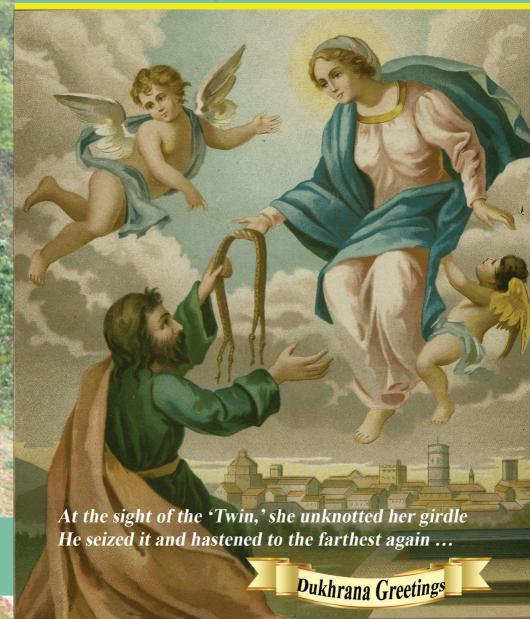


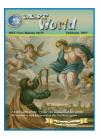
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Eleven Seminarians after the reception of the clerical cassock and the renewal of their temporary promise on 8 May 2019, along with the Director General



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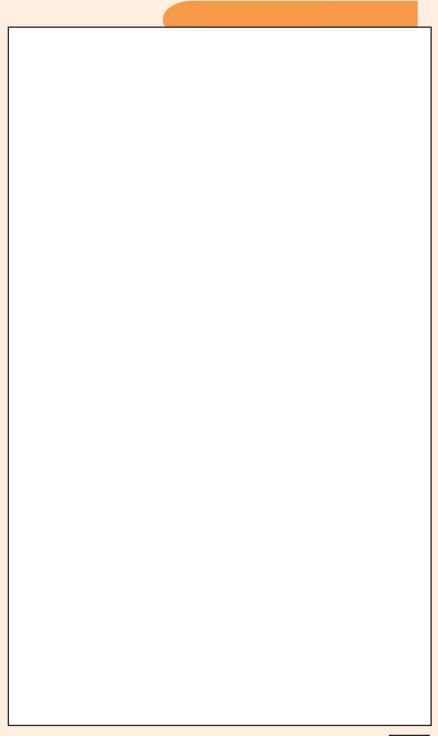
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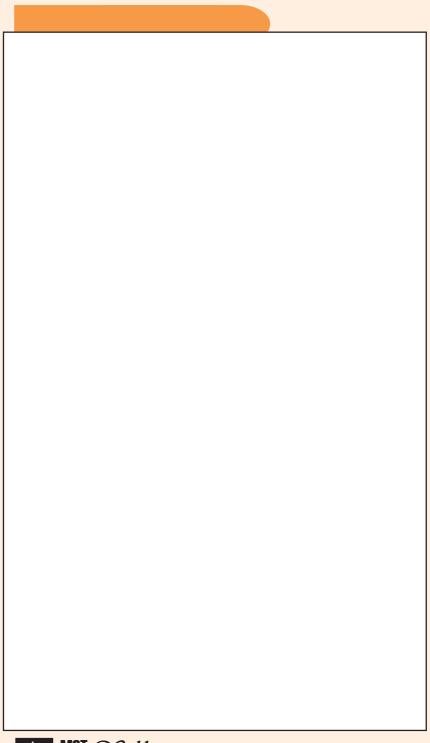
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II. NEWS FROM THE GENERALATE

(From 20 April to 25 June 2019)

1. Contracts with the Eparchy of Shamshabad

After series of discussions and consultations, we are in the final stage of entering in contract with the Eparchy of Shamshabad for missionary involvement in some of the areas adjacent to our existing three mission regions and in the distant Orissa mission. The geographical areas of extension and the nature of our involvement are as given below:

- **A. St Paul Region:** Fifteen civil districts of Madhya Pradesh which are part of the Latin Arch/dioceses of Jhabua, Indore, Bhopal and Nagpur (its portion of the territory in Madhya Pradesh), with inclusive co-responsibility in jurisdiction and the role of coordination. The districts are: Jhabua, Alirajpur, Ratlam, Mandsaur, Neemuch, Dewas, Indore, Dhar, Bhopal, Sehore and Hoshangabad, Betul, Chindawara, Seoni and Balghat.
- **B. St Thomas Region:** Seven civil districts of Andhra Pradesh, namely: Kurnool, Anantpur, Cuddapah, Chittoor, Prakasam, Nellore and Guntur, with inclusive co-responsibility in jurisdiction and the role of coordination.
- C. St Alphonsa Region: The whole federal state of Goa and four North Western Districts of Karnataka, namely: Belgaum, Bagalkot, Raichur and Bijapur, with inclusive co-responsibility in jurisdiction and the role of coordination.

Nature of Involvement by the MST Regions

- a. The civil districts attached to the existing mission regions will be considered the extended regional territory of the respective MST regions. The Regional Director will be the Co-Ordinator of the missionary activities of this extended region as well.
- b. The region enjoys inclusive territorial jurisdiction, with the right to establish centres of its own and to invite missionary collaborations, in consultation with the eparch of Shamshabad. Similarly, the eparch of Shamshabad can also allow/invite other missionary groups to work in the same territory in consultation with the MST Regional Director of the place. However, the primary responsibility

- in the evangelization (pastoral care and mission ad gentes) of the area will rest with the MST.
- c. The Regional Directors will be exercising the same jurisdictional rights over the members and the centres in the territories, as they enjoy today in the existing regional territories.
 - **D. Orissa Mission:** With exclusive jurisdiction and the role of coordination for 24 civil districts (Angul, Balangir, Balasore, Bargarh, Bhadrak, Boudh, Cuttack, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Kandhamal, Kendrapara, Keonjhar, Khordha, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh, Puri, Sambalpur, Subarnapur, Sundargarh) and with inclusive jurisdiction or co-responsibility for six districts (Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Koraput, Nuapada, Kalahandi and Malkangiri) of the federal state of Orissa.

Nature of Involvement by the MST Generalate in Orissa

- a. As a territory distant from the existing mission regions of the MST, the Generalate will directly administer Orissa mission through a Mission Coordinator.
- b. For the territory of 24 districts, the MST enjoys the exclusive rights and obligations of evangelization of the area, in view of developing it into an ecclesiastical unit in the future.
- c. As the MST has already started missionary activities in the area through a coordinator, the coordinator of Orissa mission will continue taking care of the personnel and centres in the area, in accordance with the directions of the Director General.

The above cited contracts will come into effect on the day of martyrdom of St Thomas the Apostle (3 July 2019). Let us pray that all of us respond earnestly to the missionary opportunities and prepare ourselves both spiritually and physically towards efficient commitment in evangelization of the given areas.

2. Nazareth Sisters in St Paul Region

At the invitation of the MST, the Nazareth Sisters (NS) of Tellicherry (eparchial status), have come in contract with the Society for collaborating with its St Paul Region, in the mission centre of Kachrod.

Three sisters have already arrived at Kachrod on 4 June 2019. They will be supporting us in the school and in other missionary initiatives of the centre

3. Orissa Mission: Developments

The MST missionary team under the Coordinator in Orissa have diversified their activities into two more new activity centres, in addition to the common transit centre at Cuttack. The first new centre is started in a rented house in Balliguda, in the district of Khandamal. Fr Manu Pottananickal is placed as in-charge of this centre. The second centre is started in Saintala, in the district of Balangir. This too is in a rented building and Fr Josin Tharapputhottiyil is in-charge of the mission. Both of them are junior priests. With the help of the village leaders, they start the house visits to initiate our mission.

Rev. Fr Ambrose Kollamattam has been assigned to the FIAT team in Orissa, along with Fr Joseph Cheriampanatt. In collaboration with FIAT mission, they started a new mission in Rampur in the district of Kolhandi.

A Religious-Charitable Trust, to facilitate our activities in Orissa, is under registration. We can start purchasing land properties or buildings for the ministries, once the registration is complete.

4. New Admissions to Minor Seminaries

In the current academic year (2019-2002), the MST recruited 50 boys. Among them 23 are given admission at Deepti College, Melampara and 27 in Santhome Seminary, Thamarassery. The seminary-wise list of the new comers along with their personal details are the following:

Minor Seminary First Years 2019

A. Deepti College, Melampara

	House Name, Name	Parish	Diocese
1	Andukunnel Thomas Alex	Anthiyalam	PLA
2	Andumyalil Alan Felix	Adivaram	PLA
3.	Azakath Amal Roy	Upputhodu	IDK
4.	Chakkungal Joyal Joshy	Prasannapuram	EKM
5.	Enchikal Jewel Joseph	Padichal	TLY

6	Kaithamattathil Miju Jose	Kaduthuruthy	PLA
7	Kavunkal Justin Johny	Kaduthuruthy	PLA
8	Kannamkunnel Abin	Payyavoor	TLY
9	Kavinnukattil Amal Siby	Malom	TLY
10	Kolliyil Albin Rijo	Chinnarnirappu	IDK
11	Kottakkal Jifin Abraham	Panampilave	TMY
12	Kulathasseril Jossin Jose	Kalathoor	PLA
13	Kunnel Jiss Francis	Karyathumpara	TMY
14	Maruthikunnel Stanly Salas	Kappadu	KPY
15	Mukalel Robin Jomon	Alex Nagar	KTM
16	Mundackal Alan Rarichan	Ponmudy	IDK
17	Narikuzhy Jimmy Kuriakose	Balal	TLY
18	Nelliyattu Antony N. M	Pullodi	TLY
19	Parakamannil Nainan P. Saji	Varickkamkunnu	EKM
20	Thekkineth Albin Biju	Mariyapuram	IDK
21	Vellarimattathil Stevo Stephe	n Thiroor	TLY
22	Verampilavu Benit John	Kuttikad	IJK
23	Vettikkattu Augustine Sojan	Panampilave	TMY
B. Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery			
	House Name, Name	Parish	Diocese
01	Anikkattu Jerin	Koodaranji	TMY
02	Cheriyanolikal	Kozhichal	TLY
03	Edamulayil Albin	Thiruvampady	TMY
04	Kallaraputhanpurackal Dani	Payyavoor	KTM
05	Kanichery Roshan	Kariyathumpara	TMY
06	Kannanayikkal Adwin	Kaiparambu	TSR
07	Karakkattu Jobi	Nooramthodu	TMY
08	Kettupurakkal Albin	Punnakkal	TMY
09	Kizheckeparambil Maxin	Thottumukkam	TMY
10	Kizhakkedath Jithu	Punnakkal	TMY
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11	Kunnath Aivin	Chandanakkampara	TLY
12	Kureeckal Joel	Angadikadav	TLY
13	Mavelil Ajay	Michaelgiri	KTM
14	Mullapallil Bibin Athul	Kanichar	TLY
15	Mundankurian Salvio	Ollur	TSR
16	Olickal Bibin	Balal	TLY
17	Pandarasseril Abin	Alex Nagar	KTM
18	Paradiyil Christy	Bhimanadi	TLY
19	Pullattu Anderson	Maniyamkulam	PLA
20	Puthettu Albin	Panamplavu	TMY
21	Thadathil Stalet	Thiroor	KTM
22	Thekkemuriyil Cyriac	Bhimanadi	TLY
23	Thuruthil Jithin	Chembery	TLY
24	Uppumakkal Albin	Josemount	TLY
25	Urukuzhiyil Josekutty	Cherupuzha	TLY
26	Vaippummel Ajin	Nuchiad	KTM
27	Vayumattathil Kevin	Randar	KMM

5. Temporary Promise and Promotion of the Seminarians

a. Promotion to MOC

After successfully completing the minor seminary formation in two of our seminaries in Deepti College and Santhome Minor Seminary, 28 students have been promoted for Missionary Orientation Course in Jeevan Jyoti. Congratulations to the brothers who are promoted to the next stage of formation in their journey to priesthood and appreciation to all formators who have been instrumental in training them in the past three years. The names of 28 brothers are the following:

- 1. Alackal Nirmal Martin
- 2. Anamalayil Majo Joseph
- 3. Azhakanparambil Edwin Lal
- 4. Chiramattel Hence Jaison

- 5. Chirayil Albin Benny
- 6. Choorapuzhayil Savio Thomas
- 7. Kaithakulathu Puthenpurayil Manu George
- 8. Kakkaniyil Lino Charly
- 9. Kalathil Denny Tomy
- 10. Kandathil Albin Joseph
- 11. Kattackal Kevin Xavier
- 12. Kottuppally Abhishek Siby
- 13. Kulanjiyil Justin George
- 14. Kulathinkal Sobin Joseph
- 15. Maliyil Chilce Chacko
- 16. Mankuzha Alen Joseph
- 17. Mannoor Sajith Chandy
- 18. Nedumthuruthimyalil Mathew Jose
- 19. Nellamkuzhiyil Jarald Joy
- 20. Nelluvelil Georgekutty Xavier
- 21. Nirappel Geo Tomy
- 22. Orapuzhikkal Jeswin Chandy
- 23. Prakuzhiyil Jerin Sabu
- 24. Puthenkalam Bonny Baiju
- 25. Puthenpurakkal Albin Varghese
- 26. Thuruthel Sobin Jose
- 27. Vadakkemurivil Sijil Bosco
- 28. Vettathu Josin Benny

b. Temporary Promise and Promotion to I Philosophy

On the basis of the recommendation by the Rector and staff of MOC, Jeevan Jyoti and with the consent of the General Council, the Director General accepted the Temporary Promises of incorporation of 24 seminarians who successfully completed their Missionary Orientation Course. They have been promoted to the next stage of formation, i.e. the study of philosophy. Sincere thanks to the staff in Jeevan Jyoti for forming our students and congratulations to the brothers who have become temporary members in the MST. Their names are the following:

- 1. Justin Ambattu
- 2. Attarumakkal Abel
- 3. ChengalikuzhiyilJacob
- 4. Elavumparayil Joseph
- 5. Eyalil Athul
- 6. Kaippananickal Sonate
- 7. Kaithackathadathil Jobit
- 8. Kaniyamparambil Ajith
- Karuvelil Thomas
- 10. Kochumannoor Justin
- 11 Kottavila Blesson
- 12. Kunnath Nirmal
- 13. Mandapathikunnel Abin
- 14. Maniyangattu Christo
- 15. Manjalil Jomon
- 16. Palapulickal Thomas
- 17. Parachalil Shinto
- 18. Puthenpurackal Siby
- 19. Puthukallil Jerin
- 20. Puthurkara Aghil
- 21. Uruppankattil Philip
- 22. Valliparambil Jomin
- 23. Vattoth Joyal
- 24. Vettukallel Sebastian

Among them, two each have been sent to Salesian College, Sonada; St Joseph Seminary, Aluva; and to Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bengaluru. The remaining 18 are sent to Ruhalaya, Ujjain.

C. Promotion to Regency

At the successful completion of Philosophy course, six brothers have been promoted to the next stage of Missionary Training in the Field (Regency). Among them five brothers studied philosophy in Ruhalaya, and one at Mary Matha, Thrissur. The MST thanks the Rectors and

staff of the philosophy sections of both the seminaries and congratulates the brothers for their achievement. Their names and the places/regions of their regency are the following:

- 1. Arackaparampil Shalgin (Deepti)
- 2. Chakkalackal Jithu (Delhi)
- 3. Eroorickal Noval (Sangli)
- 4. Kizhakkekara Ashil (Mandya)
- 5. Pallitharapadavil Febin (Ujjain)
- 6. Thakidipurath Albert (Sangli)

D. Renewal of Promise, Vestition and Promotion to Theology

Having successfully completed their missionary training in the field (Regency), on the basis of the report of their concerned in-charges during regency and with the consent of the General Counsel, the Director General accepted the renewal of the Temporary Promise of incorporation of 11 brothers on 8 May 2019. On that day, the brothers received the clerical cassock too. The event was solemnized on the final day of the major seminarians gathering and the parents and close relatives of the families of the brothers were also invited for the event. All 11 of them have been promoted to the next stage of formation, i.e. the study of Theology at Ruhalaya, Ujjain.

- 1. Anakkallil Joseph
- 2. Areeplackal Thomas
- 3 Chandrankunnel Michael
- 4. Eettayankal Sebastian
- Kollakombil Abraham
- 6. Maruthumkuzhiyil Joseph
- 7. Perumanoor Joseph
- 8 Pooyatholil Francis
- 9. Pullikattil Thomas
- 10. Varickickal Mathew
- 11. Vattamannil Philip

6. Higher Studies of Priests

a. Completion of Studies

The following priests who had been assigned for advanced studies successfully completed the course and obtained the intended degrees:

Fr Murigayil Joy: Completed the studies in Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery from Muniyal Institute of Ayurvedic Medical Sciences, Manipal and secured the title of a Medical Doctor. He is awarded Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru.

Fr Thelliyil Jubit: Completed studies in Education and secured the degree of Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) from Patiala University, Punjab.

Fr Kaiyalakakathu Boby: Completed studies in Education and secured the degree of Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) from the University of Punjab.

b. Assigned/Permitted for advanced studies

Fr Arimattathil Boby: Masters in Communication and Media

Fr Chirayil Sogin: Bachelors in Education

Fr Pullattu Johnson: Masters in Indian Philosophy

Fr Nalannadiyil Deleep: Masters in History (Marathi

Medium)

Fr Thelliyil Jubit: Masters in Education

Fr Kaiyalakakathu Boby: Masters in Education

Fr Poovathinkal Paul: Bachelors in Education

A few more have been selected for studies and are awaiting positive response for scholarship.

7. Safe Environment Committee

As per the direction of our Major Archbishop and following the *Safe Environment Policy* of the CBCI and KCBC, the Director General appointed a Director and a Committee to implement the *Safe Environment Policy* of the Catholic Church in the MST. The committee is constituted to handle any issue reported against the *Safe*

Environment Policy of the Church. In any issue of conflict, the MST will stand with the victims and will follow the given directions of the Church in India and will honour the civil code. For details of the members of the committee and their function please see Circular No. X/10/2018-2023 of 8 June 2019, which is given as Appendix I of this bulletin

8. Land Assets and Financial Management

- a. Tilhari Estate, Bhedshi: Forty acres of Tilhari Estate of the MST (the second estate of MST in Bhedshi) is being given for the use of St Alphonsa Region towards developing a herbal garden for Santhome Ayurveda Centre, Bhedshi. The details of the lease agreement will be worked out at a later time. The regional administration will complete the fencing of the boundaries of the property and will take necessary steps to obtain the mutation of the land and settle other pending legal issues related with the possession of the complete property. The service of Rev. Fr James Veranakunnel is offered to the Region for the above purpose.
- b. Directions for Financial Management: The Director General has instructed all the centers under the Region, Delegation or the Generalate whether in India or abroad to follow the practice of submitting monthly balance sheets to the respective Finance Officers and to set all bank accounts in India as jointly operated by the priest in charge and the heads of the administrative units. Recently, the official chartered accounts of the MST have given a few important instructions to be strictly followed in accounting. Their write-up in Malayalam is given as Appendix II of this bulletin.

9. Review Study of MST C&D

Following the Resolution of the General Assembly 2018, the study and discussion on the proposed draft of the C&D of the MST is complete in India with the session conducted at Deepti on 14 May 2019. For the MSTs in Europe, a discussion session is being held at Zurich from 4 to 5 July 2019 (at Zentrum Neu - Schönstatt, Josef-Kentenich-Weg 1, 8883 Quaten, which is around 80 km from Zürich). Anyone who was not able to attend any discussion-sessions and if feels like making some observations on the circulated draft, please send it directly to the Convener of the committee – Rev. Fr Joseph Aryankalayil by email or postal letter. The committee is stepping to the next stage of their work from the month of September 2019.

10. Refresher Programme for Formators

The refresher program for the priests doing ministry in the formation houses of the MST was held at Peerumedu from 28th April to 1st May 2019. The formators gathered at Deepti and then travelled together to Peerumedu, starting from Deepti. Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal, the Vice Director General and Councillor in charge of



formation welcomed all the participants and the resource person. The meeting was inaugurated by the Director General Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor.

Delivering the inaugural address the Director General spoke about the importance of the ministry of formation of priests. He brought out the importance given to seminary formation by MST by highlighting the various changes brought about and the various experiments conducted from time to time. He said that it was MST that introduced MOC and Regency as stages of seminary formation. He also spoke about the psychological and spiritual aspects of vocation and formation. He also emphasized the need for a very diligent selection and promotion of candidates for priesthood.

The resource person for the formators' meet of April 2019 was Rev Fr Jose Mariyadas OIC. He began the sessions by saying that the job of giving formation to the seminarians is the most thankless job and the one with least job satisfaction. He said that those who are able to handle change will be successful.

In his sessions during the two days he dwelt on topics like how to accept change creatively especially in the context of seminary formation? The need to bring conceptual clarity in the seminary about tradition and traditionalism so as to distinguish between the two and give due priority, importance of accompanying the seminarians and the need to avoid the extremes of rigidity and pampering, different models of accompanying, need of making students aware of what is betrayal and what is sharing and the distinction between solidarity and groupism.

