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***I am a mission ...you are a mission
Every baptized person is a mission...***

St Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan



Pray for the MST

The Church shines through the holiness of her Saints



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I. Message from the Director General

Dear Respected and Loving members of the MST,



In this year's World Mission Sunday the Holy Father called on all Catholics and the Church to revive missionary awareness and commitment. In the message released by Vatican on Pentecost Sunday, Pope Francis writes about the importance of renewing the Church's missionary commitment and giving fresh evangelical impulses to her work, preaching and bringing to the world the salvation of Jesus Christ. The World Mission Sunday will be observed on October 20, this year, with the theme "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World." This year is the 100th year of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* of Pope Benedict XV. The objective of this initiative is mainly to awaken awareness of the *missio ad gentes* and take up with new impetus the missionary transformation of life.

In his message, Pope Francis states that "The Church is on a mission in the world, faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see all things in their proper perspective, as we view the world with God's own eyes and heart. Hope opens us up to the eternal horizons of the divine life that we share. This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission... This life is bestowed on us in baptism, which grants us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the conqueror of sin and death... Our mission, then, is rooted in the fatherhood of God and the motherhood of the Church."

In fact, it's only from Christ that our life and our mission have meaning, because "there is no true evangelization if the Name, the teaching, the life, the promise, the Kingdom, the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God, aren't proclaimed" (Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 22).

To evangelize is, in fact, the grace and vocation of the members of the MST, it's most profound identity. This mission gushes from God's grace: "the first word, the true initiative, the true activity, comes from

God and only by inserting oneself in this divine initiative, only by imploring this divine initiative, can we also become with Him and in Him evangelizers” (Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 112). We shall, in the best way possible, put *the mission at the centre of our life*, because it is precisely the missionary urgency that was the reason to found the MST. “Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel” (1 *Corinthians* 9:16). The passion and urgency for the mission, which Saint Paul feels as his vocation, shall be our guide and inspiration. We shall renew and rededicate our commitment to mission *ad gentes* in and through the MST in today’s world. We shall reaffirm the primacy of the unique missionary vocation that we have received and shall be the protagonists of this event. We shall be loyal and faithful to the promise that we have taken before we are incorporated into the Society as its members. Let our life, our programs, our work be in accordance with the mission *ad gentes* purpose of the Society. Let us not be afraid to undertake, with trust in God and much courage, a missionary choice capable of transforming everything, so that the customs, the styles, the schedules, the language, and every ecclesial structure may become an adequate channel for the evangelization of the present world” (*Letter of Indiction of the Extraordinary Missionary Month 2019*).

On 13 October 2019 Bl. Mariam Theresa will be canonized and be added to the galaxy of saints. In her love for Jesus, she wanted to help the poor, nurse the sick, and comfort the lonely. By being involved in charitable services, she selflessly served the people of her neglected village, inspired by a deep devotion to Christ. Saint Mariam Theresa is a gift to the Syro-Malabar Church in this extraordinary Missionary month. We shall draw inspiration from her life and service in our mission *ad gentes* works.

Dear Confreres, I thank you for your life at the service of the Gospel. May the Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary the star of Evangelization, and St Thomas our father in faith grant us the grace to carry out with renewed enthusiasm and joy the mission entrusted to us by the Church and the MST.

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

II. NEWS FROM THE GENERALATE

(From 1 July to 10 October 2019)

1. Meetings and Visits by the General Council

As part of the programmes scheduled by the General Council, the Director General along with other members in the Council and the Treasurer General had visits and meetings with the following groups, administrative units or centres in the MST. The purpose of such common meetings is to develop a communitarian spirit in the planning and execution of the missionary programmes of the MST as envisaged in C6 of the *Constitutions and Directives* of the MST. The first common gathering was organized at Deepti Bhavan for the priests working in and around Kerala.

a. Meeting of the MSTs in Kerala: A meeting of the MST Fathers working in different ministries/parishes in Kerala was held on 2 August 2019 in the Generalate, in which 36 priests attended. There was a separate meeting held for the members working at Santhome-IMPACT, prior to the common meeting.

The meeting was intended to encourage and ensure more concerted efforts by the MSTs in Kerala for missionary animation in the Mother Church and to help recruit vocations for the MST. The representatives from different units briefed their activities and explained their possible roles in meeting the above end. The Director General invited vital collaboration of all the members in Kerala in promoting MST in the Mother Church especially through publicizing the publications of the MST, helping to organize seminars and camps in the Mother Church, supporting the media production of Santhome-IMPACT, animating the programmes of Santhome Fellowship, etc.

b. Gathering of the MSTs in Mumbai Zone: The General Council had a formal meeting with all the members in and around Mumbai area on 6 August at Santhome Bhavan, Mira Road. Except Fr Vettukallel, all members of the General Council were present for the meetings. All five members of the MST in Mumbai joined the gathering, which was organised by Rev. Fr Vattappara, the coordinator appointed for Mumbai zone. Prior to the common

meeting, the General Council interacted with the School community, and the Director General addressed the teaching staff of the school. In the common meeting of the priests in Mumbai, the General Council discussed the programmes and initiatives of *Kalasadhana*- the centre for performing arts, and planned strategies for future action. Similarly, there were also sharing on the vibrant personal parish for the non-Keralite Syro-Malabar community being developed by the MST. The Director General appreciated the fraternal love and mutual collaboration among the MSTs in Mumbai that displayed clear signs of priestly fellowship among them.

c. Meeting at St Paul Region: All members of the General Council and the Treasure General were present for the meeting with the missionaries of St Paul Region held on Wednesday 7 August 2019. Around 65 MSTs were present for the meeting that started at 5.00 p.m. and lasted till 8.30 p.m. Prior to the common meeting, the General Council had a special meeting with the Regional Council of the Region. Bishop Mar Sebastian Vadakel also joined the gathering during the dinner.

The Director General presented a brief report of the General Council of the past one year and then sharing by each centre of the region was followed. During the common discussion, the members requested special attention and financial assistance from the Generalate for making the region financially self-sufficient. The Regional Director, Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura formally requested the support of the central administration with the supply of finance and personnel to help St Paul Region start new centres. The meeting also made the decision to hold periodical gathering for the MSTs of St Paul region separately at the Regional House, in view of having an opportunity for common sharing and planning among all members in different parts of the vast region. Such gathering was also felt necessary for the members working outside the eparchy of Ujjain for the provision of monthly recollection. In the morning of 8 August, the Director General was the chief celebrant for the Holy Qurbana offered for the intentions of St Paul Region which was concelebrated

by all the General Councillors. This common meeting was well planned and organized by the Regional Director and his Councillors.

d. The General Council at Ruhalaya: In the evening of Thursday 8 August, the General Council met with the students of both philosophy and theology separately and received their suggestions. In the same evening, the General Council sat with all the staff members together at the theology section. The Rector briefed the status of the seminary and thanked for all the assistance given by the Generalate and invited the attention of the central administration to some of the concerns. The Director General appreciated the commendable services of the staff and shared some of the views and suggestions of the General Council regarding the formation programme in the seminary.

Ruhalaya organized common celebration of the Holy Qurbana on Friday 9 August with the Director General as the chief celebrant wherein all the General Council and members of the staff as the concelebrants, joined by the students of both the sections.

e. Meeting with the Bishop of Ujjain: The General Council had a special meeting with Mar Sebastian Vadakel, the Bishop of Ujjain from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. on Friday 9 August. It was a formal but friendly meeting in which mutual concerns and needs were shared.

f. Mary Queen of the Missions Delegation: The General Councillors and the Treasurer General arrived Delhi on Saturday 10 August 2019 and visited most of our centres in Delhi and Punjab. The common meeting was held on Monday 12 August at Deepti Ashram Najafgarh which was attended by 17 priests in the delegation. The Delegate organized unit-wise sharing of different centres and the Director General and members in the General Council interacted with them. The members of the delegation shared their opinion on the common centre for the mission, in view of its future status as a region. The Director General emphasized the importance of direct evangelization in the area and appreciated the initiatives of the junior priests who showed interest in learning the language and have ventured to start two mission centres in Punjab.

There was also separate meetings and discussions held with the delegate and his council, after the common meeting. The missionaries from Rohru, HP and Bhadaur, Punjab also had separate meetings with the General Council.

g. St Alphonsa Region: The common meeting at St Alphonsa Region was held on 10 September at Vishwadeepti, Kolhapur from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. The meeting was attended by 39 priests working in the region. The Regional Director gave introduction on the new developments in the region and organized sharing based on different apostolates. The Director General briefed the running of the central administration. During the common discussion, anxieties about the education policy of the central government were expressed. The discussions also emphasized the need for adapting the CBSE/ ICSE pattern for our state-board schools. The General Council appreciated the initiatives of the Region in starting two new centres.

2. Other Visits and Meetings

Odisha Mission: The Director General and the Treasurer General visited Odisha in the final week of August 2019. The co-ordinator, Fr Jomon Ayyamkanal facilitated and accompanied throughout. They visited every centre of the MSTs and had interactions with the missionaries of the Latin dioceses in the area. They had separate and common meetings with the priests working for the MST mission and FIAT mission and developed plans for future action based on the findings.

Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel, the Councillor in charge of mission expansion had also visited Orissa in the month of July, in view of fixing the purchase of the land properties. The process of property acquisition is on progress only.

Meeting with the Deacons: In preparation for the upcoming ordinations, the MST deacons in Ruhailaya, Ujjain and Good Shepherd, Kunnoth were visited by Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal, the formation secretary during the months of July and August.

Gathering of the MSTs in Europe: The MSTs in Europe had a common annual gathering at Quarten, Switzerland in the context of

the feast of Dukhrana and for the purpose of the review study of the Constitutions and Directives of the MST. Fr Justin Vettukallel, the Councillor in charge of Overseas mission was present for the gathering and joined the annual formal meeting of St Thomas Institute of the MSTs in Germany.

Meeting of the Associate Missionaries: Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram, the Councillor in charge of Santhome Fellowship and Associate Missionaries, animated the gathering of the MST associates in the meetings held at Deepti on 26 July 2019 and at Angel Home Kadanau on 8 October 2019.

Santhome Seminary, Thamarassery: The Director General made his official visit to Santhome Seminary, Thamarassery and interacted with the staff and students from 22 to 24 September 2019.

Visit of the Director General in Europe: The Director General is visiting the MSTs in Sweden, France, Italy and Switzerland from 8 to 31 October. He is also visiting the funding agencies, the prelates in different countries and dignitaries in the ecclesiastical hierarchy in Rome.

3. Formation and Ongoing Formation Programmes

a. Meeting of Spiritual Directors in Seminary Formation: A refresher programme was organized for the MST Spiritual Directors



serving in the seminaries from 28 to 29 September 2019 at the Generalate. Very Rev Fr Antony Perumanoor inaugurated the meeting. Rev. Fr George Manalel VC led the sessions. All the Spiritual Directors were present for the meeting and it was organized by the formation secretary, Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal. At the final session, there was a joint meeting of the General Council and the Spiritual Directors and discussion was held to improve the spiritual formation of the seminarians. The ideas gathered from the discussion have been formally communicated to the seminary staff for reflection and execution.

b. Junior Priests' Ongoing Formation: Young priests' ongoing formation was conducted from 3 to 5 October 2019. 43 young priests belonging to the ordination batches from 2014-2019 were



present. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor inaugurated the ongoing formation programme. Classes were led by Dr Sabu De Mathew, Mr Sabu Jose, Dr Alex George Kavukattu and Rev. Fr Roy Kaduppil. The General Council was available for a general interaction at the end. The programme was organized by the *Expert Committee for Ongoing Formation*.

c. Higher Studies:

i. Rev. Fr Bibin Veranakunnel - completed BSc Interior Designing from Yashwant Rao Chavan University, Nashik and

secured Distinction and turned topper in the College.

ii. Rev. Fr Mathew (Bijo) Vadakethalakkal - began licentiate studies in Systematic Theology at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.

iii. Rev. Fr Johnson (Joyal) Anjilithoppil - began licentiate studies in Sacred Scripture at Studium Biblicum Franciscanum of Jerusalem, in Israel.

4. Events and Programmes at Deepti Bhavan

a. Dukhrana Celebration: Dukhrana of St Thomas the Apostle, our Patron, was celebrated most solemnly by the members of the community on 3 July 2019. Holy Raza was celebrated at Deepti seminary Chapel and was presided by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, our Director General. Rev. Fr Thomas Karuvakunnel gave an inspiring homily.

b. Holy Qurbana at the Tomb of St Alphonsa: Fathers and Brothers offered the Holy Qurbana at the Tomb of St Alphonsa on 25 July 2019 on the occasion of the Feast of St Alphonsa. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor was the Main celebrant. Rev. Fr George Kuppayil preached the homily.



c. Jubilee Memorial Mission Quiz : Deepti College Golden Jubilee Memorial Mission Quiz for the students of Different formation houses on 18 August 2019. Rev. Fr Manu Maprayil was the Quiz master. Brothers from Claritian Seminary, Kuruvilangad won the first prize. Brothers from Santhome Seminary, Thamarassery won

the Second prize and the aspirants from DST, Pala got the third prize.

d. Golden Jubilee Celebration of Deepti College: Conclusion



of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Deepti Seminary was held on 31 August 2019. Bishops Sebastian Vadakel, Joseph Kodakallil and James Athikalam were the chief guests. Former Rectors and non-MST teaching staff were honoured during the function. The event was also marked by the gathering of the first batch of Deepti students, including the ex-seminarians.

e. One-day Bible Conventions: One-day Bible conventions are being held at Deepti every fourth Saturday. The preaching and prayer services are led by Rev. Fr Saju Thuppalanjiyil and Rev. Fr Binoy Purayidathil. People come from nearby places to attend the Bible convention.

f. House Meetings of Deepti Community: Three house meetings were held at Deepti (August 21, October 2 and October 6) for the members at Deepti Mount. All the members came together to discuss about their ministries and life at Deepti, and to plan about the common programmes.

g. Fr Maliparampil Memorial Mission Seminar: Later Rev. Fr Maliparampil memorial lecture was held on 15th September 2019. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor inaugurated the Seminar. Malpan Rev. Dr Thomas Vellanikkal was the chief resource person. Rev Fr



James Kurukilamkatt presented the meaning and significance of Extraordinary Missionary Month. In the afternoon, there was a panel discussion. The programme was organized by Thomasine Research Centre (TRC)

h. Celebration of Extraordinary Mission Month: Deepti community has plan to hold a celebration of the mission month at three levels. 17 October is called to be Prayer Day for the residents in Deepti campus. The Day will start with a common celebration of the Holy Qurbana joined by everyone, at 6.30 a.m. in the chapel of Deepti College. The members will spend the whole day in Holy Adoration in assigned groups till 8.30 pm and will be concluded with solemn Ramsa.

On Saturday, 26 October a Mission Convention is being organized at Deepti campus for the public, which will include sharing by veteran missionaries and mission exhibition. It will be a full day programme from 9.30 a.m. till 4.00 p.m. On Sunday, 27 October a stage show on mission is being arranged for the catechism students of the parishes in the neighbourhood, from 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The communities of the religious sisters and the parishes are collaborating with MST to organize these events of the mission-month.

