

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. VITAL STATISTICS

Name: Merlin Rengith Ambrose

Family Name/Surname: Alphonse Lezlie

Present Institution: St Peter's Pontifical Institute & CCBI

Father's Name: Alphonse Lezlie

Date of Birth: 16.05.1981

Nationality: Indian

Status: Catholic Priest

Diocese of Origin: Kottar

Diocese of Incardination: Kottar

Date of Ordination: 19.04.2009



Received *docens stabilis* (*Missio Canonica*) from the Dicastery for Culture and Education, Vatican City, in 2023 and was raised to the rank of a permanent professor.

2. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

Ecclesiastical Studies

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Institute</u>	<u>Year</u>
Bachelor of Philosophy (B.Ph.)	Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth Pune (India)	2000-2003
Spirituality Course	St Peter's College, Viraganur (India)	2004-2005
Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.)	Sacred Heart Seminary Chennai (India)	2005-2008
Licentiate in Canon Law (LCL)	St Peter's Pontifical Institute Bangalore (India)	2012-2015
Doctorate in Canon Law (DCL)	Pontificia Università Urbaniana (Rome - Italy)	2016-2019
Diploma in <i>Praxi Administrativa Canonica</i>	Dicastery for the Clergy Vatican City	2017-2019

<i>Studium</i> in Canonization Process	Dicastery for the Causes of the Saints Vatican City	2019-2020
PG Diploma in <i>Iurisprudencia Ecclesiastica</i>	Pontificia Università Urbaniana Rome (Rome – Italy)	2019-2020
Certificate Course in Priestly Formation	Dicastery for the Clergy Vatican City	2018-2019
Certificate in <i>Latinitas Canonica</i>	Pontificium Institutum Altioris Latiniatis (Rome – Italy)	2019
PG Diploma in Safeguarding of Minors and Vulnerable Persons	Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome (Rome – Italy)	2024
Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology (Online)	An Alliance of Pontifical Universities and Athenaeum in Rome (Rome – Italy)	2024

Secular Studies

<u>Degree</u>	<u>University</u>	<u>Year</u>
Bachelor of Sociology (B.A.)	Madurai Kamaraj University Madurai (India)	2001-2004
Master in Christian Studies (M.A.)	The University of Madras Chennai (India)	2006-2008

Knowledge of Languages

Mother Tongue: Tamil

Study Language: English

Third Language: Italian (fluent reading, writing and speaking)

Fourth Language: German (good knowledge of reading, writing and speaking – C1 Level)

Fifth Language: Latin: C1 level

3. TITLE OF THE DISSERTATION

LCL – Right of Defence in the Matrimonial Nullity Process in the Light of *CIC* 1983 and *Dignitas Connubii* (2015)

DCL – Right of Defence: An Essential Element in the Marriage Nullity Process (2019)

4. PUBLICATION OF DOCTORAL THESIS

Right of Defence in Marriage Nullity Trials. A Study based on CIC 1983, DC and MIDI, (Berlin: LIT Verlag 2022).

5. SCIENTIFIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Inside St Peter's Pontifical Institute

- Residential Permanent Professor (*docens stabilis*) at St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
- Director of Affiliated/Aggregated/Incorporated Institutes at St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
- Representative to the Council of the Higher Institute of Religious Sciences (HIRS).

Outside St Peter's Pontifical Institute

- Executive Secretary of the Commission for Canon Law and Other Legislative Texts in the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) since 2022.
- Executive Committee Member of the Canon Law Society of India (CLSI) since 2024.
- Consultant to Bioethics Forum in the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) since 2023.
- Programme Director at the Asian Centre for Cross-Cultural Studies (ACCS).
- Member of the Canon Law Society of India (since 2015).
- Member of the Canon Law Society of Tamilnadu (since 2015).
- Member of the Drafting/Expert Committee in the Diocesan Synod, Diocese of Kottar in 2023.
- Visiting Professor of Canon Law, St Joseph's Major Seminary, Khammam, Andhra Pradesh since 2022.
- Visiting Professor of Canon Law, Prabodhana Pallottine Theologate, Mysore, Karnataka since 2022.
- Visiting Professor of Canon Law, Indian Institute of Spirituality, Bangalore since 2023.

6. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF INDIA (CCBI)

- Executive Secretary of the Commission for Canon Law and Other Legislative Texts in the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) since 2022.

- Drafted “Complementary Norms to the Code of Canon Law for the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India - LR” (CCBI). Work was taken up on 27 August 2021 and submitted on 28 February 2023 to the Dicastery for Evangelization, Vatican City which approved it on 8 August 2023.
- On 03 March 2023, the Circular letter was drafted to promulgate the decree issued by the Dicastery for Evangelization regarding extraordinary administration and alienation based on cann. 1277 and 1292 and it was sent to all the Bishops belonging to the CCBI.
- Drafted “Guidelines for the Pastoral Ministry to the Faithful of the Latin and Eastern Catholic Churches *sui iuris* in India” (CCBI). Work was taken up on 01.09.2022 and submitted to the Secretariate CCBI on 22 June 2023.
- Drafted “Norms for the Designation of National Shrines” (Conference of Catholic Bishops of India). Work was taken up on 22 July 2023 and submitted on 21 September 2023 to the Executive Committee of CCBI at St. John’s Medical College for its approval. It was approved. Again, I presented it at the 35th plenary assembly on 30 January 2023. It was released on 7 May 2024 and was promulgated for the Church in India by the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India in the 94th Executive Committee meeting at St. John’s Medical College, Bangalore.
- Drafted “Safeguarding Policy” (Conference of Catholic Bishops of India). Work was taken up on 24 September 2023 and submitted to CCBI Plenary Assembly on 29 January 2024.
- Drafting “Pastoral Handbook for the Clergy for the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India” (Conference of Catholic Bishops of India). Work was taken up on 01 February 2023.
- Revised the Statutes of the Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) and presented them during the 36th Plenary Assembly in XIM University on 2 February 2025, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

