

# Yesu Karunanidhi

## Curriculum vitae studiorum et operum

### 1. Personal Profile

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Diocese : Archdiocese of Madurai (*Archidioecesis Madhuraisensis*)  
Vocation : Roman Catholic Priest (ordained on 19 April 2009)  
Current Position : Secretary, Commission for Bible, Indian Episcopal Conference  
Principal, Saint Paul's Online Bible College  
National Coordinator, Synod Continental Phase  
National Coordinator, Jubilee 2025  
Member, Indian Theological Association (ITA)  
Missionary of Mercy, Dicastery for Evangelization



### 2. Academic Qualification

#### *Ecclesiastical Studies*

Degree	Institute	Year
Diploma in Safeguarding Minors	Pontifical Gregorian University (Italy)	2022-2023
Doctorate in Theology (Ph.D.)	Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune (India)	2015-2017
Licentiate in Sacred Scripture (LSS)	Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome (Italy)	2012-2015
Baccalaureate in Theology (B.Th.)	Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune (India)	2005-2009
Baccalaureate in Philosophy (B.Ph.)	Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune (India)	2001-2003

#### *Secular Studies*

Degree	Institute	Year
PG Diploma in Journalism (PGJPR)	Bharathidasan Univ., Trichy (India)	2019-2020
Master in Business Admin. (M.B.A.)	Madurai Kamaraj Univ., Madurai (India)	2009-2011
Baccalaureate in Arts (B.A.)	Madurai Kamaraj Univ., Madurai (India)	2001-2004

### *Linguistic Proficiency*

English (Excellent)

Hindi (Sufficient)

Italian (Excellent)

German (Good)

Ecclesiastical Latin (Good)

Biblical Hebrew (Excellent)

New Testament Greek (Excellent)

### **3. Title of the Dissertation**

Licentiate : *Beginning from the End*. An Exegetical Study of the Parable of an Illogical Lord (Mt 20:1-16)

Doctorate : *Sweet is the Light*. A Comparative Reading of Ecclesiastes 11:4-12:8 and Paṭṭinattār's Uṭalkūrruvaṇṇam (a Hindu Śaivite philosophical text).

### **4. Publication of the Doctoral Dissertation**

*Divine-Human Symphony*. A Comparative Reading of Ecclesiastes and Paṭṭinattār. New Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 2020. [<https://www.amazon.com/Divine-Human-Symphony-Comparative-Ecclesiastes-Pattinattar>]

### **5. Pastoral, and Didactic Timeline**

2021 – till date : Secretary, Epis. Conf. Commission for Bible, Bengaluru  
Principal, St. Paul's Online Bible College

2018 – 2021 : Facilitator-cum-Professor (with *Nihil Obstat* from the Vatican)  
Saint Paul's Institute of Theology, Tiruchirappalli

2017 – 2018 : Secretary to the Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Madurai, Madurai  
Visiting Faculty, Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune

2016 – 2017 : Archivist, Librarian, and Projects Coordinator  
Archdiocese of Madurai, Madurai  
Visiting Faculty, Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune

2012 – 2016 : Associate Pastor  
Parrocchia di San Giuda Taddeo, Rome

2011 – 2012 : Associate Pastor  
Holy Redeemer's Church, Theni

2010 – 2011 : Associate Pastor  
Saint Joseph's Church, Madurai

2009 – 2010 : Parochial Administrator  
Saint Sebastian's Church, Madurai

## 6. Publications

### i. Books

[2023] *Ecclesiastes*. Christian Ecumenical Commentary Series in Tamil, 11 (J. Susaimanickam, ed., Tiruchirappalli: Arulvakku Mandram).

[2023] *Nān Taniyan Āṇēn*. Ciluvaippātai Cintanaikaḷ. I Stand Alone. Biblical-Pastoral Reflections on the Stations of the Cross (Tamil) (Madurai: Yesni Prays – Self-Publishing).

[2022] *Song of Songs*. Christian Ecumenical Commentary Series in Tamil, 12 (J. Susaimanickam, ed., Tiruchirappalli: Arulvakku Mandram).

