

# Diocese of Sivagangai

Tamilnadu State, Southeast INDIA

## Mission Appeal

on

# October 19 -20, 2019



**Rev. John Melkies Suvakeen**

From Sivagangai Diocese, India  
(Pastor in St. Mary's, Fosston & St. Joseph's, Bagley)

**Your generous donations support: Physically & Mentally challenged 'special' children, Women's Empowerment, Education of Poor Students, ...and other social activities**

### Education Ministry



\$25 per student, per month provides  
Boarding and School Fees

### Old Age Home Ministry



### Seminarians



\$300 per student, per year

It is in TamilNadu (Chennai) where St. Thomas the Apostle was martyred and buried; his tomb is there. Christians are still a minority in India, making up only 2.3 percent of the total population of 1.2 billion people. Your donations to this mission appeal will help to fund all the ministries in this Diocese where the majority of the people are farmers and coolie workers.

Christian Missionaries and churches are regular targets of attacks and persecution by the Fundamentalists.

*Please pray for our Christian brothers and sisters of India.*

**Cathedral of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception**  
**Mission Appeal on this weekend**  
**19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fr. JohnMelkies Suvakeen a missionary priest of the diocese of Sivagangai from Tamil Nadu, India will be here in our parish to make a mission appeal for the mission diocese in India. This Mission Appeal is to provide food and medicine with hygienic living facilities to the physically and mentally challenged 'special' need children who are accommodated in the special schools in his diocese. The mission appeal helps to meet the ministerial support, such as providing food and medicine; supporting water and electricity bills; and formation of volunteer and assistance. In the light of the Gospel, it is practicing and transmitting the Christian vision of love and care, for the poor and vulnerable, and partaking in the healing mission of Christ. It is God's work, but it is in our hands. Please, be generous to make this mission more successful. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Definitely it will make a big difference in the lives of these children. If you are not prepared to make a gift for this appeal this weekend, you can place a check with "Mission Appeal" in the memo in the collection next weekend, or an envelope with cash in it with the same notation on the front. Gifts can also be brought to the Parish Office. Thank you !!!.