He warned the attendees not to patronize students rather to let them be on their own. He underscored the need to establish a climate for accompanying the students. He advised that students should be provided conceptual clarity about their friendship with formators. He said that liturgy should be the soul of such a model of formation.

He emphasized the need to provide conceptual clarity about success, efficiency, etc. and help them to distinguish between success and faithfulness, individualism and community spirit, effectiveness and efficiency. On the final day he spoke about academics, time management, priority setting, freedom with responsibility, sexual deviations and formation as teamwork.

After the sessions by the resource person, the Director General and the General Council along with the Treasurer General met the priests to discuss topics of importance in the area of seminary formation in the MST. There was an interesting and useful exchange of ideas; clarifications were given and discussions were held and suggestions for improvement were given by the group.

After this common meeting the director General and his council along with the Treasurer General met the staff from each seminary separately and held discussion. The meeting was dispersed on 1 May after breakfast

(Report - presented by Rev. Fr Prasad Kallupuraparampil)

11. Gathering of Major Seminarians - MIST

Motivated to Illumine in Spirit and Truth (MIST) 2019, the annual gathering of MST major seminary brothers, was scheduled from 5 to 8 May 2019 at Deepti Minor Seminary. The gathering was planned

before hand by Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal (the formation in-charge), Dn Bince Pottananiyil, (the MST leader) and the leaders of each batch. The participants of MIST 2019 were brothers who completed their MOC, the regents, the philosophy brothers and the theology brothers. Altogether 94 brothers were present for the gathering.

a. Arrival and Inauguration

All The participants of MIST 2019 reached Deepti Minor Seminary by 4:00 p.m., on 5 May 2019. Fr Kureeckal welcomed Very Rev. Fr



Antony Perumanoor, the Director General, for the inaugural meeting. MIST 2019 was inaugurated by Fr Director General by lighting the lamp. In his inaugural address Fr Director General stressed on team work and communitarian spirit in the

mission ad gentes of the MST.

b. Input Sessions

The second day of MIST 2019 began with Holy Qurbana by Rev Fr Justin Vettukallel, the Secretary General, as the main celebrant. Basing his homily on the parable of ten virgins he invited the brothers to equip themselves with efficiency, and don't be satisfied with bare minimum, to meet the modern evolving world. MIST 2019 was blessed to have Rev Fr Joseph Kochuveettil, of the diocese of Kanjirapally and editor of *Dharshakan* magazine, as the resource person for the morning session. He opened the eyes and minds of brothers to the threats that Church faces from frontline media, atheists and politics. In the present world scenario, our duty is to help people to love the Church. He concluded the session before noon by exhorting that the brothers must build a strong foundation in faith, prayer and knowledge during the period of formation and thus fill the quiver to defend the People of God. The second half of the day included a session by Rev Fr Monse Karuvakunnel on Santhome Fellowship and Associate Members. There was a sharing session by Rev Fr Joseph Vedikunnel MST in the evening. He spoke about the Adilabad mission, the hardships and God's providence behind the growth of it. He also remembered the pioneer missionaries of the mission and invited the brothers to the mission. At the end he gave us the message that there will be situations in our life when we feel that our work fails but in these failed works Christ wins

c. Sharing by Seminarians and Election

Representatives of each batch and seminary came and shared their experiences of the last one year, and the MOC brothers introduced themselves to the gathering. Then there came the most awaited moment of the day that is the election of the new MST leader for the year 2019-2020. Eleven brothers of the third-year theology were the candidates. MIST got its new leader in the person of Bro Nidnin Kuttipalackal. The election was followed by a thanks speech of Dn Bince who led MIST from 2018 to 2019.

d. Debate: Primacy of Proclamation

On the third day, there was a debate organized on the topic 'Primacy of direct proclamation: is a fact or a myth.' Rev Fr Justin Vettukallel and Bro Ashish Keeranchira were the moderators. Bros Jimson



Moosariparambil, Shijo Valluran, Michael Vettukallel and Akhil Mannarath were the members of the group that supported the motion that 'Primacy of direct proclamation is a fact.' And the group which held that 'Primacy of direct proclamation is a myth' were

Bros Alex Elamthurutiyil, Anoop Cheripurathu, Febin Pallitharapadavil and Tom Pullolil. The brothers based their arguments on the Bible, Tradition and the Church teachings. The debate continued with open discussion where brothers and fathers asked their questions to both the groups. The winner of the debate session was decided by casting votes. The supporting motion which said - Primacy of direct proclamation- is a fact, won the debate by 44 to 41 votes. At the end, the moderator thanked both the groups and reminded the brothers that the purpose of MST is mission Ad Gentes. The primacy of preaching is indisputable, in all seasons. But at the same time there is the need of other methods too. Rev Fr Kureeckal appreciated the brothers who participated in the debate and all who worked behind it. We brothers appreciate and thank Rev Fr Kureeckal, Dn Bince and the batch leaders for scheduling a debate session in MIST 2019.

e. Meeting with the General Council

The Director General, Council Fathers and Treasurer General were welcomed to the meeting with flowers. Representatives of theology section, philosophy section, regents and MOC presented their suggestions respectively to the General Council. After listening to the brothers, Rev Fr Director General gave his response to each and every suggestion made. He assured that he and his team will do all that is possible to provide a suitable and proper atmosphere for formation.

f. Cultural Evening and Dinner

On 7th evening, brothers prepared a cultural fest for the fathers of Aaram, Generalate and seminary. Brothers displayed varieties of programs like skit, dance, mime, group songs etc. Both brothers and fathers had the dinner together in front of the guest house. It was a great evening and all enjoyed the MST fellowship.

g. Vestition and Promise

At the conclusion of the MIST on 8 May was held the first promise and the vestition of the brothers, The Holy Qurbana began at 10:00 a.m. and Very Rev Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General, was the main celebrant. Fathers from Generalate, Seminary, Aaram, religious and relatives of brothers and family members of brothers



receiving Cassock were present for the celebration and the agape thereafter. Eleven brothers who completed their regency received the cassock and made their temporary promise of incorporation before the Director General. Twenty-four brothers who completed their MOC also took their first temporary promise of incorporation before the Director General. It was a day of great joy for the MST.

h. Conclusion of the Gathering

MIST 2019, the annual gathering of MST brothers, came to an end by noon on 8 May. All brothers thank Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General, Rev Fr Francis Kureeckal (formation in-charge), all the Councillors, Rev Fr Kuriakose Kunnel (Treasurer General), Rev Fr Manu Maprayil (house procurator), Rev Fr Rector and Staff of Deepti seminary and all other fathers of Generalate for organizing a successful MIST 2019.

(Prepared by Dn Bince Pottananiyil and Bro Nidhin Kuttipalackal)

12. Mission Exposure for the Major Seminarians

For the purpose of instilling missionary spirit among the seminarians and for familiarizing them with the MST missions and diverse apostolates, selected batches were sent to the missions during their holidays for two to three weeks. Seminarians who completed II-year philosophy were sent to different mission stations of Mandya mission. Whereas, the brothers who completed their II-year theology were sent to the recently begun centres of the MST mission in Orissa. They were placed in different villages two by two, and were led by the trained catechists, to learn the first lessons of direct evangelization through preaching of the word of God. Brothers were thrilled after their first-hand experience in Odisha villages, and felt that the missionary approach in Orissa is different from usual methods of doing apostolates in the MST mission regions.

13. Ongoing Formation of Ordination Batches 1993-2003

An orientation programme for the middle-aged priests was conducted at Deepti Mount from 14th to 16th May 2019. The programme was named "MST SUMMER MEET-2019" and the title of the whole programme named "Priestly Satisfaction and Middle**age Challenges for Missionary Priests".** There were fifty-five participants who actively attended the programme. Fr Viju Muringassery the coordinator of the expert committee for ongoing formation welcomed all. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumannor, the Director



General of the MST inaugurated *MST Summer Meet* officially with the presence of General Councillors and he delivered an inspirational message. Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal, councillor in charge for ongoing formation gave an outline and introduction with a short message regarding the programme. The programme was intended to create missionary enthusiasm, give practical trainings, enable the members to face the challenges that come across their lives and to mould them better persons to be more satisfied in their missionary life.



The programme consisted of prayer services, inspirational conferences, workshops, activities, entertainments, delicious food and practical things to be taken care, in the middle age of those missionary

priests. All fifty-five missionary priests who came from assigned ministries of various parts of the world were present throughout the programme and actively participated until the last session. Five presentations were made over these 3 days program which started with providing a range of concepts and responses to the theme "Being and Becoming Effective Missionaries with Modern World: Perspectives and Proposals" by a very popular speaker Mr. Biju Dominic from Mumbai. "Affective Developments in the Middle Age" was another inspirational talk by Mar Thomas Tharayil, auxiliary bishop of archdiocese Changanacherry. Rev Fr Joseph G. Aryankalayil looked at the 'responsible uses of media and gadgets and CBCI directives on sexual abuse.' There was another conference on the specific title called "Priestly satisfaction and middle age challenges for missionary priests" by Rev. Fr Peter Kochalumkal CMI, rector of Samanvaya, Bhopal. Dr. Joy Francis from Carmel Hospital, Pala led the participants through the topic "Fitness and Health Benefits" and in that he explained the practical approaches to keep and maintain a fit and healthy body. A range of practical and informational sharing and a general evaluation took place with the director general and the general councillors meet with the priests.

The priests celebrated Holy Qurbana at the tomb of St Alphonsa at Bharananganam and prayed novena at the tomb, seeking the intercession of the holy men and women of the Syro-Malabar



Church in their priestly-missionary journey.

There was a solemn Holy Qurbana at the chapel of Deepti Minor seminary and the main celebrant was Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram, the councillor and Rev. Fr Sebastian Njalliyil gave an inspirational homily. Before the program got over at 4 pm there were sometimes for evaluation and thanksgiving. Everyone appreciated the program and requested to have it such orientations again in the coming years.

(Reported by Fr Viju Muringassery, Coordinator, Expert Committee for Ongoing Formation)

14. Annual Retreat in Deepti

Annual retreat was organized at Aaraam for the MSTs residing in Kerala, from 26 to 31 May 2019. It was open for other MSTs too, who could not make the annual retreat this year. The retreat called – *Philokalia*, was based on the *Philokalia* literature of the ancient oriental tradition. Brother Mario Joseph was the preacher. There were almost 32 MSTs as regular participants of the retreat, including some from the mission regions and also from abroad, who were in Deepti for the holidays.

15. Navathi of Fr A. Puthenpura

The ninetieth birth day (Navathi) of Rev. Fr Augustine Puthenpura was solemnly celebrated by the residents in Deepti campus on 20 June 2016. In the morning, the General Councillors were present for



the Holy Qurbana, which was celebrated by Fr C.D. Sebastian, as the chief celebrant. Special prayers were made for Fr Augustine during the Holy Qurbana, and later during the breakfast, he was greeted by everyone present.

An appreciatory dinner was organized in the evening for the MSTs in Deepti campus, to which the family and close relatives of Fr Augustine were also invited. As symbol of

greeting Fr Augustine, Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel honoured him with a shall and Fr Peter Kavumpuram presented him with Mangala



Pathram, after reading it aloud. The Mangala Pathram narrated the priestly ministries of Fr Augustine in different important capacities. One the cousins of Fr Augustine thanked the **MST** community for organizing the event. Fr Augustine also thanked everyone for the

beautiful celebration of the day. Rev. Fr Thomas Kumbalamthanath, the Director of Aaraam took care of the logistics of the celebration.

16. Review and Planning by the General Team

The Director General, the General Councillors and the Treasurer General spent together more than three full days from 11 to 15 June 2019 at the residence of Franciscan Brothers at Pattumala near Peerumedu. The purpose of such a meeting was to make a review of the past one year in administration and to plan for the upcoming year, in a spirit of prayer and reflection. Rev. Fr Xavier Koodapurzha of the eparchy of Kanjirappally gave the orientation talk. The time was spent also for praying for the entire Society – for all its members and undertakings. The serene and solitary ambience was very conducive for such a meeting. The Franciscan Brothers were very hospitable fraternal in providing us the facilities.

17. Common Programmes of the Year (2019-2020)

Some of the important programmes being organized/celebrated of the current year (till 31 May 2019) by the general team are scheduled and are given as Appendix III. This advance information is to help you schedule your programmes and travels.

III. Transfers and Appointments

A. St Paul's Region, Ujjain

Arackaparampil Sebastian: Relieved from Rajeshvar Bhavan, Ghonsla and appointed Priest- in- Charge, Bachukheda

Cherolil Biju: Appointed Principal, St Thomas School, Pawasa, Ujjain

Kalarickal Thomas: Relieved from Bachukheda and appointed at Prarthana Niketan, Pachore

Kannamthadam Benny: Relived from Indore

Kongattu Prayan: Relieved from Mandsaur and appointed at Jamner

Moothasseril Cyriac: Relieved from St Thomas School, Pawasa

Parayadiyil Thomas: Appointed at House Superior – Regional House, Mendya and In-charge of the Syro-Malabar Community, Dewas

Pattasseril Abhilash: Relieved from Santhome Regional House, Mendya and appointed at St Thomas School, Powasa

Unnieppillil Joseph: Relieved from St Thomas School, Pawasa and appointed at Nirmal Jyoti, Mandsaur

Varappadavil Benedict: Relieved from Jamner and appointed at Mandsaur

B. St Thomas Region, Mandya

Chirayath Joseph: Relieved from Arakere and appointed Principal, Santhome Public School, Mandya

Edattamkuzhy Joy: relieved from Koppa and appointed Priest -in charge and Manager Halagur

Kadankavil Binoy: Relieved from Halagur and appointed Principal, Jeevodaya School, Arakere

Kadaplakal Xavier: Appointed at Vimala Academy, Guthalu

Koottumkal Sebastian: Assigned to St Thomas Region, Mandya

Mookkenthottathil Sijo, Relieved Principal, Santhome Public School, Mandya

Mundackal Sunny: Relieved from Halagur and appointed Priest -in charge and Manager, Koppa

Njarolickal Jacob: Assigned to St Thomas Region

Pullatt Johnson: Relieved from Divya Jyoti School, Koppa

Punnakuzhy Pradeepan: Relieved from Deepti College, Melampara appointed Principal, Divya Jyoti School, Koppa

Puthenpurackal Dominic: Appointed Manager, Jeevodaya School, Arakere

Puthenpurayil Shejin: Appointed Principal, Halagur

C. St Alphonsa Region, Sangli

Kavunnukattil Lijo: Assigned to St Alphonsa Region.

Kollithadam Abraham: C/o Prathiksha Special School, Watul.

Koorumullumpurayidom George: Appointed Associate Director, Santhome Ayurvedic Arogya Kendra, Bhedshi.

Kudiviruppil John: Relieved from Alphonsa School, Ichalkaranji

Moothasseril Mathew: Relieved from Alphonsa School, Shahuwadi and appointed at Teresa Welfare Center, Oros

Muringavil Joy: Appointed Administrator and Medical Officer. Santhome Ayurvedic Arogya Kendra, Bedshi.

Puthuppallivil Subin: Appointed Asst. Priest in charge, Alphonsa Wadi, Herle and Headmaster, Saint Alphonsa School, Herle.

Vadakkemuri Neyyoor Lijo: Relieved from Alphonsa School, Herle

Veranakunnel Bibin: Appointed Associate Director, Santhome Herbal Garden, Tilhari.

D. Mary Queen of Missions Delegation, Delhi

Anithanam Mathew: Assigned to Delhi Delegation, C/o Deepti Foundation

Cherolil Biju: Relived Principal, St Thomas School, Bathinda

Kochumalavil Abin, Relieved from Deepti Foundation

Thellivil Jubit, Relived from Chandigarh and appointed Principal, St Thomas School, Bathinda

E. Outside the Regions/Delegation

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Ammanathukunnel Kurian: Appointed Vicar, St Sebastian's Church, Kodoppally, Archdiocese of Tellichery

Anithanam Mathew: Relieved from Santhome School, Mira Road and Assigned to MQMD, Delhi

Kollamattam Ambrose: Appointed at FIAT Mission, Orissa

Kolthambrayil Siju: Assigned to Eparchy of Chanda

Koovackal Abraham: assigned to Eparhcy of Hosur

Kozhippatt Thomas: Appointed House Procurator, Santhome Bible Center, Pariyaram

Kumblanthanath Thomas: Relieved from Mandya Mission and Appointed Director, Aaram

Kunnath Daey, Relieved Executive Director, Santhome-IMPACT,Kochi (w.e.f. 01-08-2019)

Manjamattam John: Relived from the Eparchy of Thamarassery

Njarolickal Jacob: Relieved from the eparchy of Hosur and assigned to St Thomas Region

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Kochupurackal Abin: Appointed Formator and House Procurator, Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery; and additional responsibility II Vocation Promoter of North Zone

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Ruhalaya Theologate, Ujjain

Koovackal Abraham: Relieved Spiritual Director, Jeevan Jyoti, Mandya

Kudiviruppil John: Appointed Professor and Formator Ruhalaya, Theologate, Ujjain

Manjalankal Thomas: Relived from Ruhalaya (Theologate) and appointed Spiritual Director, Jeevan Jyoti

Manjamattam John: Relived from Eparchy of Thamarassery and appointed Spiritual Director and Formator, Deepti College, Melampara

Marottikudy Augustine: Relieved from Adilabad and appointed Spiritual Director, Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery

Mathasseril Alan: Appointed Procurator, Jeevan Jyoti, Ganjam

Mullappallil Joshi: Appointed Professor and Spiritual Father, Ruhalaya Theologate, Ujjain

Panjikaran Joy: Relieved Dean of Studies, Ruhalaya Theologate, Ujjain (w.e.f. 29-07-2019)

Parackal Manoj: Relieved Rector, Santhome Minor Seminary (w.e.f. 05-07-2019), Thamarassery and appointed Vice-Rector, Ruhalaya Theologate, Ujjain (w.e.f. 25-06-2019)

Punnakuzhy Pradeepan: Relieved Vice-Rector and Formator, Deepti College, Melampara

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V. SEMINARIES

A. Deepti College (Minor Seminary)

1. Welcome to the Benjamines

After the summer holidays the seminary was re-opened on May 11, 2019. All the seminarians came back relaxed and in good spirit to start new scholastic year. The new comers were given a very warm welcome by the senior students on May 13, 2019. The Almighty blessed us with 21 young boys from eight Syro-Malabar dioceses of Kerala. Deepti is grateful to all those supported and promoted such a wonderful missionary vocations. Our special thanks to vocation promoters: Rev. Frs Joison Puthukattu and Rony Alencherry. The total strength of seminarians at Deepti is 55. The Third year seminarians of Deepti together with Santhome Seminarians had Two weeks of intensive Hindi course at Thamarassery minor seminary from June 15 to 29. The second year students from Samthome Seminary came to Deepti for an intensive English course together with Deepti seminarians from June 15 to 29. We appreciate and express our heartfelt gratitude to Frs George Mampillil, Fr Arun Karakattu and Bro. Shinto Vettikuzhichalil for conducting the English classes. This also gave an opportunity for the seminarians to know each other better

2. Inauguration of the Scholastic Year 2019-20

Very Rev. Antony Peumanoor, Director General of MST was kind enough to inaugurate the scholastic year 20-19-20. It was very solemnly done on June 9, 2019. The Director General reminded the



seminarians about the expectations and challenges of the seminarians in the changing scenario of the time. The various cultural programmes performed by the seminarians added colour and flavor to the function.

3. Welcome to New Formators

Deepti witnessed a few changes in the formation team: Rev. Fr



Pradeepan Punnakuzhy who was the vice Rector and Subin Puthuppallyil, animator after their meritorious and committed service at Deepti were transferred to Mandya and Sangli Mission

respectively. Fr Pradeepan rendered his dedicated service for two years as professor, animator and Vice Rector. Fr Subin was animator and professor for one year. Thank you dear fathers for all that you had been to us for the past years.

Rev. Fr Micael Puthenpurayil was appointed as the new Vice Rector. Rev. Fr John Manjamattom is appointed as the new spiritual father and professor at Deepti minor seminary. Rev. Fr Joseph (Benny) Kannamthadam is appointed as the professor and formator of Deepti seminary. Most welcome dear fathers and wish you all the best for your new responsibilities.

4. Visit of the Christian Community from Jagdalpur



On 31 May 2019, 26 members of the Christian communities in Bastar, from the diocese of Jagdalpur visited Deepti College. They were led by Rev. Fr Biju Kalezhath of the diocese of Jagdalpur.

They interacted with the seminarians for almost one hour. The seminarians asked several questions to the Hindi speaking visitors. The interaction was very motivating for the brothers.

(Reported by Rev. Fr George Kuppayil, Rector, Deepti College)

B. Santhome Minor Seminary, **Thamarassery**

1. The Vocation Camp at Santhome

The vocation camp - Galilee - was held at Santhome from 29th to



30th of March, 2019. There were thirteen candidates from different parishes of Thamarassery. Fr Thomas Karamel, the General Councilor, gave a very inspiring motivational talk to them in the inaugural address. Different resource persons animated the

sessions, under the leadership of Fr Rony Alencherry, the vocation promoter of the North Zone.