[2022] *Mary Icon of the Synodal Church*. Biblical Reflections (Vatican City: Pontifical International Maria Academy) [Co-authored with Denis Kulandaisamy, OSM]

[2022] *Anaittilum Nammaippōl*. Yēcuviṅ Cōṭanaikaḷum Vāḷviyaḷ Cavālkaḷum. Like Us in All Things. Jesus' Temptations and Life Challenges (Tamil) (Madurai: Yesni Prays – Self-Publishing).

[2021] *Tantayin Itayattōtu*. Tamil Translation of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (Tiruchirappalli: Tamil Ilakkia Kazhagam).

[2020] *Oppukaikaḷ*. Tamil Translation of Saint Augustine's *Confessions* (Tiruchirappalli: Tamil Ilakkia Kazhagam).

[2020] *Divine-Human Symphony*. A Comparative Reading of Ecclesiastes and Paṭṭiṅattār (New Delhi: Christian World Imprints).

[2018] *Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah*. Christian Ecumenical Commentary Series in Tamil, 24 (C. Hieronymus, ed., Tiruchirappalli: Arulvakku Mandram).

[2015] *Peṇmān*. A Reflection on the Seven Silences and Seven Journeys of Mary (Tamil) (Madurai: Sathangai Publications).

[2015] *Job*. Book, Person, and Us (Tamil) (Madurai: Sathangai Publications).

[2012] *Avaroṭu*. A Homiletical and Liturgical Guide to the Holy Week (Tamil) (Madurai: Sathangai Publications).

### ii. Articles

[2023] "Glimpses of Fraternity in Joseph Cycle: A Discourse Analysis of Gen 37:2-50:26," Joy Philip Kakkanattu CMI – Laurence Culas (eds.), *Fraternity in the Bible Glimpses and Paradigms*. CBAI Seminar Papers 6, Bengaluru: Theological Publications in India, 35-55.

[2023] "Laudate Deum. Summary and Reflection," in *The New Leader*, Vol. 136, No. 20, Oct 16-31, 2023, p. 21.

[2023] “Jubilee 2025: Meaning, Purpose, Preparation, and Participation,” in *The Examiner*, Vol. 67, No. 34, Aug 26 - Sep 01, 2023, pp. 6-7.

[2023] “*Instrumentum Laboris* for the XVI General Assembly of the Synod in Capsule,” in *The New Leader*, Vol. 136, No. 17, Sep 1-15, 2023, pp. 10-12.

[2023] “*Instrumentum Laboris* for the XVI General Assembly of the Synod: Summary, Reception, and Review,” in *Vidyajyoti Journal of Theological Reflection*, Vol. 87, No. 8, Aug 2023, pp. 607-609.

[2022] “*Desiderio Desideravi*: Scope, Summary, and Review of the Apostolic Letter,” in *The New Leader*, Vol. 135, No. 18, Sep 16-30, 2022, pp. 10-13.

[2022] “Challenges concerning Priestly Formation,” M. William Lourduraj (ed.), *Priestly Formation. A Centenary Volume [1921-2021]. Chronicled History and Documentation*, Tiruchirappalli: Thedal Veliyeedugal, 65-69.

[2022] “Jesus’ Way of Forming the Disciples,” M. William Lourduraj (ed.), *Priestly Formation. A Centenary Volume [1921-2021]. Chronicled History and Documentation*, Tiruchirappalli: Thedal Veliyeedugal, 74-77.

[2022] “Synodality: The Pastoral-Theological Vision of Pope Francis for the Universal Church,” in *Vidyajyoti Journal of Theological Reflection*, Vol. 86, No. 1, Jan 2022, pp. 18-34.

[2022] “Dignity and Rights of Children in the Bible,” in *Jeevadhara*, Vol. LII, 2022, No. 307, pp. 67-75.

[2021] (Emmanuel – God with Us. Biblical background, theological understanding, and existential challenge) “இம்மானுவேல் – கடவுள் நம்மோடு. விவிலியச் சூழல், இறையியல் புரிதல், வாழ்வியல் சவால்,” *நம் தோழன்*, டிசம்பர், 46, 12–18.

