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FOREWORD

In an age of world wide web, it is of paramount importance to communicate in order to be in communion. This Directory is intended to coordinate and facilitate the work of the members of the Mystical Body of Christ in Bangalore. It is time to rejoice, for we are commissioned to communicate the Good News of the Lord to all creation. May this Directory help us to bind us together in the risen Lord through the Holy Spirit.

It is a happy coincidence to have it released by His Excellency Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI, the Apostolic Visitor, who makes his visitation during this season of Easter.

I appreciate the idea for a Directory of our Syro-Malabar Church in Bangalore, which was evolved in the first meeting of the Priests. I take this opportunity to thank all who cooperated in this endeavour. This humble attempt is only a beginning in the right direction of communication and communion.

May Saint Thomas the Apostle bless us with the touch of the risen Lord.

Fr. Mathew Koikara, CMI

Co-ordinator,

Syro-Malabar Church in Bangalore

St. Thomas Forane Church

Dharmaram College

Bangalore - 560 029

PARISHES

✓ 1. ANEPALAYA (GAJENDRANAGAR) ST. SEBASTIAN'S CHURCH

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Asst. Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Sebastian Edathikavil cmi
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Brief History:

The migration of the Thomas Christians from Kerala to Bangalore has a history of three quarter of a century. As the number of the migrant Christians increased in the city, they explored the ways and means to express their worship in a community and as a community. It is this deep-seated desire for faith experience and expression; people of the same faith tradition assembled and formed associations.

The humble but historical beginning of the present eloquent and enthusiastic Eucharistic Community of St. Sebastian's Church goes back to 11th February 1979 when the members of St. Sebastian's Association gathered at the residence of late Mr. Jacob Mathew of Anepalaya. In fact it was started as St. Sebastian's Prayer Association, having its main objective to celebrate the feast of St. Sebastian and to promote the native prayer culture of St. Thomas Christians of India. In

1980 the front room of the building of K T Joseph was used as the first chapel of the Association.

Mar Joseph Kundukulam, Bishop of Thrissur, who happened to visit this small chapel, was pleased to purchase the property including the donated room for a sum of Rs. 40,000. The sale deed was executed on 24 July 1982. The building was modified with the active co-operation of the faithful under the paternal guidance of the Rector of Dharmaram College.

When the first ever Syro- Malabar Parish outside Kerala was formally established at Bangalore on 19 May 1983, the St. Sebastian's Chapel came under the pastoral care of the St. Thomas Parish, Dharmaram College. Mar Joseph Kundukulam celebrated the first Eucharistic Liturgy in the chapel on 10 July 1983. The reconstruction of the chapel as desired by the faithful was initiated by Fr. Job Myladiyil cmi, and Fr. Jose Palathara cmi, who was the priest-in-charge of the chapel. Fr. Mani Giles CMI (late Bishop Emmanuel Pothanamuzhy) the Rector of Dharmaram College laid the foundation stone on 25th April 1993. The newly constructed chapel was blessed and inaugurated on 19th August 1993 by Mar Joseph Kundukulam, Bishop of Thrissur.

The canonical erection of the St. Sebastian's Syro-Malabar Church, Anepalaya was held on 26th September 1998 with the decree of Rev. Msgr. T. Jabamalai, the Administrator of the Archdiocese of Bangalore. The decree reads, " I hereby canonically erect and declare erected the Syro-Malabar Parish of St. Sebastian Anepalaya, consisting of Anepalaya, BDA, and Neelasandra and appoint Rev. Fr. Eugene Kizhakkethala cmi, as its Parish Priest, with effect from 27th September 1998, with all the privileges and obligations of a parish in the Code of Canon Law". Thus late Fr. Eugene Kizhakkethala cmi was made the first Parish Priest. His Successor was Fr. Sebastian Vengaloor cmi, who was appointed by Most Rev. Dr. Ignatius Pinto, the Archbishop of Bangalore on 18th June 2000. The appointment of Rev. Fr. Paulachan Kochappilly cmi as the Prish Priest was made on 18th March 2003. Rev. Fr. Lucose Chamakala cmi succeeded him as the new parish priest on 5th March 2006.

We celebrated the decennial of the consecration of the Church on Sunday, 24th August 2003. The solemn liturgy of the Silver Jubilee celebrations main celebrant was His Grace Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy, the Archbishop of Thrissur on 18th January 2004. Yet another glorious day in the annals of St. Sebastian's Church and a memorable event in connection with the Silver Jubilee Celebration was the visit of His Beatitude Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil CSsR, Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Church on 28th January 2004. His Beatitude blessed and unveiled the Silver Jubilee Slab.

Families:	160
Activities:	Holy Qurbana, Catechism, and Ward Prayer Meeting
Associations :	Mathrujyothis, Vincent de Paul, Altar Boys, St. Sebastian's Youth Association, Choir and Couples in Jesus Christ.

✓ 2. BOMMANAHALLI ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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Bommanahalli
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- Asst. Parish Priest:** Fr. Sunny Punnelparambil cmi
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Brief History:

Bommanahalli Parish started as a ward of St. Thomas parish on 7th August 1993. Fr. John Marius was the first Priest-in-charge at St. Mary's Bommanahalli. He and Fr. Joseph Pathrapankal worked hard and collected money to buy the land in 1994 and 1995 for the church.

In 1994 a plot of land was purchased in view of building up a Church. Since 1993 Holy Qurbana had been celebrated on Sundays at various structures at Bommanahalli. By the hard work of Rev. Fr. Anto Thekkudan CMI, the then Parish Priest of St. Thomas Forane Parish, Dharmaram College and Rev. Fr. James Narithookil CMI, the then Priest-in-charge of St. Mary's Ward, Bommanahalli, together with the parishioners a hall was constructed and was blessed on 8th September, 1997. Holy Qurbana began to be regularly celebrated in the new hall.

On September 13, 1998 the ward was erected to the status of a sub-parish by late Bishop Emmanuel Pothanamuzhy. On 26 November 1998, it was raised to a Parish and Rev. Fr. James Narithookil cmi was appointed the first Parish Priest. After Fr.

James Narithookil cmi, Rev. Fr. Thomas Kollamparambil cmi took the charge as the parish priest. In the year 2000 the parish purchased a new site adjacent to the existing property in order to construct a new parish church. The foundation stone for the new church was laid on 8th September 2002. Under the dedicated and able guidance and leadership of Fr. Thomas Kollamparambil cmi, the new parish church together with a parish hall, parish office rectory, etc., were completed in 2004. Major Archbishop Cardinal Varkey Vithayathil solemnly blessed the new parish church on July 4, 2004.

After the term of Fr. Thomas Kollamparambil in July 2005, Fr. Anto Thekkudan became the third Parish Priest appointed by the Archbishop of Bangalore. He had been Parish Priest till July 2006 and following him Fr. Joy Kakkanattu has been appointed Parish Priest in July 2006.

In St. Mary's Ward, Bommanahalli, till June 1997 SH sisters were serving and after them from September 1997 DM sisters from Madiwala took up the services at Bommanahalli Parish. Later, with the permission of the Archbishop of Bangalore, DM sisters purchased a plot of land with a house and erected their convent, Sanjo Bhavan, at Bommanahalli on 30th May 2003.

The present Holy Family Church at Hongasandra was the earlier Holy Family Ward under the St. Mary's Parish at Bommanahalli. It was in March 2001 regular Sunday Holy Qurbana started at Hongasandra. Later in 2002 a plot was purchased and a hall was constructed at Hongasandra which was later raised to a Parish, in December 2003.

Families: around 150

Activities: Daily Holy Qurbana; Sunday Catechism; Weekly Ward Prayer meeting; Annual ward day; Mathru Jyothis; St. Mary's Youth Association.

