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Saji Mathew Kanayankal CST is a Catholic Religious Priest, belongs to the Little Flower Congregation, (CST Fathers) Kerala, India. Born on 21 March 1972, he is ordained on 02 January 2000. After ordination he has served in the Congregation as Vice Rector and Procurator of its Minor Seminary, Rector of Minor Seminary, Superior of Little Flower Ashram, Kattappana and Provincial Superior of St. Joseph's Province (2012-2018). At present he is serving as the Superior and Rector of Vidhyabhavan, Bangalore (2018-). He has secured MA in Religious Studies, MTh and PhD from Catholic University Leuven, Belgium. To his credit there are two books: '*Uneesoyude Visudha Cherupushpam*' (Malayalam Book), Little Flower Centenary Memorial Series no 4, Aluva: St Joseph's Provincial House, 1996, 4 editions and *Beyond Human Dominion: Ecotheology of Creation and Sabbath* (Bangalore: Asian Trade Cooperation, 2012) and over eighty articles. He is one of the section editors of *Jeevadhara*, Theological Journal and a regular writer in the "*Light of Truth*", a leading Catholic fortnightly in India. He also teaches Fundamental Moral Theology, Ecological Ethics, Theology of the Sacraments of Healing and Theology of Justice in Various Seminaries and Institutes.

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MA (Religious Studies) and STL- Catholic University Leuven Belgium (2006)
STD and PhD - (Specialisation in Ecology) Catholic University Leuven, Belgium (2009).
Title of Thesis: *Beyond Human Dominion: An Appraisal of the Ecological and Ethical Implications of the Sabbath in Reconsidering the Theology of Creation*

Section Editor: *Jeevadhara*, Theological Journal, Kottayam, Kerala, India (2011-).

Visiting Faculty:

Little Flower Major Seminary, Aluva (2010-14)
Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kunnoth, Kerala (2010-
Dharmaram Vidhya Kshethram, Pontifical Athenaeum of Theology, Philosophy and Canon Law, Bangalore, Karnataka (2010-
Sanathana, Divyakarunya Vidhyappetaham, MCBS, Major Seminary, Thamarasserry, Kerala (2015-)
St. Mary's Malankara Major Seminary, Trivandrum, Kerala (2017-
Mary Matha Major Seminary, Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Trichur, Kerala (2018-
Jnanasameeksha, Diploma Course in Theology for Laity; Trivandrum and Kannur (2017-
Carmalaram Theology College, OCD Theology Seminary, Bangalore (2018-
St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur, Maharashtra (2019-
St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, Kottayam (2020-
Visiting Faculty, KU Leuven, Belgium (November- December, 2019)

Research Interests:

Fundamental Moral Theology
Ecology, Theology and Ethics
Climate Change, Economy and Ethics
Theology of Justice
Natural law

Conferences

VII International Conference on Ethics and Environmental Policies: *Ethics and Climate Change. Scenarios Justice and Sustainability*, Padova; 23-25 October, 2008. Paper presented; "A Theological and Ethical Response to the Climate Change in the light of Biblical Covenant Tradition".

ESCT International Conference: *The Eager Longing for Creation- Interdisciplinary Theological Perspectives on Ecology and Economy*, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, Ireland; 20-23

August 2009. Paper presented; "The Sabbath Experience: An innovative Scheme for Renewing Creation".

Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology VII, *To Discern Creation in a Scattering World*, Catholic University, Leuven, Belgium; 28-31 October 2009. Paper presented; "The Implications of the Theology of Sabbath Rest for Ecological Ethics".

Forum for Liberation Theologies, Catholic University, Leuven, Belgium; *The Global Climate Challenges: Discerning the Signs of the Time*, 26 November, 2009. Paper presented; "The Human Activities' Impact on Climate: Reflections based on Local Experiences".

Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kunnoth; *Eco-Philosophy, Challenges and Promises: A Christian Response*, 1-2 August, 2010. Paper presented; "Christian Response to Ecological Challenges".

The Silver Jubilee Symposium, Ruhalya Major Seminary, Ujjain MP; *Christian Response to Contemporary Issues in Religions and Ethics*, 25-26 August 2010. Paper presented; "Ecological issues and Christian Response".

AMTI Conference, *Ecological Concerns and Associated Social Movements: An Ethical Analysis*, Nava Spoorthi Kendra, Bangalore; 29-31 October, 2010. Paper presented; "The Relevance of Sabbath Commandment in Ecological Issues".