III. Transfers and Appointments

A. St Paul Region, Ujjain

Kudukkamthadam Antony: Relieved from Prarthana Niketan, Pachore and appointed Priest-in charge, St John's Church, Biaora

Parecattil Paul: Relieved from St John's Church, Biaora and appointed Priest in Charge, St Peter's Church, Shujalpur

Pullatt Sebastian: Relieved from the office of Proto-Syncellus, Eparchy of Ujjain and appointed Director, Nirmal Jyoti, Bhopal

B. St Thomas Region, Mandya

Kappiparambil Joby: Relieved from the office of the Priest-in charge, Santhome Sathyamangalam and appointed as Asst. Priest in-Charge, Santhome Sathyamangalam

Karikkandathil Salas: Relieved from the office of Manager, Santhome International School, Sathyamangalam

Koottumkal Sebastian: Appointed Priest in charge and Manager, Santhome International School, Sathyamangalam

Madavana Emmanuel: Appointed Asst. Priest in charge, Principal and Correspondent, Santhome School, Ichoda (Adilabad)

Njarolickal Jacob (Sabu): Appointed Mission Co-ordinator, Adilabad Mission and Priest-in Charge, St Thomas, Boath (Adilabad)

C. St Alphonsa Region, Sangli

Arackalputhenveedu Lijo: Appointed Principal, Alphonsa School, Shahuwadi (Additional)

Karackattu Antony: Relieved from Asst. Parish Priest, St Joseph's Church, Kodoli and appointed Director, Dilasa Bhavan, Miraj

Kavunnukattil Lijo: Appointed Associate Director, Social Action and Development, Sangli Mission Society

Kollithadam Abraham: Appointed Clinical Psychologist, Pratiksha

Special School, Watul

Kottukappallil George: Relieved from Principal, Alphonsa School, Shahuwadi and Appointed Principal, St Thomas School, Ratnagiri

Mandapathil Tom: Relieved from Principal, St Thomas School, Ratnagiri

Mangalathil Tom: Appointed Manager, Alphonsa School, Shahuwadi

Thuppalanjiyil George: Assigned to St Alphonsa Region, Sangli

Vadakkethalackal Bijo: Relieved from Director, Dilasa Bhavan, Miraj

D. Mary Queen of Missions Delegation, Delhi

Anithanam Mathew: Appointed Parish Priest, Bl. Mariam Thresia Church, Burari (Diocese of Faridabad)

Kolliyil Joseph: Appointed Asst. Priest in Charge, St Alphonsa Catholic Centre, Uksi

Kulathumkal Joseph: Relieved from Deepti Ashram, Najafgarh

Kureeckattu Cyril: Relieved from Bathinda and appointed Priest in Charge, Maria Bhavan, Maur Mandi

Kuruvanplakkal Abin: Appointed Asst. Priest in Charge, Maria Bhavan, Maur Mandi

Pathrapankal Sanoj: Appointed Priest in Charge, St Alphonsa Catholic Centre, Uksi

Thuppalanjiyil George: Relieved from Mother Theresa Catholic Mission, Ludhiana

Vallikatt Jose: Appointed Priest in Charge, St Joseph Catholic Mission, Bhadaur, Punjab

E. Outside the Regions/Delegation

Arimattathil Joseph: Appointed Asst. Parish Priest, St Sebastian's Church, Kodinattumkunnu (Study at Media Village, Changanacherry)

Chirayil Sogin: Appointed Asst. Parish Priest, St Joseph's Church, Chempakara (Study, St John the Baptist College of Education, Nedumkunnam)

Kulathumkal Joseph: Appointed Priest in Charge, MST House, Thannimood

Pullatt Johnson: Appointed Asst. Parish Priest, St Augustine's Forane Church, Kadanad

F. Formation Houses

Palakeel Jose: Appointed Dean of Studies, Ruhahaya Major Seminary (Theologate), Ujjain

Pulavelil Joseph: Appointed Rector, Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery

G. Overseas Mission

Arathil Thomas: Mission Director, Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Syro Malabar Mission, West Midlands, Wolverhampton of the Eparchy of Great Britain and Parish Priest of St Theresa of Infant Jesus, Midlands, Wolverhampton in the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Kakkaniyil Tomas: Transferred to Christ the King Parish, Oliver, Diocese of Nelson, Canada

Mandapathil Tom: Appointed Associated Pastor of St Joseph Parish, NW Moose Jaw, SK, Canada

Nayathuparampil John: Relieved from the Archdiocese of Vienna, Austria and awaiting appointment in the Archdiocese of Munich, Germany

Puthenpurackal Chacko: Awaiting appointment in the diocese of Augsburg, Germany

Vithayathil Varghese: Appointed Chaplain of St Alphonsa Mission, Shepperton and St Thomas Mission, Bendigo of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Melbourne, Australia

IV. Change/Correction of Contact Information

(After the publication of the Address Book-September 2019)

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V. SEMINARIES

A. Deepti College

1. St Thomas Day

The feast of St Thomas the Apostle was celebrated very solemnly with “Raza Qurbana.” The Director General Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor was the main celebrant. Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal gave an inspiring and spiritually nourishing homily during the Holy Mass. There was an exciting Basketball match between the Fathers and the Seminarians. The Fathers came to know the might of the seminarians and humbly accepted their defeat. In the evening the First-year students performed the Freshers’ day programme.

2. Feast of St Alphonsa

In connection with the Novena of St Alphonsa, the seminarians together with the Director General celebrated Holy Mass on 25 July at the tomb of St Alphonsa. His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal and Mar Raphael Thattil paid a friendly visit to Deepti on 22 July and 26 July respectively. They have truly inspired the seminarians through their inspiring messages and encouraged them to become good missionaries of the future.

3. Mission Quiz Competitions

As part of the Golden Jubilee celebration of Deepti College, a Mission Quiz Competition was held on 18 August 2019. Seminarians



from Claret Bhavan Kuravilangadu, Good Shepherd Seminary Pala, Santhome Seminary Thamarassery (MST), Deepti Seminary MST, aspirants from St Marthas, SMS, FCC and DST actively

participated in it. The Claritians won the first prize, Santhome seminary got the second prize and the Third prize was bagged by the DST. Fr Manu Maprayil was the Quiz master. He did a fabulous

job. The support given by Rev. Frs Monse Karuvakunnel, Joison Puthukkattu and Lijo Neyyoor Vadakkemuri is greatly appreciated.

4. Golden Jubilee Celebration

The grand finale of the Golden jubilee celebration of Deepti College was held on Saturday 31, August 2019. Mar James Athikalam, Eparchy of Sagar was the main celebrant of the Holy Mass and



Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Eparchy of Satna broke the word of God during the Holy Mass. Mar Sebastian Vadakel, Eparchy of Ujjain, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, Director General MST and Fr George Kuppayil, Rector

Deepti Minor Seminary were the concelebrants of the Holy Mass. The Jubilee concluding meeting started at 11:30 a.m. Mar Sebastian Vadakel was the president of the meeting. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General MST inaugurated the meeting. Mar James Athikalam, Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Rev. Fr Sebastian Thuruthel, the first Rector of Deepti seminary, Dr Benny Mathew former student and Associate professor - S.B. College Changanassery, Representatives from the first and the present batches of Deepti seminary blessed us with their presence and felicitation messages. The delightful cultural programs performed by Santhome



and Deepti seminarians added colour to the meeting. During the function former Rectors and non-MST professors were specially honoured. The meeting was very well attended by many MST fathers, many from nearby seminaries, many neighbouring parish priests, sisters, former students, Missionary Associates and



neighbours. Their presence was quite edifying.

Under the able leadership of Fr Manu Maprayil the Golden Jubilee souvenir of Deepti Seminary was prepared and it was released during the function.

Rev. Fr Michael Puthenpurayil, the Vice Rector of Deepti Seminary and the chief coordinator of Golden Jubilee celebration offered vote of Thanks. The meeting came to a close with the “*Marthoma Geetham*.”

5. Onam Celebrations

After the hectic first semester examinations, the seminarians had an awesome Onam celebration with *Onapattu*, *Pulikali*, *Maveli* procession etc. Of course, all enjoyed a very sumptuous *Ona Sadhya*. All went home on September 2, for Onam Holidays.

6. Deepti Olympics 2019

The seminarians came back after the Onam vacation on 14 August and attended Rev. Fr Joseph Maliparampil Memorial lecture. Deepti Olympics was inaugurated by the Director General on 16 August. The Students really enjoyed the sports and games for the next two days.

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

B. Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery

1. Feast of Dukhrana

The Feast of our Father in Faith and Patron Saint, St Thomas the Apostle, was celebrated most solemnly. The day was marked with the celebration of the most Solemn Qurbana, *RAZA*, officiated by the Rector, Fr Manoj Parackal, assisted by the Staff. A friendly basketball match held in the evening, between Fathers and Brothers, was very exciting.

2. Adieu to Fr Manoj Parackal

Rev. Fr Manoj who has been appointed the Vice-Rector of the



Theology section Ruhalaya Major Seminary, said adieu to Santhome Seminary on 04th July. A big send-off programme was organized in the evening where many dignitaries participated. All appreciated his dedicated service to the Seminary in the capacity of its Procurator and Rector.

3. Welcome to New Rector - Fr Pulavelil



The new Rector of Santhome Seminary, Fr Joseph Pulavelil, took charge on 24th July at 12.30 p.m. in the presence of the Staff and Brothers. He came along with his brother. He

thanked Fr Shaijan Koonamparambath, the Vice Rector and the Staff for managing the seminary in the absence of its Rector.

4. Freshers' Day



The new comers of the Seminary rocked the day with their talent exhibition. All the 26 Brothers of the First Year participated in the programme and made the evening very colourful on 27 July. The programme started at 6.15 p.m., and

ended at 7.30 p.m. with the words of appreciation by Fr Shiby MCBS. The one and a half hours long programme was full of entertainment and was value based. The Cinematic dance, Kolkali, One Act play, Mime and the *Nadan Pattu* etc. were really superb.

5. Conclusion of St Thomas VANAKKAMAASAM

One-month devotion (*Vanakkamaasam*) to St Thomas, the Father in faith of our Church and the heavenly Patron of our Society, was held in the month of July. The solemn conclusion was celebrated on 31 July, the last day of the month with special prayers, small procession and *Paachor norcha*. During the message, Fr Rector highlighted to imbibe the spirit and mission zeal of St Thomas who touched not the wounds of the Risen Christ but the heart of Jesus and proclaimed the highest form of Christological faith in His Master.

6. Heavy Rain and Hurricane

Very heavy rains and hurricane hit our area and Thamarassery got separated from other cities. The Hurricane wind for just two minutes at 6.00 pm on 7 August left many people homeless. Our Seminary too faced huge damage like Rubber trees, plantain trees, other fruit trees of the Seminary, and a complete annihilation of the shed of the waste water purifying system.

7. Monthly Recollections:

Sr Pavithra CMC and Sr Ans Maria CMC led the monthly recollection for the Brothers in the month of August which was really a different experience for the Brothers; and Rev. Fr Mathew

Puthukallitharappel MST did it in the October. The Monthly Recollection takes place on the First Sunday of every month.

8. Visit of Bp Inchananiyil



Mar Remegiose, Bp of Thamarassery came on 13th August to celebrate the Holy Qurbana. He blessed with a beautiful homily to boost the Brothers in their vocation.

9. Feast of Assumption and Independence Day

The celebration of the dual Feasts was celebrated with all their richness! Rev. Fr Mathew Pulimoottil, the Finance Officer of the Diocese of Thamarassery was the main celebrant for the Holy Qurbana and chief guest of the Independence Day celebrations which was marked by March Past, Flag hoisting and Oath. There was a friendly basketball match between Fathers and Brothers in the evening and Fathers came out with flying colours!

10. First Term Examinations

The First Term Examinations started on 19th and finished on 29th August.

11. Farewell to Fr Benny Puthenpurackal



Fr Puthenpurackal Benny was given a fitting farewell on 24th August. A small cultural evening was held where all batches entertained the



community with various programme. He was taken to the Cochin international airport in the evening on 29th to see him off in the early hours on 30th August. The

Rector expressed sincere gratitude for his great contribution as Vice Rector of the Seminary.



12. Birthday of Fr Rony Alencherry

Birthday of Fr Rony Alencherry on 26th August was celebrated very solemnly. He was greeted by the seminarains and staff.

13. Participation in the Golden Jubilee of Deepti College

On the following day after the First Term Examinations on 29th August, all of us left for Deepti Seminary to attend the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. On 30th evening at 9.00 p.m., we went by a bus. The seminary batch leaders went by car along with a few Seminary Staff



on 29th evening. Reaching at Deepti by 4.00 a.m. in the morning, we participated in the Holy Qurbana and the meeting.

In the Mission Quiz conducted by Deepti Seminary in connection with its Golden Jubilee, Brothers from Santhome Seminary won the second prize! Also, all the Three Prizes of the Essay Competitions conducted for the Minor Seminarians were won by brothers from Santhome Seminary.

After the Golden Jubilee celebrations, we left for Santhome Seminary on 31st August and arrived at the Seminary at 3.30 a.m. on the following day.

14. Mission Sunday Competitions

Fr Rector inaugurated the Mission Sunday competitions of this year



on 11th August with a message that integral growth of a person is a must for a quality priest. Competitions bring forth not only the latent talents in a person but also help a person to grow with human qualities like helping the other and accepting the defeat,

love and concern for the other etc. All Brothers are divided in four groups, each group having 12 members and with a name of a Saint from – St Thomas, St Alphonsa, St Chavara Kuriakose and St Euphrasia. The Jury was formed from one each



Brother from every batch.

Three days were set apart exclusively for the Sports items from 01 – 03 September. All brothers participated in all items with brotherly love and concern.

15. Onam Celebrations

Santhome Seminary celebrated Onam on 04th September. The third year brothers organized the plays, while the Second years engaged



in cooking and the first year Brothers performed *pulikkali*. In connection with Onam, there was a flower carpet competition in the evening on 03rd September in which the First years won the first prize and Trophy. All

fathers were in *Doti* and *Juba* participated in the games. We ate festive *Ona Sadhya* with our neighbours at 1'o clock with 27 items.

16. First Term Vacations

The first term vacations started on 05th September till 15th. Brothers went home early in the morning and returned before 6.00 pm on 15th. On the following days after their return from homes we had a general cleaning and finished the sports and games of the Mission Sunday.

17. Bi-Annual Retreat

The Charismatic Prayer and worship led by Fr Saju Elanjiyil MST and team, from 18 to 21 September was the occasion for all Brothers to revitalize their vocation and a new experience for the First years! Brothers have improved a lot after the retreat in their character and prayers.

18. Visit of the Director General

The Director General of MST, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor visited to us from 22nd to 24th Sept.

19. Seminar on *Christus Vivit*

Two of the third year Brothers, Bro. Martin Kolamkuzhiyil and Bro. Alvin Marottikuzhiyil, presented two papers on the new Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit* of Pope Francis on 29th September. The presentation was followed by group discussions and its report



presentation by each group. The Seminar concluded with a small summary of *Christus Vivit* and presentation of gifts to those who presented the papers.

20. Extraordinary Mission Month (EMM)

We started the prayer to mark the beginning of EMM announced by our Pope. In connection with EMM we are planning to have **AKHANDA JAPAMALA** on 19th – 20th Oct, Visit to an Old Age Home to serve them for One Day and to a School of differently abled children. Bp Emeritus Mar Paul Chittilappilly will give a talk on the Mission. At the request of the Brothers, the Seminary has decided to cancel eating any meat in this month. The money collected from it will be given to the Missions.

21. Sevana Dinam

To mark the day of *Gandhi Jayanthi*, we had one day of work and



cleaning. The whole Santhome Community was engaged in the cleaning of public roads, filling the pits on the Chungam – Mukkam road. The work started at 9.00 am and ended at 4.30 pm on 2 October. Many people appreciated our dedicated service to the public.