2. Eikon Retreat by SKD Sisters

The Kristhu Dasi Sisters (SKD) of Mananthavady conducted a three days retreat for the Eikon children of Thamarassery diocese at Santhome Minor Seminary from the 2nd to the 4th of May, 2019. About 80 children from standard VIII to X from different parishes took part in it. Santhome hosted the retreat in view of promoting good vocations to priesthood, especially MST. The retreat was very enriching and fruitful for the children and a few have already shown interest in joining MST.

3. Arrival of the Benjamins



The freshers of 2019-20, twenty seven of them, arrived at Santhome Minor Seminary with their parents and relatives, on the 6th of May. All of them were welcomed to Santhome community cordially by the Rector, Staff and a few senior brothers who were present for vacation duty. Kudos to Fr Rony Alencherry for his hard work and commitment in promoting such good boys in the number we expected, in spite of difficult times of this year.

4. Blessed Moments of Santhome

His Excellency Mar Raphel Thattil, bishop of Shamshabad paid a flying visit to Santhome on 7th May, 2019. Also His Excellency Mar



James Athikalam MST paid a visit to Santhome and spent a night here on his way to Nadavayal for a personal function. Thanks to both the Bishops for their generosity and concern towards Santhome.

5. Group Dynamism and Initiation Programs



Four Sisters from the CMC provincial house, Thiruvampady took classes and practical sessions for three days from 8th to 10th of May to the first year brothers, initiating them into seminary and community life. All the new ones enjoyed the

classes and were motivated very much by them. Thanks to the CMC sisters.

Fr Bibin Madathiparmpil spent three days with the freshers to initiate them from 13th to 15th of May. Fr Binoy Koottumkal took three days psychology classes also, from 16th to 18th May. Both the classes were very useful to them.

6. Hindi and English Course for the third and second year **Brothers**

The 3rd year brothers returned to Santhome on the 15th of May after their summer holidays. Three theology brothers from Ruhalaya took classes for them in Hindi till the 30th of May. The 3rd year students of Deepti also joined them.

The second year brothers of Santhome went to Deepti for English course with their companions there at the same time. It was for the first time that such a program was arranged. There was very good mixing and friendship building in both the places. Special thanks to Fr Francis Kureeckal for arranging them.

Together with the Hindi course, all the brothers of Santhome were given special coaching in Volley ball and Basket ball by the theology brothers. All the brothers benefitted from it and we thank the theologians for the hard work they put in.

7. Calligraphy Classes

Two Sisters from the SABS Provincial House, Thamarassery gave practice to the freshers in Calligraphy from the 20th to 22nd of May. It was very useful to them

8. World Environment Day



World environment day was celebrated on June 5 at Santhome by planting three flower plants by Sr Tessy SABS, the Provincial Superior of Thamarassery. Fr Augustine Marottikudy and Sr Tessy gave very inspiring messages too, on

this occasion.

9. New Staff Members

Santhome Seminary is blessed by the arrival of two new staff members: Fr Augustine Marottikudy as Spiritual father and Fr Abin Kochupurackal as Procurator. Fr Shaijan becomes the new Vice Rector. Best wishes to all of them.

10. Special English Classes by Frs Prasad Kallupuraparmbil and Johnson Pullatt

The first-year students had three days special English classes by Fr Prasad, the Rector of Jeevan Jyoti from 6th to 9th of June. As a culmination of the classes he conducted the first monthly recollection of the year too.

Fr Johnson Pullatt took special English classes for the freshers from the 10th to 14th of June. Both the fathers used the audio-visual method also to create interest in English for the brothers and they were very useful. Very many thanks to both the fathers for their commitment and hard work.

11. The Most Blessed Moments of Santhome: the Visit of the Major Archbishop

The most blessed moment of Santhome Seminary so far is the visit of His Beatitude Cardinal George Alencherry on the 10th of June, on his way to the Bishop's house, Thamarassery. He spent about an hour and talking to the fathers and brothers. His talk was very inspiring and motivating. We owe our indebtedness to him for this generous gesture of concern and love for MST.



12. Inauguration of the Academic Year 2019-2020 and S.C.L.A

The inauguration of the academic year 2019-20 and Santhome Cultural



and Literary Association (SCLA) was conducted on the 19th of June. Rev. Fr Justin Vettukallel, General Councilor and Secretary General of MST, was the chief guest of the day. He gave a very fitting and inspiring message both at the Holy Mass in the morning and in the meeting later. Mr N.J. George, our teacher of Economics, also spoke on this occasion. There were variety of entertainment items from brothers.

13. Other Visitors to Santhome

We had few important guests as visitors during this season. Very Rev Fr Antony Perumanoor, Fr Francis Kureeckal, Fr Thomas Karamel, Very Rev. Fr Chandy Kalathoor, Fr Sojan Unniepallil, Fr Riju Myladivil, Fr James Kurukilamkatt, Fr Monse Karuvakunnel and Fr Daey Kunnathu. Thanks to all for their love and friendship.

> (Reported by Rev. Fr Manoj Parackal, Rector, Santhome Seminary)

C. Jeevan Jyoti

1. Rev Fr Mathassery Takes Charge as Procurator

Rev Fr Alan took charge as the procurator of Jeevan Jyoti on the 5th May, 2019. Jeevan Jyoti community welcomes Fr Alan and wishes him all best in the ministry of seminary formation.

2. Farewell to Frs Koovackal and Boby Arimattathil

Rev Fr Abraham Koovackal and Rev Fr Boby Arimattathil were given farewell from Jeevan Jyoti in the presence of Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, the Regional Director and the MST priests of Mandya Region, on 22nd May, 2019. Fr Abraham rendered service as the spiritual father of MOC for three years and Fr Boby served as Procurator at Jeevan Jyoti for three years. Jeevan Jyoti community is grateful to them for their valuable service and wishes them all the best in their new place of ministry.

3. Rev Fr Manjalankal joins as the Spiritual Father



Rev Fr Thomas reached Jeevan Jyoti on the 14th of June, 2019. Jeevan Jyoti community welcomes Fr Thomas very cordially and wishes him all the best in the new place of ministry.

4. Arrival of the 32nd batch of MOC

Twenty-eight seminarians arrived at Jeevan Jyoti on 15th June, 2019.



The program of the new batch of MOC students began with the solemn celebration of Holy Eucharist at 7pm. Fr Rector welcomed the students to Jeevan Jyoti and wished them all the best. Fr Thomas gave an inspiring homily and invited the staff and students to be 'One in Christ'.

5. Inauguration of the Academic Year 2019-2020



Academic Year 2019-2020 of Jeevan Jyoti was inaugurated by the Director General Very Rev Fr Antony Perumanoor in the presence of Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, the Regional Director, the staff and students of Jeevan Jyoti. The students

presented a short and sweet program and unveiled the motto and emblem for the 32nd batch of MOC at Jeevan Jyoti.

(Reported by Rev Fr Sebastian Kallupuraparambil, Rector, Jeevan Jyoti)

D. Ruhalaya

1. Group Dynamics and Language Training for New Comers

For the first year philosophy students, group-dynamics and counseling assistance were organized for three full days from 17 to 19 June 2019. Mr Sinu Olickal was the resource person for the programmes. The sessions were helpful for the new comers to set their feet firm and confident, as they were to begin the next stage of formation, in their journey to priesthood.

Along with five theology students who are new to Ujjain, all the first year philosophy students who are 40 in number were given intensive training in basic Hindi language, so that everyone in the seminary will have the working knowledge of the language of the place. Rev. Fr Tomy Mulackal of the eparchy of Ujjain was the teacher. The

training was conducted from 20 to 29 June 2019. It has been found that the students master the language very fast. With proficiency in Hindi, they will be equipped to follow the missionary formation in a better way, especially through their active involvement in the outreach ministries of the seminary.

2. Renovation Works

In spite of the scorching heat of the summer, the holidays were totally used for the renovation work in the seminary, especially in the philosophy section. The floorings of the kitchen and refectory are furnished with granites, cupboard and shelves for the dining vessels are reorganized. Guest rooms and reference library are upgraded and beatified, and metallic roofs are provided for the terrace.

3. Wooden Furniture from Generalate to Ruhalaya

The MST Generalate supplied some essential items of furniture made of fine teakwood and transported them to Ruahalaya by road. The raw materials were collected from Deepti campus and the works were finished at Deepti itself, and were assembled by the carpenters of Deepti at Ruhalaya. The items mainly include 215 cots for the use of the students and staff and 22 benches for the use in the chapel. The staff and students of Ruhalaya acknowledge this valued gift of the MST family and thank the Director General, the General Council and the Treasurer General. Very many thanks to Rev. Frs Thomas Karamel and Joison Puthukattu who took care of the entire logistics of the transportation and accompanied the cargo till Ruhalaya.

4. Farewell and Welcome

With gratitude and appreciation, Ruhalaya bids farewell to two of its eminent staff members who credited long-term service in Ruhalaya in different capacities—Rev. Frs Sebastian Koottumkal and Thomas Manjalankal. Rev. Fr Sebastian Koottumkal steps down as the Vice Rector of Theology section. During his tenure, he also served as the chief Librarian, in-charge of music, professor of sacred scriptures and in many other important capacities. A short farewell program was organized by the available staff of Ruhalaya on 16 June 2019, in gratitude to his committed services. We thank him very sincerely

for all that he has been to Ruhalaya and wish him best wishes for his new ministry.

Rev. Fr Manjalankal had a long tenure of service in Ruhalaya, as Spiritual Director and as in charge of Social Action. We are waiting to honour Fr Manjalankal before his formal departure from the Seminary.

Ruhalaya is very happy to welcome Rev. Frs John Kudiyiruppil, Joshy Mullappallil and Manoj Parackal. Rev. Fr Manoj takes charge as the new Vice Rector of Theology section. Rev. Fr John Kudiyiruppil returns to Ruhalaya, more than a decade after his exit from the theology staff and his presence now is going to make a difference in the quality of the formation team. Rev. Fr Joshy Mullappallil assumes the responsibilities of a Spiritual Director and in-charge of social action programmes of Ruhalaya. We are also awaiting the entry of yet another solid formator to the team in the immediate future. To all of them, Ruhalaya accords a warm welcome and wishes a blessed time of ministry in seminary formation.

5. New Academic Year 2019-2020

We are at the close of the dawning of another academic year 2019-20. As usual, the inauguration of the seminary year is going to be on the day of Dukhrana. Ruhalaya is privileged to welcome 40 new seminarians to the first year philosophy in Philosophy section and 21 seminarians in Theology section to the first year in Theology section. We request your prayerful support to strengthen our humble efforts in forming the future missionary priests for the Church and the MST

> (Reported by Very Rev. Fr Chandy Kalathoor, Rector, Ruhalaya, Major Seminary)



VI. NEWS FROM MISSIONS

A. St Paul's Region Ujjain

1. Santhome Regional House, Mendya

On 14/04/19, Palm Sunday, a prayer session which was first of its



kind was held at the Regional House led by Rev. Fr Abraham Pandampadathil from 4 pm to 7 pm. The people from the neighbourhood were invited and around 60 people including the Sisters and Candidates from the SH Provincial House, Mendya, participated in the special prayers, healing prayer and adoration that proved to be of a good experience to all. On 19/04/19, the Good Friday prayer service started at 6.30 am and the Way of the Cross was conducted starting from the Regional House, moving through the Indore-Ujjain highway, concluding at the SH Provincial House.

2. St Thomas School, Pawssa

Rev. Fr Abhilash Pattasseriyil after his service as the House In-charge at the Regional House for three months got transferred to St Thomas School, Pawasa. Thanks to the fathers for their remarkable service and prayerful wishes at the new places.

On 04/06/19, Rev. Fr Biju Cherolil came back to St Paul region, Ujjain after his ministry in Punjab. He is appointed as the Principal of St Thomas School, Pawasa. All the best to Fr Biju. Rev. Fr Sojan

Unnieppillil after his seven years of meritorious service as the Principal of St Thomas School, Pawasa got transferred to Mandsaur Mission Station. Sincere thanks to Fr Sojan and best wishes for the new ministry.

3. Welcome to Fr Parayadiyil



On 06/06/19, Fr Thomas Parayadyil came back to St Paul Region, Ujjain. Hearty welcome to Fr Thomas.

4. Masih Asram, Karondia: Several people from far and wide come regularly to pray and get healed. On Sundays especially more people



from the neighboring villages come and pray. By the grace of God, many people are healed of their illness. A lady who was bed ridden and lying down flat, due to severe backbone pain, now is able to sit erect after the prayer. In the month of May, Rev. Fathers and Sisters came to sit in solitude and pray personally detaching themselves from their daily chores and disturbances. On the last week of June, Rev. Brothers of Ujjain Diocese who are about to receive their clerical dress had their retreat at Masih Ashram.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Abilissh Pattasseriyil)

5. MST in Indore

a. Nirmal Jyoti Tent School: The concept of tent school is educating the children of factory workers, laborers and industrial workers. Nirmal Jyoti Indore is conducting two tent school, one is in Choitram Mandi where we teach 25 children among them 3 children are enrolled in the school. As a name mentioned the school is conducted under tree or verandas of the houses. During the rainy season the



program may be affected if we don't get a place to teach the children. Another school is near to the Aurobindo's hospital where we could collect 20 children among them 10 are enrolled in the schools. Two teachers are

appointed in the schools.

b. Nirmal Jyoti Special School Indore:



Nirmal Jyoti Indore started special school started in Indore with 10 children on 10th March with the support of Manovikas Ujjain. It is in Niranjanpur Indore

c. Five loaves street food program: Nirmal Jyoti Indore stared street food program of FIV LOAVES on 27th May 2019. This food packets are meant for mentally ill and abandoned people on roadsides. **d:Teacher training program:** Seven staff members from Nirmal Jyoti Indore were sent to Manovikas teachers training program on 18th June in order to motivate the staff. It was three days training program.

6. Mandsaur

As per the plan. the construction of the new building for St. Paul's Public School is started in the month of May and the work is in progress.

Rev. Fr Prayan Kongatt after his one-year service at Mandsaur got transferred to Jamner mission station. Rev. Fr Benedict Varappadavil after his service at Jamner for three months, got transferred to Mandsaur mission station.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Benedict Varappadavil, Mandsaur)

7. MST in Bhopal

a. Nirmal Jyoti Bhopal

Regular activities of Nirmal Jyoti: Street food programme, Women empowerment programme, Mental Health programme etc. are continuing without fail, thanks to the timely support of the benefactors. With the help of the Management of Shalom Special School, Nirmal Jyoti could get products of Dabur through the CSR project of the company and these products were distributed among the beneficiaries of SHGs, Mental Health programme and remedial education programme.

b. Syro- Malabar Church, Bhopal



i. St Joseph's Feast: On 24.3.19 Feast of St. Joseph was celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Fr Peter Kochalunkal CMI, was the main celebrant of the holy Qurbana which was followed by Pithapatha, Latheenj and Snehavirunnu. A large

number of faithful participated in the festal gathering to seek blessings of St. Joseph

ii. Holy Week celebration: Syro-Malabar Community of Bhopal conducted Holy week services with traditional fervor and devotion at Carmel Convent, BHEL, Bhopal.

On Palm Sunday, 14.4.2019, Fr Nithin CMI was the main



Celebrant. Maundy Thursday Fr Joby Nirappel (Ujjain Diocese) shared the message and background of pesaha/ pass over in

a catechetical way. On 19.4.19, the liturgy of Good Friday was led by Fr. Thomas CT. To mark the occasion of Good Friday, the day on which Lord Jesus shed his blood for the salvation of the world, Syro Malabar Church, Bhopal organised a blood donation camp in collaboration with Bhopal Memorial Hospital & Research Centre, Bhopal. About 62 community members volunteered to donate their blood, thus participating in the holy mission of saving life. Easter prayer service started at 7.30 pm on 20.4.19. This was followed by Holy Qurbana. Fr. Thomas (Riju) Mylady MST, was the main celebrant, and Fr Nithin CMI gave the message of Easter.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Jose Neendukunnel, Bhopal)

8. St Thomas, Khachrod

Nazareth Sisters (NS) of Thalassery Archdiocese joined St Thomas mission centre, Khachrod on 4th June 2019. They are three in



number: Sr Jyotis, Sr Daina and Sr Jovan. They were warmly welcomed by Rev. Fr Vincen,t Kadalikkattuputhenpurayil, Rev. Fr Benny Karickamukalel and Fr Binu Pandiyal.

B. St Thomas Region, Mandya (Including Adilabad)

- 1. Deepti Nivas, Kalenahalli
- a. Visit of Lion Ramesh to Deepti Nivas

The vice-president of Lions club Mandya, Mr Lion Ramesh appreciated



and encouraged the special ministries carried out by the Deepti Nivas, by joining with the inmates on 10th May, along with his other 11 club members. He found his joy in celebrating his birthday with the people in Deepti Nivas and spent a good time with all.

b. New Missionary Collaborators

Deepti Nivas thank and appreciate the services offered by Sr Alen Maria SMS who was transferred from here for a different ministry in another mission centre in Mandya Mission. We wholeheartedly welcome the new missionaries, Sr Julit SMS and Sr Albeena to the Deepti Nivas community.

c. Santhome Pre-Primary school

i. New Academic Year: The new academic year of the Santhome Pre-Primary school was inaugurated on 6th June in the morning. Rev.



Fr Sojan Aikkarakkunnel, the director of Deepti Nivas, Kalenahally welcomed the guests and explained the nature and purpose of such a Pre-Primary School in the locality. Rev fr Anish Chirayath, the Principal of Sathome public school mandya, inaugurated

the academic year and assured the generous support and collaboration in its administration in the days ahead. Rev Fr Tomy Madhavappallil, the director of Karunya Sadana Mandya was the president of the meeting. He had inspired the audience by narrating the importance of Missionary schools in and around Mandya, by explaining the historical developments of different missionary activities here.

ii. Yoga Day Celebration: The students of Santhome Pre-Primary School observed the International Yoga Day of 2019 on 21st Friday in the School Campus. We thank God that we have a gradual development



in the number of students with 28 children in the second academic year. All the children had participated in the Yoga Demonstration with the Deepti Nivas children for an hour in the morning. It was a first time experience for the new comers of the School.

d. Social Apostolates

i. Tailoring Centre: There was the inauguration of the New batch of Tailoring Students in Deepti Nivas on 12th June. Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekkarottu, the Regional Director of Mandya inaugurated this new project during this meeting. The new batch is comprised of 15 ladies from the nearby villages. The students are trained for a period



of four months freely. Rev. Fr Josekutty Kalayil, the Director of Santhome Social Service Centre, addressed the students. Rev. Fr Sojan Aikkarakkunnel, the director of Deepti Nivas thanked Santhome Social Service Centre Mandya for the funding of this project.

ii. Evening Study centre: The new evening tuition centre was started in Kalenahally village from 10th June onwards. The new centre was formally inaugurated by Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekkarottu, the Regional Director on 14th June, in the presence of Rev. Fr Josekutty Kalayil and Rev. Fr Sojan Aikkarakkunnel. Deepti Nivas expresses our gratefulness to Santhome Social service centre for the financial support and the encouragement.

e. Visit of the Director General

Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General of MST visited Deepti Nivas on 21st June. He spend enough time with the missionaries of Deepti Nivas. It was an inspirational and encouraging



visit for the missionary personals here. He was solemnly welcomed by the pre-primary children by singing with him a welcome song. He had made it a point to interact with the children and spend a good time with them. He also appreciated for the initiation of a pre-primary

school here. We wholeheartedly thank the Director General for his paternal care.

2. Santhome International School, Sathyamangalam

a. Mission exposure for philosophy brothers

MST brothers from Ruhalaya philosophate visited and stayed in the station for 10 days as a part of their mission exposure programme. Bros. Michael, Alan, Jikku spent two weeks with us. Under the guidance of Fr. Joby Kappiparampil, the priest in charge, brother regent and sisters arranged different activities for them.

b. Summer Class



Santhome conducted special summer classes for all the students. The classes were well arranged in order to make the weaker section more focused in the English, Hindi and Tamil grammar. The classes together with various activities, games,

cultural programmes were well appreciated and supported by the PTA. Brothers from Ruhalaya also arranged various programmes.

c. Annual Holidays

Annual holiday for the academic year began on 16th of May. The conclusion of the academic year was conducted with various cultural programmes from children.

d. New Academic Year

The 4th academic year of Santhome international School, was

inaugurated on 3rd June 2019. Mrs Matilda, retired head mistress of



GOVT Hr..Sec. School Sathyamangalam inaugurated the new academic year in the presence of V. N. Chinnaswamy, V. M. Thirumoorthy, parents, teachers, students and invited guest.

e. School Election

The school general election for the academic year 2019-20 was conducted on 12th June for the head boy, head girl, captain, discipline leader and the various house captains etc.

