

Au revoir Father Francis Chazal 2002-2009



Fresh faced in 2002.



In his spiritual classic *The Eternal Priesthood*, Cardinal Manning writes that a special relation exists between the priest and every soul under his care. Glancing through the registers, at Palyamkottai, it is clear that Fr. Francis has formed many such relationships. He has hunted souls throughout the length and breadth of the subcontinent —may they rebound to his eternal glory.



Fr. Francis has left behind a considerable material patrimony too; he has either wholly or in part designed and built the chapels at Christurajapuram, Palayamkottai, Nagercoil, Trichy and Chennai together with diverse smaller extensions and modifications.

Like many great artists, however, he laments the limitations imposed upon him by “unimaginative, calculating administrators”—two of his biggest projects went up in smoke.



So what's Confirmation?.



The solemn moment of putting the marriage chain around the neck of the bride.



Fr. Francis the stoic. Another masterful project goes up in smoke. Burn the administrators instead!



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Holy Mass in another makeshift chapel.

*St. Maria,
Francis God*

DRAWING NO : AD/2

D3 - 6'0" X 8'0"

W3 - 3'0" X 5'0"

W9 - 3'0" X 2'0" OPENINGS:



Another building site. Chennai.



Fr. Tim Pfeiffer arrives from the airport.



Fr. Joseph Pfeiffer, Fr. Francis Chazal and Fr. Tim Pfeiffer (with the hat) restrain their tears as they listen to a farewell speech.



Time to go, 2009. « Maman, I'm on my way...escargots, steak au poivre and a bottle of the Chateaneuf. Merci! »