

ST. CHAVARA A GREAT VISIONARY AND AN EDUCATIONALIST

Sr. Anugraha CMC
Mount Carmel Province, Bhopal

SUBLIME VISIONARY

- Acted with extraordinary courage to meet the challenges of his time

AN EDUCATIONALIST

- Established the first printing press of the Indian Catholic Church
- Started the first Catholic school of Kerala for educating the people of the lower ranks of the society
- Initiated mass education programs for the students of all category, irrespective of caste and sex
- Started the first boarding house and school for girls in Kerala

PROLIFIC WRITER

- ‘The Chronicles’ - a valuable historical record of the time
- ‘A poem to sing in the bereaved house’ and ‘The lamentations of a repentant soul’ are his literary works
- ‘Colloquies in meditation’ is his spiritual writing
- Penned ‘The martyrdom of Anastasia’ and ‘Testament of a loving Father’ written for the families
- Authored ten eclogues or shepherd plays

SPIRITUAL LEADER

- A man of prayer who permeated his spirituality all around him
- A contemplative who spent long hours in Eucharistic Adoration
- Founded two religious congregations, the C.M.C. for women and the C.M.I. for men, for the integral development of the society

SOCIAL REFORMER

- A ‘Karmayogi’ who worked for the upliftment of the poor and the marginalized
- A prophet who stood for social justice
- Founded the first ‘Charitable institution’ in Kerala for caring the Weak, the Disabled, the Sick and the Aged