

BIO~DATA OF REV. FR. L. SAHAYARAJ

First Name : Sahayaraj

Family Name: LOURDUSAMY

Date of Birth : 28.02.1969

Place of Birth: Keeranur, Pudukottai District, Tamilnadu

Date of Priestly Ordination: 28.04.1995

Educational Qualification:

Secular:

B.Sc - Bachelor Degree in Mathematics

B.Ed - Bachelor Degree in Education

M.A - Master Degree in Sociology

PGJD - Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism

MCA - Master Degree in Computer Applications

LLB - Bachelor Degree in Indian Civil Law

DFL - Doctorate in Civil Law (French) - in Faculty of Law of the University
Paris XI, Paris, France

Ecclesiastical:

B.Ph – Bachelor of Philosophy in Good Shepherd Seminary – Coimbatore.

B.Th – Bachelor of Theology in Good Shepherd Seminary – Coimbatore.

M.CL – Master of Canon Law – in St. Peter's Pontifical Institute –
Bangalore.

DCL - Doctorate in Canon Law - in L'Institut Catholique de Paris, France

Pastoral Experience:

1995-1996: Assistant Parish priest, Pudukottai

1996-1998: Studies in Canon Law and Civil Law, Bangalore

1998-1999: Assistant in St. Antony's Hr. Sec. School,
Nagapattinam

1999-2002: Parish priest, K. K. Patty

2002-2008: Doctoral Studies, France

2008 -2012:

1. Associate Judicial Vicar and then Judicial Vicar from 2009
-2012.

2. Editor- Vailankanni Calling, Vailankanni Kuraoli (Till May
2014)

3. Secretary – Commission for Social Communications

2012~2017:

1. Chancellor, Diocese of Thanjavur

2. Secretary, Society of Tanjore Diocese

3. Judge, Diocesan Tribunal, Thanjavur

June 2017 – May 2023

1. Deputy Secretary General, Tamil Nadu Bishops' Council and Tamilnadu Latin Bishops' Council
2. Director of TNBC/TNLBC secretariat
3. PRO of Tamil Nadu Bishops' Council
4. Visiting professor Canon law in Good Shepherd Seminary, Coimbatore (Inter-diocesan) and in Arulkadal, Chennai (Theologate of Jesuits)
5. Judge, Archdiocesan Ecclesiastical Tribunal, Arch-diocese of Madras-Mylapore.
6. Judge, Diocesan Ecclesiastical Tribunal, Diocese of Thanjavur

February 2023 – July 2024

Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Thanjavur

August 2024 – June 2025

Director, Our Lady of Multi-Specialty Hospital, Thanjavur

June 2025 –

Professor of Canon law, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru

Other Functions:

1. Permanent Member and Secretary for South Asian Wing of the High Council of AIDOP (Agence Internationale diplomatique et Opinion publique) in France.
2. Research Fellow of Asian Department of Canon Law and Culture of the Faculty of Canon Law, Catholic Institute of Paris, France.

Conferences Given:

1. « Convertir et se convertir en Inde » on 20th June 2010 in Paris.
2. Persécutions Religieuses et Anti-Religieuses - Où en est-on des persécutions contre les chrétiens d'Orient ? on 14th January 2011 in Paris.
3. Religious Freedom and International Law – Paris, 25th June, 2014.
4. Nehruvian Concept of Secularism, Symposium, Sacred Heart Seminary, Chennai, October 2018
5. Uniform Civil Code, Symposium, Madras University, January 2019

Books Published:

A. In French :

1. La Conversion religieuse dans un contexte pluraliste – Aspects canoniques et civils concernant l'Union indienne, Éditions Universitaires Européennes, Germany, 2010
2. Difficultés des divorces et remariés, Éditions Universitaires Européennes, Germany, 2012

B. In English:

3. Religious Conversion in a multi-religious context, Media House Publication, New Delhi, 2009.
4. Church Related issues in the civil courts of India, St. Paul's Publications, Mumbai, 2010.
5. Marriage and Family in the Plan of God, Christian World Imprints, New Delhi, 2011.
6. Handbook on the Civil cases of the Church in India, St. Paul's Publications, Mumbai, 2012.
7. Canon Law Themes for Today, St. Paul's Publications, Mumbai, 2019
8. Pope Francis' Vision of Law: His Amendments in the Code of Canon Law, St. Paul's Publications, Mumbai, 2020.
9. 501 Questions and Answers in the Code of Canon Law, St. Paul's Publications, Mumbai, 2021.
10. Penal Law of the Catholic Church with Amendments of Pope Francis, St. Paul's Publications, Mumbai, 2022

