

Rev. Dr J. Anthony

**Associate Professor of Canon Law, St. Peter's Centre of Canon Law Studies,
St. Pontifical Institute, Bangalore**

Curriculum Vitae

1. Vital Statistics

Name: Anthony

Surname: Joseph

Present Institution: **St. Peter's Centre for Canon Law Studies, Bangalore**

Father's Name: Joseph

Mother's Name: Alphonse

Date of Birth: 11 February 1979

Nationality: Indian

Status: Catholic Priest

Catholic Diocese of Origin: Chingleput (Tamilnadu, South India)

Date of Ordination: 22/04/2007

2. Academic Qualification

Ecclesiastical Studies

Degree	Institute	Year
Bachelor of Philosophy	Jnana Deepa Vidayapeeth, Pune (India)	2000-2002
Bachelor of Theology	Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee (India)	2003-2006
Licentiate in Canon Law (LCL)	St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore(India)	2010-2013
Doctorate in Canon Law (DCL)	Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome	2016-2019
Diploma in <i>Iurisprudencia Ecclesiastica</i>	Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome	2020
Diploma in <i>Praxi Amministrativa Canonica</i>	Dicastery for the Clergy, Vatican	2017-2019
Certificate Course in Priestly Formation	Dicastery for the Clergy, Vatican	2018-2019
Certificate in Archive Studies	Vatican Archive, Vatican	2018-2019

Studium in Canonization Process Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, Vatican 2019-2020
Diploma in Integral Ecology Pontifical Universities and Athenaeum, Rome 2024
Certificate of Participation in Diploma Course-Safeguarding of the Minors and Vulnerable
Adults, Institute of Anthropology, Gregorian University, Rome – June -Dec 2024

Secular Studies

Degree	University	Year
B. A English Literature	University of Madras, Chennai (India)	1997-2000
M. A. Christian Studies	University of Madras, Chennai (India)	2003-2005

Knowledge of Languages

Mother Tongue: Tamil

Study Language: English

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

Fourth Language: Latin (working knowledge)

Fifth Language: German (good knowledge of reading and writing- B. 2 Level)

3. Title of the Dissertation

DCL – The Credibility of Witnesses in Marriage Nullity Trials (2019) (Pontificia Università
Urbaniana, Rome)

4. Pastoral Commitments and Responsibilities

Assistant Parish Priest in St. Joseph’s Cathedral, Chingleput (2007-2008)

Personal Secretary to Most Rev. Dr. Neethninathan, Bishop of Chingleput (2008-2010)

Parish Priest of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church, R. N. Kandigai (2013-2015)

Judge of the Diocesan Tribunal (2013 -2016; 2020 -)

Judicial Vicar of the Diocesan Tribunal (2015-2016)

Chancellor of the Diocese (20213-2015; 2020-2023)

Member and Secretary of the College of Consultors (2013-2016; 2020-2023)
 Member of the Council of Priests (2013-2016; 2020-2023)
 Member of the Diocesan Society (2013-2015; 2020-2023)
 Member of Diocesan Educational Society (2013-2016; 2020-2023)
 Member of the Diocesan Property Committee (2013-2015; 2020-2023)
 One of the Power of Attorney of the Diocesan Property (2020-)
 Member of the drafting committee of the Diocesan Synod (2014-2016)
 Coordinating Member of the Synod of Bishops – Diocesan Phase (2021-2022)
 Regional Secretary, Tamilnadu Canon Law Association (2021-
 Director, Pastoral Year, St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore (June 2024-
 Registrar, St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore (November 2024-

5. Teaching Courses

Subjects	Credits
For Bachelor of Theology	
1. Temporal Goods	1
2. General Norms	2

For Licentiate in Canon Law

Subjects	Credits
1. Canonical Methodology	2
2. Sacraments of Initiation	2
3. Seminar	2
4. Select Questions in Canon Law	2
5. Temporal Goods	2
6. Processes – Part II	2
7. Particular Legislation and Work Shop	1