7. COORDINATOR OF INTERNATIONAL ONLINE CANON LAW COURSE SERIES

- Coordinator of the International Annual Online Diploma Course in Canon Law Conducted by the Commission for Canon Law and Other Legislative Texts in the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI). 437 Participants from 23 countries attended (15 December 2022 to 09 December 2023). Twenty-five lectures were coordinated. Bishops, Curial officials and Professors of Canon Law from India and abroad were the resource persons.
- Coordinator of the International bi-annual Online Certificate Course in Canon Law by the Commission for Canon Law and Other Legislative Texts in the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI). 104 participants from 7 countries attend (09 November 2024 to 01 March 2025). 12 Lectures were organized. Bishops and Professors of Canon Law from India and abroad were the resource persons.

8. TEACHING COURSES

For Bachelor in Theology

Subjects

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| 1. Anointing of the Sick | 2 ECTS |
| 2. Temporal Goods | 1 ECTS |
| 3. Tribunal Procedures | Pastoral Course for deacons |
| 4. Grave Delicts | Pastoral Course for deacons |
| 5. Sacrament of Penance | 2 ECTS |

For Licentiate in Canon Law

Subjects

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| 1. Ecclesiastical Latin | 6 ECTS |
| 2. Penal Sanctions in the Church & Penal Process (Cann. 1311-1399; 1717-1731) | 3 ECTS |
| 3. Sacrament of Marriage (Cann. 1055-1140) | 3 ECTS |
| 4. Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (Cann. 573-746) | 4 ECTS |
| 5. Sacred Ministers (Cann. 232-297; 1708-1712) | 2 ECTS |
| 6. Jurisprudence on Incapacity to Consent Can. 1095 | 2 ECTS |
| 7. Selected Issues in Canon Law | 2 ECTS |
| 8. <i>Graviora Delicta – Sacramentorum Sanctitatis tutela</i> | 1 ECTS |
| 9. New Legislations | 2 ECTS |

9. MODERATOR/DIRECTOR OF LICENTIATE THESIS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Year</u>
1. Abraham	Preliminary Investigation: A Study on Canons 1717-1719 of <i>CIC</i> 1983	2021 (completed)
2. John Milton	The Clerical State: Loss and Readmission (Can. 293)	2022 (Completed)
3. Francis Pradeep Perera	Separation While the Bond Remains: A Study on Canons 1151-1155 of <i>CIC</i> 1983	2022 (Completed)
4. Royston Pinto	Synodality and Its Relevance for the Laity in <i>CIC</i> 1983	2023 (Completed)
5. Gervasis Anithottathil	The Obligation of the Ordinary to Start Penal Procedure: A Juridical Study of Canon 1341	2023 (Completed)

	of <i>CIC</i> 1983	
6. Smijo K. George	Confessor Remitting Undeclared <i>Latae sententiae</i> Censure of Excommunication or Interdict: A Juridical Study of Canon 1357	2023 (Completed)
7. Suman A.	Obsessive-Compulsive Personality Disorder Leading to Consensual Incapacity: Juridical Implications of Canon 1095, 2°, 3°	2024 (Completed)
8. Jayan Gnanapragasam	A Juridical Study on Diocesan Finance Council and Diocesan Pastoral Council as an Expression of Synodality in the Light of Canons 492 and 511	2024 (Completed)
9. Stephen D'Souza	The Juridical Importance of the Publication of Acts in Marriage Nullity Cases According to Canon 1598	2024 (Completed)
10. Vincent Selvaraj	Prescription of Criminal Action in <i>CIC</i> 1983	2025 (in progress)
11. Abhinow Gyan Prakash	The Censure of Suspension: A Juridical Study Of Canon 1333	2025 (in progress)
12. Sr. Amala Anusuya Rani	The Authority of the Supreme Moderator According to Can. 622 of <i>CIC</i> 1983 in Governing the Lay Religious Institute	2025 (in progress)
13. Fernandes Darrel Fran Claude	Member of a Society of Apostolic Life: Subject to the Moderator and the Diocesan Bishop (Can. 738)	2025 (in progress)

10. READER OF LICENTIATE THESIS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Year</u>
1. Naveen D'Souza	The Obligation of the Christ's Faithful in Providing for the Needs of the Church: A Juridical Analysis of Canon 222 of <i>CIC</i> 1983	2020
2. Seban Sabar	Praxis of Justice in the Light of Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors and Vulnerable Persons	2020
3. John Robert M	The Hermetical Life in Accordance with Canon 603 of <i>CIC</i> 1983	2021
4. Sahaya Lourdu Santiago	Patrimony as Envisaged in Canon 578 with Special Reference to the Congregation of the Immaculate Conception	2022
5. Sudheer Kumar	Temporal Goods: The Role of the Ordinary in Supervising the Administration of the Ecclesiastical Goods of the Public Juridical Persons in Accordance with Canon 1276 of <i>CIC</i> 1983	2022
6. Gabriel Kujur	The Juridical Nature and the Scope of the Power of Governance of the Diocesan Bishop in light of Canon 381 §1 of <i>CIC</i> 1983	2022
7. Paul Ashmin	Poverty in the Administration of Temporal Goods in Religious Institutes with Reference to Canon 635 §2 of <i>CIC</i> 1983	2023
8. Rajesh Sasi	Cooperation of the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful in the Exercise of the Power of Governance: A Juridical Study on Canon 129 §2	2023