(Reported by Fr Josekutty Kalayil, First Councilor, Mandya)

3. Santhome School, Bannur

Santhome Public school in Bannur started its academic year 2019-20 with 82 students and 4 new teachers. A pre kg student inaugurated it by lighting up the lamp. This year we have included smart class room, yoga, karate, dance in the extra carriculam activity for more attraction

(Reported by: Fr. Raju Puthusseril, Manager, Santhome School, Bannur)

4. Adilabad Mission

a. Celebrations

i. Easter: We celebrated Easter in our four centres solemnly. Many people - Catholics, Non-Catholics and Non-Christians attended the prayer gathering and received the blessings of Easter.



ii. Feast of Pentecost: The feast of Pentecost was celebrated with great preparation, special prayers, Novena and adoration at



Neradigonda. The prayers started on 31st May with Novena, adorations and special prayers. Each family was specially remembered during the time of Adoration. On the eve of the Pentacost, we had night vigil and braking of the Word of God by Rev.

Fr Aju the parish priest of Ichoda.

b. Church Construction



The church construction at Neradigonda is progressing and on the 27th May was the concreting. We remember with gratitude the well-wishers from Arimboor Parish for financing the construction.

c. Pilgrimage



The Neradigonda parishioners were taken to Bokkalagutta for a pilgrimage on 7th of April. The faithful went reciting the way of the cross. It was really a great spiritual experience for

the people.

d. Job Oriented Training



We started a training center for women in cutting and tailoring and fashion designing. 15 women are undergoing training. After their training they are sure of earning an additional income for their family.

e. Re-opening of the schools

The schools at Boath and Neradigonda opened on 12th of June. As there was excellent result in Boath school for the SSC exams, there

is a great inflow of new admissions. St Mary's pre-primary school at Neradigonda is also having good number of Admissions.

f. MST School at Ichoda

Santhome school at Ichoda opened in the Old Church Building of



Ichoda parish on 12th of June. Rev. Fr Aju the parish priest, blessed the building in the presence of all MST priests, DST and MSMI sisters and a few parishioners. Admissions are going on in the school. We appreciate the great efforts taken by Rev. Frs Sunny

Tharapputhotty and Emmanuel Madavana for Furnishing the building and canvassing children for the School.

g. Visit of Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarot

The regional director of St Thomas region mandya, Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekarot visited us and gave us necessary guidance for missionary apostolate. We appreciate his willingness to visit us and give us encouragement.

h. New Missionary Personnel

Rev Fr Augustine Marottikudy is appointed the Spiritual Father of Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery after his two years of dedicated services at Adilabad. Sr Jessin DST is transferred to Kerala and Sr Vimal DST replaced her. Sr Josna DST is transferred to Ujjain after her seven years of dedicated services at St. Thomas School Boath as Principal and Sr. Smitha DST took charge as the new principal.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph Vedikunnel, Coordinator, Adilabad)

5. Divya Jyothi, Halagur

a. Board Examinations and Results

The board examinations of 2018-19 were conducted in April 2019. 25 students of class X - the first SSLC batch of DJS – appeared for the

board exams. 12 of them secured distinction and all other students achieved first class, and thus raised the name and fame of the school.

b. New academic year

With new hopes, dreams and aspirations, the academic year 2019-20 commenced on May 27. The inauguration of the academic year, investiture ceremony and convocation of the toppers of the last SSLC batch were conducted on 22.6.19. The Academic year was officially inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, after which he addressed the students. Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott invested the class leaders and house captains with their duties. All the Rev. Fathers who were present congratulated and felicitated the SSLC toppers of the first batch of DJS.

c. Farewell

Rev. Fr Sunny Mundackal and Rev. Fr Binoy Kadankavil, the manager and principal respectively, were transferred to two different mission stations. The inmates of Divya Jyothi School bid farewell to them on 22.6.19. teachers, students and parents representatives highlighted the selfless services they had rendered in the past six years, in developing the school, and Halagur Mission Station as a whole. We are really grateful to both the fathers and we wish them all the success in their future ministries.

d. Tuition Centre

As directed by the regional administration, and with the guidance of Fr Josekutty Kalayil, the Educational Secretary, we began our first tuition centre in Dodda Yelachagere, a village nearby the school. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott talked to the students during the inauguration of the tuition centre.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Josekutty Kalayil, First Councilor, Mandya)

6. Manasadhara, Mandya

a. Karunya Sadan Multipurpose Hall

An Assembly/Prayer Hall is constructed at Karunya Sadan, Mandya with the generous contribution of Rev. Fr Sojan Aikkarakkunnel MST, when he saw a group of mentally ill persons were struggling to have



meditation ,prayer and midday meal. Now all the Programmes of Manasadhara, day care centre for the mentally ill persons and the social service activities of Karunya Sadan are being done under this roof. We express our sincere thanks to Rev. Fr Sojan for his commendable magnanimity.

b. Karunya Nivas Convent

On 16th June 2019, when the entire world was celebrating the Blessed



Feast of Trinity, from where we learn to love and respect each other, Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott MST, the Regional Director of St Thomas Region, could bless a newly renovated rented building for the Sisters of the Destitute

(SD) who are rendering selfless service together with MST fathers to reach the love and mercy of the Risen Lord to the destitute, needy and marginalised people of Konanahalli and nearby villages of Mandya Town.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Tomy Madhavappallil, Director - Manasadhara,, Mandya)

C. St Alphonsa Region

1. St Joseph's Church, Kodoli

St Joseph's church, Kodoli community consists of 30 catholic families, the Vicar – Fr Monoth Varghese, Asst. Vicar – Fr Karakkattu Antony and three sisters from DSS congregation-Sr Prasadhini DSS (superior), Sr Eva DSS and Sr Harsha DSS. Rev Fr Karakkattu Antony MST took over the charge in the Parish as the Asst. Vicar on 01/05/2019. Rev Sr Chittananda DSS, the former Sister Superior of the community is transferred to Kerala and in the place of her Sr Prasadhini DSS took the charge on 27/05/2019. Rev Sr Harsha DSS joined the community as the new member on 04/06/2019.

- a. Holy Week Celebrations: The Holy week really rejuvenated the spiritual life of the people. On Hosanna Sunday Rev Fr Joby Njallyil, The Regional Director, St Alphonsa Region was the main celebrant. Rev Frs Aryankalayil Joseph, Kurumundayil Anish, Thaiparampil Robin, Monoth Varghese, Karakkattu Antony too concelebrated the Qurbana. As preparation for the Holy Week Rev Fr Kottukapallil George initiated the people to a spiritual retreat. On Maundy Thursday Rev Fr Moothasseril was the main celebrant and Rev Frs Kottukappallil, Arackanputhenveetil, Kurumundayil, Thaiparampil, Monoth were the concelebrants. Faithful of the Sahuwadi and Bambwade mission family too participated in the liturgical prayers. After the Holy Qurbana the whole day was set apart as day for Eucharistic adoration. In the evening the faithful of the Kodoli gathered in their respective houses and actively participated in the Appammurikkal susrusha. Good Friday services were led by Rev Fr Varghese Monoth. In the afternoon people of the Kodoli village, Bambwade and Shahuwadi mission station joined together and actively participated in the way of the cross held at Kutalwadi. The Easter was celebrated with all paraphernalia.
- **b. Parish Feast of St Joseph:** May 5th, 2019 was an extra ordinary and a blessed day for St Joseph's Church, Kodoli. The day was set apart as the day for parish feast celebrated in the name of St Joseph. Rev Fr Joby Njallyil was the main celebrant of the Liturgy and Rev Fr James Thorat SJ, Principal of St Xavier's School Kolhapur broke the Word of God. Fathers, sisters and faithful of different mission



stations of the Sangli mission gathered together and participated in it. People from different walks of life in and around Kodoli village participated in the procession. An agape meal was prepared for all who participated in it.

- **c. St Joseph Nursery School:** As part of our service the church renders kindergarten schooling for the students in the village. For this the church runs a nursery and for the academic year 2019-2020 we have 25 students.
- **d. Marathi language exposure:** As part of Marathi language learning course three of the MST fathers, Rev Frs Thaiparampil Robin, Kurumundayil Anish and Karakkattu Antony were accommodated here. They visited the houses daily, spoke with the people, prayed with them and also celebrated the Holy Qurbana daily with a short Marathi homily. Rev Bros. Noyal and Albert, the regents for the year 2019 2020 in Sangli Mission too were accommodated in the Church for the Marathi course.

2. Department of Education, Sangli Mission

a. Maharashtra SSC Board Exam Results

School	Distinction	First Class	Second Class	Total
Divya Jyothi	, 17	13	5	35
Bandha				
Alphonsa Sc	hool, 23	11	1	35
Karanjoshi Alphonsa Sc	hool, 43	6	0	49
Jath				
Mary Matha	School, 28	21	1	50
Chiplun1				

Alphonsa School,	55	6	1	62
Kolhapur				
Alphonsa School, Miraj	9	33	0	131
Alphonsa School, Ichalkaranji	117	22	1	140
Total	419	12	311	553

Congratulations to all the students for coming out in flying colors! Congratulations to the whole school team for this extraordinary, encouraging results, a gift for your selfless hard work.

b. Saint Alphonsa School, Herle

i. Intensive English Course for the Teachers

An intensive English Course for all the teaching staff was held from June 6th to June 15th. Bros. Mijo MST and Ashish MST led the classes. All the teaching staff took the benefit of the class.

ii. Inauguration of the New Academic Year



The new academic year 2019-2020 was begun on June 19, 2019. Rev Fr Joby Njallivil MST, Regioal Director of Sangli Mission Society, inaugurated the new academic year in the presence of Rev Fr Sebastian Elanjimattam MST, the manager of the School, Rev Fr Subin

Puthuppallyil MST, Principal of Saint Alphonsa School Herle, Teachers, students and Parents.

In this academic year we have classes from **Nursery to STD III**. We have 110 students. We have 08 teaching and 6 Non-Teaching staffs.

iii. International Yoga Day

International Yoga Day was celebrated in the school on 21st June. Fr



Subin, the Principal talked to the students about the importance of Yoga. The section was guided by Miss Trupti The assistant coordinator of social service run by Sangli Mission Society in the presence of all the teachers.

c. Alphonsa School, Kolhapur

i. New Principal for the school

Rev Fr Varakil Vincent took the charge as the Principal of Alphonsa School on 25th of May 2019. He was formally welcomed by the Manger Rev Fr Muthuplackal Joseph.

ii. The New Road Opened.

The renovated road to Alphonsa School was opened on 17th of June 2019. Rev Fr Mangalathil Tom, the Regional Councilor opened the road for the public in the presence of the Sarpanch and other dignitaries. It was renovated by the school as it was in a deplorable condition

iii. Academic Year Inauguration

The academic year 2019 – '20 was inaugurated on 17th of June 2019. We welcomed the new comers with a colorful program by the seniors.

iv. SSC result

Alphonsa School had a great day of delight as the result of the SSC exams of 2018-19 was declared. One of our students secured 95% of marks, 15 of them scored above 90%. Out of the 62 students who appeared for the exams, 55 of them secured distinction and 6 of them came up with first class division.

d. Alphonsa School, Miraj

i. Thumping success

Once again, the 19th batch of SSC students passed with flying colours making their *almamater* proud. The school achieved 100% results with the topper being Miss. Purva Magdum with 97.80%. 35 students above 90%, distinctions 97, first class 31. Thanks to the Almighty, the Management, staff and students for all their hard work and efforts.

ii. Inservice Training

An Inservice Training was organized on the 6th June 2019, by the Management in the school auditorium for the Alpho teachers of Miraj, to be rejuvenated and join back with added vigor. It was titled



'MANODARSHAN'. Mr. Isaac Thomas, the resource person, focused on self-confidence, a conducive environment and generating the next generation. The training comprised of several activities to help teachers to intermingle without inhibitions and develop self-confidence.

iii. Career Guidance



Day in and day out many youngsters are left with a big question, what career to choose? In order to tackle this problem, the Alpho school Principal of Mirai, Rev. Fr. Joshy Michael, organized a career guidance programme, for the present students of std. X in

the school auditorium. Mr. Isaac Thomas, highlighted the importance of choosing the correct career and having a goal and the various career options.

iv. New Beginning

The new academic year 2019 - 20, saw the young Alphonsians of Miraj, tromping in excitedly with new uniforms, bags and books. A



small program with an opening hymn titled 'Family', a classical dance and inspirational talks by Rev. Fr. Francis, the school Manager and Rev. Fr. Joshy Michael, the school Principal, made the home coming of the youngsters to their hallowed precincts, an eagerly looked

forward to event.

e. Santhome School, Sangli

i. New Academic Year (2019-20)

New things bring joy and curiosity along them. Same is the case with the new academic year where the students get promoted to new classes, new books, new friends, new teachers and mainly, new experiences.

Santhome School Sangli, successfully re-opened her 13th Academic year on 6th June, 2019. The First day of the School was lit by the smiling faces of the students. The atmosphere of the school was filled with the happy cheers of the pupils. The fresh morning of the day started with the assembly. The principal Rev. Fr. Binoy Jacob addressed the students and teachers. He also welcomed the new teachers and the students to the Santhome family. This year Two hundred new students and thirteen teachers joined the school, making the School's strength equal to 2010. The entire Santhome Family was enthusiastic to start the New Academic Year 2019-20

ii. Santhome Outshines

Santhome School Sangli got 100% results in the ICSE Council



Examination of 2018-19. Students came out with flying colours. Rhddhi Shah topped the examination with 97.00%. Twenty-two students scored above 90%. Out of 81 students, 78 passed with distinctions and 3 with First Class. The output of students' hard work was fruitful. It is indeed a proud moment for the management, staff and students of Santhome. It is also an inspiration for the forthcoming batch of

students and gives a message that nothing is impossible. Santhome congratulates them and wishes them All the Best for their future endeavors.

iii. Teachers' Orientation Programme

There was an Orientation programme, 'MANODARSHAN' for the teachers. The resource person was Mr. Isaac Thomas (MSW

Counseling). He stressed on the point" Attitude" Every problem has a solution, if only we change our attitude. It is one's attitude that determines what we do and how well we do. Learning becomes fruitful



when it is built on positive attitude. He asked the teachers to approach the students with a friendly attitude to create a healthy environment in the class rooms. A teacher should be a beacon to remove all kinds of darkness from the students. Many activities were conducted which involved all the teachers. Activity based learning was extremely effective. Teachers now know how to handle the moods and swings of students. It was an excellent programme for the teachers and the teachers remain so ever grateful to the Principal for conducting such wonderful Orientation programme.

iv. International Yoga Day



International Yoga day was celebrated by the students and teachers at Santhome School Sangli on 21st June 2019, with great enthusiasm. Students of VII and VIII demonstrated various asanas followed by Omkar chanting. Warm up exercises were taken and

importance of Yoga was explained simultaneously. The celebration concluded with synchronized recitation of shlokas. The Principal gave a speech on the importance of yoga. He encouraged the students to practice regular Yoga to remain fit and to improve concentration.

3. Social and Development Action

a. Childline, Kolhapur

- **i. Mass Awareness:** The Childline executed a mass awareness program on 22nd April 2019 at Pitali Ganesh Temple Kolhapur on behalf of Social activities, pilgrims. For this program, Information Education Communication (IEC) materials, placing stickers, posters, displaying banner, giving away slogans about child rights etc were used reaching up to 150 people and 100 children. An interaction on issues like child beggar and child labor effectively influenced the people.
- **ii. Open House:** The Childline executed 3 open house programs in Lakshatirth Vashat, Vikramnagar, Makadvasahat, Kolhapur. 69 children from slum area were educated on child rights, life skill education, and moral education. The activity was conducted for a complete day continued with refreshment for the participants.
- **iii. School Awareness:** The Childline has conducted a school awareness program in the last quarter. The Childline sensitized teachers along with students through school awareness program. Total of 87 children from Deshbhushan High School participated in this awareness programs
- **iv. Children Activity:** The Childline Kolhapur arranged 16 Children Activities for the children from the slum area. Through this activity, we reached up to 493 children. The Childline executed this activity with games, refreshment, awareness, life skill education, etc.
- **v. Cases registered:** In the last quarter, 61 different cases have been registered in The Childline varying from medical attention, shelter, rescue, abuse, missing, emotional support and guidance, etc. The Childline Kolhapur has directly intervened with 61 cases
- b. Vihaan Care and Support Centers (CSC)
- i. CSC, Ichalkaranji Support Group Meeting (SGM)

Vihaan Care and Support Center (CSC), Ichalkaranji organized support group meeting (SGMs) to provide support to specific groups like children, discordant couples and transgender on the basis of ongoing

PLHIV needs like treatment adherence, home-based care, and opportunistic infections. Discussions provide group members a platform to share their problems and concerns and learn from each other how to cope with daily life, including the challenges of stigma and discrimination associated with the infection. CSC Ichalkaranji conducted 04 SGMs between the time period April 2019 and May 2019. A total of 54 PLHIVs participated in SGMs.

ii. CSC Miraj - Support Group Meeting (SGM)

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iii. Supplementary food distributed to 20 Children living with HIV/AIDS (CLHIV)

Supplementary food distribution program was conduc7ted between April 2019 and June 2019. A total of 20 children living with HIV/ AIDS (CLHIV) benefited from the program. Supplementary kit contains Groundnuts, Dates, Soya bean, Pulses, Jaggery, Wheat, and Rice which helps to increase CD4 count and fight against opportunistic infections

c. SAKSHAM - Women Empowerment Program

i. New SHGs

In the Sangli and Kolhapur districts, through Saksham project, a total of 16 new Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed between April 2019 and May 2019. About 220 women have newly joined the SHGs to shape their lives.

ii. Balance sheet

The success of the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) depend upon the quantum of savings, finance management, and auditing. It must be pointed out



that the members of the self-help groups could achieve success only by enhancing and maintaining their economic status. In this quarter, a total of 111 Self Help Group (SHGs) gave their balance sheet. Trained staff verified their requisite documents and prepared balance sheet into a standard format.

iii. Seventy-Seven Rural Poor linked with Micro Insurance

Through the Adhar project, in the period from April 2019 to May 2019, a total of 77 rural poor people from below poverty line families were linked with Micro Insurance policy, a great project that came from the concept of former President of India Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam. The uniqueness of this policy is that policy holder benefits insurance in case of death or gets in return the deposited amount with a bonus once the term is over.

iv. "Define you... the way you want" campaign

Sangli Mission Society accomplished "Define you... the way you want" campaign in Grampanchayats of working villages between May and June 2019. The campaign was designed to introduce Sangli Mission Society's work in Gramsabha. Accordingly, we have presented village wise annual report in 13 Grampanchayats.

v. Training from Ministry of Labor and Employment

Organized workshop for women on daily wages in collaboration with District Labour Employment Center (Ministry of Labour and Employment) and Sanlgi Misision Society, was conducted between April and June 2019. A total of 02 workshops for working women was held in Kanwad, Udgaon, Shirol tehasil, Kolhapur respectively.



This training educated women about their rights/duties, Legal aid, etc. the programe went for two days and the Govt. reimbursed per day 100 rupees to 80 participated women as they skipped the work in order to participate. Mr. C.G.

Mahale – District Education Officer, Kolhapur, respective Sarpanchs, Grampanchayat members, etc were the chief guests for the program

vi. Social Scheme

Last quarter 29 downtrodden people of the society were enabled to link with various Govt. scheme such as Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana (SGY), Indira Avas Yojana (IAY), Online disability certificate, Attendee allowance, UDID card, etc. Sangli Mission Society helped these peoples in various ways i.e. Advocacy, guidance, documentation, submission, etc.

vii. Training on Vermi compost production

In collaboration with Sangli Mission Society & ICICI Social Foundation, 10 days Vermi compost production training was conducted from 2nd June 2019 to 12th June 2019. Vermi compost is the most promising a high – value biofertilizer which not only increases the plant growth and productivity by nutrient supply but also is costeffective and pollution free. A total of 30 farmers from Ghalwad village



in Shirol tehsil partook in the training.

