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First Name : Sahayaraj
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Date of Birth : 28.02.1969
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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
DCL - 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

July 2024~ May 2025

Director, Our Lady of Health Multi-Speciality Hospital, Thanjavur

Other Functions:

1. Permanent Member and Secretary for South Asian Wing of the High Council of AIDOP (Agence Internationale diplomatie 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:

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

C. In Tamil:

1. Padigal – I (For the students)
2. Padigal – II (For the Teachers)
3. Sipikkul Muthu (Collection of Short Stories for Homily)

4. Jebamalai Sinthanaigal – (Reflections on Rosary)
5. Anmiga Pookal
6. Mariannai Ayarin Sinthani Thuligal, part I
7. Mariannai Ayarin Sinthani Thuligal, part I
8. Vuravai Thedi
9. Yesuvin Vazhiyil
10. Padigal – III (Marriage)
11. Padigal – IV – Two Minutes Daily Reflection – Part I
12. Padigal – IV – Two Minutes Daily Reflection – Part II
13. Arappor Veerar Aayar Gabriel
14. Canon Law Explanation in Tamil – Part 1
15. Canon Law Explanation in Tamil – Part 2
16. Canon Law Explanation in Tamil – Part 3
17. Canon Law Explanation in Tamil – Part 4
18. Canon Law Explanation in Tamil – Part 5
19. Canon Law Explanation in Tamil – Part 6
20. Canon Law Explanation in Tamil – Part 7
21. United in Love? - Marriage Cases

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, 2009.
4. Election in the Church, in Marai Aruvi, 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. Equality within Reach?, in The Divine Shepherd's Voice, Oct-December 2020, Coimbatore.
17. 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
18. Series of Articles on Marriage in Aruloli, June 2021- September 2022, Good Shepherd Seminary, Coimbatore.
19. Laity in Dicastery- a new way of governance and mission of the Church, in Sacred Perspectives, March 2023-August 2023, Poonmallee, Chennai.

Translation

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