9. William Bernard David	Penalty of Dismissal from the Clerical State: A Canonical Examination of the Delicts and the Judicial Procedure in the Implementation of Canon 290, 2° of <i>CIC</i> 1983	2024
10. Dickson Saviour	Violation of Clerical Celibacy: A Juridical Analysis Of Revised Canon 1395	2024

11. PUBLICATIONS

Books Published

1. Merlin Rengith Ambrose, *Right of Defence in Marriage Nullity Trials. A Study based on CIC 1983, DC and MIDI*, (Berlin: Lit Verlag 2022). ISBN-10: 3643915098; ISBN-13: 9783643915092
2. Merlin Rengith Ambrose, *Canonical Perspectives on Some Recent Amendments in Ecclesiastical Law*, (Mumbai: St Pauls 2022). ISBN-13: 9789392340451
3. Merlin Rengith Ambrose, *Reform of the Roman Curia: The Salient Features of Praedicate Evangelium*, (Mumbai: St Pauls 2023). ISBN-13: 9789392340888
4. Merlin Rengith Ambrose (ed.), *Aggiornamento in Canon Law: Theory and Praxis*, (Bangalore: Conference of Catholic Bishops of India, 2024). ISBN- 9788119664542

Scientific Articles Published in Journals

1. “Re-imagining Mission for Our Times”, in *Ishvani Documentation and Mission Digest*, Vol. XIX, no. 3 (2001), 424-436.
2. “A Religio-Socio Implications of Global Warming”, in *Perspectives – Journal of Culture and Religion*, Vol. II, no. 2 (2007), 1-12.
3. “Land Distribution and Displacement with Special Reference to SEZ”, in *Gurukul Journal of the Studies*, Vol. XVIII, no. 1 (2008), 29-44.
4. “Right of Defence a *Conditio sine qua non*: A Critical Evaluation in the light of *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*”, in *Studies in Church Law*, Vol. XIV (2019), 305-362.
5. “*Ius Defensionis*: Fulcrum of Justice in the Rotal Jurisprudence”, in *Studies in Church Law*, Vol. XV (2020), 349-400.
6. “Canonization: A Glimpse through the Centuries and Canonical Legislations”, in *Indian Theological Studies*, Vol. LVII, no. 4 (2020), 713-746.
7. “The Amendment in Can. 230, §1: Its Juridical Implications for Women as Lector and Acolyte”, in *Indian Theological Studies*, Vol. LVIII, no. 1 (2021), 95-119.

8. “Introductory Phase of the Marriage Nullity Process and the Rights of the Parties”, in *The Canonist. The Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand*, Vol. XII, no. 1 (2021), 84-108.
9. “The Local and the Universal”, in Michael Amaladoss SJ - Antony Lawrence - Joseph Victor Edwin SJ (eds), *Fratelli Tutti. An Indian Reading* (Bangalore: ATC 2021): 147-163.
10. “The Revision to Book VI on Sanctions: A Welcome Necessity!”, in *Indian Theological Studies*, Vol. LVIII, no. 4 (2021), 561-578.
11. “Publication of the Acts: Problems and Prospects (Can. 1598)”, in *Studies in Church Law*, Vol. XVI (2021), 135-171.
12. “The Significance of the Proofs in the Instructional Phase (cann. 1526-1581, 1598-1600, 1678)”, in *The Canonist. The Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand*, Vol. XII, no. 2 (2021), 256-286.
13. “Synodality and Synod of Bishops”, in *Indian Theological Studies*, Vol. LVIII, no. 3 (2021), 413-441.
14. “Clerics Practising Commerce and Trade: The Canonical Implications of Canon 286”, in *Studia Canonica*, Vol. LVI, no. 1 (2022), 279-298.
15. “A New Pathway to Canonization (can. 1403): ‘Offering of Life’”, in *Indian Theological Studies*, Vol. LIX, no. 1 (2022), 59-78.
16. “The Spirit of Synodality in Communion for Mission. A Canonical Appraisal!”, in Antony Lawrence – Simon Pinto – Stany Fernandez (eds), *Crossing A Millennial Threshold. The Church in India on the Synodal Path* (Bangalore: ATC 2022), 291-301.
17. “*Contradictorium* and the Right of Defence: Clarifications and Canonical Glimpses”, in *The Canonist. The Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand*, Vol. XIII, no. 2 (2022), 15-35.
18. “*Praedicate Evangelium*: The Task Accomplished and Ahead!”, in *Indian Theological Studies*, Vol. LIX, no. 3 (2022), 285-310.
19. “Procedural Rights in the Roman Law and *Corpus Iuris Canonici*”, in *Studies in Church Law*, Vol. XVII (2022), 133-168.
20. “The Neo-Humanism of Pope Francis: A Canonical Perspective!”, in *Jeevadhara*, Vol. LIII, no. 1 (2023), 47-62.
21. “Lay Ministry of Catechist in Light of the Apostolic Letter *Antiquum Ministerium*”, in *Vidyajyoti*, Vol. LXXXVII, no. 6 (2023), 440-457.
22. “Reforms of Pope Francis in Roman Curia”, in *The Divine Shepherd’s Voice*, Vol. XIV, no. 3 (2023), 143-152.