Religious Congregation(s): D.M. Sisters, Sanjo Bhavan, St. Mary's Nagar, Bommanahalli.

3. DASARAHALLI SS. JOSEPH & CLARET CHURCH

- Address:** SS. Joseph & Claret Church
Netaji Nagar, Chokkasandra
T. Dasarahalli,
Bangalore- 560 056
- Parish Priest:** Fr. Thomas Pattathil CMF
Tel. 23724118, 9980321811
- Asst. Parish Priest:** Fr. Sunny Punnelparambil cmi
Dharmaram College, Bangalore- 560 029
Tel:080 4111 6250

Brief History:

SS. Joseph and Claret Church Dasarahalli was a long standing dream coming true in the lives of the people of Dasarahalli, Chokkasandra and Peenya Area. The spiritual needs of the Syro Christian community of this area was met by Our Lady of Fatima Church, Jalahalli. Meanwhile their dreams became a reality with the establishment of St. Thomas Church, Jalahalli. In the long run the people around Peenya and Dasarahalli felt it extremely difficult to attend Eucharist and send their children to catechism classes due to availability of public transport to reach the church on time. It was a desire for a separate place of worship for the people of the... They have prayed for it and worked for it. With this in mind a plot of land was bought and the foundation stone of the church was laid... The construction work was formally begun only in the month of January. Then on, the work went on as per the schedule. The parish church was blessed on February 09, 2003, by most Rev. Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy, Archbishop of Trichur. This community of believers was erected as parish in 2004, carved out of the parish, St. Thomas church, Jalahally.

- Families:** 230
- Parishioners** 1900
- Activities:** Worship and faith formation
- Associations:** Lay Claretian Movement

✓ 4. DHARMARAM ST. THOMAS FORANE CHURCH

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Brief History / Land Marks:

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| 10 March 1983 | Decree of the erection of St. Thomas Parish at Dharmaram College Chapel, Bangalore |
| 19 March 1983 | Inauguration of the Parish by Most Rev. Dr. Pakyam Arokiaswamy, Archbishop of Bangalore; Rev. Fr. Jose Frank, CMI is appointed as the first Parish Priest of St. Thomas Parish. |
| 08 July 1984 | Fr. Job Myladyil CMI was appointed as the Parish Priest. |
| 12 May 1986 | CMI General Council approved the transfer of two acres of land to St. Thomas Parish |
| 27 July 1987 | The formation of the St. Thomas Parish Trust |

- 18 Feb 1990 Inauguration of St. Thomas Parish Parish Hall
- 16 May 1993 Fr. Anto Thekkudan, CMI was appointed the Parish Priest.
- 15 Feb. 1998 The blessing of the Parish Church by Mar Varkey Vithayathil, CSsR, Apostolic Administrator of the Syro-Malabar Church.
- 26 Sept. 1998 Erected independent parishes of St. Mary's Church, Bommanahalli, Bl. Chavara Church, Ejipura, St. Sebastian's Church, Anepalaya (Gajendranagar)
- May 1999 Fr. George Kallarckal, CMI was appointed as the Parish Priest
- 06 June 1999 St. Thomas Parish was raised to the status of a Deanery by His Grace Archbishop Ignatius Pinto.
- May 2002 Fr. John Marius Manickanamparpil, CMI was appointed as the Parish Priest.
- 29 May 2005 Fr. Mathew Koikara, CMI was appointed as the Parish Priest
- 08 Sept. 2005 Blessing and inauguration of Krupalaya, the house for the terminally ill.
- 09 Dec. 2006 Blessing of the grotto of our Lady of Fatima by Rev. Fr Antony Kariyil, CMI, Prior General.
- Families:** 2000
- Parishioners:** 8000
- Associations:** St. Vincent De Paul Society, St. Thomas Youth Association, San Thome Choir, San Thome Arts Club, Dharma Charitable Trust, St. Thomas Marriage Bureau, San Thome Employment Bureau, Asha

Nikethan Counseling Centre, St. Thomas Infotech Education, Holy Childhood, K.C.S.S.A., Matrusangam, Pithruvedi, Professionals' Forum, Christopher Workers' Movement .

Activities: Catechetical Instruction and parish library, Marriage Preparation Course, San Thome Muscial Academy.

Religious Congregation(s):

1. Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SABS)
2. Congregation of Holy Family (CHF)
3. Congregation of Mother of Carmel (CMC)
4. Congregation of Samaritan Sisters (CSS)
5. Congregation of St. Therese of Lissieux (CST)
6. Daughters of Mary (DM)
7. Franciscan Clarist Congregation (FCC)
8. Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy (HSM)
9. Jyotidan (Sisters of the Precious Blood)
10. Sacred Heart Congregation (SH)
11. Sisters of the Destitute (SD)
12. Sisters of the Poor of St. Catherine of Sienna (SDP)
13. St. Martha's Congregation (SMC)
14. St. Joseph Sisters, Kottayam

5. EJIPURA BLESSED CHAVARA CHURCH

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Dharmaram College, Bangalore - 560 029
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Asst. Parish Priest: Fr. Joby Kunnath, CMI

Brief history:

A small catholic community mostly ex-servicemen chose to settle down in Ejipura more than 25 years ago. Their devotion to St. Sebastian, which they had inherited from their native Kerala brought these families together and thus started their efforts to set up a church in Ejipura village. They had the most humble of beginnings. A small shed with a thatched roof resting on casuarinas poles was the initial Chavara Church of Ejipura. The long cherished dream of the people of God in Ejipura was fulfilled with the blessing and dedication of this church in the 1996. This was achieved due to the untiring efforts, contributions and prayers of the community along with the whole hearted support, both spiritual and monetary, rendered by the CMI Fathers from Dharmaram, especially, St. Thomas Forane Church, right from the purchase of the land, construction of the church and beyond. This community has grown and is still growing and we are around 250 families today. The parish is divided into five wards (family units).

Families: 250

Associations: St. Sebastian Welfare Association
St. Vincent De Paul Society
Bl. Alphonsa Sangham
Youth
St. Dominic Savio Association
Church Choir
Catechism

6. HEBBAGODI OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

Address: Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Electronic City P.O
Hebbagodi,
Bangalore-560 100
Tel: 27832125/ 9448840205

Parish Priest: Fr. Mathew Kalathungal msfs

Brief History:

Started in 2002. No separate church building. Mass is celebrated in SFS Latin Church.

Families: 70

Parishioners: 500

A small catholic community in Electronic City P.O. Hebbagodi, Bangalore. The long cherished dream of the people of God in this area to have a church in their own locality was fulfilled in the year 2002. This was achieved due to the untiring efforts, contributions and prayers of the community along with the whole hearted support, both spiritual and material, rendered by the CMI Fathers from Dattamangala, especially St. Thomas Forane Church, right from the purchase of the land, construction of the church and beyond. This community has grown and is still growing and we are about 250 families today. The parish is divided into the wards (family units).

- Families: 70
Associations:
St. Sebastian Welfare Association
St. Vincent de Paul Society
St. Alphonsa Sangham
Youth
St. Dominic Service Association
Church Choir
Catechism



7. HONGASSANDRA HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Brief History:

Holy Family Ward under St. Mary's Parish, Bommanahalli

Thanks to the Divine Providence, the Hongasandra ward came into existence in 1994, as a part of St. Mary's parish community, Bommanahalli. On 16th February 2001 it got the permission to celebrate Holy Eucharist in the ward on Sundays. Thus on 4th March 2001, with the generous support and good will of the Franciscan Brothers especially that of the Provincial Rev. Br. Britto, the first Holy Qurbana was concelebrated in their school building under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Sebastian Poonoly cmi, Rector, Dharmaram College and Rev. Fr. Thomas Kollamparampil cmi, the parish priest, and Rev. Fr. Francis Thonippara cmi, who was later entrusted with the care of Hongasandra ward. The ward was named Holy Family on 18th March 2001.