Pan Asian Conference of CTEWC, *Doing Catholic Theological Ethics in a Cross-Cultural and Inter-religious Asian context*, Dharmarm Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore, 17- 20 July 2015. Paper presented; "Deep distrust on democracy: Implementation of Policies, Laws and its Ethical Challenges".

Chavara Year Event, *Living the Joy of the Gospel Today: Challenges to the Family and the Consecrated Life*, Dharmarm Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore, 12-14, August 2015. Paper Presented: "Musing Together: Challenges and Prospects of Fraternity in Religious Life in Living the Joy of the Gospel Today".

National Conference on Feminine Genius, *Women Leadership for a just and compassionate Society*, Dharmarm Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore, 29-30 July 2016. Paper Presented: "Gender Equality through the Prism of Ecological Virtues: Wisdom in *Laudato si'*".

Living the Word in Worship Conference: St. Mary's Malankara Major Seminary, Trivandrum; 13-14 January 2017, Paper presented; "Celebration of the Lords day and its Ecological Significance".

10th MEPC Symposium, Mary Matha Major Seminary, Trichur; *"Salt of the Earth; Light of the World!" Interfacing Political Situation and Theological Reflection*, 11-12 August 2017, Paper presented; "Corruption in Society and the Church: Theological Responses".

Third CTEWC Conference: *A Critical Time for Bridge-Building: Catholic Theological Ethics Today*," Catholic High School St. Joseph, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; 26-29 July 2018. Paper presented; "Wisdom of Ecological Virtues in Anthropocene".

AMTI Annual Conference: Liberative Ethics, Dharmaram College, Bangalore, 19-21 October 2018. Paper presented; "Doing Catholic Theological Ethics in India in a Post-Truth Era".

Golden Jubilee International Conference, Harmony: Interface of Cosmic, Ethical and Religious Orders, Dharmarm Vidya Kshetram and Christ Deemed to be University, Bengaluru, January 09-12, 2019.

Inter Asian Conference on the Spirituality and Theology of Creation, Dharmarm Vidya Kshetram, Bengaluru, February 19-21 2019. Papers Presented; "The Significance of the Biblical Creation Stories for the Contemporary Environmentalism." and "A Hopeful Message at the Wreck of Crisis: A discussion Paper on Laudato Si."

Indian Theological Association 42nd Annual Conference, Whither India?: Theological Concerns, NBCLC, Bangalore, April 25-28, 2019.

Newman Conference, Carmelaram Theological College, Bangalore, 2019 October, 12. Moderator.

AMTI Annual Conference: Crisis in the Church: Ethical Perspectives: Joe Beach Conference Centre, Mahabalipuram, Chennai, October 18-10, 2019. Paper presented; "Financial Administration in the Church: Theological and Ethical perspectives".

10th ILAM Conference: Creative Conversation between Systematic Theology and Pastoral Practice, Pastoral Animation Centre, Kottar, TN, February 11-13, 2020

KTA Annual Seminar: "*Paristhithi: Samrashanayum Paripalanyum*" (Malayalam) Ecology: Care and Protection", Kochi: Pastoral Orientation Centre, February 20, 2020. Paper Presented, "*Paristhithi: Oru Samagra Sameepanam*" (Malayalam) Ecology: An Integral Approach".

Corrector of PhD Thesis:

Kingsley Osadebe Ndubueze, "Taking Care for Our Common Home in the Anthropocene: in Search of a New Anthropological Stance toward Creation", Catholic University, Leuven, 2019.

Publications:

Books:

1. *Uneesoyude Visudha Cherupushpam* (Malayalam), Little Flower Centenary Memorial Series no 4, Aluva: St Joseph's Provincial House, 1996, 4 editions.
2. *Beyond Human Dominion: Ecotheology of Creation and Sabbath* (Bangalore: Asian Trade Cooperation,) 2012.

