



NORBERTINE FATHERS

CANONRY OF MANANTHAVADY



CIRCULAR NO: 23/2026

DATE: 25-04-2026

1. Solemn Profession and Diaconate

Having heard the Canonry, and after due evaluation, the Prelate and the Council, at their meeting held on 20-21 April 2026, have decided to admit the below mentioned juniors to Solemn Profession in the Canonry of Mananthavady.

- 1) Bro. Akhil Anithottathil
- 2) Bro. Albin Kandasamkunnel
- 3) Bro. Diljith Veliyath

They will make their Solemn Profession on the feast of our Holy Father St. Norbert, on 6 June 2026. The ceremony will commence at 10:30 am. The same juniors will be ordained to the diaconate on 7 June 2026 during the Eucharistic Celebration at 7.00 am.

Diaconate Ministry:

- 1) Bro. Akhil Anithottathil: St. Norbert Priory, Mananthavady
- 2) Bro. Albin Kandasamkunnel: Diocese of Pala
- 3) Bro. Diljith Veliyath: Diocese of Changanasserry

2) Simple Profession

Bro. Jubin Chirakkalath, Abel Thuruthimattam and Bro. Amal Kakkattil, having completed their two years of novitiate, will make their simple profession on 6 June 2026 during the Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am.

3. Regency

In the academic year 2026-27, the Canonry have three juniors for regency, and they are assigned to the below mentioned communities w.e.f. 20 June.

| Sl. No | Name | Community |
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| 01 | Bro. Jubin Chirakkalath | Muktidata Ashram, Tikrikilla, Meghalaya |
| 02 | Bro. Abel Thuruthimattam | Manipur Mission |
| 03 | Bro. Amal Kakkattil | Manipur Mission |

4. Admission to Novitiate

The below mentioned postulants are promoted to novitiate and they will commence their Canonical year on 3 July 2026. This year we have three candidates from the northeast and two from Mananthavady.

1. Bro. Shalvin Mukalel
2. Jithin Punnattukuzhy
3. Shilmi Shadap
4. Kristopol B. Marak
5. Solomon Haungai

Besides our 5 candidates, we will also have one candidate for novitiate with us from the Canonry of Verapoly.

5. Regarding the Exclaustration of Fr. Vincent Mattammel

The Diocese of Augsburg, Germany, having obtained from the Holy Father the indult of departure from the institute in accordance with can. 691 CIC, together with permission for incardination into the same Diocese *ad experimentum*, has admitted Rev. Fr. Vincent Mattammel *ad experimentum* for a period of five years, from 01 April 2026 until 31 March 2031, in accordance with canons 686 §1, 687 CIC.

6. Canonry Chapter 2027

The Canonry Chapter 2027 will be held from 25 – 28 January. The place and other details will be informed later. Kindly block the date and plan your programs accordingly.

7. Regarding Proposals to the Prelate and Council

Kindly note that any proposal submitted to the Prelate and the Council for approval must first be discussed and approved by the respective house chapter. Proposals submitted without the approval of the house chapter will not be considered for discussion at the Council meeting.

8. Regarding Bro. Akhiljith Peruvellil

As previously informed, Bro. Akhiljith, a philosophy student, was on leave of absence during the last academic year due to the demise of his father. After a period of prayerful discernment, he has decided to withdraw from religious life and has accordingly left from the Canonry.

9. Blessing of Navajeevana K Chittilapilly Special School, Chevar

The blessing and inauguration of Navajeevana Chittalapilly Special School, Chevar will be held on 29 June, 2026 at 11:00 am by His Grace Mar Joseph Pamplany, the archbishop of Thalasserry. We appreciate the initiative and tireless effort of Fr. Jose Chempottickal in accomplishing this dream project. You are cordially invited.

10. Regarding Athani and Poikattuserry Communities

As previously communicated through Canonry Circular No. 16/2025 dated 4 May 2025, and as decided by the Prelate and the Council at their meeting held on 20–21 April 2026, the Community at Athani shall be closed. The pain and palliative ministry until now carried out by the Athani community will henceforth be undertaken by the

Poikattuserry community. Further details regarding the use of the Athani house will be determined after consultation with the Poikattuserry community.

