



COIMBATORE NEWS LETTER

September 2026



Highlights of previous Month



**Awarding the 10th and 12th top Students -
Catholic Association, Jeeva Jothi Ashram, Coimbatore**



**Feast Mass and Sacraments of
Holy Communion and Confirmation,
Sagayamadha Church, Jothipuram**



**Feast Mass and Sacraments of
Holy Communion and Confirmation,
Sagayamadha Church, Sulur**



**Feast Mass and Sacraments of
Holy Communion and Confirmation,
St. Ignatius' Church, Somanur**



**Holy Mass and Installation of the Holy Relic of
St. Antony of Padua, St. Antony's Church, Mettupalayam**



**Holy Mass, Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation -
Our Lady of Holy Rosary Basilica, Karumathampatti**



**Ongoing Formation Programme for Diocesan Priests
(Ordained 1996-2008) - Jeeva Jothi Ashram, Bishop's House**



**Youth Praise and Worship,
St. Michael's Cathedral, Coimbatore**

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Intention of the Pope

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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Pope's Message

***“They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks” (Isaiah 2:4)***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Lord Jesus Christ came so that we might have life and have it in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). This gift of life lies at the very heart of our mission as disciples and of our shared calling to build a civilization of love. As we observe this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, we are once again invited to contemplate the gift of life and to cherish the earth that sustains it, for they are tangible ways of offering praise to our Creator.

Today, we are witnessing many crises and much human suffering. At the same time, it seems that the disruption to the harmonious balance of creation is accelerating. These phenomena are not unrelated; they are a single plea for healing and peace arising from a wounded world.

The God of life, revealed in Jesus Christ, offers a peace that the world cannot give: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (Jn 14:27). This peace is neither superficial nor fleeting; it flows from the enduring love of Christ and his care for every human person.

Yet this promise of peace stands in stark contrast to the realities we see in many parts of the world. The prophet Isaiah spoke of a time when nations “shall beat their swords into plowshares” (Is 2:4), transforming what destroys life into what sustains it. But today, we too often witness the very opposite, as efforts continue to be directed toward violence and war.

War leaves wounds that extend far beyond the battlefield. It claims lives, tears families apart and forces millions to flee their

homes, thereby deepening fear, injustice and division (cf. [*Gaudium et Spes*, 77-82](#)). War also leaves behind social and ecological destruction that endures for generations. Moreover, the interaction between armed conflicts and environmental degradation often creates a vicious cycle, which destroys ecosystems, contaminates essential resources, such as air and water, and undermines food security. This fuels poverty, inequality, and new social tensions that can contribute to the emergence of further conflicts.

What is more, war creates wounds that damage the whole fabric of life, harming not only individual persons and communities, but also their broader network of relationships with the whole human family, and their harmony with creation. It reveals a deeper failure to live in God's image and likeness, to respect life and to care for the earth entrusted to us. This is not only a political failure, but also a moral and spiritual one. Rooted in distorted desires and the misuse of human freedom and power, war stands as a counter-witness to the Gospel of peace.

The above-mentioned crises call not only for responsibility but also for a conversion of heart that will bear fruit in a deeper fidelity to God, love of one another and respect for the gift of creation. Indeed, the discord we see in the world, such as violence, injustice and ecological degradation, is not simply the result of flawed systems or structures; it is a “symptom of the deeper dichotomy that is rooted in humanity itself” ([*Gaudium et Spes*, 10](#)). In fact, the human heart is the place where the deepest struggles unfold and our fallen condition reveals itself. It is not merely the seat of emotion, but the center of the person — the place where reason, desire, will and conscience converge. It is here that we wrestle with the contradictory desires within us between love and indifference, truth and illusion, justice and injustice (cf. Jas 1:14–15). The wounds of war and the degradation of the earth, then, are profoundly linked to the condition of the human heart. The conflicts that torment humanity

are in many ways the outward expression of interior discord and division. When the heart is distorted, relationships suffer, and the structures we build begin to reflect that disorder.

Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that “the external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast” (Homily for the Solemn Inauguration of the Petrine Ministry, 24 April 2005). This calls us to recognize that, in some way, what is broken around is also broken within us. In order to build a peaceful society, therefore, we must not only reform structures but also renew our hearts. The deep-set causes of conflict and the exploitation of creation stem from an ethical and cultural crisis, including the loss of a sense of limits, the desire for domination, the pursuit of immediate profit, and the inability to recognize the God-given dignity of each human person.

The prophetic call to “beat swords into plowshares” (Is 2:4) is therefore not only a vision for nations, but a call to each person. It invites us to transform harm into life. Yet this transformation cannot be achieved through external change alone. It requires, through cooperating with God's grace, a deeper personal and collective conversion — a returning to God, who will reorder our desires, heal our wounds and help us grow in virtue.