Purchase of the land for the construction of Church:

In 2002 a plot of land was bought for the Church. On 22nd September 2002, at Christ College, Rev. Fr. James Narithookil cmi, Rector, Dharmaram College, formally inaugurated the Holy Family Trust. With the permission and blessing of Archbishop Ignatius Pinto, on 15th August 2002, Rev. Fr. John Marius cmi, the Forane Vicar blessed the Foundation stone of the church and Rev. Fr. James Narithookil cmi, Rector Dharmaram College laid it in the presence of Rev. Fr. Francis Thonippara cmi, and the work was completed on 15-02-2003. On February 16, 2003 the newly built Holy Family Church was blessed and opened for public Worship, by His Excellency Mar Emmanuel Pothanammuzhy CMI, the late Bishop of Mananathavady.

The Status as a Parish:

On 3rd December 2003 His Eminence Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Pinto, the Archbishop of Bangalore raised this Holy Family Church to the status of a parish in order to take care of the spiritual needs of the Syro-Malabar faithful of the place and Rev. Fr. Francis Thonippara cmi was appointed as its first Parish Priest.

On 28-03-2004 Rev. Fr. Francis Thonippara cmi who served the community of the faithful for three years was transferred and Rev. Fr. Cherian Thunduparampil cmi assumed charge as the new Parish Priest. Rev. Fr. Cherian Thunduparampil cmi who served the parish for one and a half years was given a solemn send off on 4th September 2005 and Rev; Fr. Varghese Kottoor cmi, the new parish priest, was accorded a very cordial welcome. Again Rev. Fr. Varghese Kotttoor cmi got transferred and Rev. Fr. Cherian Thunduparampil cmi succeeded him as the new parish priest on 1 May 2006.

Parish Hall:

On 16th may 2004 the newly built Parish Hall in the loving memory of late Bishop Emmanuesl Pothanammuzhy was blessed.

Establishment of the S D Convent & the 'Old Age Home' of the Sisters of the Destitute.

On 10th June 2006 God blessed the parish with the presence and service of the Sisters of the Destitute in the proper territory of, and very close to the parish. The newly built convent was blessed and inaugurated by His Grace Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bangalore on 10th June. The 'Karunya Nivas' i.e., the old age home attached to the convent was officially blessed and inaugurated by His Grace Ignatius Pinto, Archbishop Emiritus of Bangalore, on 27th September 2006.

Religious Congregation(s)

1. Sisters of the Destitute
2. S.H. Sisters, Mylasandra
3. S. H. Study House (Assam Province)

Families: 301

Activities: Holy Qurbana, Catechism, Ward Prayer Meeting, etc.

Associations: Vincent De Paul
Mathrujyothis
Yuvadeepthi
Altar Boys

8. HULIMAVU SAN THOME PARISH CHURCH

Address: Hulimavu P.O., P.B. No. 7602,
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Bangalore 560 076

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Sebastian Keezheth
Phone 080-41116902, 9449721113

Brief History:

Santhome study house, the major seminary of Mananthavady Diocese was established in Bangalore, at Hulimavu on the declaration of His Grace Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy (Archbishop of Trichur). From the very beginning itself the Christian neighbours used to come and participate in the Holy Mass in the Seminary. As the number of the people increased, they themselves came to know the necessity of a Parish. Late, Rt. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Pothanmuzhy the Bishop of Mananthavady came to know the need, and declared it as a Parish, named 'Santhome Parish Church' with the permission of the Arch Diocese of Bangalore in the year of 1998. Rev. Fr. Francis Karippukkattil was appointed as the first Parish Priest, who was also the Rector of the seminary. He was followed by Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kumbakkeel, Rev. Fr. Paul Koottala and the present Parish priest is Rev. Fr. Sebastian Keezheeth.

Eventhough, there is no fixed territory for the Parish, as a general understanding, the area from Bennerghatta to J.P. Nagar-III phase comes under Santhome Parish. Now this is a fast growing and a spiritually energized parish. Now it is a grown up tree which gives shade for hundreds of spiritual refugees.

Families: 150

Parishioners: 450

Activities: Daily mass, Novena to Bl. Kunjachan & Bl. Virgin Mary, Catechism, Ward prayer

Associations: Youth movement and "Mathrusangam".

Religious Congregation(s): Marillae study House

9. JALAHALLI ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Address: St. Thomas Church, MES Ring Road,
Jalahalli P.O. Bangalore - 560 013
Tel: No. 28383175,
Email: cmfbang@gmail.com

Parish Priest: Fr. James Madappatt CMF

Brief History:

The Syro Malabar Catholics who migrated from Kerala and settled in the northern part of Bangalore, got organized themselves under the banner of "St. Sebastian's Association" from the year 1961. From 1981 to 1983 celebration of Holy Mass in Syro Malabar rite was permitted at Fatima Chrch, Jalahalli, once in a month and the service went on with the help of CMI Fathers. In 1984, the representatives of the association approached the Fathers of Claretian Seminary, Malleswarm, requesting their service and at the initiative of Claretian Fathers, the members of the association met the Syro Malabar Bishops from Kerala, during the CBCI meeting held in Bangalore in 1984. The Syro Malabar Bishops' Conference deputed His Grace Mar. Jacob Thoomkuzhy, the then Bishop of Mananthavady to make arrangements. He entrusted the Claretian Fathers with the responsibility.

In July 1984, Rev. Fr. Mathew Keechira CMF was appointed as the priest in-charge. For the next two years, the BEL (Bharat Electronics Limited) management was generous enough to avail a class room at their School for Liturgical Worship. By 1994 St. Thomas Literary and Charitable Society was formed. The society located an area of 12.5 acres of land at Jalahalli Village and gave advance to the seller with the financial assistance from Claretian Fathers. A temporary chapel was constructed in the site and was blessed on 17th February 1985 and Liturgical services went on regularly. Later when the society was unable to purchase the land, the Claretian Congregation

purchased the entire land and earmarked 1.54 acres of land for the church and its activities.

On 1st March 1989, parish was canonically erected as a Syro-Malabar parish by His Grace Most Rev. Alphonsus Mathais, the then Archbishop of Bangalore. Rev. Fr. Mathew Keechira CMF continued his service as the parish priest till 1991 and Rev. Fr. Thomas Perikilakkat CMF succeeded him. Fr. Thomas initiated the fund mobilization for the construction of a new church. In the year 1994, Rev. Fr. George Kannamthanam CMF took charge as the parish priest and speeded up the church construction process and the new church was blessed and consecrated on 25/08/1996 by His Eminence (Late) Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara, the then Major Arch Bishop of Syro-Malabar Church.

From 1998 to the middle of 2004, Rev. Fr. Thomas Thanniyanicakl CMF, Rev. Fr. Sojan Karoor CMF respectively served the Parish as Vicars and contributed significantly to the growth of the parish. At present Rev. Fr. James Madappatt CMF is rendering his service as the parish priest. Over the years, along with the Vicars, 3 Assistant Vicars, 42 trustees and a number of DM (Daughters of Mary) Sisters also contributed to the growth of the Parish.

Families:	415
Parishioners:	3020
Activities:	Holy Mass, Catechism, Prayer meeting, Annual Pilgrimage.
Associations:	Vincent De Paul, Mathru Jyothi, STYF (Santhome Youth Front), STARS (St, Thomas Art and Sports), Choir group, Altar Boys.

