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We extend heartfelt thanks to all our benefactors and supporters. Together, we strive to carry forward the noble mission of saving humanity, guided by love, unity, and faith.



THE REGIONAL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The communities of our Region recently gathered for the Annual Assembly, a time to discuss and reflect on the life of the Region. Special focus was given to the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart and the role of the Secular Branch, both offering meaningful guidance for our mission and daily living.

The first two days centered on spiritual renewal. Sister Maria, MC, led the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, reminding all of Christ's central place in our lives. Sister Aurora, SSCC, spoke on the Secular Branch, highlighting the collaboration of laity and religious in carrying forward the congregation's charism.

The final day was devoted to governance and accountability. Father Bala, the Regional Superior, presented the Regional Community Report, reviewing pastoral well-being and future apostolic plans. Father Robert Joshi, SSCC, the Regional Econome, shared the Financial Report, ensuring transparency and responsible stewardship of resources.

The Assembly concluded with a one-day outing, a joyful time of relaxation and fellowship that strengthened fraternal bonds and left members renewed in their shared calling.

This gathering combined spiritual depth, administrative responsibility, and joyful fraternity, setting a hopeful tone for the Region in the year ahead.





FEAST OF SACRED HEARTS CELEBRATED BY BHUBANESHWAR AREA.

Brothers and sisters gathered to celebrate the Feast of Sacred Hearts. The event was both inspiring and unifying. The love of Jesus and Mary brought us together in joyful celebration.

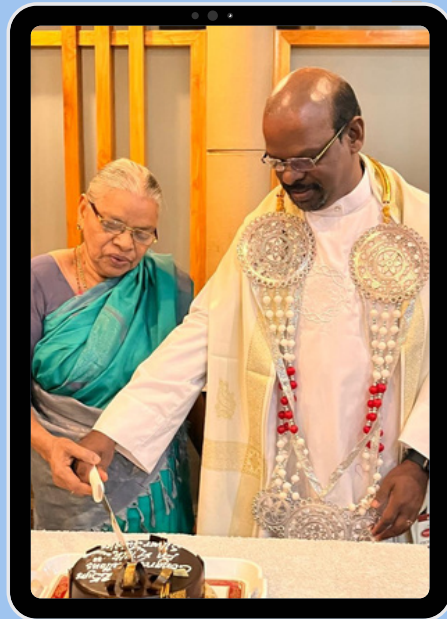


The Kolkata area celebrated the Feast of Sacred Hearts with the local Religious communities.

The Dangadighila community warmly invited nearby religious communities and lay faithful to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The response was remarkable, with many attending in prayer and fellowship. The celebration was marked by vibrant hymns, heartfelt prayers, and a spirit of unity. Sharing meals and stories deepened bonds and created lasting memories, as all joined together to honor the Sacred Hearts and renew their commitment to love and compassion.



Feast of Sacred Hearts Celebrated in Bangalore community with staffs



The Silver Jubilee Celebration Fr. Ajith A. Dass ss.cc.

The Region joyfully celebrated the 25 years of service and dedication of Reverend Father Ajith A. Dass, SSCC. The Regional Government fittingly planned the Jubilee to coincide with the Annual Assembly, allowing all members to join together in prayer, thanksgiving, and blessing.

The celebration was made even more special by the presence of Father Ajith's mother, who was deeply moved to witness the SSCC family gathered in honor of her son's priestly journey. Her joy reflected the pride and gratitude felt by the entire community.

In the evening, a festive program was held, marked by jubilee songs prepared by our theologians, along with other presentations that added to the spirit of thanksgiving. The celebration concluded with a shared meal, where laughter, fellowship, and gratitude filled the atmosphere.

It was a day of grace and blessing, a moment that honored Father Ajith's faithful ministry while strengthening the bonds of fraternity within the Region.



Locating the Church in Nallathur and St. Antony's in Karaikal.

The church in Nallathur that was built by Fr. Gregoire was demolished and rebuilt as a new structure. It is around 15 km from Karaikal parish where he was the parish priest. The current chaplain of the church Mr. Arockia das recalled the rebuilding of the church in 1911. It was told to his father by his great grandfather who had worked under French government at that time. Though the church was rebuilt newly, the traces of the old structure are still seen.

The church of St. Antony where Fr. Gregoire used to go for the mass whenever the locals call him is 650 meters from the Karaikal parish church. The present structure is built upon the old structure. The current parish priest, Fr. Paul Raj and one of his assistants Fr. Selva Nathan helped me to reach these two places where Fr. Gregoire, ss.cc had served. Attaching the photos of those places.

- Bro. Arockia Kulandai, ss.cc.



A Joyous Celebration – Final Vows and Diaconate Ordination of Rev. Brother Vishal



The Region rejoices as Rev. Brother Vishal received his Final Vows and Diaconate Ordination, a profound step in his journey of faith and service. Surrounded by the community, this solemn celebration reflected his deep commitment and dedication to Christ and His Church.