23. “Glimpses of the Magisterium on Higher Education”, in *Indian Theological Studies*, Vol. LX, no. 2 (2023), 259-272.
24. “Call to Holiness in Today’s World”, in *Jnanadeepa: Pune Journal of Religious Studies*, XXVII, no. 3 (2023), 36-55.
25. “Motu Proprio *Competentias Quasdam Decernere*: A Greater Authority to Bishops, Bishops’ Conferences and Superiors”, in *Studies in Church Law*, Vol. XVIII (2023), 67-98.
26. “Revisiting Personal Prelature: Juridical Insights into the Amended Canons 295-296,” in *Indian Theological Studies*, Vol. LXI, no. 1-2 (2024), 91-107.
27. “Recent Amendments in Canon Law: An Analytical Overview and Juridical Implications”, in Merlin Rengith Ambrose (ed.), *Aggiornamento in Canon Law: Theory and Praxis* (Bangalore: Conference of Catholic Bishops of India 2024), 198-246.
28. “The Juridical Highlights of the *Instrumentum Laboris* – 2024”, in *Indian Theological Studies*, Vol. LXI, no. 3 (2024), 265-279.
29. “The Significance of “Presbyterorum Ordinis” for Synodality and Canonical Empowerment”, in *The Divine Shepherd’s Voice*, Vol. XV, no. 4 (2024), 214-221.
30. “Lay Participation Empowered: Juridical Insights from *Instrumentum Laboris*”, in *Vidyajyoti* Vol. LXXXVIII, no. 9 (2024), 647-665.
31. “The Final Document of the Synod on Synodality: A Canonical Reading”, in *Vidyajyoti* Vol. LXXXVIII, no. 12 (2024), 905-925.
32. “The Salient Features of the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality: The Canonical Perspective”, in *Studies in Church Law* Vol. XIX (2024), 73-100.
33. “Punishments and Other Penalties in General in Revised Book VI of *CIC* 1983”, in *Canonical Studies* (2024), (to be published)
34. “Primacy of Justice in the Revised Penal Sanctions in the Church in Book VI of *CIC* 1983”, in *Iustitia* 16 (2025), (to be published).
35. “Canonical and Curial Reform of Pope Francis: Structures Oriented towards Evangelization”, in (to be published)

Articles Published in Magazines

1. “*Laudato si* and World Bio-Diversity Day”, in *The New Leader*, Vol. 134/10 (2021), 17-19.
2. “Major Reform in Church Law on Sanctions”, in *The New Leader*, Vol. 134/18 (2021), 37-38.
3. “Synod on Synodality”, in *The New Leader*, Vol. 134/20 (2021), 15-17.

4. "Christmas: A Call to Synodal Life", in *The New Leader*, Vol. 134/24 (2021), 43-44.
5. "Lent – Through the Lens of Baptism for Synodal Life", in *The New Leader*, Vol. 135/4 (2022), 10-12.
6. "Daily Bible Reflection for the Month of January, 2021", in Bible Diary, Assisi Press
7. "Daily Bible Reflection for the Month of May, 2022", in Bible Diary, Assisi Press
8. "St Devasahayam: From Melancholy to Holiness", in *Proclaim: A Magazine for Missionary Animation*, 45/3 (2022), 3-9.
9. "Pauline Marie Jaricot. The Blessed of "A Penny and a Prayer", in *Proclaim: A Magazine for Missionary Animation*, Vol. 45/4 (2022), 7-10.
10. "The Reform of Roman Curia: The Intent and Impact", in *The New Leader*, Vol. 135/15 (2022), 30-32.
11. "Jesus – The Reason for the Season", in *Proclaim: A Magazine for Missionary Animation*, Vol. 45/4 (2022), 7-10.
12. "Presentation of the Lord – The Beginning of Salvation", in *The New Leader*, Vol. 136/3 (2023), 23-24.
13. "Child is the Best Teacher for Synodal Journey", in *Proclaim: A Magazine for Missionary Animation*, Vol. 46/1 (2023), 9-11.
14. "Women in Canon Law and Recent Magisterium", in *The New Leader*, Vol. 136/5 (2023), 31-32.
15. "Lay Ministry of Catechist: Intent and Impact of the Apostolic Letter *Antiquum ministerium*", in *The New Leader*, Vol. 136/18 (2023), 17-19.
16. "To Hear His Call to "Come and See", in *Proclaim: A Magazine for Missionary Animation*, Vol. 46/3 (2023), 10-12.
17. "Mission Sunday: Call to Witness God's Love and Mercy", in *Proclaim: A Magazine for Missionary Animation*, Vol. 46/5 (2023), 7-9.
18. "Magisterial Teachings on All Souls Day, Funeral and Cremation", in *Proclaim: A Magazine for Missionary Animation*, Vol. 46/6 (2023), 3-6.
19. "Motu proprio '*Ad Theologiam promovendam*', Pope Promotes A Renewed Theology", in *The New Leader*, Vol. 136 (2023), 31.
20. "Pope's Message for World Day of Peace: AI and the Future of Peace", in *The New Leader*, Vol. 137/01 (2024), 31.
21. "Children: Their Rights and Obligations", in *Proclaim: A Magazine for Missionary Animation*, Vol. 47/1 (2023), 5-8.

22. "Pope's Message for the World Day of the Sick: "Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships", in *The New Leader*, Vol. 137/3 (2024), 19.
23. "The Relevance of *Dignitas Infinita* for Canon Law", in *Proclaim: A Magazine for Missionary Animation*, Vol. 07/3 (2024), 11-13, 22; in *Examiner*, Vol. 68/27 (2024), 14-15.
24. "Nation-Building is Kingdom Building", in *Proclaim: A Magazine for Missionary Animation*, Vol. 47/4 (2024), 3-5.
25. "Canonical Thrust in *Instrumentum Laboris*: How Far Have We Come?" in *The New Leader*, Vol. 137/16 (2024), 13-15.
26. "A Missionary Synodal Church as Envisaged in *Instrumentum Laboris*", in *Proclaim: A Magazine for Missionary Animation*, Vol. 07/5 (2024), 15-17.
27. "The Church and Cremation", in *The New Leader*, Vol. 137/20 (2024), 15
28. "Holy Mass for the Dead", in *Proclaim: A Magazine for Missionary Animation*, Vol. 07/6 (2024), 12-14.
29. "Holy Mass for the Dead", in *Examiner*, Vol. 68/44 (2024), 10-11.
30. "Final Document of the Synod – Canonical Takeaways", in *The New Leader*, Vol. 137/22 (2024), 23.
31. "Synod on Synodality: Canonical Implications", in *Smart Companion India*, Vol. 14/12 (2024), 13-15.
32. "The Sin of the Century", in *The New Leader*, Vol. / (2025), (to be published)