Without this inner transformation, peace will remain fragile and short-lived. But where hearts are renewed, new possibilities begin to open. What has been used for destruction can be redirected toward life, toward the care of the poor, the nourishment of the hungry, and the safeguarding of creation. This is the path of authentic ecological conversion, where the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us (cf. Francis, 'Laudato Si, 217). Peace, then, begins in the heart and flows outward to our relationships, communities and the broader world.

Although the challenges before us are enormous, God does not leave us without the means of healing and transformation. In place of the weapons of war, the God of peace grants us the strength to heal, to reconcile and to build a civilization of love. In this way, we are called to safeguard the many “ecosystems” entrusted to us: the ecosystems of creation, of human relationships and of the human heart itself.

Let us imagine a world in which the energies currently invested in war are directed toward integral human development, to overcoming poverty, protecting human dignity and reconciling divided peoples. Such a vision reflects faith in the coming of God's Kingdom.

The true tools for building peace are not weapons of destruction, instead they are truth, dialogue, patience, goodness, justice, mercy, understanding, care and love. These flow from hearts shaped by the Gospel and sustained by God's grace. Only these qualities possess the power to transform individuals, renew communities and heal the wounds of our world.

Dear brothers and sisters, the path before us is clear, though it is not easy. We are called to allow our hearts to be renewed, so that we might seek peace and care for creation. Scripture tells us to guard our hearts, for everything we do flows from them (cf. Prov 4:23).

If we take up this task with humility and faith, we will become collaborators in God's work of renewal. We will move, slowly but surely, from desert to garden, from division to communion, and from violence to peace.

May the Lord grant us the courage to walk along this path, so that in our time, swords may indeed be beaten into plowshares, and the promise of the Gospel may take deeper root in our world, and the peace of Christ may reign over all of creation.



Bishop's Message

Dear Reverend Fathers, Religious, and People of God,

The month of September arrives as a season of sacred splendour for the Catholic faithful of Tamil Nadu, as we gather in heartfelt devotion to honour the Nativity of our Blessed Mother, Mary. Across our state, this cherished solemnity is lovingly celebrated as the Feast of Our Lady of Vailankanni, Our Lady of Good Health. Within our own diocese, where several churches stand consecrated in her honour, I extend to each of you my warmest and most joyful greetings on this glorious festival of her earthly dawn.

The birth of the Blessed Virgin cast a radiant beam of hope across the horizon of all humankind. She stands forever as the morning star of our redemption and the pure dawn of eternal salvation, inextricably woven into the divine advent of Emmanuel—God with us. From the depths of eternity, God selected Mary to be the immaculate mother of the Redeemer, shielding her by a singular grace from every stain of original sin from the very moment of her conception. Adorned in fullness of grace, she was born a saint of peerless beauty. Saint Alphonsus Liguori said that she was born a great saint. Saint Elizabeth proclaimed: “Blessed are you among women” (Luke 1:42). This sacred feast gently summons us to contemplate her profound integration into God's grand design of redemption, honouring

the steadfast devotion with which she whispered her fiat at the Annunciation and lived it faithfully unto the end.

As September unfolds, our hearts also turn toward the glorious Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, the celestial patron of our cathedral and the exalted protector of our diocese. As the illustrious Prince of the Heavenly Host, his very name echoes the sacred battle cry: “Who is like unto God?” Renowned across Holy Scripture—in the books of Daniel, Jude, and Revelation—Saint Michael is venerated as the mighty warrior who cast Lucifer and his rebellious angels from the heights of heaven. Christian tradition allots him four sacred offices: as the champion who wages war against the adversary, the defender who delivers faithful souls from darkness at the hour of death, the steadfast guardian of God’s covenant people, and the celestial guide who escorts departing souls before the divine throne of judgment.

On this triumphant occasion, I offer my prayers and blessings to you all. We convey our warmest festive wishes to the Congregation of the Brothers of Saint Michael, praying that their heavenly patron bestows upon them an abundance of grace, strength, and divine joy. May the Almighty shower His richest blessings upon you all.