The Eucharistic liturgy marked the occasion, where Brother Vishal professed his perpetual vows and was ordained to the diaconate, entrusted with proclaiming the Gospel and serving at the altar. The presence of priests, brothers, sisters, and faithful added to the joy, offering heartfelt congratulations and prayers.

This milestone is not only a personal achievement but also an inspiration for the entire Region, reminding us of the strength of vocation and the beauty of shared faith. We give thanks to God for the gift of Brother Vishal's ministry and pray that his service may bear abundant fruit for the glory of God and the good of His people.

Another Perspective on God apart from 'Karuppu Samy' (Black god) in the Movie 'Karuppu'.

The movie 'Karuppu' is about corruption in judiciary system. The prominent lawyer, Mr. Baby Kannan pays bribes to the acting judge to get a favourable decision for his criminal clients. He even threatens and wounds the lawyers who work honestly for their innocent clients against him. Among those innocent clients is an elderly man who is referred to Mr. Baby Kannan to get back through court a good amount of his gold that has been stolen during his travel from Kerala to Chennai by train. He is supposed to sell the gold to pay for the lifesaving treatment of his daughter who is with him. The lawyer drags the case to get a lot of money and other needs from him. Seeing him dragging the case for weeks with the judge, the client loses his cool and demands the judge and the lawyer to give his gold. The insulted lawyer gets angry and challenges his client how he will get the gold. The disappointed client prays to the god of that area, 'Vettai Karuppu' (hunting god) whose statue is at the premise of the court. His prayer is heard and the god starts punishing the culprits. Before being punished by the god, Mr. Baby says that the corruption is inevitable and challenges him to fight the injustice in the judiciary system as a human, not as a god using his supernatural power. He further adds that he would be willing to be punished once he wins over the corrupted judiciary system with human capacity. Taken up by his challenge, the god took the human form, and works as a lawyer in the name of Mr. Saravanan for the deprived elderly man. There are three lawyers, set up by Mr. Baby to fight the same case in the place of Mr. Saravanan in order to create confusion. The case was postponed and the god in human form, Mr. Saravanan asked the cheating lawyers to withdraw from the case. Since they deny, he uses his supernatural power to tear their case documents with the help of Ms. Preeti, an honest lawyer working at the same court.

Having witnessed the extraordinary incident, Mr. Baby confronts and reminds the god about his condition of not using the supernatural power while fighting with the corrupted system of the court. The god takes up the case with human capacity and the old man gets the gold but after the death of his daughter at the hospital due to the delayed operation. Mr. Baby laughs at the god for his helplessness with the conditions and blames him for the death of the woman. He continues his cruel ways of exploiting the innocents with his corrupted gang. He tries to protect a retired politician who had sexually exploited his woman secretary when he was in power. At this helpless moment while no lawyer is willing to take up the woman's case for the fear of their life,



Mr. Saravanan, the god in human form asked Ms. Preeti to take up the case. Mr. Baby is about to start his arguments with lies and fabrication of the documents at the court. The spirit of god Karuppu does not allow him to lie instead he has to say the truth with a lot of difficulties and against his will. The corrupted and helpless judge has to punish Mr. Baby for his insane arguments. The justice is given to the victimized woman. Having witnessed the unusual event at the court, many corrupted lawyers believe that it is the god Karuppu who made Mr. Baby to admit the truth against his will. They are fearful of being led like Mr. Baby and have changed from their corrupted ways by praying to the god.

An Important Question

Mr. Baby is annoyed and tries another way to get rid of the Vettai Karuppu's influence. He kills the corrupted judge since he has asked him not to revolt against the god. He and his gang have convinced the government to have a court in the area where the god 'Vettai Karuppu's' power is nil. His effort has put him at the back foot as the new judge of the court, a devotee of 'Kaval Karuppu' (protecting god), does not bend to the corrupted ways of Mr. Baby. At the inaugural function of the new court, he revolts against everyone by taking drugs, and questions the lawyers saying you have changed because you are fearful of god's punishment, is it a real change?

He raises this important question that could make us to think about the motivation behind our good deeds. Do we do just act because we are fearful of god's punishment, to get some external rewards or do we do it because it is just in itself, for the good of ourselves and of the innocent victims? The movie ends with the god of the new area 'Kaval Karuppu' killing Mr. Baby and his gang in the presence of the lawyers and other dignitaries who have gathered for the inaugural function.

Another Perspective on God

The god 'Karuppu' is represented as controlling god who protects the innocents by punishing the culprits. People with evil intentions, changed from their ways because they are fearful of being punished by the god.

This cannot be an authentic change since their acts are controlled by an external force i.e. god Karuppu's supernatural power and threats.

