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## Message

### Kainakary Chavara Chronicle: Opening Up Newer Horizons!

The land and waterways of Kainakary are blessed by the birth and grooming of her illustrious son Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara. Between 10 February 1805 (date of birth) and 13 February 1868 (date of issuing *Oru Nalla Appante Chavarul*) we see not only the development of a pious religious priest but also a seasoned visionary, who could repay his family and friends in his native village by way of a unique set of precepts for families as well as directives for the upbringing of children. As 150 years have passed after the Chavarul was issued and as it is time to ensure that the noble thoughts and practical guidelines proposed by Saint Chavara to nurture healthy and God-fearing families should be brought back to our society, the thought of Chavara Bhavan, Kainakary, to begin a new but modest venture of publishing a regular newsletter with the title Kainakary Chavara Chronicle is a welcome step and a promise for taking the vision of Saint Chavara to wider audience. Let the news and views brought out through the pages of Kainakary Chavara Chronicle be instrumental in spreading the virtuous message of Saint Chavara and in enhancing the lives of all those who are associated Chavara Bhavan, the birth-home of Saint Chavara.

I congratulate Rev. Fr. Thomas Kallukalam CMI and Rev. Fr. James Karoor CMI, along with the entire team led by Mr. Joppan Zacharia, and wish them all the best and God's choicest blessings for the success of this noble venture.

**Rev. Dr. Saju Chackalackal CMI**  
General Councillor for Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry

## Editorial

We are celebrating 150th anniversary of issuing the "Nalla Appante Chavarul" (Testament of a Loving Father) by St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara to the parishioners of Kainakary. This letter was given to the families to strengthen them in proper communication with the family members, others and God.

'Kainakary Chavara Chronicle' is a humble attempt of communicating to the families and persons and make them aware of the relevant activities that are taking place at Chavara Bhavan Kainakary. We hope and pray that St Chavara's birth home and its message will inspire many in the days to come.

**Fr Thomas Kallukalam CMI**  
Managing Editor

## Upcoming Events

### ■ Kainakary Chavara Carol competition

St Chavara was one of the first who wrote 'Ecologue' for Christmas season. This year Chavara Bhavan @ Kainakary, the birth home of Saint Chavara, would like to take the initiative to start Carol Competition on 10th December 2017, involving all Christian Churches and Institutions to share the joy of Christmas. During this programme, the famous 'Ecologue' written by St Chavara will be staged by the Chavara Cultural Centre, Kochi.

### ■ Chavara Jayanthi Feast 2018

The Annual Feast of Chavara Bhavan Kainakary will be celebrated from February 2 to 11, 2018. This year's Feast Celebrations will be centred on 'Chavarul' as we are celebrating its 150th year. The details will be announced soon. Hearty welcome to All.



# Kainakary CHAVARA FEST 2017

Kainakary Chavara Fest 2017 was celebrated at Chavara Bhavan, Kainakary, on Saturday, 2 September 2017. This interreligious cultural fest of the people of Kainakary was jointly organized by Chavara Bhavan and Chavara Cultural Centre, Karikamury, Ernakulam.

The programme, arranged in the context of Onam celebration, began with various competitions for various age groups from Kainakary, arranged at KE Carmel School, Kainakary. After a modest Onam lunch in the school premises, which was partaken by more than 500 people, a solemn procession of about 750 people started at 2:15 pm, consisting of one group from KE School and another from the Chakankary Bhagavati Temple; after merging together at Chavara Jetty, they moved in solemn procession towards Chavara Bhavan, the venue of the concluding celebrations. Chenda melam and Sinkari melam and various other native art forms, including Kathakali, Theyyam, Kuchipudi, Mayilattam, and Mohiniyattam along with Margam Kali, added colour to the procession and showcased the uniqueness of Kerala culture.

The procession was led by a group of local and state level cultural and religious leaders, including Dr. Sebastian Paul and Dr. K. S. Radhakrishnan. Public meeting began at 3:45 pm, which was presided over by

the Kainakary Panchayat President Mrs. Sheela Sajiv; Dr. Radhakrishnan and Dr. Sebastian Paul were the chief guests and Fr. Sebastian Thekkedathu and Fr. Saju Chackalackal, two CMI General Councillors, along with Fr. James Madathikandam were the special guests.

During the programme, five eminent persons from Kainakary were honoured for their contributions to enhance the sociocultural situations of Kainakary; they were the following: Kainakary Baby (Freedom Fighter & Kathikan), Kainakary Thankaraj (Drama), Antony Thomas Valiyaveetil (Vallamkali), Lijin Jose (Film director), and Binoy Job (CEO). This meaningful and relevant programme, necessary for the uplift of the cultural and unity quotient of Kainakary was made possible through the initiatives of Fr. Roby Kannanchira, Director of Chavara Cultural Centre, Karikamury, and Fr. Thomas Kallukalam and Fr. James Karoor of Chavara Bhavan, Kainakary, along with the Panchayat Ward Members and a group of committed volunteers, including Fr. Joseph Ayyankari, Principal of KE Carmel School, Mr Boban Velloor and Mr Joppan.

It is planned that the celebration of Kainakary Chavara Fest will be an annual feature connecting the people of the locality and celebrating the uniqueness of Kainakary through various cultural celebrations.

Kainakary Chavara Bhavan Presents

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We have to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present & future generations limiting the use of non renewable resources

Laudato Si (No:22) Encyclical Letter  
Pope Francis

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