Research Articles:

1. "*Sanyasa Jeevitham: Sathyathinte Vazhiyil*," (Malayalam) *Jeevadhara*, Vol XXXII, No 188, April 2002, 132-1511.
2. "A Theological and Ethical Response to the Climate Change in the light of Biblical Covenant Tradition," with Prof Dr. Johan De Tavernier, in *Ethics and Climate Change: Scenarios for Justice and Sustainability*, ed. Matteo Mascia and Lucia Mariani (Padova: Coop. Libreria Editrice Universita di Padova, 2010).
3. "*Apabrmshangaliloode Vazhithiruvukalaku: Sabhayum Stahpakanum Naleyude Munbil*," (Malayalam) in *Vallyachan Vykhityum Dhauthyavum*, ed. Augustine Pamplany, Aluva: Little Flower Seminary, 2011, 257-266.
4. "*Sabbathacharanathinte Paristhithimanangal*," (Malayalam) *Mathavum Chinthayum*, Book, 92, Issue 1, January- February, 2011, 27-37.

5. "Manushyavykthithavum, Paristhithikendreekruthamaya Mathaathmakathyum," (Malayalam) *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLI, No 243, June 2011, 175-188.
6. "The Sabbath Commandment: An Innovative Scheme for Ecological Harmony," *Vidyajyothi Journal of Theological Reflection*, Volume 75, No 7, July 2011, 492-507.
7. "Being in Harmony: Biblical Vision of Interconnected Existence," *Dharma*, Vol 36, No 3, July- September 2011, 275-288.
8. "The Wisdom of Sabbath Rest in a World of Consumerism," *Malabar Theological Review*, Vol 07, No 1, 2012, 48-68.
9. "Naalam Thooninte Sathyanweshangal," (Malayalam) *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLII, No 249, June 2012, 167-175.
10. "Where do we g(row)o?: A Critique on Development from an Ecological and Ethical Perspective," in *Moral Theology in India Today: The DVK National Workshop on Moral Theology*, ed. Shaji Kochuthara (Bangalore: Dharmaram Publications) 2013, 369-389.
11. "Bhoomi: Bharatheeya- Kristava Dharashanagalilode," (Malayalam) in *Irulum Velichavum: Navasamskruthikke Oru Kristavabhashym*, ed Thomas Padiyath (Kunnoth: Good Shepherd Major Seminary) 2013, 298-302.
12. "Open to Realities: Pope Francis Call for Inner Reformation," *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLIII, No 258, November 2013, 460-470.
13. "Kristuvinjaniyahtilninum Paristhithika Paadangal," (Malayalam) in *Khristu Darsanam: Sadhyatahaklum Samsyakalum* ed. Sebastian Chalackal (Calicut: Media House) 2013, 113-124.
14. "Economy Ecology and the Current Crisis," in *Frozen Values A Theology of Money*, ed. Mathew Illathuparmbil and Baiju Julian (Aluva: Pontifical Institute of Theology and Philosophy) 2014, 109-130.
15. "Christ and Cosmos: A Paradigm for Ecological Integrity," in *New Horizons in Christian Ethics*, ed. Shaji Kochuthara (Bangalore: Asian Trading Cooperation) 2014, 501-514.
16. "Sustainable Development: A Tool to Ecological Protection," in *Church and Sustainable Development*, ed Charles Irudayam, (Bangalore: Asian Trading Cooperation) 2014, 96-111.
17. "Healing the Wounds: Gender Discrimination, Ecological Crisis and Shifting Paradigms," in *Gender Justice in the Church and Society*, ed. Shaji Kochuthara (Bangalore: Dharmaram Publications), 2016, 360-375.
18. "Gender Equality through the Prism of Ecological Virtues in *Laudato si*," *Journal of Dharma*, Vol 41, No, 04, 2016, 437-456.
19. "Sabbathu Dharshanthinte Paristhithika Prasakethi," (Malayalam) in *Paristhithi Daivasahsthrathinu Oru Smakalleke Bhashyam, Vadavathoor*: ed Scaria Kanniyakonil, Oriental Institute of Religious Studies, 2016, 407-416.
20. "Gender Equality through the Prism of Ecological Virtues in *Laudato si*," in *Feminine Genius, Perspectives and Projects*, ed. Saju Chakkalackal (Bangalore: Dharmaram Publications, 2016) 375-396.
21. "Nava Udaravathkaranayugathile Khristu Sasyam" (Malayalam), *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLVI, No 273, June 2016, 65-73.
22. "Musing Together: Challenges and Prospects of Fraternity in Religious Life," in *Living the Joy of the Gospel Today: Challenges to the Family and to the Consecrated Life*, ed. Shaji Kochuthara (Bangalore: Dharmaram Publications, 2017), 171-186.

