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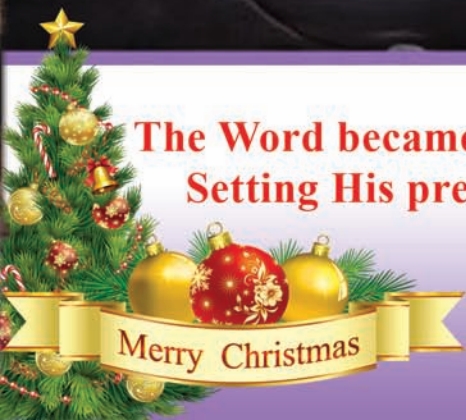
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Christmas 2019

Blessed Christmas & Bright New Year 2020!



**The Word became human and lived among us,
Setting His presence alive is our mission!**



MST Priestly Ordination 2019-2020



Vedikunnel Joseph (Arun)
09.00 a.m. 26-12-2019
Parathode (IDK)
Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal



Velloor Augustine (Jithin)
09.00 a.m. 27-12-2019
Azhangadu (KPY)
Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal



Maniyalil Sebastian (Jibin)
09.15 a.m. 28-12-2019
Kothanallor (PLA)
Mar Sebastian Vadakel



Thundathil Joseph (Jees)
02.00 p.m. 28-12-2019
Kalathoor (PLA)
Mar Sebastian Vadakel



Valiyarambil Antony (Libin)
02.00 p.m. 29-12-2019
Kaippally (PLA)
Mar Sebastian Vadakel



Pottananiyil Joseph (Bince)
09.00 a.m. 30-12-2019
Adukkom (PLA)
Mar Sebastian Vadakel



Ramachanattu George (Tony)
02.00 p.m. 30-12-2019
Mannackanad (PLA)
Mar James Athikalam



Kachirayil George
09.00 a.m. 31-12-2019
Josegiri (PLA)
Mar James Athikalam



Kuzhiyadiil Mathew (Bineesh)
02.00 p.m. 31-12-2019
Chittar (PLA)
Mar Sebastian Vadakel



Mundaplackal Kurian (Sijo)
09.15 a.m. 01-01-2020
Vellaramkunnu (KPY)
Mar Jose Pulickal



Madickankal Mathew (Jobin)
09.00 a.m. 02-01-2020
Kanjirappally Cathedral (KPY)
Mar Mathew Arackal



Manjackal Thomas (Jins)
02.00 p.m. 02-01-2020
Cheruvally (KPY)
Mar James Athikalam



Pathalil Thomas (Toms)
02.00 p.m. 02-01-2020
Cheruvally (KPY)
Mar James Athikalam

Paryerful wishes to the ordinandi



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I. MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Brothers,



The Church sings this angelic hymn joyfully: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.” Every celebration of Christmas affirms our Faith that Christ has come to redeem us from those inner disturbances that destroy our composure of mind and heart. Our God is a God of peace

who sent His only Son to bring peace to our world and to our hearts. Our God wants only what is good for us. The Word of God made flesh dwells within us.

Christmas is a special day to celebrate the mystery of Emmanuel, “God with us.” Jesus tells us that God wants nothing more than to come to life in us, to become alive in our words and actions at home, at work, at school, in our communities and mission centres. And it happens. There are human beings, flesh-and-blood women and men, in whom God is clearly and radiantly alive. Many, especially the poor and the lonely, could experience God’s loving presence in Saint Damien of Molokai or in Saint Teresa of Calcutta. All of us could name people about whom we could say, “I have seen God in this missionary, in this woman or this man.” In that person’s goodness or generosity or courage we knew we were experiencing something of God. A smile can make a big difference in the lives of another. A cheerful giver brings joy and peace. A kind word can touch lives and give hope to our fellow human beings. A listening ear and a caring heart bridge distances and heal rifts. A forgiving attitude builds up families and communities. In this way, we shall celebrate Christmas; we shall then make visible Emmanuel – the transforming grace of God’s loving presence in our places of apostolate.

I am reminded of the command given to Joshua: “I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed,

for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9). We too are invited to become stronger and more courageous in 2020! Christmas 2019 is another day to give wings to our inner fear, jealousy, selfishness, laziness, and negativity, tendency to blame others and our self-righteousness so that they might fly away from us. During this holy season of Christmas, let us move from “being fear-driven to being love-drawn.” We don’t know what we are going to face in 2020, but there’s one thing we do know, God is with us and God will never abandon us. Christmas 2019 is thus a golden opportunity to embrace the incredible love of God and celebrate the reality of God’s presence in our personal lives, in the life of our centres of apostolates. Indeed, the gift of the Incarnation – God’s presence with us – makes every day a celebration of love and life!

I wish you all a Grace-filled Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST



II. NEWS FROM THE GENERALATE

(From 15 October – 12 December 2019)

1. Promotion to the Holy Order of Priesthood

Happy to inform you that thirteen of our permanent members (deacons) who successfully completed their priestly training in Ruhahaya Major Seminary, Ujjain and Good Shepherd Seminary, Kunnoth, have been recommended by the Seminary authorities for sacred ordination to priesthood. Having considered their personal applications, along with the recommendations by the Seminary Rectors and their respective parishes, all of them have been promoted to Holy Order of Priesthood by the General Council. They will receive the Sacred Ordination in their respective parishes between the days from 26 December 2019 to 2 January 2020. All of you are welcome to join the ceremonies. The invitation has already been circulated through both electronic and print media. I place all the following ordinandi for your prayerful intercession.

1. Kachirayil George
2. Kuzhiyadiyil Mathew (Bineesh)
3. Madickankal Mathew (Jobin)
4. Maniyalil Sebastian (Jibin)
5. Manjackal Thomas (Jins)
6. Mundaplackal Kurian (Sijo)
7. Pathalil Thomas (Toms)
8. Pottananiyil Joseph (Bince)
9. Ramachanattu Georgekutty (Tony)
10. Thundathil Joseph (Jees)
11. Valiyaparambil Antony (Libin)
12. Vedikunnel Joseph (Arun)
13. Velloor Augustine (Jithin)

2. Perpetual Promise and Diaconate

The General Council of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle, having considered the personal applications, the confidential reports and the recommendations of the seminary authorities and

the testimonials of the respective parish priests, decided to promote the following eleven brothers to the Sacred Order of M'samsanusa. They will be conferred the Sacred Order of M'samsanusa on 21 December 2019 by His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel. On that day, they also make their perpetual promise of incorporation to the MST before the Director General at Ruhahaya Major Seminary. I welcome all eleven of them to the MST as the permanent members. They are the following:

1. Bro. Antony (Abhilash) Akkattu
2. Bro. Joseph (Mijo Jose) Chamakalayil
3. Bro. Mathew (Renji) Chirayil
4. Bro. George (Alex) Elamthuruthiyil
5. Bro. Sebastian (Ashish) Keeranchira
6. Bro. Thomas (Tony Tom) Kizhakemuriyil
7. Bro. Augustine (Nidhin K. Sunny) Kuttipalackal
8. Bro. Chackochan (Jimson M.M.) Moosariparambil
9. Bro. Joseph (Jithin) Puthusseryputhenpurayil
10. Bro. Thomas (Twinkle) Thottaplackal
11. Bro. Kurian (Abin) Vazhuthanappallyil

3. Conferring of Minor Orders

At the recommendation of the Rector and staff of Ruhahaya, the following candidates are being conferred the minor orders of Heupdiyaknusa and Karoyusa by His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel on 21 December 2019.

a. The Sacred Order of Heupdiyaknusa

1. Bro. Prothasis (Tince) Kodikulam
2. Bro. Gervasis (Jince) Kodikulam
3. Bro. Joseph (Dino) Kongamala
4. Bro. Mathew (Tony) Plavuvachathil
5. Bro. Peter (Shijo) Valluran
6. Bro. Michael (Shinto) Vettikuzhichalil

b. The Sacred Order of Karoyusa

1. Bro. Joseph (Anand) Anakkallil
2. Bro. Thomas (Bibin) Areeplackal

3. Bro. Michael (Leo) Chandrankunnel
4. Bro. Sebastian (Bebin) Eettayankal
5. Bro. Abraham (Deepu) Kollakombil
6. Bro. Joseph (Albin) Maruthumkuzhiyil
7. Bro. Joseph (Jose) Perumanoor
8. Bro. Francis (Deepak) Poovatholil
9. Bro. Thomas Pullikattil
10. Bro. Mathew (Ajay) Varickickal
11. Bro. Philip (Justin) Vattamannil

Very Rev. Fr Director General will be present for the ceremonies. The MST is grateful to all the formators for their untiring efforts in the formation of the candidates.

4. Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee Celebration

Nine of our following members completed 25 years in their missionary priesthood.

1. Allumpurath Raju Mathew
2. Cherickanampurath Sebastian
3. Thekkemyladil Augustine
4. Vattakunnel Francis
5. Karickamukalel Philip
6. Mulangasseril Mathew
7. Kaithottumkal Antony
8. Karodan Joseph
9. Purayidathil Abraham

The celebrations of their sacerdotal silver jubilee took place at



different places. The Generalate level celebrations were held from 10 to 13 November 2019, which also included a short renewal programme for the jubilarians. The inaugural session was held at the Bishop's House of Kanjirappally on Sunday 10th evening, along with evening prayer and dinner. The orientation talk was given by His Excellency Mar Jose Pulickal, the Auxiliary Bishop of Kanjirappally. The next day, on Monday 11 November Rev. Fr Louise Vellanickal from the Archdiocese of Changanacherry guided the jubilarians on priestly-missionary commitment.

On Tuesday 12th morning, the jubilarians along with the Director General celebrated Holy Qurbana at the shrine of St Alphonsa, Bharananganam. Then they proceeded to the Cistercian Monastery (Ashram) at Kurisumala, Vagamon for personal prayer, sharing and for the sacrament of reconciliation. It was intended to give them sometime in silence and solitude, for personal introspection, group sharing and reflections.

On Wednesday 13th morning, the jubilarians celebrated Holy Qurbana at the chapel of Deepti College along with the members in the General Council, the staff and students of Deepti College, the senior priests of Aaram and other members in Deepti Mount. Then, the jubilarians were given opportunity for a day out in picnic. A grant felicitatory meeting was organized to honour them in the evening. Cultural programmes by Deepti Seminarians and the junior priests, sharing by the jubilarians were the highlights of the day. The parents and siblings of the jubilarians were also invited to this evening programme. There were around 60 members from the families of the jubilarians that included the beloved parents of Fr Raju Mathew Allumpuram.

On behalf of the MST family, the Director General wished all of them every greeting and blessing at their completion of 25 years as priest-members in the Society. He told that the MST is blessed to have in them zealous missionaries and is grateful to them for their contributions in the evangelizing efforts in different centres and ministries. Except Fr Karickamukalel, other eight jubilarians

participated in all the programmes.

5. Overseas Visits of the Director General

The Director General in his official capacity visited the European



countries of Sweden, France, Italy and Switzerland from 08 to 31 October 2019. In Sweden, he held official meeting with His Eminence Cardinal Arborelius, the Bishop of Stockholm along with our priests working in the diocese of Stockholm – Frs Samji Kochuchakkala and Benoy Jose Thottiyil. He visited the President of Caritas-Sweden at Copenhagen in Denmark.

In Paris, he held a meeting with Rev. Fr Reithinger, the Director

General of the Paris Foreign Mission Society (M.E.P). He also paid a visit to the office of the funding agency - L'Oeuvre d'Orient, Paris and addressed the Syro-Malabar priests and religious sisters in Paris. Fr Justin Kaithottumkal took care of the logistics of his visit in France. In Rome, he attended the canonization of Blessed Mariam Theresa. He had a formal meeting with the Moderator General of the White Fathers at their Generalate. He had scheduled an audience with



Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. He also visited Archbishop Cyril Vasil, the Secretary at the Oriental Congregation. He addressed the Syro-Malabar priest-students residing at Collegio Damasceno, Rome. All the MST priests studying in Rome - Frs Bobby Kochuparampil, Roy Pullatt, Joby Koottumkal, Biju Koothottil, Tony Mampilly, Jaison Kulappurath and Manu Kochumala were personally met by the Director General.

In Italy, the Director general visited our priests – Frs Joseph Koren and Biji Kudukkanthadam working in the Archdiocese of Lanciano-Ortona. He had meeting with the Archbishop and paid a pilgrimage to St Thomas Basilica at Ortona. He also visited the parish where Rev. Frs Roy Pullatt and Jaison Kulappurath serve in the diocese of Latina and had an audience with their bishop.

In Switzerland, he had meetings with different funding and scholarship agencies and visited our priests – Rev. Frs Joseph Plappallil, Varghese Nadackal and Kisincher Aniyekattu. He also contacted some of our benefactors in the above-mentioned countries and sought the possibilities for fund-raising at different levels.

6. Visits and Common Meetings of the General Council

As part of programmes scheduled by the General Council, the Director General along with other members in the General Council and Treasurer General had visits and meetings at Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery, Jeevan Jyoti, Srirangapatna and St Thomas Region Mandya. The purpose of such meetings is to develop a communitarian spirit in the planning and execution of the missionary programmes of the MST, as envisage by C6 of the Constitutions and Directives of the Society.

Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery: On 3 December 2019, the general team visited Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery. The Rector, Staff and Students accorded a very warm welcome to the team. The General Council met with the brothers in common and had a special meeting with the members on the staff

for about two hours. The General Council took notice of the different needs presented by the staff and had a tour around the building and the premises guided by the Rector and the Staff.

Jeevan Jyoti, Srirangapatna: The General Council visited Jeevan Jyoti on 3-4 December 2019. The Rector, staff and students offered a lovely welcome to the general team on 3rd evening. On 4 December, the concelebrated Holy Qurbana by the General Council and the Staff of Jeevan Jyoti was officiated by the Director General. There was a common meeting organized for the seminarians and the General Council in which the students shared their recent experience of the mission exposure programme and about their impressions on the Missionary Orientation Programme of Jeevan Jyoti. There was also a formal meeting with the staff and the General Council that shared and discussed about the the programmatic and temporal affairs of Jeevan Jyoti.

St Thomas Mission Region, Mandya: The General Council had its official meeting with all the members of St Thomas Mission Region on 4 December 2019. Before the formal common meeting, there was held a special joint meeting between the Regional Council and the General Council. The common meeting of the General Council and the members of the Region was held from 3 pm to 8.30 pm. The meeting began with the formal welcome accorded by the Regional Director – Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott. The members of the region shared about the status of their individual centres and programmes. The Second Councillor and the Regional Procurator – Rev. Fr Salas Karikandathil briefed about the temporal status of the region. The Director General addressed the gathering in length and appreciated the missionaries for their hard-work and commitment. He also reminded them about the directions to set the bank accounts jointly operated between the centre in charges and the Regional Director and to develop the practice of submitting monthly balance sheets. The Treasurer General- Fr Kuriakose Kunnel and the General Councillor – Fr Thomas Karamel also spoke on the occasion. The first councillor of the region- Rev. Fr Josekutty

Kalayil proposed vote of thanks and the meeting was concluded by late evening. The gathering was attended by members from the extended territories of Sathyamangalam, Bangalore, Adilabad and Anantapur as well.

The Director General along with the regional team visited Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath of Mandya and had friendly discussions.

7. Celebration of Extraordinary Mission Month

Deepti community and the MST members celebrated and animated the Extraordinary missionary month in different ways.

a. Celebrations at Deepti Campus: Thursday - 17 October was observed as Prayer Day for the residents in Deepti campus. The Day started with common celebration of the Holy Qurbana joined by everyone, at 6.30 a.m. in the chapel of Deepti College. The members spent whole day in Holy Adoration in assigned groups till 8.30 p.m. The prayer day was concluded with solemn Ramsa.

On Saturday 26 October Mission Convention was organized at Deepti campus for the public, which included mission sharing by Rev. Frs Scaria Thamarakatt and Saji Naduviledathu. It was a full day programme from 9.30 a.m. till 4.00 p.m. On Sunday, 27 October a stage show on mission was arranged for the catechism students of



the parishes in the neighbourhood, from 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. There was a mission sharing by Fr Thomas Kumbalamathanath. Fr Daey Kunnath animated the students with his class on mission. The communities of the sisters from Daughters of St Thomas (DST) and Snehagiri Missionary Sisters (SMS) also staged different items. There were around 600 high school students for the programme.

b. Outreach Programmes in Kerala Church: The members from the Generalate and from different other centres of ministry were invited to lead mission related lectures, sharing and classes at different

levels including KCBC, Major Seminaries like St Thomas Ap. Seminary, Vadavathoor and Good Shepherd Seminary, Tellicherry, in different diocesan minor seminaries and formation centres of sisters, in the diocesan centres of Changanacherry and Kanjirappally and several parishes.

8. Death Anniversary of the Founder

On 21 November 2019, the death anniversary of our Founder –



Mar Sebastian Vayalil was commemorated. The Director General joined for the Holy Qurbana and special prayers offered at St Thomas Cathedral – Pala. The Rector, staff and students of Deepti College were also present for the Qurbana and special prayers.

9. Commemoration of the Deceased MSTs

a. Requiem Holy Qurbana: Friday 22 November was set apart





to commemorate the deceased members of the MST. The close family members of the deceased bishop/priests/ seminarians of the MST were also invited to Deepti. Requiem Holy Qurbana was officiated at the public chapel at 10.30 a.m. by the Director General and concelebrated by other priests in Deepti Mount and the relative priests of the deceased. The Director General in his homily spoke about all the deceased permanent members of the MST (21 in number) and three seminarians. The office for the dead was celebrated at the cemetery chapel.

b. Memorial Slab at the Cemetery Chapel: The memorial granite slabs with the names and images of all the deceased members with their brief details have been prepared and installed on the central wall of the cemetery chapel.