10. KOTHANUR DINNE LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH

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Friends Layout,
Kothanur Dinne,
Bangalore- 83

Parish Priest: Fr. Sebastian Vadakkeparambil O.Carm.
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Brief History:

The parish commenced in 1999, under St. Thomas Parish, Bangalore, with great support of O.Carm Fathers of Carmel Jyothi. In the beginning, there were only 13 families. Now, the parish has a strength of 40 families. According to the present trend, there is possibility of more families, joining the parish.

Families: 40
Parishioners: 150
Activities: Holy Mass, Catechism
Associations: Mathru Sangham
Religious Congregation(s): Carmel Jyothi

11. LINGARAJAPURAM ST. FRANCIS ASSISI CHURCH

Address: St. Francis Assisi Church
Hennur Main Road,
St. Thomas Town post,
Bangalore- 560 084.
Tel: 28465977/28465611

Parish Priest: Fr. Jose Parekattu cmi

Brief History:

Instituted the Church and first liturgical service was celebrated on Good Friday in April, 1996 at Lingarajapuram. Canonical Erection on September 28, 1998. Shifted the church to Hennur Road in June 2003.

Families : 156

Parishioners: 624

Activities: Holy Mass, Catechism

Associations : Youth Association

Religious Congregation(s): Sacred Heart Sisters

12. LOGOS NAGAR ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Address: St. Joseph's Church
29, Logos Nagar
P.B. No. 4326
Babusahib Palaya
Bangalore - 560 043
Tel. 25423371, 25454748

Parish Priest: Fr. Pius Kodakkathanath VC

Asst. Parish Priest: Fr. Varghese Parackal VC

Brief History:

Syro-Malabar Rite Parish started on February 11, 2001.

Families: 350

Parishioners: 1500

Activities: **Logos Retreat Centre** is one of the activities of the Vincentians. Rev. Fr. Varghese Parackal VC is the Director and Rev. Fr. Joseph Kalayil VC is the Asst. Director.

Associations: De Paul Social Welfare, De Paul Youth, Sunday Catechism

Religious Congregation(s): Medical Sisters of St. Joseph (MSJ)

13. MATHIKERE

ST. SEBASTIAN'S CHURCH

Address: St. Sebastian's Church
998, HMT Main Road,
Mathikere, Bangalore -560 054
Tel: Office: 080 - 23472477
Residence: 23594709
Mobile: 9449241500
Mob: (Asst.P.P) 9845087193

Parish Priest: Fr. George Kollampampil cmf

Assist Parish Priest: Fr. Martin Vithayathil cmf

Brief History:

Syro-Malabar Catholics settled in and around Yeshwantpur, Bangalore as early as 1930, developed into a united community. In the year 1955, they formed an association and systematically worked for the welfare of their community. After the second Vatican Council, they spearheaded a movement for getting their sacramental needs in Malayalam language. Though the Archbishop of Bangalore granted Malayalam services at Christ the King Church, Malleshwaram, the restrictions and non co-operative attitude of the church authorities brought discomfort among the Syro-Malabar Catholics and they continued their struggle for an exclusive Parish and Church of their own. This resulted in a canonical erection of a Syro-Malabar Parish. St. Thomas Church at Jalahalli. Syro-Malabar Catholics residing in and around Yeshwanthpur, under the leadership of Rev. Fr. George Thelliankal CMF, Asst. Vicar of St. Thomas Church Jalahalli, took up the construction of the Church at Mathikere, in the year 1991. The Church named after St. Sebastian was blessed, consecrated and opened for worship on 13th Dec 1992, by Most Rev. Joseph Kundukulam, Archbishop of Thrissur.

St. Sebastian's Church at Mathikere under the Archbishop of Bangalore was canonically erected on 08th September 1998 during the time of Fr. John Poovathany CMF. The Claretian Fathers are looking after the Parish Ministry. There is Parish Council and four Trustees for the normal functioning of the Parish and Pothuyogam is usually convened every six months.

Families: 420

Parishioners: 2750

Activities: Catechetical Classes, Parish Library, St. Sebastian's Conference, St. Vincent De Paul, Mathru Jyothi, St. Sebastian Youth Organization, SABYO Choir Group, Altar Boys

14. RAJARAJESWARI NAGAR SWARGARANI CHURCH

Address: 179, 1st Phase, II Main
BEML Layout, Rajarajeswari Nagar
Bangalore - 560 039
Tel. 26685521

Priest in Charge: Fr. George (Joy) Karukaparambil

Asst. Priest in Charge: Fr. Joseph (Jijo) Nellickakandathil

Brief History:

Swargarani Parish is a centre established specially to meet the pastoral needs of Knanaya catholic community. It was consecrated and dedicated by Archbishop Emeritus Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry, the then Bishop of Kottayam on 15th August, 2000 on the feast of the assumption of our Lady into heaven (the indianized form of the same title is Swargarani or Queen of the heavens), with the expressed consent of Most Rev. Dr. Ignatius Pinto, the former Archbishop of Bangalore.

The knanites are the descendents of a missionary immigration into Kerala, India in 345 A.D. The Knanaya Catholics of Travancore area started to migrate to Bangalore from the late 1950s. They are scattered all over the city and reside in many parishes of the Archdiocese. In order to take care of the pastoral and social needs of the Knanites, a Knanaya Catholic Association was formed in 1958. As an ethnic community, it came together and had its gathering under this organization. Ever since the inception of Mar Makil Gurukulam, the major seminary study house in Bangalore in 1990, our people started to gather here for the Holy Qurbana, religious instructions, social and cultural meetings. After the establishment of Mar Makil Gurukulam and Gurukulam Trust, Swargarani school was started under the able leadership of the Visitation Congregation.

The dedication and the consecration of the Swargarani

Church is a milestone in the history of the Knanites in Bangalore. The pastoral and the spiritual needs of the knanites are met in and through Swargarani Church and Mar Makil Gurukulam, which remain as the two main centers of knanites in Bangalore.

At present there are altogether 167 Knanaya families in Bangalore. Gurukulam is also place of gathering for the knanites, especially the youth numbering about 200 who do their nursing and other professional studies here. They are exhorted and guided to live as genuine Catholics.

At Swargarani church besides the Knanaya families, about 30 Syro-Malabar catholic families and 400 nursing students and other professionals gather regularly for the Sunday Mass and other important liturgical celebrations as per the Syro-Malabar traditions.

15. SULTHAN PALAYA BLESSED ALPHONSA CHURCH

Address: Blessed Alphonsa Church
1st Main, 5th Cross,
Bhuvanewari Nagar, Sulthan Palaya,
Mannarayapalaya, R.T. Nagar,
Bangalore- 560 032

Parish Priest: Fr. Thomas Paingottu CMF
Tel: 9480262183, 23594709
Email: paingottu@yahoo.com

Brief History:

The desire of the Syro Malabar Catholics settled in and around Sulthan Palaya, Mannaaraya Palaya, Kavgalbysandra, Chamundi Nagar, Munireddy Palaya, Sanjaya Nagar, Kempapura, etc. deeply felt need for the Holy Mass and other spiritual services in their own language and rite in the early 1990's. The faithful have personally met the parish priest of St. John the Evangelist Church (Latin) at Munireddypalaya and expressed the desire to have a single mass a week. But this demand was turned down by the parish priest and they have requested for a more relaxed arrangement of celebrating it twice a year, for Christmas and Easter. Having seen that attempt too not through, the faithful approached the Claretian Fathers and they gave moral and spiritual support from the early 1990's.