The chief guest for the program was Mr. Sasane – Development Officer, ICICI Social Foundation. Mr. Rafik Shaikh – Trainer, Sangli Mission Society, Mr. Akshay Buchade – ORW, ICICI Social

Foundation, and representatives of Ghalwad village.

d. Ummid - Program for the malnourished

Ten SAM & MAM children benefited from Supplementary food

Supplementary food distribution program was conducted on 19th June 2019 at Laxmipuri, Kolhapur. Through this program 10, out of these 05 children were Severely Acute Malnourished (SAM) and 05 children are Moderate Acute Malnourished (MAM). The children benefited themselves with supplementary food. The quarterly distribution of supplementary food, helps malnourished children to increase in weight and height according to Age



Chief Guest of the program was Mrs. Ashwini Joshi – President, Innerwheel club of Kolhapur, Mrs. Sharmishtha Chougule – Past President, Innerwheel club of Kolhapur, Mrs. Pankaja – Member, Innerwheel club of

Kolhapur.

e. CBR Kolhapur (Aastha)

i. Provided Physiotherapy to 120 CWDs

In the last quarter, a total of 120 Children with Disability (CWDs) were provided physiotherapy. Our professional Physiotherapist helped the children and parents to improve their physical condition. Various types of tools are being used in physiotherapy, and parents are told to emphasize the importance of physiotherapy. Improvement is found in many children through regular physiotherapy and follow up i.e. joint mobility, increasing independence, etc.

ii. Speech therapy

CBR executed regular speech therapy according to the needs of the children. In the last quarter, all the children's goals were fixed and according to the goal 43 children with disability (CWD) had received speech therapies from a professional speech therapist.

iii. Provided financial support to start Income Generation Activities (IGPs)

Financial support was given to poor families of disabled children on 24th April 2019, at Alpho Training and Animation Center, Herle. This help was given to disabled children's parents to start a small business for disabled children. A total of 04 poor disabled children benefited an amount of Rs.7000 to 8000/- to start micro Income Generation Activities (IGPs). CBR has hope that this help will transform their free time into a productive one.

iv. Unique Disability ID Card

Unique Disability ID is one of the most important government schemes. Through this scheme, Unique Disability Identification Card (UDID)

is being given to Children with Disability (CWDs). This card holder benefits in many ways i.e. they need not make multiple copies of documents, help in the streamlining the tracking of the physical and financial progress, they are eligible to take advantage of various government schemes, etc. In between April to Jun 2019, a total of 40 children with disability have submitted their documents for UDID.

v. Special Picnic

One day picnic was conducted for the disabled children on 10th May 2019, to Dream World Water Park, Kolhapur. A total of 25 Children with Disability (CWDs) from working villages have spent the day with various joyful water amusements, magic show, Kids Park, and delicious lunch. This activity provided an opportunity to CWDs to engage in community life beyond their immediate families etc.

vi. Grassroots comic

Grassroots comic training was conducted on 24th and 25th May 2019, at Alpho Training and Animation center, Alphonsa Wadi, Herle, Kolhapur. A total of 20 Children with Disability (CWDs) and Youth with Disabilities (YWDs) had participated in the training. Master trainer of CBR had imparted training to participants on the first day; according to their grassroots problem, 25 comics was developed by CWDs in the second day.

vii. Medical camp for physically disabled children

CBR executed free health checkup camp with the collaboration of Vimal Hospital, Vadgaon, and Dyaneshwar Parayan Samiti, Hatkanangale on 18th May 2019 at Vitthal Mandir, Hatkanangale, Kolhapur. A total of 18 special children went through the medical checkup, Dr. Rahul Patil assessed CWDs and admonished the parents.

Chief Guest for the program was Father Roshan Varghese – Director, Social and Development Action, Sangli Missio Society, Dr. Rahul Patil – Vimal Hospital, Vadgaon, etc.

f. HITGUJ - Adolescent school counseling program

i. Celebrated World Menstruation Day 2019

World Menstruation Day 2019 celebrated by team Hitguj one 29th May 2019 at Shahuwadi Junior college, Shahuwadi, Kolhapur. On

behalf of this day college management distributed sanitary napkins to the participated girls. Team Hitguj imparted session on menstruation hygiene management (MHM). A total of 30 girls had participated in World Menstruation Day.

ii. Summer camp activities

During school holidays in April and May, team Hitguj arranged Summer camp activities. This year too many schools invited the team for conducting summer camp sessions in schools. Between 3rd April 2019 and 18th May 2019, a total of 06 sessions were conducted with the



participation of 375 school children. The various topic that was taken into discussion were Adolescent health, personality development, good touch—bad touch, good habit—bad habit, career choice, etc.

iii. Welcoming of 10th Std students & Tree plantation

On the occasion of the first day of Nanasaheb Gadre High School, Kolhapur team Hitguj arranged a welcome program for 10th Std student. The idea behind this activity was that 10th is a time to give



direction to life and career, hence students should have a positive attitude from the very first day onwards. Along with the welcome program, a tree plantation program too was conducted on the premises of Nanasaheb Gadre High School, Kolhapur. A total of 07 trees were planted by children.

iv. Counseling

In the last quarter provided counseling sessions on need-based personal issues namely adolescent health, career choices, etc. A total of 125 School children benefited with counseling sessions

- 4. Dilasa Bhavan
- a. School Re-opening

After summer vacation, school was re-opened on June 17, 2019. Dilasa Bhavan is with 18 boys and 19 girls. Sr. Johney DSS, in the place of Sr. Prasadini DSS, was warmly welcomed to Dilasa Bhavan on June 5, 2019.

b. Send -off to Rev. Sr. Prasadini DSS

Rev. Sr. Prasadini, who has been serving at Dilasa Bhavan as the in



charge of girls for the last one year, was given a warm send-off by the inmates of Dilasa Bhavan on 13th May 2019. Fr. Bijo Vadackethalekal, speaking on the occasion, thanked Rev. Sr. Prasadini DSS for the generous service she has rendered to Dilasa Bhayan

c. Picnic



Students were taken to the Gandharv Water Park Kolhapur on 14 May 2019. Students had fun and they really enjoyed the picnic.

5. AASTHA CBR Program

Fr Kurumundayil Anish joined the AASTHA family as the Project Co-Ordinator after the Marathi course

a. Sports Competition

Aastha Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) have conducted sports and games competitions among disabled children in five project villages. Competitions were inaugurated by the Sarpanchs of each



village. It was a great time for all the children to make use of their talents and capabilities.

b. Exposure Visit

We arranged exposure visit to Sangli city garden for the disabled children in eight project villages. It was a great experience for each



child. Children who are not able to move from house were brought to this visit. It was first time for almost all children to visit the city and the garden. There were 145 children participated in the visit.

6. Amalashram, Talsande

a. The late Holy Father St. John Paul II in his letter 'Tertio Millanio



Adveniente' appeals to us that we must once again be the Proclaiming Evangelizing Church. We regularly have three days retreat in Marathi beginning from 2nd Saturday and English Hindi retreat beginning from 4th Friday. We also hosted Vasai, Bhayandar-Uttan groups

in the center.

Amalashram Team organizes regularly retreats at St. Dominic Savio Church Wadala East Mumbai on the 1st Friday and City Church and SFS Church Nagar Road Pune respectively on the 2nd and last Thursdays of the Month.

b. We conducted the annual retreats for all the members of the Krista



Sevika Secular Institute at Pune in the First week of May. Similarly Retreat for the Missionaries of Charity for the Province of Rajasthan and Gujarat at Vadodara.

c. St. Anthony's Church Belgaum

Organized a two days Healing Service in the context of the Novena Prayers. On the 22nd of June marked a day of reflection in honor of the Jubilarian Sisters of the Pious Disciples of Divine Master (PDDM) of the Goa region.

(Reported by Rev Fr Antony Karakkattu)

7. Syro-Malabar Personal Parish, Kalyan



On the Sunday of Pentecost, the Non-Malayalee Syro-Malabar communities were blessed with the presence of Mar Thomas Elavanal, the Bishop of Kalyan. On that day, we held the annual ceremony of the reception of the First Holy Communion for the prepared members in the community

(Reported by Rev. Fr Paul Painadath)

8. Santhome School, Mira Road, Mumbai



After many years of service, Rev. Fr Mathew Anithanam, the Manager and Principal of Santhome School, Mira Road was transferred to Delhi Delhi. Rev. Fr Peter Vattappara took charge as the new manager. Rev. Fr Jiby Antony Thekkemury took charge as the new principal on 10 May 2019.

(Reported by Fr Jiby Thekkemury)

D. St Mary Queen of the Missions Delegation (MQMD), Delhi

- 1. Kristjyoti Catholic Mission, Rohru, Himachal Pradesh
- a. Holy Week Celebration:



The Easter of this year was a great occasion for us to reach out to a larger group of people with exclusive celebration of Catholic tradition. People participated with great faith and enthusiasm in the Holy Qurbana of Maundy Thursday, washing of the feet, Good Friday celebrations, Way of the Cross and Easter

Sunday.

b. Catechism for the Children and the community: From the first Sunday of June 2019 we have started a regular Sunday school for the children of our community. Around 35 to 40 children are participating in that. Now we have got two centres in which we assist the children of our community and others in their daily school lessons



and half an hour catechesis. For our evening prayer and rosary now, we have regular participation from our community. With the dedicated participation of MSJ sisters our daily home

visits continues with great effect. We are also very grateful to three of our major seminarians, Bros. Moossariparambil Chackochan, Kodikulam Tince and Vettikuzhichalil Shinto for their substantial contribution in the missionary apostolates of KCM.

c. Upcoming Programs: Preparations are on the way for a prayer meeting, quiz competition and the releasing of a Bhajan and Prayer book on July 3rd. Followed by from July 12, 13, 14, we are organizing the first annual retreat for our community.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Siby Nelloor)

2. Mother Teresa Catholic Mission Rurka, Ludhiana

a. New school at Rurka, Ludhiana

Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumannor, the Director General of MST on his maiden visit to the station laid the foundation stone for the new school building on 31st January 2019 in the presence of Rev. Fr Santhosh Olappurackal, the Delegate and many other fathers of the delegation. The school will be named St Thomas School Rurka, Dehlon.

b. Blessing of New school in a Rented Building

It was on 10th May 2019 the long-cherished dream of ours, to begin a school came true. We began the school on a rented house next to our land. Twenty students took admission and are regular to the school. We have three teaching staff and two non-teaching staff. The blessing and the inauguration was so colourful, Rev. Fr George Thuppilanjiyil MST, the manager blessed the school and inaugurated it. Fr Boby Kaiyalakkakathu, the Principal, gave a message on the need of education and its importance. Rev. Frs Aby Kollivil and Abin Kuruvanplackal were also present on the day of inauguration. Parents were all happy to see the arrangements and structure of the school and we assured them that by next year we will have the school building of our own.

c. School Construction

The construction work of St. Thomas School Rurka, Ludhiana is in full swing. Divine providence helps us each stages of our construction. It is a four- storey building. In the first phase we plan to construct 12 classrooms. We almost completed the foundation.

d. Inauguration of the Academic year 2019-2020

The academic year 2019-20 of the St. Thomas school Rurka, Dehlon

was inaugurated on 15th May 2019. Rev. Fr. George Thuppalanjiyil, the manager of St. Thomas School Rurka inaugurated the new academic year in the presence of students, parents, teachers and others. Fr. Boby Kaiyalakakathu, the principal of the school gave a short message of the day.

e. Opening of a Convent at Rurka Dehlon

Two sisters from Assisi Province of OSF (Order of St. Francis) Bangalore, Sr. Reena OSF and Sr. Sharon OSF reached Mother Teresa Catholic Mission, on 28 June 2019, to collaborate with MST priests in educational and social activities of the station. Rev. Fr George Thuppalanjiyil, the Director of the Station and Fr. Boby Kaiyalakakathu warmly received the sisters.

f. Blessing of a new Convent at Dehlon

The new rented building for School sisters of St. Fancis at Rurka village near to St. Thomas School was blessed on 27th June 2019, by Rev.Fr. Santhosh Olapurackal, the Delegate, in the presence of all the member priests of Delegation and sisters.

g. Monthly Recollection of Priests at Mother Teresa Catholic Mission Rurka, Dehlon

Gathering and monthly recollection of priests working in Delhi Delegation was held on 27 June 2019 at Mother Teresa Catholic Mission Rurka, Ludhiana. Most of the priests working in the delegation participated in it.

(Reported by Rev Fr Boby Kaiyalakkakath)

3. IHPS, Delhi (Personal Initiative)

a. Book Launch and Symposium on 'Desh Ek, Ek Hein Hum Sab'

Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies, New Delhi, organized the launch of the book 'Desh Ek, Ek Hein Hum Sab', along with a symposium on the theme at Conference Hall 1, India Islamic Cultural Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, on 22 June 2019. The book is a collection of poems on 'communal harmony and national integration'



by over 100 poets and is coordinated and edited Dr M. D. Thomas, Founder Director, Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies, New Delhi.

This auspicious ceremony was performed by Janab Syed Ghavorul Hasan Rizvi, Chairman, National Commission for Minorities, New Delhi, Government of India, who was the Chief Guest of the programme. Mr Manoj Pant, Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony, Government of India, was the Special guest of the programme then. Dr Jai Prakash Kardam, Eminent Writer and Thinker and Former Director, Central Hindi Training Institute, Government of India, chaired the session. Having reviewed the merit of the book, all of them applauded in their respective address the novel effort for promoting the spirit of communal harmony and national integration in the country.

The book launch programme was coupled with a symposium on the theme described above. Professor Apoorvanand, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, and Prof. Anoop Dhar, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, New Delhi, delivered lectures on 'Kabeer aur Saampradaayik Sadbhaav' (Kabeer and Communal Harmony) and 'Raveedra Nath Tagore aur Raashtreey Ektaa' (Ravindra Nath Tagore and National Integration), in that order, applied to the theme and spirit of the book launched.

Poets Janab Ali Hasan Makaraindiya, Janab Saleem Amrohi and Shree Nirmal Prakash Singh presented poems related to 'communal harmony and national integration', with the titles 'desh rahnaa chaahiye' (nation should remain), 'paigaam-e-muhabbat' (message of love) and 'sadbhaavanaa' (good sentiments), correspondingly. In the beginning, Dr M. D. Thomas introduced the book and the theme of the symposium. The programme was attended by several prominent persons from all communities and walks of life, approximately 100 people in total.

b. Extension activities: lectures, views, interviews, interactions

- 1. Particles Published: Authored *Article* on 'Interactive Dynamics of Christian Mission' in Journal of Indian Theology (Quarterly Journal), Bangalore, Vol. XII, No.1, p.34-57 in January-April 2019; 2. Authored *Article* (Report) on 'Sushaasan ke Moolya' in Sandesh (Monthly), Patna, Vol. 04, Year 70, p.16-18 in April 201; Authored *Article* on 'Sinking Religious Freedom in India!' published in 'Indian Currents' (Weekly), New Delhi, Vol. XXXI, Issue No. 30, p. 26-27; Authored *Article* on 'Towards a Dignified Dress Code!' published in 'Indian Currents' (Weekly), New Delhi, Vol. XXXI, Issue No. 34, p. 35-36; Authored *Article* (Report) on 'Mauzoodaa Samay: Naitik Vichaar' in Sandesh (Monthly), Patna, Vol. 06, Year 70, p.18-20;
- **3. Interactions in April 2019 1.** *Interacted* with Mr John Philipose, Senior Artist on 'Combination of Calibre and Commitment the Path to Perfection and Success' 2. Interacted with Mr Amarjeet, Social Activist on 'Behatar Desh ke Nirmaan mein Naagrikon ke Sakriy Aguaayee Zarooree' 3. Interacted with Mr Satya Dev Chaudhary. Social Activist, along with Mr Amarjeet, on 'Desh ko Vaikalpik Raajneeti kee Sakht Zaroorat'. 4. Interacted with Mr P. K. Sharma, Director, Sarup Books Publishers, New Delhi, on 'Fellowship among Religions' 5. Interacted with Mr P. K. Sharma, Director, Sarup Books Publishers, New Delhi, on 'Fellowship among Religions'. 6. Interacted with Mr Joseph Gathia, Senior Journalist, on 'Preparing a Course Syllabus on Diverse Religions and Harmony among Religions'7. Interacted with Sardar Pritpal Singh, President, Gurudwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha, Dwarka, on 'Sarvdharm Sadbhav ko Majboot Banaane ke Liye Parvon ko Mil-Julkar Manaanaa Hogaa. 8. Interacted with Mr Nirmal Singh, Poet and Film Director, on 'Zindagee kee Zameenee

Sachchaaee kee Talaash Mein'. **9.** *Interacted* with Mr Arvind Peter, Programme Coordinator, Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society (CISRS), New Delhi, on 'Networking with all Communities' **10.** *Interacted* with Mr Arvind Peter, Programme Coordinator, CSIRS, New Delhi, on 'Sectarian Style of Working Detrimental to Unity and Effect in Life. **11.** *Interacted* with Prof. Apoorvanand, Professor, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, on 'Saampradaayiktaa aur Nafrat ke Khilaaph Ek-jut hone kee Zaroorat' **12.** *Interacted* with Prof. Mohan, Head, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, along with Prof. Apoorvanand, on 'Mauzoodaa Haalaat kee Pecheedgiyon kee Pahchaan aur Uskaa Javaab' **13.** Delivered *Views* on 'Maut se Jee Uthkar Naye Jeevan kee Or Jaanaa Hee Amartaa kee Raah Hei' (Rising from Death and Going to New Life is the Path towards Immortality) – during Death Anniversary of Late Mrs Veerbala, Wife of Shree Radhe Shiam.

4. Interactions in May 2019 – 1. *Interacted* with Dr Jay Prakash Kardam, Poet and Literary Critic, on 'Bhaashaa se Judee Galatphahmiyaan aur Siyaasat'; 'Mandir ko Lekar Chal Rahee Raajneeti ke Khatarnaak Chehre'; and 'Raashtrvaad kee Uljhee Huyee Dhaaranaaein aur Aslee Raashtreey Ektaa kee Zaroorat' 2. Interacted with Mr Manoj Pant, Secretary, National Foundation for (NFCH), New Delhi, on 'Promoting Communal Harmony Communal Harmony on the National Level: Collaborative Efforts' 3. Interacted with Mr Saurabh Dubey, Deputy Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), New Delhi, on 'Strategies for Implementing Harmony Schemes' 4. Interacted with Advocate Akram Mohammad, Member, India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi, on 'Mazhab ke Thekedaaron mein Bhrasht Taur-tareeke' **5.** *Interacted* with Mr Abdul Hameed, Political Counsellor, High 'Mother Teresa: an Icon of Devotion Commission for Pakistan, on for the Society' 6. Interacted with Prof. Devender Kakkad, Professor, Political Science, School of Open Learning, University of Delhi, on 'Education calls for Learning from Ground Realities' 7. Interacted with Mr George Mathew, Chairman, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, along with Prof. S. S. Bhakri, Founder Director, Institute of UN and UNESCO Studies, New Delhi, on 'Democracy at the Grass Roots'8. Interacted with Mr Radhey Shiam, General Secretary, Bharatiya Ekta Parishad, New Delhi, on 'Devising Harmony Efforts at the Level of Different Institutions in Communities' and 'Saampradaayik Sadbhay ko Badhaane mein Nayee Sambhaaynaaon kee Talaash' 9. Interacted with Mr Krishna Menon, Deputy Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi, on 'Discrimination within the Main Traditions of the Country'; 'Bhaarat kee Vishaal Vividhtaaon mein Toottee Huyee Ektaa kee Taarein'; 'Hindoo Shabd aur Paramparaa kee Bigadtee Izzat'; 'Mauzoodaa Hindoo Samudaay ko ek Nayee Chetnaa aur Dishaa kee Zaroorat'; 'Sabhee Daawon ko Be-asar Karnevaalee Bhaarat kee Anaitik Aaadatein'; 'Hindoo Samudaay ko Jangalee Pravritiyon se Asali aur Samagr Vikas kee Or Oopar Uthnaa Hoga' and 'Scientific Temper has to Facilitate Integral Development of the Country'. 10 Authored Article on 'Sinking Religious Freedom in India!' — published in 'Indian Currents' (Weekly), New Delhi, Vol. XXXI, Issue No. 30, p. 26-27. 11. Interacted with John Philipose, Museum and Interior Expert, on 'Our Country Increasingly becoming Shallow and Notorious'; 'Discriminative, Divisive and Corrupt Ways in Public Sphere'; 'More Participating and Engaging Dynamics in Social Life called for' and 'Towards Profiling Eminent Persons for Creating a Think-tank'. 12. Interacted with Mr Subhash Chandra, President, Global Harmony Association, New Delhi, on 'Uchh-stareey Padon se ho Rahee Sastee Baatein'; 'Mauzoodaa Haalaat mein Naagrikon kee Badhi Huyee Zimmedaree'; 'Vyaavhaarik Shiksha kee Dishaa mein Vidyaalayeen Shikshkon kee Kaaryashaalaa'; 'Sarv Dharm aur Sarv Samudaay Sadbhav ke Kamzor Hote Taane-baane'; 'Zimmedaar Logon kee Vivaadaaspad aur Ochhee Baaton kaa Vidyaalayeen Bachchon par Hotaa Buraa Asar' and 'Bhaarateey Shikshaa Paddhati kee Bigadtee Gatikee' 13. Interacted with Ven. Kabir Saxena, Director, Tushita Mahayana Meditation Centre, New Delhi, on 'Collaborating in Promoting Ethical Values' – during Buddha Jayanti 2019 Celebrations 14. Interacted with Mr Bholanath Singh, Social Activist, on 'Dharmaantarn Koi Muddaa hee Naheen Hai; Jo Ek Nayee Zeendagee De, Bas, Usee kee Keemat Hai'; 'Nichle Tabke ke Kaafee Log Padh-Likh kar Bade Ohdon mein yadi Pahunche hein, Uske

Peeche Eesaayiyon kaa Haath Hai'; 'Bhaarat ke Kuchh 20 Karod Log jo Sadak ke Kinaare aur Pulon ke Neeche Rahte hein, Unhein to Asal mein Ghar Waapsee kee Zaroorat Hei' 15. Interacted with Mr Praveen Gupta, Social Activist, on 'Bhaarat kee Khushee kaa Soochkaank Tab Badhega Jab Oonch-neech, Badaa-chotaa, Apnaaparaayaa aadi kaa Bhaav Kam Hogaa'; 'Vartmaan mein Lagaataar Kamzor Hote bhaarat ke Mahaan Moolya aur Aadarsh'; 'Hindoo Samudaay mein Ek Aadhyaatmik Navotthaan kee Zaroorat' and 'Siyaasee Duniyaa kee Anaitik Vyavahaar se Bhaarat kee Aadhyaatmiktaa kaa Kamzor Honaa Khedjanak Hei' 16. Interacted with Mr Nirmal Singh, Poet and Film Director, on 'Sabhee Dhaarmik Paramparaaon ke Aadarshon aur moolyon kaa Aadhikaarik Gyaan hee Sarv Dharm kee Aatmaa Hei'; 'Jo Gareebon kaa Dard Pahchaantaa hei, Wahee Aslee Insaan Hei' and 'Apne se zyaadaa Doosroon ko Tarjeeh denaa hee Tapasyaa hei aur Desh aur Samaaj ke live Jeenaa Asalee Sadhnaa bhee' 17. Interacted with Mr Jagdish Chandra Jain, Social Activist, on 'Dhaarmik Samudaayon ke Darmyaan Aapsee Phaaslaa kee vajah Khudgarzee Hei' and 'Dene kaa Bhaav Rakhnaa Dharm kee Aatmaa Hei'18. Interacted with Dr Manzoor Alam, Director, Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi, on 'Loktantra aur Panth-nirapekshtaa ke Taane-baane ko Mazboot karne mein Naagrikon kee Badhtee Zimmedaaree' 19. Interacted with Mr Radhey Shiyam, General Secretary, Bharatiya Ekta Parishad, New Delhi, on 'Alp-sankhyak Samudaayon kee Surakshaa Bahusankhyak Samudaayon kee Zimmedaaree'20. Interacted with Mr Radhey Shiyam, General Secretary, Bharatiya Ekta Parishad, New Delhi, on 'Badale Hue Maahol mein bhee Desh aur Samaaj kee or Pratibaddh Rahnaa Naagarikon kee Pahchaan Hei'.