HEAVENLY BLOSSOMS OF MST	
1. Rev. Fr. ABRAHAM ETTACKAKUNNEL MST	
BORN : 05-06-1926	
ORDAINED : 15-03-1950	
DIED : 22-08-1974	
PLACE OF BURIAL : BHARANANGANAM	
2. Rev. Fr. ANIKUZHICKATTIL MST	
BORN : 04-02-1963	
ORDAINED : 04-01-1990	
DIED : 02-06-1992	
PLACE OF BURIAL : KUNCHITHANNY	
3. Rev. Fr. GEORGE KUTHIVALACHEL MST	
BORN : 17-10-1906	
ORDAINED : 21-12-1937	
DIED : 15-10-1995	
PLACE OF BURIAL : ELANGULAM	
4. Rev. Fr. JOSEPH MALIPARAMPIL MST	
BORN : 24-12-1909	
ORDAINED : 21-12-1936	
DIED : 09-09-1980	
PLACE OF BURIAL : ARPOORARA	
HEAVENLY BLOSSOMS OF MST	
15. Rev. Fr. JACOB THARAKUNNEL MST	
BORN : 01-09-1980	
ORDAINED : 03-01-1981	
DIED : 26-11-2014	
PLACE OF BURIAL : DEEPTI MOUNT	
16. Rev. Fr. ABRAHAM AYKARA MST	
BORN : 14-03-1939	
ORDAINED : 25-06-1971	
DIED : 03-12-2010	
PLACE OF BURIAL : DEEPTI MOUNT	
17. Rev. Fr. GEORGE KUZHIKANDATHIL MST	
BORN : 06-12-1932	
ORDAINED : 17-05-1959	
DIED : 15-04-2016	
PLACE OF BURIAL : DEEPTI MOUNT	
18. Rev. Fr. SAVIO KALLIDUKKIL MST	
BORN : 06-10-1955	
ORDAINED : 18-12-1981	
DIED : 10-10-2014	
PLACE OF BURIAL : DEEPTI MOUNT	

10. Preparation for the Priestly Ordinations

a. Meeting of the Parents of the Deacons: A get-together for the parents of the deacons of the MST was held at Deepti, on 3



November 2019. Parents/siblings of all the deacons attended the programme. The gathering was inaugurated by the Director General at 10.00 a.m. The members of the General Council addressed the parents of the Deacons and exhorted them to keep the celebrations simple. Rev. Fr James Kurukilamkatt enlightened the gathering on priestly ordination and its implication in their family and helped them prepare spiritually for the ordination of their sons. The Holy Qurbana and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament were arranged for them. The meeting was concluded by 04.00 pm.

b. Visits to Parishes and Families of Deacons: A team of priests from Deepti Mount visited the homes of MST deacons in the month of November to get acquaintance with their families as well as to help prepare their family members for ordination. They also visited all the parish priests of the ordinandi to build rapport with them and to seek their support for the ordinations.

c. Meeting of the Ordinandi: A special meeting of all the deacons was held on 2 December 2019. The Director General and the General Councillors addressed them in common and gave directions regarding the simple style of celebration of the ordination. They motivated the deacons to focus on spiritual preparation for the day and to get rid

of all other anxieties connected with the conduct of the ceremony.

11. Mission Expansion



St Thomas Mission Region, Mandya has taken steps to start a new mission centre in Rayadurga area of Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh. Anantapur is one of seven districts entrusted with the MST by the

Eparchy of Shamshabad. Rev. Frs Joseph Vedikunnel and Sebin Kudakkachirakunnel have already started living in the place. Let us pray for the success of this new mission in Andhra Pradesh.

12. Overseas Mission

a. Archdiocese of Munich, Germany: Rev. Frs John Nayathuparambil and Philip Karickamukalel are formally making entry to the Archdiocese of Munich, Germany from January 2020.

b. Archdiocese of Vienna, Austria: Rev. Fr Thomas Madhavappallil will join with other two MST members in the Archdiocese of Vienna, Austria by the end of December 2019.

c. Diocese of Marquette, USA: Rev. Fr Mathew Kulirany is getting ready to join the Diocese of Marquette in Michigan, USA by the end of February 2020.

13. Visits of Director General and General Councillors



In the month of December 2019, the Director General made his official visits to the priests studying in Bangalore - Rev. Frs Saneesh Panthapalakkal and Johnson Pullatt and the seminarians studying in Dharmaram Seminary,



Bangalore. He visited the priest working in Bangalore city - Rev. Fr Xavier Perumpuzha and those in the Eparchy of Hosur in Chennai— Rev. Frs Thomas Thaikkootthil and Abraham Koovackal. He also visited the newly started mission of Anantapur in A.P.

The Director General made his formal visit to the MST Philosophy students studying at Salesian Seminary, Sonada, Darjeeling and interacted with the Rector and staff there. The priest studying at Don Bosco University, Guwahati - Fr John Vanmelil was also visited by him. He also went to meet our priests – Rev. Frs Mathew Kuliraniyil, Saji Choorakunnel and Lijo Manikombel serving in the diocese of Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh and held official meeting with the Bishop of the diocese.

In the month of November - Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel and Rev. Fr Kuriakose Kunnel visited the priests working in Odisha. Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram also visited the mission centres of Odisha and travelled along with the Director General to visit the members working in the diocese of Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh.

14. Higher Studies

a. Completion of Doctorate in Theology: Rev. Fr Aniyekatt Kisincher is awarded Doctor of Theology for his thesis titled: *Visit of the Holy Spirit - A Theological Evaluation of the*

Contemporary Pneumatic Phenomenon in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Syro-Malabar Church, from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

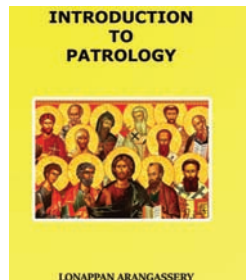
b. Completion of Licentiate in Moral Theology: Rev. Fr Joseph Kochumalayil completed Licentiate studies in Moral Theology with *summa cum laude*, from Alphonsianum University – Rome.

c. Completion of M.Phil.: Fr George Vettukallel recently secured M.Phil. in Commerce and Management with A+, from Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra.

d. Assigned for Advanced Degree in Indian Philosophy: Rev. Fr Johnson Pullattu is assigned to do licentiate studies in Indian Philosophy at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram (DVK), Bangalore.

e. Assigned for Advanced Study in Theology: Rev. Fr Cyriac Moothasseril is assigned to do advanced studies in Theology at Cardinal Walter Kasper Institute of Philosophisch-Theologische, Hochschule, Vallendar, Germany.

16. Achievement



Book on Patrology:

Rev. Fr Lonappan Arangassery authored a book titled - Introduction to Patrology. This is the 10th book of Fr Arangassery and it gives comprehensive view of all the important Church Fathers of the Latin West, the Greek Orient and the Syriac East.

17. Upcoming Events at the Generalate

30 December 2019: Meeting with the Rectors of all MST Seminaries

5 January 2020: Benefactors' Day and New Priests' Day

27-28 January: Joint Meeting of Regional Councillors with General Councillors

3-6 February: Sleehusa – Orientation and Commissioning for the New Priests

11-13 February: Ongoing Formation for 1983-1993 Ordination Batches

III. Transfers and Appointments

Allumpurath Raju Mathew: Relieved from the Eparchy of Belthangady

Arackalputhenveedu Lijo: Relieved as Priest in Charge, Shanti Nivas, Khutalwad of St Alphonsa Region

Azhakath Abraham: Decennial break with effect from 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020

Karickamukalel Benny: Relieved from St Paul Region and assigned for pastoral ministry, Germany

Kochumalayil Manu: Appointed Formator, Vikas Maitri, Kotra of the Eparchy of Ujjain, in St Paul Region

Koorumullumpurayidom George: Relieved as Parish Priest, Jai Matha Church, Bhedshi of Eparchy of Kalyan, St Alphonsa Region

Kudakkachirakunnel Sebin: Relieved from Adilabad Mission and Appointed at Anantapur Mission, Andhra Pradesh of St Thomas Region

Kuliraniyil Mathew – Assigned for pastoral ministry, diocese of Marquette, USA (w.e.f. February 2020)

Madhavappallil Thomas: Relieved from St Thomas Region and assigned for pastoral ministry, Archdiocese of Vienna, Austria

Moothasseril Cyriac: Assigned for higher studies in Theology in Germany

Moothasseril Mathew: Appointed, Priest in Charge, Alphonsa Bhavan, Islampur, St Alphonsa Region

Pullatt Johnson: Assigned for higher studies in Indian Philosophy, DVK Research Centre, Dharmaram College, Bangalore

Thuppalanjyil George: Appointed Priest in Charge of Shanti Nivas, Khutalwadi, St Alphonsa Region

Veranakunnel James: Appointed Parish Priest, Jai Matha Church, Bhedshi of the Eparchy of Kalyan in St Alphonsa Region

Vedikunnel Joseph: Relieved from Adilabad Mission and Appointed Anantapur Mission, Andhra Pradesh of St Thomas Region

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V. SEMINARIES

A. Deepti College, Melampara

1. Young Priests' Gathering

As part of the ongoing formation Fathers who were ordained between 2014-2019 came to Deepti on October 4, 2019. They all concelebrated Holy Mass with Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal Vice Director General of MST who celebrated his birthday on the same day. In the evening there was a volley ball match between the young priests and the minor seminarians. The get-together with them was a rousing experience for the seminarians.

2. Annual Retreat

This year the Annual retreat for the seminarians was held on October 9-13 at Jerusalem Retreat Centre, Thrissur. The CMI fathers organized and guided the seminarians very well. All came back spiritually nourished and zealously motivated. Seminarians from other seminaries also participated in it.

3. Extraordinary Mission Month

Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be an Extraordinary Mission Month. While every October is considered Mission Month because of the celebration of World Mission Sunday on the third Sunday, this year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, which, "sought to give new impetus to the missionary task of proclaiming the Gospel." At Deepti we were very fortunate to have the presence and sharing of our Missionaries like Rev. Frs Joseph Vedikunnel, Antony Pulickamandapathil and Thomas Chenganariparampil. Their messages on missionary priesthood and mission experiences have certainly made an affirmative impact on the seminarians.

As part of the celebration of the Extraordinary Mission month, October 17 was observed as a prayer day. We started the day with the celebration of the Holy Mass, and then continued with Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day. Each one took their turn for the Adoration. Together with the seminarians all the fathers of the Generalate and the seminary devotionally participated in it.

4. Mission Fest

As part of the celebration of the Extraordinary Mission month, On October 27, we organized a mega *Mission fest* for the Catechism children and teachers of nearby parishes. Students from Bharananganam, Choondachery, Nariananganam, Plassanal, Moonnilavu etc. participated in it. SMS and DST sisters performed cultural programmes based on mission activities and vocation promotion. Rev. Fr Thomas Kumbalanthanath celebrated Holy Mass and delivered the mission Sunday message. Rev. Fr Daey Kunnath conducted mission motivational classes for all assembled on the day. It was a huge success with a participation of more than 750 catechism children. Congrats to dear Rev. Frs Manu Maprayil, Monse Karuvakunnel, Joison Puthukkattu and Lijo Neyyoor Vadakkemuriyil who wonderfully organized the programs.

5. Rosary Devotion in October

The celebration of the conclusion of the Rosary devotion of October month was celebrated with the faithful at the public chapel. There was a candle light procession to the seminary chapel followed by agape. The birthday celebration of the Director General Very Rev. Antony Perumanoor added more flavor and color to it.

6. Mission Sunday 2019

This year Deepti seminary celebrated Mission Sunday on November 3, 2019. The Mission Sunday Celebrations was inaugurated by Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram. There were many funs filled games and activities for children and adults. Many parishioners and children participated in it.

7. Silver Jubilee Celebration

The silver jubilee celebration of the priestly ordination of eight fathers was held at Deepti on November 9, 2019. Fr Joy Purayidathil was the main celebrant of the Holy Mass and Fr Mathew Mulangasseril preached during the Mass. The specialty of this year's celebration was together with the Jubilarians their family members were also invited for the celebrations. Rev. Fathers and seminarians performed various cultural programs. The Jubilarians shared their fond memories

of their Deepti life and their indebtedness to the Alma mater.

8. Founder's Day

The founders Day was celebrated in a prayerful atmosphere. All seminarians together with the fathers of Deepti mount participated in the Holy Mass arranged in Pala Cathedral. Mar Joseph Kallarangatt, Mar Jacob Muricken, Mar Joseph Pallickaparambil, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor together with other Fathers of Pala diocese and MST participated in it. During the homily Mar Joseph Kallarangatt mentioned the special love and vision Mar Sebastian Vayalil had towards MST. The Seminarians of the Pala diocese also participated in the Holy Mass.

9. Parents Day

The Second-year Minor seminarians had their parents Day on November 24, 2019. The Director General inaugurated the meeting. Eighteen Seminarians and their parents participated in it. Second year students performed their multifarious activities and all appreciated them. The gathering was concluded by 4.00 p.m.

10. Christmas Exams and Holidays

The seminarians started the exams on December 9 and will continue till 21.

Christmas celebration and exchange of Christmas gift to the Christmas friends is on 21st night. Seminarians leave for Christmas holidays on 22. Merry Christmas and Happy New year 2020. God Bless you all.

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

B. Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery

1. Beginning of 'Extraordinary Mission Month'

We prepared the Emblem of **Extraordinary Mission Month** (EMM) and started the prayer of the EMM on the feast of St Little Theresa.

2. Funeral of the Mother of Fr Kariathil

All the members of the Staff and the Brother Representatives from each Batch attended the funeral service of the beloved mother of Fr

Johny Kariathil at Chemberi. Sr Sajeewa M.S.J. gave classes on Hygiene on that day.

3. Monthly Recollections

Rev. Fr Mathew Puthukallil enriched our Brothers in Spirit with his powerful spiritual talk and adoration on 12 – 13 October. Sr Roselind SABS and Sr Philo SABS preached the Monthly Recollection on 02 – 03 November.

4. Canonization of Bl. Mariam Thresia

The Brothers and the Staff watched the Canonization ceremony of Bl. Mariam Thresia, the fourth Saint of the Syro-Malabar Church, from Rome after the monthly recollection and once again got spiritually nourished.

5. Visit to Amarjyoti Special School

Santhome Brothers together with the Rector visited Amarjyoti Special School run by SABS Sisters to show our love and solidarity



for the differently abled people. We spent a day with them, performed some cultural programme and offered the Lunch. Our Brothers not only served the lunch for them but also

ate with them and washed the plates of the inmates.

6. Akhanda Japamala

In order to celebrate the Conclusion of the 10 Days Devotion to Mother Mary and to commemorate the EMM, we organized a 24 hours of Non-stop Rosary, starting at 6.00 pm on 19th with the



Eucharistic Procession from the main chapel to the Small Chapel till 6.00 pm on Sunday, 20th Oct., followed by a big procession with candles in the hands upto the main Public Road. Many Fathers, Sisters

and Faithful graced the occasion. Rev. Fr Joseph Kannamangalath, Rector of MSFS Minor Seminary, the main celebrant for the Procession, delivered a fitting message.

7. Experience Sharing by Missionaries

Two MST Missionaries, Fr Kurian Ammanathukunnel and Fr Mathew Moothasseril, visiting our seminary enriched our Seminarians with missionary spirit. The former shared his experiences in Ujjain and beginning of new Mission Centres, and the latter, the beginning stage of Kalyan and of the origin of Sangli Mission.

8. Conclusion of Extraordinary Mission Month

Bishop Mar Paul Chittilappilly was the main celebrant for the Holy



Qurbana to conclude the Extra-ordinary Mission Month on Thursday, 31st October. He shared with us his experience of Kalyan Diocese in its beginning.

9. Seminary Day Celebrations

Our Seminary Day was celebrated on Sunday, 10th November with



the Holy Qurbana in the morning at 6.45 p.m., celebrated by our Bishop Mar Remigiose Inchananiyil. The cultural programmes were staged in the evening at 6.30 p.m., inaugurated by our Chief Guest Bishop Mar



Joseph Pandarasseril, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Kottayam in the presence of Bishop Mar Remigiose Inchananiyil, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, our

Director General, Very Rev. Fr John Oravankara, the Vicar General of the Diocese and many Provincials and Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and Lay faithful. All highly appreciated the theme oriented programme with accurate timing! The programme got over by 8.30 p.m. followed by festive Dinner. *Chenda Melam* by our Brothers before and after the Cultural programme was the centre of attraction! The house was fully illumined with different colours of light made by our own Brothers!



10. New Official Duties

Brothers were assigned with new Duties for the Second Semester. All Brothers, with Bro. Martin Kolamkuzhiyil as the General Prefect, have taken charge of their new duties.

11. One day Outing

All the community went for a day out. Brothers went in groups to near-by cities and came back at 7.00pm.

12. Award Night

A colourful 'Award Night' saw our Brothers receiving their prizes for the Mission Sunday Competitions conducted in the previous



months. 'Award Night' programme was inaugurated by Rev. Fr Mathew Pulimoottil, the Finance Officer, Diocese of Thamarassery, who in his speech emphasized the need of physical health for a Missionary

Priest. He gave away all the prizes. RED Group was awarded the overall championship, followed by BLUE Group. Bro. Stani Punavelil was the Sports Champion and Bro. Aivin Kunnath secured both the Literary and Overall Champion Trophy. With Solemn Supper the programme came to an end!

13. Founder's Day

The Seminary commemorated the death anniversary of our Founder Bp Mar Sebastian Vayalil and Solemn Holy Qurbana with a homily on the Life and aspirations of the founder made the day remarkable. We paid our homage in front of his picture.

14. *Sauhruda Sangamam* – 2019

Keeping the tradition, the Parents of the Second Year Brothers were invited to spend a day in the seminary with their children and the Brothers of the Seminary on Sunday, 24th November. We chose the name '**SAUHRUDA SANGAMAM**' for the Parents Meet.

Parents with their children accepted our invitation and came to participate in the '**SAUHRUDA SANGAMAM**' – 2019. Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel, the Central Coucillor, was the main celebrant of the Holy Qurbana and Chief Guest of the programme. Fr Rector welcomed all to the programme which took place just after the Festive Lunch.



Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel in his message emphasised the role of the Parents in the formation of their children in the Seminary. Each communication with their own son Brother should be oriented to



instil and encourage in the desire to become a good Missionary Priest, rather than informing him of all other news in and around the house. "They should be

challenged”, he said, “in their pursuit of becoming a holy priest rather than providing them with all worldly and material things”. Two Parents, Male and Female, representing the entire Parents accorded their sincere gratitude to the MST.

All posed for a Family photo with the Staff after receiving a fruit plant, a symbol of their beloved son, which they have to nurture as their own son. The Parents appreciated the cultural programme and the Uniform Dress of the Second year Brothers. All left for good at 4.30 pm.

15. Santhome Caritas – *Mission Mela*

To instil the hearts with Mission spirit and to enflame it with the mission fire among the Brothers and to create a mission awareness among the people around here, we conduct a *Mission Mela* called **Santhome Caritas** every year. This year too we



had varieties programme like different games, food courts, *Thattukada* etc for the neighbours and the well-wishers of the Seminary. They came in good number and made Santhome Caritas a big success. The *Mission Mela* was inaugurated by Rev. Fr Mathew Maveli, the Cathedral Parish priest at 4.00 pm.



16. Christmas Friend and Lent

It is fitting to start the Christmas Lent with a Christmas friend and the entire community got it. As a preparation for the Season of Lent, Brothers had their Monthly Recollection, preached by Rev. Fr Denny V.C., Assi. Director of Jubilee Retreat Centre, Engapuzha.



17. Visit of Fiat Mission Members

A group of 25 volunteers of Fiat Mission from different parts of the country visited us and enriched us with their experience sharing and songs. It was a good opportunity for our Brothers to mingle with Lay Missionaries.

18. Visitation of Central Team

To take note of the matters in the first hand and to decide then and there, the Central Administrative Team headed by Very Rev. Fr Antony



Perumanoor arrived here at 11.30 pm. They had very constructive and fruitful discussions with the Santhome Staff and took some good decisions for the good of the Seminary. They

had a thorough investigation of the damages to the building, failures in the sanitary systems and the premises of the house. After meeting the Brothers they left for MOC, Srirangapatna at 4.00 p.m.