6. Publications

Scientific Articles Published in Canonical and Theological Journals

1. “Veracity of the Testimonies in Marriage Nullity Trials”, in *Studies in Church Law*, 14 (2020), 385-430.
2. “*Modus interrogandi* of the Witnesses in Marriage Nullity Trials -An Arduous Task of the Instructor-Judge”, in *Studies in Church Law*, 18 (2023) 99-118.
3. “Other Elements of Proofs in the Marriage Nullity Trials: Presumptions, Conjectures, Adminicula, Indices and Circumstances”, in *Indian Theological Studies* 61 (2024) 1-2, 109-125.
4. “Reconfiguration of Priestly Formation for a Synodal Church”, in *The Divine Shepherd’s Voice*, 15 (2024) 2, 126-140.
5. Book Review: Arockiaraj Satis Kumar, *The Pastoral Dimension of the Matrimonial Process*, ATC Publishers, Bengaluru 2023 in *Studies in Church Law*, 18 (2023), 358-360.
6. “Admitting a Witness in *Iudicio Contentioso*”, in *Indian Theological Studies* 61 (2024) 3, 281-304.
7. “The Synodal Dimension of Participatory Structures in the Particular Churches”, in *Studies in Church Law*, 19 (2024) 101-134.

Articles Published in Popular Magazines

- ◆ On Fratelli Tutti – Introduction to Christian Life, in *Uravai Nadi*, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Tambaram, April 2021.
- ◆ On Fratelli Tutti – Chapter One, in *Uravai Nadi*, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Tambaram, May 2021.
- ◆ On Fratelli Tutti – Chapter Two, in *Uravai Nadi*, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Tambaram, June 2021.

- ◆ On Fratelli Tutti- Chapter Three, in *Uravai Nadi*, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Tambaram, July 2021.
- ◆ On Fratelli Tutti- Chapter Four, in *Uravai Nadi*, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Tambaram, August 2021.
- ◆ On Fratelli Tutti- Chapter Three, in *Uravai Nadi*, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Tambaram, September 2021.
- ◆ Sunday Readings Reflections, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam 2014-2016.
- ◆ Fratelli Tutti- *Anaivarum Udanpiranthor* – Tamil Translation of *Fratelli Tutti* (Translated the first Chapter), Tamilnadu Social Service Society Trichy 2020.
- ◆ Sunday Readings Reflections, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam, August 2023-December 2024.
- ◆ “Sunday Homilies” – in *Malaiarul Magazine* (Diocese of Chingleput), 20 (2023) 8, 17-22.
- ◆ “Sunday Homilies” – in *Malaiarul Magazine* (Diocese of Chingleput) 20 (2023) 9, 09-17.
- ◆ “Sunday Homilies” – in *Malaiarul Magazine* (Diocese of Chingleput), 20 (2023) 10, 12-23.
- ◆ “Sunday Homilies” – in *Malaiarul Magazine* (Diocese of Chingleput), 20 (2023) 11, 15-23.
- ◆ “Sunday Homilies” – in *Malaiarul Magazine* (Diocese of Chingleput) 20 (2023) 12, 19-32.

- ◆ “Sunday Homilies” – in *Malaiarul Magazine* (Diocese of Chingleput) 21 (2024) 01, 31-39.
- ◆ “Christmas -A Celebration of Incarnational Intelligence”, in *The New Leader*, 136 (2023) 12, 43.
- ◆ “Crib – Incarnation of Jesus – Teachings of Pope Francis”, in *The Nam Vazhu*, 49 (2023) 46, 17-19.
- ◆ “Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move”- Liturgy for the Mission Sunday”, Pontifical Mission Society, 22 October 2023, 1-3.
- ◆ “Spiritual Cooperation through Witness, Prayer, and Sacrifice,” - Liturgy for the Holy Childhood Sunday”, Pontifical Mission Society, 11 February 2024, 1-2.
- ◆ “The Road to Easter Sunday ”, in *Proclaim*, 47 (2024) 2, 3-6.
- ◆ “Sunday Readings Reflections”, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam, Jan 2024, 24-32.
- ◆ “Sunday Readings Reflections”, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam, Feb 2024, 25-34.
- ◆ “Sunday Readings Reflections”, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam, Mar 2024, 25-32.
- ◆ “Sunday Readings Reflections”, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam, April 2024, 26-33.
- ◆ “Sunday Readings Reflections”, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam, May 2024, 23-30.
- ◆ “Sunday Readings Reflections”, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam, June 2024, 25-33.
- ◆ “Sunday Readings Reflections”, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam, July 2024, 31-38.
- ◆ “Sunday Readings Reflections”, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam, August 2024, 30-37.
- ◆ “Sunday Readings Reflections”, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam, September 2024, 30-37.
- ◆ “Sunday Readings Reflections”, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam, October 2024, 26-33.