22. Vegetable and Fruit Gardens

In order to create an aptitude of work, each batch was asked to find out a place for cultivation of flowers and vegetables. Bothers were advised to take names of various Apostolic Letters or Exhortation or Encyclical. Hence, the first years chose the name of



their garden – *Christus Vivit*; the second years chose the name *Laudato Si* and the third years chose *Maximum Illud*.



23. Visitors to Santhome Seminary

Fr Joseph Kulathingal, Fr Vipin Vanmelil, Fr Johnson Puthenpurackal, Fr James Kurukilamkatt, Fr Tomy Mandapathil, Fr Monse Karuvakunnel, Fr Manu Nattunilam, Fr Many Maprayil, Fr Thomas Kocheettathottu, Fr Josekutty Kalayil, Fr Tomy Madhavappallil, Fr Salas Karikkandathil, Fr Sunny Mundakkal, Fr Gracious Njaralakkatt, Fr Joseph Thekkekarott and Fr Francis Kureckal visited the seminary on different days. Santhome is grateful to all of them for their friendly visit.

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

C. Jeevan Jyoti

1. Dukhrana Celebrations

The staff and seminarians of Jeevan Jyoti went to the Regional House, Santhome for the celebration of Dukhrana. They actively participated in the celebrations and performed a dance during the cultural programme. It was the first visit of the brothers to the Regional House. It was a golden opportunity for the seminarians to meet the missionaries of Mandya Mission.

2. Inauguration of JCLA & Jyoti Flash

The inauguration of Jeevan Jyoti Cultural and Literary Association (JCLA) and the Talent Board 'Jyoti Flash' were held on Monday, 15th July 2019 at 9 am. Dr Sujaykumar was the chief guest of the program. He spoke about the importance of Gandhian values and the need for preserving the same in the modern world. He underscored the importance of creative activity for youth. Professor Karimuddeen and Rev. Fr Paulos Thomas were also present on the occasion and inspired the seminarians with their inspiring and powerful messages. Brothers performed some cultural programs on the occasion.

3. Visit by Mar Antony Kariyil

Jeevan Jyoti community was greatly blessed with the visit of His



Excellency Mar Antony Kariyil on 18th July 2019. On his arrival, brothers conducted a short prayer session praying for the bishop and the diocese and Bishop Kariyil gave a blessing at the end of the

prayer session. After lunch, the bishop met and interacted with the brothers for almost an hour. Bro Justin Kulanjiyil presented a caricature drawing of the bishop.

4. Visit of Fr Uzhunnalil and Feast Alphonsa

The feast of St Alphonsa, the Patroness of Jeevan Jyoti, was



celebrated solemnly on Saturday, 27th July 2019. The celebrations were made memorable with the presence of Rev. Fr Tom Uzhunnalil SDB. Fr Anish Chirayath MST was the main celebrant of the Solemn Holy Qurbana celebrated in

Kannada and Fr Saleen K. J. of Belthangady diocese gave the



homily. This was followed by a procession and a public meeting



where Fr Tom shared his unique missionary experience in Yemen. Lay people from the parish of Ganjam and priests and religious from the neighbouring communities participated in good number. The celebrations were concluded with a festive

fellowship meal.

5. Kannada Language and Culture

Classes in Kannada Language and Culture began with the classes by Fr Saji Naduviledath for two weeks and Fr Zacharias Thadathil continued the same for three weeks. Fr Zacharias preached a monthly recollection and healing service for the brothers on 5th August and blessed the entire campus of Jeevan Jyoti in a solemn ceremony. Fr Biju Aranjanilyil and Fr Martin Kandamparambil taught songs of

Holy Mass in Kannada and other devotional songs in Kannada.

6. Inauguration of 'Missio-2019'

The village apostolates of the academic year 2019-20, christened 'Missio-2019' was inaugurated on 30th July by Rev. Fr Justin Vettukallel, the Secretary General of MST. Fr Justin gave a fine message about the need and importance of missionary formation. The inaugural function was followed by input sessions on the importance of MST, MOC and pivotal nature of missionary formation by Fr Justin.

7. Health and Hygiene

Rev. Srs Adona and Jisna from Sanjo Hospital, Mandya animated a workshop on health and hygiene, helping the brothers to understand and manage their health and wellness on 10th July 2019. They also introduced medicines for the purpose of first aid in the seminary and provided some cleanliness tips to the kitchen staff.

8. Assumption and Independence Day



Jeevan Jyoti celebrated the Feast of Assumption and the Independence Day in a simple manner. Rev Fr Zacharias Thadathil was the chief guest of the day. He inspired the students with inspiring thoughts on the occasion of

this double celebration.

9. Communicative English

An intensive training program of three days for improving communicative English guided by Rev. Fr Saleen K.J. was held from 21st to 23rd August 2019. The language learning was organised with the help of technology and mass media. Brothers plunged into it due to the added attraction of using technological devices. Every one of the students appeared in front of video camera to record programs written and produced by them. It was a memorable experience of learning for them.

10. Biannual Retreat

Brothers attended a three-day biennial retreat guided by Srs Tigi SKD and Rose SKD from Ikon team from 5th to 7th September 2019.

11. Onam Celebration



Onam was celebrated jointly by Mother Teresa Seminary and Jeevan Jyoti and this year the celebration was organised by and at Mother Teresa Seminary on 10th September 2019. Delicious onam meals in the presence of Bishop Antony

Kariyil and Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath and various Onam competitions were the attractions of Onam this year.

12. Work Camp and Asha Deepotsava

Fathers and brothers from Jeevan Jyoti joined the missionaries of



Preethi Nilaya, Koppa for a work camp on 14th September. Brothers really enjoyed working together at the mission station for



the first time. They cleaned up the whole campus in a few hours' time. On our way back we visited a Sericulture/Silk farm and brothers curiously learnt about the process from the workers and brothers brought some cocoons



for experimenting with the process. The day was made memorable with a refreshing drink of sugarcane juice.

The brothers got a golden opportunity to collaborate with the missionaries at

Asha Sadan on 21st September on the occasion of Asha Deepotsava, annual competitions for the students of special schools. Students from nine special schools competed this year. This experience was an eye opener for the students into the field of ministry for the special children.



13. Visit by the Director General



Jeevan Jyoti joyously welcomed Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor to the community on the 22nd September. He celebrated the Holy Mass and had separate meetings with the staff and students.



14. Extraordinary Mission Month



The Extraordinary Mission Month was inaugurated by Rev. Fr Augustine Marottikudy on 1st October. Fr Augustine spoke about the importance and relevance of the Extraordinary Mission Month for the students of

Jeevan Jyoti. Fr Prasad also spoke about the significance of the Extraordinary Mission Month. Fr Thomas introduced the Apostolic letter 'Maximum Illud' to the students and highlighted its significance and relevance even today. After the inauguration, Fr Augustine animated a few sessions on the topic "Social Work in Mission". Various programs such as sharing by missionaries, special prayer intentions for every day of the Month are planned as part of the Extraordinary Mission Month. The first day was dedicated for the Generalate and other houses in Deepti Mount.



15. Veneration of the Cross



The Jeevan Jyoti community joined the Ganjam parish in the veneration of the cross organised by the youth in all the dioceses of Karnataka. We spent two hours in veneration of the cross on 2nd September, before the cross was solemnly taken to the next parish.

16. Personality Assessment Program



Rev. Fr Jaison Puthenpura conducted a four-day personality assessment program for the brothers from 2nd to 5th October 2019. The brothers really enjoyed

and benefitted from the sessions.

17. Visits by Missionaries



Jeevan Jyoti was blessed by the visit by Rev. Fr Jose Cheriampanatt, who shared his pioneering experience in Orissa mission. Rev. Fr Abraham Koovackal along with Fr Sabu Njarolickal visited us and Fr Sabu spoke about his vision of mission. Fr Francis Kureeckal, Fr Joseph Pulavelil, Fr Binoy Purayidom, Fr Joby Mulluvengapurath, Fr Manoj Parackal, Fr Gracious Naralakkattukunnel, Fr Saju



Elanjiyil, Fr Emmanuel Mattam, Fr Johny Kariathil, Fr Augustine Marottikudy, Fr Sunny Tharapputhotty, Fr Shaiju Maliekkal, Fr Tony Mampilly, Fr Manu Maprayil, Fr Manu

Nattunilathu, Fr Rony Alencherry and Fr Abin Kochupurackal also visited us. Brothers were encouraged by their presence and inspired by their missionary sharing.

(Reported by Fr Sebastian Kallupuraparampil, Rector, Jeevan Jyoti, Ganjam, Karnataka)

D. Ruhalaya

In preparation for the starting of the new academic year the staff returned on 25 June 2019 and held a series of staff meetings from 27 to 30 June to plan and chalk out the programs for the academic year 2019-20. The first-year brothers of the Philosophy section (40 in number) had an intensive Hindi language course from 17 to 29 June by Fr Tomy Mulackal which was also attended by five of the first year Theology students who did their Philosophy courses in Kerala.

1. New Admissions

Ruhalaya was blessed with 61 new admissions – 40 in Philosophy and 21 in Theology belonging to 14 dioceses and MST.

2. New Appointments

Fr John Kudiyiruppil joined the staff as formator and professor of



systematic theology on 23 June and Fr Manoj Parackal took charge as the Vice Rector of Theology on 25 June. Fr Joseph Palakeel arrived Ruhalaya on 7 August and took charge as the Dean of Studies

of Theology section on 8 August.

3. Dhukrana and Inauguration of the New Academic Year



The most solemn feast of Dhukrana was celebrated at Theologate on 3 July and Fr Thomas Kannany was the main celebrant. The inauguration of the new academic year took place at Philosophate at 11.00 am which was presided over by Mar Sebastian Vadakel.

4. Social Ministries and Village Apostolate

The inauguration of the village apostolate was done by Bishop Mar Jose Mukhala on 07 August. The social ministries of the Theologians were inaugurated by Fr Rector on 09 August and the RCLA and Home Herald was inaugurated by Fr Bijju Cherolil.

5. New Priests' Day 2019



28 new priests came to their Alma Mater, Ruhalaya on 17 August and were given a reception on the same evening during which they shared their experience. The new priests offered the Holy Qurbana together with the staff and entire Ruhalaya

community on 18 August.

6. Farewell to Frs Panjikaran and Manjalankal

After rendering a commendable service for 16 and 14 years respectively by Frs Thomas Manjalankal and Joy Panjikaran were given farewell by Ruhalaya community on 24 July. We remember them with gratitude and wish them every blessing in their new appointment as the Spiritual Father of Jeevan Jyothi and the Director of IMPACT respectively.

7. Vianney Day

The Vianney Day was celebrated on 4 August in both sections of Ruhalaya separately with solemn Mass in the morning and cultural programs in the evening. Fr Paul Kollamparambil, the Director of Nirmala College, Chandassery was the main celebrant at the Theologate while it was Fr Sinu Karukayil, the new secretary to the Bishop, at the Philosophate.

8. Visit of the Central Administrative Team

Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumannoor, the Director General together with all the Councilors and the Procurator paid an official visit to Ruhalaya on 8 August. They met the entire staff and shared their

views on formation and discussed “Directions and Observation for the Ruhalya Staff for the New Academic Year 2019-20”. The Director General and his team met the students at the Theologate



and the Philosophate separately. This new initiative of the Director General to visit Ruhalya with his entire team was well appreciated by the staff and students. This visit enhanced the morale of Ruhalya family.

9. Freshers’ Day

The Freshers’ Day was celebrated on 15 August. The feast of Assumption and 73rd Independence Day of India was celebrated in the morning in both communities separately and the entire community



came together to have the cultural programs of the Freshers’ Day in the evening where they showcased their talents.

10. Debate

A debate was organized by the RCLA at the Philosophate on the topic “Scientific Progress is Harmful to Humanity – Yes or No” on

28 August. The speakers from both sides presented their arguments for and against the premise.

11. Community Day

The community day was celebrated on 4 September with a common Holy Mass celebrated by the Rector at the Philosophate. Party games were conducted by each batch in the morning and a common cultural celebration was held in the evening at the Theologate. It was an occasion to boost the community spirit among and between the students and staff.

12. Extension Lecture



There was an Extension Lecture by Rev. Sr Suma Jose SD on 6 September on the topic, “Direct Evangelization”. Sr Suma is a practicing Supreme Court lawyer who has been instrumental in getting

thousands of innocent prisoners released from various jails in the country. Her talk was inspiring and highly motivating to both the staff and students who appreciated her unique ministry.



13. Visit of Bishop Thattil

Bishop Mar Raphael Thattil paid a friendly visit to Ruhailaya on 06 September and celebrated the Holy Qurbana on 07 September at the Theologate. The Director General was also present for the Mass which was attended by the entire Ruhailaya community.

(Reported by Very Rev. Fr Chandy Kalathoor, Rector, Ruhailaya, Ujjain)

VI. NEWS FROM MISSIONS

A. St Paul's Region Ujjain

1. Santhome Regional House, Mendya

a. Dukhrana Celebration: Very Rev. Fr Thomas Chenganari-parampil, the newly appointed Syncellus of the Madhya Pradesh region of the Eparchy of Shamhsabad celebrated the Holy Qurbana together with the Regional Director and other priests in the house. Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura wished every one the blessings of the day and congratulated and felicitated Very Rev. Fr Thomas on his new appointment during an informal gathering of the fathers, S. H. sisters and the faithful who came for the solemn Mass.

b. Monthly Recollection and Meeting: The usual monthly recollection was held at the Regional House on 11th July and Fr Thomas Parayadyil gave the orientation talk. After the recollection Mr Bhagavan the auditor of our accounts explained the new rules and regulations of the Government in keeping our accounts.

c. New Priests felicitated: All the New Priests (MST) and a few others from Ruhahaya were welcomed and a solemn lunch was served to them on 17th July. Rev. Fr Vincent our Regional Director congratulated and wished them the best in their priestly ministry during the solemn lunch served for them.

d. Welcome to Rev. Fr Sebastian Pullatt: Rev. Fr Sebastian Pullatt reached the Regional House after 11 years of service in the eparchy of Ujjain as the Proto-syncellus and the manager of the Nirmala Higher Secondary School and the newly began Nirmala College of Higher education on 30th July. He was accompanied by Mar Sebastian Vadakel and many fathers from the diocese. A warm welcome was extended to him by the Regional Director and other fathers.

e. Visit of the Members of General Council: Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, other members of the General Council including the Treasurer General reached the Regional House on 7 August after their visit to Mumbai. They were given a warm welcome by the



Regional Director. They had a meeting with the Regional Council at 3.00 p.m. to evaluate and discuss the development and the needs of the Region. After the Ramsa at 5.30 pm all the fathers working in the Region gathered at the conference Hall. The Director General appraised the members, the working of the General Council undertaken by them since they took charge in May 2018 and some of the future plans. The Director General welcomed constructive evaluation and suggestions from the fathers gathered. After the supper most of the participants dispersed around 9.30 pm. Mar Sebastian Vadakel greeted the members of the General Council and the fathers during the dinner time.

f. Deacons of the Mary Matha, Trichur: Fifteen Reverend



Deacons (the fifteenth group) accompanied by Rev. Fr Devis Kavungal MST arrived at the Regional House by Cochin – Indore train in the early hours of Monday 16 September. They were given a warm welcome by the



Regional Director during lunch after the 11 am Holy Qurbana in Hindi. This is an extension programme of the Mary Matha Seminary to introduce the deacons the Missions. There were classes in Missiology, sharing by the missionaries from the eparchy of Ujjain and village visits during their stay here. All of them were sent to different Mission Stations for a direct experience of the missionary life. The missionaries from the St Paul's Region wish all of them a blessed priestly life.