19. Inauguration of Shop – Mar Valah

At the request of the Brothers, we started a shop called MAR VALAH for them where they can buy important items like pen, pencil, notebooks, soaps, toothpaste etc. and cancel their outing to buy such things on Saturdays. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor officially inaugurated the shop.

20. Class on Adolescent Health

Dr Joseph Peous from KMCT Medical College gave classes on Adolescent health on Thursday, 05th December. The class was named - “Know Your Body”

21. Christmas Examinations & Celebrations

The Second Term examinations for all the three Batches started on 09 and will get over on 20th Dec. The Christmas celebration in the Seminary is scheduled on 21st and the Brothers go for Christmas holidays on Sunday, 22nd after the Holy Qurbana and will return on 03rd January.

22. Basketball Coaching

Some selected Brothers will be given intensive Basketball coaching by an experienced Basketball trainer from 28th Dec. to 03rd January. These Brothers will return to the Seminary on 27th December.

23. Monthly Recollection for Formators

All the Formators of Santhome Seminary, MSFS Seminary, MCBS Seminary, OCD Seminary and the Diocesan Minor Seminary have decided to meet once a month for Monthly Recollection and Confessions. The first of such meeting was held on Thursday, 12th December at Santhome Seminary.

24. Scriptura – Fiat Mission

All brothers participate and write the Bible Verses with their references on 20 December, the last day of their examinations here. It is conducted by the Fiat Mission for the Minor Seminaries.

25. Some Visitors to Santhome Seminary

Bishop Joseph Pandarasseril, Bishop Remigio Inchananiyi, Bishop



Paul Chittilappilly, Bishop Stephan Chirappanath, MST Administrative Team Members, Fr Monse Karuvakkunnel, Fr Joseph Oppenmackal, Fr Kurian Ammanathukunnel, Fr Joseph Kalariparambil, Fr Mathew Moothasseril, Fr Karl-Michael Klotz (Germany), Fr Mathew Maveli, Fr Mathew Pulimoottil, Fr Mathew Puthukallil, Fr Denny V.C., Sr Sajeewa M.S.J., Sr Roslind SABS and Sr Philo SABS. Fr Sebastian Tharapputhotty, MST Deacons, Fr Prasad, Fr John Manjamattam and Fr Manu Maprayil visited the seminary.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph Pulavelil, Rector, Santhome Seminary)

C. Jeevan Jyoti - Missionary Orientation Centre, Srirangapatna

1. Psychological Class

There was a psychological class guided by Fr Jaison Puthenpurackal MST from 2nd October to 3rd October [Wed-Fri]. It was really a chance for the brothers to have an idea about the basics of Psychology. Through different psychological tests and therapies brothers could understand the strengths and weaknesses of each other.

2. One Day Seminar on Mission

We had a one-day seminar on 5th October [Saturday] by Sr Deepa on the various types of missionary activities. She also spoke about their congregation and their activities especially their work among the special children. She also shared with the brothers about her personal experience in prayer.

3. Mission Sunday at Ganjam Church

Brothers went to Ganjam Church on 13th October [Sunday] to take part in the Mission Sunday celebration. We arranged different games for the parishioners. We also participated in different activities arranged as part of the celebrations.

4. Conclusion of Rosary Devotion and Deepavali Celebration



A week long Rosary devotion ended on 27 October (Sunday). Fr Tomy Madhavappallil, the chief guest of the day, gave a meaningful message on the life of Mother Mary

in connection with our vocation to priesthood. the whole seminary was lighted with lamps in connection with Deepavali that day.



5. Psycho-Spiritual Workshop

Brothers were enriched by the Psycho-Spiritual workshop guided by Fr Manuel Karimpanackal from 28th October to 2nd November. It was an opportunity for the brothers to know themselves and also to understand the bond between spirituality and psychology. It was so inspiring.

6. Extraordinary Mission Month at Shikkaripura

The staff and brothers went to Shikkaripura on 29 October [Tue]



to take part in the conclusion of Extraordinary Mission Month. It was the first chance for the brothers to visit Shikkaripura. Brothers arranged some fun games and also participated the public meeting and Rosary procession. Bishop Mar Sebastian Adayanthrathu was the chief guest of the programme and Fr Prasad, the Rector gave the message. It was wonderful experience for the brothers to know the culture and deep faith of the people of the Shikkaripura.

7. Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of MST Priests



Jeevan Jyoti community joined the silver jubilee celebration of Rev. Fr C. D. Sebastian and Fr Mathew Mulangasseril in Regional House [3 October]. There was holy mass followed by public meeting. Brothers

performed a skit there.

8. Visitors from Deepti Foundation

The fathers and staff from Deepti Foundation, Delhi visited Jeevan



Jyoti on 14 November. In the evening Fr Santosh and the staff shared about the activities in which they are involved and their experiences. It was really inspiring and heart

touching. Both the brothers and the staff performed some programmes. They also prepared the supper.

9. Mission Exposure Programme

Brothers went for the mission exposure programme on 16 November and came back on 27 November. This was a chance for the brothers to have a first-hand experience of mission. Brothers were sent to 14 different mission stations, two each. All came back with stronger missionary convictions.

10. Visit by the Director General and Councillors



Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General with all the



councillors and the Treasurer General visited Jeevan Jyoti. Fr Rector welcomed the General and the team. [4 December]. Rev. Fr General celebrated holy mass and

fathers met the brothers and fathers separately. Brothers shared their experience in mission stations to the fathers.

11. Inauguration of Mission Exposure Sharing

The inauguration of mission exposure sharing was on 5 December



[Thursday]. Fr Sunny Koovackal was the chief guest of the programme. Fr Rector welcomed everyone. The brothers who went to Snehalaya shared their experience. Fr Sunny spoke about his concepts about the mission work.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Prasad Kallupuraparampil, Rector, Jeevan Jyoti)

D. Ruhhalaya

1. Maliparampil Lectures and Workshop on Meditation

Fr Joseph Maliparampil Lecture was held on 8th November 2019.

Fr Ivan Almeida SFX from Goa was the resource person of the



day. The theme selected for the 14th edition of lectures was 'Evangelizing Mission in India in the context of the extraordinary mission month. His inspirational talks in three sessions were based on Pope Francis'

apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* which emphasizes Church's primary mission of evangelization in the modern world. The resource person exhorted the audience to experience the joy that Christ gives and this joy must force us to witness him. Brothers from theology and philosophy sessions with the nearby sister's

community participated in the lectures actively and enthusiastically.



There was also a workshop on meditation animated by Fr Ivan for the theology students. This workshop was titled as “Silence is loaded with answers, Meditation as Medication”. It was both

theoretical and practical guidelines on different ways of doing meditation which was very well appreciated by the staff and students.

2. Mission Tour for Deacons

Rev. Deacons, with Vice Rector Fr Manoj Parackal, had two days of mission tour within the diocese of Ujjain on 13-14th November. They have visited around twenty mission stations in two days. They were really impressed by the hospitality and the concern shown to them and all the more for explaining and briefing the mission activities done in the mission stations.

3. Annual Retreat and Adieu to Deacons

The annual retreat of Rev. Deacons was arranged at the Regional House, Mendya from 18th to 23rd November. Rev. Fr Francis Chakkungal of Jagadapur Diocese guided and animated the retreat for them.

After having successfully completed their studies, Eleven Rev. Deacons of Ruhalaya bid farewell to their *Alma Mater* on 17th November. The whole Ruhalaya community joined together to appreciate, felicitate and express gratitude to them.

4. Seminary Day

Ruhalaya Seminary Day of 2019 was celebrated most solemnly on 24th November. In the morning, we had a solemn thanksgiving mass presided over by Mar Sebastian Vadakel MST, the Bishop of Ujjain, at the Philosophate.

In the evening, we had the cultural fest from 5 to 8.15 p.m. His Excellency Mar Jose Pulickal, the Auxiliary Bishop of Kanjirappally,



was the chief guest of the day. Mar Sebastian Vadakel presided over the meeting in which Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General of MST, was the guest of honor. About 600 plus

invited audience enjoyed the cultural programme, followed by a delicious dinner with different rare items. Many Fathers, Sisters, Brothers, faithful and well-wishers attended the evening programme. Kudos to the



brothers for their spell bounding performance on the stage. A new book written by Fr Lonappan Arangassery, named Introduction to Patrology, was released in between the cultural gala.

5. Blessed Moments at Ruhalaya

Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil of Satna Diocese paid a short visit to Ruhalaya on 7 Dec. 2019. He came to Ujjain to visit the brothers



of Satna diocese doing their Philosophy in Ruhhalaya and those doing their Orientation Course in Vikas Maitri, Kotra. He spent a quality time at Ruhhalaya interacting with the staff as well.

We were fortunate to have Rev. Fr Joshy Kulathumkal, the Rector of the minor Seminary of Thuckalay Diocese. He was here to meet the brothers of Thuckalay diocese.

6. Silver Jubilee of Second Batch of Ruhhalaya

The Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of the second batch of Ruhhalaya (1987-



1990) was celebrated on 28th November 2019. Fr Thomas Chirattavayalil of Satna diocese, Fr C.D Sebastian and Fr Joseph Karodan came to their *Alma Mater* to celebrate the silver Jubilee of their Priestly Ordination. The solemn Jubilee Qurbana was celebrated at the Philosophate. The Jubilarians met the staff of the Seminary and shared their experience and views on priestly formation. There was a meeting to felicitate the jubilarians during which they shared the highlights of their missionary and pastoral experiences

with the staff and students of Ruhalaya. They were presented with a Jubilee memento as well as a shawl and cultural programs were conducted in their honour.

7. Mission Exposure Programmes

The brothers at the Philosophate were divided into 28 groups and were sent on a Mission Exposure Program for 10 days to different parishes and mission stations of the dioceses of Ujjain, Indore, Khandwa and Jhabua from 20 to 30 Oct. 2019. They had an enriching missionary and pastoral experience. They had a firsthand knowledge of the hardships of the life of the people in the villages, the language, culture and faith celebrations of the Catholics and non-Christians in different parts of MP.

In the theology section, a mission exposure programme was arranged for the second-year theologians from 25th November to 1st December. The batch was divided into three groups and they were sent to Delhi, Bophal and Sagar for exposure. An evaluation of the mission exposure was done at Ruhalaya theologate on 7th December with report presentation and sharing of the experiences by the three groups.

8. Ruhavibes: Launching of You Tube Channel

Ruhalaya has officially launched a You Tube Channel – RUHAVIBES on 30th November. The inauguration ceremony was done by Rev. Fr Chandy Kalathoor, the Rector of Ruhalaya. In its first attempt, the third- and second-year theologians air the biblical capsules on the gospel readings of the respective day for the advent season under the guidance of Fr Manoj Parackal.

9. Annual Retreat at Philosophate

The annual retreat for the Philosophy students was conducted from 1st to 6th December 2019. The preacher of the annual retreat was Rev. Fr Cyriac Kochalunkal CST. The theme of the retreat was “Call to Priesthood and Holiness of Life”. The brothers were spiritually nourished and positively challenged to embrace their formation in view of their future missionary and priestly life.

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

VI. NEWS FROM MISSIONS

A. St Paul's Region

1. Regional House, Mendya

a. Retreat for Reverend Deacons: Retreat for the Reverend Deacons of Ruhalaya Major Seminary was held from Nov. 18th evening to 23rd morning. Eleven deacons who finished their academic studies came to the Regional house for their final preparation, to be with the Lord, away from the Seminary environment. Rev Fr. Francis Chakkungal, belonging to the diocese of Jagdalpur, who is also a student of Ruhalaya Seminary preached the retreat. Reverend Deacons returned filled with the Holy Spirit with much earnestness and enthusiasm.

b. Visitors: His Excellency Mar Jose Pulickal, the Auxiliary bishop of Kanjirappally made a short visit to Regional house on 24th November together with Very Rev. Fr. Antony Perumanoor, the Director General on the occasion of Home Day at Ruhalaya. Rev. Fr. Hans Puthiyakulangara who is working in England and Rev. Fr. Joseph Pulickal who serves the Brazilian Church made it a point to visit their Region and the missionaries there. Fr Thomas Parayady substituted Fr Hans during his absence in the parish.

c. Hearty Welcome to Fr Kochumalayil: Rev. Fr. Manu Kochumalayil has come back to the Region on 11th December after



the successful completion of his Licentiate in Moral Theology from Rome. He will take charge as a formator in the Missionary Orientation Centre in Kotra, in the Diocese of Ujjain. Hearty welcome and best wishes to Rev. Fr Manu.

d. Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordinations: Rev. Fr Benny Karickamukalel was felicitated on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination during the monthly recollection on 31st October. The Regional Director also thanked him for his



dedicated and generous service in the Region and the Eparchy. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Pullatt guided the recollection. Rev. Fr. Joseph Karodan who celebrates the Silver Jubilee of

his Priestly Ordination made a visit to the Regional House. Rev. Fr. Shiju Pottananickal with the Sacred Heart sisters celebrated his Silver Jubilee in Mendya and felicitated him.

e. Committee Meeting of C&D: The Subcommittee constituted by the Constitution and Directives Review Committee to study the election procedure given in the Constitution held a meeting on 10th and 11th November in the Regional House. Rev Fr Joseph Parackal, the committee convener, Rev Fr Peter Vattappara and Rev Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura were present.

2. St Thomas School, Pawasa

a. Book Fair: The world of books is unique. Books have their own fragrance and to appreciate



it, we need to read books. Keeping this as the tag line, a book fair was organised by Scholastic at St. Thomas School from 17th Oct to 19th Oct 2019. The books of different genres such as

fiction, non-fiction, education, kids etc..., were put on show. Our parents and students gave good response and made use of this opportunity.

b. Rangoli Making Competition: *Rangoli* making competitions play an important role in motivating students to perform and outshine in their creative skills. It offers a chance for students to gain substantial experience, adopt innovative techniques, showcase talents, analyze and evaluate outcomes and uncover personal ability. The competition was held on 24th Oct on the duo celebration of *Onam* and *Diwali* in St. Thomas School. The theme was Social Awareness and it was

a House wise competition. Through their *rangolis* students exhibited various themes like *Swachha Bharat*, save girl child, say no to plastic and so on.

c. Sports Day: On the 8th Nov, St Thomas School hoisted the Annual Sports Meet, two days filled with fervour and excitement experienced amidst thrills, shrills and cheers. The inaugural ceremony was carried out by lighting the presidential torch by the chief Guest Mr. Harendra Trivedi, India's first world Dwarf Table Tennis Champion. Several track and field events took place and students were very energetic and cheerful displaying their incredible spirit. With the declaration of winners of all the events, the sports meet of 2019-2020 concluded successfully and at the end of the second day, students departed with a clear smile on their faces.

d. Plant a Tree Campaign: 'Plant a Tree' had been an extraordinary



experience for the students. The School witnessed the joy of kids who want to do something for the environment. The students were extremely happy to participate in this initiative of planting trees in the school campus. The first phase was

held on 2nd Oct. and the second was on 25th Nov. The tiny tots learnt about the importance of planting trees and it proved to be a minor step towards caring the Mother earth.

e. Test for Teachers: To assess and update the teachers, the school



has decided to conduct English proficiency test both oral and written at the end of each month. These tests are suited for every level, and at the end they are given recommendations on how to improve their English.

f. Pride of St. Thomas – Ujjain: The gems of St. Thomas showed their sports spirits at National and International levels. Through their

hard work and true determination, they performed at following levels adding colourful feathers in the golden cap of St Thomas School:- Ammar Mansuri (VIII) in football at National Level in Manipur; Labdhi Daga (VII) in 200 m, Hurdle and 400 relay at National Level in Punjab; Yash Rai (IX) in Chess at National Level in Tamil Nadu; Yash Vyas (VIII) in rifle shooting at National Level in Bhopal; Shivansh Pandey (X) in Basket Ball at National Level in Tamil Nadu and Jubin Lalawat (X) in Jump Rope at International Level in China. Kudos to all the shining stars of St Thomas.

g. Birthday of Fr Manager: On 2nd November, the teaching and non-teaching staff of the school celebrated the birthday of our manager Rev. Fr George Pottananickal. All the members showed utmost love and reverence for him through their speeches and gifts.

h. Children's Day: A day marking childhood - Children's Day celebrations focus on children and their enjoyment. St Thomas School always strives to emerge out with something new for its students and children's day being a day especially for them. The campus was buzzing with excitement and joy when several mesmerising programmes were staged. The chief guest was Sr Pauline FCC, a pioneer teacher of our school at its infancy. The day ended in a beautiful resonance lingering in everybody's minds. The entire programme was applauded by everybody present and will always remain etched in the memory of one and all.

3. Nirmal Jyoti, Mandsaur

a. Madhya Pradesh Stapana Diwas: On November 1, on the



occasion of "Madhya Pradesh Stapana Diwas", our students performed a dance programme in the police parade ground, Mandsaur. The students were appreciated for their beautiful performance by the collector of Mandsaur and other leaders of the district.

b. Cultural and sports competitions: Cultural and sports



competitions were arranged for village children on 23rd November. From seven villages, around 50 children were present for the competitions. The competitions started at 11am and were concluded at 4pm. Almost all children were

awarded prizes for one or the other event.

c. World Disability Day Celebration: Nirmal Jyoti Special School



arranged a cultural evening on 2nd December, on the occasion of world disability day (Dec.3). The programme lasted for one and a half hours. It was arranged in the city which helped the public to know more about these kind of children, Nirmal Jyoti Special

School and of course the great service rendered by the missionaries. On 3rd December on the occasion of world disability day, our students performed different cultural programmes and participated in many other sports events. The programme was arranged by the district authorities and the students were given prizes for their performance.

The construction works of the normal school is progressing. We hope to finish the works by the month of February 2020 and start classes by next academic year.



4. Masih Ashram, Karondiya

A retreat for the religious sisters was arranged from October 23rd evening to 28th evening preached by Rev. Fr Basil from Delhi,



Faridabad Diocese. There were 26 sisters for the retreat. Yet another retreat was arranged for sisters from November 3 to 8 preached by Rev. Fr Abraham. There are also fathers and sisters coming for short and long days

of prayer and retreat every week.

On every Sunday, we have the Holy Mass followed by the preaching of the Word of God and healing ceremonies for the public. On 23rd October, we conducted such a healing session where several people got a divine experience. *Masih Ashram* is now preparing for the Christmas



celebrations this year and we expect around 600 people to come for this celebration.

5. ST THOMAS SCHOOL, KHACHROD

a. Farewell to Fr Karickamukalel: The Christian community of Khachrod gave an emotional send off to Rev. Fr Benny on 10th November. Rev. Sisters and the faithful here presented their sentiments and wished him successful pastoral ministry in Germany. The farewell meeting was followed by the special lunch



– *Dal Baffala* - prepared by the Christian community themselves. On 13th November, the principal, Fr Binu, the staff and students of St Thomas School, Khachrod gave an official farewell to Rev. Fr Benny Karickamukalel, who offered an unforgettable tenure of service as the manager for nearly 10 months. We are indebted to him for his committed service here. Fr Benny made the farewell address thanking everyone for being his collaborators.

b. Children's Day Celebrations: On 14th November, the students of St Thomas School, Khachrod celebrated the children's day with great joy and enthusiasm. The school assembly was addressed by Fr Binu followed by the message for the day. It was then followed by various sports and games for the students.



c. Principal's Day: St Thomas School, Khachrod celebrated the Principal's Day on 3rd December, on the birthday of Fr Binu. All the staff and students greeted him and organized various cultural programmes on this occasion.