- ◆ “Sunday Readings Reflections”, in *Malaiarul*, Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine, Achrapakkam, November 2024, 25-31.
- ◆ “People in Darkness have seen the Great Light”, (Christmas Reflection) in *The Nam Vazhu*, 53 (2024) 98, 3-4.
- ◆ “Reflections on Epiphany and the Synodal Church”, *The Nam Vazhu*, 61 (2025) 02, 7-8.
- ◆ Sunday Readings Reflections, in *Kadarkarai Ragam*, St Antony’s Shrine, Palavakkam, Jan 2025, 10-17.

8. Papers Presented/Talks/Seminars Animated

- ◆ *Embracing the Synodal Journey: Clarifications, Opportunities and Challenges in the Light of the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality*, A paper presented in Tamilnadu Canon Law Regional Association on 21.01.2025, at TNBCLC, Tindivanam, India.
- ◆ *Documentary Process*- Online Class for Notaries organised by CCBI Commission for Canon Law on 18.01.2025
- ◆ *Canon Law for Religious - Cann. 631-640*, St Peter’s Online Theology (SPOT), St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru on 05.12.2024.
- ◆ *Participatory Structures in the Particular Churches: A Synodal Perspective*, National Canon Law Conference, Guwahati- (14-18 October 2024), 16.10.2024.
- ◆ *Lay Ministries*- To the Participants of the Faith Formation Programme (Extension Course), St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru on 09.11.2024.
- ◆ *Ministries and Laity Participation*, Diploma in Theology, St Peter’s Online Theology (SPOT), St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru on 07.11.2024.
- ◆ *Canon Law for Religious - Cann. 617-630*, St Peter’s Online Theology (SPOT), St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru on 21.09.2024 and 05.10.2024.
- ◆ *Aggiornamento* – Drafting the update of the Constitution of the Seva Missionary Sisters, Chennai, given the Golden Jubilee of the Foundation of the Congregation (April - May 2024).
- ◆ *Sacraments and canonical Guidance*- CTC Vimala Province- 02 and 03 May 2024

- ◆ *Praedicate Evangelium* – To the members of Tamilnadu Canon Law Association, Tindivanam on 23 January 2023.
- ◆ *Canon Law and its Applications to the Consecrated Members* on 20 October 2021, Catholic Bishop's House, Chingleput.
- ◆ *Jesus and his Leadership guidance to the superiors of Institutes of Consecrated Life - Franciscan Sisters of Presentation of Mary* on 5.12.2021.
- ◆ *Synodal Church – Talk to the participants of Synod of Bishops – Diocesan Phase - St. Joseph' Cathedral, Chingleput* on 16.10.2021.
- ◆ *On Fratelli Tutti,- Talk presented to the Diocesan Clergy* on 09 November 2020 at Catholic Bishop's House, Chingleput.
- ◆ *Parish Pastoral Councils and its importance in the Parish Ministry* on 15 March 2023, Catholic Bishop's House, Chingleput.
- ◆ *St. Joseph, the Model for Religious Life (Year of St. Joseph)* – Seminar presented to the Superiors of Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph on 25 June 2021.
- ◆ *On Pastoral Leadership-* To the Superiors of Blessed Sacrament of Fathers, Chennai 09.10.2022.
- ◆ *The Rights and Obligations of Lay Faithful and on Associations:* Online Class to the Participants of the Course animated by Canon Law Commission of the CCBI on 29 April 2023.
- ◆ *Pastoral Prudence in the Code of Canon Law* – Seminar addressed to the Deacons on 26 January 2023 at Catholic Bishop's House, Chingleput.
- ◆ *Synodality and Religious Life* – Sisters of Congregation of Tersian Carmalities, Vimalagam, CTC Provincialate, Kunnarapettai, on 27 December 2023.
- ◆ *Canonical Guidance to the Assistant Parish Priests* - 10 August 2023, Catholic Bishop's House, Chingleput
- ◆ *Upkeep of the Parish Archive and the administration of the Sacraments – A Canonical Guidance-* to the Parish Priests on 17 August 2022, St. John Paul II, Pastoral Center, Chingleput.
- ◆ *Rights and Obligations of the Vicars Forane-* on 20 July 2022 Catholic Bishop's House, Chingleput.
- ◆ *Rights and Duties of Lay Faithful-* Talk to the Representatives of the Parish Pastoral Council of the Parishes on 12 November 2022