Yours devotedly in Christ,
+L. Thomas Aquinas
Bishop of Coimbatore



Bishop's Engagements

Date/Time	Programme	Place
02.09.2026 Wed / Mor	Feast Mass and Reception of the Sacred Relics of St. Benedict Cottalango	Cottalango Convent, Sowripalayam
05.09.2026 Sat / Mor	Silver Jubilee Mass and Celebration of Sr. Gracy Immanuel LSP	Little Sisters of the Poor, Home for the Aged, Thindal
06.09.2026 Sun / Eve	Feast Mass	Our lady of Velankanni Church, Palladam
08.09.2026 Tue / Eve	Feast Mass of Our lady of Velankanni	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Pollachi
12.09.2026 Sat / Mor	Convocation Day	Bishop Ambrose College, Sungam By-Pass Road
14.09.-2026 Mon / Mor	Recollection	Jeeva Jothi Ashram, Coimbatore
17.09.2026 Thu / Mor	Nuptial Mass	Our Lady of Holy Rosary Basilica, Karumathampatti
20.09.2026 Sun / Mor	Holy Mass, Blessing of the New Flag Pole and Flag Hoisting	St. Mother Teresa Church, Thindal
21.09.2026 Mon / Mor	Parochial Feast Celebration	
24.09.2026 to 26.09.2026	Board Meeting	St. Peter's Seminary, Bengaluru
27.09.2026 Sun / Mor	Feast Mass and the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation	St. Michael's Cathedral, Coimbatore
Noon	Feast Mass of Our Lady Undoer of Knots	Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Valipalayam

From Vicar General's Desk

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Greetings from Fr. Vicar General,

This month, the Diocesan level monthly recollection will be in 14th September, 2026, Monday at Bishop's House. Please come without fail.

10.00 AM – Coffee

10.30 AM – Talk followed by Adoration and Confession

12.30 PM – Lunch

MEDICAL FUND PAID FROM 28.07.2026 TO 26.08.2026

S.No	PARISH	AMOUNT
1	RATHINAPURI PARISH	10,000.00
2	SOWRIPALAYAM PARISH	7,000.00
3	RS PURAM PARISH	10,000.00
4	SOWRIPALAYAM PARISH	10,000.00
5	RS PURAM PARISH	10,000.00
6	PALLADAM PARISH	7,000.00
7	PULIAKULAM PARISH	5,000.00
8	SOWRIPALAYAM PARISH	5,000.00
9	PALLADAM PARISH	10,000.00
10	KUNIAMUTHUR PARISH	10,000.00
11	RATHINAPURI PARISH	10,000.00
12	ST. CATHERINE'S TIRUPUR PARISH	10,000.00
	TOTAL	1,04,000.00

V. Rev. Msgr. P. Melchior
Vicar General,
Diocese of Coimbatore.



ஜீவஜோதி அருட்பணி மைய செய்திகள்

அன்புத் தந்தையர்களே! வணக்கங்களும், வாழ்த்துக்களும்!

செப்டம்பர் மாதம் திருமண கருத்தரங்கு வகுப்பானது இரண்டாம் சனிக்கிழமை மற்றும் ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை (12.09.2026 & 13.09.2026) அன்று ஜீவஜோதி அருட்பணி மையத்தில் நடைபெறும். ஞாயிறு (13.09.2026) பெற்றோருக்கான கருத்தரங்கு நடைபெறும்.

அடுத்த மாதங்கள் நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்:

அக்டோபர்	10.10.2026 & 11.10.2026
நவம்பர்	14.11.2026 & 15.11.2026
டிசம்பர்	12.12.2026 & 13.12.2026

இடம்: ஜீவஜோதி அருட்பணி மையம்

நேரம்: காலை 9.00 மணிமுதல் மாலை 4.30 மணிவரை

கட்டணம்: ரூ.800/-

பங்குத்தந்தையின் கனவான கவனத்திற்கு:

1. திருமண கருத்தரங்கு காலை 9.30 மணிக்கு ஆரம்பமாகிறது. எனவே பங்கேற்பாளர்கள் சரியாக 9.00 மணிக்கு இங்கு இருக்கும்படி வலியுறுத்தவும். ஒருசிலர் காலதாமதமாக 10.00 (அ) 10.30 மணிக்கு வருகை தருகின்றார்கள். எனவே நீங்கள் அறிவிக்கும் போது நேரத்தையும் அறிவிக்கவும்.

2. பெற்றோர் கருத்தமர்வு ஞாயிறு நடைபெறுகிறது. அதற்கும் நீங்கள் வலியுறுத்தும்படி கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறோம். அவர்களுக்கும் நாங்கள் சான்றிதழ் வழங்குகிறோம். எனவே அதை கொண்டு வரச்சொல்லி சரிபார்க்கவும்.

உங்களின் ஒத்துழைப்புக்கு நன்றி

அருட்பணி D. ஆண்டனி ஜேசுராஜ்,
அருட்பணி மைய இயக்குநர்

பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு:

பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு கோவை மறைமாவட்டம்

தாத்தா பாட்டிகள் தினம் பல பங்குகளில் ஆகஸ்டு மாதம் பெண்கள் பணிக்குழுவால் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது.