The change that comes from an internal force (having moral sense) can be an authentic change. Here one does good because it is good in itself beyond the influence of any external force. The authentic change/act is possible when one has the freewill. For, the authentic act requires one's will to act freely by resisting or going beyond external conditions. The freewill is possible when God does not involve in rewarding, punishing, and controlling. The reward/ punishment is the result of one's good/ bad deeds (Karma). so, another perspective on God is the one who does not control or the freewill giver that everyone can have the opportunity to act freely and authentically.

When the victimised innocents pray to God with faith and perseverance, the Being would redeem them in a mysterious way without controlling anyone. The mysterious Being is there all the time to care with the unconditional love. One's consistent faith response makes difference.

- Bro. Arockia Kulandai J, ss.cc.

Movie Trailer link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpVI_-1YgIo&t=8s

Court scenes highlight link

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=WHg1eltJ3Ek>



Renewal of Vows – Br. Sushant Badsheth

The Immaculate Conception Church in Serampore became the joyful setting for a significant milestone in the life of Brother Sushant Badsheth, as he renewed his vows surrounded by the local community. The occasion was marked by reverence, fraternity, and thanksgiving, drawing together religious and lay members in a spirit of shared faith. Delegated by the Regional Superior, Father Sujoy presided over the liturgy and received Brother Sushant's vows, affirming his renewed commitment to the congregation and its mission.

The renewal of vows is always a profound moment in the life of a religious, symbolizing fidelity to Christ and perseverance in vocation. For Brother Sushant, this day was not only a personal recommitment but also a communal witness to the strength of unity within the SSCC family. Brothers and sisters from nearby communities were invited to join, and their presence enriched the celebration. The Eucharistic Mass, celebrated by Father Sujoy, was dignified by the concelebration of Fathers Sudhir, Tisheshwar, Robert, and Suraj, whose participation reflected the fraternity and shared joy of the Region.

The liturgy was prayerful and uplifting, with the theologian brothers and philosophers offering a special song prepared for the occasion. Their voices carried gratitude and praise, lifting the hearts of all present and adding a unique touch of joy to the solemnity of the vows. The song became a highlight of the day, reminding everyone that music and prayer together can express the depth of faith in ways that words alone cannot.

After the Mass, the celebration continued in the church hall, where the atmosphere shifted from solemn devotion to joyful fellowship. A delightful meal was shared by all present, and the hall echoed with laughter, conversation, and warm congratulations for Brother Sushant. Guests exchanged stories, reflected on the day's significance, and rejoiced in the bonds of fraternity that unite the SSCC family. The simple act of sharing food became a symbol of communion, reinforcing the truth that faith is lived not only in prayer but also in fellowship.

Glimpses of Howrah-Hooghly Deanery Youth Day 2026 (KOLKATA)

Ignite the Self, Impact the World

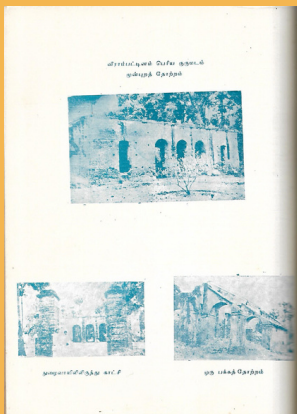


The Howrah-Hooghly Deanery Youth Day 2026 brought together ten parishes in a vibrant celebration of faith, fellowship, and youth leadership. Under the theme “Ignite the Self, Impact the World,” the day was filled with energy, prayer, and joyful participation.

The program began with ice-breakers that created a spirit of openness and connection among the youth. An inspiring session by Fr. Peppin on “Youth as Leaders of Change” challenged participants to embrace their role as agents of transformation in the Church and society. His words encouraged courage, responsibility, and faith, leaving a lasting impression on the young hearts.

The Holy Eucharist formed the spiritual center of the day, celebrated with reverence and active involvement from the youth. Later, inter-parish competitions showcased creativity and talent, fostering unity and healthy collaboration. Music, drama, and other performances reflected the theme, demonstrating how faith can inspire action and creativity.

The entire day was marked by prayer, learning, fellowship, and joyful celebration. Friendships were strengthened, bonds deepened, and every participant left inspired and renewed in faith. The Deanery Youth Day stood as a testimony to the vitality of young people in the Church, reminding all that when youth ignite their inner fire of faith, they truly have the power to impact the world.



St. Joseph Seminary, Pondicherry

Fr.Melchizedek, the archivist of the Pondicherry-Cuddalore diocese was able to find out the photos of St.Joseph Seminary where Fr.Gregoire,ss.cc was the superior in 1828. The seminary was in the place ‘Arrikaimedu’ which is around seven kilometers from the Immaculate Conception Church beside which Fr.Gregoire was buried. The seminary was relocated in Bangalore as St.Peter Seminary in 1934 due to the humid weather in Pondicherry. The attached are the photos of the seminary from different angle. The seminary was completely demolished and the land was sold.

-Bro.Arockia Kulandai,ss.cc.