23. "Celebration of Lord's Day and Its Ecological Significance," *Aikya Samiksha*, Vol 14, September, 2017, No 02, 70-91.
24. "Renewal of Theology and Ethics in an Era of Ecological Crisis" in *Indian Moral Theology: Historical Studies and Future Prospects*, ed. Mathew Illathuparambil, (Bangalore: Dharmaram Publications, 2017) 160-173.
25. "Corruption in Society and Church: Theological Responses", in *Encounter: A Journal of Interdisciplinary Reflections of Faith and Life*, Vol 9, No 1, January-June 2018, Thrissur, 108-126.
26. "Swavargarathi: Sabhapadanangalute Velichathil" (Mal), in *Karunikan*, Vol 15, No 10, October 2018, 52-56.
27. "Task and Mission of the Catholic Theological Education in India in the Post-Truth Era," in *Asian Horizons*, Vol 12, No 4, December, 2018, 727-740.
28. "The Annulment of Article 377 of the Indian Penal Code and the Approach of the Catholic Church towards Homosexuality" in *Ephrem's Theological Journal*, Vol. 22, No. 1, March 2019, 53-72.
29. "Niyamavum Dharmikathaum" (Malayalam) *Mathavum Chinthayum*, Vol 100A, Issue 1, January- February 2019, 36-46.
30. "Sathyanatharakalathe Keralasabhaayum Kristhuvileykkulla Madakkayathayum" (Malayalam), *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLIX, No 291, June 2019, 75-85.
31. "Financial Administration in the Church- Canonical, Theological and Ethical Perspectives," *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLIX, No 294, November 2019, 67-82.
32. "Manasantharathinte Noothana Vazhikalumai Amazon Synod Rekha," (Malayalam) *Sathyadeepam*, Value, 93, Issue 21, 1 January 2020, 1, 7.
33. "Samagra Paristhithi Dharshanthileykku," *Mathavum Chinthayum*," (Malayalam) forthcoming.
34. "Human Ecology: From Vatican II to Laudato Si." forthcoming.

Other Articles:

35. "Enthukondu Sabha Vittu Pokunnu?" (Malayalam), *Talent*, December 1997, 744- 750.
36. "Therese and the Church". *Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church*, Death Centenary Souvenir, The Souvenir Committee, National Commission, The Theresian Carmelite Family, India, 1998, 39-42.
37. "Venam Himsaykum Oru Neethi Sasthram," (Malayalam) *Assisi*, Volume 49, Issue 14, February, 2004, 37, 41-42.
38. "Ennikente Prakruthiye Thirichu Tharoo" (Malayalam), *Sathyadeepam*, 2012 February 8, 01 & 6.
39. "Parishithiyum Kristhava Dharmavum" (Malayalam), *Karunikan*, February 2012, 16-19.
40. Editorial, (Malayalam), *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLII, No 249, June 2012, 163-165.
41. The 'Littleness' of Therese and 'Be Little,' in Golden Jubilee Souvenir, Little Flower Seminary, Aluva, 2013, 15-17.
42. "Editorial" (Malayalam), *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLIII, No 255, June, 2013, 187-192.
43. "Thamasil Udikkunna Swanthanakirnagal," (Malayalam) *Pushpavani*, January 2013, 7-9.
44. "Editorial" (Malayalam), *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLIV, No 261, June 2014, 5-10.