Articles Published in Tamil Language

1. "Canon Law and the Role of Bishops", in *Namvazhvu*, 15/26 (2021), 16-18.
2. "Canon Law and Marriage", Catechism Book published by Christian Life Commission (2021)
3. "Agathigalalla Nam Ayalaar", in *Thozhan*, 6/12 (2022), 29-32. (This journal is published by the Tamilnadu Biblical, Catechetical and Liturgical Centre known as TNBCLC - A unit functioning under the Tamilnadu Bishops' Council).
4. "Narcheithiyai Ariviungal (*Praedicate Evangelium*)", in *Nam Vazhvu*, 16/50 (2022), 23-26.
5. "Presentation of the Lord is the beginning of the Salvation", in *Nam Vazhvu*, 17/05 (2023), 12-14.
6. "Women in Code of Canon Law", in *Nam Vazhvu*, 17/13 (2023), 18-22.
7. "Lay participation of the Ministry of Catechesis - Apostolic Letter *Antiquum Ministerium*", in *Nam Vazhvu*, 17/46 (2023), 21-23.

8. “Lay participation of the Ministry of Catechesis - Apostolic Letter *Antiquum Ministerium*”, in *Nam Vazhvu*, 17/47 (2023), 27-29.
9. “An Overview of Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*”, in *Thenoli* 76/01 (2023), 23-25.
10. “Uravugalai sari seivathan valiyai udal nalanai seer seivom – Ulaga noyaalarkalukaaana Thiruthanthaiyin Seithi”, in *Namvazhvu*, 18/6 (2024), 26-27; in *Thenoli* 76/02 (2024), 10-11.
11. “Jubilee Year – 2025 - *Spes non confundit*,” in *Then Oli* 76/08 (2024), 30-31.
12. “The Intent and Impact of the Declaration of Pope Francis ‘*Dignitas Infinita* - Infinite Dignity’”, in *Namvazhvu*, 18/6 (2024), 9-11.
13. “Final Document of the Synod from Canonical Perspective – Part I”, in *Namvazhvu*, 18/6 (2025), 28-29; *Then Oli* 77/2 (2025), 24.
14. “Final Document of the Synod from Canonical Perspective – Part II”, in *Namvazhvu*, 18/7 (2025), 18-19.
15. “Jubilee Year: Hope does not Disappoint”, in *Thozhan* 1/2 (2025), 5-8.

12. BOOK REVIEWS

1. “Book Review of Jose Marattil, *Reverential Fear as a Ground of Marriage Nullity in the Indian Cultural Context*, Dharmaram Canonical Studies 28, Bengaluru: Dharmaram Publications, 2020” *Studies in Church Law*, XV (2020), 445-448.
2. “Book Review of Ligo Mathew Edattukalayil, *The Clerical Sexual Abuse of Minors and the Role of the Diocesan Bishop*, Dharmaram Canonical Studies 28, Bengaluru: Dharmaram Publications, 2020”, *Studies in Church Law*, XV (2020), 449-452.
3. “Book Review of Varghese Palathingal, *Marriage: Doctrine and Jurisprudence (75th Anniversary of Crebrae Allatae (1949-2024))*, Dharmaram Publications, Bengaluru: Dharmaram Publications, 2024”, in *Eastern Legal Thought*, XXI (2025), 341-343.

13. OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Papers Presented

1. “Right of Defence: *Conditio Sine Qua non* in Marriage Nullity Process”. A paper presented in an International Webinar Conducted by St Peter’s Pontifical Institute on 02 April 2020.
2. “Newness in Book VI on Penal Sanctions”. A paper presented for Deacons at St Peter’s Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore on 31 October 2021.
3. “Catechism that has Existed in the Church”. A paper presented for the Laity at St Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore on 18 September 2021.

4. "Catechism of the Catholic Church". A paper presented for the Laity at St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore on 25 September 2021.
5. "Salient Features in the Revision to Book VI on Sanctions". A paper presented to the Students of St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore on 27 November 2021.
6. "Pastoral Care and Criminal Law". A paper presented during the national seminar on Canon Law to the Students of Prabhodhana, Pallotine Theologate in Mysore on 16 March 2022.
7. "Implications of the Revision for Pastors, Ordinaries, Religious and Laity". A paper presented during the national seminar on Canon Law at Prabhodhana, Pallotine Theologate in Mysore on 17 March 2022.
8. "Spirit of Synodality in Communion for Mission. A Canonical Appraisal". A paper presented at St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore on 22 March 2022 during the National Conference on the theme *Church in India on the Path of Synodality*.
9. "Synodality and Its Implications". A paper presented to the Clergy of Dharmapuri Diocese on 28 March 2022.
10. "Glimpses of Synodality". A paper presented at the Seminar on Canon Law and Laity at St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore on 10 July 2022.
11. "Lay Participation in the Church. The Canonical Perspectives". A paper presented to the Clergy of Dharmapuri Diocese, 19 July 2022.
12. "Canonical Perspectives on Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Financial Council". A paper presented to the Lay People and the Religious of the Archdiocese of Bangalore on 09 October 2022.
13. "Sacrament of Anointing (Cann. 988-1007). Canonical and Pastoral Implications". A Paper presented to the lay people and the religious of the Archdiocese of Bangalore on 26 November 2023 at St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
14. "Relevance of Higher Education and the Magisterium of the Church". A Paper presented as an Orientation Talk for the Inauguration of the Academic Year of St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore on 30 June 2023.
15. "Norms for the Designation of National Shrines". Prepared the Norms and presented them to the Executive Committee of the Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) in St John's Medical College, Bangalore on 21 September 2023.
16. "Canonical and Curial Reforms of Pope Francis: Structures oriented towards Evangelization". A paper presented to the Missiologists and Ecclesiologists in India in the Symposium on the Theme: "Redefining the Mission: Pope Francis' Vision and the Contemporary Landscape of India", organised by Pontifical Mission Organization, India and St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru on 14 - 16 November 2023.