பொள்ளாச்சி லூர்து அன்னை ஆலய பெண்கள் பணிக்குழுவும் ஜான் போஸ்கோ பெண்கள் பணிக்குழுவும் முதியோர் இல்லம் சென்று முதியோரை சந்தித்து போட்டிகள் நடத்தி பரிசுகள் கொடுத்து இனிப்புகள் வழங்கினர்.



கோவை புதூர் ஒண்டிபுதூர் பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு திருப்பலி சிறப்பித்து முதியோரை கௌரவித்து மகிழ்வித்தனர்.

காட்டூர் கிறிஸ்து அரசர் ஆலய பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு ஆலயத்திற்கு வரமுடியாமல் நோய்வாய்ப்பட்டிருந்த குடும்பங்களை சந்தித்து அவர்களோடு செபித்து பரிசு பொருட்கள் வழங்கினர்.



திருப்புர் குமார் நகரில் புதிதாக புனித சூசையப்பர் பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டது. கவுண்டம்பாளையம் பங்கில் பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு திருமண தகவல் மையமும் வேலை வாய்ப்பு மையமும் தொடங்கியுள்ளனர். ஒத்துழைப்பு நல்கிய பங்குதந்தையர்களுக்கு நன்றி.

நன்றி



அருட்சகோதரி .ரெஜினா
பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு செயலர்

News from CRI

Dear Rev. Fathers & Sisters,

Report -On DCRI General Annual Assembly 2026

The DCRI General Annual Assembly 2026 was held on 4 August 2026. The programme began with registration and the Inaugural Prayer, followed by the Welcome Address and the Keynote Address was given by Rev. Sr. Maria Philomi FBS, President, TNCRI.

The executive members of DCRI of Coimbatore Rev. Fr. Felix SDB the president, Sr. Josephine.FSPM, Vice President and Bro. Joe Prakash Treasurer participated in the meeting. The first session, led by Rev. Fr. Patrick MSFS, focused on "Unity for



Peace - Commitment to Humanity." This was followed by zone-wise reports from various DCRI regions, highlighting their activities and initiatives.

In the afternoon, further zone-wise reports and group sharing were conducted by Rev. Sr. Joyce MSSM and Rev. Br. Victor Dass SHJ. The day continued with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Fr. Felix SDB.

The new members were welcomed by Rev. Sr. Nambikai SAP, Secretary, and honoured by Rev. Br. Victor Dass SHJ. The Assembly concluded with the Vote of Thanks by DCRI Kottar.

The Annual Assembly was a meaningful gathering of prayer, reflection, sharing, fellowship, and renewed commitment to unity and service.

REPORT OF THE MEETING

A meeting of the CRI office bearers of six vicariates was held on 26.08.2026 to discuss and plan the activities for the coming



year. The meeting began with a warm welcome and an opportunity for the members to introduce themselves and build rapport.

Proceedings of the Meeting

1. Introduction and Rapport Building

The meeting commenced with introductions, enabling the members to get to know one another and establish a friendly and collaborative atmosphere.

2. Welcome Address

Fr. Mahesh, Rector of Anbu Illam, delivered the welcome address. He warmly welcomed all the participants and expressed his appreciation for their presence and cooperation.

3. Annual Plan

The members discussed the activities and programmes to be undertaken during the year as follows



- Prayer Cards to be distributed on 03.10.2026.at Karumathampatti during Holy Mass for religious
- Rally for Peace and Seminar for Youth on 06.02.2027. at Lourdupuram (From Avinasi).
- Interreligious dialogue and Christmas gathering of CRI on 12.12.2026.
- Blood Donation camp at vicariate level.

4. Vicariate-Level Programme

The members discussed Vicariate-level programme. Suggestions were shared to ensure effective participation and successful implementation.

Conclusion

The meeting was conducted in a spirit of unity, collaboration, and shared responsibility. The members expressed their willingness to work together for the successful implementation of the annual plan and the upcoming programmes.

The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks by Rev. Fr. Felix, the President to all the participants for their valuable presence, suggestions, and cooperation.



News from CDYC

Coimbatore Diocese Youth Ministry – August 2026

The month of August was a joyful and grace-filled month for the youth of the Diocese of Coimbatore, with several programmes organized to strengthen their faith, fellowship, and active participation in the life of the Church.

On **2 August 2026, Youth Sunday** was celebrated in various parishes across the diocese with **flag hoisting ceremonies, Holy Masses, and youth gatherings**. At **St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ganapathy**, a special youth meeting was organized to encourage and inspire the young people in their faith journey and their active involvement in parish life.

