

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Name:** Rev. Dr. Arockiasamy Saminathan.

**Status:** Diocesan Catholic Priest.

**Parents:** Mr. S. Saminathan and Mrs. S. Annammal.

**Diocese:** Archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore.

**Date of Birth:** January 6, 1982.

**Date of Priestly Ordination:** May 5, 2010.

### **Places of Ministry:**

1. 2010-2011, Prefect, St. Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Pagandai Cross Road.
2. 2011-2013, LPh studies at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru, India.
3. 2013-2019, Parish Priest (Pastor) at St. Francis Xavier's Church, Melvazhi.
4. 2019-until now, a Member of the Staff at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary and Institute, Bengaluru, India.

### **Educational Qualifications:**

**A. Secular:** BSc in Physics (Madras University), MSc in Physics (MS University, Tirunelveli), MA in English Literature (Annamalai University, Chidambaram) and BEd.(IGNOU). Cleared TNTET Exam (2016).

**B. Ecclesiastical:** BPh, BTh, LPh (St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru). PhD in Philosophy (DVK, Bengaluru), Diploma in Theology (Gregorian Pontifical University, Rome).

### **Languages Known**

Tamil, English, Italian, and Latin. Additionally, he has a working knowledge of Kannada, Greek, French, and German.

## **Works Published**

1. Arockiasamy Saminathan, *Cosmos and Chronos: A Comparative Study of the Concepts of Universe and Time in Thomas Aquinas and Stephen Hawking*, Bengaluru, Matha Printers, 2023. (My doctoral Dissertation).
2. Arockiasamy Saminathan, "Space and Time in Newton and Einstein: A Philosophical Critique and Synthesis," *Omega: Indian Journal of Science and Religion* 21 (2022): 110-12.

## **Experience in Pastoral Ministry**

Immediately after his priestly ordination in May 2010, Fr. S. Arockiasamy was appointed Prefect at St. Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Pagandai Cross Road, Tamil Nadu, India. After completing a licentiate in philosophy, he served as the parish priest of a rural parish called Melvazhi for six years from August 2013 to May 2019. He also simultaneously taught philosophy as a visiting lecturer in many ecclesiastical institutes, including St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.

## **Experience in Formation and Teaching**

Fr. S. Arockiasamy has been teaching philosophy (especially subjects such as Introduction to Philosophy, Greek Philosophy, Logic, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Cosmology, Philosophy of Science and Technology, Thomism, Educational Psychology and Philosophy of Literature at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru since 2013. Since June 2019, he has been a resident staff member and formator at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru. He also teaches the final level of Latin to the postgraduate students of canon law at both St. Peter's Pontifical Institute and Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bengaluru. Moreover, he teaches philosophy and Latin language as a visiting professor in the following ecclesiastical institutes:

1. Kristu Jyoti College (SDB), Bengaluru.
2. Jyothi Sadan (CMSF), Bengaluru.
3. CRI Brothers' Institute, Bengaluru.