

MISSION CO-OP APPEAL FOR THE DIOCESE OF OOTACAMUND

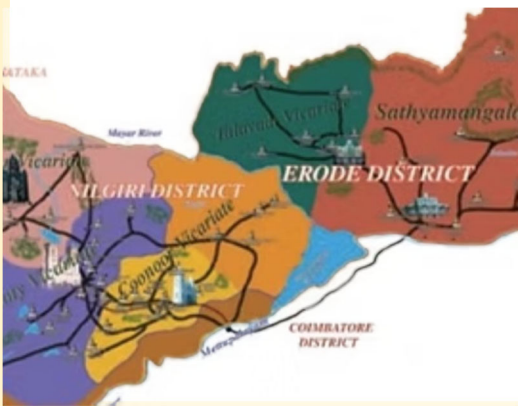


ON THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 9 AND 10, BISHOP AMALRAJ of the Diocese of Ootacamund in India, will speak at all the Masses as part of the Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal. He will share with us the work being done in his diocese and the impact our support can have. A second collection will be taken after each Mass to support this important mission. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

ABOUT THE DIOCESE OF OOTACAMUND: The Diocese of Ootacamund is located in the Nilgiri Hills of Tamil Nadu, India. It was established in 1955 and is known for its beautiful mountain landscapes, tea plantations, and vibrant cultural heritage. While picturesque, this area is home to many who live in poverty, particularly among rural and tribal populations. The Diocese is home to several indigenous tribes in the Nilgiris and Erode districts; they face barriers to education due to difficult terrain and lack of proper roads. The Diocese has been blessed with a high number of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. However, limited resources make it challenging to support seminarians preparing for the priesthood.

The Catholic Church plays a vital role in supporting these communities through education, healthcare, and social outreach programs. Many parishes operate schools, orphanages, and medical clinics that provide critical services to those in need—regardless of religion or background. The Diocese continues to face many challenges, especially in reaching remote areas where basic infrastructure is lacking. Support from the worldwide Church is essential to help the people there grow in faith and improve their daily lives. **Funds raised through this appeal will be used specifically for the education of children in orphanages and the support of seminarians in the Diocese.**

ABOUT THE SPEAKER, SPEAKER BISHOP DR. A. AMALRAJ: We are honored to welcome Bishop Amalraj, the Bishop of Ootacamund, as this year's Mission Co-Op speaker. Bishop Amalraj has served the people of his diocese with deep faith, compassion, and dedication. Known for his commitment to education and the welfare of the poor, he has been instrumental in expanding the diocese's social services and outreach, particularly in underserved rural and tribal areas. He holds a doctorate in canon law and has served in various pastoral and academic roles throughout his vocation. His leadership reflects the Church's mission to be a light to the poor and a voice for the voiceless. Bishop Amalraj will be very grateful for your generosity and prayers in support of the mission and evangelization of the global Church.



May God bless you for your sacrificial giving!