[2021] (Synod for synodality 2021-2023. Directives for synodal consultation) “கூட்டொருங்கியக்கத்துக்கான மாமன்றம் 2021–2023. மாமன்றக் கலந்தாலோசித்தலுக்கான வழிகாட்டுதல்கள்,” தொகுப்பாசிரியர் குடந்தை ஞானி, *கூட்டொருங்கியக்கத்துக்கான மாமன்றம் 2021–2023*, சென்னை: நம் வாழ்வு வெளியீடுகள், 24–33.

[2021] “Mary Queen of Peace,” in *Divine Shepherd’s Voice*, Vol. 12, Oct – Dec 2021, Issue 4, pp. 244-252.

[2021] “Justice and Injustice as Social Components in Ecclesiastes,” in *Jeevadhara*, Vol. LI, 2021, No. 303, pp. 60-69.

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[2021] (A pastoral reflection on the politics in the Book of Ecclesiastes) “புனித பவுலின் கடிதங்களும் ஊடக வலிமையும்.” [in print]

[2021] (A pastoral reflection on the politics in the Book of Ecclesiastes) “வலிமை மற்றும் வலுவின்மை என்னும் இருதுருவ நிலை: சபை உரையாளர் நூலில் அரசியல்,” *மறை அருவி*, 46, 12–18.

[2021] (On Young Biblical Characters and Their God-Experience) “விவிலிய இளவல்களும் இறையனுபவங்களும்,” *இனிய தோழன்*, 5/2, பிப்ரவரி, 7–11.

[2020] “Virgin Birth of a Superhero: An Intertextual Reading of *Mahābhārata* 111.6-14, 17-25,” in *Tilburg University Series on the Profession of Faith: Born of the Virgin* [in print].

[2020] “Word-Pictures of Human Vulnerability in Paṭṭinattār’s Poems,” in *Jeevadhara Jeevadhara*, Vol. L, 2020, No. 301, pp. 60-66.

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[2020] (On Mother Teresa Model of Interfaith Dialogue) “கொல்கொத்தா நகர் தெரசா: சமய நல்லிணக்கப் பணியும் வாழ்வும்,” தொகுப்பாசிரியர் ஆ. அருள், *சமய நல்லிணக்கக் கையேடு*, மதுரை: சமய நல்லிணக்கப் பணிக்குழு, 12–19.

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[2020] (A pastoral and ecumenical reflection on the presentation of children in the Gospels). “இயேசுவும் குழந்தைகளும்,” தொகுப்பாசிரியர் தே. அல்போன்ஸ், *இயேசு களஞ்சியம்*, சென்னை: செலஸ்டியல் மல்டிமீடியா, 60.

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[2020] “Behold I Come to Do Your Will: An Intertextual Study of Hebrews 10:5-7 and Psalm 40:6-8,” Charles Davis J. - Jeevaraj L. (eds.), *Christian Commitment to Service: Faith in Practice. Festschrift in Honour of Archbishop Antony Pappusamy*, New Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 45-50.

[2019] (On the Management Lessons from the Book of Ecclesiastes). “சபை உரையாளர் நூல் காட்டும் மேலாண்மை பாடங்கள்,” *ஆன்மிக மலர்*, 10/1, ஆகஸ்ட், 2–14.

[2019] (On Pattinattār's Anthology on Human Life) “பட்டினத்தடிகளின் உடற்கூற்றுவண்ணம்: பாடலும், பகுப்பாய்வும், பாடமும்,” தொகுப்பாசிரியர்கள் மு. கவிதா, ஆ. ஜோஸ்பின் செலின் மேரி, சான்லாக்ஸ் பன்னாட்டுத் தமிழியல் ஆய்விதழ், மலர் 3, சிறப்பிதழ் 4, மார்ச் 2019, 15-20.

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[2018] (On ‘Jesus Christ,’ ‘Satan,’ ‘Riches,’ ‘Saints,’ ‘Salvation, Fullness of Life’). “இயேசு கிறிஸ்து,” “சாத்தான்,” “செல்வம்,” “புனிதர்கள்,” “மீட்பு, வாழ்வு பெறுதல்,” “வினைப்பயன்,” தொகுப்பாசிரியர்கள் ஜே. தெயோபிலஸ், வ. இரபேல், ஜா. எல்பின்ஸ்டன், *விவிலிய இறையியல் அகராதி*, சென்னை: செலஸ்டியல் மல்டிமீடியா, 48, 169, 184, 305, 385, 402).

