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#### SATURDAYS

St. Joseph Church 330 E. Fullerton Ave, Addison, IL 60101

> Religious Education 3:45 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. Holy Mass @ 5:00 P.M.

Youth Seminars on First Saturdays 2:45 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. English Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite First Saturdays @ 5:00 P.M.

#### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Saturdays after Holy Mass at St. Joseph Church, 330 E. Fullerton Ave, Addison.



#### SUNDAYS

Our Lady of Victory (OLV) Church 5212 W. Agatite Ave, Chicago, IL 60630

Religious Education 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Holy Mass @ 5:30 P.M.

Youth Seminars on First Sundays 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. English Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite First Sundays @ 5:30 P.M.

#### NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. with Holy Mass and Benediction at Community Center, 5110 N. Elston Ave, Chicago, IL 60630.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2005 <u>Religious Education</u> Class at Addison from 3:45 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. <u>No Mass and Novena</u> at Addison because of Christmas Night of KCS.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2005 <u>Confession for Religious Education Students</u> from 3:30 P.M. (3,4,5 Graders). <u>Religious Education</u> Class at OLV from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. <u>Holy Mass</u> at OLV Church <u>Lower level</u> at 5:30 P.M. by Fr. Thomas Philip.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2005 Mass, Novena, and Benediction at Community Center at 7:00 P.M. by Fr. Thomas Philip.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2005 <u>No Mass and Religious Education</u> Class at Addison <u>Christmas Mass</u> at OLV Chicago in the Upper Level at 8:00 P.M. by Fr. Thomas Philip.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2005 No Religious Education Class and Mass in Chicago today

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2005

Mass, Novena, and Benediction at Community Center at 7:00 P.M. by Fr. Joseph Kudilil.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2005 <u>No Mass and Religious Education</u> Class at Addison <u>New Year Mass</u> at OLV Chicago in the Upper Level at 8:00 P.M. by Fr. Kudilil.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 01, 2006 <u>No Religious Education</u> Class and Mass at Chicago today

SINCE FR. MUTHOLTAH IS ON VACATION FROM DECEMBER 17TH TO JANUARY 16TH, FR. THOMAS PHILIP WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE MISSION FROM DECEMBER 17TH TO 25TH AND FR. ROY KADUPPIL FROM DECEM-BER 26TH TO JANUARY 16TH. TELEPHONE NUMBERS: FR. THOMAS PHILIP (847) 757-0212 (CELL) / (773) 725-7641. FR. ROY KADUPPIL (708) 415-0779 (CELL) / (708) 656-3365. December 18, 2005

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## MISSION DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

## ക്രിസ്മസ് കുർബ്ബാനയ്ക്ക് പ്രത്യേക സമ്മാനം



ദൈവകൃപയാൽ 2006 ജനുവരി 14ന് മാർ മാത്യു മൂലക്കാട്ടു പിതാവ് കോട്ടയം മെത്രാ പ്പോലീത്തയായി സ്ഥാനമേല്ക്കുന്ന ശുശ്രൂഷ കോട്ടയത്തു നടക്കുകയാണ്. അദ്ദേഹം മെത്രാ നായ അവസരത്തിൽ ചിക്കാഗോക്കാർ കാറും പാവപ്പെട്ടവർക്കു ഭവനനിർമ്മാണസഹായവും സമ്മാനമായി നല്കുകയുണ്ടായല്ലോ.

തൊഴിലധിഷ്ടിത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിന് ദരിദ്ര കുടുംബങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നു ധാരാളംപേർ ശ്രമിക്കുകയും എന്നാൽ അതിനു സാമ്പത്തിക ഞെരുക്കം പ്രതിബന്ധമാവുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന ഈ കാലത്ത് അതി രൂപതവഴി ഒരു തൊഴിലധിഷ്ടിത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ സഹായനിധി അഭി വന്ദ്യ പിതാവിനു സ്ഥനാരോഹണ സമ്മനമായി നല്കുവാൻ ഫിസിയോതെറാപ്പി, ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുകയാണ്. നേഴ്സിംഗ്, കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സയൻസ്, സോഷ്യൽ വർക്ക്, മൈക്രോബയോളജി തുടങ്ങിയ കോഴ്സുകൾക്കു ചേരുന്ന പാവപ്പെട്ട വിദ്യാർദ്ധികൾക്ക് അതിരൂപത യുടെ സാമുഹൃ സേവന വിഭാഗം വഴി റിവോൾവിംഗ് ഫണ്ടായി പദ്ധതിവഴി ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നത്. നല്കുകയാണ് ഈ അതായത്, സഹായം ലഭിച്ചവർ പിന്നിട് തൊഴിൽ ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ അവർ സ്വീകരിച്ച സഹായം തിരികെ നല്കത്തക്കവിധം ലോണായിട്ടാണു നല്കുക. അങ്ങനെ തിരികെ കിട്ടുന്ന സഹായം തുക അർഹിക്കുന്ന മറ്റു വിദ്യാർദ്ധികൾക്ക് അതേരീതിയിൽ തുടർന്നു നല്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കും. ഇപ്രകാരമുള്ള റിവോൾവിങ്ങ് ഫണ്ട് ഫലപ്രദമായി നടപ്പിലാക്കുവാൻ നമ്മുടെ അതിരുപതയുടെ സോഷ്യൽ സർവ്വീസ് സൊസൈറ്റികൾക്കു സംവിധാനമുണ്ട്.