- ◆ *History of the Catholic Church up to the First Millennium* – To the Catechism Teachers of the Diocese of Chingleput on 30 April 2023 at Catholic Pastoral Center, Chingleput.
- ◆ *The Sacramentality of the Marriage and Impediments*- To the participants of the Marriage Preparation Course (2013-2016; 2020-2023).
- ◆ *The Religious Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life- Canonical Understanding*- To the Priests of Eugene de Mazenod Society (SDM) on 30 June 2022.
- ◆ *Tribunal Procedures*- Seminar to the Deacons- Don Bosco Theologate, Kavarapettai, 16-17.10.2021
- ◆ *Pascite gregem Dei- Seminar on the Book VI- Penal Sanctions* – Don Bosco Theologate, Kavarapettai, 17.10.2021
- ◆ *Fratelli Tutti- Pope's Social Encyclical on Fraternity*- Religious and Diocesan Clergy of Thomas Mount Deanery- St. Thomas Mount on 5.11.2020.

8. Course/Seminars/Conferences/Webinars Participated

- Course on Internal Forums of the Church- Tribunal of Apostolic Penitentiary, Rome 14-17 March 2017.
- Seminar on the Protection of the Minors - Gregoriana University and Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, Rome, 9 February 2018.
- Course on *Vox Estis Lux Mundi- Practical Cases and New Legislations*- Urbaniana University and the Congregations for the Doctrine of Faith, Rome, 2-3 March 2020.
- International Webinar on Dismissal of Religious: Recent Modifications and Canonical Challenges – Prof. Rev. M. J. Jesu Pudmai Doss SDB, Faculty of Canon Law, St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada, on 08.03.2023.
- CPCS Webinar, Safeguarding Expanded: The changes in *Vos estis lux mundi* by Pope Francis- Faculty of Canon Law, St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada, on 24.05.2023.
- 24th Bishops Theologians Colloquium 2023 on *Desiderio Desideravi* and *Traditionis Custodes* – CBCI Offices for Doctrine, 6-7 July 2023 NBCLC, Bengaluru.
- Canonical Lecture Series - 2023-2024 – Dismissal of a Religious: Canonical Changes and Challenges, Peter's Pontifical Institute, Centre of Canon Law Studies, Bengaluru on 08 August 2023.
- Canonical Lecture Series - 2023-2024 - Communication Today: (CC-SM-AI) Canonical Discernment and Research, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Centre of Canon Law Studies, Bengaluru 19 August 2023.

- Rediscovering the meaning of Family Today - Laity Seminar, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, 27 August 2023.
- International Webinar on Shepherding the Shepherds: The Pastoral Challenges of Caring for Priests who are Accused, Suspended or Laicised – Prof. Sr. Helen Costigane, Faculty of Canon Law, St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada, on 20. 09. 2023.
- Catholics Studies in Asia: Prospects and Challenges, A hybrid International Seminar at the Asia Research Institute, Singapore on 02.10.2023.
- 36th National Canon Law Conference, The Canon Law Society of India, Ashirbhavan Pastoral Centre, Verapoly, on 15.10.2023 - 20.10.2023.
- Exercising Authority in Ecclesial Movements and Lay Associations: Criteria, Fruits and Challenges - Philip Gerard Milligan, Faculty of Canon Law, St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada on 09.11.2023.
- Inter- Faculty Symposium 2023 – *Primacy of the Individual: Kant as Our Companion in Understanding Problems Today and Introduction to Human Enhancement and Its Ethical Concerns*, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru on 23.11.2023.
- Inter - Institute Canon Law Seminar on *Pascite Gregem Dei - CIC and Vocare Peccatores* - CCEO - Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Department of Institute of Oriental Canon Law, on 30.11.2023.
- National Conference *Cum* Workshop on *Priestly and Religious Formation in India Today in the light of Pope Francis' Vision*, St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru on 04.12.2023 - 07.12.2023.
- 33rd Tamilnadu Canon Law Association - Annual Meet, Tamilnadu Canon Law Association, TNBCLC, Tindivanam on 23.01.2024 - 24.01.2024.
- National Conference on *Aggiornamento in Canon Law: Theory and Praxis* - CCBI Commission for Canon Law and Other Legislative Texts, Paalanaa Bhavan, Bangalore on 06.02.2024 - 08.02.2024.
- Canonical Lecture Series - 2024-2025 -Rev. Dr. Anthony Peter, *The Role of the Diocesan Bishop in Promoting Clerical Celibacy*, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Centre of Canon Law Studies, Bengaluru 31 July 2024.
- Canonical Lecture Series - 2024-2025 -Rev. Dr. Pudumai Doss, *Sexual Delicts against Minors or Vulnerable Adults*, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Centre of Canon Law Studies, Bengaluru 6-7 August 2024.