6. NIRMAL JYOTI, BHOPAL

a. Training for Animators: Training for the animators and volunteers was held on 19th Oct. The resources person of the day was Mr. Binoy, project manager of several NGO's on recording the documents in a right manner. Mr. Binoy having vast experience in working with different Organizations enlightened the members. 8 of our volunteers and animators took part in it.



b. Consecration of the Church: On 9th Nov, the first ever Syro-



Malabar Church in Bhopal (St. Sebastian's Prayer Center (Church), Kolar) was consecrated by His Excellency Mar Raphael Thattil, Bishop of Shamshabad. The presence of His Excellency Mar James Athikalam, bishop of Sagar also added grace to the occasion. Several Fathers, Sisters, lay faithful and well-wishers from far and wide were present. Mr. B.S. Bajpai, chairman, Mother Theresa school, the land donor was also present during this occasion. Special thanks to Fr Lonappan Arangassery, for leading the choir.

c. Annual retreat for the Faithful: The annual retreat for the Syro Malabar was held from 25-27 Oct. at Carmel School Auditorium. The retreat was led by Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kochupura & team,



Ephphatha, Adimali.

7. Nirmal Jyoti, Indore

Under the leadership of Fr John Panthalippadan, Nirmal Jyoti Indore is conducting two centers for Mentally retarded, that consists of 20



children. Fr Monse and Fr Daey Kunnath visited the street food programme in the month of November and December. In the street food programme, they

are covering 24 mentally ill and abandoned people. At present the street food programme is supported by the Syro Malabar community, Indore. Making lamp for selling on the days of Diwali was one of the activities conducted by Nirmal Jyoti, Indore.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Abhilash Pattasseriyl, Ujjain)

B. St Thomas Region (Including Telangana & Andhra Pradesh)

1. Santhome Regional House, Mandya

a. Silver Jubilee Celebration: Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev.



Fr C. D. Sebastian MST and Rev. Fr Mathew Mulangasseril MST was celebrated on 3rd November, 2019 at Santhome Regional House, Mandya. Rev. Fr Mathew Mulangasseril was the main celebrant of the Holy Qurbana and Rev. Fr C. D. Sebastian gave

the message. Missionaries in and around Mandya were present for the celebration.

b. Visit of the General Council: Director General, General



Councillors and Treasurer General visited Mandya mission on 4th December, 2019. In the evening all the MST priests working in Mandya gathered together to listen to the general team and to share their experiences and ideas.

2. Deepti Nivas, Kalenahalli

a. Literary Day in Primary School: The literary day was conducted in Santhome Pre-Primary School on 16 October. Fr Salas



Karikkandathil, the regional councillor inaugurated the competition. Fr Salas had motivated and inspired the children with inspiring words and appreciation. All the students in the Pre-Primary school participated in the competition.

b. Rosary Devotion: There were ten days kept aside for the special devotion of Rosary in Deepti Nivas. A good number of villagers



participated during those days of Rosary. It was held between 21st October to 31st of this month. It was concluded on 31st in the presence of fathers and sisters in and around Mandya, brothers of Mother

Theresa Minor Seminary Mandya Diocese and many people from nearby villagers. It was a real blessing for the Mission station with the prayers of all those who joined in the spiritual service.

c. Children's Day and Sports Day: The children's day was conducted very solemnly on 14th of November in Deepti Nivas. Fr Jaison Puthenpura, the Director of Jeevodaya Arakere Mission Station was the Chief Guest of the day. He had inspired the children with his beautiful message. Children had rallied in



the school campus by demonstrating the image of 'Chachagi' and also dressed like him. The sports competitions were also held on the same day proceeding to Children's day celebration.

d. Visitors from Delhi: Fr Santhosh Olappurackal and Shijo



Thettalickal visited Deepti Nivas with the Staff from Deepti Foundation Delhi, Balasua project for a day. They had inspired the staff and students of Deepti Nivas by sharing their experiences and motivated all with the kind

services that they are doing for humanity. They spent one day in Deepti Nivas on 14th November.

e. Visit of Mar Adayanthrath: Bishop Mar Sebastian



Adayanthrath visited Deepti Nivas on 16 November with a few foreign Friends. They had appreciated the different humanitarian ministries conducted in the mission station by living the word of God amidst people who are marginalized in

the society.

f. Grand Parents' Day: The grandparents' day was conducted for the Santhome Pre-Primary school children on 8th November. The grand parents of the 20 students had participated on that day. They had appreciated the good initiative of the school management. They were also happy for the different games and the cultural performances by their grandchildren on the stage.

g. Collaboration of Lions Club: The Lions clubs in Mandya and Mysore collaborated together conducted a one-day programme in Deepti Nivas on 22 November. There were 28 of the club members spent a day in Deepti Nivas. They had entertained the children by conducting different games for the children. They also distributed many prizes for the children on that day. The ex-governor of Lions club Lion Deve Gowda sir from Mysore celebrated his birthday with the children of Deepti Nivas on that day. They appreciated and praised our service for the poor ones.

h. Mission Experience Programme: The brothers from Jeevan Jyoti had spent 10 days for their live-in-Mission station programme in Deepti Nivas from 17th November to 27th November. Brothers



Savio and Albin had enthusiastically joined with the different activities in the mission station. They could experience the different possibilities of missionary works among the specially-gifted children as well as the regular

children over here.

i. Sports Competition: A district level Sports day was conducted in Mandya for the especially abled children on 31st November. The Deepti Nivas Students had participated in the competition and they could secure a good number of prizes on that day. They were felicitated with awards on 3rd December on World Disability day at Kalamandir in Mandya.

j. Director General and General Councillors: The Director General and General Councillors had visited Deepti Nivas on 4th of December. The General Superiors of MST had encouraged the Missionaries of Deepti Nivas with their short visit. They had congratulated and appreciated the winners of the District level sports competition on that day.



k. Picnic for Pre-Primary School: A one-day picnic was arranged for the Santhome Pre-Primary School students on 11 December. The picnic was conducted by combining together with the students



of Santhome Public School Mandya. All the 27 children of the pre-primary students joined with the 170 students of Public School at Gumbaz in Srirangapatna.

3. Asha Sadan, Mandya

a. Children's Day and Sports Day: Asha Sadan Special School conducted Sports Competitions for the students on 8th November, 2019. On 14th Children's Day was celebrated in its pomp and glory.

Fr Josekutty Kalayil MST was the Chief Guest. Rev. Fr Santhosh Olappurackal, Rev. Fr Shijo Thettalickal and a group of teachers from Delhi were part of the Children's Day celebration and the prizes for sports champions were also provided on the same day.

b. Mission Exposure: Bros Abhishek Kottuppally and Justin Kulanjiyil from Jeevan Jyothi, Srirangapatna spent their ten days of mission exposure at Asha Sadan and were enriched with a great and variety experience of mission. Asha Sadan Family is indeed grateful to them for their selfless service, love and concern and we really appreciate their commitment to the mission.



c. District Level Sports and Arts Competition: District Level sports and arts competitions for the Differently Abled Children prior



to the International Day of Disabled Persons were held on 30th November, 2019. The students of Asha Sadan participated in all the items and bagged a number of prizes. Congratulations to the winners.

d. International Day of Disabled Persons: December 3 is celebrated as the International Day of Disabled Persons and a grand celebration was arranged at Kalasadana, Mandya by the district department. Students from Asha Sadan also participated in the Celebration and performed a number of cultural events. Fr Viju Muringassery MST was one among the Chief Guests of the celebration.

e. Dental Camp: A free Dental Camp was arranged at Asha Sadan Special School on 10th December, 2019. Dental Specialists and a



crew of 16 members under the guidance of Dr Sudheer came from RV Dental College and Hospital (D. A. Pandu Memorial), Bangalore for the dental camp. Around 200 people including Students,

Parents and Teachers sought medical assistance from the team.

4. Divya Jyothi & Preeti, Koppa

a. Competitions at Divya Jyothi: In connection with Kannada *Rajyothsava*, Divya Jyothi school Koppa organized Kannada essay, art and craft competition. Students were participated exuberantly.

b. Eye-test Campaign: In the presence of Fr Pradeepan, Principal of Divya Jyothi School Koppa, Sri Sathya Sai trust collaboration with Dr. M C Modi eye hospital has conducted eye test campaign and provide spectacles for students those had vision impairment.

c. Children's Day: Preethi Special School and Divya Jyothi School teachers celebrated the Children's Day Function with great enthusiasm and zeal. The event started off with a Prayer dance by Miss Divya and ended with the National Anthem as a tribute to our nation. Sweets were given to every child sponsored by the teachers.

d. Special school Olympics: Mandya district level special school Olympics and arts competition held in Mandya stadium and our students came out in flying colours.

e. Educational Trip: Educational trips are educational experiences



that allow students to apply their lessons to the real world. This year we had two such experiences for our students. On 15th of November from 4th, 5th, 6th and 10th slandered

students and all the teaching and non- teaching staff went to Talakavery, Madikery and Kushalnagara. From 4th to 7th students went to picnic to Horanadu, Banvasi, Yana, Dharmasdala etc from 7th to 9th of December.

f. Purchase of new Bolero: By the grace of God and support of Rev Fr Antony Perumanoor, Our Director General and Fr Shaiju Maliekel and Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekarottu, our Regional Director and councillors, we got a new Bolero Jeep.



5. Santhome School, Mandya

a. Teachers day celebration: Santhome public school celebrated teachers' day solemnly. Students conducted the function well and they distributed gifts to teachers as a token of love. Rev Fr. Saneesh gave the message of teachers' day. Rev Fr Thomas the Manager, Rev Fr Anish Joseph the Principal of Santhome Public



School, Rev Sr Daisy Rose the principal of PU College decorated the stage with their presence. After the function there was a friendly cricket match conducted between students and teachers. Teachers won the match. Various programmes and games were conducted for teachers.

b. Adieu to Fr Saneesh:

Santhome public school has given adieu to Rev Fr Saneesh who was here for six months doing his internship as part of his B.Ed. studies. We wish him all the best for his future.



c. Onam Celebration: Santhome public school celebrated Onam. Teachers made flower mat (*pookalam*) in the school and it was displayed to all students. The meaning of the festival was explained to the students by the Principal in the assembly.

6. Santhome, Sathyamangalam

a. Visit of Regional Director and Team: Rev. Fr Joseph



Thekkekarott MST, the Regional Director of St Thomas Region, Mandya and Regional Councilors paid a visit to Santhome International School in October 2019.

b. Visit of General Councilors and Treasurer General:

Santhome International School was graced with the presence of General Councilors and Treasurer General of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST) on 5th December, 2019. Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel MST, Rev. Fr Justin Vettukallel MST and Rev. Fr Joy Kunnel MST visited the Students and motivated them with their words.

c. Visit to Amutham Tuition Center: *Amutham* tuition center is



a social work ministry of Santhome MST house, Sathyamangalam. 16 students are being given free tuition by an appointed teacher and the ministry is taking place in a rented house at MGR Nagar, Sathyamangalam.

(Reported by Fr Akhil Mlavil)

7. Karunya Sadan, Mandya

a. Mental Health Day Celebrations:

'The Mental Health Day' was celebrated at Karunya Sadan on 10th October 2019. Honourable Civil Judge H. Manjunath was the Chief Guest of the Day. Dr Aswath, the



Mandya District Mental Health Officer and Dr Shashank, the Psychiatrist from Mandya District Mental Health Office, were given key note addresses. Rev Sr Shali, Director Snehalaya and Rev. Sr Jeslima S.D, the Superior of Karunya Nivas Convent were present.

b. Documentary on Karunya Sadan: Rev.Fr Joseph Thekkekarot



MST, the Regional Director of St. Thomas Mission Region released the first documentary short film on Karunya Sadan by giving its first copy to Rev. Fr. Sebastian Cherickanampurath MST and Rev. Fr Mathew Mulangasseril

MST, who were celebrating the Silver Jubilee of their Priestly Ordinations at Santhome, Regional House Mandya on November 3rd 2019,

c. Genealogy of Shikkaripura: Shikkaripura, the Tribal village of Nagamangala Taluk of Mandya District, is fortunate to have the entire families Genealogy. It was published by the new Bishop of Mandya, Bishop Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath when the Diocese of Mandya was celebrating the 'Extra Ordinary Missionary Month' at Shikkaripura on 29th October 2019. This work is the fruit of the hard work of Fr Tomy Madhavappallil MST and Fr George Olickal MST.



(Reported by Fr Tomy Madhavappally)

8. Santhome, Bannur



For Santhome Public School, Bannur the month of November was important. The school conducted many programmes for the students. Kannada *Rajyolsava* was celebrated on 2 November. Children's day was celebrated on 14 November.

Fancy dress competition was on 16th.

A work shop on “early childhood learning” for teachers was



conducted by oxford university press team on 22nd, sports day was on 23rd, finally on 30th 1st standard students were taken to Mysore GRS Fantasy park for picnic. These were the prime programmes of the school.

(Reported by Fr Raju Puthusseril)

9. Adilabad, Telangana

a. Farewell to Fr Vedikkunnel: On 31st October all the missionaries Adilabad MST mission gathered together at



Boath to bid farewell to Rev. Fr Joseph Vedikkunnel for the new mission. During the prayer service Rev. Fathers and Sisters remembered Rev. Frs Joseph Vedikkunnel and Sebin Kudakkachirakunnel and wished them all the best in the new mission at Anantapur. Rev. Fr Jacob Njarolickal thanked Fr Vedikkunnel in a very special way for all the services rendered to the mission in the diocese of Adilabad for the last 13 years.

b. Sports and Literary Competitions at Boath: On 7th of November started Literary and sports competitions at St Thomas school Boath. Students of different groups in various

Items participated with much enthusiasm and sport's man spirit.

c. St Mary's Church, Neradigonda: On October 30th there was a night vigil as the concluding of the Rosary month celebration. The participants witnessed their faith and were filled with the Holy Spirit.



On November 12 came two *Santhome Fellowship* members from Thrissur for the preparation of *Jeevaswarm Bible Convention* and stayed at Neradigonda for 10 days

adoration.



Adilabad Diocese Evangelization Core Committee meeting was arranged at Neradigonda mission station on 12th November. During that day there was a special inter- session training program for the Telugu faithful arranged by Fr

Jobin Edamanacherril. 32 people participated in the it. On December 8, the feast of Immaculate Conception of Mother Mary was celebrated with solemn mass and procession.

d. Visit of Dignitaries: On November 3rd Fr Thomas Manjalankal visited MST mission stations at Adilabad diocese. And on December 12th and 13th Rev. Fr Kalayil visited the Adilabad mission and encouraged the missionaries.

e. Social Activities: A social work group is formed by the members of St Mary's Church at Neradigonda. At present they are visiting the houses of St Mary's pre-primary school students together with Fr Jobin and the DST sisters.

f. Jeevaswaram Bible Convention: *Jeevaswaram* Bible Convention took place from 21 to 23rd November at Nirmal with grand success. It was well appreciated the contributions and hard work of MST fathers, DST and SABS sisters.

(Reported by Fr Jacob Njarolickal, Coordinator, Adilabad)

10. Anantapur Mission, A.P.

a. Beginnings of the New Mission: In the Extra ordinary Mission Month and that too on the Mission Sunday, Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel, the General Councillor and Rev. Fr Josekutty Kalayil, the Regional Councillor visited the Rayadurg area of Ananthapur, Andhra Pradesh to study the situations of the proposed mission centre. They offered Holy Qurbana in the convent of the Sisters of Charity of the Sacred Heart and laid a spiritual foundation for the mission. They had very positive opinion on Rayadurg and recommended for starting our first mission there, first in the given 7 districts of Andhra Pradesh – Anantapur, Chittoor, Guntoor, Kadappa, Karnool, Nelloor and Prakasham of Shamshabad Diocese.

b. Inauguration: On 12th November, 2019 the mission was inaugurated. Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, the Regional Director, Rev. Frs Josekutty Kalayil, Salas Karikandathil, the Regional



Councillors, Rev. Fr Joy Edattamkuzhy and Rev. Fr Sunny Mundackal along with Rev. Fr Joseph Vedikunnel and Rev. Fr Sebin Kudakkachirakunnel, the new missionaries to Rayadurg reached there. Rev. Fr Jacob Njarolickal, the Mission Co-ordinator of Adilabad had already reached there to receive us. We had Holy Qurbana at 11 am, the Regional Director being the main celebrant.

c. Visit by the Director General: On 6th December Very Rev. Fr



Antony Perumanoor, the Director General of the MST, Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram, Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarottu and Rev. Fr Josekutty Kalayil visited us. It was really an encouragement that the Director General visited immediately after starting the mission. The Director General and Team visited some of the villages where we started our ministry.

d. Activities of the Centre: We visit Pallepally, Kallayam and BTP villages where the sisters have contact. At BTP we have arranged the Christmas programme on 22nd December and at Pallepally on 24th December.

We participated in the Pastoral Council Meeting of the Diocese of Shamshabad on 9th and 10th December, 2019. During the interval time the MST fathers gathered together and shared our experiences. It was a joyful experience to meet together.

(Reported by Frs Vedikunnel and Kudakkachirakunnel, Anantapur)

C. St Alphonsa Region, Sangli

1. Sant Thoma Bhavan, Kolhapur

a. Annual Retreat for Fathers and Sisters: The annual retreat for Rev Fathers and sisters were conducted in the Region from 27th October and 5th of November respectively. Rev Fr Siby Kochalumkal CST from Punjab mission was the retreat preacher. All the missionaries of the region wholeheartedly participated in the retreat rejuvenating themselves spiritually. The venue of the retreat was in Vishwadeepti, Kolhapur.

b. Visit of Deacons from Kunnoth: This year the Rev Deacons of Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kunnoth made the mission exposure to the Sangli Mission. They were accommodated in various mission centres like Jeevdan, Zarap; Nirmala Bhavan, Watul; Dilasa Bhavan, Miraj and St Joseph's Church Kodoli. They had a fruitful mission exposure from the Region.