ഡിസംബർ 24ന് വൈകുന്നേരം 8:00ന് ചിക്കഗോ ഓ.എൽ.വി. പള്ളിയിൽ അർപ്പിക്കുന്ന ക്രിസ്മസ് കുർബാനയുടെ വിശേഷാൽ സ്കോത്രക്കഴ്ച്ച ഈ നിയോഗത്തിനായി മാറ്റിവയ്ക്കുന്നതാണ്. അന്ന് എല്ലാവരും കവറിൽ തങ്ങളുടെ പേരും വിലാസവുമെഴുതി കാര്യമായൊരു തുക ഉണ്ണീശോയ്ക്ക് ക്രിസ്മസ് സമ്മാനമായി നല്കുക. അഞ്ചുലക്ഷം രൂപയിൽ കുറയാത്ത തുക ഈ ഫണ്ടിന് ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതിനാൽ ഓരോ കുടുംബവും 100 ഡോളറിൽ കുറയാ ത്ത തുക നല്കി സഹകരിക്കണമെന്ന് അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. നൂറോ അതിലധികമോ തരുന്നവരുടെ പേരുവിവരം അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാവിനു നല്കുന്നതാണ്.

ഈ വർഷം മിഷൻെറ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ വീടുകൾ സന്ദർശിച്ചു കറോൾ പിരിവു നടത്തുവാൻ വേണ്ട സംവിധാനത്തിന് പലരും എന്നെ നിർബന്ധിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. എന്നാൽ ഈ വർഷം അങ്ങനെയൊന്ന് ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നില്ല. പകരം പള്ളിയിൽതന്നെ അതു നല്കി ഈ നല്ല ജീവകാരുണ്യ പ്രവർത്തനത്തിനു സഹകരിക്കു വാൻ എല്ലാവരെയും ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നു. നമ്മെ കൈപിടിച്ചു നടത്തിയ ദൈവത്തിനു സമ്മാനമായി മറ്റുള്ളവരെ സമുദ്ധരിക്കുന്ന ശൃശ്രൂഷയിൽ നമുക്കും പങ്കുകാരാകാം.

ഒത്തിരി സ്നേഹത്തോടെ,

ഫാ. ഏബ്രഹാം മുത്തോലത്ത്.

സുറുങ്ങുവെട്ടം "മരണം വരുമൊരുനാൾ ഓർക്കുക മർത്യാ നീ; കൂടെ പോരും നിൻ ജീവിത ചെയ്യികളും സല്കൃത്യങ്ങൾ ചെയ്യുക നീ അലസത കൂടാതെ."

# SAVE A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR JESUS



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> Jesus is the giver of the gifts we have. Won't you like to offer Jesus a gift?

## ഒന്നാം ചരമ വർഷികം



ജേക്കബ് കാലായിൽ (ചാക്കോച്ചൻ – 72)

> ജനനം 01–06–1933 മരണം 12–19–2004 – സന്തപ്ത കുടുംബാംഗങ്ങൾ



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# How Can We be Closer to God? The answer is: *Agape*

The Greek word agape (ah-gah-pay) means: "Unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial love".

Greek language had several words representing different aspects of love. When the **New Testament** was written in the Greek language, the authors used two words to describe **love**.

#### •Agape/Agapao

#### Phileo

Agape (noun) is used 116 times and Agapao (verb) is used 146 times in the New Testament. Combined there are 262 uses of Agape/ Agapao in the New Testament alone. That shows the importance of this word in the New Testament! For simplicity sake, both **agape/agapeo** are being referred as **agape**.

#### AGAPE

According to the Bible, agape is the noblest and the highest level of love that exists from God toward a person, and a love that should exist between all brothers and sisters in Christ. There are different levels of love, like affection, friendship, sexual love, platonic love, romantic love, puppy love, passionate love, and committed love. Agape is the foundation for all committed relationships, in marriage, friendship, church, and family. Agape is the reason Christ laid down His life on the cross to pay the price for our sins.

In our practical life, based on scripture, agape is an action that attempts to increase the well being of a person. That person may be one self, a neighbor, a family member, a lover, a co-worker, a stranger, or society as a whole. Real love is a choice and it is also an act of the will. It enables us to accept our differences within relationships. Feelings come to us, like wind,



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weather, liking and digestion. Our feelings are precious. But agape is more precious. Agape comes from us, actively, by our free choice. We are responsible for our agape or lack of it, eternally responsible. Real love comes from the center of the soul, which comes from

- A pure heart
- A good conscience
- A sincere faith.