On the same evening, the Coimbatore Diocese Youth Commission organized a special **Praise and Worship Evening, “The Roar of Praise,”** at the Cathedral campus. Around **1,000 people participated**, including **more than 600 youth** from different parishes of the diocese. The prayer service was led by **Rev. Fr. Antony Selvaraj** and **Rev. Fr. Xavier Gladious**. Nearly **72 young people came together to form the choir**, leading the congregation in vibrant praise and worship. The programme became a beautiful celebration of faith, unity, and the joyful witness of the young people of the diocese.

On **9 August**, a special **Youth Mass and flag-hoisting ceremony** was held at **Our Lady of Velankanni Church, Palladam**, bringing together the parish youth for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement.

On **16 August**, another significant youth celebration was held, featuring **Youth Mass, flag hoisting, and the veneration of the relic of St. Carlo Acutis**.

As part of the upcoming youth activities, the **Coimbatore Diocese Youth Commission** is organizing a **Diocesan Youth Cricket Tournament** at the end of August and the beginning of September. The tournament aims to promote friendship, unity, teamwork, and fellowship among the youth of the diocese. Around **24 teams have already registered** for the tournament.

The Diocese of Coimbatore continues to encourage and accompany its young people through faith-based, spiritual, cultural, and sporting activities, helping them to grow as committed and joyful witnesses of Christ.



Visit - Palladam Parish



Visit -Avinashi parish



The Roar of Praise



Visit – Ganapathy Parish

*With Love in Christ,
Rev. Fr. C. Vincent Pushparaj
Secretary, CDYC*



News from CMSSS

Greetings from CMSSS

Dear Fathers

DOMESTIC WORKERS UNION CLUSTER FORMATION

As part of strengthening the Domestic Workers Union, a four-day cluster formation programme was conducted across the four regions of Coimbatore, Kinathukadavu, Pollachi, and Udumalpet. The programme aimed to



organise domestic workers into local clusters, create awareness of their rights, and encourage

collective participation. During



these meetings, six new groups were successfully formed and enrolled to become part of the Domestic Workers Union. The

process of registering the union is currently in progress, and the necessary legal formalities are being completed. Beneficiary identity cards

will soon be distributed to all registered workers, enabling them to become official



members of the union and access various



welfare benefits, training opportunities, and social security schemes through the collective strength of the union.

SURVEY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS)

CMSSS has initiated a comprehensive survey of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) across various locations in Coimbatore District to identify eligible beneficiaries and facilitate their access to government welfare schemes. During the survey, detailed individual information was collected using a structured



questionnaire consisting of 33 questions covering personal, family, socio-economic, and disability-related details. Coordinators visited each beneficiary, completed the questionnaire through direct interaction, and collected passport-size photographs to support the documentation process. These records will be compiled and

submitted to the District Collectorate for future filing and follow-up. As of now, data from 50 persons with disabilities has been successfully collected. The



survey is progressing steadily and is expected to strengthen the



inclusion of PwDs in government welfare programmes and ensure that deserving individuals receive the benefits and services available to them.

NEW GROUP FORMATIONS

As part of the community development initiative, four new self-help groups were formed across the regions of Coimbatore, Kinathukadavu, and Pollachi. The regional



coordinators met with the newly enrolled members and conducted orientation sessions on the significance of collective group functioning and the benefits and privileges of being members. They explained the procedures for conducting regular



meetings, maintaining group discipline, and ensuring active participation. Guidance was also provided on opening bank accounts, accessing bank loans,

and managing internal lending among members. To strengthen transparency and accountability, the coordinators distributed minutes books and accounts registers and demonstrated their proper maintenance. The programme enabled the members to understand their roles and responsibilities, laying a strong foundation for the effective and sustainable functioning of the newly formed groups.



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

As part of CMSSS's ongoing humanitarian outreach, a relief assistance programme was conducted this month in the hill regions of Valparai, covering Mudis, Valparai, Sholayar Dam, and Iyerpady. The programme aimed to support deserving and marginalized families who are particularly vulnerable during the monsoon season. Dry ration kits containing essential food items were distributed to selected beneficiaries in





each of these areas to ensure food security. In addition, tarpaulins were provided to twenty households to protect their homes from heavy rains and adverse weather conditions. The beneficiaries were

carefully identified based on their socio-economic conditions and immediate needs through field assessments conducted by the coordinators. The programme brought timely support and reassurance to vulnerable families, reflecting CMSSS's continued commitment to serving disadvantaged communities with compassion and dignity.



