

Social Upliftment



Towards the need of the society-Social Reformer

- Housing projects for the poor people at Kolkunnu, kattikarakunnu colonies
- Construction of Puthenchira-Kombathukadavu road
- Electrification at Kuzhikkattusserry
- Industrial School at Kuzhikkattusserry
- Orphanage for the poor girls at Kodakara

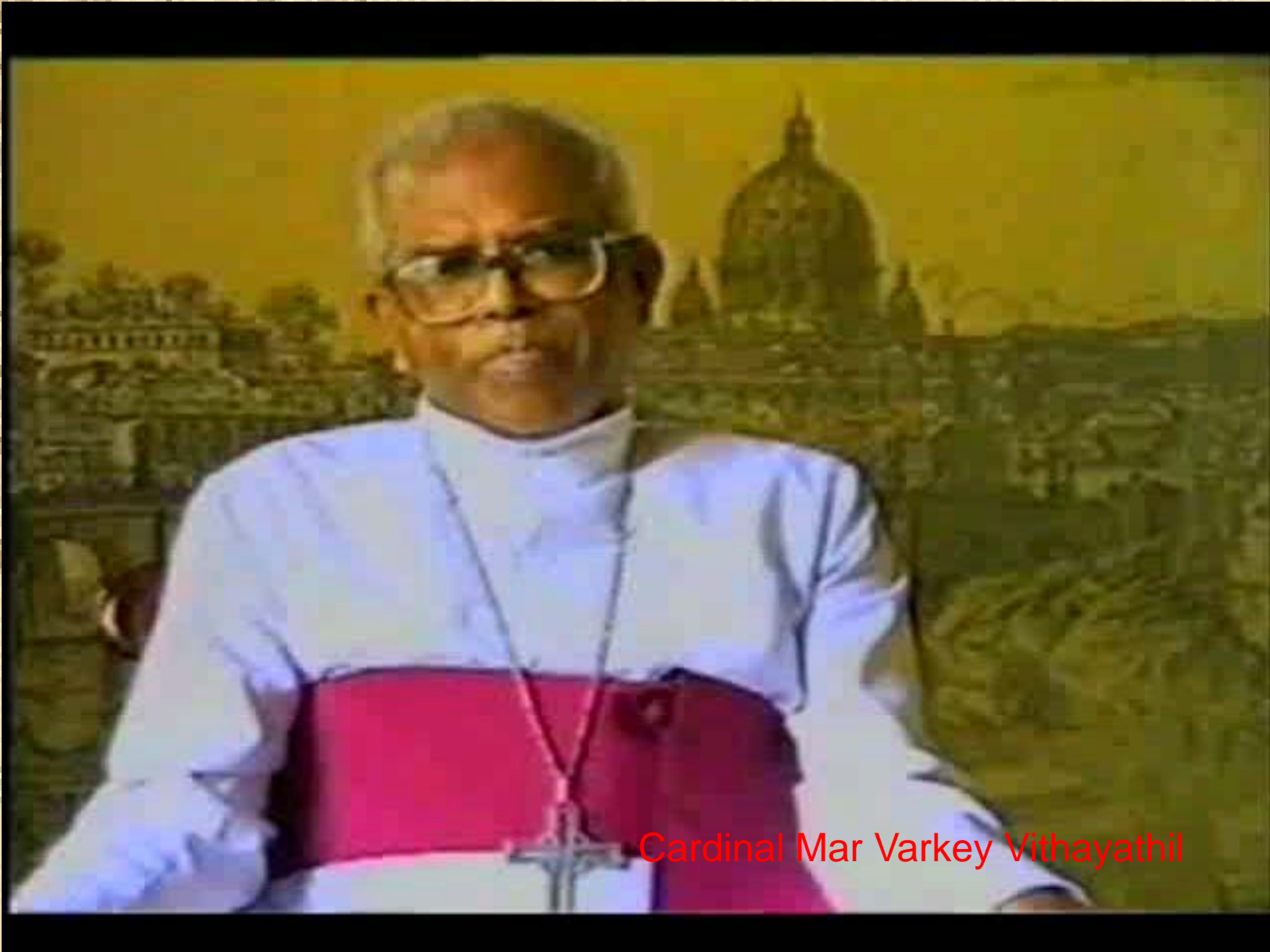




Orphange. Kodakara



Cardinal Mar Varkey Vithayathil, soon after his ordination,
meeting his relative Fr. Joseph Vithayathil