In a very short time, and attempt was made to find out the families of the Syro- Malabar faithful in the area, which was followed by the conscientization and explained to the faithful of rich liturgical heritage of the Syro-Malabar Church. There was also committee formed in order to carry out these responsibilities and they felt the need to be a united group. The works of Fr. Mathew Keechira CMF in this regard is highly acknowledged. Meantime, a society named "Blessed Alphonsa Charitable Society" was registered with Fr. Mathew Keechira CMF as its President. As the first step, in 1989 members of the

society with the help of the Claretians decided to celebrate the liturgy and approached the Ayyappa School manager and he kindly consented. Thus on Christams day, on 25th December 1989, Rev. Fr. George Nedumpalakunnel CMF presided over the first Syro-Malabar Qurbana in the area which was attended by more than 400 faithful.

There after, regular Sunday masses were celebrated in the Holy Ghost prayer hall in the Sulthanpalaya. In the beginning this prayer centre was under St. Thomas Church Jalahalli. The selfless service of Rev. Frs. Thomas Perikilakkattil CMF, George Kollamparampil CMF, to the foundation of the new community are to be accredited with heartfelt gratitude. With the financial assistance received from the Claretian Congregation, a plot of Land measuring 8000 sq.ft was purchased in 1991 at Sulthanpalaya. On 15th August 1992, Rev. Fr. Kriakose Thekkilakattil CMF, laid the foundation stone for the Church. The function was attended by more than 300 people. We deeply regard the accredited priest-in charges who have contributed to the steady development of the Church. They are Frs. Stanly Mangattu CMF, Jose Anchupankil CMF, Jose Valliyamthadam CMF and Thomas Thanniyanickal CMF. The church was erected to the level of the parish by His Grace Ignatius Pinto, the Archbishop of Bangalore on August 16, 2000. The Parish Priests who served this parish were Fr. George Kannanthanam CMF (1999-2000) and Fr. Thomas Vattukulam CMF(2001-2002). Fr. Santhosh Elavumkal CMF (2002-2007) Now Fr. Thomas Paingottu CMF has taken charge as the Parish Priest from Feb. 18th 2007.

Today, the church has all the requisites of a parish with Parish Priest, necessary registers, parish council members, youth group named FABY (Blessed Alphonsa Youth Front), a group for Ladies Viz. Matrujyothi and Vincent De Paul Society.

Families:	280
Parishioners:	2000
Associations:	Mathrujyothi, Vincent De Paul, FAB- (Blessed Alphonsa Youth Front)C h o i r Group, Altar Boys Group

16. UDAYANAGAR ST. JUDE CHURCH

- Address:** St. Jude Church,
Udayanagar,
Narayanapura, Bangalore-16
- Parish Priest:** Fr. Benny Alumkalkarottu CMI
Tel: 080 - 41116236
Email: fr.benny@christcollege.edu
- Asst. Parish Priest:** Fr. Jobi Thurackal CMI
Tel: 080-4111 6295
Email: jtthurackal@yahoo.co.in
- Families:** 180
- Parishioners:** 750
- Activities:** Catechism, Pithru Vedi, Mathru Vedi, St. Jude Youth Association, Mission League, Altar Boys Association.

Brief History:

The representatives of Malayalee Catholics of Mother of Perpetual Help Church, Udayanagar, Bangalore, in 2001, approached Rev. Fr. George Kallarackal CMI, the then parish Priest of St. Thomas Forane Church, Dharmaram College, for a priest to celebrate the Holy Mass for them in Malayalam every Sunday. With the consent of Rev. Fr. Sebastian Poonoly CMI, the then Rector of Dharmaram College, Rev. Fr. Antony Edanad CMI began to celebrate the Holy Mass for the Malayalee Catholic community of Udayanagar on April 1, 2001 onwards at Mother of Perpetual Help Church.

Rev. Fr. Benny Alumkalkarottu CMI took charge of this ministry on February 16, 2003. By the grace of God within a short span of time the community could acquire its own church building and on 8th July 2004 a Syro-Malabar Parish was erected.

Land Marks:

- 13-03-2003: First Meeting of Syro-Malabar Christians at Udayanagar
- 22-03-2003: St. Jude Trust Formation
- 04-05-2003: The Church Building was bought
- 03-07-2003: The new church was blessed by Rev. Fr. John Marius cmi (Parish Priest, St. Thomas Forane Church) The first Holy Mass by Rev. Fr. James Narithookkil cmi (Rector, Dharmaram College)
- 26-10-2003: Exposition of the Relics of St. Jude
- 08-07-2004: Erected as an independent Syro-Malabar parish and appointed Rev. Fr. Benny Alumkalkarottu cmi as the first Parish Priest by Most Rev. Dr. Ignatius Pinto, Archbishop of Bangalore.
- 04-02-2007: The foundation stone of the new church building was blessed by Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bangalore.

CENTERS

✓ 1. ASHOKNAGAR ST. SEBASTIAN'S WARD

Address: St. Sebastian's Church
Ashoknagar
Bangalore- 560 025

Priest-in-charge: Rev. Fr. Joseph Rathappilly CMI
Dharmaram College
Dharmaram College P O
Bangalore 560 029
Tel: 080 4111 6257/ 9448372730

Brief History:

The Syro-Malabar Catholics of Ashoknagar come under the jurisdiction of two Latin rite parishes namely St. Patrick and Sacred Heart Churches; we are the spiritual beneficiaries of the CMI fathers and brothers of Dharmaram College and St. Thomas Parish for 15 years. The new building is blessed and inaugurated Rev. Fr. Mathew Koikara CMI, Vicar St. Thomas Parish Dharmaram College on 18th September 2005. Rev. Frs. Davis Thattil CMI, Cherian Thunduparambil CMI, and Alex Ottaplackal CMI have supported and guided this centre's growth. Rev. Fr. Joseph Rathappilly CMI took charge of the centre in 2003. The main activities of the centre are Weekly Prayer Meetings, Hosue Visits, and Prayer for Children, Marian Sabha, Monthly Eucharistic Celebrations and Annual Retreat etc.

Activities: Monthly Eucharistic Celebrations, Prayer Meetings, Marian Sabha

Families: 36

✓ **2. ASSAYE LANE ULSOOR
ST. SEBASTIAN'S CENTRE**

- Address:** St. Sebastian's Church
Assaye Lane, Ulsoor
Bangalore
- Priest-in-charge:** Rev. Fr. Joseph Kureethara CMI
Dharmaram College
Dharmaram College P O
Bangalore- 560 029
Tel:9341094110
- Brief History:** This church was started on 23rd July 2006
- Families:** 13
- Parishioners:** 50
- Activities:** Sunday Mass and Catechism

**3. DOMLUR
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC WELFARE
ASSOCIATION**

- Address:** Holy Family Catholic Welfare Association
No. 2071, 16th C Main,
HAL IInd Stage, Indiranagar,
Bangalore, 560 008
Tel: 080- 252 68536
- Priest-in-charge:** Fr. Davis Panadan CMI
- Brief History:** 9916710071

HFCWA was started on 2nd March 1986 with 100 families, due to its social and spiritual activities many Families have joined.

- Families:** 160
- Activities:** Prayer Services

4. GOTTIGERE CARMEL JYOTI

- Address:** Carmel Jyoti,
Gottigere P.O.,
Bennerghatta Road, Bangalore - 83.
- Priest-in-Charge:** Fr. Sebastian Vadakkeparambil (Ocarm)
Phone: 26582758, Mob: 9448828724
- Members:** 300 Nursing Students

5. GOTTIGERE JEEVALAYA

- Address:** Jeevalaya, MCBS Seminary
Gottigere P.O.,
Bangalore - 83
- Superior:** Fr. Joseph Konickal MCBS
Phone: 26636290, 26532857
Mob: 9449218117
- Activities:** Holy Mass - 200 Participants - Nursing
Students

6. HILL SIDE NURSING COLLEGE

Address: Hill Side Nursing College
 9/ Hill Side Campus
 Opp. Singapoora Garden
 Gubadallala Kanakapura Main Road
 Bangalore 560 068
 Tel: 26642312, 26392911

Priest-in-charge: Rev. Fr. Jojo Parecattil CMI

Brief History:

This Nursing College is run by Bhima Chandra Education Trust. Dr. Umesh Balu is its Chairman and Mrs. Vijayalakshmi MSc is the present Principal. We have mass at 1.30 pm on every Saturday from 5th August 2006 onwards. The management is very welcoming and provides college Auditorium and all its facilities for the mass.

