

Pastoral Mission

"Go and teach all nations and make them my disciples" was the command of our Lord. Our Holy Mother Church is carrying on this duty in several ways. Vatican II has given future impetus to this endeavour.

To carry on this work of evangelization throughout this diocese the following commissions have been established :

1. Commission for Evangelization
2. Commission for Dialogue and Ecumenism
3. Commission for Laity
4. Commission for Bible
5. Commission for Basic Christian Communities
6. Commission for Liturgy
7. Commission for Children
8. Commission for Youth
9. Commission for Vocation
10. Commission for Clergy
11. Commission for Women
12. Commission for Catechetics
13. Commission for SC / ST / BC & MBC
14. Commission for Family and Value Education
15. Commission for Charismatic Movement

Attending to the spiritual needs of our Catholics is our top most priority around 3,00,000 Catholics live in 94 Parishes and 642 substations. According to the need of the people Churches, Chapels, Schools and Community Halls are constructed depending on the generosity of our donors. But for the generosity of our donors the diocese may not be able to do much. We owe our sincere prayerful gratitude to our donors. The Parish Priests are responsible for the pastoral ministry in the parishes. The different pastoral commissions help them in different ways.

Nursery

The Sacred Heart Minor Seminary was started by the Bishop Most Rev. Augustin Chapuis, MEP to encourage native vocation.

Now we have in the Minor Seminary 09 students in initiation, 10 students doing their college studies and 40 Seminarians studying in various major Seminaries such as St. Peter's Bangalore, Sacred Heart, Chennai and Good Shepherd, Coimbatore. By God's Grace we have enough vocations for our Diocese and we are getting an average of five new Priests every year.

Education Mission

Educational ministry is exercised by the Diocese, besides many educational institutions run by Religious congregations, through 9 Higher Secondary Schools, 15 High Schools, 26 Middle Schools, 67 Primary Schools, 1 Technical Institute, 6 Matriculation Schools, 1 Bachelor of Education College, 1 School for the Hearing Impaired, 1 Nursing College, 1 Ancillary Nursing Institute and 42 Orphanages and Hostels, 1 Arts and Science College and 1 CBSE School.

Medical Mission

Health is one of the basic needs of the society. Motivated by the same spirit of Jesus Christ who went about healing the sick, the diocese carries out the hospital ministry through 8 Hospitals, 1 Leprosy Hospital, 20 Dispensaries and 2 Homes for the Physically Challenged. The most deserving aged people are cared for in 2 Homes.



Free
Medical Camp
to the
Poor People
in our
Diocese

Social Work

Taking humanity in its integrity, the Diocese does not fail to look into the social needs of the people. It carries out the social activities through two Social Service Societies: KMSSS (Kumbakonam Multipurpose Social Service Society) and PSSS (Perambalur Social Service Society). The social works are carried out irrespective of caste and creed having the objective to help the people help themselves. Saving schemes, motivation, self-help groups and awareness programmes, etc are some of their thrusts.

KMSSS (Kumbakonam Multipurpose Social Service Society)

The Kumbakonam Multipurpose Social Service Society is a Diocesan Organization, registered with Government in 1973 with the following objectives :

- ★ To perform works of charity for those in need, irrespective of caste, race, community or creed
- ★ To carry on social service activities aimed at improving the living conditions and general welfare of the poor, particularly unemployed farmers and other working people, as well as poor and persons of different occupations irrespective of race, caste, community or creed.

PSSS (Perambalur Social Service Society)

The aims and objectives of the Perambalur Social Service Society are :

- ★ To engage in social service activities aimed at improving the living conditions and general welfare of the poor, particularly farmers.
- ★ To co-operate and collaborate with the existing financial institutions for the promotion of economic development.
- ★ To organize people and develop local leadership in order to enhance their social, economical, ecological and cultural status with their participation.



Service to the
Poor People
in our Diocese

Religious Congregation

The Diocese of Kumbakonam is very proud to have a number of Religious Communities as its members to collaborate in the Evangelization Work through Pastoral Ministry, Social Service and Medical Mission.

Our Primary Tasks

1. To provide new Churches to 30 Parishes where the church is not suitable for worship and to provide new chapels in 100 mission stations.
2. To provide on-going training and education for 526 Catechists in remote and rural mission stations.
3. To provide school buildings for the children in the remote villages.
4. To provide homes for the homeless people.
5. To educate the children of new converts who face severe religious discrimination and who are forced to abandon Christianity for the sake of educational scholarship, economic benefits like house, employment and other collateral benefits. These benefits are denied to the new converts to christianity by the Constitution of India while other converts enjoy these economic benefits.

Bind us Together

In all our efforts, we are fully aware that we are only the instruments in the hands of God. Relying on God's providence and support and with the co-operation of our people, clergy, religious, friends, well-wishers and generous donors, we are confident to carry out our ministry to the best of our ability. Your co-operation is our support; your generosity is our strength; your appreciation is our consolation and service to Christ's faithful is our goal.

KUMBAKONAM IN INDIA



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DIOCESE OF KUMBAKONAM



HISTORY



The Diocese of Kumbakonam was bifurcated from the Archdiocese of Pondichery and was erected on 1st September 1899 by the Apostolic Letter of Pope Leo XIII. The new Diocese was handed over to the care of the members of the Foreign Mission Society of Paris, France (MEP).

These glorious missionaries were cultivating with their tears and sweat this part of the vineyard of Christ until 1930. We cannot adequately express their wonderful self sacrifice, zeal and energy for the extension of the Kingdom of God in this Diocese. The Missionaries who laboured in the Diocese of Kumbakonam have left to their successors a shining example and splendid tradition. Their guiding principle was simple living and high thinking.

The Diocesan Quasiquicentennial Celebration

We had the great occasion of the Diocesan Quasiquicentennial celebration held on 1st September 2024. We thanked God for His bountiful graces and we gratefully remembered all who had helped us in our journey for the past 125 years.



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