2. St Thomas School, Khachrod

a. Silver Jubilee Celebrations at Khachrod: The silver jubilee of Rev. Fr Benny Karickamukalel, Rev. Sr Jyothis NS and Rev. Sr Daina NS was celebrated on 6th September 2019 at Khachrod. The function started with a procession and the traditional dance of the Christian community and the Holy mass followed by a felicitation meeting, the cultural programmes and the lunch.

b. Inauguration and blessing of New class Rooms: The



constriction of the first floor of St Thomas School, Khachrod, is progressing under the direction and guidance of Rev Fr Benny Karickamukalel. On 7th September 2019 our Director General, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perum-

anoor, inaugurated and blessed a few class rooms for this academic year.

3. Masih Ashram, Karondiya

Hundred- and one-hours Adoration and *Aghanda Japamala* was conducted in the Ashram from 25th to 29th September. The prayer session was started with Solemn Holy Mass by Rev Fr. Manoj Vareeckal the new Proto Syncellus of the diocese of Ujjain. Many people from different parts of Madhya Pradesh especially from the diocese of Ujjain made use of the occasion. Rev Sisters, brothers and lay people under the spiritual guidance of Rev Fr. Abraham Pandampadathil prayed day and night at the prayer centre. The prayer was concluded with Solemn Holy Mass on Sunday 29th which was presided over by Rev Fr. Antony Pulickamandapathil.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhepura, Regional Director, Ujjain)

4. Nirmal Jyoti, Bhopal



a. Dukhrana: Dukhrana was celebrated solemnly at Our Lady of Lourdes Church with Solemn Holy Qurbana and Ladeenju. Fr Thomas Mylady was the main celebrant and Fr Thomas CT gave the message of Dukhrana. Parish Community wished those named after St. Thomas.



b. SMYM : On 14.7.19 SMYM Bhopal had a Planning session at Carmel Convent School. Animator Mr. Binoy T. Devasia initiated the discussion on planning and activities of

SMYM. Sr Archana CMC took session on the theme of do the

best with what we have. 21.7.19 Sunday SMYM Bhopal organized Parents' Day celebration. Qurbana, Special Prayers for Parents, Felicitation, selection of lucky parent by lot etc. were part of the celebration. SMYM Bhopal Members Made an exposure visit to Karuna Sadan –old age home for the destitute men- on 21.7.19. The members contributed grocery worth Rs 3000/- SMYM members interacted with the inmates. Fr. Justin OCD, director of Karuna Sadan, appreciated the activities of SMYM.

c. Feast of St Alphonsa: SMC Bhopal Celebrated the feast of St



Alphonsa on 28.7.19 Sunday at Assumption Church, Arera colony, Bhopal. In preparation to feast Novena and Qurbana were arranged for 9 days from 19.7.19. Each day different Fathers officiated the liturgical services of these days. Fr. John Kudiyirupppil was the Main celebrant on Feast day.

d. Training for catechism Teachers: Catechism teachers' training session was arranged in Carmel convent school on. Fr Soji Catechism Director- Shamshabad, spoke about the catechism plan and syllabus. Fr James Punnaplakal , CML National Director , spoke about the activities and structure of CML. Mr. Anil Thonikuzhy from Palai Diocese addressed the catechism teachers on 15.9.2019 on the importance of Church History in the catechism classes and especially for teachers.

e. Social Activities: Nirmal Jyoti Bhopal continue to be solace for many through its different regular activities. On 22.7.19 an awareness program on Health and hygiene was conducted at Berkheda. Around 40 members of different SHGs participated. On 9.8.19, a tailoring canter was started in Berkheda.

f. New Director for Nirmal Jyoti:

Fr Sebastian Pullatt joined Bhopal team on 2.9.2019. Welcome Fr Sebastian Pullatt, new director, Nirmal Jyoti, Bhopal.



(Reported by Fr Jose Neendukunnel, Bhopal)

5. St Thomas School, Ujjain

a. Independence Day: 73rd Independence Day of our nation was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. The day was marked with various cultural performances of the students.

b. Teacher's Day: St. Thomas school celebrated the Teacher's Day on 5th September. Cultural programs like dance, skit songs etc. were organized by the students to honour the teachers. Various competitions were held for the teachers after the students' departure.

c. Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations: 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated on 2nd October. After floral tributes



were paid to the image of the Father of the Nation, student representatives, along with Manager and Principal, planted tree saplings to commemorate the day. It was followed by a movie on Gandhi which the students watched with great admiration.

(Reported by Fr Biju Cherolill, Ujjain)

B. St Thomas Region, Mandya (Including Adilabad)

1. Asha Sadan, Mandya

a. Olympics Training: Bharat – Karnataka Special Olympics 2019 – 2020 training was conducted for the students in the month of July. The training was led by Miss Kumuda, the Co-ordinator of Special Olympics, Mr Amarendra, Special Olympics trainer and Miss Bhavana. Students and Teachers were given training. Children were so enthusiastic and curious to join for the training. The training was conducted in preparation to the Special Olympics 2020. They trained the students for running, cycling, badminton, ball badminton, hockey, tennis etc... The training could unveil the hidden abilities of the students and each student will be trained accordingly.

b. Intensive Training in Drawing: Intensive drawing class was conducted for the children for three days. Mr Ignatius from Secunderabad, a well-known artist and a member of CHAI (Catholic Health Association of India) guided the students. The class was conducted from 3rd September to 5th September. There was drawing competition for the Students and good ones were awarded. On the last day, an exhibition was arranged and the pictures drawn by the student were exhibited. The class was indeed useful and the Students of Asha Sadan could develop their God given talents.

c. Ashadeepothsava; *Ashadeepothsava* 2019 – 2020, Inter Special School Cultural Competitions was conducted and hosted by Asha Sadan Special School on 21st September. Ten special



schools in the state of Karnataka participated in the competitions. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor MST, the Director General of MST inaugurated the competitions. Cinema Folk Dance, Skit and Fashion Show were the items for the



competition. Preethi Special School, Koppa secured the Overall Champions trophy. *Ashadeepothsava* turned out to be a successful competition and it was certainly beneficial for the Students and they could gain a lot from that.

2. Divya Jyoti and Preethi Nilaya, Koppa

a. Cluster Level Sports: Cluster (Hobli) level High School sports was conducted in Divya Jyothi School. 24 Schools were participated for the event and almost 1200 students attended, and we had to take the initiative and food for two days. It was wonderfully arranged and many



of our students were selected in district level.

b. Gandhi Jayanthi: We celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi and cleaned in front of the school premises and planted some flower plants near the building.



c. Onam Celebration: We, the Preethi Nilaya family with our special children, celebrated Onam at Preethi Special school. all the residential teachers as well as special students participated for different events.

d. Asha Deepothsava: Asha Deepothsava, inter special school meet, our Preethi residential special school became the overall champions, by winning dance and drama Firsts prize and Fancy dress second prize.



e. District level kabaddi: Under 14, district level kabaddi tournament Divya Jyothi school Koppa, won the Runners Up trophy and 5 of our students were selected for Regional level.

3. Santhome Public School, Mandya

a. KISA competition awards: Students of Santhome Public School performed exuberantly in the KISA Competition held in Depaul



International School and Notre Dame school. They bagged two first prizes for music and dance respectively

b. Visit of Bishop Kariyil: His Excellency Dr. Mar Antony Kariyil



visited the Santhome Public School and P U college on 17th July 2019. His presence really encouraged and inspired the Santhomites.

c. National Level Kabbadi Team: Chathur J, one of the 10th class students of SPS got selected to the national team of Kabbadi. It is the second executive year that we are achieving the same feat.

4. Santhome, Sathyamangalam

a. Death Anniversary of Dr Kalam: Missile man's Death Anniversary was celebrated on 27th July to show the tribute to him

in Santhome International School (SIS). Students have given speeches and remembered his words.

b. New Manager for SIS: To add another feather in the Santhome



International School's cap we welcomed the new Director and Correspondent Rev. Fr Dr Sebastian Koottumkal on 01st August. Rev. Fr Joseph, Regional Director, Rev. Fr Salas, Rev. Fr Saneesh and Rev. Fr Johnson had come and made the day colourful.

c. Teacher's Day Celebration:

We celebrated Teachers' day in our school premises in a colourful way. Students had showed their love by reciting poems, speeches and cultural events. Our principal Rev Fr. Joby Sebastian motivated all the teachers by his inspiring speech.



d. Dengue Awareness: All the

students have taken oath about Dengue Awareness. They are taught the safety measures to be taken to prevent it. Dr Nandakumar from medical college took class for the students.

e. Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations: To pay tribute to the Father of



our Nation - Mahatma Gandhi, we have celebrated the Birthday of Mahatma in our School. A valuable message about Mahatma was given by the correspondent Rev. Dr. Sebastian Koottumkal. Father has asked everyone to follow

Non-violence and way of Truth.

5. Deepti Nivas, Kalenahally

a. Inauguration of Santhome Garden: The staff and students of Santhome Pre-Primary school created a new Santhome Garden to make the students lovers of the nature. Pre-Primary students have also tried to work with their teachers in modifying and developing the garden. It was officially inaugurated by Rev. Fr



Sojan Aikkarakunnel on 25th July.

b. Visit of Fr Tom Uzhunnalil: Rev. Fr Tom Uzhunnalil made a friendly visit to Deepti Nivas community on 26th July. He had inspired the missionaries here by sharing his experience in Yemen. He asked us missionaries “Are you happy to die for Christ?”



c. Teachers’ day Celebration: Teachers’ day was celebrated at Deepti Nivas on 5th September. Teachers of both Sections of Deepti Nivas vocational training center and the Santhome pre-primary school conducted a thrilling stage performance for all the children. They had conducted the entertainment programme for the children. Rev. Fr Sojan felicitated all the teachers with an admirable gift on that day.

Later in the evening, Santhome Tuition center Kalenahally students organized the Teachers’ day celebration in a very solemn way. Students had admired



and honored all the fathers and sisters on that day. They had staged

different cultural performances to thank the hard work of their teachers on that day. The regional councilors, Rev. Fr Josekutty Kalayil and Rev. Fr Salas addressed the gathering.

d. Hosting Arch Bishop and Bishops: Deepti Nivas was fortunate



to Host the newly enthroned Arch Bishop H.G. Antony Kariyil, and the other three bishops, including the new bishop of Mandya on 9th September. Deepti Nivas was blessed with the presence of H. E. Bishop Sebastian Edayanthrath, the

new bishop of the diocese of Mandya, H.E. Bishop Mar Jose Puthenveetil and H.E. Bishop Emeritus Thomas Vazhappally, in the presence of the Arch-Bishop.

e. Onam Celebration: The annual harvest festival of the state of Kerala, Onam was celebrated on 11th September at Deepti Nivas. The significant observances of *Sadhya* and *Onathappan* was done on the day with the Deepti Nivas staff and students. The floral *rangoli*, *pookkalam* was



prepared by the community members together on the eve of Onam.

f. Bishop Adayanthrath at Deepti Nivas: Deepti Nivas



community welcomed the new bishop of the diocese of Mandya, H. E. Bishop Sebastian Edayanthrath on 13th September. Deepti Nivas community congratulated and offered the assurance of support to the new bishop in

the meeting which was hold on honoring him. Deepti Nivas students and the Santhome preprimary school students entertained the Bishop with different cultural performance in the meeting.

g. Representatives to Generalate: Three youth who are the representatives from the nearby villages of Kalenahally mission station travelled to MST Generalate, along with Fr Sojan, to participate in the Maliparambil Memorial lectures. They were the living witnesses of the fruits of the year's long activities in the mission. Mr Chikkannacharya, Mr Kumar and Mr Chandrashekar were inspired and voluntarily expressed their will to share how they were moved by the Christian missionaries. They stayed at Deepti Generalate between 14-16 of September.

h. Visit of the Director General: The director general of MST had visited Deepti Nivas on 20th September. He spent a good time with the Deepti Nivas staff and students on that day. He had appreciated the applaudable services organized by the director and the community of Deepti Nivas.



i. Gandhi Jayanthi: Gandhi Jayanthi was commemorated at Deepti Nivas on 1 October at 11:00 PM. The 150th birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was celebrated most solemnly on the previous day here. Santhome Pre-Primary school students rallied in the school premises, speaking the mottos of the patriotic messages out. Rev. Fr Sojan, the Director of Deepti Nivas had addressed the gathering with a thought-provoking message on Non-Violence. The Pre-Primary school students propagated the message of the day by engaging themselves in the premises cleaning.



j. New Batch of Tailoring Students: The new batch of students,



for the Tailoring training was started from 1 October at Deepti Nivas. There was an inaugural session on the same day which was preceded over by the Regional Director, Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, in the presence of Rev. Fr Josekutty

Kalayil and Rev. Fr Sojan Aikkarakunnel. There are 20 new students in the new batch.

k. Peace Day Celebration: The World peace day was celebrated at Deepti Nivas on 5 October 2019. It was celebrated with great vigor and enthusiasm by promoting with the key slogans of the day “Long live absolute world peace”. It was dedicated to world peace and specifically the absence of war and violence. Santhome Pre Primary school students attired in white dresses and exhibited the placards, so thus they had propagated the Christian Message of peace in the world.

(Reported by Fr Akhil Mlavil, Mandya)

6. Karunya Sadan, Many

a. Interaction with Fr Uzhunnalil: Rev.Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil SDB,



who was in the lonely captivity from Yemen for 557 days, narrated his inspirational testimony of God experience even in the midst of blood and gunfire around with the students at Karunya Sadan, on 26th July 2019.

b. Honouring of the Works of Mercy: Smt. A Shanti Kumari IAS Special Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare of Telumkana State, along with Dr. Yogita Rana, IAS, Commissioner, Health& Family Welfare and DMHO's of Siricilla and Hyderabad districts

and a team of selected representatives from the State visited Karunya Sadan on 27th July, guided by Dr. Aswath, the Mandya District



Medical Health Officer and appreciated and acknowledged the Works of Mercy through the 'Manasadhara Project'; a public and private partnership day care centre for the Mentally ill persons which is being done at KarunyaSadan by MST

Priests and SD Sisters.

c. Visit of Bishop Adayanthrath: Bishop Mar Sebastian Adayantharath, the newly selected Bishop of Mandya Diocese, has proved himself that he is a man with compassionate heart towards the needy and the mentally and physically challenged persons by his first visit itself to the Diocese of Mandya, by visiting and motivating and inspiring the inmates of Karunya Sadan.