DOMESTIC WORKERS UNION MEETINGS

Domestic Workers Union meetings were successfully conducted at Highways and Kaalukuzhi during the month. The meetings witnessed the active participation of 100 domestic workers from the respective areas. Sr. Clarammal served as the resource person and delivered an informative session on the



importance and necessity of forming a strong union for domestic workers. She explained the various welfare schemes and benefits available to workers through

union membership and encouraged them to actively participate in collective initiatives. She also created awareness on domestic harassment, highlighting the rights of workers and the need to seek support and protection against exploitation and abuse. During the meetings, the process of collecting subscriptions for the union was initiated, and local leaders were selected to coordinate future activities. I sincerely thank the regional coordinator for organizing these meetings successfully and ensuring the enthusiastic participation of the workers.



DRUG-FREE SOCIETY MASTER VOLUNTEERS PROGRAMME

A Drug-Free Society Master Trainers Programme was organized at Plaza Inn in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit, Coimbatore. The half-day training programme aimed to strengthen awareness and build the capacity of volunteers and representatives from various organizations to address substance abuse issues among children and youth. Around 30 participants representing different NGOs across Coimbatore district attended the



programme. CMSSS actively participated in the training and enrolled two master volunteers with the District Child Protection Unit to support future awareness and intervention initiatives. The

resource persons, Mrs. Arulselvi and Mr. Sadhasivam from the District Child Protection Department, delivered informative sessions on the harmful effects of drug abuse, preventive measures, community-based interventions, and the role of volunteers in creating a drug-free society. The programme also encouraged collaboration



among NGOs and government departments for effective implementation of awareness activities. The training was highly beneficial and strengthened the

commitment of participants towards promoting a safer and healthier society.

WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT WELFARE SCHEMES AT VALPARAI HILLS

A half-day workshop on Government welfare schemes was conducted on August 20th at the CMSSS Centre, Valparai, in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department of Coimbatore District. The programme was organized to create awareness among the people living in the hill regions about various Government welfare schemes and their eligibility. The resource persons from the Social Welfare



Department provided detailed guidance on the available schemes and assisted the participants in completing their membership and registration through online procedures. They also helped the

members identify and apply for schemes according to their individual needs and their rightful entitlements. The programme was especially useful for needy and marginalized people living in the hill areas, who often face difficulties in accessing Government services. The session was practical, informative, and beneficial to the participants. I sincerely thank the CMSSS coordinator and the officials of the Social Welfare Department for their valuable support and commitment in reaching out to and assisting the needy people in the Valparai hills.

NASHA MukT BHARAT ABHIYAN – DISTRICT CHILD PROTECTION UNIT MEETING

A one-day training programme under the Nasha MukT Bharat Abhiyan was organized at Plaza Inn in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit, Coimbatore. Around 30 representatives from various NGOs across Coimbatore district participated in the programme. CMSSS was actively



represented by two master volunteers enrolled with the District Child Protection Unit. The resource persons from the District Child Protection Department provided valuable training on creating awareness among children, parents, and the community about the dangers of drug abuse. Participants were guided on how to identify early signs indicating possible drug abuse among children and how to respond appropriately. Various preventive



strategies and community-based approaches to protect children and youth from substance abuse were also discussed. The programme enhanced the knowledge and

capacity of the participants to conduct effective awareness activities and contribute towards building a drug-free society.

KOLPING

MONTHLY KOLPING FAMILY VISITS – AUGUST

The monthly visits to various Kolping Families were successfully carried out during the month of August. These visits provided an opportunity to interact with the members, review the progress of the groups, and strengthen the functioning



of the Kolping movement at the grassroots level. During the visits, the registers, minutes books, accounts, and loan records of the Kolping Families were carefully scrutinized to ensure proper

maintenance and transparency. Guidance was offered wherever necessary regarding record keeping and loan management. A major focus of the meetings was the initial

preparation for the upcoming Kolping Family Day Celebration.

Discussions were held with members regarding the organization of the event, participation of families, and various responsibilities to be undertaken by the groups. As part of the preparations, sarees were



purchased and distributed to all women members of the Kolping Families. The members expressed their gratitude and enthusiasm for the forthcoming

celebration. I sincerely thank all the coordinators and representatives of the Kolping Families for their dedicated support, cooperation, and commitment in making these visits fruitful and meaningful.

CELEBRATION OF KOLPING FAMILY

The Mariya Vaalga Kolping Family celebrated its first anniversary on August 9th with gratitude and joy. The anniversary programme began with a thanksgiving Holy Mass, with the members of the Kolping Family actively participating in the liturgy. The celebration was an opportunity for the members to thank God for His blessings and guidance during the first year of their journey. Following the Holy Mass, refreshments were distributed to the parishioners as a gesture of fellowship and gratitude. Subsequently, the Director



met with the members of the Kolping Family and held a discussion on their activities, achievements, and future plans. The members shared their experiences and expressed their commitment to strengthening the

family and expanding its activities in the coming year. I sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Christopher, the Parish Priest, and all the coordinators and members who worked together to organize the anniversary celebration successfully.

