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Procession with the image of St Therese of Lisieux
A Pilgrimage with Little Flower

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Isho M'shiha

With great joy and missionary enthusiasm, we announce *Chayachitra Prayanam*, a regional procession with the sacred image of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the heavenly patroness of the *Cherupushpa* Mission League (CML). As we journey through this Year of Discipline, this spiritual pilgrimage, which began on 22 February 2026 is travelling through our parishes, missions, and proposed missions across our Eparchy and will culminate in the Annual Eparchial CML Gathering on 6 June 2026 in Leicester. This blessed occasion offers a special opportunity for renewal, especially for our children and CML members, to deepen their faith and embrace their missionary calling.

Inspired by Saint Thérèse's Little Way, we are reminded that holiness is found in doing small things with great love. Though she never travelled to distant lands, she became the Patroness of the Missions through her fervent prayer and sacrifice. Her words, "My vocation is love," encourage us to live our vocation faithfully—whether in priesthood, religious life, missionary service, or committed lay life—and to serve others with compassion and trust in God.

Through this procession, we seek to strengthen missionary spirituality in our communities and inspire children and youth to discern their God-given vocation. A vital pillar of CML's mission is the promotion and nurturing of vocations through prayer and spiritual formation. Families, as the primary seminaries, play a crucial role in fostering an atmosphere of prayer and love where vocations are nurtured

As part of vocation promotion, CML members are encouraged to participate in the Penny Collection Initiative during the Lenten season. Collection boxes may be placed in parishes and missions until Easter Sunday under the guidance of parish priests and CML leaders. The funds collected will support seminarians' formation in our Eparchy. This initiative provides children a practical way to contribute to vocation promotion through prayer and generosity.

I urge every parish, mission, and proposed mission in our parish to actively participate in this spiritual journey under the guidance of parish priests, mission directors, and CML animators. CML leaders are also requested to organise fundraising initiatives in each mission, contributing 50% of the proceeds towards supporting our Eparchial CML annual gathering, while the remaining amount may be used for fruitful mission-level CML programmes.

May Saint Thérèse of Lisieux intercede for us and guide us along her Little Way of humility, trust, and love, inspiring us to become true missionaries in our homes, schools, workplaces, and society.

The Grace of our Lord *Isho M'shiha*, the Love of God the Father, and the Fellowship of the *Ruha D'Qudsha* be with you all. Amen.

Yours in our Lord and our God,

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NB: This Circular must be read in Parishes/Missions/Proposed Missions of the Eparchy during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana on Sunday 1 of March 2026 (or the nearest Sunday when Holy Qurbana is celebrated, if there is no Holy Qurbana on the 1 of March 2026)