(Reported by Tomy Madhavappallil, Karunya Sadan, Mandya)

7. Adilabad Mission

a. The New mission Coordinator: On 4th July Fr Jacob Njarolickal took charge as the New mission coordinator of MST Mission in Adilabad. Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, the Regional Director of Mandya mission thanked Rev Fr Joseph Vedikkunnel for his selfless service and mission zeal as the coordinator for 13 years in Adilabad founding 4 mission centres namely Boath, Neradigonda, Kokkas Mannoor(Ichoda)and Sonala. And he wished



Rev Fr Jacob Njarolickal all the best for his future ministry, as the coordinator.

b. Independence Day at Boath: The independence day Celebrations in St Thomas School at Boath was marked with the presence of Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekkarott , the regional Director of Mandya Mission. In his presidential address he said that freedom is not only mere political freedom but social,religious ,economic freedom etc. The day was well organized by Rev Fr Jacob Vadakketh, the correspondent of the school and Rev Sr Smitha DST ,the principal of the school with various cultural programs by the students. At present this school has 32 staff members and 840 students.

c. New School and Convnet at Ichoda: On 15th August, 2019 at 9:30am, Santhome School at Kokkas Mannur(Ichoda) was inaugurated and blessed by Mar Prince Antony the Bishop of



Adilabad in the presence of Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, the regional director of Mandya Mission. Rev. Fr Sunny Tharapputhottiyil, the station in charge welcomed all to the function. Rev Fr Salas the Regional Conciliar of Mandya mission, Rev Sr Annie SABS, general councilar for mission, Rev. Sr Tessy SABS, the provincial Superior of Tamarassery, Rev. Fr Joseph Vedikkunnel, the founder of MST mission at Adilabad, Rev. Fr Jacob Njarolickal, the mission coordinator and Mr Mallesh, the surpanch of Pochera spoke during the Ceremony. Rev. Fr Emmanuel Madavana is the first principal and correspondent of this school.

On the same day at 11 am the first SABS convent of Thamarassery province was opened at Kokkas Manoor (Ichoda) in the diocese of Adilabad with Holy Mass celebrated by the bishop. The first community was formed by Rev Srs Anice (Superior), Ann Mary and Teena. They have agreed to serve in the MST school and collaborate with the village activities.

d. New Church at Neradi Gonda: A great dream of the missionaries and the people of Neradigonda was realised when on 9 September, 2019 the New Church at Neradi Gonda was



dedicated by Mar Prince Antony. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor inaugurated the church. Dignitaries like Very Rev. Fr Chacko Thengupally, VG of Adilabad Diocese, Rev. Fr Munjanatt MST procurator of Jamshabad diocese, Rev. fathers and sisters of Adilabad diocese, many parishioners were present during the



dedication. The dedicated effort of Rev. Frs Jobin Edamanasseril, priest in charge, Sebin Kudakka-chirakkunnel, assistant priest in charge Rev. Srs Vimal DST and Reena were well appreciated by all. Mar Prince Antony, specially mentioned Rev. Fr

Joseph Vedikkunnel and his contributions to the Neradigonda mission station as the founder and one who formed a strong community there.

e. Tailoring Classes at Nerdigonda:



On September 26th, 3 months tailoring class at Neradigonda was ended and convocation was conducted, Certificates were distributed by Fr Joseph Vedikkunnel.

f. Missionary Associates and Mission Month:

It was very providential that the four missionary associates namely Mr Roji, Mrs Jessy, Mrs Mary and Mrs Daisy with her husband Mathew visited MST mission at Adilabad from 2nd, October to 5th October and on 3rd October, 2019 participated in the



inauguration of the Mission month with the presence of missionaries of the region. Rev. Fr Vedikkunnel shared his missionary experience and led the adoration. Mr Roji Chennatt inspired the missionaries with his love for the

mission and said that the missionaries are not alone and promised their support and prayer. They visited all the Mission stations of MST and some parishes of Adilabad Diocese

(Reported by Fr Njarolickal, Mission Coordinator, MST in Adilabad)

C. St Alphonsa Region (Including Mumbai)

1. Sant Thoma Bhavan, Ramanmala

The General Council Team visited the Sangli Mission on 10-12 September. They visited few of the mission stations. On 11th all the fathers rendering their service in the mission gathered at Vishwadeepti holding a general meeting with the Central Administrative team. It was a fruitful interaction where the missionaries interacted with the team. The director General and the team addressed the assembly and the interaction was followed with the monthly recollection. Thanks to the General Council team for the encouragement and appreciation rendered to the missionaries through their valuable presence and interaction.

2. St Joseph's Church, Kodoli

a. Visit of Mar Athikalam MST: H.E Mar Athikalam blessed the parish with his visit. The faithful were very eager in welcoming him and interacting with him.

b. Independence Day celebration: August 15th was celebrated with all colors in the parish. In the morning the kindergarten students assembled themselves in respecting the country. Fr Karakkattu Antony MST, the Asst. Priest in charge hoisted the flag and addressed the assembly. In the evening the solemn Holy Qurbana was celebrated in honor of the Feast of Our Lady.

c. Feast of Nativity of our Lady: In order to celebrate the Nativity of our Lady the parishioners joined themselves in the celebration of the Holy Qurbana preparing themselves through the recitation of the rosary and the novena. 8th September was most solemnly celebrated with the Holy Qurbana and the distribution of the *nercha*.

d. Adieu to Fr Karakkattu: After four months of service in the parish, Fr Karakkattu Antony MST is transferred to Dilasa Bhavan, Miraj. We gratefully remember him and assure our prayers and best wishes in the new ministry.

3. Divya Jyoti School, Banda

Vasundhara Science Exhibition: Students of class 7th to 9th were

fortunate to have a field visit to Vansundhara Science Centre, Kudal on 13th of July 2019. Students benefited a lot of with brilliant projects and working model.

4. Mary Matha Chiplun

Ratnagiri District Drama Competition: A drama competition was held at Mary Matha School by the Ratnagiri District Teachers' Association on 17th September 2019. The inaugural ceremony really motivated the young minds to do their best and come up with good results. The vibrant students came from the



different schools of Ratnagiri district were in full competitive spirit and each group performed their best on the stage. The competition got over at 6 o'clock in the evening with the prize distribution ceremony.

5. Alphonsa School, Ichalkaranji

Patroness Day and Leadership Day: 27th July was a day of joy and festivity as Alphonsa School celebrated its patroness day. The joy was doubled as the day saw the ceremony of investiture being celebrated along with the Patroness Day. DYSP of Ichalkaranji, Mr. Ganesh Biradar was the chief Guest of the function who besides delivering an inspiring speech conducted the ceremony distributing the badge to the new office bearers. To add Colour to the function dances and songs were also arranged.

6. Alphonsa, Jath

Taluka Level Volley-Ball Matches: Alphonsa School Jath witnessed the Taluka Level Volley-Ball Competition on 21st August 2019. The two courts of the school were filled with action for 7 hours. The under 14, under 17 and under 19 matches for boys were



organized in a wonderful manner. About 18 teams registered for this competition. The winner schools were given away the trophy by the School Principal. In the morning, the event was inaugurated by Fr. George Vettukallel, the Manager of the School.

7. Alphonsa, Kolhapur

a. State Level Awards: Student of class X made us proud by winning a state level award 'Lok Raja Chatrapati Shahu Samajbhushan' which is given to the best dancers. She was appreciated by our school management with a cash prize.

b. Tobacco Awareness: The city co-ordinator of Tobacco Free School Campaign, Mr. Ravi Patil visited our school and made the children understand how tobacco kills human beings. It was a useful presentation for the students.

8. Alphonsa, Miraj

a. Helping Hands: After a span of 14 years, this year the floods took the *Sanglikars* and the nearby districts by surprise. Alphonsa School Miraj, rose to the occasion under the able leadership of



Rev. Fr. Francis the School Manager, and Rev. Fr. Joshy Michael the School Principal. The Management and Staff contributed in cash and kind, made packets of bare necessities and went about meeting and distributing. The young *Alphonsian* Miss. Sara, from UKG donated her personal collection from her piggy bank.

b. State-level Swimming Champs: Young *Alphonsian* swimming champs, have hauled several awards and made their school proud. Five of our students won the awards. These competitions were

organized by the Maharashtra Association at the State Level.

9. St Thomas, Ratnagiri

a. Farewell to Rev. Fr Mandapam: The day was mellow but the



air rich as an emotional farewell was organised by St Thomas School to bid farewell to Rev. Fr Tom Augustin. Respected Manager Rev. Fr Antony, the whole Institution and its fraternity thanked Rev. Fr Tom for his graciousness and dedicated service to the institution. Teachers and students presented their sentiments through their performances and wished him

successful journey ahead. Rev. Fr Tom thanked the whole fraternity for their cordial support all through the way.

b. New Principal - Fr Kottukappallil: The School Manager - Rev. Fr Pedickattukunnel and the entire St Thomas faculty gave a warm welcome to Rev. Fr George Kottukappallil the new principal on 15th August. Rev Fr Antony gave best wishes to the new principal for his move ahead with motivation and guidance for the upgradation of the institution.

10. Santhome, Sangli

a. Sangli Hits Flood: The downpour being extremely heavy, Sangli



district was hit by the biggest flood in its history. River Krishna was deluged with water. It overran its banks and engulfed the entire city. Santhome School, Sangli was also affected by the flood. The water began to rise slowly in the entire school

premises. Eventually, the volume of the water increased and the ground floor of the school was almost submerged in water. The

water was approximately 9 feet high. Thankfully, all the inmates were safe. Every student and teacher prayed desperately for the school. The rescue boat arrived in a couple of days. Everyone was rescued from the school safe and sound.

After a week the water started to recede from all the areas. The water ebbed away from the school, but it left behind a large bed of mud. There were many rodent animals in the school. Despite of all these, many people came to help us in cleaning the school including the teachers and nonteaching staff. They worked hard to make the school as clean as before. When the students were back to school after the flood, they were surprised to see the school and its premises gleaming as before. The school was restored to its original condition. We consider ourselves blessed to have overcome successfully a great natural disaster.

b. Humans with Humanity: After the recovery of the school from the floods, it resumed its regular classes on 19th August, 2019. Under the leadership of Fr Binoy Vechoopadinjarethil, humanitarian service was provided by the school to the flood victims in the nearby areas especially to the Ankali and Dhamini villages. The school handed over the kits which contained food materials, candles, soaps, grocery items, clothes etc. To the flood victims in the Ankali and Dhamini villages. Being a human, it of utmost importance for us to nature other humans.

11. Dilasa Bhavan, Miraj

Adieu and welcome : Dilasa bid adieu to Rev Fr Bijo who is preparing to pursue his higher studies in Luvein. The Dilasa family





greatly acknowledge him for his selfless and committed service. A warm adieu programme was performed by the inmate children honouring him. Fr Karakkattu Antony MST took the charge in Dilasa as its new Director on September 17th.

12. Jeevdan Special School, Zarap

Rehabilitation Education Program: A five-day Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Program on “Co-ordination Difficulties: Assessment and Intervention,” organized by National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan), NIEPMD, Chennai, at Jeevdan Special School, Zarap, was conducted from 21st to 25th of September, 2019. Fifty participants including special teachers and rehabilitation professionals, mostly from Goa and near and far places of Maharashtra like Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri, Kolhapur, Solapur and Mumbai, were present for the program. The first day’s program began with inauguration by Fr Joby Eapen, Regional Director, in the presence of eminent resource persons. Fr Mathew Moothasseril, former Regional Director, was the chief guest for the valedictory function and giving away of certificates.



13. Alphonsa, Shahuwadi

a. A Hearty Farewell to Fr Kottukappallil: On 14th August, Alphonsa School, Shahuwadi gave the official farewell to Rev Fr George Kottukappallil, who offered an unforgettable tenure of service as the Principal for nearly 4 years. Rev. Fr Tom Mangalathil, the Councilor of Sangli Mission Society was the Chief Guest of the meeting. Fr Lijo and Kumari Amruta Patil gave the official words of

farewell to Fr George. The students of Class X made the gesture of gratitude. And Rev Fr George made the farewell address thanking everyone for being his collaborators.

b. New Principal and Manager: Rev. Fr Lijo and Rev. Fr Tom Mangalathil were appointed as the new Principal and Manager of Alphonsa School, Shahuwadi respectively. Both of them took the office in the presence of Rev. Fr Thomas, the Financial Administrator



of Sangli Mission Society. Rev. Fr Lijo was the Vice Principal of the school and the director of Shanti Nivas, Kutalwadi. Rev. Fr Tom was one of the pioneers of Alphonsa School, Shahuwadi. And at present he is the Counsellor of Sangli Mission Society.

14. Aastha CBR Project

a. Helping the flood affected people of Sangli: Among the 15 project villages 4 were affected by the flood. Relief kits containing



basic food materials were distributed in the area. The kits came from the generosity of malayalees from the Kalyan and Bombay area. Project in charge Rev. Fr Joby Njalliyil initiated

and inaugurated the program.

b. Afforestation: As part of creating awareness on environment and in order to prevent future flood situations, the children and adults from the project villages gathered themselves and planted 500 tree saplings.



(Reported by Rev. Fr Antony Karakkattu)

15. Santhome, Mira Road, Mumbai

a. Visit of the General Council and Gathering of the MSTs in



Mumbai: The Director General, Very Rev Fr. Antony Perumanoor visited the school on 06/08/2019. He was accompanied by Councilor's of MST. Fr Jiby Antony extended words of welcome to them on behalf of Santhome family. Fr. Antony Perumanoor addressed the priests

working in Mumbai and the staff of Santhome Public School. Fr Peter Vattappara, the coordinator for the MSTs in Mumbai zonal thanked each and every one.

b. Jubilee of Fr C.D. Sebastian: Santhome Bhavan celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Rev Fr C. D. Sebastian on 08/10/2019. All MST priests working in Mumbai gathered in Santhome Bhavan and shared their memories as a token of love towards their very beloved Fr C. D. Sebastian.

c. Inter School Sports

Competitions: On 30 August 2019, Foot Ball and Volley ball Inter-school competitions were held and the children exhibited a professional spirit while playing.



Our students took part in inter school sports competition organized by Sahodaya on 30th August 2019. Santhomians bagged the second position in Football and third position in Chess and they proved that "You can be the most competitive".



d. Help for flood affected people:

From 16 – 20 September 2019, students and parents donated many things which is very useful to the flood affected people of Kolhapur and Sangli

districts. The students learnt valuable lessons of serving others and thanking God for whatever is bestowed upon them.

e. Help to the Deepti Foundation, Delhi: Santhome Public School has taken partnership with MST's Deepti Foundation, Delhi which commits itself to bring about better living conditions for the rag picking children living in three colonies of Bhalsawa Dumping Yard Delhi and organizes programs to empower them and give them better living conditions. The foundation took initiative to prepare Rakhis using the talents and creative inputs of rag picking children so that the rakhis could be sold and the earned money could be utilized for the upliftment and for the informal education of these children. Santhomians had taken an appreciative effort in the campaign to support this social cause. On 23 September, they went to people and housing societies and collected a good amount for charity.

(Reported by Fr Jiby Thekkemury, Principal, Santhome School)

16. Syro-Malabar Personal Parish, Kalyan



a. Celebration of the Feast of Assumption: At Tinkunjiniwadi, the non-Keralite Syro-Malabar communities from around Mumbai gathered together and celebrated the feast of the Assumption and took the pledge of the Country. There were almost 150 people participated in

the celebrations.

b. Camp for the Catechism children: On 5 July, one day camp for the Sunday school students of the personal parish was organized at Dahanu. The religious sisters and the catechism teachers



collaborated for the success of the programme.

c. Day of Fasting and Prayer:

The non-Keralite Syro-Malabar communities of the personal parish spent 28 September as the day for prayer and fasting. They gathered

at St Alphonsa Church, Vasai and spent the whole day in prayer.

d. Rosary Procession: To solemnize the celebration of the month of the Our Lady of Rosary, the community plans to conduct a religious procession on 27 October 2019.

(Reported by Fr Paul Painadath, Mumbai)

D. St Mary Queen of the Missions Delegation

1. Visit of Director General And Councilors

Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General of the MST and the Councilors made their official visit to Delhi Delegation on 12th August 2019. There was a meeting conducted for Fathers in the Delhi Delegation at Deepti Ashram Najafgarh. All the fathers in the Delhi Delegation were present for the meeting. There was a discussion with the General administration team in common and in groups.