5. Interactions in June 2019 – 1. Authored *Article* on 'Towards a Dignified Dress Code!'—published in 'Indian Currents' (Weekly), New Delhi, Vol. XXXI, Issue No. 34, p. 35-36. 2. Delivered *Lectures* on 'Being Christian in a Pluralistic Society' (Individual, Ecumenical, Multi-faith, Secular and Citizenly Implications); 'Towards Constituting a Think-tank for Effective Leadership' and 'Promoting the Goodwill of People of all Communities in our Educational, Medical and Social Network' – during Seminar on 'Re-visioning Christian Presence in India' – organized by Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society (CISRS), New Delhi. 3. Authored Article (Report) on 'Mauzoodaa Samay: Naitik Vichaar' – in Sandesh (Monthly), Patna, Vol. 06, Year 70, p.18-20. 4. Delivered *Lectures* on 'Goals and Functions of Education'; 'Making Effect in Inculcating Values: from Teacher to Guru'; 'Mile Sur Mera Tumhaaraa - A Culture of Making We out of I's'; 'Education as Making Good Human Beings and Good Citizens'; 'The Ram Rajya of Education in Finland: A Critique of Education in India'; 'Teaching as a Devotion to the Divine by Making Good Human Beings and Good Citizens for the Country and the Society'; 'Education, Values of all Religions and Communal Harmony'; 'Education and National Integration (Nation, Nationality, Nationalism, Composite Culture, Democracy and Secularism)'; 'World Happiness Index, Inclusive Development and Religious Freedom Index and their Implications for India'; 'Crisscrossing the Diverse Communities for Fostering the Composite Culture'—during Seminar for School Teachers on 'Education for Social Harmony: Making Teachers Effective' – at Alphonsa School, Kolhapur, Maharashtra. 5. Delivered Comments on 'Auron ko Shareek kar Manaanaa Parv kee Saarthaktaa'; 'Parv Sampradaayik Sauhaard ko Mazboot Karne kaa Zariyaa Ho'; 'Parvon se Haashiye par Sarkaaye Huon ko Sametne aur Badhaane kee Preranaa Mile'; 'Mil-julkar Rahne aur Chalne kee Tahzeeb ko Mazboot Karnaa Desh aur Samaaj kee Khaatir Waqt kaa Takaazaa'and Vividh Samudaayon ke Rahnumaaon ke Nek Jazbaaton ke Zariye Samaai Sudhaar kee Pahal ke liye Tahzeeb TV Kaabil-e-Taarif' – during Weekly Programme 'Badi Baat' (Eid Special) – to Tahzeeb TV – programme anchored by Mr Maroof Raza, Channel Head, Tahzeev TV – on 09 June 2019 6. Interacted with Ms Cicily Francis, Coordinator, Harmony Relations, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi, on 'Networking for Promoting Harmony Relations with all Communities in the Country' *Interacted* with Ms Cicily Francis, Coordinator, Harmony Relations, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi, on 'Networking for Promoting Harmony Relations with all Communities in the Country'. 7. Interacted with Mr Nirmal Singh, Poet and Film Director, on 'Achchhe Insaanon kaa Rah Jaanaa aur Bure Insaano kaa Phalnaa Zindagee kee Vidambanaa'. 8. Interacted with Mr Ravi Pani, Executive Editor, Voice of Civil Society, New Delhi, on 'Raising the Voice of the Civil Society: A Call of the Current Times' 9. Interacted with Prof. M. R. Tripathy, Professor, Amity University, Noida, on 'Working Together in the Making of a Harmonious India' 10. Interacted with Mr Sateesh Singh, Chief Resident Executive, Tata Steel limited, New Delhi, on 'Evolving Schemes for Collaborative Action in Promoting Harmonious Relations' 11. Delivered Lecture on 'Eid Milan Deewaaron ke Us Paar Jaane kaa Zariya' (Eid Gettogether is the Medium to go Beyond the Boundaries) – during Eid Get-together – organized by Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, New Delhi. 12. Interacted with Janab Syed Sadatullah Husaini, President, Jamaate-Islami Hind, New Delhi, on 'Behtar Samaaj ko Banane mein Saajhedaaree' (Partnership in Building a Better Society) – during Eid Get-together – organized by Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, New Delhi. 13. Interacted with Prof. Salim Engineer, Vice President, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, New Delhi, on 'Naadaanon se Baat-cheet kee Or' 14. Interacted with Mr Jose Kalathil, Senior Journalist, on 'Democracy as an Inclusive way of Life' and 'Interactive Dynamics of Word and Note (Language and Music) and the Inclusive Implications for Life' — during 2nd Neelabh Mishra Memorial Lecture by Mr T M Krishna, Eminent Musician and Intellectual, on 'Between the Note and the Word' – organized by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi. 15. Interacted with Janab Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi, Chairman, National Commission for Minorities, Government of India on 'Devising Measures for Fostering Inter-Community Relations' 16. Interacted with Mr Manoj Pant, Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), Government of India on 'Collaboration for Promoting Communal Harmony. 17. Interacted with Mr Saurabh Dubey, Deputy Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), Government of India on 'Niyamit Roop se Lage Rahna Saampradaayik Sadbhaav ko Badhaane ke Liye MahatwPoorn' 18. Interacted with Prof. Apoorvanand, Professor, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, on 'Committed Efforts for Making the Country Better' 19. Interacted with Mr Krishna Menon, Deputy Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi, on 'Bridging the Gap between Science and Scientific Temper'; 'Naitiktaa kee Kamee

Sabhee Samasyaaon kaa Jad'; 'Samudaayon ke Darmyaan Aapsee Taalmel Loktantra kee Buniyaadee Zaroorat' and Apne Panth se Nahin Chipaknaa Panth-nirpekshtaa kee Maang' **20.** Interacted with Mr Saleem Amrohi, Renowned Poet, on 'Saampradaayik Sadbhav ko Badhaane mein Kavitaa ek Asardaar Zariyaa' and 'Raashtreey Samrastaa ko mazboot Karne mein Shaayraanaa Andaaz ek Badee Taakat. **21.** *Organized* Book Launch and Symposium on 'Desh Ek, Ek Hein Hum Sab' and Delivered *Lecture* on 'Desh Ek, Ek Hein Hum Sab' – at India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi, organized by Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies (IHPS), New Delhi

(Reported by Fr M.D. Thomas, Founder-Director, IHPS)

E. Orissa Mission

MST Odisha Mission, a new approach and beginning in the history of MST started in the month of November with the presence of Frs Cheriampanattu and Ayyankanal. In the month of February four young and vibrant New Priests joined the mission. After completing the intensive Odia Language course and mission integration program, we



were all set to start the MST mission in full swing. Due to the National General Election and the cyclone Fani we could not start the mission immediately after the language course. But we continued the feasible study for the mission work and the search for the villages to start with our mission. By the second week of May MST Odisha Mission started to expand to deferent parts of the state. Here we have the deferent News items from the Mission.

1. Mission Exposure Programs for New Priests: The Odia language course was planned and implemented in three sessions such as introduction to Odia language and the preliminary lessons to the language, grammar and speaking skills and finally live in village for practical learning of the language. As a part of the third session of the language course new priest were sent to a mission centre called



Pothaliponga in the eparchy of Brehampure. Fr Paul Manickathan, who was the resource person for the first session of the language course, guided and helped the young missionaries in the

villages to understand more of the colloquial usage of the Odia language. The two week program helped the fathers to set themselves ready for the mission work. It also helped them to learn the mission method that the Latin church follow in Odisha

2. Tribute to Bishop Simon Kaipuram: Mar Simon Kaipuram, bishop of Balaswer, a great well-wisher and support of MST Odisha Mission was called to eternal reward on April 22, 2019 at Balaswer. His excellence was a great support and well-wisher of MST Mission in Odisha. We still remember the hospitality and the meeting that we had with him to discuss our mission in Odisha. His Excellence guided us with possible areas and method that we should use in Odisha for the direct evangelization and the community building. We the MST family attended the Mass and the burial ceremony at Balaswer cathedral on April, 24 and extended our prayers and tribute to the Eparchy of Balaswer and to the departed soul.

3. Divine Mercy Centre, Rampur – Kolhandi : Fr Jose Cheriampanattu in collaboration with FIAT mission started a new mission in Rampur in the district of Kolhandi. As a preparation for this mission, FIAT Mission under the guidance of Fr Cheriampanattu



gave a one month intensive catholic faith formation to 18 selected members from nearby villages of Rampur. After the faith formation course they were sent

back to their own villages to prepare the villagers for our mission. On May 13, Fr Jose Cherimapanattu started living in a rented house in Rampur and began village visits. By the end of May Fr Ambrose also joined Rampur mission. On May 29, 2019 the house was blessed. Now fathers are visiting nearby villages and preparing them with faith formation classes, prayers, house visits, etc to receive our faith. With the help of Fr Varghese Puthumattam of Baleswer Diocese and trained catechists fathers are preparing the villages to be part of Catholic Church. Let us remember and pray for the centre and acknowledge and appreciate the great work of Fr Jose Cheriampanattu and best wishes to Fr Ambrose for the great mission in Rampur.

4. New mission venture in Khandamal: Khandamal the most affected district of Odisha in 2008 riot was a great concern for MST Odisha mission. From the feasible study we could identify that there are many Christian communities like CNI, Believers, etc still living in forests and isolated from the main stream due to the 2008 riot. These groups have deep faith and because of deferent challenges and



situations nobody was ready to take care of them. We the MST Odish mission started a new centre in a rented house in Balliguda, in the district of Khandamal. Fr Manu Pottananickal is the in-charge of the center and preparing for the MST Mission. He visits few villages from the centre and making the survey and house visits to understand their needs and difficulties. Fr Manu is helped and assisted by few catechists trained by the FIAT Mission in Rampur. Let us remember this great mission in Khandamal and appreciate the challenge that Fr Manu has taken up for MST Odisha Mission.

5. MST Mission in Saintala, Balangir: The fourth district that MST Odisha mission has taken up for the work evangelization was Bolangir. This is another district that was affected by the 2008 riot and the people of this area are so poor and live in remote areas.



Through the wellwishers and friends of MST in Odisha, we visited these areas and the people in these areas are so happy to accommodate us and requested our presence

in these areas. On June 20, we began our mission in Saintala. Fr Josin Tharapputhottiyil is the in-charge of the mission and he with the help of the village leaders will start the house visits to initiate our mission. We do pray and wish that the missionary zeal and hard work of Fr Josin will find fruit in this area for MST Odisha Mission. Let us remember and pray for the mission and support the mission with our prayers.

6. Live in Mission Program for MST Brothers: MST Third year theology brothers were in MST Odisha mission for 15 days for their live in village programs. Eight of them visited MST Odisha mission and stayed in the villages and MST mission centers. During the stay



they visited the houses, different arranged mission and faith animation and formation programs for the children and the people in the villages. They were sent in groups to different villages and stayed there with the people. It was a great experience for our future missionaries and we believe that it will help them to prepare themselves for the great evangelizing mission of MST in Orissa. We the MST Odisha mission thank the administration for sending them to this mission in spite of the inconveniences of the New mission. We do appreciate our brothers for their commitment and earnestness that they showed in the mission.

Jesus Christ who has selected us and sent us to whole world had blessed us abundantly in Odisha mission. We do experience His blessing and guidance protecting hand in our mission. We thank the MST General team and all the fathers for their great support and prayers for MST Odisha Mission.

(Reported by Fr Jomon Ayyamkanal, Coordinator, Orissa Mission)

F. Arunachal Mission

1.Don Bosco Hostel

Don Bosco Hostel, Sagalee reopened on 3rd June 2019. We have 100 boys and 65 girls in the hostel. We arrange daily morning Holy Mass and evening prayer, for the hostel students. The Hostel students excel in the study program of the school.

2. Don Bosco School



In the Don Bosco school, there are 315 children in the current year (LKG to VIII). Grant school annual day celebration was organized this year wherein we gave appreciatory reception to the newly elected Congress MLA of the place. School reopened on 4th June 2019

3. Intensive Catechism Classes



After Easter, summer catechism class arranged for the Catholic children. 150 children attended the three days intensive catechism classes The children attended the classes enthusiastically and they were celebrating their faith during these days with a lot of music and dance

4. First Holy Communion

Class for first holy communion was arranged for the selected children. The intensive preparation lasted for two months. Parents of the children were also given classes for two days. At the end of the orientation, 85 children received first holy communion in their traditional Nishi dress



.5. Parish Annual Retreat

Three days annual retreat conducted for the parishioners during the holy week. 500 people attended the retreat. A team from Bombay preached the word of God during this time. On Holy Saturday, the



sacrament of baptism was conferred to the adults as well as infants.

6. Crosses Erected at the Hills

On Good Friday, a cross was on Calvary Mountain for the parish



church, Sagalee. Another cross eretected at the village church, Rigo, which is under the parish church, Sagalee and it was blessed by Fr Lijo Manikombel and Fr. Vipin Vanmelil

(Reported by Fr Saji Choorakunnel, Sagalee, Arunachal Pradesh)

G. Overseas Missions

1. United States: Mission Appeal

In the US, summer is the time for Mission Appeal and this year we are invited by four diocese to preach our mission appeal in eight parishes of theses dioceses. Primarily, mission appeals are preached for the cause of supporting our social apostolate and charitable programs running in all of our regions and every year we are able to raise approximately Fifty thousand dollars from the appeal for the same cause. I am grateful to all of our fathers in Florida and our student priest Fr. Sherit Kappiyarumalyil who are engaged in preaching the mission appeal this year.

(Reported by Fr Antony Thundathil, Coordinator, MST in USA)

2. Canada: Annual Retreat, Nelson

Annual retreat for the priests working in the Diocese of Nelson, Canada was held from 17 to 21 June 2019 at Cache Creek, BC, Canada.



Along with the bishop of the diocese, it was attended by all the priests. The MST priests working in the diocese – Rev. Frs Joseph Kizhakkethottathil, Joseph Chettiakunnel and Thomas Kakkaniyil participated in the annual retreat.

(Reported by Fr Thomas Kakkaniyil, Nelson, BC, Canada)

3. Germany

a. Fr. Gracious takes charge in new Parish

Fr Gracious Naralakkattukunnel has officially taken charge on 16. June 2019 as Pfarrer of the Parish Jachenau in the diocese of Augsburg, Germany. Many of our Priests were present on the occasion. In the Holy Mass, Dekan Robert Walter read out the decree from the Bischof installing Fr. Gracious as the Pfarradministrator with



effect from 1. June, 2019. The People in Jachenau received Fr. Gracious wholeheartedly. From 01. 03. 2019 onwards he has been rendering his service in this Parish temporarily. We wish Fr. Gracious all the best for his pastoral work in Jachenau.

b. Easter Gathering

This year for the Easter gathering (April 23-25) we came together in Pleß, the Parish of Fr. Joy Valiyamangalam. We reached on 23. April



evening. The next day after the Breakfast we visited Benediktiner Abtei in Ottobeuren. The day was marked by the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Rev. Joy Valiyamangalam with Syro-malabar Mass. The next day with the lunch, Easter gathering came to the conclusion.

(Reported by Fr Pradeep Alex Mattathilanickal)

4. Brazil: Corpus Christi

The feast of Corpus Christi is solemnly celebrated everywhere among the Catholic cmunities in Brazil. This year it was celebrated on 20 June and the celebration in my Itaruma parish of Jatai, was indeed very grant. The pious organizations in the parish took charge of the



celebration and they decorated streets around the church with great enthusiasam. The Holy Mass followed by Eucharistic procession was celebrated which lasted for three hours. There was large number of participation for procession.

(Reported by Fr Joseph Pulickal, Jatai, Brazil)

5. Tanzanian Mission

a. Celebration of First Holy Communion



It was great joy for the parish of Madale, in the diocese of Dar Es Salaam, that two hundred and seventy of her children received the First Holy Communion. The first Holy Communion was on 22nd of

June 2019. The children got prepared by the catechists on every

Saturdays and Sundays for a period of one year. The children were very solemnly received into the Madale



parish community by the parish council leaders.



b. Eucharistic Procession

The faithful of the Madale parish were very happy to have the celebration of the solemn feast of "Corpus Christi". The celebration of the Holy Eucharist began at 7 am. It was followed by the solemn Eucharistic procession participated

by all the faithful of the Madale parish including faithful from the

station churches. There were around two thousand faithful participated in it. The faithful were very actively participated in the procession by way of singing, dancing, more and more immersed themselves in prayer. The procession started from the Madale parish, went around five



kilometres and reached back in the church. The feast of "Corpus Christi" concluded at 12: 45 pm.

(Reported by Frs Pullapallil and Maniachira, Madale, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania)

6. Vienna, Austria: Cluster of Parishes for MST

In appreciation for the committed service of the MSTs in the Archdiocese of Vienna in the past, His Eminence Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, O.P, the Cardinal of Vienna, has informed us of their decision of appointing the MST priests as the sole of in charge of cluster of parishes, from 1 September 2019. The name of the parishes are: Grosskrut, Katzelsdorf, Reintal and Behrnhardstal. The MSTs in the Archdiocese of Vienna will be working in the cluster of four parishes and Fr Sabu Maprakavil will be the parish priest.

(Reported by: Rev. Fr Sabu Maprakavil, Vienna, Austria)

VII. NEWS FROM OTHER MINISTRIES/ **CENTRES**

A. Vocation Promotion

With heart full of joy and enthusiasm MST welcomed the new comers



to the minor seminaries of MST. The Benjamins were very happy and energetic to join the seminary community with in no time. They had arrived in the seminary in the beginning of the month of May. Parents and relatives were present with them to entrust their children to the priestly formation. We the vocation promoters wholeheartedly thank the general councillors, the seminary staff and you all dear fathers for your valuable support and co-operation to bring the new brothers into the seminary. We recruited altogether 50 boys among whom 23 seminarians were admitted in Deepti College and 27 in Santhome Minor seminary, Thamarassery.



(Reported by Rev. Frs Rony Alencherry and Joison Puthukkattu, Vocation Promoters)

B. Santhome Fellowship

1. Santhome Fellowship Meeting at Thamarassery

A meeting for Santhome fellowship members were organised in Kariyathumpara in the diocese of Thamarassery. All most thirty



members participated in it. The meeting started with a prayer section .And inauguration and a small message was given by Fr Monse Karauvakunnel. The introduction of new members were done by Mr Jacob Padalodi Associate member of MST. Group members had made a suggestion to organise monthly prayer in this unit and many of them agreed to come for the prayer meetings. The group discussion was based on how we can make the mission work more effective through Santhome Fellowship.

2. Santhome Fellowship Meeting at Manathavadi.

In collaboration with CML Padichira, we organised a meeting of Santhome fellowship in Padichira. Forty five members from different parts of the diocese participated in it. We had a chance to introduce MST and our mission work to other CML members. Santhome Fellowship members had a view that Santhome Fellowship is a platform for them to continue their mission work that they did in CML. In the meeting there was a suggestion to celebrate the death anniversary of Fr Maliparampil in a solemn way.

