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**Celebration of Our Lady of Good Health Vailankanni
at the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Philadelphia,
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
*Join Us for this Multicultural Event!***

Note: Please click link to download photos.

Photo: Visitors from the Indian Catholic community and St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Forane Church in Philadelphia filled the Shrine to capacity at last year's celebration of Our Lady of Good Health Vailankanni at the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Germantown.
<https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/5ae8e6f5-2ce9-413d-bb40-ea6f573982cd>

Photo: Dressed in a colorful, traditional Indian sari, one woman reverences a statue of Our Lady of Vailankanni at the Miraculous Medal Shrine during its celebration of Our Lady of Good Health Vailankanni in 2015.
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August 11, 2016 – On Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 4pm, the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Germantown will host a celebration of Our Lady of Good Health Vailankanni in collaboration with the Indian Catholic community and St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Forane Church in Philadelphia. Mass will be celebrated by Rt. Rev. Joy Alappattu, auxiliary bishop of the Syro-Malabar Rite Catholics from Chicago, followed by refreshments.

*Note: If Shrine construction is not finished, the alternative location on the same day is St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Forane Catholic Church, Philadelphia. Please check the website for updates: www.MiraculousMedal.org.

Please plan to attend this multicultural event honoring the birth of the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The evening will feature:

- Miraculous Medal Novena
- Solemn High Mass
- Our Lady of Good Health Novena
- Procession with Our Lady of Good Health Statue
- Rosary in English and Indian Languages

Saturday, September 3, 2016

4PM

Miraculous Medal Shrine

500 East Cheltenham Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19144

Visit www.MiraculousMedal.org for details and a flyer including updates on location.

(**Information page** is also available directly at www.MiraculousMedal.org/Vailankanni. **Flyer is downloadable** at <http://cammonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/VailankanniFeastDayCelebration2016.pdf>)

There will be a closing prayer for the health and well-being of all when the statue of Mary is placed back on the podium. There will be time then for private prayer. We invite all attendees to walk through the Shrine's Holy Door, a special privilege during this Year of Mercy. A Holy Door Pilgrimage offers the possibility of obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the pilgrim or the pilgrim's deceased loved ones. More information is available in brochures located in the Shrine as well as on our website.

After the Procession and Prayer, there will be boxed lunches available for attendees in the lower level of the Shrine.

Interview Opportunities: There will be opportunity to speak with representatives from the Miraculous Medal Shrine, as well as from St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Forane Church in Philadelphia.

For more information about upcoming events at the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal and the Miraculous Medal Shrine, please visit www.MiraculousMedal.org.

The Miraculous Medal Shrine, home of the Miraculous Medal Monday Novena, welcomes all visitors to our beautiful Shrine, located in the heart of Philadelphia. The Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal provides a sanctuary for prayer, meditation, and pilgrimage to God and to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. Visitors are invited to walk through the Shrine's Holy Door during this Year of Mercy for the possibility of obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for themselves or their deceased loved ones. More

information is available in brochures located in the Shrine as well as on our website. Visitors are also encouraged to enjoy our Museum's historical collection of Marian and religious artwork. The Shrine and Museum are run under the auspices of the Vincentian Community and the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal.

For over 100 years, the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal has been dedicated to spreading devotion to Mary Immaculate and her Miraculous Medal, supporting the promotion of this devotion, helping the formation and education of seminarians, providing care to the aged and infirm Priests and Brothers of the Eastern Province, and supporting programs that provide assistance to the poor.

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