17. “Penal Sanctions and the Reformation through Apostolic Constitution *Pascite gregem Dei*” in the West Bengal Regional Bishops’ Council on 28 June 2024 at Seva Kendhra, Calcutta (SKC), West Bengal.
18. “*Fiducia Supplicans: An Overview*”, in the Don Bosco Theological Centre, Kavaraipettai, Chennai, Tamilnadu on 29 June 2024.
19. “Delicts against 6th Commandment” to the Supreme Moderators of Several Religious Congregations in NBCLC, Bangalore on 14 July 2024.
20. Paper presented to the Canonists of Telugu Catholic Bishops’ Council (TCBC) Region (Andhra Pradesh and Telangana) on “The Amendments in Canon Law” and “Complementary Norms to the Code of Canon Law” on 6 August 2024 in Eluru, Andhra Pradesh.
21. “Safeguarding of Minors and Vulnerable Persons: Canonical Perspectives” in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, for the Major Superiors of Religious Institutes on 17 August 2024.
22. “Lay Collaboration in the Parish and Diocesan Participation Structures”; “Safeguarding of Minors and Vulnerable Persons: Canonical Perspectives”, for the diocesan Clergy of Khandwa Diocese in Madhya Pradesh on 19 August 2024.
23. “*Instrumentum Laboris – A Glance*” – A Paper submitted in a Global Webinar Organised by the CCBI Synod Coordinating Committee on 16 September 2024. 289 people from 7 countries participated.
24. “*Instrumentum laboris: A Glance for the Application in the Diocese of Kottar*” on 17 September 2024. 78 priests and the diocesan Bishop participated.
25. “Safeguarding against the Abuse of Minors”, in the Course Organised by the Department of Anthropology in the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, on 28 September 2024. 86 priests, sisters and lay people participated.
26. “Pastoral Canon Law for the Parish Priests” in St. Paul’s Seminary, Trichy on 8 October 2024. 40 Priests and Religious participated.
27. “Punishments and Other Penalties in General in Revised Book VI of *CIC* 1983”, in the 37th Annual Conference of Canon Law Society of India at Guwahati on 15th October 2024. 130 Canonists participated
28. “Recent Documents from CCBI and Other Legislations”, in the 37th Annual Conference of Canon Law Society of India at Guwahati on 17th October 2024. 130 Canonists participated.
29. “Laity Participation: Canonical and Synodal Perspective”, in National Conference for the Laity by the CCBI Commission for Laity in Palana Bavana, Bangalore on 30 October 2024. 91 Regional Secretaries in India and Commission members from all over India attended.
30. “Participatory Bodies and Their Relevance for the Healthy Administration” and “Safeguarding Policy and Protection of Minors – The Recent Changes in Ecclesiastical Law” on 13 November 2024 for the MSFS priests of 2014-2016 of all the 7 Provinces in India. Held at Cluny Provincialate, Trichy. 40 participated.

31. “Final Document of the Synod and Its Canonical Relevance for the Synodal Church”, on 22 November 2024 in St John’s Medical College, Bangalore, in a Conference conducted by Peyton Institute for Families on the theme, “Charting A Synodal Church in India: Exploring Strategies, Prospects and Challenges for Pastoral Inclusivity”. 40 participated.
32. “Instructions from the Dicastery for Culture and Education on the Affiliated / Aggregated / Incorporated Institutes” on 11 January 2025 at St Peter’s Pontifical Institute in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Institute. 36 participants (directors, rectors and professors) of the affiliated / aggregated / Incorporated Institutes participated.
33. “Primacy of Justice in the Revised Penal System of CIC 1983”, in Institute of Oriental Canon Law on 17 January 2025 during its Silver Jubilee Celebration at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore.
34. Presented the revised statutes of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India in 36 plenary Assembly of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) on 2 February 2025 at XIM University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. 178 Bishops from India participated.
35. Presented the revised Statutes of St Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore, in the Senate meeting of the Institute on 17 February 2025.

Seminars / Conferences Participated / Moderated

1. Canon Law Seminar conducted by Canon Law Society of Kerala, India on 12 July 2021. Theme: “*Pascite Gregem Dei*”.
2. Fr. Penven Endowment Lectures on 16 September 2021, at St Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore. Theme: “Fall in Social Values and its Consequences”.
3. Annual Conference of Canon Law Society of India (CLSI) from 26 - 28 October 2021. Theme: “The Amendments in Book VI on Sanctions, *Vos estis lux mundi*”.
4. The Placid Endowment Lectures 2021-2022 on 11 November 2021 at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram - Pontifical Athenaeum, Bangalore. Theme: “Oriental Code and the Newly Revised Penal Law of the *CIC*”.
5. National Seminar on 13 November 2021 conducted by Canon Law Faculty of Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram - Pontifical Athenaeum, Bangalore. Theme: “*Fratelli Tutti*”.
6. The Inter-faculty Symposium for Professors of St Peter’s Pontifical Institute and Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram - Pontifical Athenaeum on 25 November 2021, at St Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
7. Bio-ethic Seminar on 01 December 2021 at St Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore. Theme: “Conflicting Issues of Bioethics. Responses from the Catholic Church on Homosexuality”.
8. A symposium organised by Jnana Deepa Institute, Pune (13-15 January 2022). Theme: “Towards a Synodal Indian Church: Challenges of Communion, Participation, and Mission”.