3. Meeting and Planting Trees in Deepti

Monthly meeting of the associate members were organised in Mrs Rani Kootarapallil's house. Fr Kavunpuram was the president of the meeting. The participants decided to do some social activates through

Santhome Fellowship. Meeting discussed to support children in need in the mission especially school going children. In the meeting codinator announced new office holders. Mr Roji Chennattu will serve the



associates as secretary. Mrs Lisy Babu will help the Vocation Promotion, Mrs Daisy Mathew will coordinate the financial matters Mr Mathew Madukakuzhi is appointed as the lay coordinator of Santhome fellowship .After the meeting members planted fruit trees in Deepti campus.

4. Essay Competition Organised for Students

Foster the believe of St Thomes in the Syro Malabar church is one of the aims of Santhome fellowship. In connection with "Dhukarana"



we are organising an essay competition. The subject of the completion is Marthoma Nazranikalum Vishuvasa Kavimattavum. We have received many articles in return. We are planning to distribute the prize on 3 July 2019

(Reported by Rev. Fr Monse Karuvankunnel, Director - Santhome Fellowship)

C. Thomasine Research Centre (TRC)

Thomasine Research Center is in the process of organizing an online course on Thomasine studies. Please read the following for the details of the course.

DIPLOMA COURSE IN THOMASINE STUDIES (Online)

A Correspondence Course conducted by Thomasine Research Center, Melampara, Bharananganam and Recognised by Paurasthya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor, Kottayam

· A course which helps you to get acquainted with St Thomas the Apostle of India and the history and spirituality of the Church established by him

Details of the course

Medium: English Duration: 2 years Semesters: 4

The whole course is divided into 4 semesters of five months each.

I Semester: Thomasine Literature II Semester: Thomasine History III Semester: Thomasine Spirituality IV Semester: Thomasine Churches

Evaluation: periodical assignments and written examination at the end of each semester. *Exams will be held at the end of every five month. The dates will be notified one month prior to the exams. Exam centers will also be notified before one month.*

Beginning of the course: 8 September, 2019

End of the course: 8 July, 2021.

Beginning of Registration: 1 August, 2019 End of Registration: 31 August, 2019

Course Fee: Rs 500 for each semester (You may pay one time (Rs 2000) at the beginning of the course or Rs 500 at the beginning of each semester. Payments may be made either by DD or Direct Bank transfer).

DD to be drawn in favour of ST THOMAS MISSION SOCIETY

Account details for Bank transfer

Name: St Thomas Mission Society

A/c No.: 5018000078170

Bank: ESAF Bank, Pala IFSC: ESMF0001105

Course material will be sent periodically to each candidate individually through email. The candidate can also download it from our website. The periodical assignments can be uploaded to the website by the candidates. The candidates may have telephonic interaction with the

professors, on appointment, for clearing doubts. Contact classes will be arranged in a convenient place in the fourth month of each semester. Candidates will, if they so wish, at the end of each semester, be taken for a tour around the churches established by St Thomas in Kerala. Its expense will not form part of the course fee. They will have to pay extra for the tour.

Contact details

Address: Thomasine Research Center

Deepti Mount

Melampara, Bharananganam P.O.

Kottayam Dt, 686578

Kerala, India

Director: 7994381916

Website: www.course.trcmst.org Email: thomasinerc@gmail.com

(Reported by Rev. Fr James Kurikilamkatt, Director - TRC)

D. Vishwadeepti Missiology Centre, Kolhapur

1. Charismatic Retreat cum Family Meet

New India Church of God, Miraj organised a Four-days' Charismatic



Retreat cum Family Meet from May 29 onwards, at Vishwadeepti. It was attended by 46 people from Miraj, Sangli and Karad. Another programme of the same group is scheduled take place from 2nd July onwards.

2. Workshop on Self-Hypnotism

Vishwadeepti hosted a three-days' workshop on self-hypnotism conducted by Prof. S. G. Khanapure. The workshop from 1st to 3rd June 2019 was attended by nineteen participants from different parts of Maharashtra. Another session of the three-days' workshop is scheduled to be conducted from 28th June onwards.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph G. Aryankalayil, Director - Vishwadeepti)

E. SANTHOME – IMPACT

1. Outreach Programmes of IMPACT

Sound of mission. This is a preaching based activity of Impact through which we proclaim the missionary activities and seek prayers and support for the missionaries. We make use of such occasion for the promotion of Kadukumani as well and we could interact with the parents and children in the following parishes, Vaikom, Thirunalloor, Mookkannoor, Chullickal, Yordanpuram, Kaippattur, Kodussery(Ernakaulam-Angamali), Perumpilly, Varappuzha, Panayikkulam (Varappuazha), Varuthattu (Thuckley). Three days group dyanmism class was conducted at MST Minor Seminary - Thamarassery

2. Theatre workshop

Theatre is one of the powerful medium of communication especially with the youth and children. Where ever we interact with the youth, we make use of theatrical tips. The students are happy and they demand for the follow-up programmes. Different seminaries are inviting us to train the future priests. This year we could train the brothers of Vadavathoor major seminary, Sanathana MCBS major seminary and Kottayam diocesan brothers at Kaduthuruthi. Impact in collaboration with POC Palarivattam organized three days residential workshop in which 45 children attended.

3. Prathibha Sangamam

Syro-Malabar Catechetical commission organizes Prathibha Sangamam every year and throughout these years IMPACT is coordinating the event and this year too we could co-ordinate the programme.

4. GEMs spark

This programme is specially oriented for the school children basing on moral values. This is a three days retreat for all the students. GEMs Spark focus mainly on value and influence of media. GEMS park was conducted at St. Mary's school Kanjirappally, Mary Matha Thrikkakkara and St Little Theresa College, Gurvayur

5. Teachers Training

Another initiative of IMPACT is teachers training both for Public



and Sunday schools. Hosur Diocese invited us to train the teachers of the diocese. There were over 250 participants from 25 different parishes. Mar Pozholipparambil. the bishop of Hosur acknowldeged MST for supporting the

dioces with missionary personal during his concluding remarks. Thrissur arch-diocese invited us to train the catechism teachers on creative teaching. Every Sunday we reach DBCLC pastoral centre of Thrisur arch diocese and in each session more than 800 teachers are attending the training. Lourde parish, Kottayam invited us to train the Sunday school teachers and we could do it well.

(Reported by Fr Daey Kunnath, Executive Director - IMPACT)

2. Santhome Media

Following are the major initiatives recently undertaken by Santhome Media at IMPACT:

a. Telecasted a Video Song on Shalom TV on the feast of Pentecost: Santhome Media in association with Shalom TV telecasted a Video song on the feast of Pentecost. They have aired this song for more than six times on the feast day. It is uploaded on our YouTube Channel.

b.ShortFilms:



February 30 - is a fictional short film about a deaf boy and his imagination. He thinks about an imaginary day of hiding errors.

c. Documentary & Jubilee Anthem: Santhome Media technically supported the creation of the documentary, "*Kripaspandanam*" by DST sisters on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee.



d. Musical Album: Santhome Media uploaded a Christian devotional musical Album. This song recites a completely depressed person and his prayer.

e. Audio Recordings:

Santhome Media audio studio was blessed with the presence and performance of eminent film and Christian devotional singers and dubbing artists.

f. Invitation to all MSTs to collaborate with Santhome Media:

Santhome Media invites all the members of MST to avail its facilities to manifest their talents in communication. Santhome media will technically support the MST members to work out their creativity and bring out as media productions.

g. Upcoming Initiatives of Santhome Media:

- 1. Capsule type Short Films
- 2. Motivational Classes
- 3. Documentaries on Challenging missions and Missionaries
- 4. Documentary on Ancient Churches and their history
- 5. Promotional videos on Vocation
- 6. "Kudumbam Swargeeya Poonkavanam" Family empowering Program
- * To Watch all our programs please visit our Website: www.santhomemedia.com, You Tube Channel and Facebook Page & Plz don't forget to subscribe and like our You Tube Channel and Facebook Page.

(Reported by Fr Lijesh Panackavayalil, Director, Santhome Media)

F. Kalasadhana, Mumbai

1. Staff, Students and Activities: Kalasadhana has stepped into its 10th year of training young artists in various performing arts. Seven

well qualified teachers are into training around 250 students (including the 40 who are newly admitted) in Hindustani and Carnatic Vocals,



Tabla, Flute, Bharathnatyam, Guitar, Violin and Drums.

2. Results: Kalasadhana is also proud of the wonderful results of the students in Hindustani Vocal and Bharathnatyam conducted by the Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalay, Vashi.

Out of the 21 students who appeared for the Hindustani Vocals at various levels, 5 have got Distinction and 14 have secured First class. All 3 students who appeared for Bharathnatyam Pratham Examination have secured First Class.

Under the guidance of the Staff of Kalasadhana, 16 students from Santhome School, Mira Road appeared for Prarambhik Examination in Hindustani Vocals. All have successfully cleared the Prarambhik Examinations

3. Bharathnatyam Arangettam:

Four students from Kalasadhana performing will Bharathnatyam Arangettam on 24th August, 2019. This will be a feather in the cap of the Institute.



4. Kalasadhana - Examination Centre for Trinity, London

Kalasadhana is an Examination centre of Trinity college London. Altogether 101 students are appearing for Trinity Examination in July session .Among them 67 students are of piano, 21 students of guitar, 8 students of violin and 5 students of Drums of Kalasadhana and they will be appearing for Trinity grade Examinations (Initial to 6th Grade) in July in our own institute.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Ashok Kollamkudiyil, Director, Kalasadhana)

G. Santhome Bible Centre, Pariyaram

Farewell and Welcome: Santhome Bible Centre is grateful to the services given by Rev. Fr Siju Kolthambrayil who served the centre as the house administrator and procurator. He left Pariyaram for the eparchy of Chanda. We wish him all the best for apostolates in the new place. Rev. Fr Joby Kozhippatt joined Santhome as the new procurator and house administrator. We welcome him cordially and wish him a fruitful ministry in Santhome.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Sebastian Kizhakkeyil, Director – Santhome, Pariyaram)

H. Ministries at Paithalmala

1. Celebrations on Pentecost

The Holy Bible expresses the presence of God in lightning and in torrent rain. This year the feast of Pentecost coincided with torrent rain. Our ten days preparations for the feast of Pentecost concluded with a twenty four hour Eucharistic Adoration in Mar Walah Centre in which we prayed for the Church, especially for the Syro-Malabar Church. The intentions of the MST had been raised vehemently in all our prayers.

On Pentecost Sunday, in Karunyashram, we conducted a two hours' Praise and Worship and Spiritual Guidance for the inmates. Rev. Sr Tessa Manuel MSMI guided the prayers with the Street Ministry Team.

2. Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood

The feast of Corpus Christi was another happy occasion for us to celebrate meaningfully. We started the celebration from Wednesday Midnight with Eucharistic celebration in Mar Walah Ashram. Then continued Eucharistic Adoration. On the daybreak we made a simple Eucharistic Procession to Karunyashram where the adoration continued. In the afternoon we had one hour class on Holy Eucharist and then one hour prayer and worship led by Fr Scaria Thamarakatt. Rev. Fr John Madukoly, the Director of Paithamala Ministries was the Main Celebrant of the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration. The Eucharistic Adoration continued in Mar Walah Ashram and concluded with Midnight Eucharistic Celebration in which we prayed the third Eucharistic Prayer of Mar Nestorius. The celebrations ended with Way of the Cross.

3. Celebration of Dukhrana

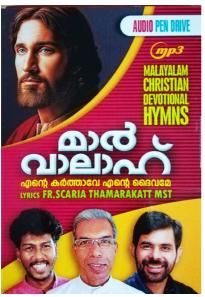
We will be celebrating the Feast of Dukrana of St Thomas, our heavenly Patron, together with our Pottenplavu parishioners in St Thomas Chapel, closer to Karunyashram, in which the new Parish Priest of Pottanplavu, Rev. Fr Mathew Mullappally will be the main celebrant.

4. Visitors to Paithalmala

We had a very special guest on 1 June, 2019. Mar James Athikalam, Bishop of Sagar visited Karunyadshram and Mar Walah Prayer Centre along with Rev. Fr Nidhish, the Rector of the Minor Seminary of the Diocese of Sagar. Mar Athikalam's visit was a great encouragement and blessing for all of us involved in Paithalmala ministries. The presences of Rev. Fr Mathew Moothassery and Rev. Fr Sebastian Pothenparampil were marked by intellectual and spiritual discussions, healthy interactions and thus some boosting of MST Koinonia. The new Parish Priest of Pottenplavu visited us formally and requested us to work together for the Kingdom of God. We welcome, again, MST Confreres to Paithalmala for a few days of prayer, spiritual experience and renewal.

5. Release of the Audio Album, Mar Walah

Release of an audio album named, Mar Walah with devotional songs



in Malayalam was another event in the history of Paithalmala Ministries. The serenity of Paithal hills helped Fr Thamarakatt to write a few lyrics which Fr Lijesh Panackavayalil composed and tuned to beautiful songs. We have named it Mar Walah becsuse in Paithal we feel as if the whole creation incessantly repeats what St Thomas said to the Risen Lord, my Lord and my God. Moreover, the experience of the presence of St Thomas was felt by many who prayed in Paithalmala The Album starts with the song Pachappattu

viricha paithalmalayil... sung by Kester. The theology of Incarnation, Baptism and Holy Qurbana are some themes of the songs. The Word of God and holy Mother are also praised in this Album. A motivation song for the youth is very special in this Album. The Album is in pen drive and includes Karoke.

6. Telephone Connectivity

In Paithalmala now have almost solved our problem of connectivity. We have now land line Phones and Wifi accessibility.

Tel. Karunyashram: 0460 2969101

Tel. Mar Walah: 0460 2969102

(Reported by Fr Scaria Thamarakattu, Spiritual Animator, Mar Walah Prayer Centre, Paithalmala)

VIII Necrology: Parents and Family Members of the MSTs As informed by the members (10 April to 25 June 2019) Necrology:

Mrs Gracy Devasia, Mother of Fr George Mampillil
Mr K.A. Abraham, Father of Fr George Kottukappallil
Mr George Kulathumkal, Brother of Fr Joseph Kulathumkal
Mr Johnson V.C., Brother of Fr Francis Vattakunnel
Mrs Elamma John, Maternal Aunt of Fr Joy Panjikaran
Mr Augusthy Kurian, Maternal uncle of Fr Jiby Thekkemury
Mr K.J. Joseph, Cousin of Fr Kurian Kochettonnil
Mrs Annakutty, Paternal Grandmother of Fr Subin Puthuppalliyil
Mrs Annamma Thomas, Paternal aunt of Fr Sebastian Kavumkal
Mr Josi Kallumkal, Brother-in-law of Fr Joy Panjikaran
Sr Lilliola BS, Maternal aunt of Fr Sijo Kalampulyel
Fr Abraham Thakadiyel, Paternal uncle of Fr James Thakadiyel
Mr Poulose Parayidathil, Maternal uncle of Fr Paul Pareckatiil
Mr Joseph Puthenpurackal, Paternal grandfather of Fr Jaison
Puthenpurackal

 $\label{thm:matter} \mbox{Mr George Padinjare parayathu parambil, Maternal uncle of Fr Benny Puthen purackal}$

Sr Leomma S.H., First cousin of Fr Joseph Kannathukuzhy

Obituary

Deacon Jerin Chittilappally (Kalyan Diocese) who was called to eternal life, on the feast of Corpus Christi. (on 20.06.2019 evening) did regency at Alphonsa School, Shahuwadi (St Alphonsa Region). Rev Frs Mathew Edathiparampil and George Kottukapallil were the priest in-charges during that time (2014-2015). The MST offers its respectful homage and prayers for Deacon Jerin.



APPENDICES Appendix-I

Circular No. X/10/2018-2023

08 June 2019

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers and Brothers,

Prayerful greetings from Deepti Bhavan!

After the summer breaks, we are stepping into yet another year of activities by reopening the schools and resuming all other ministries with a renewed spirit and enthusiasm. I wish you a very fruitful and blessed months of ministry ahead. Let us take earnest efforts to gear all our apostolic activities towards the mission *ad gentes* purpose of the MST, making use of every possible opportunity for sharing the gift of faith in Christ to everyone we come in contact with.

In the context of some developments in the Church and in the MST, and in the light of the observations received from the administrative units, centres of ministries, certain committees and gatherings of the members of the MST, I wish to bring your consideration towards the following important information and directions that require the collaboration of all members of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle.

1. Permission for Involving in Court Cases

It has come to the notice of the General Council that there have occurred some instances where the MST members have involved in Civil/Criminal cases without any prior permission from or even information of the administration. As members incorporated into the MST, I do hereby notify that you are not allowed to file court cases without prior permission and that you shall avoid any opportunity of legal involvement with civil cases, in a Christian way. If you are brought into court cases by someone else, you need to inform the immediate superiors at the earliest and seek their directions before you proceed. In inevitable circumstances of involving in any civil or criminal cases, you are hereby informed that you need to receive written permission either from the Regional Director, if you are working within the regional territory or from the Director General, if you are working outside the region whether in India or abroad, under any hierarchy.

2. Renouncing of Indian Citizenship

Some of our members have renounced Indian citizenship and have obtained the citizenship of other countries even without informing the Society. With the consent of the General Council of the MST, I do hereby inform you that the MSTs are not permitted to renounce Indian citizenship in any circumstance. Loss of Indian citizenship limits one from fulfilling the missionary responsibilities as a member of the indigenous Missionary Society. It impedes one from involving in the transaction of the assets and even from ordinary financial exchanges through national banks because foreign citizenship disqualifies one to be a member of the registered trusts/societies in India, through which the MST and its administrative units function. In certain cases, foreign citizenship prevents one from holding health insurance policies in India, alienating such a member from the general retirement schemes of the MST in future. Therefore, do not take any steps that would limit us in living our missionary vocation in the MST.

3. Remittance of Pension and Provident Fund to the Communion

As we have crossed one financial year after the *Tenth Ordinary* General Assembly 2018, may I bring the attention of the concerned members regarding the obligation of remitting the pension amount and provident fund to the communion. As per the amended D16bxiii of the Constitutions and Directives of the MST, "the PF and pension amount of any member of MST shall be remitted to the Communion" (See page 138 of the Report of GA 2019). Further, D16bxvii speaks that "a member who refuses to fulfil the obligations of the Communion is not entitled to the benefits unless compensated" (See page 139 of the Report of GA 2019). Therefore, I remind every member who has received any provident fund or pension amount in the last financial year(2018-2019) to remit that amount to Communion fund of the MST within a few weeks and to continue contributing their pension amount periodically. It is applicable to the recipients of the provident fund and the pension holders from foreign countries as well, because it is an obligation and its refusal can estrange you from the benefits of the communion as mentioned in D16bxvii. Besides, it is also an invitation to be honest and to be sensitive in sharing one's privileges received through the MST for the needs of the sick and the retired fellow priests, as a response to very many free gifts and opportunities granted

by the Lord.

4. Permission for Overseas Travels

I have noticed that some MSTs working or studying abroad make international travels without giving any information to the administration. The MST is responsible for the safety and welfare of every member and therefore, it is inappropriate to travel overseas without reporting to the competent authorities. The practice of obtaining written permission for foreign trips is strictly followed by the members residing in India. Except for the travels to India, please get the written permission from the Director General to travel beyond the country of work/study, even if no letter of permission/recommendation is required for obtaining visa. Such permissions shall be easily and speedily obtainable through email correspondence.

5. Monthly Balance Sheets of the Financial Accounts

It has been brought to my notice that monthly reporting of the financial balance sheets is often not practised by many of the centres. Please make sure that all the priest in-charges /managers/procurators of all centres/institutions and seminaries submit the monthly balance sheets every month, before 15th of next month (Cf. D147a of the *C&D of the MST*). The centres and institutions under the regions/delegation shall submit it to the Procurator of the Region/Delegation. All other centres, ministries, formation houses and institutions under the Generalate shall submit the monthly balance sheets to the Treasurer General

6. Joint Operation of the Bank Accounts

As per the direction from the Chartered Accountants, I do hereby instruct that all the bank accounts are to be jointly operated between the head of the administrative unit – Director General/Regional Director/Delegate and the local priest in charge or manager. Except the bank accounts within the regions, delegation, Ruhalaya Major Seminary and Jeevan Jyoti, all other bank accounts of our centres in India will be jointly operated by the Director General and the respective priest in-charge/director or manager. I request the Regional Directors and the Delegate to remind and help the concerned priests to implement the above norm in the centres under your administration. Please take immediate steps to rectify the status of the present bank accounts

and make sure that all the bank accounts of the MST centres are jointly operated between the parties as specified, before the next half yearly auditing in November 2019.

7. Permission for the Purchase of Properties

Before the confirming the purchase of any land property or building within the Mission Regions or Delegation, it is necessary that the concerned heads of the administrative units inform the Director General about the details of the purchase and give time to visit the plot, and then receive the approval for the purchase.

8. Permission for Long Distance Picnics

For all long distance picnics arranged for the students or the staff traveling beyond the local townships, the school managers/principals or the priest in-charges shall obtain permission from the respective Regional Director or Delegate before they plan the picnic. Besides, there should be some moderation in spending for the picnics and that has to be monitored by the Regional Directors.