Cardinal Mar Varkey Vithayathil

Joseph Vithaythil Pithavu and The Congregation of The Holy Family

- 1914 May 14- Erection of the Congregation.Mother Mariam Thresia, Foundress and Fr.Joseph Vithayathil as the co-founder.
- 1922-1964 (42 years) Chaplain at St.Mary's Convent, Kuzhikkattussery
- 1926 Eye witness to the demise of MMT
- 1942 First General Election
- 1964 Birth Centenary of Joseph Vithayathil and Golden Jubilee Celebration of CHF
- 1964 June 8- left to the eternal abode



Fr. Joseph Vithayathil at the age of 90

*Fr. Joseph Vithayathil left to the
eternal abode*

CHF with

- convents 8
- School 3
- Orphanage 1
- Industrial school 1

Last days

- 1954-malfunctioning of kidney-swelling on both the legs
- 10 years of silent suffering
- Received the anointment of the sick 3 times in 1960, 1961, 1964 respectively.
- 1964 May 29- Mother Josephine was called and asked for anointment of the sick. Then He asked for the Exemption from Canonical prayers. After that long silence for 9 days
- 1964 June 8 , sad demise.

1964 June 9, Funeral Ceremony

Main Celebrants were-

Cardinal Mar Joseph Parecattil

Mar George Alappatt

Mar Mathew Pothanamozhi

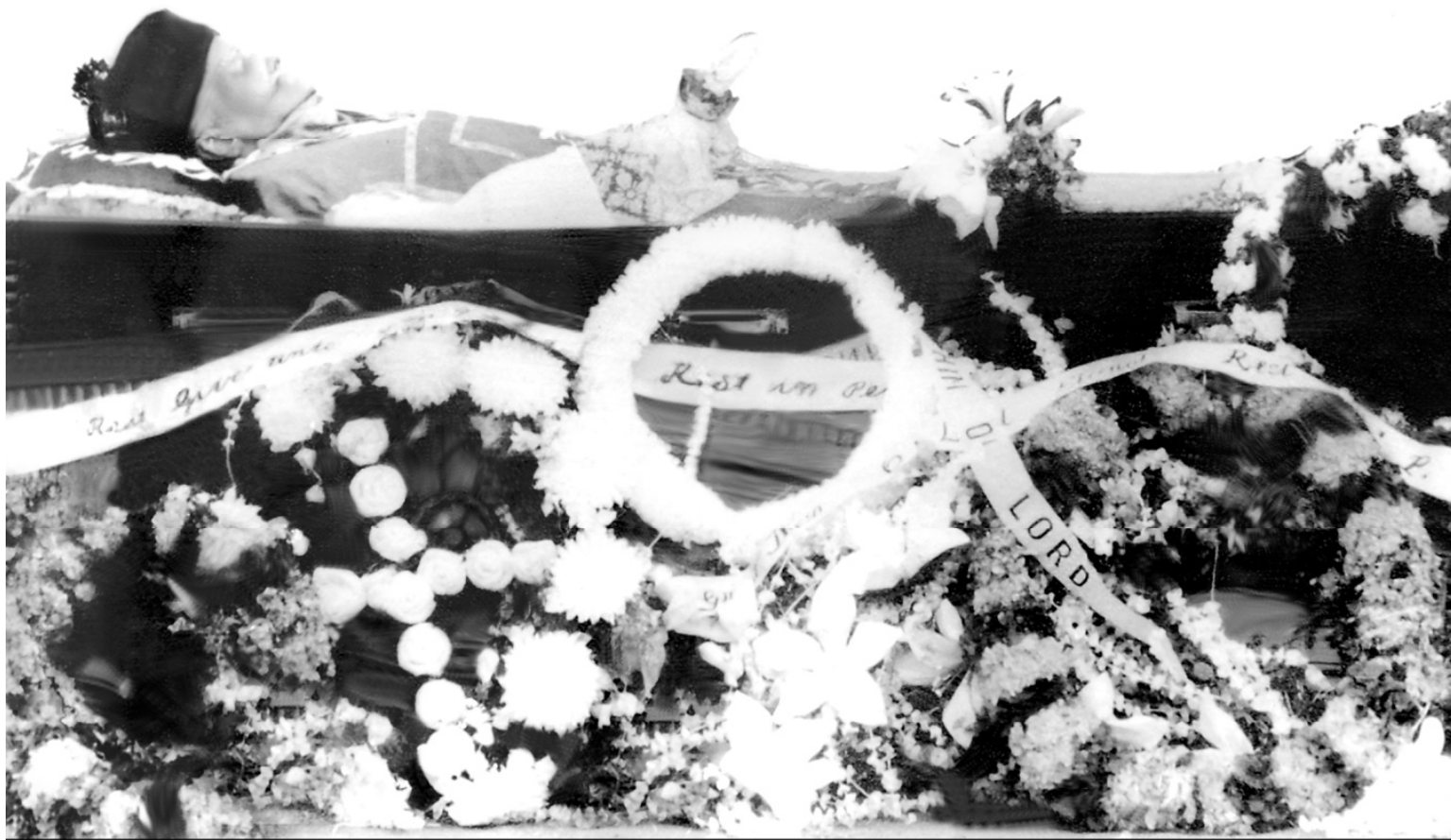
Mar Mathew Pothanamozhi in his Message:

