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## **Message of the Chaplain**

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The Indian Catholic Community is proud to announce the inauguration of the Silver Jubilee Year of its existence in the Archdiocese of Vienna: 7<sup>th</sup> October 2006 to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007. Let us all join together with joyful hearts and minds to thank the Lord for his abundant blessings on the ICC Parish.

We are grateful to HE Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, the Archbishop of Vienna, for his keen pastoral interest and care of us, which comes down to us not only through his own person, but also through various agencies of the Archdiocese, particularly through the Rektorat of the ARGE – AAG.

We remember with gratitude all the former Chaplains, the Presidents, the General Coordinators and their teams of the ICC Parish Committees of the previous years for their committed service, love and care of our Community, which boosted up the spirit of the Pravasi Malayalees in Vienna to grow into a harmonious Catholic Community of various ethnic, regional and Rite denominations.

We cannot forget the stress and strain of many senior members of the ICC, who worked very hard for its formation and growth that is oriented towards the welfare of the entire immigrant Malayalees in Vienna and of their future generations. The fruits of such a shared commitment of all these “benefactors” and “generators” of the Indian Catholic Community are available to the present generation of the ICC of the Jubilee Year 2006-2007.

Now we have a very strong administrative body of the ICC Parish Committee and a host of other teams for special tasks of service, which render a creative leadership to the ICC Malayalee Parish Community. We welcome whole-heartedly the services of various teams of the ICC Silver Jubilee Celebrations. The keen interest and the active participation of all the members of the ICC give us tremendous boost towards a glaring witness of unity, harmony and sacramental cordiality as being an ecclesial communion of the Pravasi Malayalees in the Archdiocese of Vienna.

Let us make use of the Jubilee Year predominantly for a SPIRITUAL RENEWAL of the Indian Catholic Community, both as individuals and as a Parish Community being united and nurtured by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is also the most generative time for a sincere evaluation of its life and activities, the quality of commitment of its members, the transparency of its orientations and of its tasks and responsibilities – a time for a renewed and vigorous commitment towards a full-fledged blossoming of the family-parish spirit of the Malayalee Catholic Community. Let us all join together with a spirit of enthusiasm and of commitment and get into the main stream of life of the ICC and celebrate the joy and solidarity of our Parish Life as being a blessed Pravasi Parish Community of the Malayalees in the Archdiocese of Vienna.

May God shower upon us and our Parish Community a thousand fragrant flowers of His Divine Blessings.

## 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 plan to conduct the following programmes in the Jubilee Year:

1. One Day Recollection as an immediate spiritual preparation for the Inauguration of the Silver Jubilee (07<sup>th</sup> October 2006).

2. Annual Retreat in the Jubilee Year, conducted by a team of Preachers and Animators
  - 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.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Palm Sunday, April 2007, 13.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, April 2007, 14.00 hrs to 19.00 hrs.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, April 2007, 14.00 hrs to 19.00 hrs.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday April 2007, 09.30 hrs to 16.00 hrs. Retreat for the Youth above 12 yrs

3. Half Day Recollections at least three times during the Jubilee Year.
4. Publication of an ICC Silver Jubilee Souvenir.
5. Jubilee Year Sports on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2007
6. Jubilee Cultural Evening on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2007
7. A Solemn Concluding Liturgy of the Silver Jubilee Year on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2007
8. Jubilee Year Pilgrimage and Prizes for the Catechism Students.
9. Jubilee Year Pilgrimage of the Malayalee Youth and Elderly Members of the ICC.
10. Jubilee Year Charity Contribution of the ICC.
11. Printing of the Holy Week Liturgy Books in the Jubilee Year.
12. Extra Activities of later planning.

To meet the expenses for the above-mentioned programmes, the ICC Parish Community has to find an effective financial source. For that purpose, the ICC expects 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.

No other formal collection of registration-contribution will be taken from the members of the ICC in the Jubilee Year.

## Other important Events in October and November 2006

- 08<sup>th</sup> October, 2006: Inauguration of the ICC Silver Jubilee Year,  
by HE Mar George Palliparambil, Bishop of Miao, Arunachal Pradesh,  
after the Sunday Mass at 11. 30 Am in Meidling.
- 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 : ICC Awareness Programme.
- 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 : 10<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration of the Holy Family Prayer Unit Puchsbaumplatz.
- 01<sup>st</sup> November 2006: All Saints Day.
- 02<sup>nd</sup> November 2006: All Souls Day: Holy Mass at 19.30 in Pfarre Maria Lourdes.
- 04<sup>th</sup> November 2006: General Gathering for Evaluation (Podhuyogam)  
at 18.30hrs in SSP Hall.