45. "Kristu Nirayunna Divyakarunyam," (Malayalam) *Pushpavani*, May 2014, 10-12.
46. "Kochuraniyude Pada Pusthakangal" (Malayalam) *Pushpavani*, October 2014, 14-17.
47. "Thirike Munbottu Nadannavar", (Malayalam) *Pushpavani*, December 2014, 15-17.
48. "Editorial" (Malayalam), *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLV, No 267, June 2015, 5-6.
49. "Kunjnte Karuthu," (Malayalam) *Pushpavani*, April 2015, 12-15.
50. "Editorial" (Malayalam), *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLVI, No 273, June 2016, 5-6.
51. "Prapanchakazhayil Nirayunna Daiviaktha," (Malayalam) *Pushpavani*, Vol 12, Issue 3, April, 2016, 14- 17.
52. "Ammayil Ninum," (Malayalam) *Pushpavani*, Vol 12, Issue 3, December 2016, 9-11.
53. "Editorial" (Malayalam), *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLVII, No 279, June 2017, 3-9.
54. "Viswasathinte Kedavilakku," (Malayalam) *Pushpavani*, Vol 12, Issue 3, April 2018, 15-18.
55. "Editorial" (Malayalam), *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLVIII, No 285, June 2018, 5-9.
56. "Swathanthryathinte Poornathyileekku" (Malayalam), *Renewal Voice*, Vol 18, Issue 08, August 2018, 4-5.
57. "Indian Penal Code Section 377 and the issues of Homosexuality," *Light of Truth*, Vol 09, Issue 16, August 1-16, 2018, 11.
58. "Flood in Kerala: Turn Disaster into Opportunity," *Light of Truth*, Vol 09, Issue 18, September 16-30, 2018, 11,15.
59. "Vyakulyngale Krupakalakki Vishudhiyil Ethiyaval- Leoni," (Malayalam) *Pushpavani*, Vol 16, Issue 2, September 2018, 20-22.
60. "Daivakarm Pidichu Yathra Cheyunna Vishudha Dhambathimar" (Malayalam) *Pushpavani*, Vol 16, Issue 3, December 2018, 20-22.
61. "Decriminalization of Adultery: Revival or Discrimination?," *Light of Truth*, Vol 09, Issue 20, October 16-31, 2018, 11,15.
62. "Relationship between Law and Morality," *Light of Truth*, Vol 09, Issue 22, November 15-30, 2018, 11,15
63. "Son of God- Friends of Human Being," *Light of Truth*, Vol 09, Issue 24, December 16-31, 2018, 11.
64. "The Beauty of Rituals and Danger of Ritualization," *Light of Truth*, Vol 10, Issue 2, January 16-31, 2019, 11, 15.
65. "The Power of Forgiveness at the Face of Hostility," *Light of Truth*, Vol 10, Issue 6, March 16-31, 2019, 11.
66. "What is Truth?," *Light of Truth*, Vol 10, Issue 8, April 16-30, 2019, 11.
67. "The Crisis of the Political Identity of the Minorities in India," *Light of Truth*, Vol 10, Issue 10, May 16-31, 2019, 11, 15.
68. "Individual Freedom and the Traits of Fascism," *Light of Truth*, Vol 10, Issue 12, June 16-30, 2019, 11, 15.
69. "Editorial" (Malayalam), *Jeevadhara*, Vol XLIX, No 291, June 2019, 5-7.
70. "Blend Environmental and Social Concerns," *Light of Truth*, Vol 10, Issue 14, July 16-31, 2019, 11.
71. "Swathantharithinte Antharika Moollyam," (Malayalam) *Emmaus Duth*, August 15, 2019.

72. "Decay of Democracy and the Denial of Justice," *Light of Truth*, Vol 10, Issue 16, August 16-31, 2019, 11, 13.
73. "From the Boundaries to the Horizons," *Light of Truth*, Vol 10, Issue 19, October 1-15, 2019, 11.
74. "Criteria for the Financial Administration in the Church," *Light of Truth*, Vol 10, Issue 21, November, 1-15, 2019, 11, 13.
75. "Ecological Sin in the Amazon Synod," *Light of Truth*, Vol 10, Issue 23, December 1-15, 2019, 11.
76. "The Call to Serve, Discern and to Care," *Santhovani*, December 2019, 15-18.
77. "Learning from the Other: The Roads of Inculturation and Interculturation," *Light of Truth*, Vol 11, Issue 01, January 1-15, 2020, 11.
78. "Death Penalty Is No a More Effective Deterrent," *Light of Truth*, Vol 11, Issue 03, February 1-15, 2020, 11.
79. "Be Faithful to the Cultural Roots of the People," *Light of Truth*, Vol 11, Issue 05, March 1-15, 2020, 11.
80. "Let us Wash our Hands and Fold Them Together," *Light of Truth*, Vol 11, Issue 07, April 1-15, 2020, 11,13.
81. "Amazon Synod and the Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation," *Olive*, Vol L2, No 1, April 2020, 55-59.
82. "Dreams of a New World," *Light of Truth*, Vol 11, Issue 09, May 1-15, 2020, 11, 13.
83. "The Special 'Laudato Si' Year," *Light of Truth*, Vol 11, Issue 11, June 1-15, 2020, 11, 15.
84. *Pothubhavanthinte Samrashanthinayi Jagrathyode Oru Varsham*, (Malayalam) forthcoming.