

## PROGRAMME

29 January 2015 (Carmelgiri Campus)

- 08.30 Registration
- 08.45-10.15 **Inaugural Session – I** (Auditorium)
- 08.45-08.50 Video Presentation
- 08.50 Prayer
- 09.00 Welcome: Dr. Vincent Kundukulam (President, PIA)
- 09.10 Keynote Address: Bishop Thomas Dabre  
(Bishop of Pune)
- 09.30 Experience of a Missionary  
Bishop Varkey Georges (Mandritsra, Madagascar)
- 09.40-09.50 Felicitations:  
Dr. Antony Nariculam  
Dr. Jacob Prasad
- 09.50-10.00 Introducing the Participants
- 10.00 Dynamics: Dr. Sujan Amurutham
- 10.15-11.00 **Common Session – II** (Auditorium)  
Moderator: Dr. Jacob Prasad  
Presenter: Dr. Lucien Legrand  
(St. Peter's, Bangalore)  
**Theme:** Faith Interfacing with Culture  
in Pauline Writings  
Discussion
- 11.00-11.15 Coffee Break
- 11.30-12.15 **Parallel Sessions – III** (Auditorium) & **IV** (Mini Auditorium)  
Moderator: Dr. Paul Mundolickal  
Presenter: Dr. James Anaparambil (PIA)  
**Theme:** Faith-Culture Encounter in Second Isaiah  
Discussion  
Moderator: Dr. Siby Pulickal  
Presenter: Rev. Joseph Puthenkulam SJ (Vidyajyoti, Delhi)  
**Theme:** Jesus and Culture: Revisiting Jesus' Dialogue  
with the Canaanite Woman (Mt 15:21-28)  
Discussion



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- 12.20-13.05 **Parallel Sessions – V** (Auditorium) & **VI** (Mini Auditorium)  
Moderator: Dr. Sebastian Palamootil  
Presenter: Dr. Johnson Puthenpurackal OFM Cap.  
(Vijnananilayam, Eluru)  
**Theme:** The Phenomenon of Culture:  
A Philosophical Probe  
Discussion  
Moderator: Dr. Cyriac Kanichai CMI  
Presenter: Dr. Joy Ainiyaden (PVP, Kottayam)  
**Theme:** Philosophy of Faith  
Discussion
- 13.10 Lunch
- 15.00-15.45 **Parallel Sessions – VII** (Auditorium) & **VIII** (Mini Auditorium)  
Moderator: Dr. Tony Neelankavil (Marymatha, TCR)  
Presenter: Dr. Martin Kallungal (PIA)  
**Theme:** The Mystical-Prophetic Dimension  
of Faith and its Impact on Culture  
Discussion  
Moderator: Dr. Philip Chempakasserry  
(Malankara Major Seminary, TVM)  
Presenter: Dr. Isaac Padinjarekuttu (Oriens, Shillong)  
**Theme:** Faith as Option in the Context of Secularization  
Discussion
- 15.50-16.05 Tea
- 16.05-16.50 **Parallel Sessions – IX** (Auditorium) & **X** (Mini Auditorium)  
Moderator: Dr. Sr. Ruby CTC  
Presenter: Dr. Paulachen Kochappilly CMI (DVK, Bangalore)  
**Theme:** Faith, Worship and Culture  
Discussion  
Moderator: Mgr. Joseph Etturuthil  
Presenter: Dr. Dennis Patteruparambil MCBS  
(Sanathana, Thamarassery)  
**Theme:** Faith-Culture Interaction – Patristic Perspectives  
Discussion
- 17.45 Sightseeing and Dinner