KOLPING PARTICIPATION IN THE FAIR

A Kolping Fair was held on August 21 at Bishop Ambrose College, hosted by the college. Students from various schools

and colleges participated enthusiastically in the fair. The Kolping families also took part by setting up a stall to display and sell their value-added products. The initiative provided the families with a valuable opportunity to showcase



their products to a wider and diverse audience. The stall received encouraging responses, resulting in a reasonable profit for the participating Kolping families.

More importantly, the fair offered them practical exposure and confidence to explore new markets and expand the reach of their products. Such opportunities contribute to strengthening their entrepreneurial skills and promoting sustainable income generation. I sincerely thank the coordinators and all the Kolping families who participated actively and contributed to the success of the fair.



UTHAYAM WOMEN FEDERATION TRUST

Uthayam Federation Members' Meeting

The Uthayam Federation members' meeting was held on August 20th at the CMSSS Centre, Pollachi, with the participation of 35 members representing five regions. The three-hour meeting provided an opportunity for the members to strengthen their unity, share experiences, and discuss future plans. The first hour was dedicated to a motivational input session led by the resource person, Fr. Lenin, SJ, who





encouraged the members to remain committed to their responsibilities and work collectively for the development of the federation. This

was followed by a common discussion session involving the members and CMSSS coordinators. The session was led by the coordinators, while the Director moderated the discussions and responded to the questions and suggestions raised by the members. Members from all five



regions actively contributed valuable ideas and inputs regarding new initiatives and plans to be implemented up to December. The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to collective action. I sincerely thank all the coordinators

and members for their active participation and valuable contributions.

UWFT LOAN DETAILS – AUGUST 2026

SL.NO	NAME OF THE REGION	MEMBERS NAME	LOAN AMOUNT
1.	POLLACHI	RAMYA VINOTHINI	45,000
2.	POLLACHI	SHANTHI	37,500
3.	POLLACHI	ABI NANDHINI	45,000
4.	POLLACHI	GEETHA MANI	45,000
5.	POLLACHI	MALATHI	45,000
6.	POLLACHI	AMUTHA VALLI	45,000
7.	POLLACHI	ANNAPOORANI	45,000
		TOTAL	3,07,500

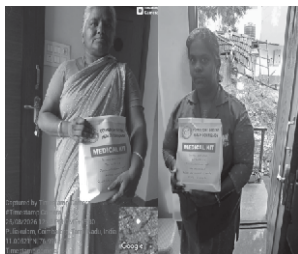
NABFINS LOAN DETAILS- AUGUST 2026

SL.NO	NAME OF THE REGION	SHG NAME	TOTAL NO'S	LOAN AMOUNT
1	COIMBATORE	MAXI MILLIYAN SHG	4	2,00,000
			TOTAL	2,00,000



COIMBATORE DIOCESE HEALTH COMMISSION ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

As an initiative of the Diocese Health Commission, assistance was provided to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in Coimbatore District. Dry ration kits were distributed to 40 persons with disabilities across the regions of Coimbatore, Pollachi, Aanamalai, and Kinathukadavu. Special attention was given to women with disabilities who were experiencing greater economic difficulties and needed immediate support. The beneficiaries were carefully identified based on their living conditions and financial needs, giving priority to those who were



in need of basic assistance. The dry ration kits were delivered directly to their homes, ensuring support reached the intended beneficiaries with dignity. This initiative provided food support to vulnerable families and gave them a sense of care and solidarity. The

programme reflects the Diocese Health Commission's continued commitment to promoting the dignity, welfare, and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in society.

COIMBATORE DIOCESE MIGRANTS COMMISSION

Message of Pope Leo XIV for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

“Even just one of these children”

“Even just one of these children” is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026 (WDMR), which will be celebrated on Sunday 27 September, the last Sunday of the month.

In his Message, the Holy Father draws attention to the plight of the many minors forced to flee their homeland due to war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters, and other tragedies – a number that continues to rise dramatically. In the context of migration flows, it is precisely children and adolescents who are the most vulnerable. As well as being forced to move and leave their homes, they endure suffering such as the loss of parents and loved ones, violence, the anguish of being far from home, and separation due to repatriation. Even young people who undertake the journey with their parents are nevertheless exposed to extreme and traumatic conditions. The Holy Father points out that many minors lose their lives along migration routes or fall victim to human trafficking, exploitation, sexual violence, and other atrocities.