C. In Tamil:

11. Padigal – I (For the students)
12. Padigal – II (For the Teachers)
13. Sipikkul Muthu (Collection of Short Stories for Homily)
14. Jebamalai Sinthanaigal – (Reflections on Rosary)
15. Anmiga Pookal
16. Mariannai Ayarin Sinthani Thuligal, part I
17. Mariannai Ayarin Sinthani Thuligal, part I
18. Vuravai Thedi
19. Yesuvin Vazhiyil
20. Padigal – III (Marriage)
21. Padigal – IV – Two Minutes Daily Reflection – Part I
22. Padigal – IV – Two Minutes Daily Reflection – Part II
23. Arappor Veerar Aayar Gabriel
24. Canon Law Explanation – Part 1- Sacraments (Except Marriage and Priesthood)

25. Canon Law Explanation – Part 2 – Sacraments – Marriage and Priesthood
26. Canon Law Explanation – Part 3 – Latin and Oriental Catholic Churches
27. Canon Law Explanation – Part 4 – General Norms and People of God
28. Canon Law Explanation – Part 5 - Institutes of Consecrated life and Societies of Apostolic life
29. Canon Law Explanation – Part 6 – Teaching office and Temporal Goods of the Church
30. Canon Law Explanation – Part 7 – Penal Sanctions of the Catholic Church
31. Yesuvin Thunbangalil ethirnokkin thirupayanam, Reflections on the Way of the Cross.

Articles Published:

1. “*Freedom to Propagate the Religion and Freedom to Convert – A Brief Canonical Study*” in Vaigarai, vol. 13, no. 1, Jan-Jun 2008.
2. St. Paul and his Catechetical Mission, in Thozhan, August 2008, Tindivanam.
3. “*Canonical fitness for priesthood*” in Shepherd’s Voice, September, 2008.
4. Election in the Church, in Marai Aruvi, St. Paul’s Seminary, Trichy.
5. « *Droits de se convertir et de convertir : L’Église catholique romaine en République de l’Union indienne* », in L’Année Canonique, Paris, June 2011.
6. *Catholic Church disputes in the Civil courts of India*, Vaigarai, Trichy, Jan-Dec. 2013.
7. *Admission of the Divorced and Civilly Remarried Catholics to the Eucharistic Communion- Towards a Definitive Solution*, Studies in Church Law, Jan-Dec. 2014 & 2015, St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
8. *Canonical perspective on Social Justice and charity*, Studia Canonica, Ottawa, Canada, 2015
9. *Justice and Mercy-A canonical Perspective*, Studies in Church Law, Jan-Dec. 2016, St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
10. *Priest as a Leader*, in The Divine Shepherd’s Voice, Oct-December 2016, Coimbatore.
11. *Temporal Goods of the Church for the Religious and Charitable Activities in India: Side Lights in Civil Ecclesiastical Law*, in *Studies in Church Law*, Jan-Dec. 2017, St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
12. *Canonical Penal System and Clergy Sexual Abuse Cases- Understanding the ‘Covering Up’ of Clergy Sexual Abuse*, in *Studies in Church Law*, Jan-Dec. 2018, St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
13. *Uniform Civil Code: An Appraisal*, in *Indian Christianity and Its Public Role: Socio-Theological Explorations*, Madras University, vol. 23, 2019.
14. *Recent Amendments of Pope Francis in the Code of Canon Law*, in *Studies in Church Law*, Jan-Dec. 2019, St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
15. *Qualities of the Bishop*, Nam Vazhvu, February 2019.

16. *Nouvelles methodes de la mission 'Ad Gentes' dans le droit canonique missionnaire*, in To Carry your new fire today – Festschrift for Fr. Raymond Rossignol, MEP, Theological Publications in India, Bengaluru, 2019.
17. *Equality within Reach?*, in The Divine Shepherd's Voice, Oct-December 2020, Coimbatore.
18. *Law and Love: Norms for Building Communities*, in Christian Commitment to service- Festschrift in honour of Archbishop Antony Pappusamy, 2020, Christian World Imprints, New Delhi.
19. *With the Heart of the Father – Encyclical of Pope Francis*, in Iniya Thozhan, August 2021, Tindivanam.
20. Synod 2021-2023: Canonical Perspective, in Nam Vazhvu, vol. 15, 21.11.2021
21. *Laity in Dicasteries – A new Way of Governance and Mission of the Church*, Sacred Perspectives, Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee, Vol.11, no.1, March-August 2023.

Tranlation

From English to Tamil

நீர் வாழ்வின் ஊற்று, (Water – Source of Life), Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, July 2020, TASOSS publications, Trichy

From French to Tamil:

1. இயேசு விரைவில் அவரது மகிமையில் திரும்பி வருவார், தொகுதி-1, (Jésus va rentrer dans sa gloire, Vol. 1, France) 2005, Manivasagar Publications, Chennai.