2. Deepti Ashram

a. New Vehicle for Deepti Ashram: On July 8th Deepti Ashram received a new tempo-traveler for children from Deepti Foundation. Special thanks to Rev. Fr Santhosh and team for this endeavor. We also remember and pray for all those who helped us financially to buy the vehicle.



b. Students from Barcelona: On July 20th Seventeen students from



Barcelona university together with Rev. Fathers Santosh, Shijo and staff visited Deepti Ashram. They spend whole day with the children. They performed dance and various games for

children.

c. Independence Day: The members of Deepti ashram joined our nation in celebrating her 72th independence day on August 15th 2019. We were blessed with the presence of Rev. Frs Joseph Kulathumgal, and Antu. Rev. Fr Joseph hoisted the national flag the children paid their respect to their mother nation through parade and some cultural activities including dances, action songs and speeches.

d. Farewell to Joseph Kulathunkal: Fr Joseph Kulathunkal got transferred after dedicated and well appreciated service to Deepti Ashram as its Director. Rev. Fr Joseph Kulathumkal, was transferred to Kerala after serving Deepti Ashram for last two years. All the members of Deepti Ashram remember Rev. Fr Joseph Kulathumkal with grateful hearts and wish father all the success in his new ministries.

e. KNH Visit: On July 12th a team from KNH project visited Deepti Ashram along with Rev. Frs Santhosh Olappurackal and Shijo Thettalickal. The children gave them a warm welcome and presented their talents in forms of dance and song. They interacted with children and spent two hours with them. After that they had an inspection about the work taking place in Deepti ashram. After having tea with us, they went back with great satisfaction and appreciation.

3. News from Rohru

a. Dukrana & Bible Quiz: We celebrated Dukrana most solemnly with the community. Around 150 people were there. We conducted a Bible Quiz competition for the seniors, youth and children. The winners were awarded prizes.

b. Medical Camp:

We arranged two days medical (dental) camp at our residence. We got voluntary service from two young doctors from Shimla. Thanks to them. More than hundred people, mainly children, made use of the camp.



c. Annual Retreat: We conducted a three days retreat for our community here starting from July 12. The preacher was Rev Fr Francis Chakkumkal from Jagdalpur diocese. He was supported by the emerging preacher and singer Mr. (Bro.) Ashok Martin from U.P.

d. Ashish - 2019': One day prayer gathering - Ashish 2019- was arranged for the children on 14th of July. Bro. Ashok Martin was the resource person. 63 children participated in the event.

e. Release of New Hymn Book: A New Hymn Book 'Aawaaz Udaayemke', for the use of Kristjyoti Catholic Mission, is released on July 14.

f. Saksharatha Class: On 5th of August we started Hindi language class for the illiterate women. Rev. Sisters spend an hour daily in the morning for this group.

g. Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee & Monthly Recollection: On 27 of August we had the Silver Jubilee celebration of Fr Joseph



Karodan and the birthday of Guruji (pastor Sebastian Messi). Almost all the MSTs, serving in the delegation and about 150 lay people were present. On 28th we had the Monthly Recollection. Rev. Fr Aby Kolliyil was the preacher and Rev Fr Joseph Kulathumkal was the confessor.

h. Certificate Ceremony and Farewell: Fourteen of our students, who were attending tailoring classes for one year/six months in Kristjyoti Tailoring Centre, were awarded certificates after the successful completion of the course. Rev. Fr Santhosh Olappura,

the Delegate, was the President of the program, Mr. Radheshyam, the chairman of the Nagar Palika was the Chief Guest. The councilor Mr. Piarelal too was present.

i. Vachanolsavam: We distribute 50 Vachanolsavam (Hindi) magazine to the people. Besides the spiritual nourishment, it helps the people to understand Catholic Church and it's rich tradition.

j. Apple Harvesting: In August and September people in Rohru, in general, were very busy with apple harvesting - plucking, collecting, polishing, grading and packing. We too, in a small way, extended our help to the owner of our house. Our Hall was converted to a grading and packing area for few days.

k. Migrants Care: Once a month we celebrate Holy Qurbana in Syro-Malabar rite at Shimla for the Kerala Community. Since we don't have a church to gather, we come together at Lt. Col. Mathew's house for Holy Qurbana.

l. Extra ordinary Missionary Month: Preparations for the EMM is going on - special Prayers, competition, Bible Quiz.... All other activities daily prayers with the people, tuition, house visits, prayer meeting, catechism are going on.

4. Maria Bhavan, Maur Mandi

Maria Bhavan in Maur Mandi is one of the youngest Mission stations



of Delhi Delegation of MST. It was blessed and inaugurated on 9th July 2019 by Rev. Fr Santhosh Olappura; the delegate. the new station is situated some 55 km away from Bathinda in Punjab. Rev. Frs Cyril Kureekkattu and Abin Kuruvanplackal are appointed to initiate the mission work here. The mission station is on its preliminary state and is looking forward for the possibility of starting a special school for the mentally

challenged students as well as a normal school.

5. Alphonsa Bhavan, Uksi

The newly started second mission station in Punjab is St Alphonsa



Bhavan Uksi. This is situated some 45 Km from Ludhiana. This station was blessed and inaugurated on 9th July 2019 by Rev. Fr Santhosh Olappura; the delegate. The mission here is to begin a normal school and to have a specialized center for the drug

addicts. Rev. Frs Sanoj Pathrapankal and Aby Kolliyil are appointed here and have initiated the work here.

6. Dehlon, Ludhiana

a. Visit by Dignitaries: Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General with his team visited Mother Teresa Catholic Mission - Dehlon on 11 August 2019. Their presence and sharing boosted the missionary spirits and enthusiasm in us. Rev. Fr Santhosh Olapurackal, Fr Unniyepallil, Fr George Kolathupadavil, Fr Prayan Kongatt, Fr Shijomon Thettalickal, Fr Jubit Thelliyil, Fr Joice Puliyanmackal, Fr Abin Kuruvanplackal, Fr Sanoj Patrapankal and Fr Aby Kolliyil also visited the mission in Rurka Dehlon during the last few months.



b. Independence Day Celebration: St Thomas School celebrated Independence Day on 15th August 2019. Chief Guest for the program was Fr Sanoj Patrapanckal MST, director of Alphonsa Bhavan Uksi, Punjab. The chief guest gave a good message to the children and parents of the St Thomas School. Rev. Fr George Thuppalanjyil, manager of the school, Fr Bobby Kaiylakakathu, the principal of the school and Fr Aby Kolliyil were present for the celebration.

c. Arts Day Program:



St Thomas school Rurka conducted Arts day competition to our children on 21 September 2019. Children showcased their talents on the stage. The occasion witnessed the esteemed presence of Rev. Fr Aby and Fr Sanoj. Parents appreciated the program. All the new buds of St Thomas school are highly talented.

d. Farewell to Fr George Thuppalanjiyil: The delegation and community in Mother Teresa catholic mission gave an emotional send off to Rev. Fr. George Thuppalanjiyil on 16 September 2019. Fr. Santhosh Olapurackal, Fr. Shijomon, Fr. Sanoj Patrapanckal, Fr. Aby Kolliyil, Fr. Boby Kaiyalakakathu and sisters from OSF convent Rurka joined to thank Fr. George for his dedicated service as the Director of Mother Teresa Catholic Mission and manager of St. Thomas School Rurka for the last two years. We are indebted to him for his committed service here.



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

f. Feast of St Francis: On 2 October 2019 at 11.30 am the OSF (Oder OF St. Francis) sister celebrated their congregational feast.



Fathers and sisters from different communities came to Rurka and celebrated wished them they all joined for the Eucharist and lunch.

7. Deepti Foundation, Delhi

Deepti Foundation Gyansarovar is the dream project of the missionary society of St. Thomas. Since the foundation of the functioning of the organisation many missions and endeavours were the focused area of the organisation. As the Gyansarovar project suffered an interim shortage of support, it is the Society who undertook the functioning of the program from 01-04-2019 to 30-09-2019. During the time period many remarkable programs were undertaken by the office of Gyansarovar. Those impotents are being narrated below:-

a. Visit by Barcelona University: Fourteen of the interns from the Barcelona University reached Deepti Foundation On 03-07-2019. They were given a floral welcome by Fr. Santhosh MST, Director of Deepti Foundation. They were accompanied by three



teachers. Mr. Tolo headed the university team. The objective of the visit was to experience the existing condition of the slums of the capital city of India. On the course of their assignments to the different projects of the organisation, they had an occasion to visit existing projects. They had an enriching experience during their time of the visits. The team members also had an opportunity to visit Najafgarh Deepti Ashram. They have really appreciated the works of the Society among the needy and marginalised. On 30th July they bid adieu to the projects promising full support and prayers in the future.

b. Child Right Situational Analysis [CRSA]: From 14 to 18 September, 2019 there was Child right situational analysis [CRSA] work shop conducted for the partners of Kindernothilfe [KNH] Germany. Fr. Santhosh, Director of Deepti Foundation and team participated in the workshop. The program was to capacitate the organisations to understand the situation children and improving upon the conditions with the local resources available. On 15-09-2019 as a part of training module eighteen of the participants were given an opportunity in Deepti Foundation Gyansarovar project. They were divided into five teams and could interact with the children. The child friendly interactions made the participants exposed to the goals of the trainings.

c. Caritas Project:

i. HRG Meeting: Five HRG meetings were conducted from July to September. Around 200 people attended these HRG meetings which were headed by Ms Dhanya James and Mr Joy Jacob, the project coordinators. These meetings happened in different areas like Seelampur, Nand Nagari, , Harsh Vihar and Loni. The people covered in these meetings were mainly female sex workers, male sex workers, transgender, drivers and drug abusers. They were told



about HIV/AIDS, on how it spread and the causes for it. They were even shown a video which described the myths related to it and also gave a detailed description of HIV.

ii. Public distribution of brochures:

The Caritas animators distributed brochures on HIV/AIDS in different areas like Shastri Park, Brajpur, Bhopra, Usmanpur, Loni, Gokulpuri, Mandoli, GTB Enclave and Maugpur. Around 1500 brochures were distributed among Rikshaw drivers, vendors, cobblers, bus drivers and conductors, and to general public.

d. Manos Project

i. SHG Training Program for Animators: SHG training program was conducted at Deepti Foundation head office from September 2nd to 4th. The training was mainly for the animators and leaders those who manage SHG groups. Around 150 members participated



in this training program. Training was given for financial management and how to maintain the records. Classes were taken by Mr Febinson Babu and Ms Nayana Cheriyan.

ii. Vocational Training: All the centres are running smoothly as they were

running. Exams were conducted on 17, and 18 of August in sewing and mehandi in Maugpur. Around 35 students were participated in the examination. Those participated students were awarded the completion certificate of the course.

Deepti Foundation continues to serve the needy and marginalised in the slums of Delhi through number of programs and intervention techniques. It is the Society that is the power house of Deepti Foundation for such remarkable and life giving endeavours. We hope to continue the works. Thank you.

(Reported by Fr Sanoj Pathrapankal, Uksi, Punjab)

8. IHPS, Delhi (Personal Initiative)

a. Round Table Discussion: Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies (IHPS), New Delhi, in collaboration with Sawan Adhyatmic Satsang Society (SASS), New Delhi, organized a Round Table Discussion at Conference Hall, Sawan Adhyatmic Satsang Society, New Delhi, on 28 September 2019. The theme of the discussion was 'Applying Spiritual Values to Life' (Adhyaatm aur Vyavhaar). The discussion was oriented to strengthening the 'spiritual ethos', 'social ethics' and 'national solidarity' of our country, of the larger

society as well, in favour of the 'harmonious living' and 'collective wellbeing' of one and all. Dr M. D. Thomas, Founder Director of



the Institute, chaired and moderated the session. Dr Chand Bharadwaj, Director of Sawan Adhyatmic Satsang Society, welcomed the gathering. The discussion involved prominent persons from all communities, disciplines and walks of life and they numbered approximately 15 in number.

Introducing the theme of the discussion, Dr M. D. Thomas stated that equating spirituality to religiosity is confusion. Spirituality can be



as its essence, has both individual and social dimensions. Spirituality

theistic and non-theistic, too. It is not asceticism, but life style. To be spiritual, one has to fathom one's depth dimension in life, rise up to the height dimension and reach out the larger dimension, all in one. Spirituality, with wellbeing and wellness

becomes a blessing only when the humans are capable of celebrating a ‘culture of togetherness’ with one and all, beyond all human-made borders, which the spirit defies, whether in oneself, in the other or above the humans.

b. Lectures at Symposia

1. Delivered *Lecture* on ‘Places of Worship: Towards Larger Scope for Harmonious Living’ — during Symposium on ‘Places of Worship – Their Evolving Nature and Purpose’ Session I – organized by Office of Public Affairs, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’is of India, New Delhi – at Baha’i House of Worship (Lotus Temple), New Delhi – on 29 August 2019

2. Delivered *Views* on ‘Places of Worship to reach out their Neighbourhoods for Social Wellbeing’ — during Symposium on ‘Places of Worship – Their Evolving Nature and Purpose’ – Session II — organized by Office of Public Affairs, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’is of India, New Delhi – at Baha’i House of Worship (Lotus Temple), New Delhi – on 29 August 2019

3. Delivered *Views* on ‘The Idle Spaces and Times of the Places of Worship to be used for Social Purposes’ — during Symposium on ‘Places of Worship – Their Evolving Nature and Purpose’ – Session II — organized by Office of Public Affairs, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’is of India, New Delhi – at Baha’i House of Worship (Lotus Temple), New Delhi – on 29 August 2019

4. Delivered *Views* on ‘Rebellion when the Other doesn’t understand my Language’ – during programme on ‘Remembering Kunwar Narayan (Hindi Poet)’ – lecture by Mr Bhanu Pratap Mehta on ‘Kunwar Narayan: Identity, Tradition and Ethics’ – at India International Centre, New Delhi – on 17 September 2019

c. Interviews on TV Channels

5. Delivered *Comments* on ‘Samaan Naagrik Sanhita ke Dhaarnaa Tark aur Kudrat ke Khilaaf; Uske Bajaay ‘Bhaarateey Naagarik Sanhita’ Behtar Vikalp’ (The Idea of Uniform Civil Code is against Logic and Nature; ‘Indian Civil Code’ is a Better Alternative) –

during Weekly Programme ‘Millat aur Masaail’ – at Tahzeeb TV, New Delhi – on 21 September 2019

6. Delivered *Comments* on ‘Zameenee Star par Sabhee Samudayon ke Vidwaanon aur Pramukhon ke saath Salaah-Mashviraa Kiye Binaa Samaan Naagrik Sanhita ko Oopar se Thopnaa Naagrik aur Desh ke Hit mein Naheen’ (Imposing Common Civil Code from above without Consulting the Scholars and Heads of all Communities at the Grassroots Level is not in the Interest of the Citizens and the Country) – during Weekly Programme ‘Millat aur Masaail’ – to Tahzeeb TV, New Delhi – on 21 September 2019

7. Delivered *Comments* on ‘Desh ke Panth-nirapekshtaa ke Maddenazar Har Naagrik aur Samudaay ke Khaasiyat Sanhita ke Kendra Mein Ho’ (The Good of Every Citizen and the Singularity of every Community should be at the Centre of this Code, in line with the Secularism of the Country) – during Weekly Programme ‘Millat aur Masaail’ – to Tahzeeb TV, New Delhi – on 21 September 2019

8. Delivered *Comments* on ‘Yadi yeh Sanhita Ban bhee Jaaye, ‘Sabhee Samudaayon ke Kuchh Khass aur Kuchh Aam’ kee Neeti par Amal Honaa Chaahiye, Jiske Liye Mauzoodaa Haalaat Paripakwa Naheen’ (Even if this Code is Formed, ‘Something Special and Something Common of all Communities’, has to be the Policy, for which the Current Situation is not Ripe) – during Weekly Programme ‘Millat aur Masaail’ – to Tahzeeb TV, New Delhi – on 21 September 2019

9. Delivered *Comments* on ‘Bhaarat ke Anya Praathmiktaaon ke Chalte is Samay Prastut Bhaarteey Naagrik Sanhita Gair-zarooree aur Naamumkin’ (Given Other Priorities of India, the Indian Civil Code is Samay is Neither Necessary nor Possible) – during Weekly Programme ‘Millat aur Masaail’ – to Tahzeeb TV, New Delhi – on 21 September 2019

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

E. Odisha Mission

1. Visit of Bishop Thattil to MST Odisha Mission



MST's Odisha Mission was blessed with the visit of Bishop Mar Raphael Thattil from August 09, to 13, 2019. We started our mission journey from Jagdalpur on 09th morning. On the way to MST Mission at Khandamal Bishop visited the missions of Malankara Church at Nabarangapur and Junagargh. That day evening, we reached Divya Jyoti Pastoral Centre of Cuttack Diocese at Khandamal. This pastoral center was attacked and destroyed completely during the 2008 riot. Fr Mathew Puthiyedam of Cuttack diocese welcomed us together with other fathers and sisters of the center. Fr Mathew shared his experience of the riot and challenges that he went through during the riot.

