more than 90% in 10th standard exams in 2016.*

Role Models



Catechism Attendance

Some of the toppers have 100% attendance in catechism in Class 10. Many of them have also scored more than 80% marks in catechism. Most of the topper students have more than 50% attendance in their catechism classes. This finding is particularly inspiring as it proves that attending catechism class does not negatively affect academic performance.

Toppers Speak:

Prayer has been an integral part of my life. I have given top priority for catechism and have not missed any catechism class even when I was in 10th standard. I have keen interest in developing applications and wish to become a Game Developer. I like the innovative ideas and working style of Mark Zuckerberg, who is my role model.

- **Alexander Austin, Powai, Mumbai** (100% attendance and 84% marks in Catechism; 95.3% marks in 10th)

I had the ambition to become a doctor since I was a child. The ability to save lives is a very

noble deed. I would like to specialise in Gynaecology or Paediatrics. I should start preparing for it from now itself, as I know hard work and perseverance are very much required to achieve my dream.

- **Sharon Robinson, Dombivli, Mumbai** (88% attendance and 84% marks in Catechism; 95% marks in 10th)

I would like to do PhD in Astrophysics and become an Astrophysicist. From a very early age, I considered space to be a mysterious field. I am curious about things that are new to me. Stephen Hawking is my role model. Despite being disabled, he had the passion to explore.

- **Hima Thomas, Tikujiniwadi, Thane** (80% attendance and 89% marks in Catechism; 94.2% marks in 10th)

I have set my eyes on MIT and CalTech, USA, for my higher studies in Computer Science. I would first work hard to get into IIT for graduation. Satya Nadella's drive has inspired me to dream big.

- **Abhishek Michael, Virar, Palghar** (82% marks in Catechism; 96.8% marks in 10th)

I would like to become an Event Organiser or Editor. I would like to do Media and Management Studies for it. I need to have strong interpersonal as well as mass communication skills and an influencing personality for it.

- **Ann Mary Jose, Dapodi, Pune** (90% marks in Catechism; 96% marks in 10th)

(Compiled by **Dr. CP Johnson**,
Catechism Head Teacher, Bhandup)

1st Anniversary in Heaven

"The sorrow never disappears, the silent tears flow,
the pain is never away, because you loved us so.
But you are always in our hearts, night and day.
your warm & special memories often come our way.
You always had a smile to spare,
love to give, advice and care.
Our hearts still ache as we whisper low.
we love you Dad, and we miss you so."

Fondly Remembered by,
Wife – Linu
Daughters – Ancy & Adhira
Mother – Mariakutty

Christ The King Church, Bhandup

Mr. Albert Richard
29.11.1966 – 07.08.2015

In loving memory of our parents



THOMAS PALLITHAZHE
Died on 12.03.2012



SOSAMMA THOMAS
Died on 19.08.2014

Fondly remembered by Jobkutty Thomas, Nerul.

KALYAN MATHRUSANGAM

Patron's day celebration and the 2nd Annual General Body Meeting was held on 3rd July 2016 at Animation and Renewal Centre, Panvel. Around 400 mothers from different parishes attended the function. V. Rev. Msgr. Emmanuel Kadankavil conducted an inspiring and thought provoking session on Leadership qualities. Elections were held and the new diocesan Executives were sworn in. Outgoing executives were felicitated with mementos. Prayer dance performed by Mulund parish and a comedy skit by Kharghar parish were appreciated by all.



Regional Seminars:

Seminars will be held in the month of August on Awareness of "Use of Social Media and mothers: Risks and Benefits". Timings: - 1.30 pm to 5pm. The seminars will be held as per the following schedule:-

14/08/2016 Central

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Little flower Forane Church, Nerul

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Remembered with Love on Dear Mom's

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In Loving memory of

Fondly remembered on
his 11th Death Anniversary

Your Presence we miss.
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Global warming and climate change has become a worldwide concern to be tackled. The environmental change has affected the natural circle of seasons, causing the disaster of drought and cyclonic storms. Environmental imbalance and the increase of pollution have contributed to the changes in environment, and these changes have affected the human lives drastically. To reduce the imbalance and its effect in nature Maharashtra Government passed a resolution to plant 2 cores plants all over Maharashtra with Government and people's participation. With this initiative Green Maharashtra concept is materialized.

Karunya Trust collaborated with Maharashtra Forest Department, Gram panchayats and Zilla parishads schools in Kalyan Block, along with the collaboration motivated tribal from the project area to participate actively. We have become part of this drive by our personal and Church participation. From our parishes nearly 100 people consist of youth, men and women, 40 Holy Cross School Students and 42 Karunya staff, 250 people from Sansang organization and students from neighboring school participated in tree plantation at Chowra. We planted the plants in the area allotted by the Forest department at Chowra, Kalyan Block. Regional forest Officer (RFO) Mr. Magdum and Mr. Shivaji Gude the forester appreciated our collaboration and were

present personally during the plantation drive. Beside Chowra forest our staff went to 16 Grampanchyats of Kalyan Block to elicit participation of people and schools, where Karunya Trust donated 2,500 plants. By the support of volunteers Karunya Trust became the instrument to plant an average 7000 samplings in Kalyan Block.

The tree plantation drive has created a responsibility among the government, NGOs and people to protect the mother earth and combat the pollution which is filthing the nature. It will not remain mere a one day activity. The government has passed the resolution to form the committees consist of Government departments and local people. For four years the committee will protect and care for the plants. Karunya Trust as NGO will join with local people to care for the plants. Our strategic initiatives also envisages that people of our project area get cooking gas from the government and people stop cutting plants/trees as a fuel.

1st July 2016 has created a record in Limca book and it will have large effect to reduce the pollution and promotion of healthy environment and lives.

Let us Pledge - "I am a Child of Mother earth and I will care and protect my mother....."



1st Death Anniversary

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We cried when you passed away,
We still cry today,
Although, we loved you dearly,
We couldn't make you stay,
Your golden heart stopped beating,
Hardworking hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best...

Fondly remembered by:
Relatives & Friends

E.I. Jacob

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DOD: 19/08/2015



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2nd Death Anniversary

Mercy Jacob
(W/o V.K. Jacob)

*Deeply missed and fondly
remembered by
family & relatives*



In loving memory of our dearest Daddy

"His nature was loving and giving,
His heart was made of pure gold,
And to us who truly love him,
His memory will never grow old."

Deeply missed by:

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