9. Canon Law and Bio-Ethics Seminar on 12 February 2022 at St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore. Theme: "Transgenders: Ethical Dilemmas and Canonical Imperatives".
10. National Conference on 21-23 March 2022 at St Peter's Pontifical Institute of Theology, Bangalore. Theme: "Church in India on the Path of Synodality".
11. Seminar for the Members of Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Council in the Archdiocese of Bangalore. Conducted by the Centre of Canon Law Studies of St Peter's Pontifical Institute of Theology on 10 July 2022. Theme: "Canon Law and Synodality".
12. National Synod for Preparing the Synthesis to be sent to the Vatican at Paalana Bhavan, Archdiocese of Bangalore, 26-28 July 2022.
13. The Bible and Canon Law Seminar conducted by the Centre of Canon Law Studies of St Peter's Pontifical Institute of Theology on 30 August 2022, at St Peter's Pontifical Institute. Theme: "The Importance of the Divine Word in the Life of the Church and the Christians".
14. Fr. Penven Endowment Lectures 2022-2023 on 03 September 2022, at St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore. Theme: "National Education Policy 2022".
15. The Bible and Canon Law Seminar conducted by the Centre of Canon Law Studies of St Peter's Pontifical Institute of *Theology* on 5 September 2022, at St Peter's Pontifical Institute. Theme: "The Interpretation of the Divine Word in the Life of Priests".
16. The Bible and Canon Law Seminar at St Peter's Pontifical Institute of Theology on 12 September 2022. Theme: "The Pastoral Challenges of the Biblical Apostolate".
17. Annual Conference of Canon Law Society of India (CLSI) Conducted in Mangalore from 3 – 7 October 2022. Theme: "Sanctifying Office of the Church and *Praedicate Evangelium*".
18. Seminar for the Lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Bangalore and conducted by the Centre of Canon Law Studies of St Peter's Pontifical Institute of Theology on 9 October 2022. Theme: "Participatory Structures in the Parishes (Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Council)".
19. The Placid Endowment Lectures held at the Centre of Oriental Canon Law Institute at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram - Pontifical Athenaeum, Bangalore on 14 – 15 November 2022. Theme: "CBCI: An Inter-Ecclesial Assembly of the Churches *Sui Iuris* in India".
20. The Inter-faculty Symposium for Professors of St Peter's Pontifical Institute and Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram - Pontifical Athenaeum on 22 November 2021, at St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore. Theme: "Pastoral Dimension of Marriage Nullity Process".
21. Interfaculty Seminar – Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram - Pontifical Athenaeum – Institute of Oriental Canon Law and Centre of Canon Law Studies - at St Peter's Pontifical Institute on 24 November 2022. Theme: "Synodality".
22. International Conference (12-15 January 2023) at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram (Pontifical Athenaeum), Bangalore. Theme: "Towards Synodal Church: Moving Forward".

23. Seminar on Canon Law at St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore on 08 August 2023 by Rev. Dr. M. J. Jesu Pudumai Doss, SDB. Theme: "Dismissal of a Religious: Canonical Changes and Challenges".
24. The online Diploma Course in Canon Law is conducted by the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India on every 2nd and 4th Saturday (from December 2022 – December 2023).
25. The 24th Bishops Theologians Colloquium in 2023 on *Desiderio Desideravi* and *Traditionis Custodes* organised by CBCI Office for Doctrine, 6-7 July 2023 NBCLC, Bengaluru.
26. International Seminar conducted by St.Paul's University, Ottawa, Canada. Topic: "Shepherding the Shepherds: The Pastoral Challenges of Caring for Priests who are Accused, Suspended or Laicised". Resource Person: Rev.Sr Dr Helen Costigane, SHCJ on 20 September 2023.
27. International webinar on Exercising Authority in Ecclesial Movements and Lay Associations: Criteria, Fruits and Challenges – Philip Gerard Milligan, Faculty of Canon Law, St. Paul's University, Ottawa, Canada on 9 November 2023.
28. The Inter-faculty Symposium for Professors of St Peter's Pontifical Institute and Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram - Pontifical Athenaeum at St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore on 23 November 2023. Theme: Primacy of the Individual: Kant as Our Companion in Understanding Problems Today and Introduction to Human Enhancement and Its Ethical Concerns.
29. Inter-institute Canon Law Seminar on *Pascite gregem Dei – CIC* and *Vocare Peccatores – CCEO* organised by Dharmaram Vidya Kshethram (DVK), Oriental Institute of Canon Law on 30 November 2023.
30. Symposium on the Theme: "Redefining the Mission: Pope Francis' Vision and the Contemporary Landscape of India", organised by Pontifical Mission Organization, India and St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru on 14 - 16 November 2023.
31. National Conference Cum Workshop on Priestly and Religious Formation in India Today in the light of Pope Francis' Vision, organised by St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore on 4-7 December 2023.
32. Canon Law Conference of Tamilnadu Canonists's Association from 23-24 February 2024 in Tindivanam, Tamilnadu: Theme: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Procedure for Recourse to Apostolic Signatura, Canonical Updates, Civil Updates.
33. Organized the National Seminar for Christ's Faithful on Synodal Vocation organised by CCBI Commission for Canon Law and Other Legislative Texts, Paalana Bhavan, Bangalore on 3rd February 2024.
34. National Conference on Theory and Praxis: *Aggiornamento* in Canon Law organised by CCBI Commission for Canon Law and Other Legislative Texts, Paalna Bhavan, Bangalore 6th to 8th February 2024.
35. Organized National Conference conducted by CCBI Commission for Canon Law from 6-8th February 2024.

