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## **Message of the Chaplain**

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### **Silver Jubilee Year of the ICC**

The Indian Catholic Community welcomes with joy and gratitude to the Lord, the SILVER JUBILEE YEAR 2007. Fortunate are the present members of the ICC, who have got the privilege to enter into this year of jubilation and of God's abundant blessings. We are indeed all the more grateful to all those honourable members of the ICC who contributed their best to make the ICC of its present stature, as being a flourishing pravasi Malayalee Catholic Community in Europe, which sets its priority on the growth and welfare of its successive generations at different stages of their age and maturity.

We feel proud to see our young generation, our kids, children and youth, who grow up to a glaring stature of personality and to a high quality of character, moral and spiritual in particular, as they grow up in the context of a variety of facilities of the ICC. We shall pick up with all vigour and courage the growing momentum of life of the ICC in this enriching year of the Silver Jubilee.

In spite of the wealth and achievements of the ICC during the past quarter of the century, we also have experienced painful moments of trial and test, tensions and conflicts, stress and strains, humiliations and threats. There is no doubt that even these fluctuations of the life of the ICC have been contributive to raise the quality of life and dynamism of communion of this pravasi Malayalee Parish towards a marvellous level of internal growth and integrity. With one heart and one soul, let us thank the Lord for what we are today, and for what we have achieved till this day.

Let us acknowledge and proclaim in the light of the Holy Spirit that the ICC parish is truly a unit of the Mystical Body of Christ and we are its living organs. We shall love and honour the ICC which is indeed the sacred corporal unit of Christ's presence of love in the midst of us. We shall do everything possible to maintain the integrity and harmony of this Eucharistic Community of the Lord – which is made up of our flesh and blood, strength and weakness, success and failures. We shall be open to receive every fresh wind of growth and renewal. We shall welcome every word of critical assessment and creative suggestion to the welfare of the ICC.

However, let us be all the more aware and vigilant of the inherent dangers of deviation of orientation from the true nature, call and task of the ICC as being a categorial parish unit of the Archdiocese of Vienna. We shall never be indifferent to any disintegrating tendency and inclination towards the attractions of the powers of evil and darkness. Instead, we shall try to become the children of Life and Light. We shall not speak or do anything that hampers the dignity and sanctity of our Parish Community. We shall remember the strong and clear words of the Lord against those who speak or do anything blasphemous to the sanctity of the Word of God and of the Body of Christ, particularly, by such decadent words and activities causing moral and spiritual deviation in the simple-hearted children of God. Cfr. 1Sam.3: 13-14; Mk.9: 42-48.

We are grateful to all those enthusiastic members of the ICC, who contribute a lot of their time and energy for the life and activities of our Parish Community, particularly for the celebration of the Silver Jubilee. May God bless them and their families. Let the love of God be our motivating force and our inspiration.

## Important Events in the Silver Jubilee Year: October 2006-2007

In view of the spiritual, liturgical, pastoral and catechetical growth of the ICC Parish, we conduct the following programmes in the Jubilee Year:

1. Annual Retreat in the Jubilee Year, conducted by Rev. Dr. Jose Puthiedath & team
  - 29<sup>th</sup> Thursday, March 2007, 14.00 hrs to 19.00 hrs.
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Friday, March 2007, 09.00 hrs to 19.00 hrs.
  - 31<sup>st</sup> Saturday, March 2007, 09.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs.
  - 01<sup>st</sup> Palm Sunday, April 2007, 13.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs.
  - 02<sup>nd</sup> Monday, April 2007, 14.00 hrs to 19.00 hrs.
  - 03<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, April 2007, 14.00 hrs to 19.00 hrs.
  - 07<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday April 2007, 09.30 hrs to 16.00 hrs. Retreat for the Youth above 12 yrs
2. Jubilee Year Sports on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2007
3. Jubilee Cultural Evening on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2007
4. A Solemn Concluding Liturgy of the Silver Jubilee Year on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2007

To meet the expenses for the above-mentioned programmes, the ICC Parish Community requests a “responsible” contribution of €50-, from every registered family of the Indian Catholic Community. We welcome also a “free” contribution from all other non-registered Malayalee families for the Jubilee Celebrations. The contribution is expected to be given on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007. Afterwards a reminder will be published of those ICC registered families, who have not given their due contribution. Further dues from the ICC-registered families will be recorded in the Family Registration Book of the ICC Jubilee Year 2007.

## Important Events in January-February 2007

**From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007 till Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, there will be Malayalam Mass in Maria Lourdes Meidling only on Saturdays and Sundays.**

Malayalam Latin Mass	Every Friday	8.05	Krypta, Maria Lourdes.Meidling
Prayer, Malayalam Mass	Second Saturdays	17. 00	Krypta, Reingasse 25
Prayer, Malayalam Mass	Second Wednesdays	19. 30	Am Tabor
Catechism Teachers Meeting	Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	18. 30	Maria Lourdes, Meidling
Catechism Classes begin	Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.		Meidling & Stadlau
Last day of ICC(Categ.)Parish Registration. (Only new registrations) ICC Jubilee Year Book of 2007	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 2007		Any ICC-parish document will be given only to the ICC registered members.
Kids Liturgy (Children till 6years)	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.		11.30 Meidling, 17.30 Stadlau
Ash Wednesday of ICC Aschermittwoch der AAG	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb. in Malayalam in Deutsch	8. 05 18. 00	Maria Lourdes Meidling To be announced later on

**Note:** New Registrations of Malayalee Catholic Families in the ICC Parish are most welcome. Those who register before 21<sup>st</sup> January 2007 will be included in the ICC Jubilee Book of 2007.

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