“participating in the funeral ceremony of a holy priest.

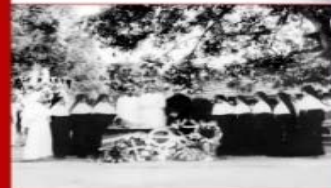
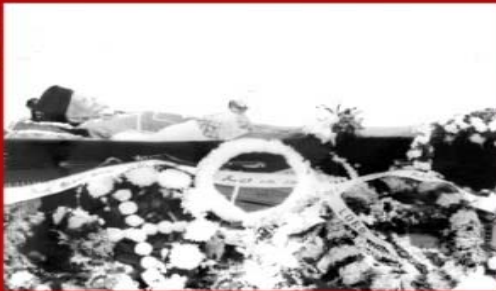
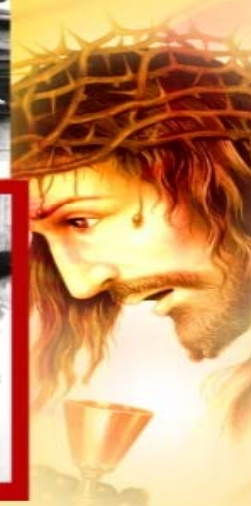
Being a diocesan priest, he lived like a religious priest.”

Thousands were present in the funeral function.

**Fr. Joseph Vithayathil, Co-founder of
the Congregation of the Holy Family Died on 08.06.1964**



Scenes from the Funeral Ceremony of Rev. Fr. Joseph Vithayathil (09.06.1964)



They say---

Cardinal Mar Varkey Vithayathil- A personality glowing with the brilliance of purity, Holy and Inspiring priest.

Mar James Pazhayattil: Altar boy for 6 years, could receive the blessing from Fr. Joseph Vithayathil during his school days, entering the primary and after ordination

Mar George Panikulam –Fr.Joseph Vithayathil is “St. Maria Vianny of Kerala”.

Professor P. C. Thomas: Altar boy for 11 years. Fervor in celebrating the Holy Eucharist, loving obedience to the superiors, concern for the poor, awareness of the value of time etc. were imbibed from Fr. Joseph Vithayathil.

Naduthiri: Pithavu for all, kind hearted and loving, even towards animals too. Bulls are allowed to work till 11 am, after that food and rest.

Vallon Kizhathani: From his age 4 to 59, he was with pithavu-He says ” sympathetic and loving heart to all. During the months of famine, (late June, July and August) used to give daily wages and meals to the poor and sick. “





The pious people praying at the tomb



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