

## Obituary:

### Rev. Sr. Magdalen (Vazhayil Sister) (82) 1939 to 2021



**Achamma Abraham (Achammakutty)** was born on May 7, 1939 as the 7<sup>th</sup> offspring of T. Abraham and Chachykutty Vazhayil. Achammakutty came to the US in 1973 and joined St. Margaret's Convent in Boston for sisterhood training as a postulant. Rev. Dr. Moore, Head of Sociology Dept. at Bridgewater State University along with V. Rev Dr. Abraham Thomas Cor-Episcopo who was a professor of Sociology was instrumental in bringing her to St. Margaret Convent in Boston

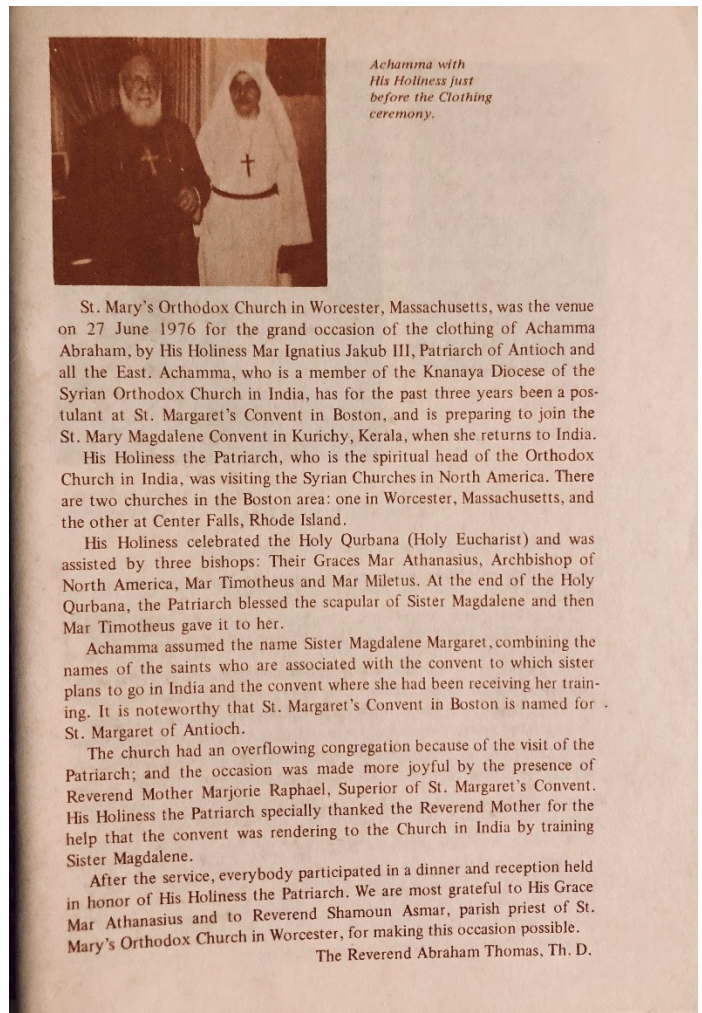
#### **Achammakutty became Sister. Magdalen Abraham**

On 27<sup>th</sup> June 1976, when His Holiness Mor Ignatius Jakub III of Blessed Memory, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East prayed over her and performed the clothing

ceremony (Please see attached picture of Sister Magdalen with His Holiness and the write up of the ceremony) Achammakutty became a Novitiate

Sr. Magdalen was ordained as a full-fledged Sister(Nun) by the late lamented Kuberneethi Hakkimo Abraham Mor Clemis Metropolitan in 1980

Sister Magdalen's life is an inspiring story. When she was growing up in Kerala she had asthma from childhood and .so she was home schooled. She was very intelligent and developed a keen interest in reading and learning and read all the newspapers cover to cover and was very knowledgeable in Indian and World political affairs. She used to test her younger siblings on World leaders and current topics on politics She



also took care of the accounts of the laborers and conducted other household businesses and was a big help to her parents.



After her mother(Chachykutty) died in 1971 she came to the United States where she continued her studies and took her high school diploma and obtained a degree in BA psychology, with a certificate for elementary education. from the University of Massachusetts. After her graduation she taught special needs kids in Boston area for several years.

**St. Mary Magdalen Convent, 130 Brown St, Waltham, MA**

April 12, 1994 was a mile stone in Sister Magdalen's life. She bought a 2 Family house at 130 Brown St, Waltham, MA which became St. Mary Magdalen

Convent. Later on she was able to sponsor 2 more nuns from India, Sister Deborah and Sister Susan who are now living in Hartford, CT.

Sister Magdalen was instrumental in starting the North American Knanaya Women's Organization and is the founding Vice-President, a position she has held for many years and is still very active in the Women's Organization.

Sister Magdalen has helped raise substantial amounts of money for many of our Samudaya charities in Kerala such as the Clemis Fund (Widow's Fund) tuition money for MSOT clergy students, Mor Severios Fund and Knanaya Deepam besides helping other needy people. At

age 82 she was still very energetic even though she was suffering from mild dementia May her soul Rest In Peace.