2. Ashadeep, Sangli

a. Children's Day & Competitions: Ashadeep Special School &



Nursery celebrated Children's Day with variety entertainments. Besides dances, singing and indoor games, we arranged a fancy-dress competition as well to make the day all the more joyful and exciting for the

children. The Annual Sports & Cultural competitions for the children were conducted in the last week of November. The enthusiasm and support we witnessed from the parents were very encouraging to our ministry.

b. International Disability

Day: The observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons is one of the major events of Ashadeep every year. Smt. Smruti Patil (Deputy



Commissioner, SMK Municipal Corporation) and Dr. Param Shetty (Miraj) were the chief guests this year. The Day was made exceptionally solemn by an orchestra performed by *Swaralatha* Music Group, Sangli. Singers Mr. Vicky Chadha and team entertained our students, parents and staff with their euphonious and exciting singing. It was very heart-touching to watch our students spontaneously getting up and dancing with the singers!

c. Ashadeep Honored by the Corporation: On 5th December,



Ashadeep Special school was specially invited for a get-together arranged by the Sangli – Miraj – Kupwad Municipal Corporation (SMKMC) in connection with the World Day of

Disability. Not only that our students gave a spectacular dance perform-ance on this occasion, but the Corporation officially honored Ashadeep as well, for the excellence of our service to the community.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Joy Purayidathil, Director, Ashadeep, Sangli)

3. Aastha Project of Sangli Mission

a. One day Picnic to Kolhapur Water Park: AASTHA conducted one day Picnic for all the children who are physically disabled in the 15 project villages. The trip went on well and children who were not exposed to outside world were taken to the trip along with their parents.



b. Christmas program in 15 villages: Aastha began the Christmas



programs in 15 project villages from ninth of December onwards. The programs start with veneration of Jesus's image there by different varieties of programs done by the disabled children and it ends up with a Christmas

message.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Kurumundayil Anish, Project Coordinator, Aastha)

4. Dilasa Bhavan, Miraj

a. Visit of deacons from Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kunnoth: Rev Deacons who are going to be ordained this year spend a week with the Dilasa children experi -encing a different



world. The week they spend was a blessing for the house where they actively participated in the prayers and other daily activities of the house. They really enjoyed the days of Diwali with the children.

b. Visit of dignitaries: Fathers from different walks came over to Dilasa and shared their love and concern for the children on different days. We greatly acknowledge their love and concern shown towards the Dilasa family. We specially remember with gratitude Rev Frs Peter Vattappara, Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura, Joseph Thekkekarott and Paul Painadath.

People from other walks of life too visited and shared their valuable time in Dilasa family, many of them celebrating their own or their near and dear one's birthdays or special days of remembrance with Dilasa children.

c. Birthday celebrations of *Mammas* and *Bhabhis*: The birthday of five of the inmates of Dilasa Bhavan was celebrated solemnly.



The Dilasa children staged a small programme in honour of the *mammas* and *bhabhis* sharing their love and concern for them.

d. Participation in the world AIDS day rally:



Dilasa children participated in the world AIDS day rally conducted by the Sangli district AIDS control unit on December first.

(Reported by Fr Karakkattu Antony, Director, Dilasa Bhavan, Miraj)

5. Saint Alphonsa School, Herle



a. Celebration of children's day:

Children's day was celebrated in the school. Teachers performed the program. It was a small program for children. Rev. Fr. Subin our principal gave the information about our first Prime Minister of independent India, Pandit

Jawaharlal Nehru and also told them that he was fond of children.

b. Cultural and sports competition: Cultural & Sports competitions were held on 19th and 20th November 2019. All the students participated in the competition. Rev. Fr Tom Mangalathil, Regional Councilor was the chief guest of the sports day. Parents



were called for the inaugural ceremony. The inaugural ceremony started with the Sports Flag hoisting. Then the torch was lit. the drills were performed by the students. Rev. Fr. Tom gave the message to students and encouraged them to do their best. After the inaugural ceremony competitions were started. Winners were awarded with certificates and medals.

(Reported by Fr Subin Puthuppalliyil, Principal, Saint Alphonsa School, Herle)

6. Jai Matha Church, Bedshi

The mission Sunday was solemnly celebrated with the solemn Holy Qurbana. The items collected were auctioned and the money was given to Cherish, Amberi. Thanks to all the parishioners for their support and selfless dedication.

7. Cherish, Amberi

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady was celebrated solemnly and it was a major day for the station. Rev Fr Njallyil presided over the Holy Qurbana. Rev Fathers and sisters participated in the feast and shared their love and concern for the inmates of Cherish.

8. St Joseph's Church, Kodoli

The deacons from Kunnoth major seminary had a one week of exposure in the parish making house visits, praying for the people etc.

All the deacons came together to the parish on 3rd of November participating in the Holy Qurbana showing their love and concern for the community of Kodoli.

9. Divya Jyoti, Bandha

a. Art and Cultural Bonanza: To bring out the talents of the students we had conducted the art and cultural competitions in Divya Jyoti School, Banda. Many students participated and filled the campus with joy.

b. Children's Day : Children's day was celebrated at Divya Jyoti School to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Celebrations brought immense joy to Divya Jyoti family.

c. Rangoli Competition: Colourful “Rangoli” competition was conducted at Divya Jyoti School. Students displayed their talent in Rangoli art.

(Reported by Fr Bennet Naduvilekizhakkal, Principal, Divyajyoti School, Banda)

10. Alphonsa School, Miraj

a. Selected for State Football: Alphonsa students are all geared up to take the name of their alma mater to the skies by giving their best in every field possible! Swayam Waghmore from IX C, displayed skills and paved his way through, to be selected for the state level competitions in Football in the under 17 categories. Congratulations and best wishes from Alphonsa Family.

b. National Rifle Shooting: Rishit Borkar, Std. IX C triggers off, hitting the bull’s eye to reach the National level in Rifle Shooting competition in under 17 years category. Congratulations to Rishit Borkar.

c. Alphonsa Team Wins First in District Rugby.: Rugby, the lesser known sport in India, but the roughest and the toughest one, is gaining popularity at its own pace. Alphonsa Rugby team, under 17 kicked off their campaign by winning the District level meet with their smashing performance and reached the Divisional level.

d. Anti-Tobacco Campaign: Tobacco – the deadliest cancer-causing agent is taking away the lives of millions each day, all across the globe!! To curb this grave habit, the M.B.B.S. students of the Miraj Medical College held an ‘Anti-Tobacco Campaign’. To create awareness among the school students, a detailed explanation was given with visual clippings and illustrations about its harmful effects.

The team gave some tips on how to stay away from tobacco, especially if anyone in the family is addicted to it. The children were given the contact numbers of the rehabilitation centres in case anyone in the family needs. A questionnaire was distributed to conduct the survey to get the information on the numbers of tobacco consumers in the city.

e. Staff Orientation Programme: The staff orientation programme held on 12th Nov-2019 was a very special one, with Fr. Mathew,

working in Ashadeep, adorning the meet. Through the words, Fr. Mathew ignited the spirits of all the teachers by giving various examples in a humorous way, on how to mingle with children, in order to be a successful teacher.

Fr. Mathew's words like - "Be a good mother and a friend of the students" was a great reminder to all, that love and compassion are the two essential aspects of a good teacher. We owe a lot to Fr. Mathew for his valuable performance!

(Reported by Fr Joshy Vazhakatt, Principal, Alphonsa School, Miraj)

11. Santhome School, Sangli

a. Annual Sports Day: The much awaited Annual Sports Day was held on 15th of November. The Chief Guest Rev. Fr Joby Njalliyil,



the Chairman of the Sangli Mission Society inaugurated the Sports day. The students entered into the spirit of the occasion in a grand way

with the oath being administered by the Chief Guest. He also took the salute of the impressive March Past of the houses Blue, Red, Yellow and Green respectively. The classes III to X competed with true sportsman spirit. The highlight of the Day was the tableaux depicting various events of the country. The day ended with the principal congratulating the winners with medals and certificates. That marked the end of the last segment of the Sport Activity wing of the academic year 2019-20.

b. Cultural Competition: Education and competition are the two universal ingredients of all human cultures, in fact, all spheres of life. Keeping this view in mind and for the all-round development of the personality of the child, Santhome school conducts



such events in the school every year. This year, the inter-house cultural competition was held on 22nd and 23rd of November 2019 for classes III-X. The participants put their best foot forward that even the judges found it difficult to judge. The event was concluded on a high note with the tough mind-blowing group dance competition.

c. Parents Sports Day: It is one of the specialties of Santhome that we give an equal importance to our parents in all possible ways.



Hence, we conducted Parents Sports Day on the 17th of November. The fantastic turnout from the parents marked the beginning of the Day. The parents got into the spirit of competition in a

grand way as the principal welcomed them and encouraged them to participate in it with true sportsman spirit. Once the races began, the air was filled with cheering and tons of encouragement for the adult athletes.

The events like sack race, relay volley ball, shot put, etc. were conducted. The tug-of-war between parents and teachers added to the enjoyment and turned out to be the best event of the day. The day ended with the principal congratulating the winners with medals and certificates.



d. Medical Camp: A

team of physiotherapists from the Association of Physiotherapy Sangli District had taken initiative in conducting a Medical Camp for the teachers. The programme was arranged in the school auditorium. The Principal Rev. Fr. Binoy Jacob welcomed the team. They



informed the teachers the health hazards related to the profession and the cure and the prevention for the problems through talks and exercises. They had interviewed each and every teacher and gave solutions for their health problems. The School appreciated the initiative taken by the team of physiotherapists and they in return thanked the school administration for the wonderful arrangement and warm welcome.

e. National Level Skating Competition: At the National Speed Skating Competition, held at Khopoli, organized by The Council For The Indian School Certificate Examinations (ICSE), New Delhi, Saish Wader a student of class X ,secured the Second Position, Category under 17 Boys (500 mtr Quads). Santhome Fraternity congratulates Master Saish for his great achievement and gives all its blessing for his future endeavors.

(Reported by Fr Binoy Vechoopadinjarethil, Principal, Santhome School, Sangli)

12. Alphonsa School, Kolhapur

a. A day to honour the teachers: Teachers day was compassionately celebrated with great fervour in the presence of the Manager Rev Fr Joseph and the Principal Rev Fr Vincent.

b. Celebration of lights: Students of the school celebrated Diwali. Many activities were held in the school, a skit was performed by class X students which portrayed the themes of caring, sharing and unity. They also vowed to avoid crackers to save our mother earth.

c. Orientation for Class X: An orientation programme was conducted for class X students based on three general guidelines such as- Preparations for the exam, time management and how to

choose professional courses and career. Resource persons from the government made the session effective.

d. Champs of Alphonsa: Siddhart Amol Gurav and Shravani Patil of Alphonsa won gold medal in the district, zonal and state level interschool competitions and are selected for the National level competitions. Kudos to you dear students. Master Vedant Milind Gulavani and Master Sujal Arun Patil excelled in rifle shooting for the Divisional and Taluka level competitions and were selected for the state level competition.

e. Helping hands of Alphonsians: Students and the parents of Alphonsa extended their generous helping hands for the needy who were affected by the flood in and around Kolhapur.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Vincent Varakil, Principal, Alphonsa School, Kolhapur)

13. Alphonsa School, Yadrav, Ichalkaranji

a. Rangoli Competition: Alphonsa School conducted a Rangoli competition on 4th September. The four houses competed with resplendent display of rangoli which were judged by a jury of teachers. The sight of the four rangoli was feast to the eyes.

b. Quizzomania: Alphonsa School conducted a cracking quiz competition on 5th September along with Teachers Day celebrations. It was a wonderful and erudite contest of knowledge. Three students from each house appeared for their houses who vied for the first prize in the competition. The quiz masters were the 10th class students and it was really an enriching experience for all.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Shaji Parayankuzhiyil, Manager, Alphonsa School, Yadrav)

14. Alphonsa School, Jath

a. Graceful Dancers of Alphonsa: The Alpo-cultural competitions showcased the overflowing talent of Alphonsians of Jath. The graceful dancers of Alphonsa displayed the rich Indian dance forms with modern fusion forms. It was a beautiful blend of the Indian culture that made it difficult for the judges to choose the winning team. The students participated and staged the heart-

warming performances with a competitive spirit.

b. Proud of Master Sarvesh: Master Malali Sarvesh of Class 8th made all of us proud by securing the 1st prize in the 100 meters running event at the District level competitions. He is selected to participate in the Divisional level. We are proud of his success and wish him every best for the future events.

(Reported by Fr Daison Vettukallel, Manager, Alphonsa School, Jath)

15. Mary Matha, Chiplun

a. Seminar on Good Parenting: A seminar was conducted on the topic 'good parenting' for the parents of the children studying in Mary Matha School, Chiplun. The relationship between parents and their children is of greater importance in any society. Hence the seminar done on the topic 'good parenting' was very beneficial and enriching for all the parents who were present. The resource person of the seminar was Mrs. Swati Ranadive.

b. India's International Groove fest 2019: The name and fame



of Mary Matha school was raised to higher levels when five of her brilliant students were selected for the international dance competition which is going to be held in Bangkok. The names of these students are

1. Poojal Nandgaonkar (Std 3), 2. Shamika Mahadik (Std 4), 3. Arya Mahadik (Std 6), 4. Rudrali Tawade (Std 5), 5. Gayatri Dafale (Std 5).

c. Abacus Competition Winners: Many students of Mary Matha school have come in different colours in the Abacus competition held in the district level. Congratulations to all the winners.



(Reported by Fr Robin Thypparambil, Asst. Manager, Mary Matha School, Chiplun)

16. St Thomas School, Ratnagiri

a. National Hindi Day at Saint Thomas: Saint Thomas celebrated

National Hindi. The programme began with the encouraging and inspiring words of Respected Principal Rev Fr George. The beauty of language is not only to communicate but to express one's feelings, emotions and thoughts



was the beautiful message given through various programmes of the day. Speeches, skits, poems songs threw light on the importance and charm of Hindi language. The noteworthy point was that the entire description of the Day and celebration was presented by students in Hindi language.

b. Children's Day Celebration at Saint Thomas: Children's Day celebration was organized on 14th November at Saint Thomas in order to understand the importance of children in today's society and as citizens of India tomorrow. 'A school Day without Bag' was observed to relax students from everyday routine. Students were engaged in various skilful activates throughout the day. Rev Fr

George, Principal of the school delivered beautiful message to students blessing and wishing them for great success and glorified future ahead.

c. Annual Sports Meet at Saint Thomas: Saint Thomas School, Ratnagiri had its annual sports meet on 15th and 16th of November 2019. The programme began with welcoming of the chief guest by the school Principal Rev. Fr. George followed by hoisting of sports flag by the Chief Guest Mr Abasaheb Patil {API Karwanchewadi Police Station}, Oath ceremony, March past and cultural extravaganza and martial arts display by the students. Various field and track events and competitions were held that filled the atmosphere with sportistic spirituality. Funny games for students and teachers added charm to the proceedings of the meet. The winners were honoured with medals and certificates.

(Reported by Rev. Fr George Kottukapallil, Principal, St Thomas School, Ratnagiri)

17. Social and Development Action, Sangli Mission



a. SAKSHAM - Women Empowerment Program

i. New SHGs: Through Saksham program, 33 new Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed from Oct. 2019 to Nov 2019 in Sangli and Kolhapur districts. A total

of **660** women have newly joined in the SHGs.

ii. People linked with Govt. Scheme: 31 people were enabled to link with various Govt. schemes such as Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana (SGY), Bal Sangopan Yojana (BSY), Shravanbal Vrudhapakal Yojana (SVY), etc. by helping these people in various ways i.e. advocacy, guidance, documentation, submission and follow up.



iii. Plastic Eradication awareness rally: 04 plastic eradication awareness programs conducted with the collaboration of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Sangli and Kolhapur districts. Through these

programs we sensitized the people to avoid the use of plastics, as excessive use of plastic adversely affecting the environment. As a part of the awareness we conducted awareness rally in mentioned districts. More than **5000** peoples got awareness directly.

iv.11 rural poor linked with micro insurance: Through the Adhar project, total 11 rural poor people from Below Poverty Line families linked with Micro Insurance policy in the period from Oct 2019 to Dec. 2019.

b. VIHAAN CSC, Ichalkaranji

i. Diwali Celebration: On 22nd Oct 2019 Vihaan CSC Ichalkaranji



team conducted Diwali celebration program at Indira Gandhi Memorial, Hospital Ichalkaranji, Kolhapur. Through this program we distributed cloths and Sweets

to **20** Children Living with HIV/AIDS (CLHIV). Chief guests for the program were Mr. Suryakant Kharge – SMO, IGM ART Center and, Mrs. Poonam Ghavare, Project Coordinator Vihaan CSC. This is conducted with local support.

ii. Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana (SGY) Sanction letter distribution program: Vihaan Care and Support center, Ichalkaranji organized Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana sanction letter distribution program in CSC office Ichalkaranji on 23rd Nov 2019. A total of **44** PLHIV were benefited for Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana scheme. This was possible because of the efforts of CSC advocacy.

iii. World Aids Day (WAD) Celebration: On the occasion of



World Aids Day (WAD) 1st December 2019, in the collaboration with Indira Gandhi Memorable (IGM) hospital and Up Jilha Rugnalay, Gadhinglaj we organized awareness programs in Ichalkaranji and Gadhinglaj ART

center. The day was celebrated with various activities like poster exhibition, Information Education and Communication (IEC) material distribution, etc.

iv. Support Group Meeting (SGM): Vihaan Care and Support Center (CSC), Ichalkaranji organized support group meetings (SGMs) to provide support to specific groups like children, discordant couples, Women and children on the basis of ongoing PLHIV need 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 in between Oct 2019 to Dec 2019. A total of **47** PLHIVs participated in SGMs.



v. Conducted free HIV testing camp: HIV testing camp was arranged on 4th December 2019 at Dr. Ghai College, Gadhinglaj. Total of 110 college students voluntarily did their HIV testing on the day. This activity was conducted in collaboration with Dr. Ghai College,

Gadhinglaj ICTC and Dilasa Vihaan CSC, Ichalkaranji.

c. VIHAAN, CSC Miraj

i. Diwali Celebration: On 26th Oct, 2019 Vihaan CSC Miraj team conducted Diwali celebration program at Vihaan CSC office Miraj. Through this program we distributed Sweets, Hair Oil, Soap, Scrub, etc. to 35 Children Living with HIV/AIDs (CLHIV) & People Living with HIV/AIDs (PLHIV). Along with Diwali kit we provided note book and



pen to 33 poor CLHIVs.

ii. World AIDS Day (WAD) Celebration: On the occasion of World Aids Day (WAD) 1st December 2019, in the collaboration



with DILASA Bhavan and Sangli Civil hospital we organized awareness programs in civil hospital, Sangli. The day was celebrated with various activities like poster exhibition, Information Education and Communication (IEC) material distribution, etc.

d. Kolhapur Childline

i. Mass Awareness: On behalf of Social activities, pilgrimages, and occasions Childline executed **04** mass awareness programs at



different places of Kolhapur city. In order to aware masses we used different materials like Information Education Communication (IEC) materials, stickers, posters, banner and slogans about child rights. This mass awareness reached up to **3800** people and **1500**

children. During the program we got different cases like child beggar and child labor.

ii. Open House: Childline executed **02** open house programs at Vare Vasahat, Bramhapuri, Kolhapur. A total of **100** children got

aware of different child related topics like child rights, Life skill education, Moral education from slum area, etc. it was a oneday activity.

iii. School Awareness: Childline conducted awareness programs in 04 schools in the last quarter. Through school awareness program Childline sensitized both teachers and students. A total of **590** students (05th to 7th STD) participated in this awareness programs.