#### PHILEO

The Greeks also have a second definition of love, and that is phileo, which means brotherly love. *Phileo* is the love that we all express to our father, mother, brother, sister, or a friend. Phileo is used only 25 times in the New Testament.

The following Words from the New Testament illustrate the usage of agape and phileo wherever the love word is used.

Matthew 22:37, Jesus said to him: "You shall love (agape) the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment".

John 15:13 "Greater love (agape) has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

John 21:15, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you truly love (agape) me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "You know that I **love (phileo)** you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." **Hebrews 13:1**, Keep on **loving** (**phileo**) each other as brothers.

#### CHARITY

Agape and Charity goes side by side. Charity is an essential part of agape. Even though there are many different levels of charity, the highest level of charity is to enable the recipient to become self-reliant, so that he/ she will be free from having to rely on charity.

#### AGAPE MOVEMENT



Agape Movement is a not-for-profit organization in the United States. Agape Movement's mission is to improve the life of those who are weak in the society in In-

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dia and in the USA by helping them to become self-reliant through awareness programs, self-help groups, community based rehabilitation, education, and self-employment along with meeting their basic needs like emergency relief, medical support, and healthy living conditions. Agape Movement is doing the highest level of charity. Those who want to get more information about Agape movement, please visit:

#### www.agapemovement.org

So **Jesus Christ** indicated that the sum of man's earthly service is to:

#### Love God Love Self Love Neighbor.

God is agape. God commands us to love. We rise in agape, and get closer to God. For us, Jesus Christ is the only model of Agape. We all are still under construction by God. Let us be part of the Agape Movement.



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### JUBILIARIAN ARCHBISHOP MAR KURIAKOSE KUNNACHERRY

Our dear Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry, Archbishop of Kottayam is completing 50 years of his priesthood on December 21, 2005. He had ordained Our Mission Director Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath and three other priests of the archdiocese on the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Mar Kunnacherry on December 21, 1980. We extend our greetings and prayers to our dear archbishop. The following is a short biography of the archbishop.

Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry was born on the 11th of September, 1928 at Kaduthuruthy in Kottayam District. He was ordained priest on the 21st of December, 1955 in Rome. He received doctorate in Civil and Canon Laws from the University of Lateran in Rome and Master's degree in Politics from USA. He was nominated bishop of Kepha and appointed Co-Adjutor Bishop of Kottayam on 9th December 1967. On February 24, 1968 he received Episcopal Ordination at Sacred Heart Mount, Kottavam from His Eminence Cardinal Maximillian de Furstenberg, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. At the retirement of Mar Thomas Tharayil, he took charge of the Diocese of Kottayam on the 5th of May,1974. In addition to Malayalam and English he knows Italian, Latin, French, German and Syriac. He has



MAR KUNNACHERRY

served the regional, national and Universal Church in various capacities. He was a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Codification of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches and a member of the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue. He served as the Chairman of the Ecumenical and Inter-religious Dialogue Commission of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India several times.

He was the Chairman of the St Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Alwaye and is now the Chairman of the St Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor and Vice Chancellor of the Paurastiya Vidya-pitham, Vadavathoor. He has held offices in the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council and the Syro-Malabar Bishops' Conference. He was a member of permanent synod of the Syro-Malabar Archiepiscopal Church and member of commission for Ecumenism and particular law.

By the decree "God our loving father" dated May 9, 2005, the Major Archbishop Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil appointed Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry as the first metropolitan of the newly erected metropolitan see of Kottayam. On June 3, 2005 Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil ordained and enthroned Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry as the Metropolitan of Kottayam at a liturgical service in Christ the King Cathedral, Kottayam.

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December 11 at OLV for Building Fund	200.00
December 11 at OLV	405.00
December 10 at Addison for Building Fund	1,135.00
December 10 at Addison	145.00

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DEC. 17 & 18	PASSAGE	ADDISION	OLV CHICAGO
1st Reading	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Mathew Idiyalil	Malu Vachachira
2nd Reading	Romans 16:25-27	Jed Manjankal	Jake Nediyakalayil
DEC. 24			
1st Reading	Isaiah 9:1-7	NO MASS	Phibin Madayanakavil
2nd Reading	Numbers 24:15-19	NO MASS	Justin Thomas Korattiyil



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CHRISTMAS MASS ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 2005 AT 8:00 P.M. AT OLV CHURCH CHICAGO (NO MASS AT ADDISON AND NO MASS ON 25TH) YEAR END AND NEW YEAR MASS

ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 31, 2005 AT 8:00 P.M. AT OLV CHURCH CHICAGO (NO MASS AT ADDISON AND NO MASS ON JAN. 1ST)

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