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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Rev. Fr. **Sagaya Arockiaraj Jesudass** is a Catholic priest of the **Diocese of Thanjavur**, born in the culturally rich town of **Mannargudi**. His priestly life is marked by dedication to pastoral care, moral-theological scholarship, and human formation. Since his **ordination in 2011**, he continues to integrate spiritual depth with intellectual excellence in service to the Church and society.

### **1. Vital Statistics**

<b>Personal Information</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Family Name</b>	Jesudass
<b>Christian Name</b>	Sagaya Arockiaraj
<b>Date and Place of Birth</b>	20 May 1980; Mannargudi, Tamil Nadu, South India
<b>Nationality</b>	Indian
<b>Religious Status</b>	Catholic Priest
<b>Date of Ordination</b>	27 April 2011
<b>Diocese</b>	Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu, South India)

### **2. Academic Qualification**

#### **Secular:**

1. **B.Sc. (Mathematics)** – Mannai Rajagobalaswami Government Arts and Science College, Mannargudi (Bharathidasan University, Trichy), Tamil Nadu, South India. (June 1999 – May 2002)
2. **M.Sc. (Psychology)** – Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, South India. (June 2011 – May 2014) – *Graduated with High Honours*
3. **M.Sc. (Mathematics)** – Bharathidasan University, Trichy, Tamil Nadu, South India. (June 2015 – May 2019) – *Graduated with High Honours*

## **Ecclesiastical:**

1. **B.Ph. (Bachelor of Philosophy)** – St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore. (2004–2006)
2. **B.Th. (Bachelor of Theology)** – St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore. (2007–2010)
3. **M.Th. (Moral Theology)** – Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore. (June 2017 – May 2019) – *First Class with Distinction*
  - *Licentiate Thesis: “Sexual Fulfillment in Marriage: An Ethical Analysis.”*
4. **Diploma in Counselling Psychology** – National Vocation Service Centre, Pune, India. (June 2019 – May 2020) – *Graduated with High Honours*
5. **Ph.D. (Moral Theology)** – Gnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Pune. (June 2022 – October 2025)
  - *Doctoral Dissertation: “Separation and Divorce Caused by Cyber-Sexual Affairs among Young Catholic Christian Couples: An Ethical and Theological Analysis of Catholic Christian Marriage and Cyber Infidelity in the Social Context of the Diocese of Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, South India.”*

## **3. Pastoral and Academic Experience**

### **In the Diocese of Thanjavur**

- Assistant Parish Priest, **Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thanjavur** (2011–2012)
- Assistant Parish Priest, **Shrine Basilica, Vailankanni** (2012–2013)
- Assistant Parish Priest, **Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Thanjavur** (2013–2015)
- Assistant Parish Priest, **Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Palayamkottai** (2015–2017)

### **At St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore**

- Recruited as Faculty and Formator (June 2017 – Present)
  - Engages in teaching Moral Theology, Psychological Counseling, and Ethical Formation
  - Guides seminarians in integrating faith, reason, and emotional maturity

## **4. Specialized Training**

- **Formators’ Course in Counseling and Vocation Guidance** – National Vocation Service Centre, Pune (2019–2020)

## 5. Areas of Academic and Research Interest

- Moral Theology and Ethics
- Marriage and Family Studies
- Psychology of Human Relationships
- Cyber Morality and Digital Ethics
- Pastoral Counseling and Formation
- Social Justice and Human Rights

## 5. Languages

- **Mother Tongue:** Tamil
- **Languages of Study:** English, German

## 7. Seminars / Conferences/Field Study/ Participated

- Presented a paper on Moral theology Seminar on the topic of *Gaudium et Spes - Some Problems of Special Urgency (46-93)* at DVK Research Institute, Bangalore on 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2017
- Presented a paper on Moral theology Seminar on the topic of *Address to the Italian Association of Catholic Midwives* at DVK Research Institute, Bangalore on 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2017
- Presented a paper on Moral theology Seminar on the topic of *Christian Vision of Family According to Amoris Laetitia* at DVK Research Institute, Bangalore on 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2017.
- Accomplished a field study on *Perception About Road Accidents: The Relationship Between Moral Values and Accident Behaviours of Youth Drivers* at Bangalore, Chennai, Ernakulam, Madurai and submitted to DVK Research Institute, Bangalore on 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.
- Attended the Seminar on the topic of *Crisis in the Church: Ethical Responses* at DVK Research Centre, Bangalore on 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.
- Participated the Association of Moral Theology of India Seminar on the topic of *Covid 19: Ethical Challenges* at DVK Research Institute, Bangalore on 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2020.
- Attended the Association of Moral Theology of India on the topic of *Five Years of Amoris Laetitia Developments In Moral Theology and Challenges in Pastoral Practices* in Zoom media at DVK on 16, 23 & 30 of November 2021.

- Participated the Conference Apostolic Plan (CAP-1) on the topic of ***Foster Peace and Reconciliation*** at Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology on 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2022.
- Attended a conference of JD – Centre for Science and Religion on the Topic of ***Failure of Scientific mindset in the Formation of the religious Authority*** by Prof. Dr. Boris Repschinski from the University of Innsburk on 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.
- Attended the Association of Moral Theology of India on the topic of ***Challenges to Moral Theology in India Today*** at St. Joseph's Major Seminary, Mangalore on 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.
- Attended George Lobo Memorial Lecture on the topic of ***Nuances in Cyber Space, Cyber Security and Defence*** at Papal Seminary, Pune on 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.
- Teilnahme an einer Zoom-Medienkonferenz zum Thema ***Vor einem Paradigmenwechsel? Theologisch-ethische Gesichtspunkte zum Koalitionsprojekt - Aufhebung der Strafbarkeit von Abtreibungen*** im Rahmen des Moraltheologischen Seminars an der Katholisch Theologischen Fakultät der Rheinischen Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn am 3. Juli 2023.
- Participated the Association of Moral Theology of India on the topic of ***Biomedical Ethics: Developments and Challenges in the Indian Scenario*** and Presented a paper on ***Stem Cell Research and its Ethical Analysis*** at sathyodayam, Secunderabad, Telangana on 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2024.
- Teilnahme am Moraltheologischen Seminar an der Katholisch-Theologischen Fakultät der Rheinischen Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn zum Thema ***Theologische Medienethik im Zeitalter der Digitalisierung***, am 8. Januar 2024, über Zoom Medienplattform.
- Attended the Association of Moral Theology of India on the topic of ***Conflict Resolution and Peace Building*** at Sparc Pastoral Centre, Vizhinjam, Trivandrum on 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2025.
- Attended a conference titled ***Called to Listen; Called to Accompany: Embracing the Spirit of Synodality*** organized by Streevani, in collaboration with Jnana Deepa, Ishvani Kendra, Montfort Social Institute, and CRWI at Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology on 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2025.