iv. Celebrated Childline Se Dosti program: Childline has conducted Childline Se Dosti program between 14th Nov 2019 to



21st Nov 2019. The program was celebrated with various activities namely awareness rally, special open house, come and play, special activity for care home children, children party, etc. Childline

sensitized children, people, and students through awareness rally.

v. Cases registered: In the last quarter, 56 different cases have been registered in Childline, such as medical attention, shelter, child labour, abuse, missing, child marriage, etc. Childline Kolhapur has directly intervened cases such as 13 sponsorship, 04 medical, 04 shelters, 01 missing, 07 emotional supports and guidance, 05 physical abuses, 09 child labour, 06 child beggars, 04 child marriages, 01 sexual abuse, 01 protection from abuse, 01 referred to other Childline etc.

vi. Railway Childline Kolhapur and Childline Sangli: SMS started two more Childline units, namely Railway Childline Kolhapur at Chatrapati Shahu Maharaj Terminus Kolhapur from September and Childline Sangli from December 1st 2019 in collaboration with Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), Govt. of India and Childline India Foundation Mumbai. As the initial stage we were able to involve in many activities like Outreach, Case Intervention (New Cases), Case Intervention (Follow up), Phone Testing, Meeting, Network with Allied System, Event program /

other activities. During the period of October 2019 to November 2019 we conducted 25 outreach programs, 07 case interventions and follow ups of 05 cases, 292 phone testing, 06 meetings 1 event program and conducted 11 networking with allied system regarding different cases.

e. HITGUJ



i. Counseling: The team provided counseling sessions on need-based personal issues especially adolescent health, life-skill education, career choices, good and bad touch, peer

pressure, opposite-sex attraction, addiction, how to say 'no', social media addiction, personality development, etc. A total of **5161** School children benefited through **59** different counseling sessions.

ii. Parents Meeting: Parents meeting were conducted by SMS in



July 2019 in Sant Rohidas Vidyala, Subhash nagar Kolhapur. The main aim of the program was to create awareness among

parents on different topics like Rational Parenting, Children Behaviour, etc. Total of **60** parents benefited through the meeting.

f. CBR Kolhapur

i. World Disability Day Celebration: SMS celebrated World Disability Day at two working villages namely Herle and Shirol. In Herle 12 CWDs, 29 PWDs and school children and teachers of



Alphonsa School Herle and Herle Primary School participated and in Shirol 42 CWDs, 48 PWDs, their families and Children from Shirol primary school enthusiastically participated in the rally. The main aim of the rally was to provide awareness among people for the inclusion of Person with Disability. The students were carrying the placards and shouted slogans related to the rights of people with disability. The presence of Grampanchayat Sarpanch, Upa Sarpanch, members of Grampanchayat, Anganwadi Supervisor and Principals and teachers of Schools helped us to convey the awareness towards people effectively. The Childline team of SMS enacted a street play in Shirol after the rally. The message of the street play was to convey the concept 'Childline', various child related issues and child rights.

ii. Sarva Siksha Abhiyan: On 23rd November the CBR team conducted the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan Program for 40 teachers and 19 principals of Hatkanagale Taluka Govt schools. The resource person of the program was Mrs. Kalpana Moglandhe, Officer for Children with Special Need, Panchayatsamiti, Halondi and Mr. Praveen Moglandhe, Officer for Children with Special Need, Panchayatsamiti, Shahuwadi. The session was about "Inclusion of disabled children in the field of Education". The session was effective



with several activities and fun sessions. The use of IEC materials provided more effectiveness for the better understanding. Resource persons introduced different type of disabilities and the way of handling these children at school. It helped the teachers and principals of formal schools to understand about the problems of the disabled and the importance of inclusion in education. The main theme of the session was back to school and participation of special children in

the flow of education.

iii. Aids and Appliances distribution: Aids and appliances distribution program conducted in Shirolī village on 10th Dec 2019. Through the CBR project we had distributed Wheelchair, caliper,



splint and hearing aids for the selected CWDs of new working village Shirolī. We also honored a CWD, who got the first prize for short-put competition in district-level.

iv. UDID card: Unique Disability ID card awareness sessions were



conducted in Mangaon and Hatkanangale village between 15th & 16th Oct 2019. UDID is one of the most important central government entitlements for the PWDs. Through this scheme, Unique Disability Identification

Card (UDID) was given to the Children with Disabilities (CWDs). UDID is valid in all over India. A total of 125 People with Disability benefited through awareness sessions.

v. Publication and dissemination of a booklet on comics: Team CBR organized grassroots comic dissemination program on 2nd

Oct 2019 in Herle village of Hatkanangale Tehsil. Through this activity we disseminated 34 various issues before the stake holders and community people.

g. SWAVALAMBAN – Promotion of skill development & livelihood

i. Swavlamban vocational training program (V.T.P) initiate 03 tailoring batch: Three tailoring batches in Asad, Kumte and Chinchni villages were inaugurated in between August to Dec 2019. A total of **50** women from three villages had taken admission for tailoring batch. Sangli Mission Society will be certifying the students on the completion of the tailoring course.

ii. Tailoring and Bag Making : Tailoring and Bag making trainings executed with the collaboration of Grampanchayat, Bambawade from 19th September 2019 to 20 October 2019 in Bambawade.



Trainings conducted under “**Amcha Gaon Amcha Vikas**” scheme implements by 14th finance commission Govt. of India, total 130 women and girls successfully completed one-month

training.

h. Flood relief assistance in progress...

Sangli and Kolhapur, met with unprecedented flood situation in August 2019. It was the worst flooding in Maharashtra after the flooding of 2005. Total 425 villages in Kolhapur and Sangli Districts got affected by dangerous flood. 669576 persons in 125285 households were affected. 1375 houses were fallen and 14991 were partially destroyed and agriculture in 122532 hectares of land got completely destroyed.

Sangli Mission has done flood relief work in collaboration with several organizations, NGOs and the local people. We were able to give our helping hands to 40 villages out of which 28 from Kolhapur district such as Arjunwad, Aurwad, Gourwad, Bhairawadi, Ghalwad,

Kanwad, Khidrapur, Kurundwad, Kutwad, Majarewadi, Nave Danwad, Rajapur, Rajapurwadi, June Danwad, Akiwat, Bastwad, Halondi, Ingali, Takavade ves, Rui, Bhendavade, Chandur, Konavade, Bhudargad , Phulewadi, Ramanmala, Sutarmala, Ambewadi and 16 villages in Sangli district and Sangli, Mouje Digraj, Padmale, Tung, Dudhgaon, Enam Dhamni, Dhavali, Haripur, Magarmach Colony, Kakanagar, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Miraj, Vaddi, Mhaishal, Ankali and Gaobhag Sangli in Sangli district.

The donors are Karunya Trust Mumbai, Marthoma Church Malad, Orthodox Church Andheri, St. Alphonsa Church Kalewadi, St. Mary's Church Dehu Road, St. Joseph's Church Akurdi, St. Mary's Church, Dapodi, Pious Memorial School, Chakan, Santhome School, Mira Road, Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work, Mumbai, Inner-wheel Club of Kolhapur, Rauri Vidyapeeth Talegaon, ICICI Foundation, Self Help Groups, etc helped us this endeavor with amounting Rs.2574870/- reaching out with 2935 food kits, 939 house hold kits and 1295 education kits. Other than this we received grant from Kindernothilfe , Catholic Health Association of India, Liliane Fonds, Caritas India, Param Prasad Charitable Trust, Nirmala Niketan, Western Region Social Service Forum, and Ursuline Sisters-Ratnagiri towards flood relief assistance and construction of houses.

i. Medical Camp

CHAI-LF supported medical camp was conducted in flood affected villages like Bhendavade and Ghalwad villages in Kolhapur districts. 350 people got medical support through this and a team of 05 FCC Sisters from Amravati were happy to help for this noble cause. People were happy with free medicines and loving approach of Rev. Sisters. Santhome Ayurveda Kendra, Bhedshi also participated in this camp.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Lijo Kavunnukattil, Associate Director, Social and Development Action)

18. Syro – Malabar Personal Parish, Kalyan

a. Rosary Feast: Rosary feast of Non-Malayalee Syro Malabar Christians was held at Bhiwandi Mumbai. Very Rev Fr Emmanuel,



Vicar General of Kalyan eparchy was the main celebrant. Some 150 people participated for Mass and Procession on October 27.

b. Sunday school Camp: Sunday school camp for our children at Malangad Kalyan was conducted on



November 3, 4, 5. Altogether 35 children participated and got rejuvenated.

c. Advent Retreat: Advent retreat for our people was conducted at Panvel ARC. There were 200 participants. Bishop Thomas Elavanal blessed each one. The Vicar General, very Rev. Fr



Kadanakvil offered Holy Mass one day.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Paul Painadath, Parish Priest, Syro- Malabar Personal Parish, Kalyan)

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

1. Extra Ordinary Missionary Month

The celebration of the extra ordinary missionary month was on 31st October. We had a unique celebration and missionary life sharing with Fr Varghese Kachappally CST. We the MST fathers on 31st October afternoon reached Dhanewala, a CST house for the missionary sharing and recollection. We had a very good missionary life sharing quoting from his own life and he explained the initial difficulties and cultural barriers he had to face in the beginning of the mission in Punjab. After the sharing we had adoration, confession and Holy Mass in Punjabi. A lot of Punjabi Christians of the locality came for the Holy Mass. After the Mass since it was the rosary conclusion day the entire community came for the rosary in the grotto. People were all so enthusiastic especially the children were all so vibrant in leading and saying the prayers. People also extended warm welcome and respect to the priests. At 8:00 pm we proceeded to a nearby house for the evening prayer service. It was really amazing to see everyone of that village coming together for the prayer there with full family. Fr Mathew the Ass. Parish priest of the parish and the catechist led the prayers and songs. People were all so active in the prayer session. The prayer lasted for more than one hour. It was really an extra missionary experience for all of us in.

2. Visit to New Bishop

The MST fathers of Delhi Delegation visited the new Auxiliary Bishop



of Faridabad diocese, His Excellency Bp Jose Puthenveetil on 11th December. It was really a close friendly visit to his Excellency and he had the great love for the mission. He had taken more than one hour to listen

to us and to hear from us about the activities we do in this area. He also encouraged us to do more and more evangelization through

our personal efforts and we wished him all the greetings of Christmas.

3. Deepti Foundation, Gyansarovar, Delhi

Deepti Foundation Gyansarovar is working with needy and marginalized people living around the landfill site. Now Gyansarovar is supported by *Kindernothilfe*, Germany [from 2019, October] and nutritional support by Bread, Noida [2018]. Even though it is a continuation of the previous programme there are a number of programmes like children resource centre, enabling public utility by the support of the government platforms. The programmes from October to December are the following

a. Visit by Gurgaon Parishioners: The Gyansarovar Deepti



Foundation was visited by Parish members especially catechism students and staff on 02-10-2019. Fr Santhosh, the Director of Deepti Foundation welcomed all to the programme and gave a brief idea about the area. Further they

were divided into three groups and visited Kaalimandir and Kalandhar colony and Rajeevnagar centres respectively. The visitors also were provided with sumptuous lunch. Fr Joseph, parish priest, Gurgaon thanked all for the meaningful time.

b. Staff Training: The staff training was conducted on 3rd October. At 10.00am program was started with prayer. Fr Santhosh welcomed all to the program. Fr Santhosh briefed on RTE, School, Teachers, CRC and non-formal centres. Further he elaborated on the pillars of the project- Government school, CRC and non-formal centres.

c. Second Staff Training: The day's session was begun with prayer. Fr. Santhosh also pointed on the recap of previous day's session. Further session pointed on the importance of UNCRC. While discussing the conventions Fr. Director mentioned on the dynamism in the decentralisation of power and three tier hierarchy of government of the country, India Executive, Legislature and Judiciary.

Further session moved to the elaboration and discussion on the activities for coming six months. The project team also fixed up the activities of each month for this financial year. By 4.30pm the session came to an end.

e. Workshop for Teenage Girls: An awareness programme on self-awareness and health was conducted for the teenage girls of the area on 14-10-2019. The session was taken by Ms. Dhany and Nayana. The resource person focused on the importance of healthy life style in the daily living. The programme was arranged in the Rajeevnagar training centre. The program had started at 3.00pm and ended by 4.30pm with refreshments

f. Diwali Celebration:



The festival of light was celebrated in Gyansarovar on 23-10-2019. There were Rangoli competition for the children, teenage girls and mothers. They were the main focus of the day. Each winner was awarded with the prizes in

the respective centres. Fr. Santhosh, Director of Deepti Foundation thanked all for the support and cooperation. He also thanked staff members for the continuous support and hard work. All the staff members thanked him for the Diwali Gifts and wished him and Deepti Foundation a meaningful Diwali Celebration.

g. Inauguration of the Wall of books: “Boost up the children by providing library” is the motto of Wall of books. So to avail a mini library and support reading habit in children Deepti Foundation associated with the agency. The students of Gyansarovar were very happy to be associated with wall of books agency. On 08-11-2019 Mrs. Mukherji represented the wall of books and urged the children to invite other children to cultivate the habit of reading. In her presence two children were elected as leader of wall of books library. They are Ms. Salima and Ms. Nilofer Ms. Pooja Singh, NFE teacher was elected as staff in charge of the library. There are willing

forty children are members in it. It's being progressed. Towards the end Fr. Santhosh thanked all for the meaningful steps.

h. Exposure Visit: Exposure visit of Gyansarovar project was from 11-11-2019 to 17-11-2019. Members of the program had



decided to visit the Mandya Region of MST priests. The exposure team members had opportunities to ruminate over all these programmes. The team members also had the opportunities to experience the famous Zoological

garden, Mysore Palace and Vrindavan garden.

Under the leadership of Frs Santhosh and Shijo 19 members started to Mandya Region on 11-11-2019. Rev. Frs Josekutty and Salas had reached the spot to pick the staff. We were boarded at Santhome regional house and Maria Nivas situated at P.E.S engineering college road. The members visited Santhome school, Asha Sadan -Special School for the mentally Challenged, a transit home for the mentally disturbed people, Deepti Nivas-Rehabilitation Centre for the Disabled, Triveni Sangam and finally Jeevan Jyoti (Missionary Orientation Centre (MOC) of MST) in Srirangapatna. The members also visited some of the villages. At village there were tuition centres, tailoring centres and silk worm rearing. All these programs are taken care by MST Mandya Social Work department. We also had an opportunity to interact with small scale jaggery manufacturing unit as Mandya is known for its sugarcane products.



i. Medical Camp: On 21-11-2019 it was medical camp in Gyansarovar. The venue for the camp was fixed as per the need of the area. Kaalimandir centre had 81 participants for the camp. It was Dr Anita, Kaycee Hospital,

and Mrs. Shiji who were instrumental in conducting the camp. The community members could really be consoled by the immediate relief by the Gyansarovar. The camp started at 2.00pm and could avail service till 5.00pm.

j. Training on WASH: An awareness program on WASH was



conducted for the girls of the area on 27-11-2019 in Rajeevnagar training hall. The session was taken by Bro Jince. The resource person focused on the points for well-being of the community through global goals by United

Nation pointing on Water, Sanitation and Health. The participants promised the resource person to be responsible and dutiful in the communities and in personal life. The program had started at 2.00 pm and ended by 4.30 pm. All the participants were given snacks.

k. Training for Boys on WASH: An awareness program on WASH

was conducted for the associate youth boys of the area on 27-11-2019. The program was arranged in the office premises of Gyan-sarovar. The session was conducted by Bro Anoop and Bro Fenix who had come



from Ruhailaya Theologate, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. The resource persons focused on the United Nations theme- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene to boost the standards of public health globally. The session started at 2.00 pm and continued till 4.30 pm. Towards the end of the program participants were given snacks.

l. Training on Transitional changes: An awareness program on transitional changes in teenagers was conducted for the parents of the area on 28-11-2019. The session was taken by Bro Jince, Bro Anoop and Bro Fenix who were the theology students of Ruhailaya Major seminary, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. The parents of the school

going and non-school going attended the session with much curiosity and enthusiasm. They were importance of childhood, teenage and adulthood. Participants promised the resource person that they would allow their children to take part in the prime roles in the families and try to support their identity. The program was started at 2.00pm and continued till 4.30pm in Rajeevnagar training centre. At the end participants were given refreshments.

m. Picnic for Children: It was a joy filled day on 3rd December,



2019 for the children of Gyansarovar. They had an opportunity to refresh themselves with their friends and teachers. At 7.45 am 151 children and 15 staff members set out to take part in the ‘Baalmela’ organised by St. Xavier’s School, Civil Lines, Kashmeregata under the leadership of Fr Santhosh, Director of Deepti Foundation. With a grant welcome breakfast there started the programme. The event included indoor performances and outdoor games. The highlight of the programmes was that all the children won the prizes. After the sumptuous lunch all of us were bid adieu to the St. Xavier campus at 12.45 p.m. Thanks to Fr Jose S.J, Principal of the school, Mr. Devasia, Assistant principal, other staff members and students for making it happening such a life experience to the children of Bhalaswadairy area.

All the children were taken further to India gate where in children had an opportunity to be amidst of pride of India. Due to bad health of children and unexpected crowd we have started back to the Gyansaovar by 3.15pm with the consent of children and staff members.

It is now three months that Deepti Foundation collaborate with

Kindernothilfe for the Gyansarovar programme. Within this short period of time programme could take a new course to its destination. Thanks to all for the support and guidance.

4. Manos Project, Delhi

a. Defence course: There have been a number of programmes



conducted in Manos project during these months. Self-defence course for the girls. The course was conducted on 2nd December to 13th December. It was really a useful course for the girls and women of the locality. People

welcomed the programmes with whole heart and demanded for more such useful programmes in the future.

b. Adolescent Girls Training: Very credible course on adolescent girls training was given on 2 and 3rd of November. A lot of adolescent girls came for the program and they all benefited from the course.

c. IGP Program: The Manos project have conducted IGP program for the youth in the month of October. It was conducted in two different places, Sundan Nagari and Maugipur.

5. Caritas Project, Delhi

As of the regular routine the Caritas project have regular HRG meetings at Harshvihar and Loni in October, November and December. We have also given nutrition support for 25 families who are of a very poor condition in connection with Diwali.