Members: 300

Activities: Mass, Confession, Counselling, Annual Retreat etc.



7. INDIRANAGAR ST. SEBASTIAN'S CENTRE

Address: St. Sebastian's Centre
 Indiranagar (Resurrection Church)

Priest-in-charge: Fr. Thomas Thekkel CMI
 Dharmaram College
 Dharmaram College P O
 Bangalore- 560 029
 Tel: 080 4111 6223/9448136242
 Email: thomasthekkel@hotmail.com

Brief History:

To cater to the spiritual and social aspiration of the Malayalee Catholics in and around the Resurrection Church parish, the St. Sebastian's Welfare Association was established on 5th September 1982. The activities of our association is basically within the parish areas of Byappanahalli, Michael Palaya, Indira Nagar, Sudhagunta Palaya, and Kagadaspura, the CMI Fathers have guided and extended all possible help whenever required to association.

Families:	800
Activities:	Holy Mass
Associations:	St. Sebastian's Welfare Association and Sander's Youth

8. JEEVANBHIMA NAGAR ST. THOMAS CENTER

Address:	St. Thomas Church, New Tippasandra Post, Bangalore 560075 Tel. 25614134
Priest in Charge:	Fr. Biju Panthaloookkaran SCJ
Families:	400

9. J.P NAGAR OXFORD COLLEGE

Address:	Oxford College 1st Phase, J.P. Nagar Bangalore
Priest in Charge:	Fr. Varghese Kelamparambil CMI
Members:	250 Nursing Students
Activities:	Holy Mass, Prayer Meeting

10. KALKERE VARADANA

Address:	MCBS Ashram Kalkere Bennargatta Road Bangalore - 560083
Priest in Charge:	Fr. Jose Edapparackal MCBS
Activities:	Holy Mass for 150 Nursing Students & Families

11. KASAVANAHALLY ST. AUGUSTINE STUDY HOUSE

Address:	St. Augustine Study House Norbertine Fathers Kasavanahally Carmalaram P.O. Bangalore 35 Tel: 080. 25920481/28439385
Priest-in-charge:	Fr. Francis Allumpurath
Asst. Priest:	Fr. Benny Peekunnel
Families:	75
Parishioners:	250
Activities:	Catechism, Family Prayer, House Visiting, Youth Animation.

Brief History

St. Augustine Study House is a house of studies of the Mananthavady Norbertines. This house was blessed and inaugurated by His Grace Most Rev. Ignatius Pinto, the then Archbishop of Bangalore, on 31 May 2001. Then onwards many Syro-Malabar migrants were attending the Holy Eucharist in our chapel. As the number of the migrants went up we decided to approach the Bishop for the necessary permission for a Syro- Malabar Parish. After consulting with his council Bishop gave permission for offering Mass for the Syro-Malabar faithful and to conduct catechism classes in our center. At present about 15 children are attending catechism classes. There are about 75 families settled in this area. About 250 people attend the Holy Mass on every Sunday.

12. K. NARAYANAPURA KRISTU JAYANTHI COLLEGE

- Address:** Kristu Jayanthi College
K. Narayanapura, Kuthanur P.O.
Bangalore 77
- Priest in Charge:** Fr. Isaac Poochamkulam CMI
Phone 28465611, 28465353
Mob: 9341242998
- Members:** 1300
- Activities:** H. Mass, Catechism (30 Students S.H.
Convent, Nurses

13. KODATHI CARMELARAM THEOLOGY COLLEGE

- Address:** Carmelaram Theology College
St. Antony's Church
Kodathi, Carmelaram P O
Bangalore 560 035
Tel: 28439511/28439221
- Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Pascal Koroth OCD
- Asst. Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Tobias OCD
- Rector of CTC:** Rev. Fr. Thomas Pulickal OCD
- Brief History:**

Christian presence in this part of Bangalore dates back to more than 125 years. But the first Syro- Malabar Catholic family came to this place together with the arrival of the OCD fathers who came, settled and christened this place as Carmelaram. The Archbishop of Bangalore entrusted this mis-

sion to the fathers of Carmelaram. This Mission and the Parish is of Latin Rite. But in the course of time the number of Syro-Malabar Catholic families steadily increased and the OCD fathers always assisted their spiritual needs. Now there are about 120 families in the territory of this parish. Carmelaram Theology College is the Center where the needs are taken care of. There is no canonically erected Syro-Malabar parish; His Grace the Archbishop of Bangalore Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, has directed that all spiritual assistance to the Syro-Malabar Catholics be given to them in Carmelaram under the authority of the Parish Priest of St. Antony's Church, Kodathi. So at present, there is no separate Syro-Malabar Parish here and consequently there is no structural set up of different functionaries as in an established Syro-Malabar Parish.

Families: 120

Activities: Sunday Mass, Catechism, Family Prayer, Family welfare Programs

Religious Congregation(s): Carmel Convent, Carmelaram Karunalayam Convent

✓ 14. KORAMANGALA MARY MATHA CENTRE

Address: Mary Matha Church

Priest-in-charge: Rev. Fr. Jose Thachukunnel CMI
Dharmaram College
Dharmaram College P O
Bangalore 560 0
Tel: 080 - 4111 6230/ 9886108008

Brief History:

Thanks to the Divine Providence, the Mary Matha ward came in to existence in 1989, as a part of St. Thomas's parish community, Dharmaram College. On 15th August 1992 it got the

permission to celebrate Holy Eucharist in the ward on Sundays. With the generous support and good will of the Franciscan Brothers the first Holy Qurbana was concelebrated in their school building under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Job Myladiyil CMI, Rector, Vicar of St. Thomas Church, Dharmaram College. Rev. Fr. George Kochuparambil CMI, who was entrusted with the care of Mary Matha centre. The center grew under the leadership of Rev. Frs. Paul Achandy CMI, Joy Alappattu CMI, Jacob Alackal CMI, Antony Kalliyath cmi and Rev. Fr. Jose Thachukunnel CMI succeeded him as the new parish priest in 2002. The Holy Qurbana is offered in the Franciscan Brothers Chapel.

Activities:	Holy Mass, Catechism, Mathrusngam, Mary Matha Youth Association, Altar Boys
Families:	250
Parishioners:	1000

15. MILITARY POLICE CHAPEL

Address:	Military Police Chapel Camp Military Police Hosur Road Bangalore-560 030
Priest-in-charge:	Rev. Fr. Anto Pudusery CMI Dharmaram College Dharmaram College P O Bangalore- 560 029 Tel: 080 4111 6262
Brief History:	The Parishioners are the trainees of Military Police. Most of them are Youth.
Parishioners:	60
Activities:	Sunday Mass

16. RAMAMURTHY NAGAR HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

- Address:** Holy Family Church
Ramamurthy Nagar main Road
Dooravaninagar P.O.
Bangalore 560 016
- Priest in Charge:** Fr. Michael OSB
Tel: 28474118
- Parishioners:** 400
- Activities:** Holy Mass

✓ 17. SAMPANGIRAM NAGAR (CITY WARD) BLESSED ALPHONSA CENTRE

- Address:** Bl. Alphonsa Centre
No. 8, 4th Main Road
1stCross, Sampangi RamNagar
Bangalore-27
- Priest- in-charge:** Fr. Francis Kanichikattil CMI
Tel: 080 41116232
E-mail:kanichikattil@yahoo.com

Brief History:

It was in December 1996, the long cherished dream of the faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church in city areas came true, when His Excellency Bp. Emmanuel Pothanamuzhy opened a center under the patronage of Bl. Alphonsa, 'the Little Flower' of the Christian people of Kerala. It is to be remembered with gratitude the leadership and foresight of Rev. Frs. Anto

Thekkudan CMI and Paulson Thaliath who were the Vicar and Asst. Vicar of St. Thomas Forane Church in 1996.

