

St. Chavara Kuriakose Elias' name is indelibly marked in the annals of the history of Kerala, not only for the profound contributions he has made to the Catholic church of Kerala, but also for the many revolutionary reforms he has initiated towards the social and cultural renaissance of the state. A spiritual alchemist, St. Chavara was committed to the cause of transforming the then Kerala society which was languishing in ignorance, illiteracy and casteism, and its corollary practices such as untouchability, discrimination and exploitation. In what can be termed as a Promethean effort, St. Chavara brought the light of knowledge among the marginalized multitude and led them to the main stream of social life and to progress. Recognizing the immense significance of education in the empowerment of the weak, he introduced 'pallikoodams' (schools associated with churches) and ensured the entry of students from all walks of life into such schools.

St. Chavara is honoured as a great sage, educationist, founder of various congregations and one of the early social entrepreneurs in the state. St. Chavara is the founder of the CMI congregation and among the many CMI educational institutions spread all over the country, Sacred Heart College, Thevara enjoys a peerless pride of place.

St. Chavara's exemplary role in the nascent phase of Kerala renaissance is yet to be duly researched, recognized and commemorated as an abiding model for future generations and that is what the Sacred Heart community is committed to.

ST. KURIAKOSE ELIAS CHAVARA



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LECTURE SERIES 2023

LECTURE BY: **PROF. THOMAS POGGE**
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**JANUARY
2024
TUESDAY
10AM**



Dear all,

It is our great pleasure to announce that the 2023-24 edition of St. Chavara Excellence Lecture Series is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 9th January 2024. This year's event will feature Prof. Thomas Pogge, Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs, Yale University, as our distinguished speaker.

We would be honored to have you join us during this significant occasion as your distinguished presence would give meaning and substance to the event. The Lecture is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 9th January 2024, at the Sacred Heart College Auditorium, Thevara.

St. Chavara Excellence Lecture Series is a platform that brings together thought leaders and it fosters meaningful discussions. We genuinely value your support and look forward to sharing this auspicious moment with you.

Regards

Rev. Dr. Jose John CMI

Principal, Sacred Heart College, Thevara.
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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10.00 am

Receiving the
guest with
Guard of Honour
by NCC

10.05 am

Receiving Guest in
Principals' Office

10.15 am

Introduction &
Lighting of the
Ceremonial Lamp

10.20 am

College Anthem

10.25 am

Welcome
address by

Rev. Dr. Jose

John CMI

Principal,
Sacred Heart
College, Thevara

10.35 am

Presidential Address

Rev. Dr. Varghese

Kachappilly CMI, Manager,
S H Institutions, Thevara

10.45 am

Introducing the speaker

Dr. Sanu Varghese,

Staff Representative;

10.50 am

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Prof. Thomas Pogge,

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Yale University

11.45 am

Vote of thanks

Dr. Abi T G, Staff Secretary

11.50 am

National Anthem