11. Land for College in Tikrikilla, Meghalaya Registered

25.71 acre land for the proposed college at Tikrikilla, Meghalaya is registered in the name of Prem Jyothi Trust (our new Trust in Meghalaya). Congratulations to Frs. Salu and Cleatus.

12. Transfer and Appointments

Kindly find below the transfers and appointments which will be effective from 23 May 2026. I sincerely thank you all, dear confreres for your proactive and sincere support in matters related to transfers and appointments. I also thank all the outgoing office bearers for your dedicated and committed service to the Canonry. Best wishes and prayers to all those who are going to take up different ministries in the Canonry.

| TRANSFERS & APPOINTMENTS: 2026 | | |
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| Sl. No | Name | Community/ Ministry |
| 01 | Fr. George Pavamkottu | St. Norbert Priory, Mananthavady • Spiritual Father, Norbert House |
| 02 | Fr. Stephen Kuttiyamkonath | Santhi Bhavan, Kozhikode |
| 03 | Fr. Thomas Arackal | St. Norbert Priory, Mananthavady • Evangelization & Empowerment of Priests' Ministry • Safe Environment Officer (SEO) |
| 04 | Fr. Jose Cheruplavil | St. Norbert Abbey, Albuquerque • Asst. Director, Norbi Pain & Palliative Care Poikattuserry (till he leaves for the States) |
| 05 | Fr. Benny Peekunnel | Director, Coaching Centre, Dwaraka (Additional Charge) |
| 06 | Fr. Xaviour Aylookaran | Director, Norbi Pain & Palliative Care (Additional Charge) |
| 07 | Fr. Manoj Thottumkara | St. Norbert Nilaya, N.R.Pura • Vicar, St. Antony's Church, Varketta • Director, Kindergarten, N.R.Pura |
| 08 | Fr. Bibin Vallavasseril | Manipur Mission |
| 09 | Fr. Shaju Vadakkumkara | Manipur Mission (w.e.f. July) |
| 10 | Fr. Sebastian Anachalil | Karunanilayam, Muringoor • Superior & Director |
| 11 | Fr. Saji Parekattil | St. Norbert Priory, Mananthavady • Director - Priory Farm |
| 12 | Fr. Libin Palackathadathil | Canonry Correspondent St. Norbert Priory, Mananthavady • Asst. Provisor |

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| 13 | Fr. Jovial Vadakkal | St. Augustine Study House, Bangalore • Parish Priest, St. Norbert Church, Kasavanahalli |
| 14 | Fr. Nimesh Puthenpurackal | St. Norbert Sadhan, Dwaraka • Superior • In charge for Pain and Palliative Care Centre, Dwaraka • Director, Norberts Academy, Dwaraka |
| 15 | Fr. Vipin Vayalil | St. Norbert Nilaya, N R Pura • Director SWS |
| 16 | Fr. Binu Puthushery | St. Norbert Ashram, Perla • Director- Farm |
| 17 | Fr. Jobish Aerath | St. Norbert Priory, Kommetjie, SA • Asst. Director, Karunanilayam (till he leaves for SA) |
| 18 | Fr. Rajesh Palattikoonathan | Vice Principal, St. Norbert School, Koppa |
| 19 | Fr. Jaison Thekkekara | Manipur Mission |
| 20 | Fr. Abhinav Nadamkandam | Premontre House, Chechapani, Assam • House Provisor • Asst. Vocation Promotor |
| 21 | Fr. Shino Illickal | Collegio San Norberto, Rome • Studies in Spirituality (Angelicum University, Rome) |
| 22 | Fr. Jibin Poovanattu | ECHO Jeevana Poikattusserry • Studies, Special B.Ed |
| 23 | Fr. Jobin Kannattu | Karunanilayam, Muringoor (continues the studies) |
| 24 | Fr. Sirin Poochalikalathil | Norbert House, Mananthavady • Vice Rector & Vocation Promotor |

All those who have been transferred are requested to ensure a proper handover of responsibilities, including a clear explanation of all documents and records to the incoming confrere. The confrere assuming office is to ensure a thorough understanding of all matters pertaining to the office before taking charge. Please also ensure that there is a third confrere as witness during the handing over process to sign the documents.

Thank you and assuring you my prayers,

Sincerely,

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Fr. Jose Murickan O. Praem
Prelate