Rev. Fr. Francis Kanichikkattil CMI of Dharmaram College was appointed as Priest-in-charge of the centre in June 1997. After the initial difficulties the centre developed very soon into an ideal Christian community. At present there are about 50 families, most of them live in rented houses within one k.m. from the center. Regular Mass on every Sunday at 8.30 is celebrated. The participation of the people and the Liturgical Music are Praiseworthy. The Christmas and other Solemn Feasts are celebrated nicely with the participation of the people.

Besides number of youngsters who work in the Car Automobiles, nurses from nearby hospitals and nurse-students participate in the Sunday Mass.

Families:	50
Associations:	St. Sebastian's Association, Mothers' Association, Bl. Alphonsa Youth
Activities:	Sunday Mass, Catechism, Prayer Meetings, Classes for Youth and Mothers, Bible Classes.

18. S.G. PALYA VIDYA BHAVAN

Address: Vidya Bhavan,
CST Fathers, P.B. No. 2903,
Christ School Road,
Dharmaram College P.O.,
Bangalore- 560 029.
Tel: 080- 26687563, 26787572

Superior and Rector: Fr. Joseph Muppattayil CST

Brief History:

Vidya Bhavan was originally meant for our seminarians studying at Christ College. His Grace Rt. Rev. P. Arokiasamy, the then Arch Bishop of Bangalore blessed it on November 13, 1978. The chapel was blessed by Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy on February 25, 1980. Novitiate training for our Province was conducted here for the years 1994-97. At present Vidya Bhavan is a study house for our major seminarians who attend the DVK, Dharmaram College. RRC is a centre envisaged for the Spiritual renewal of the people, started and supported congregation

19. S.G. PALYA RENEWAL RETREAT CENTRE

Director: Fr. George Jacob Poothakuzhy cst
Administrator: Fr. Jose Ezhanikatt cst
Phone: 080- 26683988, 26685568, 26687674.

Brief History:

This retreat center belongs to the CST (Little Flower Congregation) Fathers. It started its functions in 1993 for the glory of God and salvation of the souls through various activities such as retreats, renewal courses, Adoration, Holy Mass, and Night Vigil and intercessory prayers for all people. Our works of mercy like feeding the poor and assisting in poor girls' marriages, Medicare, poor children's education, housing and so on, besides running a marriage bureau, intimation of job opportunities and offering counseling to the needy are all facilitated by the Karunya Trust. All our helping services are rendered to people irrespective of their caste, creed, language and state of origin free of charge.

The distinguishing feature of this Retreat Centre is that no participant needs to pay for the retreat or the food and accommodation provided. It is the hallmark of this Centre, which one can find nowhere else in the world. Our Virunnu Fund meets all the expenses of this section.

The retreat programmes are given in five languages- Kannada, English, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani. Prayers of Adoration and intercession are raised to God Almighty twenty-four hours a day.

The monthly Renewal Voice published from this centre currently in English and Malayalam, is read in all the nations. It is the extended arm of our Evangelization Programme.



20. ULSOOR ST. SEBASTIAN'S ASSOCIATION

Address: St. Sebastian's Welfare Association
Ulsoor, Bangalore

Priest-in-charge: Fr. Abraham Vettiyankal CMI
Dharmaram College
Dharmaram College PO
Bangalore 29. Tel: 080
41116247 / 9448491313
Email: chandrakunnel@hotmail.com

Brief History:
St. Sebastian's Association is formed on 1st February 1970. Fathers from Kristu Jyothi College came and celebrated the Mass on Sundays. Fr. Josekutty Padinjarepeedika CMI was the first Priest-in-charge of the centre and succeeded him Rev. Fr. Mathew Chandrankunnel CMI.

Families: 200

Activities: Sunday Mass, Catechism, Payer Meetings, Annual Feast of St. Sebastian etc.

21. VIJAYANAGAR MARY MATHA CHURCH

Address: Mary Matha Church
24, Pipeline Road,
Vijayanagar
Bangalore 560 040
Tel: 9448449931

Priest-in-charge: Fr. Tomy M V CMF

Brief History:

Mary Matha Church is a small community of around 70 families and a few hundreds of students. Numerically we are around 600. The present church building is a temporary structure at a 1700 sq.ft. site. It was blessed and opened on 25th of February 2001.

The community covers the areas of Vijayanagar, RPC Layout, Rajajinagar, Basavaswaranagar, Kamakshipalaya, Sundarghatta, Nagarbhavi, Chandra Layout, Mysore Road, Chamarajpet, Telecom Layout, Binny Layout etc.

The beginning of this Catholic community could be traced back to the year 1985. It all began with a weekly Mass for the Pharmacy students of St. John's Pharmacy College, Vijayanagar. The college made the arrangements for the Holy Mass in one of its classrooms till 1993. Meanwhile the Malayalee families around the locality had come to know of the celebration of Malayalam Mass in the college and had started to take part in it. From 1994 to 2001 February, the Holy Mass was celebrated in New Cambridge High School, Vijayanagar. During these initial years the pastoral needs of this small community was met by Rev. Frs. Mathew Keechira, Joseph Panthiruvellil, Xavier Manavath, Jacob Arackal and Joseph Areeckathundathil.

Under the initiative of Rev. Fr. Joseph Areeckathundathil, St. Thomas Delegation bought and registered a 1700 sq.ft. site in Pipe Line Road area on 4th November 1999. On 20th