- Canonical Lecture Series - 2024-2025 - Rev. Dr. Mercy John, *The Concept of Social Communication, in CIC 1983*, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Centre of Canon Law Studies, Bengaluru 27 August 2024.
- CCBI, *Complementary Legislation*, Online Lectures, 27 and 29 August 2024.
- Penven Endowment *Lectures, Artificial Intelligence*, Fr. Thadeus Singarayan, 6 September 2024.
- Diploma Course- *Safeguarding Policies of Minors and Formators Responsibility*- Online Course, Gregorian University, Rome (June- December 2024).
- *Penal Sanctions in the Church*, National Canon Law Conference, Guwahati, 14-18 October 2024.
- Webinar, *The Sensus Fidelium and Canon Law in a Synodal Church*, 12 November 2024
- Webinar, *What's Next for our Listening Church after the Synod*, 16 November 2024
- Webinar, *Echoes from the Synod 2021-2024*, 5 November 2024.
- Drafting of the Recently Amended Canons in Tamil language, 16.11.2024, Catholic Bishop's House, Vellore, Tamilnadu
- Inter- Faculty Seminary- Centre of Canon Law Studies, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute and DVK, 21 November 2024, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.
- Inter-Institute Symposium, Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram and St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, in DVK, Bangalore, 28 November 2024.
- Talk on The Church in Thailand, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, 29 November 2024.
- International Symposium, 25 year of Ecclesia in Asia, Organised by Pontifical Mission Organisation and CCBI Commission for Proclamation, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore, 13-14 December 2024.
- A Special Lecture on '*We must fan the flame of Hope*' (Pope Francis): *The Biblical Origin of the Jubilee Year* - Prof. Dr. Hans Ausloss, Professor of Old Testament at the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore, 8 January 2025.
- Three Talks (i) *The Bible as the Foundation, Forerunner and Future of Theological Thought*, - Most Rev Dr Theodore Mascarenhas, Bishop of Daltonganj; (ii) *Theology for Society: The Church and the World*, - Most Rev Dr Raphy Manjaly, Archbishop of Agra; and (iii) *Future of Theology: Listening to the Human Cry for Meaning*, by Prof. Dr. Benedicte Lemmelijn, Professor of Old Testament at the Catholic University of

Leuven, Belgium, during Formative Sessions of the Inauguration of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore 1976-2026, 10-11 January 2025.

- Webinar, Infinite Human Dignity- *The Foundation for the Church's Safeguarding Policy*, Msgr. John Renken, Centre for Safeguarding Minors and Vulnerable Persons, St. Paul's University, Ottawa 28.01.2025
- Webinar, *Recent Rotal Decisions in Penal Cases*, Msgr. Leo Arockia Raj (Judge-Roman Rota), St. Paul's University, Ottawa 29.01.2025
- Fr. Placid J. Podipara CMI Endowment Lectures 2024-2025: *Cause of Saints Laws and Praxis*, Rev, Dr. Cherian Thunduparampil CMI, Institute of Oriental Canon Law, Dharmaram, Bangalore 30-31.01. 2025.