[2018] (On Mission in the Bible). “மகிழ்ந்திரு! நினைத்திரு! சஉ 11:4-12:8 காட்டும் அகநோக்கு மறைத்தூதுப்பணி,” தொகுப்பாசிரியர் சூ. சந்தியாகுராசா, *விவிலியத்தில் மறைத்தூதுப்பணி*, திருச்சி: தேடல் வெளியீடுகள், 51-66.

[2018] (On Secular Spirituality). “ஆயர்பணி திருமுகங்களில் உலகியல் ஆன்மீகம்,” தொகுப்பாசிரியர் மதுரை ஆனந்தம், *அருள்பணி ஆன்மீகம்*, மதுரை: நொபிலி வெளியீடுகள், 83-94.

[2018] (On Political Incorrectness as a Prophetic Call). “இவன் இந்த மக்களின் நலனைத் தேடாமல், அவர்களின் அழிவைத் தேடுகிறான்” – எரே 38:1-13இல் அரசியல் எதிர்க்கருத்து என்னும் இறைவாக்கினர் அழைப்பு, *மறை அருவி*, 41/2, ஏப்- டிச, 1-11.

[2018] “Crisis - Conflict - Stress Management: Leadership Lessons from the Parable of a Father and Two Sons in Luke 15:11-32,” in *Jnanadeepa*. Vol. 22/2, Jul - Dec, 51-65.

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### iii. Book Reviews

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[2021] (The Book on Pope Francis the Precious Model) வ. இராபர்ட், *திருத்தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ்: ஓர் அரிய முன்மாதிரி* (முள்குழு: விடியலை நோக்கி, 2021). பக். 200.

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[2018] (The Book on the Mission in the Bible) *விவிலியத்தில் மறைத்தூதுப்பணி: இன்றைய சவால்களும் அணுகுமுறைகளும்* (தொ.ஆ.) சூ. சந்தியாகு ராசா, திருச்சி: தேடல் வெளியீடுகள், 2018, பக். 217, மறை அருவி, 41/4, அக்-டிச, 37-41.

#### iv. Presentations

[2023] “Church Renewal: What would be the Necessary Formation for Clergy and Laity for Making Synodal Church Possible on the Levels of Parish, Diocese, Nation, and Vatican ?” Asian Youth Academy – Asian Theology Forum 2023 on Women, Inter-culturation and Integral Ecology for the Sustainable Future in India, on 26 Aug 2023, in Bali, Indonesia.

[2023] “Mary A Companion on Our Synodal Journey: Biblical Reflections,” Paper Presentation at the Pontifical Marian Academy – Archdiocese of Madras Mylapore International Marian Congress, on 14 Aug 2023, at Santhome, Chennai.

[2023] “Mary Kept the Word and Pondered over It: Significance of Silence and Listening in Basic Ecclesial / Human Communities,” Paper Presentation at the Pontifical Marian Academy – Archdiocese of Madras Mylapore International Marian Congress, on 14 Aug 2023, at Santhome, Chennai.

[2023] “Synodal Leadership: Avenues and Paths,” Centenary Memorial Extension Lecture Saint Paul’s Seminary, on 28 July 2023, at St. Paul’s Institute of Theology, Tiruchirappalli.

[2023] “*Desiderio Desideravi*. Scope, Summary, and Review of the Apostolic Letter,” Paper Presentation at the 24<sup>th</sup> CBCI Bishops-Theologians Colloquium 2023 on A Theological, Pastoral, Liturgical and Canonical Rereading of *Traditionis Custodes* and *Desiderio Desideravi* by the CBCI Office for Doctrine, on 6 July 2023, at NBCLC, Bengaluru.

[2023] “Dawn of a New Vision of a Synodal Church: The What, The Why, The How,” Paper Presentation at the National Symposium on Synodal Fraternity by ARBI – CRI (BS), on 26 May 2023, at Vidya Deep, Bengaluru.