6. Deepti Ashram, Delhi

a. Visit of Mother General & Councilors: Deepti Ashram was blessed with the visit of the Mother General along with the councilors. She spent one full day in Deepti Ashram. She interacted with children and was very happy about the growth and development of the children.

b. Celebration of Deepavali: We celebrated *Deepavali* by lighting the lamps on 27th October. Most of children went home to celebrate *Deepavali*. Children enjoyed the day with dancing and eating sweets.

c. Wall of Books: Wall of books was officially inaugurated in Deepti Ashram in the presence of Fr Santhosh, Mr Lalu and Mrs Nayana.

d. CSI Parish Youth Visit, Vikaspuri: Youth from CSI parish Vikaspuri visited Deepti Ashram on 12th November. They prepared the food for the children. After the food, they conducted some programs for the children. They also explained the word of God to them.

e. Farewell to Bro. Jithu: After the completion of six months of dedicated service in Deepti Ashram, Bro. Jithu went to Kerala for the rest of his regency in MST Generalate, Melampara. We sincerely thank him for the dedication and commitment he had shown during the time in Deepti Ashram.

f. Visit of Tagore Garden Mathruvedi Members: On 24th November *Mathruvedi* members of Tagore Garden parish visited Deepti Ashram. They came around 12:00 pm. After the food, they interacted with the children. Children performed programs for them.

g. Visit of Ruhailaya Theology Brothers: As part of the formation program Brothers Fenex, Anoop and Jince visited Deepti Ashram on 29th November. Children were very happy to receive the brothers. Brothers sang song for the children.

h. Arrival of Bro. Shaljin

Bro. Shaljin Shaji has come to Deepti Ashram on 1st December to do his second part of regency. He had been serving the MST Generalate.

i. Parish Feast and Holy Communion: Sacred Heart parish Najafgarh celebrated its parish feast celebration on 18, 19 & 20 November. This year we had two children from the parish to receive the Holy Communion. Fr. Shijo Thettalickal was the main celebrant of the Holy Communion Mass.

7. Maur Mandi, Punjab

His excellency Bp Jose Puthenveetil, the auxiliary bishop of Faridabad diocese came for visit in Maria Bhavan, Maur Mandi. The mission station was



so blessed to have His presence along with Fr Cyric Kochalumkal CST. The Christians of the nearby hoses also came to see the bishop and they requested for the prayer. We also conducted a small prayer service too on the day of His visit.

8. Bathinda, Punjab

a.Children's Day: St Thomas school Bathinda, run by Fathers and Sisters from Kerala, a fast emerging ICSE School in Bathinda has celebrated the Children's day with different and colorful programs. Respected Mr. Resham Singh Brar, the Assistant Staff SSP Vigilance Department, Bathinda decorated the chair of the chief guest. He then inspired the younger generation with his valuable words. The guest of honor was Respected Mr. Ishwar Singh Aujla who is the instructor Govt. ITI Jaito, Technical Education and Industrial Training Department, Bathinda and he gave a stimulating message reminding the children to love the school and overcome the difficulties with patience.

The manager Rev Fr Joice welcomed the chief Guest and everybody to the cultural event. He reminded the children to become the stars of this school by loving and learning well because it is their second home. The principle Rev Fr Jubit presented the academic and non-academic programs of the school. It included all the activities of 2019-20 that helped the children to in deferent fields. And also, father said that admission from Nursery to 3rd standard is open now. The children day program also witnessed the prize distribution of deferent competition that was held in the school on deferent occasions. The main attraction of these years' children's day was that the children themselves were masters of ceremony. The occasion witnessed different cultural programs like dance, skit, English speech, mime, solo etc. Thanks to parents and well-wishers joined the school to celebrate the happiness of the children.

9. Dehlon, Punjab

a. Diwali Celebration: Diwali celebration in the St Thomas School was conducted on 26th October. We had a lot of colourful programmes arranged for the children.



They were also entertained with a lot of sports and games. All the children and staff enjoyed the colourful programmes of the day. Children also made a beautiful Rangoli on the day of Diwali.

b. Visit of Sr Mary Diez: We, the Mother Theresa community of



Dehlon was very happy to have the presence of Very Rev. Sr Mary Diez OSF the Mother superior of the OSF community. It was her first visit to Dehlon and had stayed with us for two days

interacted with the children and the local people here. She was accompanied by the Provincial superior and other sisters. The official visitation of the Mother General was on 14th October. The school children staged a lot of cultural programmes on day of her visit.

c. Christmas Celebration: The Christmas celebration at St Thomas school was on 20th

December. Fr Bobby the school principal gave the Christmas message to the children. Rev. Sisters and teachers arranged a number of Christmas programs which are so meaningful and relevant



to the scenario. It was during this time the Christmas gifts were all distributed.

d. Feast of Immaculate Conception: The feast of immaculate



conception was celebrated on 7th December. The fathers and sisters of Bathinda, Maur Mandi and Uksi came for the celebration.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Sanoj Pathrapankal, Uksi, Punjab)

10. Khristu Jyoti, Rohru, H.P.

a. Jubilee of Fr Karodan: The members of the delegation solemnly celebrated the sacerdotal Silver Jubilee celebration of Fr Joseph Karodan, the councillor of MQMD and one of the priest-in-charges of Rohru Mission. Almost all the MSTs, serving in the delegation and about 150



lay people were present. We also conducted the Monthly Recollection.

b. Christmas Retreat: Three days of retreat in preparation for Christmas was conducted for the community in Rohru. The retreat



was preached and led by Rev. Fr Basil Mookenthottam and team. The retreat team visited the families of our members and conducted prayer services there too. Almost 200 people

took part in the retreat.

c. Other Initiatives and Activities:

- i. Rev. Fr Abin Kuruvanplackel conducted special classes of the community members, to practise them in the recitation of the prayers of the Holy Qurbana and to train them in singing the hymns
- ii. A dental camp was organized for the children in the community.
- iii. Adult education is conducted regularly for the illiterate faithful in the community.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Siby Nelloor, Priest – in Charge, Rohru)

11. IHPS, Delhi (Personal Initiative)

a. Lectures at Inter-faith and Civil Platforms

- i. Delivered *Lecture* on ‘Mahatma Gandhi ke Swadesh, Satyaagrah aur Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam mein Sarv-Dharm Samanvay kaa Sandesh’ (Message of Interfaith Harmony in the Swadesh,

Satyaagrah and Vasudhiv Kutumbakam of Mahatma Gandhi) – during ‘Inter-faith Conference on the occasion of the 150th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi’ – at Our Lady Fatima Convent School, Sector 14, Gurgaon, Haryana – on 02 October 2019.

ii. Delivered *Lecture* as Chief Guest on ‘Samaajik Samanvay ke Liye Maharshi Valmiki kaa Paigaam (Message of Social Harmony by Maharshi Valmiki) – during ‘Bhagwan Valmiki Jayantee Samaaroh’ – organized by Bhagwan Valmimi Foundation, New Delhi – at Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC) Auditorium, New Delhi – on 12 October 2019.

iii. Delivered *Lecture* on ‘Samaajik Sarokaar: Maharshi Valmiki kaa Paigaam’ (Social Fellowship: Message of Maharshi Valmiki) – during ‘Bhagwan Valmiki Jayantee Samaaroh’ – organized by Bhagwan Valmiki Ashram, New Delhi – at Bhagwan Valmiki Mandir, New Delhi – on 13 October 2019

iv. Delivered *Lecture* as ‘Resource Person’ on ‘Anya Dharm Samudayon ke Logon ke Saath Eesaaiyon kaa Sarokaar (Relations with People of Other Religious Communities by Christians) – during ‘Diocesan Pastoral Council Convention’, Archdiocese of Delhi – at Community Hall, Gol Dak Khana, New Delhi – on 03 November 2019

v. Delivered *Lecture* on ‘Becoming a Real Ambassador of Goodwill, Harmony and Peace across the Nations and Religious Communities, the World Over’ – during ‘Felicitating UAE Ambassador to India, Dr Ahmed Al Banaa, for his Outstanding Diplomatic Relations’ – organized by Indo-Middle East Cultural Forum, New Delhi – at Speaker Hall, Constitution Club, New Delhi – on 04 December 2019.

vi. Delivered *Lecture* (Keynote Lecture) on ‘Faith, Inter-faith and Harmony among Faiths’ – during ‘National Seminar on ‘Unity, Dialogue and Mission: Prospects and Pastoral Challenges of Interfaith Dialogue in the Indian Context’ – organized by Office of Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialogue, CBCI, New Delhi – at Mount Saint Thomas,

Ernakulum, Kerala – on 13 December 2019

vii. Delivered *Lecture* on ‘Love and Harmony: A Biblical Perspective’ – during National Seminar on ‘Emphasis on Love and Harmony in the Scriptures of World Religions’ – organized by Centre of Interfaith Understanding (CIF), Aligarh Muslim (Central) University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh and National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFC), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi – at J. N. Medical College Auditorium, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh – on 18 December 2019

viii. Delivered *Lecture* on ‘Educating Children in Ethical Values’ – during 10th International Conference on ‘Peace and Non-violent Action’ – on ‘Educating and Training Children and Youths in Non-violence an Imperative for the Creation of Non-killing Societies and a Sustainable Future’ – organized by Anuvrat Global Organization (ANUVIBHA), Jaipur, Rajasthan – at Terapanth Bhawan, Adhyatma Sadhna Kendra, Chhatarpur, New Delhi – on 19 December 2019

ix. Lecture on ‘Eesaa ke Moolya Sarv Jan ke liye Saarthak’ — during ‘Inter-faith Christmas Celebration 2019’ — at Green View Apartments, Dwarka, New Delhi — on 19 December 2019

b. Views at Inter-Faith and Civil Platforms

Delivered *Views* (Message) on ‘Eesaa Maanav Samaaj kee Saajhee Viraasat (Jesus — The Shared Heritage of the Human Society)’ – during ‘Inter-faith Christmas Get-together’ — at Ram Krishna Mission, New Delhi – on 24 December 2019

c. Articles

i. Authored *Article* on ‘Places of Worship — Towards Larger Horizons’ — published in ‘Indian Currents’ (Weekly), New Delhi — Vol. XXXI, Issue No. 45, p. 33-35, on 04-10 November 2019

ii. Authored *Article* on ‘Samaaj ko Parivaar Banaane kee Kalaa (The Art of Making the Society a Family)’ – published in ‘Dainik Jaagran’ (Hindi National Daily), Noida, U.P., on 24 December 2019

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

E. Odisha Mission

1. Construction of Community Care Centres

In view of expanding our activities with our main focus on mission, MST Odisha Mission has started working in 30 villages. There are



19 villages with appointed catechists and people are undergoing faith formation to join catholic faith. We need to construct centres to gather the people for prayers and other social and educational programs. So, with the help of our benefactors and well-wishers we started the work of Community Care Centers in different villages.

We are now constructing five multi-functional community care centres.

We provide the materials and the villages join their hands together to make the



centres. These centres are for meeting the common needs of the community, including prayer services, meetings, trainings, non-formal education programs, etc. We do express our gratitude for all those who contributed for this great mission.

2. Release of Odia Qurbana Thaksa and Songs

Releasing of the Odia Liturgical text was another land mark in the history of MST Odisha Mission. Liturgy in the local language is one



of the prime concerns of the mission policy of the society. Celebrating the Liturgy in the local tongue is more appealing to the soul and mind. The SMC synod of August 2019 gave the ‘ad expirimentum’ permission for the newly translated Odia Mass text.

The translation of the Text was done by Fr Varghese Puthumattom



and the music and Orchestration was done by Fr Lijesh Panakkavayalil, Fr Jijo Kottakavil and Sr Pushpitha Pradhan DST. The Mass text was released by Rev Fr Mathew Puthiyedam, a veteran Orissa Missionary from the Arch Diocese of Cuttack Bhubaneswar on 5 November 2019. The Mass Songs were released by the Major Archbishop George Cardinal Alencherry on 26 November 2019 at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad.

3. Retreat for Catechists

In preparation for Christmas, three days of retreat was arranged from 28-30 November, for all catechists of the districts of Kolahandi and Khandamal. 20 People attended the retreat. The retreat was an occasion for the trained catechists to know more about the faith and



practices of the Syro Malabar Church.

The retreat was arranged in one of the villages where we started our evangelization work.

Living together in the village was a great experience for all the

participants. It was the time for the catechists to share each other their experiences after joining our faith.

4. Inauguration of Tuition Centres



According to the latest information and statistics, the literacy rate of Odisha marks just 73.95%. The state of Odisha holds the 25th rank among the Indian states in the field of education. The state has a good networks of government schools, but due to socio-economic and human factors these institutions could not achieve the expected



result. In this regard we concentrate on giving daily free tuition to the children of interior villages.

As of now we have started 27 non- formal educational centres. The children are given free tuition for 2-3 hours every day. These children will be sent to the Government systems to write the exams and certificates for their higher studies.

5. Awareness Classes for the Parents

The urge and interest for development and change should start in the mind. Nirmal Jyothi social welfare centre Baliguda, conducted



several awareness classes for the parents. The topic of the classes was Cleanliness and Need for education. As a part of non-formal education, the parents of the children were given different training and awareness programs on various occasions. The classes were guided by Frs Kottakavil, Pottananiyil and Mr Asindra Nayak.

6. Documentary Shooting by Santhome Media

A documentary on MST Odisha mission is under creation by the Santhome Media team. Fr Lijesh Panackavayalil, Director Santhome Media, and Mr Michael Joseph spent 29 November till 5 December



in the land of Odisha for shooting. They covered the present programs and activities with sharing of missionaries.

(Reported by Fr Mathew Pottananickal, Odisha Mission)

F. Arunachal Mission

1. Shelter Festival - Pakke Kessang



In the state of Arunachal Pradesh, the 'shelter-festival' is being celebrated among the farmers by bringing the cultivable food grains to home from fields and get together

with all family members and enjoy the first taste of the food which they have cultivated with hard labour. During this year, the importance is given to the woman farmers who contribute to the production and sustenance of the villages by their hard work. For the shelter festival in Pakke Kessange, Fr Benny Kulirany was the main speaker along with the local MLA and other dignitaries.

2. Visit of the Director General in Itanagar

Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General of the MST and Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram, the General Councillor visited the MST priests in Itanagar mission. They were accompanied by Fr Vibin Vanmelil from Guwhati. First, He arrived at Sagalee Parish



where he was given a warm welcome by Rev. Frs Saji Choorakunnel and Lijo Manikombel. He also visited the Pakke Kessang mission centre.

3. Blessing a Village Church

A new church in the village – Keel, an extension of the Sagalee Parish, was built with the help of the community there. It was solemnly

blessed by very Rev. Fr Jacob Mattathilany, the Vicar General of the diocese of Itanagar on 3 December 2019. The local MLA- Mr Nabam Tuki inaugurated the public meeting. Rev. Frs Saji



Choorakunnel and Lijo Manikombel organized the blessing ceremony and faithful from the surroundings were present for the function

(Reported by Fr Mathew Kuliraniyil & Saji Choorakunnel, Arunachal Pradesh)

G. Overseas Missions

1. Germany

Arrival of Fr Benny (Philip) Karickamukalel: The MST Koinonia in Germany has a new face in its team now. Fr Benny Karickamukalel reached on 9th December 2019 in Germany and



our Priests received him very cordially at the airport. Along with Fr John Nayathuparambil, he will be rendering his service in the Pastoral care of the faithful in one of the

parishes of the Archdiocese of München. All the best to Fr Benny for his future ministry.

(Reported by Fr Pradeep Alex Mattathilanickal)

2. Canada

Sacerdotal Ruby Jubilee of Fr Kakkaniyil: The ruby jubilee of my priestly ordination was solemnly celebrated by my Christ the King Parish, Oliver in the diocese of Nelson, Canada. The parish community organized a thanksgiving Holy Mass inviting the priests from the diocesan centre and other neighbouring parishes. They also



arranged a dinner in honour of the jubilee. The concelebrated Holy Mass was joined by eight priests working the diocese including the Vicar General. Most Rev. Bishop Gregory J. Bittman, the bishop of Nelson came to the parish another day to celebrate the Holy Mass and to honour the jubilarian.

(Reported by Fr Tom Kakkaniyil, Nelson, Canada)

3. Switzerland

a. Bible- Fest, Zurich: Every year, a Bible Fest is organized through Bible related competitions for different age groups in the parish community, in view of inculcating knowledge of the gospel narratives. The Bible fest – 2020 is scheduled to be on 25 January. His



Excellency Mar James Athikalam, Bishop of Sagar, during his visit to Zurich inaugurated the registration for the Bible Fest. The contestants have begun the registration and the

preparations for the competition.

b. Zurich Bible Convention: The Syro-Malabar Community in Zurich had a Bible convention, in preparation for Christmas. The convention was led by Fr Saju Thuppalanjiyil MST and Fr Binoy



Purayidom MST and it was held from 15 to 17 November. Hundreds of faithful attended the convention and experienced the caring and



healing touch of Jesus and deepened their faith in the Lord.

c. Marian Pilgrimage: On 27 October, in conclusion for the Rosary month, the Syro-Malabar community in Zurich organized a Marian pilgrimage to the popular Abbey of Kooster Einsiedeln of the 10th century. This year, the pilgrimage also commemorated the recently canonized saints from India – Mariam Theresa and from Switzerland Margarete Blaise. It was attended by hundreds of faithful.

(Reported by Fr Thomas Plappallil, Zurich, Switzerland)

4. United Kingdom

International Carol Service: “Christmas in Our Hearts”, an International Carol Service, with carols from different parts of the

world, was organized by King's College Hospital Chaplaincy, in collaboration with Black and Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) and King's International Nurses and Staff (KINs). There were carols in English, Malayalam, Hindi, Filipino, Spanish, Italian and African languages. Fr Roy Muthumakkal conceptualized and co-ordinated



the program. Senior managers, staff, patients and visitors attended. It was the first - ever in the history of King's College Hospital, London, the largest and most advanced Critical Care Hospital in the United Kingdom, where Fr Roy is a Catholic Chaplain since October 2017. *(Reported by Fr Roy Muthumakkal, U.K.)*

5. Australia

Fr Vithayathil -Eparchial Director of Evangelization:

Fr Varghese Vithayathil who is the chaplain of two mission centres called St Alphonsa Mission, Shepparton and St Thomas Mission, Bendigo in Australia is also now appointed as the Director of Evangelization of the Eparchy by Mar Bosco Puthur, the Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Melbourne. Department of Evangelization is a recently created office in the Eparchy and Fr Vithayathil is its first Director. By virtue of this appointment, he receives the mandate to initiate and guide evangelizing activities in the Eparchy of Melbourne which covers the entire country of Australia.

(Reported by Fr Varghese Vithayathil, Australia)

VII. NEWS FROM OTHER MINISTRIES/ CENTRES

A. Aaram Priest-Home



Jubilee of Fr Vattakunnel:

The sacerdotal silver jubilee of Fr Francis Vattakunnel was celebrated in a simple manner at Aaram on 3 November 2013. Thanks-giving Holy Qurbana was concelebrated at Aaram chapel at 6.00 p.m., in which many of the priests at the

Generalate, Deepti College and Aaram joined. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor preached the homily during the Holy Qurbana. The close relatives of Fr Vattakunnel also joined the celebration. The hospital staff of Carmel Medical Centre, Pala was specially invited to the function and some of them including doctors and the hospital administrator were present for the celebration. During the dinner, the Director General honoured the jubilarian with traditional shall. Fr Vattakunnel thanked everyone for the presence and prayers of every one present.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Thomas Kumblanthanath, Director, Aaraam)

B. Angel Home, Kadanad

Angel Home, an abode of hope, is sui generis venture of St. Thomas Missionary Society (MST) in Kadanad, Palai. It was brought to



fruition in the year 2013 by Rev. Fr. Joseph Oppenmakal so as to instigate integral amelioration of poor catholic boys in the vicinity of Kerala. It always bounces ahead with the mission and the vision of initiating a quantum leap for

the educational welfare and wellbeing of the catholic children with underprivileged financial backdrop.