9. Committee for Safe Environment

As per the direction of our Major Archbishop and following the *Safe Environment Policy* of the CBCI and KCBC, I have appointed a Director and a Committee to implement the *Safe Environment Policy* of the Catholic Church in the MST. They are:

Rev. Fr Thomas Parayadiyil (Director)

Rev. Fr Joseph G. Aryankalayil

Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura

Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott

Rev. Fr Sebastian Njalliyil

Rev. Fr Thomas Olappurackal

With special sessions on *POCSO Act* and cautions against Sexual Offences and Abuses, the MST has been informing its members about the *Safe Environment Policy* of the Catholic Church since last few years, especially through the inter-regional gatherings of 2016-17 and through the ongoing formation programmes of priests in different age groups. The present committee is constituted to handle any issue reported against the *Safe Environment Policy* of the Church. In any

issue of conflict, the MST will stand with the victims and will follow the given directions of the Church in India and will honour the civil code. In tune with what was stated in the Tenth Ordinary General Assembly 2018, let me reiterate that the MST upholds 'zero tolerance' policy in all matters of abuses or harassments related with the behaviour of its members, especially with children and women (Cf. *Report of GA 2018*, page 151).

10. Sponsorship Programme for the Seminarians

As usual, the MST is seeking sponsors for its seminarians promoted to First Year Theology after regency. This year we have 11 such seminarians who will need sponsors for the next four years of theology course. Since the sponsorship is sought only for the major seminarians in the final stage of formation (only four out of 12 years of total formation period) and the formation expenses exceed the stipulated amount, multiple sponsors will be allotted to every seminarian, as per the availability of the donors. The sponsorship is facilitated through three categories: (a) annual bursaries of INR 35,000 (or its equivalent) each for four years; (b) Onetime payment of INR 140,000 (or its equivalent) at the beginning; and (c) Endowment of INR 500,000 (or its equivalent) at the beginning wherein the sponsor will be assigned with a new seminarian every fourth year, until the demise of the sponsor. You are requested to find sponsors from your families, places of ministry or from other contacts to support the seminary formation of the MST. For more details, please contact Fr Justin Vettukallel, the General Councillor in charge of the sponsorship programme.

11. Temporary Promise of Incorporation

Twenty four seminarians made their Temporary promise of Incorporation after the successful completion of the Missionary Orientation Course and they have been admitted to the MST on 8 May 2019. On that day, 11 seminarians after their regency renewed their temporary promise of incorporation and received the clerical dress. May I congratulate and welcome all of them to the MST, as they have crossed significant steps towards becoming missionary priests in the Society.

12. New Admissions to the Minor Seminaries

We have admitted altogether 48 candidates to our minor seminaries –

21 in Deepti College and 27 in Santhome Minor Seminary. Let us keep all of them in our prayers so that they may respond to the Divine call responsibly and that we may groom them unto the disciples of Jesus with utmost attention. The personal details of the first year minor seminarians will be published in the forthcoming issue of the *MST World*.

Regarding the promotion of vocations, I would like to inform you that it has indeed been a very difficult task to recruit quality candidates to the minor seminaries this year. The untiring efforts of two fulltime vocation promoters in two different zones of Kerala and the supporting hands from different other sources including the Rectors and staff of both minor seminaries managed to gather and select the candidates. At this juncture, I appreciate and thank the vocation promoters and all those who have collaborated with them in recruiting vocations.

As mentioned, it has been very challenging for the vocation promoters to collect quality vocations from our parishes because of the short of children in the families and also due to the kind of negative setbacks that permeate the Church in Kerala today. I make the appeal to all of you to pray for quality vocations to the MST and request you to encourage boys from our own families, relatives and other contacts, to join the MST. Please inform anyone of the vocation promoters, if you find any suitable candidates in your contact.

In the whole month of June, we celebrate special devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. I pray for the experience of protection and love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our everyday life. Wishing each of you a very fruitful ministry ahead and requesting your prayers for each other,

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor Fr Justin Vettukallel
Director General, MST Secretary General, MST

Appendix-II

ആദായ നികുതി നിയമമനുസരിച്ച് (Income Tax Act) ശ്രദ്ധിക്കേണ്ടവ

1.Permanent Account Number (PAN) എടുക്കണം.

അരമനകൾ, പള്ളികൾ, പ്രൊവിൻഷ്യൽ/റീജനൽ ഹൗസ്, Monastery, Convent, തുടങ്ങി എല്ലാവരും അതാതു സ്ഥാപനത്തിന്റെ പേരിൽ PAN എടുക്കണം.

കൂടാതെ Trust കൾ, സൊസൈറ്റികൾ എന്നിവയും PAN എടുക്കണം. ഇവയുടെ എല്ലാം 'കീഴിൽ' പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ സ്വന്തം പേരിൽ PAN എടുക്കരുത്. ഉദാഹരണമായി ഒരു Trust ന്റെ കീഴിലുള്ള കോളേജുകളും വിവിധ സ്കൂളുകളും ഒന്നും വേറെ വേറെ PAN എടുക്കരുത്. Bank A/c തുടങ്ങുവാൻ PAN ചോദിച്ചാൽ Trust/Society യുടെ പേരിൽ അഥവാ അരമന-പള്ളി-Monastery, Convent മുതലായ തലപ്പ ത്തുള്ള സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളുടെ PAN ആണ് കൊടുക്കേണ്ടത്. അരമനയുടെ/പള്ളിയുടെ പ്രധാന സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളുടെ കീഴിൽ മറ്റു പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായാൽ, മേലധികാരികൾ തീരുമാനിക്കുന്ന പക്ഷം അവയെ Seperate Trust/ Society ആക്കി രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ട് PAN എടുക്കുകയും 12 AA Registeration എടുക്കുകയും വേണം.

PAN ഉള്ള സ്ഥാപനമാണ് Income Taxൽ കണക്കു കൊടുക്കേണ്ടത്. അതിന് 12AA യും വേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. ആ സ്ഥാപനത്തിന്റെ കീഴിൽ ഉള്ള സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളുടെ എല്ലാം കണക്ക് ചേർത്ത് വേണം Income Tax കണക്കു സമർപ്പിക്കുവാൻ.

PAN എടുക്കുന്നതിന് അതാതു സ്ഥലത്തു തന്നെ സൗകര്യം ഉണ്ടാവും. ഞങ്ങളുടെ സഹായം ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെങ്ങിൽ വേണ്ട രേഖകളുമായി Office ൽ വരിക.

2. ഭരണാധികാരികൾക്കും PAN വേണം

ഓരോ കാലത്തും Office-Bearers ആയി ഇരിക്കുന്നവർ വ്യക്തിപരമായ രീതിയൽ PAN എടുക്കണം. പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും Top Authority യും പണം കൈകാര്യം ചെയ്യാൻ അധികാരപ്പെടുത്തിയ ആളും നിർബന്ധമായും എടുക്കണം. അടുത്ത കാലത്ത് സ്ഥാപനത്തിന്റെ Office-Bearers ആയി തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ടവർ ഇക്കാര്യം പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

3. Digital Signature

A. കാലം മാറി, പലതിലും ഒപ്പിടുന്നത് Digital ആയി വേണ്ടി വരും. ആകയാൽ ഓരോ കാലത്തേയും Top Authority യും പണം കൈകാര്യം ചെയ്യുന്ന ആളും അവരവരുടെ പേരിൽ ആവശ്യമെങ്കിൽ Digital Signature എടുക്കണം.

4. പണം കൊടുക്കുന്നതും വാങ്ങുന്നതും

പല കാര്യങ്ങൾക്കും പല Limit പറയാറുണ്ട്. ചെലവുകൾക്ക് 10,000 രൂപ; കടം കൊടുക്കലും വാങ്ങലും 20,000 ഒക്കെ, ഇനി ഒന്നും നോക്കണ്ട. Rs.10,000 നു മുകളിൽ ഏതിടപാടും ചെക്കു വഴിയോ Bank Transfer വഴിയോ മാത്രമേ നടത്താവൂ. നിയമലംഘനത്തിന് കടുത്ത വില നൽകേണ്ടി വരും. പള്ളികൾ അരമനയിൽ പണമടയ്ക്കുന്നതും, മഠങ്ങളും കൊവേന്തകളും Contribution കൊടുക്കുന്നതും വാങ്ങുന്നതും ഒക്കെ നിർബന്ധമായും ചെക്കാകണം. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ Bank Transfer ആകണം. Audit fees, Legal fees, Contractor ക്ക് കൊടുക്കുന്ന തുക, എല്ലാത്തിനും ഈ നിയമം ബാധിക്കും

5. TDS (Tax Deduction At Source) പിടിച്ചടയ്ക്കണം

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ഇനത്തിൽ നമ്മൾ പണം നൽകുമ്പോൾ, അതിൽ നിന്നും നിശ്ചിത ശതമാനം തുക TDS ആയി പിടിച്ച് അടുത്ത മാസം 7-ാം തീയ തിയ്ക്കകം Income Tax Department ൽ അടയ്ക്കണം. അതായത് 1-ാം തീയതി മുതൽ മാസാവസാനം വരെ കൊടുത്ത തുകയിൽ നിന്നും പിടിച്ച TDS അടുത്ത മാസം 7-ാം തീയതിയ്ക്കകം Income Tax Department ൽ അടച്ചിരിയ്ക്കണം. Tax പിടിയ്ക്കേണ്ട Rate താഴെ കൊടുക്കുന്നു.

ശ്രോതസ്സ് /Source

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ശമ്പളം തനതു വർഷം കൊടുക്കുന്ന മൊത്തം തുക കണക്കാക്കി കിഴി വുകൾ നടത്തി ബാക്കി തുക Slab Rate ൽ Auditor നിർദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതു പോലെ

Professional fee - Doctors, Auditors, Advocates, Engineers, Architects Etc.(ഒരു വർഷം ഒരാൾക്കു കൊടുക്കുന്നത് Rs. 30,000 ൽ കൂടു തൽ ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ) 10%

- വസ്തു വാങ്ങുമ്പോൾ വില 50 ലക്ഷമോ കൂടുതലോ ആണെ ങ്കിൽ
- വസ്തു വില്ക്കുന്ന ആൾ Non- Resident എങ്കിൽ എത്ര ചെറിയ തുകയാണെങ്കിലും (Rs 50 ലക്ഷത്തിൽ കുറവായാലും)
- വസ്തു ഇടപാടു ബ്രോക്കർമാർക്ക് കമ്മീഷന്റെ 5 %
- Contractor വ്യക്തിയാണെങ്കിൽ
- Contractor കമ്പനി/ Partership firm ആണെങ്കിൽ 2 % പിന്നെ, TDS പിടിക്കുന്നതിന് മുമ്പ് നമുക്ക് ഒരു TAN എടുക്കുവാനുണ്ട്.

Advance ആയി Tax പിടിക്കുവാനുള്ള അധികാരം നൽകുന്ന നമ്പർ. അതും സ്വയം സാധിച്ചില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഞങ്ങളുടെ സഹായം തേടാം.

മറ്റൊരു പ്രധാന ചുമതല

ഓരോ 3 മാസം കഴിയുമ്പോഴും കഴിഞ്ഞ ത്രൈമാസത്തിലെ TDS വിവ രങ്ങൾ അടുത്ത മാസങ്ങളിൽ (ജൂലൈ, ഒക്ടോബർ, ജനുവരി, ഏപ്രിൽ മാസങ്ങളിൽ) Electronically File ചെയ്യണം. ഇതിനും പരസഹായം തേടേ ണ്ടതുണ്ട്. ആവശ്യമെങ്കിൽ വിവരങ്ങൾ ഇവിടെ എത്തിച്ചു തന്നാൽ ഇവി ടുന്നു File ചെയ്യും.

6. Charitable Trust/Society സംഭാവനകൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുമ്പോൾ

സ്കൂൾ, കോളേജ്, ആശുപത്രികൾ, സോഷ്യൽസർവ്വീസ് സംഘടനകൾ മുതലായവ സംഭാവനകൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുമ്പോൾ, സംഭാവന തന്ന ആളുടെ പേരും Address ഉം ചെക്കു നമ്പരും കാണിക്കണം. പറ്റിയാൽ അയാ ളുടെ PAN ഉം വേണം. എല്ലാം ഉള്ള List ഉണ്ടാക്കി വയ്ക്കണം. ഇല്ലെ കിൽ അങ്ങനെ ഉള്ള തുകയ്ക്ക് 30% നികുതി ഉറപ്പ്.

Religious സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾക്ക് ഇതുള്ളതു നല്ലതാണെങ്കിലും നിർബന്ധമി ല്ല.

7. പരസ്പരമുള്ള സംഭാവന - പുതിയൊരു തലവേദന

Major സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളായ Bishop House, Generalate, Province മുതലാ യവ സ്വന്തം ചെലവുകൾക്കും പുതിയ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളും മറ്റും ഉണ്ടാക്കു വാനുമായി കീഴിലുള്ള സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും Contribution/Subsidy വാങ്ങാറുണ്ടല്ലോ. കീഴിലുള്ളവ സാമ്പത്തികമായി ഉയർന്ന സ്ഥാപനങ്ങ ളാണെങ്കിൽ പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും!

എന്നാൽ തിരിച്ചങ്ങോട്ടും മേജർ സ്ഥാപനം പ്രത്യേക സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ സംഭാവന നൽകിയാൽ മേജർ സ്ഥാപനത്തിന് ആ തുകയ്ക്കുള്ള ആദാ യനികുതി ഒഴിവ് നഷ്ടപ്പെടും.

ഉദാഹരണത്തിന്, ഒരു പഴക്കം ചെന്ന വലിയ പള്ളിയിൽ നിന്നും അരമ നയ്ക്ക് Contribution എല്ലാ വർഷവും നൽകാറുണ്ട്. ഇങ്ങനെ Contribution 50,000 രൂപയിൽ കൂടിയ തുകയാണു കിട്ടിയതെങ്കിൽ (ഉദാ. 80,000 രൂപ) പള്ളിക്ക് ഒരു മ്യൂസിയം ഉണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ Plan ചെയ്യുകയും അതി ലേക്ക് അരമനയിൽ നിന്നും ഒരു തുക (ഉദാ. 2 ലക്ഷം രൂപ) സംഭാവന ചെയ്യുകയും ചെയ്താൽ ആ തുക അരമനയുടെ ചെലവായി അംഗീക രിയ്ക്കുകയില്ല. ചെറിയ സ്ഥാപനം തന്ന തുക 50,000 രൂപയിൽ കുറവാ ണെങ്കിൽ മാത്രം ഈ നിയമം ബാധിക്കില്ല.

അതേപോലെ Monastery കൾക്കും Convent കൾക്കും പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും ഈ പ്രശ്നം വരാം. മഠത്തിൽ നിന്നും ശമ്പളത്തിന്റെ Share, Contribution ആയി പ്രൊവിൻസിനു തരുന്നു. ചില മഠങ്ങൾക്ക് കെട്ടിടം പണി, ചികിത്സ (ചെലവേറിയതാണെങ്കിൽ) മുതലായവയ്ക്കായി അങ്ങോട്ടും സംഭാവനയായി നൽകുന്നു. അവിടെ പ്രശ്നം വരാം.

ശമ്പളം പൂർണ്ണമായി Province ൽ മാത്രം കാണിക്കുന്നവരുണ്ട്. അവർക്ക് കുഴപ്പമില്ല.

അല്ലാത്തവർ തൽക്കാലം അതാതു വർഷം മാർച്ച് 31 വരെ അങ്ങോട്ടും ഇങ്ങോട്ടും നൽകുന്നത് Advance ആയി കാണിക്കുക. വർഷാവസാനം മാർച്ച് 31 ന് മാത്രം, Net തുക Contribution ആക്കുക. Council കൂടി അങ്ങനെ ഒരു തീരുമാനം എടുക്കേണ്ടി വന്നേക്കാം. Auditors മായി ആലോചിച്ചിട്ട് വേണ്ടത് ചെയ്യുക.

8. CORPUS DONATION ന്റെ പ്രസക്തി കുറഞ്ഞു.

ഇന്ത്യയിലുള്ള സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ തമ്മിൽ തമ്മിൽ Donation നൽകുമ്പോൾ അതു Corpus Donation എന്നു പറയുന്നതിൽ ഇനി പ്രയോജനമില്ല. കാര ണം, കിട്ടുന്ന സ്ഥാപനത്തിന് Corpus Donation എന്ന രീതിയിൽ ഒഴിവ് കിട്ടുമെങ്കിലും സംഭാവന നൽകിയ സ്ഥാപനത്തിന് അത് ചെലവായി അംഗീകരിയ്ക്കുകയില്ല.

എന്നാൽ വ്യക്തികളിൽ നിന്നോ, വിദേശത്തു നിന്നോ സംഭാവനകൾ Corpus ആയി ലഭിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിന് ഒഴിവ് കിട്ടും! പക്ഷേ, അവർ തന്ന സംഭാവന, Corpus Donation ആണ് എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു എഴുത്തു നൽകണം.

9. Income Tax Return സമർപ്പിക്കുന്ന തീയതി

കർശനമായി പുതിയ നിയമം കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. മത-ധർമ്മ സ്ഥാപന ങ്ങളെല്ലാം Sep. 30 നകം തന്നെ ആദായനികുതി റിട്ടേൺ സമർപ്പിക്കണം. താമസിച്ചുപോയാൽ നമ്മുടെ ചെലവുകൾ കണക്കിൽ എടുക്കാതെ വര വുകൾക്കു മുഴുവനും നികുതി കൊടുക്കേണ്ടി വരും.

10. Income Tax ന്റെ 12AA രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ഇല്ലാത്തവർ

ഇനിയും 12AA രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ എടുക്കാത്തവർ ഉടനെ Auditor നെ സമീ പിച്ച് അതിനുള്ള അപേക്ഷ നൽകണം. ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഒഴിവ് കിട്ടുവാൻ വേണ്ടി Income Tax Return സമർപ്പിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല.

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Appendix-III

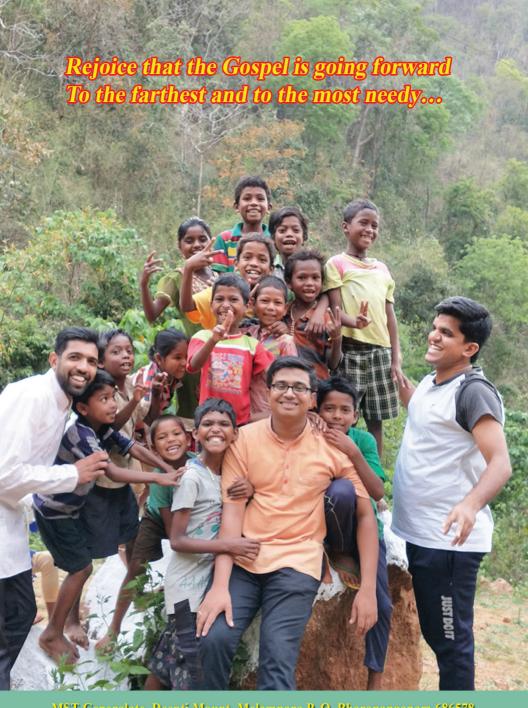
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Year Plan (2019-2020) of the General Team		
Schedule	Event/Programme	
2019 August 2	Meeting of the outreach ministries in Kerala – IMPACT, TRC, Santhome- Pariyaram and Vocation Promoters at Deepti	
August 8-9	General Team meets with Ruhalaya staff and MSTs in St Paul Region, at Ujjain	
August 10-12	General Team at MQMD, Delhi	
August 31	Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Deepti College	
September 10/12	General Team at St Alphonsa Region	
September 14	Fr Maliparambil memorial lectures organized by TRC at Deepti	
September 28-29	Meeting of the Spiritual Directors of MST Seminaries at Deepti	
October 3 -5	Gathering of Young Priests (Last Five years, 2014-2019) at Deepti	
October 10-20	Half yearly auditing in all MST centres	
October 27	Meeting of the Parents of the Deacons	
November 11-18	Programme and Celebrations for Sacerdotal Silver Jubilarians	
November 21	Founder's Day (Death Anniversary of late Bishop Vayalil)	
November 23	Commemoration the Deceased Members of the MST, with their close families	
December 2	Meeting of the MST Deacons (<i>Ordinandi</i>) at Deepti	
December 4-5	General Team at St Thomas Region	
December 27/28	Meeting with the Rectors of all MST Seminaries	

2020 January 5-6	New Priests' day
January 6	Benefactors' day
January 28-30	Joint Meeting of Regional Councillors with General Councillors
February 3-6	Sleehusa – Orientation and Commissioning for the New Priests
February 11-13	Ongoing Formation for 1983-1993 Ordination Batches
February 22	Foundation day of MST
April 13-30	Annual Auditing in all MST centres
April 20-23	Major Seminarian's Gathering, Vestition and First Promise
April 27-29	Inter-regional Gathering (I Group)
May 24-29	Annual Retreat at Deepti





Twenty four seminarians who made their first temporary promise on 8 May 2019, after the successful completion of Missionary Orientation Course.



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