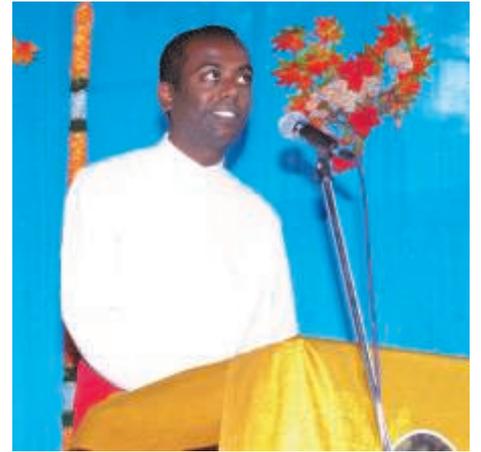




*Fr. Christophe Beaublat thanks Mr. Pokisham, coordinator of St. Thomas' Chapel, Nagercoil during the Day of Tradition at the priory on 26th January.*



*Fr. Therasian, compère and organiser.*

### DAY OF TRADITION

On this glorious Sunday, instead of the priests travelling to far flung Mass Centres in southern India, the faithful travelled to the far flung priory of Palayamkottai for a Day of Tradition dedicated to the Holy Rosary. About four hundred faithful attended the solemn High Mass, conferences, lunch and benediction of

the Blessed Sacrament. It was a wonderful day in which devotion and friendship were renewed. May Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary keep us ever in her care. Please do not forget the Rosary Crusade in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the protection of Catholic tradition. Deo gratias.



*"Pray the Rosary!" says Fr. Xavier-Ignatius.*



*The religious and faithful of Tuticorin.*



*“Let us reflect for a moment,” says Fr. Christophe Beaublat, Prior of Palayamkottai.*

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

### The Boat in the Window

A young boy spent many hours building a little sailboat, crafting it down to the finest detail. He then took it to a nearby river to sail it. When he put it in the water, however, it moved away from him very quickly. Though he chased it along the bank, he couldn't keep up with it. The strong wind and current carried the boat away. The heartbroken boy knew how hard he would have to work to build another sailboat.

Farther down the river, a man found the little boat, took it to town, and sold it to a shopkeeper. Later that day, as the boy was walking through town, he noticed the boat in a store window. Entering the store, he told the owner that the boat belonged to him. It had his own little marks on it, but he couldn't prove to the shopkeeper that the boat was his.

The man told him the only way he could get the boat was to buy it. The boy wanted it back so badly that he did exactly that.

As he took the boat from the hand of the shopkeeper, he looked at it and said, “Little boat, you're twice mine. I made you and I bought you.”

### Application

In the same way, we are twice God's. **Our Father in heaven both created us and paid a great price for us.**

**Colossians 1:16 : “For in Him was created everything in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominations, or principalities, or powers. All things were created through Him and in Him.”**

And Romans 5:8-9 : **“But God demonstrates His love for us in that, while we were yet sinners, at the proper time, Christ died for us. Therefore, having been justified now by His blood, all the more so shall we be saved from wrath through Him.”**

With the blood of His Son, we have been redeemed and reunited with God. Jesus Christ gave His life to get us back, yet so often we show such little gratitude for what He has done for us.

### Gratitude in Action

1°) Today, focus on expressing gratitude for and to your family members. In your diary, make a list of each member of your immediate family. Then next to each name write one quality about their life for which you are particularly grateful. Take time to thank God for each

member of the family He has given you. Then pick one or two individuals from your list to whom you can express gratitude today, in person, by phone, or with a note or email. You might want to start by saying something like this:

**“Today, I thanked God for you. And I wanted to tell you how grateful I am that you are part of my family, and especially for this particular quality I see in your life...”**

2°) Everyday, during your evening prayer, write down briefly in your notebook three graces, i.e. three occasions to **be grateful and thank God. They don't have to be the three most important gifts of God or in chronological order. Just write the three first ones that come to your mind. It's quick and easy.**

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Of course, my dear faithful, I keep you all in the ethereal diary of my mind, for you are all members of our mission family. And in this letter, I thank God for you—for your prayers and for your generosity and pray that He may bless you.

Yours sincerely in Caritate Christi,  
Rev, Fr. Christophe Beaublat  
Prior



*Frs. Loschi and Methodius in front of the Basilica of Our Lady of Ransom, at the southern-most tip of India.*



*"You can do it!" The boys playing at the dam during our brief monsoon season.*



*On New Year's Day, sisters, Denisha and Vinisha, made their first Holy Communion in the sunshine of Christurajapuram.*



*The Reparation Sisters of the Immaculate of Mary with Snowvi Philomena on the day of her First Holy Communion on the feast of St. Stephen.*



*Some shady looking shepherds at the Veritas Nativity Play : Dominic, Magnus, Brighton and Primus.*



*The Angels—Sarah, Pauline and Angela—brought pure hearts; the Kings—Agin, Jaya Balan and Daniel—brought gold, frankincense and myrrh; Miss Louise Gabard and Miss Euphrasie Soullier, both of France, brought art and music ... what wonderful gifts for the Christ Child!*