36. Seminar on “Sexual Delicts against Minors and Vulnerable Adults” by Rev. Dr. Jesu Pudumai Doss on 7-8 August 2024 at St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
37. Annual Conference of Canon Law Society of India (CLSI) in Guwahati, Assam 14-17 October 2024.
38. Interfaculty Seminar on *Praedicate Evangelium* on 21 November 2024 at St Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
39. Participated in International Symposium: 25 Years of Ecclesia in Asia: Towards a Fully Synodal and Missionary Church in Asia: Re-Reading Ecclesia in Asia for the Jubilee Year. St. John’s Medical College, Bangalore, 13-14 December 2024.
40. Moderated two Sessions in the International Symposium on the Theme: “Renewing God’s mission of love and service in Asia” (EA 5): The Asian Church’s Journey of Missionary Discipleship and synodality in the Third Millennium. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Clarence Devadass (Malaysia). “Voices from the Margins: Including the Excluded in the Asian Synodal Path”. Speaker: Rev. Sr. Dr. Patricia Santos, Pune.

Lectures and Animation of Canonical Societies and Dioceses in India

1. Animated the Canon Law Society of the Western Region of India on 21-23 March 2023 on the following topics: 1) Revised Complementary Legislations to the Code of Canon Law, 2) Novelties in the Apostolic Constitution *Praedicate Evangelium*, 3) The Right of Defence in Marriage Nullity Trials. Place: Navsarni Kendra, Pastoral Centre of Sindudurg Diocese, Maharashtra.
2. Animated all the Canonists of Kerala (India), the members of the Canon Law Society of Kerala (CLSK) on 9-10 August 2023 on the following topics: 1) Amendments in Canon Law from 2018-2023, 2) *Instrumentum Laboris* for Synod for a Synodal Church – 2021-2024, 3) *Praedicate Evangelium* and the Reform of the Roman Curia, 4) The Revised Book VI – Penal Sanctions in the Church. Place: Ashirbhavan, The Archdiocesan Centenary Memorial Pastoral Centre, Verapoly Archdiocese, Kerala.
3. “Canonical Provisions for the Application of Synodal Ethos”. Conducted a one-day Seminar for the clergy of the diocese of the Jabalpur diocese on 24 April 2024. 82 priests and Bishop Valan Arasu participated in the seminar.
4. Animated all the Canonists of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana (India), the members of the Canon Law Commission of Telugu Catholic Bishops’ Council (TCBC) on 6 August 2024 on the following topics: 1) Amendments in Canon Law from 2018-2024; 2) Abuse Cases in SST; 3) Complementary Norms to the Code of Canon Law in the CCBI.
5. Animated all the clergy of the diocese of Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh on 19 August 2024 on the following topics: 1) “Lay Collaboration in the Parish and Diocesan Participation Structures”; 2) “Safeguarding of Minors and Vulnerable Persons: Canonical Perspectives” and 3) “Complementary Norms to the Code of Canon Law and Its Relevance to the Diocese of Khandwa”. 68 priests participated.

National and International Webinars Participated

1. Webinar Conducted by Canon Law Faculty of DVK, Bangalore, Topic: *Fratelli Tutti*, 13 November 2020.
2. International Webinar Conducted by St Peter's Pontifical Institute on 04 December 2020. Topic: "Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community".
3. International Webinar Conducted by St Peter's Pontifical Institute, on 18 January 2021. Topic: "Conscience Formation according to the Code of Canon Law".
4. Moderated the International Webinar. St Peter's Pontifical Institute conducted on 18 January 2021. Topic: "The Pastoral Dimension of the Matrimonial Process".
5. International Webinar Conducted by St Peter's Pontifical Institute on 15 February 2021. Topic: "Mixed Marriage and Canonical Form".
6. International Webinar Conducted by St Peter's Pontifical Institute on 15 March 2021. Topic: "Inviolability of the Sacramental Seal".
7. Moderated the International Seminar conducted by Rev. Dr Jesu Pudumai Doss, SDB, St Paul's University, Canada, on 11 March 2023. Topic: "The Role of Laity in the *munus sanctificandi* in the Church".
8. International Seminar conducted by St.Paul's University, Ottawa, Canada. Topic: "Shepherding the Shepherds: The Pastoral Challenges of Caring for Priests who are Accused, Suspended or Laicised". Resource Person: Rev.Sr Dr Helen Costigane, SHCJ on 20 September 2023.
9. International Webinar conducted by St Paul's University, Ottawa, Canada on 08.03.2023. Topic: "Dismissal of Religious: Recent Modifications and Canonical Challenges". Resource Person: Prof. Rev. M.J. Jesu Pudmai Doss SDB, Faculty of Canon Law, St Paul University, Ottawa, Canada.
10. CPCS Webinar, Safeguarding Expanded: The Changes in *Vos estis lux mundi* by Pope Francis, conducted by Faculty of Canon Law, St Paul's University, Ottawa, Canada on 24 May 2023.
11. Participated in a Webinar conducted by the Faculty of Canon Law in Ottawa, Canada, on "Recent Rotal Decisions in Penal Cases" on 30 January 2025.
12. Participated in the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) from 28 January to 05 February 2025.

14. Pastoral Experiences

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| 1. Assistant Parish Priest | - | St Joseph's Church, Pillaithepe | 2009-2010 |
| 2. Assistant Parish Priest | - | Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Sahayapuram | 2010-2011 |

3. Assistant Parish Priest	-	Holy Family Church, Carmel Nagar	2011-2012
4. Ecclesiastical Assistant	-	Christian Life Community (CLC)	2011-2012