Next day (10/8/2019) Bishop visited the MST Mission Center at Baliguda, Khandamal. At 11.30 Bishop officiated the sacrament of Confirmation in a village called Badiponga of MST Mission, Baliguda. Bishop and other



missionaries were given a solemn welcome in local tradition. It was followed by Prayer service with the sacrament of Confirmation for four people of that village. The joy of the



people was doubled when bishop shared the meals with them after the program. After the program in Badiponga we visited a new village called Kuruthangad where a group people wish to join

Syro Malabar Church. Bishop addressed the leaders and people of that village. After the villages visit we reached Divine Mercy Center at Rampur, Kolahandi. It is a Center developed by MSTs – Rev. Frs Jose Cheriampanatt and Ambrose Kollamattam in collaboration with FIATH Mission. Bishop addressed all the missionaries and associate missionaries of Odisha in the evening.

Sunday (11/8/2019) was marked with solemn Mass and first Holy



Communion for fifty people who accepted Catholic faith. The program was arranged and executed by Divine Mercy Center, Rampur. Fathers and friends of Marthoma Church, Kesinga helped us by giving their church building and campus for the program. Around 100 people from all the villages where we go for pastoral work attended the Holy Mass and get-together with the Bishop.

After the village programs in MST Mission, Bishop visited the MST Mission House in Cuttack. Next day was set apart for the





visit to the Eparchy of Balasore. Visit to Balasore included Jyoti Public school Badrak, St Mary's Church Husudia, Deepti Bhavan the minor Seminary of the diocese, Jyothi Hospital and the Bishop's House Balasore.



As we the missionaries of Odisha look back to these days, we would say that we were blessed and encouraged by the

very presence of his Excellency. The simplicity, love and humility of the bishop was attracted and influenced by all the denominations in the mission. And we are sure that it will help us in the mission in the future. We thank the Lord for the gift Bishop for our mission. We also remember with gratitude Mngr. Joseph Kollamparampil and Rev. Fr George Kompara for their presence and blessings during their visit with bishop.



2. Director General and Treasurer General in Odisha

Month of August was again a blessing for MST Odisha Mission.



After the visit of Bp. Raphael, we were happy to have the presence of MST Director General Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor and the Treasurer General Rev. Fr

Kuriakose Kunnel in the mission. The Director General visited all the centers and addressed the missionaries and associate missionaries during his visit. He also visited two villages where we have started our mission work, spent time with villagers hearing their needs, assessed the work of Odisha missionaries and addressed the people and led the prayer services. The treasurer General spent few more days in the mission and visited many villages we work and suggested the ways and means to develop an integrated mission with evangelization and charitable activities. The last day of the visit was marked with a common meeting with MST missionaries and fathers working with FIAT. The meeting discussed and evaluated the developments in the mission and sorted out the policies and future plan for the mission. We express our gratitude and joy for the love and care that the Central team gives to the mission, especially the Director General and Treasurer General during their visit.



3. Non-Formal Education Programs

The members of Odisha mission with evangelization as the main goal also decide to address the day to day difficulties of the villagers and people of our centers. Even if there are government schools in every villages, there are no regular teachers to take classes for the children. So we decided to start with non-formal education programs in the form of tuition centers. We have two such centers under Balliguda Mission. We remember with gratitude the Cherupushpa



Mission League of Bedshi, Sangli Mission for supporting of one tuition centers in Balliguda. We are also planning to extend this program to all the villages where we work.

We are also planning to develop Community Care Centers (CCC) in every village to coordinate all the activities (evangelization, social and educational) for the villagers. Mr Sebastian a benefactor and an associate of MST Odisha Mission has volunteered to spent partial amount to build CCC in two villages. We remember with gratitude all the support and prayers that he has been rendering to MST Odisha Mission.



4. Monthly Meeting for Catechists and Animators

A monthly meeting for the catechists and animators is arranged every first week of the month. The meeting is arranged as an ongoing faith formation program for the leaders and a planning session for the month. The meeting starts with Adoration and Holy Qurbana. Then



the meeting will discuss the Sunday readings of the month. All the readings and reflections will be prepared by the animators with the help of our young priests - Frs Kottakavil, Pottananickal and Tharapputhotty. These reflections

are used during Sunday prayer services in the villages. The meeting also will evaluate the programs of the last month and a planning session for the coming month. The initiatives and hard-work of the junior priests in Odisha mission deserves great appreciation.

I thank all of you for your prayers, support and care for Odisha Mission.

(Reported by Fr Jomon Ayyankanal, Coordinator, Odisha Mission)

F. North East Mission

1. Sagalee Parish, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

a. Blessing of Hill: A small hill has been chose for making a village church. First the hill has to be levelled then the church will be constructed. According to the local custom, the blessing of the hill is already done in the traditional Christian way, in view of beginning the works for the construction.



b. National Youth Day: Following the tradition of St Don Bosco, national youth day was celebrated in our parish with many cultural activities . In preparation for the celebrations, one day retreat was arranged for them on this occasion and it was attended by more than thirty young people.

In connection with the National Youth Day, the deanery youth cabinet members, i.e. the youth leaders visited Sagalee parish and interacted with the groups of young people in the parish.



c. Marathon and Sports Day: The Don Bosco school, in connection with the Sports Day arranged a marathon race for the young people in the local town. Fr Lijo Manikombil took leadership in organizing the event and it was participated and appreciated by the neighbourhood communities.



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

G. Overseas Missions

1. Australia: St Alphonsa Mission, Shepparton

Alphonsa day Celebrations: Fr Varghese Vithayathil offered Holy



Mass at St Brendan's church on the feast day celebration of St Alphonsa (06/10/2019) with the faithful at St Alphonsa Mission, Shepparton in the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas, the Apostle, Melbourne. More than hundred families of Syro-

Malabar rite participated in the Holy Mass, procession and agape. Fr Varghese Vithayathil is appointed as chaplain of two mission centres called St Alphonsa Mission Shepparton and St Thomas Mission, Bendigo which are in 150 kms distance. Syro-Malabar migrants of these missions remember gratefully the hard work of MST fathers - Rev. Fr Sebastian Pothenparampil and Rev. Fr Antony Pedikattukunnel who organised and brought together the Syro-Malabar faithful living here like sheep with shepherd into Eucharistic communities of our tradition, while they were serving in other Latin dioceses.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Varghese Vithayathil, Australia)

2. Brazil

Feast of Mother Monica: Parishes of Brazil are active with various pious movements of the lay people. 'Mother Monica' is one of the



active group of the mothers of the parish of Itaruma. They gather once in every month pray for their families and children. They organize house visits, visit of the patients and the aged. They also organize charitable help to poor and needy in association with parish priest. This movement is great help for the organization of annual feast and other solemnities of the parish. Once in a month they organize the Sunday liturgy according to their turn, especially the readings. The movement has active collaboration in the parish.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph Pulickal, Brazil)

3. Canada: Oliver, Diocese of Nelson



Rev. Fr Thomas Kakkaniyil took charge as the parish priest of Christ the King Parish at Oliver, B.C. on July 10 and had a good welcome. Christ the King Parish is one of the two parishes where we do not have much snow in the winter. Not only that, winter is

rather mild here. The lowest temperature in an average year is minus 10 degrees and the maximum warmth is 40 degrees Celsius.

Three of our Society members are working in this diocese. They are Fr Joseph Kizhakkethottam and Fr Jojo Chettiakunnel. We are almost 600 to 700 kilometres away from each other. But we have occasional get togethers at a common place.



(Reported by Rev. Fr Thomas Kakkaniyil, Canada)

4. Germany

a. July Gathering 2019

This year Europe Dukhrana Gathering was organised from 1st to 5th July, 2019 at Quarten, in Switzerland. On Monday afternoon we reached in Quarten and the gathering officially began with a few words of welcome by Fr Saji Vanderkunnel. Evening we had Europe

Koinonia Meeting. This year July gathering was attended by many participants from different parts of Europe. On 2nd of July after Holy Mass and breakfast, we had Outing. Evening we came together



for the general body Meeting of St. Thomas Institute, our registered society. The highlight of 3rd July was the Dukhrana celebration with Holy Qurbana, in which Fr Justin gave us an inspiring speech. The



4th July was entirely dedicated for the discussion on proposed draft of C&D of MST. This active and fruitful discussion was guided by Rev. Fathers Jose Aryankalayil and Justin Vettukallel. The next day after Holy Mass and

breakfast the July gathering was concluded

b. Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Fr Antony Kaithottumkal

Fr Antony Kaithottumkal celebrated his Silver Jubilee in Lutzengen





Congratulations dear Fr. Antony.

c. New Members in Germany



on 15th Sep. 2019. Together with Fr Antony, 35 Priests also concelebrated Syro-Malabar Qurbana, in gratitude for his 25 Years of successful service in the Vineyard of Jesus. Many of his Parishioners were present on this occasion. Hearty

Fr John Nayathuparambil and Fr Benny Puthenpura have reached Germany for the Pastoral Work. Fr John Nayathuparambil is taking care of seven Parishes and he is staying in the parish Einsbach in the diocese of München.

Fr Benny Puthenpura is in the Parish Gersthofen, in the diocese of Augsburg. (Schulstr. 1, 86368 Gersthofen) He has already started the language course. Hearty welcome to Fr Benny and Fr. John and we wish both of them best wishes for their Pastoral work.

d. Transferred to Augsburg

After completing his tenure in the diocese of Münster, Fr Benedict Palappurath has started his Pastoral work in the Parish of Penzing-weil, in the diocese of Augsburg.

e. News from the Parishes

Parish Untergröningen (Johny Maniamkeril) celebrated solemnly their Patrons Day (St Michael) and Erntedankfest (Harvesting festival) on 29.09.2019. The Church was decorated with different kinds





of flowers, grains and fruits. A Picture of St Thomas (MST Version) was also depicted with different kinds of grains, and a write up on St Thomas and his Mission in India were distributed to the People.

• A Pilgrimage was also



organized from the Parish of Johny Maniamkeril to Infant Jesus of Prague in Czech Republic. 46 Parishioners participated in the 4 days Pilgrimage and visited several historical and Pilgrim centers.

• Fr Anto Thattil has also organized a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Ulm Retreat Centre.

• Fr Subhash Ullattil has changed his Residence in Espelkamp and stays at: His new address is: Isenstedter Strasse 80 b 32339 Espelkamp.



(Reported by Rev. Fr Pradeep Mattathilanickal, Germany)

5. Tanzania

a. Chengena Parish, Songea

i. Dukhrana Celebration: July 3rd was a great joy for the parish of Chengena. Frs. Biju Pullapillil and Robin Manianchira had arrived from Dar Es Salaam along with some of the parishioners of Madale



parish to give colour to the celebration. Fr Biju, the superior of the Tanzanian mission of MST, was the main celebrant to the celebration. Many priests and nuns from other congregations had arrived to give us the wishes

of the patron saint.

ii. Children's Meet: It was in the same day (July 3rd) the parishioners of Chengena celebrated the meeting of their children. The campus of Chengena was full with children. Children had special liturgy in the church and had a seminar given for the betterment of their lifestyle. The resource persons had come from the diocese of Dar Es Salaam. The children were enjoyed the games conducted by the Urusuline



(UMI) nuns & candidates and awards were given for the first, second, third prizes accordingly. The children were brought from other station churches with the school bus which was given by CM fathers for the programme. Children were given the morning breakfast and lunch. There were six hundred and fifty (650) children were present for the children's meet at Chengena parish.

iii. Sacrament of Confirmation: Sacrament of confirmation was on 17th of September 2019. His. Ex. Damian Dallu was presented for the celebration of confirmation. There were 107 children to receive the confirmation. His. Ex. Damian Dallu highly appreciated the MST priests and their mission work given to the diocese of Songea. Even His. Ex. Damian Dallu publicly announced in clerical meeting of the diocese of Songea to follow the model of Chengena parish.

iv. Inauguration of Extra Ordinary Mission Month: The extra ordinary mission month of October 2019 was inaugurated with the

baptism of 171 children in the parish. The joy of extra ordinary mission month became its maximum with the presence and active participation to give the sacrament of baptism by Rev. Frs. Biju Pullapallil, Joe Kattuthara and Edathiparambil Mathew. We sincerely thank dear fathers (Joe & Mathew) for their visit and encouragement for



the MST Mission in Tanzania.

v. Adie to Deacon Kuzhiyadiyl: We sincerely thank and remember our beloved Deacon Binish Kuzhiyadiyl for his valuable service in Tanzania mission for the last one and half years. His services as a deacon were highly appreciated by the faithful. He was fully involved in the mission activities of the parishes of Kungombe and Chengena. We assure our prayers and wishes for the immediate preparation of his Priestly Ordination.

b. Madale Parish, Dar Es Salaam

i. Sacrament of Marriage: There were twenty couples to receive the sacrament of marriage in the parish of Madale on 24th of August



2019. The main celebrant for the sacrament was Rev. Fr Macha, the forane vicar. The couples were given two days seminar prior to the celebration of the sacrament. The resource persons had come from the diocese of Dar Es salaam.

ii. Sacrament of Confirmation: There were two hundred and thirty-five children received the sacrament of confirmation on September 3rd of 2019. The church was full with the faithful of the

Madale parish. His. Ex. Eusebius, the auxiliary bishop of the arch diocese of Dar Es Salaam was the main celebrant. He had the lunch with the children who received the sacrament of confirmation.

iii. Children's Meet: The Madale parish was extremely happy to conduct the children's meet. There were one thousand and five hundred (1500) children were presented for the programme. They had liturgical celebration in the church and were given morning



breakfast together with the bottle of juice. There were cultural programmes by the children and each group had given the time for their performance. The celebration of children's meet came to an end with the serving of lunch for all the children.

iv. Inauguration of Extra Ordinary Mission Month: The inauguration of Extra ordinary month was celebrated on 6th October 2019. The presence of Frs Joe Kattuthara and Edathiparambil Mathew were highly appreciated by the faithful of Madale parish.



