

Wish you the greetings and blessings of the feast of St .Kuriakose Elias, our beloved founder.

Dear Rev. Fathers and Brothers

May this feast challenge us to remain immaculate to our call and prophetic to respond to the signs of the times!

In this year of Renewal, let us be transformed **CMI**s with **C**ontemplative Spirit, **M**issionary Heart and **I**mmaculate Living.

Whoever has ears, let them hear what our beloved founder says:

1. We cannot enjoy the sweetness of the religious state and fulfill the obligation unless we keep ourselves in solitude.
2. Offer up to God every pulse beat of our veins, every winking of our eyes every breath of ours, each little chirping of the birds – yes everything as our prayer

3. The time that remains for me I will use for His glory only, that I will live up to my vocation and so I oblige my conscience.
4. Your duty is to engage yourselves in helping the faithful in spiritual matters and not to intervening in the temporal affairs of lay people.
5. All who do not do their work for God's sake do not reap any spiritual benefit.
6. Do not borrow money except in special circumstances. Trading is harmful to one's soul and even to one's wealth.
7. Do not admit all sorts of people to your house. Tell me who your friend is and I will tell you who you are.
8. The superiors are responsible before God for the endless evils that will result from their negligence. (The Letters)

While we are preparing for the 150th death anniversary of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara in 2020-21, let us resolve to be his true sons and followers.

Wish you the grace and blessings of the Founder's Day

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