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Memorial oration on the Sainly Palackal Thoma Malpan by Rev. Dr. Benny Nalkkara, CMI Pallippuram. 21 December 2021

Rev. Dr. Benny Nalkkara, CMI, the provincial of the Sacred Heart Province of the Carmelites of May Immaculate, gave the best memorial speech on the Sainly Palackal Thoma Malpan (c.1780-184). The occasion was the 180th death anniversary of the Malpan. Fr. Nalkkara made the oration standing next to the tomb of the Malpan on the southern side of the main altar of St. Mary’s Forane Church. Fr. Nalkkara made an honest appraisal of the life and works of the Malpan. He based his arguments on the testimony that Saint Chavara who was the protégé of the Malpan, incorporated in the form of a biography into the Chronicles (Malayalam). Saint Chavara considered Palackal Malpan a saint. The Malpan played a crucial role in discerning the priestly vocation of boy Chavara and treated St. Chavara as a son and heir. The speech stands out on the intellectual honesty and a careful reading of the Chronicles of St. Chavara. Fr. Nalkkara admits that the Kerala Church and the CMI congregation have not paid enough attention to the legacy of Palackal Malpan and the prominent role the Malpan played in the founding of the CMI congregation. Pallippuram seminary that the Malpan started became a trial run for the Mannanam seminary, and the rest is history. We are grateful to Dr. Nalkkara for the truthful verbal painting of Palackal Malpan who is the heavenly patron of the Christian Musicological Society of India.

Dr. Joseph J. Palackal, CMI  
New York  
21 December 2021



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- Its better late than never. An historic injustice and deliberate sidelining with regard to Palackal Thoma Malpan stands corrected by none other than Rev. Dr. Benny Nalkkara CMI, the Provincial of Sacred Heart Province. In a remembrance speech marked by brevity and clarity of thoughts, Rev. Dr. Benny Nalkkara could draw a vivid picture of the personality and leadership of Palackal Thoma Malpan. Kudos to Pallippuram Parish and its enthusiastic Vicar Rev. Fr. Thomas Vaikathuparambil for this timely initiative.

I would say that, this unhealthy trend of denying the pioneering efforts and effective interventions of Palackal Thoma Malpan started in the seventies, ostensibly coinciding with the Canonisation process of St. Chavara. Sometimes we are taken aback by the pettiness of certain thought process. In the wild imagination of certain people, Palackal Malpan and Porukkara Malpan were to be denied any role whatsoever in the the founding of CMI. This gained momentum despite St Chavara having documented the founding of CMI and the stellar role played by Palackal Malpan. In fact, Palackal Malpan nurturing and mentoring St. Chavara into a monk of exemplary virtues should have added on to the many attributes of St. Chavara and not the other way round.

Now that we have overcome this, it's time for the CMI and Pallippuram Parish to go beyond annual Remembrance Services. An authentic biography of Palackal Malpan, research into his times & tribulations, Endowment Lectures and the likes are few of the measures that could set the whole process into a proactive mode. Above all, the spiritual nourishment and prayers answered through the intercession of Palackal Malpan would generate the necessary demand and impetus for Canonisation. It's our hope that Pallippuram Parish would provide another saint for the Universal Catholic Church, a moment to be cherished for Syro Malabar Church in particular.

As for the audience and keen followers of Aramaic Project , it's a continuum with Palackal Yawsep Kathnar lighting the lamp of Aramaic/ Syriac revival , a befitting gesture from a worthy descendant of Palackal Thoma Malpan

**Dr. Amel Antony** - 2 Feb 2022

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