## PROGRAMME

30 January 2015 (Mangalapuzha Campus)

- 8.45- 10.00 **Common Sessions – XI & XII** (Main Auditorium)  
Moderator: Dr. George Karakunnel  
Presenter: Dr. Sr. Rekha Chennattu RA (JDV, Pune)  
**Theme:** Interpreting Faith: Feminine Perspective  
Presenter: Dr. Javier Leach (Madrid, Spain)  
**Theme:** Mathematics, Culture and Faith  
Discussion
- 10.05-11.15 **Common Sessions – XIII & XIV** (Main Auditorium)  
Moderator: Dr. R. B. Gregory  
Presenter: Dr. Franz Gmainer-Pranzl (Austria)  
**Theme:** Faith, Religious Pluralism and Relativism  
Presenter: Dr. Gilles Reithinger (Paris)  
**Theme:** Faith-Culture Encounter –  
An Asian Experience  
Discussion
- 11.15-11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30-12.15 **Parallel Sessions – XV** (Main Auditorium) &  
**XVI** (Mini Auditorium)  
Moderator: Dr. Stanley Mathirappilly  
Presenter: Dr. Suman Ekka (St. Albert's, Ranchi)  
**Theme:** Encounter between Gospel and  
Tribal Culture  
Discussion  
Moderator: Dr. Varghese Manimala OFM Cap.  
(Kottayam)  
Presenter: Dr. Sreekala Nair  
(Sri Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kalady)  
**Theme:** Culture-Faith Encounter:  
A Hindu Perspective  
Discussion



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12.20-13.05 **Parallel Sessions – XVII** (Main Auditorium) &  
**XVIII** (Mini Auditorium)

Moderator: Rev. John Paul Kalinga  
(Vijnananilayam, Eluru)

Presenter: Dr. A. Maria Arul Raja (Arul Kadal, Chennai)

**Theme:** Reading Faith from Dalit Perspective  
Discussion

Moderator: Dr. Rajadas Gnanamuthan

Presenter: Dr. Patrick Ganna (Madras Christian Chair)

**Theme:** Transmission of Faith through Civil Society  
Discussion

13.05 Lunch

14.30-15.15 **Parallel Sessions – XIX** (Main Auditorium) &  
**XX** (Mini Auditorium)

Moderator: Dr. Thomas Kannany MST

Presenter: Dr. Joseph Joy Arakkal (PIA)

**Theme:** Faith, Ethics and Culture  
Discussion

Moderator: Dr. Augustine Kadeparambil

Presenter: Dr. Gilbert Choondal SDB  
(Christu Jyoti, Bangalore)

**Theme:** Faith Communication through Media  
Discussion

15.25-16.10 **Concluding Session – XXI** (Main Auditorium)

Moderator: Dr. Antony Nariculam

15.25-15.40 Concluding Remarks:

Dr. Errol Aloysius D'Lima SJ (Mumbai)

15.40-15.55 Concluding Remarks:

Dr. Kuncheria Pathil CMI (Kottayam)

15.55-16.10 Feedback from the Audience

16.10 Vote of Thanks: Dr. Joseph Nalpathilchira

16.15 Tea and Goodbye



# PIA

**History:** The Pontifical Institute of Theology and Philosophy, Alwaye (PIA), is an Inter-ritual Ecclesiastical Faculty (Latin, Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara) under the Catholic Bishops' Council of Kerala (KCBC). The Pontifical Institute had its beginning on 7 October 1959, when the theology department of the then St. Joseph Seminary, Alwaye, was affiliated to the Lateran University, Rome. The Congregation for Catholic Education, Rome, erected a Theological Faculty in the Seminary on 24 February 1972, and the Philosophical Faculty on 1 October 1974. In 1997, following the re-organization of the Seminary on the basis of Rites, the Institute was separated from the Seminary. Since then it has been an independent body but functioning within the physical structures of both Carmelgiri and Mangalapuzha Seminaries. The PIA confers degrees like Bachelor of Philosophy, Bachelor of Theology, Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology. The Institute consists of around 35 resident professors and 60 visiting teachers. This academic year around 600 students, representing 32 dioceses and 21 religious congregations, study at the Institute. The presence of laypersons, women religious and non-catholic students, enhances further the catholicity of our Institute. It runs three periodicals: *The Living Word*, *Mathavum Chinthayum* and *Preshithakeralam*.

**Context of the Colloquium:** The Universal Church is close to the final phase of the Golden Jubilee celebration of Vatican II. The Church, with its wealth of stimulating ideas on faith and culture, offered by the Second Vatican Council, has been all these years making genuine and strenuous efforts to foster dialogue between religions and cultures. How far, then, has the Church succeeded in this process and are the theologians and philosophers sincerely involved, are questions that need serious exploration. Shouldn't Catholic Institutes provide platforms for serious and scientific efforts to arrive at a healthy synthesis between faith and culture? Is faith that does not become incultured, that is not entirely thought-out, nor faithfully lived, fully acceptable? And on the other side, is culture not purified, enriched, illuminated or transformed by faith fully meaningful? This Colloquium explores such questions and many things more towards an understanding of the synthesis of Faith and Culture in our contemporary world.

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