[2023] “Jesus’ Methodology of Calling: Perceiving, Accompanying, and Nurturing,” Keynote Address at CCBI National Conference for Vocation Directors, on 18 May 2023, at Paalana Bhavana, Bengaluru.

[2023] “Mary Icon of the Church: Biblical-Pastoral Reflections,” Poster Presentation at the International Symposium on Synodality Moving Forward, on 15 January 2023, at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bengaluru.

[2022] “Synodal Challenges to Ethics and Ethical Challenges to Synodality,” National Seminar on Synodality by the Association of Moral Theologians in India, on 21 October 2022, at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bengaluru.

[2022] “A Comparative Reading of the Holy Bible and the Mahabharata,” National Workshop on Intertextual Reading of Sacred Scriptures, on 21 September 2022, at National Biblical, Catechetical, and Liturgical Centre, Bengaluru.

[2022] “Biblical Foundations of Synodality,” Regional Seminar on Synod for a Synodal Church, on 4 July 2022, at Good Shepherd Seminary, Coimbatore.

[2022] “Theological Practices in India,” Theology after *Veritatis Gaudium*, on 31 May 2022, at 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Conference of the Catholic Theological Association (COCTI), via Zoom.

[2021] “Synodality: The Pastoral-Theological Vision of Pope Francis for the Universal Church,” National Seminar on Synodality, on 11 December 2021, at Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee, Chennai.

[2021] “By the Light of His Word: *Querida Amazonia*’s Challenges to Biblical Interpretation in India,” 22<sup>nd</sup> CBCI Bishops – Theologians Colloquium 2021, on 21 July 2021, at CBCI Office for Doctrine, via Zoom.

[2021] “Unworthy Servanthood of St. Joseph: An Analysis of Lk 17:7-10,” Joint Webinar on *Saint Joseph*, on 16 July 2021, at CCBI Commission for Bible and Jesuit Chennai Province Commission for Spirituality & Dialogue, via Google Meet.

[2021] “CSC Pastoral Ministry: What, Why, How,” on 19 June 2021, # Holy Cross Fathers, Trichy Province, at Google Meet.

[2020] “Asexuality as an Offering to God: A Comparative Reading of Judges 11:34-39 and Matthew 19:12,” Webinar on *Human Sexuality in God’s Canvas of Creation*, on 19 Oct 2020, at Ekklesia Centre for Biblical Research and Pastoral Accompaniment, Bangalore, via JioMeet.



[2020] “Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Fortitude,” Webinar on *the Gifts of the Holy Spirit*, on 19 June 2020, at Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore, via Zoom.

[2020] “Human Formation: Reflections from *Ratio Fundamentalis*,” Inter-Seminary Colloquium on *Common Issues Concerning Priestly Formation and Training*, on 18 January 2020, at Saint Paul’s Seminary, Tiruchirappalli.

[2019] “*Christus Vivit*: Document, Youth, and Us,” Research Seminar on *The Training of the Youth in the Light of Christus Vivit*, on 7 October, at TNBC Laity Centre, Tiruchirappalli.

[2019] “New Avenues and Future Orientations for the Interpretation of the Bible in India: The LGBT Interpretation of the Bible,” at Research Seminar on *The Interpretation of the Bible in the Indian Church*, on 29 September, at NBCLC, Bengaluru.

[2019] (On life-stages) “பட்டினத்தடிகளின் உடற்கூற்று வண்ணம்: பாடலும், பகுப்பாய்வும், பாடமும்,” பன்னாட்டுக் கருத்தரங்கம், *பன்னோக்குப் பார்வையில் இலக்கண இலக்கியங்கள்*, 29 மார்ச் 2019, புனித அந்தோணியார் பெண்கள் கலை மற்றும் அறிவியல் கல்லூரி, திண்டுக்கல்.

[2019] “The Polarity of the Powerful and the Powerless: Wisdom’s Response, Reaction, and Reluctance in Ecclesiastes” at National Bible Conference on *Biblical Responses to the Current Socio-Religious and Political Scenario of India*, on 23 February, at Divine Word Centre, Vadipatty, Madurai.