In the Message, Pope Leo calls on everyone to act responsibly, asking that each person feel connected to what these young people go through – even just one of these children –

because every child, every human being, possesses infinite dignity and we must do our part to ensure that this is respected. At a personal, ecclesial, and institutional level, the Holy Father calls for a concrete commitment to integrating and supporting young migrants and refugees, placing at the centre of our concern the protection and dignity of every single child and adolescent.

Pope Leo points to the light of solidarity that is already visible in many communities, of all those who have already decided not to look the other way, of those who have opened the doors of their homes, and of the many volunteers and workers who, day after day, tend to the invisible wounds of young migrants, bearing witness that love can overcome indifference.

The Holy Father reminds us that we are all called to perform an act of humanity and faith: in every child we can welcome and encounter the Lord. “Whoever welcomes even just one such child in my name welcomes me” (Mt 18:5). Even just one such child – this is not a matter of numbers or statistics. The Gospel calls on us not to make calculations; every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and bears the presence of the Lord.

Invoking Mary's intercession, the Holy Father entrusts all young migrants and refugees to her maternal protection in the hope that our communities may become living and credible signs of the Gospel around the world.

Rev. Fr. Tellis Roch
Director, CMSSS

May God grant them eternal rest

02-09-1950	Rev. Fr. S. Ambrose
06-09-1999	Rev. Fr. I. Paul Antony
11-09-2024	Rev. Fr. Albert Nelson
12-09-1889	Rev. Fr. Jarrige (Francois)
13-09-1938	Rev. Fr. Edward Langlet
13-09- 1863	Rev. Fr. B. Goust
14 -09-1939	Rev. Fr. L. Guibal
20-09-1933	Rev. Fr. C. Castanie
21 -09-1928	Rev. Fr. L. Riviere
23 -09-1969	Rev. Fr. A. Siluvanathar
24-09-1911	Rev. Fr. E. M. Guerpillion
20-09-2023	Rev. Fr. Edward
25-09-2023	Rev. Fr. Joseph Sagayam

Highlights of previous Month



Annual Day Celebration, Infant Jesus Mat. Hr. Sec. School,
Kumar Nagar, Tirupur



Annual Day Celebration,
Carmel Garden Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Puliakulam

Wish You a Long Life and Good Health on Your Birth Day



1st

Fr. Mathew Jude Paul



6th

Fr. Leo Christopher Roach



06th

Fr. Naveen Rosario



9th

Fr. Hendry Lawrence



10th

Fr. Antony Felix



15th

Fr. Maria Antony Raj



17th

Fr. Joe Francis



25th

Fr. Justin Xavier Raj



25th

Fr. Innaasi Muthu



27th

Fr. R.D.E. Jerome



27th

Fr. Arul Irudayaraj



27th

Fr. Infant Deepak

May God Bless You on Your Feast Day



8th

Fr. D. Arockiasamy



8th

Fr. Arockiaraj Stephen



8th

Fr. Arokia Pradeep



8th

Fr. Anandakumar



8th

Fr. Maria Benito



17th

Fr. Pichai Robert



21st

Fr. Mathew Jude Paul



24th

Fr. Arul Oubagaram



27th

Rev. Fr. Vincent Pushparaj



30th

Rev. Fr. R.D.E. Jerome

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30.08.2026
ஞாயிறு

காலை 8.30 மணி

05.09.2026
சனி

மாலை 6.00 மணி

06.09.2026
ஞாயிறு

மாலை 5.00 மணி



08.09.2026
செவ்வாய்

மாலை 6.00 மணி

13.09.2026
ஞாயிறு

காலை 8.30 மணி

15.09.2026
செவ்வாய்

மாலை 6.00 மணி



கொடியேற்றம்

30-08-2026 ஞாயிறு



திருவிழாச் சிறப்பு

06-09-2026 ஞாயிறு

தேர்த்திருவிழா அழைப்பிதழ்

கொடியேற்றம் விழா

கூட்டுப்பாடம் திருப்பலி

பேரகுளப்பணி. P. மெல்கியோர்

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சிறப்பிடங்கள் : தலைவழி



ஒன்பதாம் வார நவநாள் திருப்பலி, வேண்டுகூள் தேர்
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பாதுகாவலரின் ஆலயம் பெருவிழா

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ஆரம்ப 7.30 மணி

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அன்னை மரியாவின் நிற்பு பெருவிழா

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'தராசை குணம் கொண்ட தாய்'

அருள்பணி. கிறிஸ்தோபர்

அதி. புனித வணம் திருக்கோயில், ஆயர் திருவல், கோவை.

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'நிறைவுதரும் தாய்'

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பங்குத்தந்தை

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பங்குப்பேரவை, அன்னைப் பொறுப்பாளர்கள்

மற்றும் இறைமக்கள்

செய்க்க வாருங்கள் ! அருள் பெற்றுச் செல்லுங்கள் !!