Presently there are 15 students sojourning at Angel Home studying in various classes at St Sebastian's HSS Kadanad and St Joseph's Catering College Choondachery. In the academic year 2019, two students completed their plus two course and four students completed X class. Three of them joined MST Minor Seminary oriented to priesthood. The Angel home possesses an attractive *Chenda* set of the children and robust volleyball team representing St. Sebastian's HSS Kadanad. Angel home provides pertinent happenstance and conducive milieu to zoom up in the integral excellence. Towards this end, it fortifies the students in the domain of extra-curricular activities like music and cultural programmers.

On the whole, Angel home is a lush-green campus with serene and tranquil surrounding, prompting to be close to the Divine and humans, equipping to be spiritually well-built fortifying with scholastic ambience, motivating them to assume bold steps in the plateau of life and finally, renders life-giving education and formation in its fullest sense.

1. Marien Jugend Herberge (Marian Youth Hostel)

It was a delightful memorabilia, over flows with joy and gratitude towards the administration team of MST and the German well-wishers of Angel Home for supporting to construct a "Marian Youth Hostel" enabling integral amelioration of poor catholic youth to give the feeling of having sat and grown in the



lap of the church mother listening to the sonorous lullaby. We feel enriching the Director General, Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor for appraising the unfeigned merit of Angel home. It was blessed and inaugurated on the second November 2019 by Very Rev Fr Antony Perumanoor MST and Very Rev. Fr Augustine Koottiyaniyil, the

Vicar of the St Augustin forane church, unveiled the monumental tablet of the new building.



The blessing of Marian Youth Hostel was an occasion of great pride and joy as well to express our deep sentiments of gratitude towards Rev Fathers of MST, Vicar and the community from St Augustine's forane church,

Kadanad.

2. Batch Gathering of Fr Oppenmakal

Treasures of Stars 80 brings wonderful and great personalities in lots of precious moments of togetherness. The batch gathering of Stars 80 was held at Angel home on 5th November 2019. Bishop Mar Raphael Thattil, Rev Frs. Antony Perumanoor, Sebastian Thuruthel and Joseph Pampara were the chief guests.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Jose Oppenmakal, Director- Angel Home)

C. Santhome Fellowship

1. Kanjirappally Diocesan Gathering

A Meeting of the present and potential members of Santhome



Fellowship was arranged in pastoral centre of the diocese of Kanjirappally. The meeting was inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General of MST. It was the annual gathering of the fellowship members from

the diocese. Almost 80 people participated in this program. Fr Thomas Karamel spoke about his pioneering mission work in Sangli mission and also in Delhi. Fr Peter Kavumpuram the councillor in charge of Santhome Fellowship addressed the gathering. Fr Justin Vettukallel, the Secretary General and the first director of Santhome

Fellowship introduced Santhome Fellowship and its scope to the people who came first. This gathering was organised play by the missionary associates from the diocese of Kanjirappally. People were welcomed by Mrs Marykutty and all the programs arranged by the members and almost 20 people were new to the program they gave the name to join in the Santhome Fellowship and the program was ended with a thanksgiving from Fr Monse Karuvakunnel, Director of Santhome Fellowship.

2. Santhome Fellowship in Indore

A meeting for the Santhome Fellowship members in Indore was organised on 24 November. Before the meeting, the director of



Santhome Fellowship visited all the houses in Indore of the members together with Fr John Panthalipadan parish priest of Indore Syro Malabar community. The meeting was organised in St Paul school in Indore. Twenty-five members including their family members participated in the program. Mr Joseph K.K. was elected as the leader of the Indore community. Mrs Simy elected as the secretary of the cluster. In this program we discussed about the future and scope of indoor Santhome Fellowship community. It was decided to do something during the time of Christmas and some of the new members were introduced to the community.

3. Meeting of Santhome Fellowship in Bhopal

Santhome Fellowship meeting for the new members in Bhopal Syro Malabar community was organised on 21 November. It was organised in the MST house in Bhopal. Fr Thomas Chenganariparampil helped to organise the people of the area for the meeting. Meeting was inaugurated and initial introduction was

given by Rev. Fr Sebastian Pullatt the Director of Nirmal Jyothi. Thirteen members participated. The director of Santhome Fellowship introduced the programs of Santhome Fellowship to the members who gathered there. They expressed their readiness to join the Saint of fellowship. And they said MST may be the first congregation which introduce Lay association. The meeting ended up with a small agape. Rev Frs Jose Neendukunnel and Riju Myladiyil were present and helped to organize the meeting

4. Training for Second Batch of Potential Missionary Associates

The first gathering of the potential missionary associates was organised in Deepti Bhavan on 8 November. Meeting started at 9.30 a.m. and it was inaugurated by Very Rev.Fr Antony Perumanoor. All the participants were welcomed by the director of Santhome Fellowship. Fr Francis Kureeckal the Vice Director shared



his mission experience in Mandya mission. Mr Jacob Padalody, an associate missionary of the MST explained how can lay person can collaborate with a

missionary society and do the mission work. The meeting was blessed with the presence of Fr Peter councillor in charge of missionary associates and Santhome Fellowship. Fr Thomas Karamel spoke about the developments in Sangli mission. Last section was led by Fr Justin Vettukallel. He introduced what are the responsibilities and prerogatives of missionary associates. There was a discussion session with potential missionary associates. There were 18 selected participants for the meeting, belonging to different dioceses of the Syro Malabar Church, including a religious sister. All expressed their interest to work with the MST in future.

5. Christmas Celebration at Angel Home, Kadanad

Christmas celebration was organised by missionary associates in Angel Home, Kadanad. It was a one-day programme held on 8

December. It did start by 10 o'clock with a small introduction by Fr Joseph Oppenmakal, followed by one-hour adoration. Fr



Oppenmakal introduced the works being done in Angel Home. Associates planted fruit trees in the premises of angel home. By 12.30 we started our Christmas celebration. First, we introduced to the children and gave gifts to the boys in the angel home. Small program was conducted by the children

of the house. Small message of the Christmas was given by the director of Santhome Fellowship. We had a common meeting and a meal together with the boys at Angel Home.

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

D. Vishwadeepti Missiology Centre, Kolhapur

1. Visit of Social Work Team from Sagar

A 31-member strong Social Work Team from the diocese of Sagar, visiting Sangli Mission, was provided stay at Vishwadeepti for two



days. The team reached Vishwadeepti on 11th October 2019. A special orientation session was conducted for them on the next day highlighting the various social activities of Sangli Mission Society.

2. Visit of MSW Students from De Paul School Social Work

The students from De Paul School Social Work, Angamaly, led by

Mr Jijo Joy (HoD, Social Work) and guided by Fr Binish Kizhakke-



parambil MST (one of the students), were hosted for three days at Vishwadeepti from 18th October 2019 onwards. During these days, they visited various mission centres of the Sangli Mission.

3. Annual Retreat of Sangli Fathers and Sisters

The Annual Retreat of the Fathers and Sisters serving in Sangli Mission was conducted at Vishwadeepti from 27th October 2019 onwards. The retreat for the Fathers, participated by 39 Fathers, was conducted from 27th October to 1st November 2019. At the end of the retreat, Fathers Joy Purayidathil and Augustine Thekkemyladil were felicitated on the occasion of their Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee. The retreat for the Sisters, participated by 33 Sisters, was conducted



from 2nd to 5th November 2019. Both the retreats were preached by Rev. Fr Cyriac Kochalunkal CST.

4. Retreat for Women

Vishwadeepti hosted a one- day retreat for women conducted by *Indian Church of Christ*, Kolhapur on 16th November 2019.

5. Week-long Session of MST C&D Committee

MST *Constitutions and Directives* 'Review Committee met for a second time at Vishwadeepti from 25th to 30th November to study



the new draft of the MST C&D. At the end of a week-long session, the Committee decided to meet again at Deepti Bhavan, Melampara from 21st January 2020.

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

E. SANTHOME – IMPACT, Kochi

1. Mission- Pastoral outreach programmes

a. Mission retreats and talks in the following parishes: Neeleswaram, Ashokapuram, Vazhakala, Maradu and Kizhakumuri of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese.



b. Superiors' training at SH Generalate, Kottayam and FCC Provincialate, Kanjirappally.

c. Youth training at Pallippuram and Edappally Forane parishes of

Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese.

d. Training for vocation promoters at SH Kanjirappally Province and CMC Ernakulam province.

e. Ongoing formation for Priests of Changanacherry Archdiocese and Priests and Sisters of Malankara Archdioceses of Trivandrum

f. Monthly Recollection talk to Fathers of Kizhakkambalam Forane, Ernakulam.

g. Three days' class on Pauline Theology of Salvation and Mission to Lay Bible class students at POC, Ernakulam.



h. Mission Seminar at Kanjirappally diocese

i. Mission sharing at Kothanalloor parish of Palai diocese

j. Sunday mission ministries in the following parishes: Chennai,

Varapuzha and Valluvally of Varapuzha Archdiocese; Changampuzha Nagar, Champakkara, Kaipattoor and Mattoor of Ernakulam Archdiocese. “Kadukumani” new subscriptions also were done during these ministries.

2. World Mission Sunday Celebration

We celebrated the World Mission Sunday (20-10-19) at IMPACT with Syro-Malabar Curia Bishop Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal



and the priests working at Mount St Thomas in prayer, reflection and sharing of meals.

3. Santhome Media – IMPACT

Following are the major initiatives undertaken by Santhome Media-IMPACT, for the period of October-December 2019

a. Pokam Vilavinte Naattilekk:

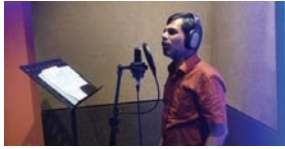


seminarians on mission work.

b. Odisha Qurbana: Santhome Media took a significant step in giving music and recording of Odiya Syro-Malabar Qurbana Songs.

c. Short Film Lyrical Video: Santhome Media uploaded a lyrical video of upcoming short film.

d. Audio Recordings:



Professionals who utilized the studio facilities recently are Kester, Teena Mary Abraham, Libin Scaria and Praveen Harishree.

e. Shalom TV Shoot: The Media team from Shalom Television utilized our Campus for their Christmas Programme.

f. Documentary Shooting in Odisha:

Santhome Media team filmed the area of MST Odisha Mission for mission animation programme.

g. Musical Albums: Santhome Media in association with other media team produced different musical albums based on biblical values.



h. Upcoming Initiatives of Santhome Media:

a. Short Films

b. Capsule type Short Films

b. Motivational Classes

c. Documentaries on Challenging missions and Missionaries

h. Invitation to all MSTs to collaborate with Santhome Media-

IMPACT: 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.

* To watch all our programs please visit our Website: ***www.santhomemedia.com, You Tube Channel and Facebook Page*** & please don't forget to ***subscribe and like our You Tube Channel and Facebook Page***

4. IMPACT Publications

Mission Magazine in Malayalam "Kadukumani" for children and English magazine "True Blaze" for English medium students are published periodically

(Reported by Fr Joy Panjikaran, Executive Director Santhome-IMPACT)

F. Kalasadhana, Mumbai

In addition to running the academy of fine arts, Kalasadhana has

recently produced the following musical products for ordinary use. They are:

1. Pavana Din Hai: A semi classical song for prayer dance.

2. Divya Tarakam: A Christmas carol song in Malayalam

3. Mi Jhuke: A Christmas carol song in Hindi

(Reported by Fr Ashok Kollamkudiyil, Director, Kalasadhana)

G. Santhome Bible Centre, Pariyaram

1. Transfer of Fr Joby Kozhippatt

Fr. Joby Kozhippatt, procurator of Santhome Bible Centre, was transferred. His place here remains vacant now.

2. Vocation Camp at Santhome

CMC Bhopal Province which includes Ujjain will organize a Vocation Camp here on 27-28 December 2019. It is the second time that CMC sisters organize such a camp here to recruit vocations from Malabar.

3. New Volume of Santhome Bible Commentary

The work on the new volume of SBC is going on now. The next volume is on the earliest epistles of Paul – Thessalonians. The full set of SBC is in high demand now, but unfortunately the volume on Luke has gone out of print. The other five volumes are at present available.

4. Newly Painted Santhome

The Santhome Bible Centre building has recently been painted after 13 years. Now it is a ‘white house.’ St. Michael’s Prayer Centre building in this campus has also been now painted white and blue.

5. Blessing of Cross



A new Cross has been recently set up on our land facing the road, in the campus of Santhome Pariyaram. It was solemnly blessed by Rev. Fr Zacharias Thadathil on 15 December 2019, in the presence of Rev. Frs

Sebastian Kizhakkal, James Mandapathil, Joy Kochuparackal and faithful gathered from the neighbourhood.

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

H. Vocation Promotion

1. South Zone

In the south zone, after conducting the vocation camp in September



we have initiated the home mission programme to meet the parents and the family members to establish a warm relation to make them understand the need of the mission in promoting missionary vocation through MST.

We have visited around 50 families in view of vocation promotion with the help of different fathers from Deepti Bhavan and Deepti Seminary. Most of the families had expressed a positive sign of sending their children to priestly vocation. We have mainly concentrated in the dioceses of Palai, Kanjirappally, Kottayam, Idukki and Kothamangalam. As the result of these visits, we are now preparing for the vocation camp on December 21st 2019.



2. North Zone

In the North Zone have visited almost all the schools in the Arch Diocese of Thalassery, and we have moderately good response from

everywhere. We have also covered almost all parishes in the diocese of Thalassery and some parishes in the diocese of Thamarassery, Manandavady and Thrissur. We used to celebrate Holy Mass on Sundays in different parishes and other days covered up all the schools and houses of the students who had given us name and address.



3. Vocation Camps

We conducted vocation camps at Deepti on 21/12/2019 and Kodopally parish on 23/12/2019 to find out possible candidates. It was really a fruitful experience for the students. A big thanks to all fathers and brothers who helped us in conducting these camps, especially to Rev. Fr Kurian Ammanathukunnel the parish priest of Kodopalli.

Once again, we the vocation promoters request all the fathers to please support us in finding out good candidates for the MST.

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South Zone: Operating from Deepti Mount

Fr Joison Puthukkattu MST: 8921033123

Fr Monse Karuvakunnel MST: 9544183779

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

VIII. Necrology

Family members of MSTs and Collaborators

As informed by the members

(20 October–17 December 2019)

Rev. Sr Lissy Maria CPS, Long time missionary collaborator at Watul Mission Station in St Alphonsa Region.

Mr K.C. Philip Kochayankanal, brother of Rev. Fr Joseph Kochayankanal

Mrs Kunjeliya Koren, Paternal Aunt of Rev. Fr Joseph Koren

Mr Varkey Puthenpurackal, Paternal Uncle of Rev. Fr Benny Puthenpurackal

Mrs Aleykutty Mullappallil, Sister in law of Rev. Fr George Mullappallil

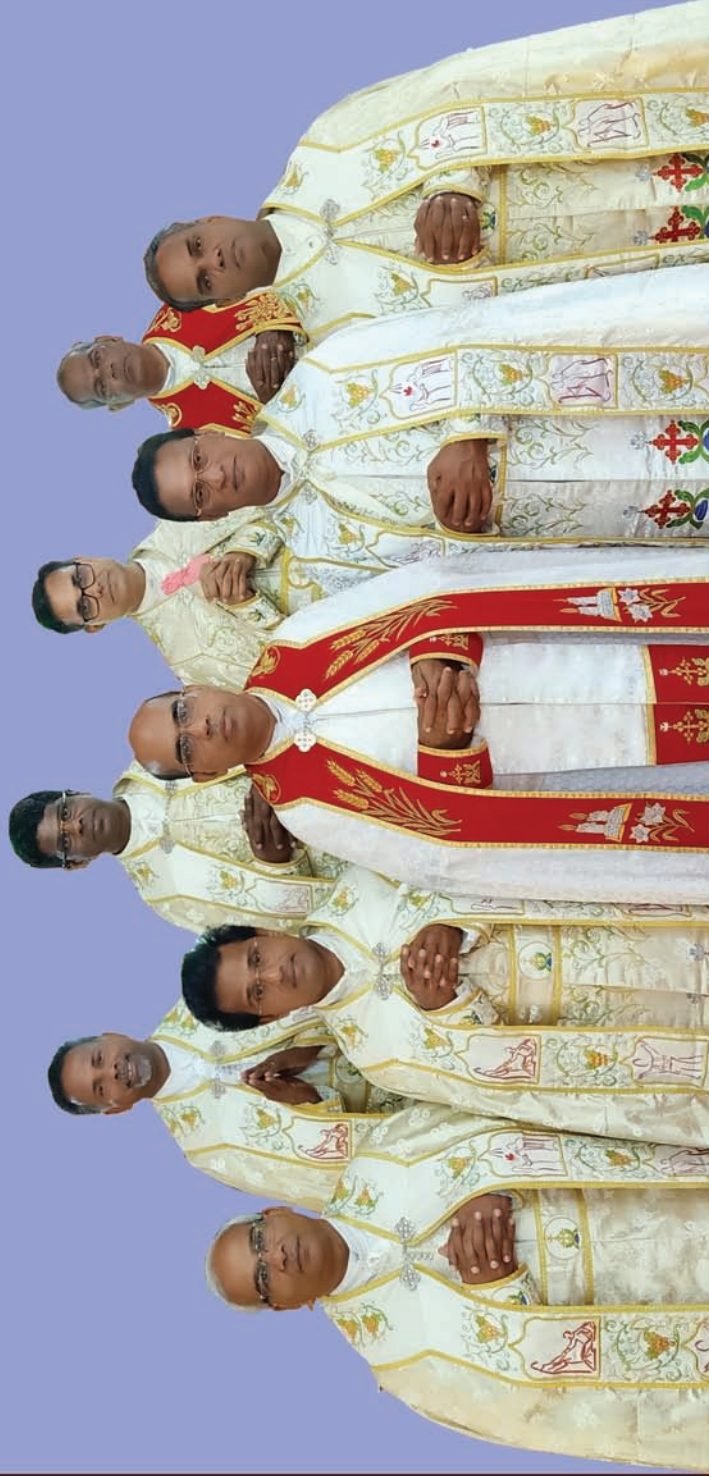
Mrs Rosamma Elanjimattam, Maternal aunt of Rev. Fr Abraham Azhakath

Mr K.V. Paul, Paternal Uncle of Fr Benny Kannamthadathil

Mr Martin Chennakkada (Ex-seminarian in MST, belonged to the preists of the ordination batch: 1996-97 until regency



Prayerful Felicitations



The Sacerdotal Silver Jubilarians (2019-2020) along with the Director General

**Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year**



It is a joy to contemplate the young Jesus for He was truly one among you. By becoming His 'here and now,' your youth is not an 'in-between time' but an embodiment of the living Jesus in history.

Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, 178

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