[2019] (Biblical personalities and their God-experiences) “விவிலிய ஆளுமைகளும் இறையனுபவங்களும்,” தமிழக ஆயர் பேரவைக் கருத்தரங்கு, *விவிலியமும் இளைஞர் உருவாக்கமும்*, 10 நவம்பர் 2018, மரியியல் நிலையம், வேளாங்கண்ணி.

[2017] “Reformation from Catholic Perspective,” at Panel Discussion on *Reformation Contemporary Challenges*, on 10 August, at Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary, Madurai.

[2016] “This Man Does Not Seek the Shalom of the People: Political Incorrectness as a Prophetic Call in Jer 38:1-13,” at an Inter-Faculty Seminar on *Dissent in Democracy*, on 12 November, at Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune.

## 7. Conferences, Seminars, and Courses

[2023] The Tenth Plenary Assembly of the Catholic Biblical Federation, on “Proclaiming the Word: Gift of Life for a Fragile World (Rom 8:22-23),” on 11-17 April, at Mar del Plata, Argentina.

[2023] Biblical-Pastoral Formation Seminar for the Ecumenical Churches, on “Biblical Interpretation as a Bridge for Ecumenism,” on 15-16 March, at Yercaud, convoked by the CSI Diocese of Madras.

[2023] FABC Continental Assembly of the Synod for a Synodal Church 2021-2024. Communion-Participation-Mission, on 24-26 February 2023, in Bangkok, Thailand.

[2022] Third International Meeting of the Missionaries of Mercy on “Missionaries of Mercy during the Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities,” on 23-25 April, in Rome, arranged by Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization.

[2019] International Workshop on *Intercultural Understanding*, on 6-8 September, at Asian Centre for Cross-Cultural Studies, Chennai.

[2019] Haggai Leadership Experience, on 16 Jul - 1 Aug, at Haggai International, Maui, Hawaii, USA.

## 8. Retreats & Spiritual Animation

[2022] Biblical-Leadership Retreat on Finding the Path and Staying On, to the B.Th. Students of St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru, 10-14 October.

[2021] Biblical-Pastoral Retreat on Inner Freedom, to the Priests and the Religious, via CCBI Commission for Bible, at Google Meet.

[2021] Biblical-Pastoral Retreat on Journeying towards Inner Freedom, to the Priests of the Diocese of Mysuru, 4-9 October.

[2021] Biblical Retreat on Radical Discipleship in the Pandemic Context, to Sacred Heart Brothers of Angelo Province, Tiruchirappalli, at Zoom.

[2020] Biblical Retreat on Discipleship, to Montfort Brothers of Trichy Province, at Campion School, Tiruchirappalli.

[2019] Biblical Retreat on Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus, to CIC Sisters of Madurai Province, at Infant Jesus Shrine, Kajamalai, Tiruchirappalli.

## 9. Soft Skills Assistance & Mentoring

[2023] "Strategic Planning and Vision Developing for Infant Jesus Junior and Degree College" at Shamshabad, Archdiocese of Hyderabad, 9-10 March.

[2021] "Career Guidance," at Nirmala Girls' Hr. Sec School, Madurai, 26 October.

[2020] "Communication and Interpersonal Skills," at Jayaraj Annapackiam Arts and Science College for Women, Periyakulam, 17 Feb.

[2020] "Leadership, Assertiveness, and Equanimity: Biblical Perspectives," at CIC Provincialate, Madurai, 17-18 Jan.

[2019] "Decision-making and Problem-solving," at Mary Matha College, Periakulam, 19 Dec.

## 10. New Initiatives & Contributions to the Church and the Society

1. Founder-Director of *Yesni Prays*, a non-commercial enterprise that is engaged in soft skills mentoring for the rural children, content writing for the dioceses and the religious institutes, developing and maintaining websites and social media visibility, creating animation resources on the Church's teachings for the lay faithful, text and voice translation of Christian pious literature in Tamil, and promoting intertextual reading of Sacred Scriptures.

2. Posting Daily Catholic Lectio in English and Tamil at [www.yesukarunanidhi.in](http://www.yesukarunanidhi.in).

3. Literature columnist at *Proclaim*, *Prophetic Voice*, and *Nam Vazhvu* (Tamil).

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