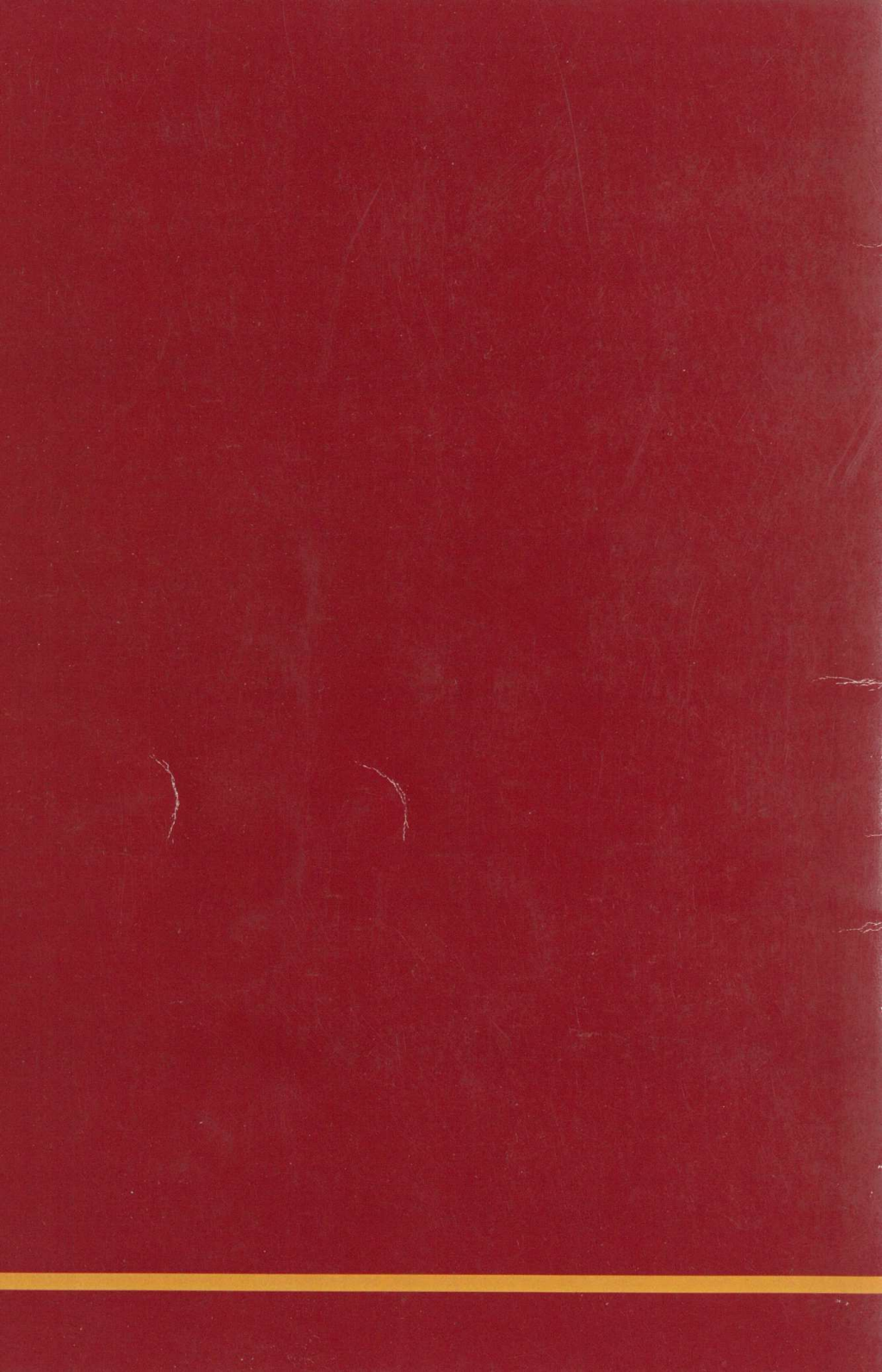
November 2000, the Congregation applied for the permission to construct a temporary structure for the Church to Bangalore Archbishop, Most Rev. Dr. Ignatius Pinto. The Archbishop granted the permission for the same on 18th December 2000. From then on the construction work was undertaken by a committee comprising of the priest-in-charge, Fr. Joseph Areeckathundathil, Mr. Marcel Thomas, Mr. Joy Koyithara and Mrs. Thresia Mathew. The construction was completed by 24th of February and the church was blessed on 25th of February 2001.

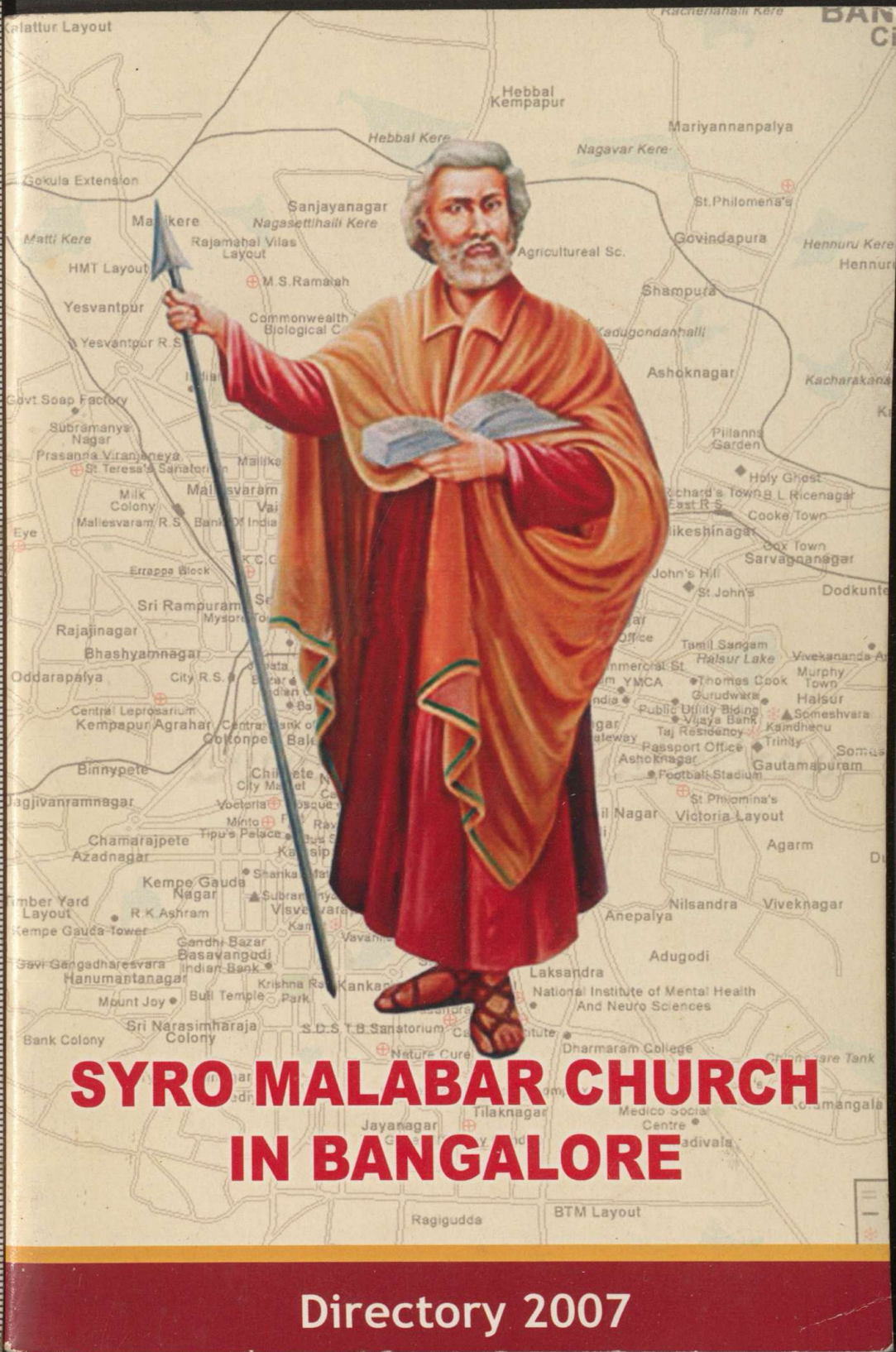
In June 2001 Fr. Joseph was transferred and Rev. Fr. Abraham Valiyakandam took charge as the priest-in-charge. Fr. Abraham catered to the pastoral needs of this community till February 1st 2003. What was in the beginning a group of few Pharmacy students from Kerala had by now flourished in to a community of around forty-five families and a few hundred students. The community also had organized itself into Parish Council, Youth Group (MACYA), regular Catechism classes, etc.

On February 2nd 2003, Fr. Abraham was transferred and Rev. Fr. Tomy Mundankunnel took charge as the Priest-in-charge. At present as per the register we have around 100 registered families and more than 400 students who regularly attend the Holy Mass and other pastoral services. Every month we have a couple of families taking membership in our community.

Associations: MACYA- Youth Organization, Mathru Jyothi, Altar Boys and Girls

Activities: Holy Mass, Novena to St. Jude, Catechism





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