

EVENTS MEMORABLE IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF BISHOP THOMAS THIRUTHALIL

17th January, 1936 Bom at Vazhakulam, Diocese of Kothamangalam, Kerala State S/o Kurian and Martha

Thiruthalil

1952 Minor Seminary studies at St. Vincent's Seminary, Gopalpur-on-sea, Ganjam District, Orissa.

1953 Novitiate at Stella Maris, Gopalpur

1956 Philosophy studies at St. Vincent's, Gopalpur-on-Sea

1959 Theology studies at St. Vincent's P.P. Pauls, Salamanca, Spain

7th July, 1959 Final Profession

14th April, 1963 Priestly Ordination at Salamanca, Spain

By Late Bishop Florencio Sanz, C.M., Bishop of Cuttack

1963 Licentiate in Canon Law from the Pontifical University, Salamanca, Spain

1965 Returned to Orissa

1965 Professor and Vice-Rector, St. Peter's Minor Seminary, Bhanjanagar

1966 Rector, St. Peter's Minor Seminary, Bhanjanagar

24th January, 1974 Appointment as the 1st Bishop of Berhampur Diocese.

5th May, 1974 Episcopal Ordination at St. Benedict's Church Gopalpur-on-Sea

13th January, 1990 Transferred to Balasore

22 year old Apostolic Prefecture of Balasore is raised to a Diocese appointed

Installation as the 1st Bishop of Balasore

1990 Installation at Balasore Cathedral

1990 Started New Evangelisation thrust among the Ho Tribals.

1991 Started the Diocesan Minor Seminary at Keonjhar.

1992 Initiated & Registered "Balasore Social Service Society"

1993 Initiated Pastoral Planning through Cenderet.

1994 To ensure educational facilities to the rural poor children more
And more school and low-cost hostels started in the diocese.

1994 To ensure health facilities to the rural poor more and more dispensaries
mobile

Clinics and community health trainings established.

1995 For gender equality & Empowerment of women formed Women Desk, Mahila Self-Help Groups & Income Generation Programmes.

1997 To ensure smooth functioning of Pastoral activities. The Diocesan Pastoral Mission Councils established.

1997 Home for the destitute children established at Kuruda under the care of M.C. Sisters.

1998 Deaneries constituted in the diocese of Balasore, as Administrative units.

1998 Utkal Vani Kala Kendra established at Kalidaspur to ensure cultural integration.

1999 Bishop's Episcopal Silver Jubilee

1999 Became the Chairman of OCBC

1999 Bishop is made Regional Chairman of the Commission Ecumenism & Dialogue.

2000 To ensure employment of the Youth, Little Flower I.T.I was established at Roghunathpur, Baripada.

2000 Ordained of the First Local Priest Sangram Murmu at Amarda Road.

- 2000 Jyoti General Hospital was established at Kuruda, Balasore.
- 2001 Pratheeksha the Home for the mentally challenged children was established at Kuruda, Balasore under the charge of camelian Sisters.
Jeeven Jyoti Home established for the physically challenged children at Raghunathpur, Baripada.
- 2003 Ruby Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Bishop.
- 2004 Balasore Diocesan Social Service Society (B.S.S.S.) complex was established at Balasore.
- 2005 To provide job opportunity for the girls Jyoti Nursing College was initiated at Kuruda, Balasore
- 2005 To ensure the Youth Empowerment for God & country, the Regional Youth Office was `established at Kuruda, Balasore.
- 2005 SVP Central Council was established in Balasore Diocese
St. Mary's School was established in Regunathpur
Jyoti Nursing School was established in Kuruda Balasore.
- 2007 Jeevan Jyoti DBS Convent was started in Amrda Road
Jyoti Convent School was established in Bhadrak.
Mission Congress was conducted in Balasore.
- 2008 HIV Care Center was started in Kuruda(Rented House).
Alphonsa convent school was started in Dubuna
- 2009 OCBC Secretariat was started in a rented house at Bhubaneswar.
- 2010 Anandapur Mission was revived
Bifurcating Sarat Parish Bagdapa Mission was Started
Bifurcating Keutunamari Parish Chuhat mission was started.
- 2011 Inauguration of Laity congress at Balasore
Blessing of Presbytery at Regunathpur
Birth Centenary of Bl. Mother Theresa was celebrated in Bhubaneswar
Installation of Arch Bishop John Barwa in Bhubaneswar.
Arch Bishop John Barwa received pallium in Bhubaneswar.
- 2012 Caritas India's Golden Jubilee was Celebrated in Kuruda Balasore.
Caritas Regional Level Golden Jubilee was celebrated in Bhubaneswar.
Inaguration of the Golden Jubilee of the Priesthood of Bp Thomas in
Regional Laity Congress was celebrated in Cuttack.
Blessing of the Presbytery at Bonuan, Keonjhar.
Foundation Stone Was laid for the OCBC regional Center at Bhubaneswar.
Foundation Stone was laid for the HIV Care Centre at Kuruda, Balasore.

(Prepared by Rev. Fr. Jacob Kallapurackal)