



3rd Commemoration of Rev. Fr. Thomas Felix CMI

It is three years since Rev. Fr. Thomas Felix CMI left us for his eternal reward. Even after three years of his departure we are not able to fill the vacuum created by his absence. Vivid memories are still alive in the surroundings of CIMR and in the minds of all those who love Fr. Felix.

The third anniversary of Fr. Felix's departure was commemorated fittingly on Sunday 11 January 2026 at 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass was celebrated with Very Rev. Fr. John Thekkekkara, the Vicar General of Changanacherry Archdiocese and Vicar Lourde Forane Church, as the main celebrant, Fr. Tobin V. C and Fr. Thomas C. T concelebrated. The whole community prayed for the repose of the soul. Rev. Fr. Tobin V. C gave a fitting message during the Holy Mass, Highlighting the committed life of Fr. Felix. After the Holy Mass, prayers were conducted at the tomb of Fr. Felix.

A commemoration meeting was organized at 3p.m in which the students of DCMR, staff of DCMR and Asha Kendram, CIMR teacher trainees well wishers of CIMR and family members of Fr. Felix, participated. His Grace Mar Thomas Tharayil, The Metropolitan Archbishop of Changanacherry Archdiocese was the chief guest. In the beginning Fr. Thomas C. T the Executive Director welcomed the guests and the participants. He mentioned about the importance of the day and how Fr. Felix developed this institute into the present status. His Grace the Archbishop shed light on how Fr. Felix was brave enough to travel on a path untraveled by anyone so far and opened a new area of service in the Catholic Church. Fr. Felix a model for others to follow. When he started to work in this field during 1970's and 1980's there was no awareness about intellectual disability in the society. He was courageously enough to go into the society and create awareness and encourage the parents to bring their children to the mainstream. Because of his brave action today there are several special schools and rehabilitation centers in Kerala.

Participating in the meeting the newly elected Pattom Ward Councilor Ms. Reshma C expressed satisfaction over the functioning of CIMR in this area and promised all help from her side.

Sr. Elise Mary, Director of CIMR proposed the vote of thanks.

Fr. Thomas Felix CMI Memorial Awards distributed

CIMR instituted two awards to honor the memory of its founder. These awards are given to an institution selected as the best one working for the intellectually challenged persons and an outstanding individual working in the field.

Nominations for the awards were invited from all over India in the month of July 2025 and accordingly several nominations were received. Out of these nominations the screening committee prioritized the nominations and the final selection committee selected the awardees. The committee had selected Carmel Jyothi Charitable Society, Machilapavu, Adimaly, Idukki as the best institution for the year 2025 and Mr. Venkataramaman of Ritham Special School, Rajapalayam, Tamil Nadu as the outstanding individual for 2025.

During the third commemoration day meeting the awards were distributed to the awardees. Sr. Biji Jose CMC received the best institution award from the chief guest His Grace Mar Thomas Tharayil. The award includes a cash award of Rs. 50,000/-, memento, certificate and citation. This award prize was made possible with the financial support of the family members of Fr. Felix.

The second award, for an outstanding individual was given to Mr. K. Venkataramanan, the founder of Ritham Special School, Rajapalayam, Tamil Nadu for the outstanding work he has done for the intellectually challenged persons. The award was presented to him by the Archbishop. The award includes a memento, certificate, citation and a cheque for Rs. 50,000/- This award was instituted with the support of the well wishers of CIMR.



Christmas Day Celebrations 2025

The DCMR organized a grand X'mas Celebration at our campus on 19th December 2025 Friday. The students with their parents, teacher trainees, staffs, representatives of the Residential Association and other well wishers of the institution participated in the celebrations. Rev. Fr. Tobin, Director, DE Paul Centre, Trivandrum was the chief guest of the programme. He cut the Christmas cake along with the children and delivered the Christmas Message. The students and the trainees enthusiastically presented several cultural programmes. The programme started with prayer dance of our students- Arun & Pradeep. Jaison and team presented a skit depicting "Thiruppiravi". The children and trainees performed various group dances, group music, instrument music etc. The Christmas Carol of the children received with great applause by the audience. Our school came alive with festive cheer and joy and Christmas gifts were distributed to all students.

The Christmas celebrations were also conducted at Asha Kendram, Ernakulum on 17 December 2025. The day was filled with joyful carols, dazzling decorations and heartwarming performance that captured the spirit of the occasion. The students and teachers came together to spread love, joy and true spirit of Christmas making it a memorable occasion for everyone.



Savishesha, Carnival of the Different

Kerala State Government Social Justice Department organized a three days special programme to celebrate the talents of the special children from 19 to 21 January 2026. This included competitions, Cultural programmes and exhibition. CIMR participated in the three days exhibition and put up a stall. All our children were taken for the programmes. Our children put up cultural performance. All our teacher trainees assisted as volunteers for the entire programme which was highly appreciated.



Saraswathy Nursing College Students Visited CIMR

BSC nursing students (54) with their two teachers from Saraswathy Nursing College visited CIMR and spent ½ day with our students and observed the classes also. This visit was an eye opening for them. They said their thinking about special children were entirely different and after seeing the performance and classes their attitude towards this children entirely changed



Editorial

It is three years since our founder Rev. Fr. Thomas Felix CMI left us. He was a visionary who travelled on a new path with a clear mission and spent his entire life in pursuit of that. He could lay a solid foundation in the area of special education in India, gave a new direction to human services in the church and set a model to the special education to follow. As we remember him on his third anniversary, we are reminded of his commitment towards the marginalized group in the society. As we try to continue his legacy we shall work together to fulfill the mission Fr. Felix has initiated in the society.

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