Each 'KANDA' (consists more than seven small Christian communities) were given one cross, the Holy Bible and the books of daily meditation. These will be taken to each small Christian community and finally returns to 'kanda'.

Priests will go each 'kanda' and will celebrate holy eucharist with them.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Robin Manianchira, Tanzania)

VII. NEWS FROM OTHER MINISTRIES/ CENTRES

A. Vocation Promotion

Galilee 2019 – Vocation Camp for Students

Vocation camp named 'GALILEE' was conducted from September 8-9, at Deepti Minor seminary, to promote vocation to MST. It



helps students to know more about MST, seminary life and the missionary activities of MST and so on. The camp was inaugurated by Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel the Second Councillor of MST, in the presence of Rev Fr Kuriakose Kunnel the Treasure General

of MST who felicitated the gathering with his message. Fr Monse Karuvakunnel, vocation promoter and the director of Santhome fellowship extended a cordial welcome to all the dignitaries and the participants.

Two days of the Galilee Camp was enriched by the Holy Qurbana, Rosary, Meditation, Camp fire, classes and activities. Rev Fathers, Binoy Purayidom, Benny Kannathadam, Manu Maprayil, Bibin Madathiparambil, Lijo Vadakkemury had enriched the students with different activities. Mr Shijo Zacharia who is an expert in mind training has motivated the students during his session. Rev Sisters Sheena DST, Asha DST and Sumiya DST helped the students to reflect over different aspect of vocation. First year brothers from Deepti minor seminary had extended their valuable support and help for the smooth running of the camp. The camp was



concluded with a message by Michael Puthenpura the Vice Rector of Deepti Minor seminary. 30 students have participated in the camp, they all have expressed their joy and happiness to have an opportunity to be present in the Galilee, vocation camp at Deepti.

(Reported by Fr Joison Puthukkattu MST, Vocation Promoter (South Zone))

B. Santhome Fellowship

1. Missionary associate in Adilabad Mission

The Missionary Associates of the MST, in their August meeting had



decided to celebrate the extraordinary month in an extraordinary way. In response to this decision Mr Roji, Mrs Tessy, Mrs Daisy and Mrs Mary Joseph made a visit to Adilabad mission. They were given mission orientation by Fr Joseph Vedikunnel. They first went to

Boath mission station. After that they moved to Sonala where Fr Vedikunnel is the priest in charge. And they paid a visit to Neradigunda where a new church is built. They are lucky to participate in the official inauguration of Extra ordinary mission month in Adilabad mission. After visiting few more mission stations in the diocese of Adilabad they set their journey back to Kerala.

2. New Bank Account for Missionary Associates

It was the decision of the associates to start a new bank account for the functioning of the group. So that they can collect some money for the purpose their own initiatives and programmes. Associates are planning to donate the money they collect, to the mission. They started to mobilise the money from the parishes of Kerala.

3. Adopted a Mission Centre in Orissa Mission

It was the ever cherished dream of the associates to adopt a mission station. Associates took a decision to adopt a mission station in Orissa mission of the MST. After having discussion with the

coordinator of Orissa Mission we selected Bhaliguda mission station. And this station is in Khandamal district of Orissa. We are planning to help them in the initial stage of organising the faithful. The mission station will be provided with some financial assistance too.

4. Bp Thattil addressed the gathering of associates



Associates were fortunate to meet Bp Raphael Thattil. Bishop had explained the work in the diocese of Shamsabad and new evangelization work in Orissa. He asked the associates to join the work of MST in Orissa.

He explained the challenges that we address in the new mission area. He was kind enough to give the blessings to all gathered.

5. Zonal meetings in Ponkunnam, Kanjirapalli, Kothamangalam

Zonal meetings are arranged in different places in Kerala. Last three months we conducted meetings in Ponkunnam, Kanjirapalli, Kothamangalam respectively. This meetings helped us to make more familiarity with our members in Santhome fellowship. And it helped to observe there love and concern towards the church. The coordinator explained about the new mission of MST and how the faithful can work together with the missionaries in the area .

6. Mission Sharing By Fr Manu Pottananickal



Fr Manu Pottananickal addressed the Santhome fellowship members in Bharanaganam. He explained the work he is doing in Orissa mission. He told that Bhaliguda is the palace he is staying and it was the most affected area in

the time of riot in 2008. Now he is concentrating the people who escaped to the jungle during the time of persecution. The members

were edified by his sharing and many are planning to go and work in the Orissa mission.

7. Mission animation in Mundangal and Vellilulam

It was a wonderful experience to share the mission experiences in the parishes in the diocese of Pala. In view of mission month we conducted mission sharing in these parishes. It was a platform for us to speak about MST mission in India and abroad.

8. Essay Competition

An Essay completion was organised by missionary associates. It



was to foster the missionary spirit in the Syro-Malabar Church. Around fifty five people participated in the competition. The first prize was awarded to Bro Geevarghese and second prize was to Bro Isaac and third prize was to Sr

Margaret Aluva and Ms Rainal Rose. The prize was distributed in the occasion of jubilee of Deepti minor seminary by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor.

9. Fellowship Members of Idukki

The MST has several members in Santhome Fellowship from the eparchy of Idukki and they are very supportive to our mission. The coordinator together with missionary associates visited the houses of the members in Idukki. This visit helped to get some contacts of children aspiring to go to seminary.

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

C. Vishwadeepti Missiology Centre, Kolhapur

1. Retreat and Leadership Programmes

New India Church of God, Miraj organised a one-day retreat for pastors and lay persons on 2nd July, 2019

A three-day leadership programme was conducted by the *Indian Church of God*. Some 48 Church leaders from Kolhapur, Solapur and Ahmednagar attended the programme.

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

The Committee appointed to review the *MST Constitutions and Directives* met at Vishwadeepti from 2nd to 6th September to seriously



study the circulated new draft of the MST C&D in the light of the feedback received from the members in the course of different study classes conducted at various places. After an intensive and

fruitful week-long session, the members of the committee have decided to meet again at the same place towards end of the month of November 2019.

3. Meeting of the Committee on Vishwadeepti

The Committee—appointed to assist the General Council in taking decision on the feasibility of Vishwadeepti Missiological Centre in the present place and its possible transfer to the Alphonsa Region—met at Vishwadeepti on 7th September 2019.

4. General Team Meets Sangli MSTs

The General Council of the MST, under the leadership of the Director General, came to St Alphonsa Region on 11th September to meet the MST Fathers serving here. The meet was arranged at Vishwadeepti.

The occasion was marked by lively and long sharing, by the members as well as the superiors, on the various



ministries and apostolates of the Mission. There was also an inspiring sharing by Rev. Fr Sebastian Thuruthel, who was instrumental in the starting of Sangli Region. The gathering was also occasion for monthly

recollection and *Ona Sadya*.

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

D. Thomasine Research Centre (TRC)

1. Online Course in Thomasine Studies Launched

TRC, in collaboration with Paurasthya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor, launched an Online Diploma Course in Thomasine Studies on 8 September 2019. We have students from India and abroad enrolled for this two year long course. The response of the students is encouraging. Let me thank you all for your encouragement and support.

2. Fr Maliparampil Memorial Mission Seminar

TRC organized the fourth Maliparampil memorial mission Seminar



on 15 September 2109. It was held as a preparation for the Extra Ordinary Missionary Month announced by Pope Francis. Fr Francis Kureeckal, the councilor-in-charge of TRC welcomed the dignitaries and the participants. The day-

long seminar was inaugurated by the Director General Very Re. Fr Antony Perumanoor.

Rev. Dr Malpan Mathew Vellancikal gave an inspiring class on the ecclesial dimension of evangelization. He explained how a missionary is sent by the Church to bear witness to the Gospel and how he must represent the Church, the mystical body of Christ. Fr James Kurikilamkatt, in his paper gave clear presentation of the Extra ordinary missionary month and how the



Church intends to celebrate it. In the afternoon, there was a panel discussion moderated by Fr Justin Vettukallel. Fr Mathew Moothasseril, Fr Sojan Aikarakunnel, Fr Jomon Ayyanknal, Sr Pavitra SMS and Mr Pauly Thomas (FIAT Mission) were the members of the panel.

Let me express in a very special way my gratitude to Fathers Thomas Karamel, Monse Karuvakunnel, Joison Puthukatt, Alan Mathasseril, Lijo Vadakemury and Manu Maprayil for extending their helping hands to make the seminar successful.

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

E. SANTHOME – IMPACT

1. Mission- Pastoral outreach programmes

Following outreach programmes were undertaken by IMPACT from July to October 2019:



a. Mission retreat for the children at Angamaly Basilica for one day. Around 400 students attend the programme.

b. One day mission retreat at Amballor parish

c. Youth retreat organized by Ernakulam-Angamaly diocese for plus two students. This was conducted in five forane Parishes. Around 600 youth attended the retreat.

d. Training for vocation promoters. Around 60 green garden sisters attended one day training camp for vocation promoters.

e. Vocation Camp: We were invited to conduct the vocation camp for CMC congregation Ernakulam province. Around 65 children attended.

f. Training for B Ed. students in B Ed. colleges at Ernakulam Puthenkuriz and Poonthotta.

g. Three days mission retreats for the Syro Malabar migrants community at Indore.



h. Sunday mission ministries: in the following parishes, animation classes on mission to the parishioners and specially for youth and children were given: St Antony's church Kothad, St Mary's church Vypin, St Philomina church Koonammay, St Joseph's church Vazhakala etc... "Kadukumani" new subscriptions also were done during this ministries.

2. Living Camps in IMPACT



a. Three days retreat cum workshop camp was organized in IMPACT for the NRI Christian children from Souidi.

b. Two days meeting of the core group of Jesus Youth at IMPACT

3. Santhome Media – IMPACT

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

a. Vallam Vecha Pallikudam: Santhome Media took a significant step by producing a documentary on the dedication and commitment



of fishermen flock during the Kerala flood in the form of *Vallam Vecha Pallikkudam*.

This 5.3 minutes documentary is centered around an abandoned boat that was used in the rescue operations and later established as a memorial

at Kozhenchery Government High School to respect and honour the fishermen flock. Santhome Media is the first to launch a documentary of this category. It was widely appreciated by main stream media like Asianet News and several online pages.

b. Kadalinte Malaghamar: This is a documentary produced by Santhome Media as a genuine tribute to the fishermen flock and a light to the future generation. The central theme running throughout

the documentary is the testimony of their struggle that the fishermen underwent during the flood situation in Kerala.

c. **Mazha Manath Kanumpol:** Santhome Media released a documentary, related to the victims of flood in 2018, which depicted the traumatic situations people faced in a realistic format.

d. **IMPACT Talks:** This is a series of motivational talks by different personalities produced by Santhome Media.

e. **Kudumbam Swargeeya Poonkavanam:** An excellent documentary film by Santhome Media which speaks about the beauty of family life.

f. **Documentary on Deepti Seminary:** Santhome Media created a documentary on Deepti Minor Seminary on the occasion of its golden Jubilee.

g. **A Video to Promote Vocation to MST:** In this modern era, technology fascinates every one especially the youth. In this context, Santhome Media is at the help of the vocation promoters of MST with an excellent promotional video that presents the nature and character of MST. It clearly depicts the vision, mission and uniqueness of MST while carrying out the missionary activities of the church.

h. **Extra Ordinary Missionary Month:** Santhome Media had an opportunity to associate with Syro Malabar Mission (SyMM) to produce a documentary on extra ordinary missionary month. It explains the why, what and how of Extra ordinary Missionary month in the life of every faithful.

i. **Deepti Golden Jubilee Event Shoot:** Santhome Media covered the still and video shooting of the golden Jubilee concluding ceremonies of Deepti Seminary.

j. **Audio Recordings.** Professionals who utilized the studio facilities recently are Wilson Piravom, Pradeep Tom, Elizabeth Raju, Teena Mary Abraham and Praveen Harisheree.

k. **Upcoming Initiatives of Santhome Media:**

a. Capsule type Short Films

b. Motivational Classes

- c. Documentaries on Challenging missions and Missionaries
- d. Documentary on Ancient Churches and their history

I. 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 & Plz don't forget to subscribe and like our You Tube Channel and Facebook Page.**

4. New Director for IMPACT

On July 31st Fr Joy Panjikaran took charge as the new executive director of Santhome- IMPACT. Santhome- IMPACT community extends cordial welcome to the new director and express heartfelt thanks to Fr Daey Kunnath for his selfless and commendable services for the last 9 years.

(Reported by Fr Joy Panjikkaran, Executive Director - IMPACT)

F. Kalasadhana, Mumbai

1. Entering Tenth Year of Kalasadhana

Kalasadhana has grown in the past 9 years from a small music school to an institute with more than 300 students at present. Kalasadhana enters the decennial year in the month of October with lot of blessings from Heaven through the intercession of her patron Mother Mary.



2. Centre for Trinity College, London



Kalasadhana has accomplished its dream of becoming a Centre for Trinity Examinations to be conducted by Trinity College of Music, London. In the month of July 2019 about 100 students from

Kalasadhana have appeared for Trinity exams in our own Academy and achieved good results.

3. Annual Felicitation Ceremony



We conducted the felicitation ceremony of those students on August 23rd 2019 in Nerul. Rev Fr Justin Vettukallel, our Secretary General

presided over the felicitation ceremony. Rev Fr Peter Vattapara,



Fr C D Sebastian and Fr Jiby Thekkemuriyil felicitated the students.

4. Bharatnatyam Arangetram

The first Bharatnatyam Arangetram by Kalasadhana was on August 24th 2019. Four students of Kalasadhana who completed their entire course of Bharatnatyam in Kalasadhana did their Arangethrem on that occasion. It was a grand spectacular show where Fr Justin Vettukallel was present to grace, bless and witness the auspicious occasion.



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

G. Santhome Bible Centre, Pariyaram

1. Releasing of VI Volume of Bible Commentary



The latest volume of Santhome Bible Commentary is on the Acts of the Apostles and it was released on 31st August 2019 at Deepti auditorium on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Deepti College. It was released by Bishop Mar

James Athikalam by giving its first copy to Rev. Fr. Sebastian Thuruthel. It was Fr. Thuruthel who started giving minor seminary formation to MST students 50 years ago and Fr. Sebastian Kizhakkeyil was one of his students in the third batch. The Santhome Bible Commentary is the fruit of the hard work of one of his students and he can be proud that his formation was effective and fruitful. That was the reason why the first copy of the sixth volume was released by giving its first copy to him. The six volumes published so far are *Genesis*, *Mark*, *Luke*, *Matthew*, *John*, and *the Acts of the Apostles*. Those of you who want to own a complete set of the six volumes can get the set from Deepti at a special discount of Rs 2000 in place of Rs 3500. This offer will be valid only as long as the copies last. Only some copies remain of the earlier volumes such as Luke. Each individual copy may be purchased at a discount price of Rs 500 in place of Rs 600. The next volume will start with the Epistles of Paul beginning with his first writing, i.e. Paul's First Letter to Thessalonians. That volume will contain several articles on Paul, on his letters in general, and on his theology.

2. Garden of Fruit Trees

When you visit Santhome Bible Centre, Pariyaram, next time, you will see an emerging garden of fruit trees reminding you of the biblical garden of Paradise. You will find there several varieties of fruit trees

about which you may have heard but not personally seen so far. It may take some time for those fruit trees to bear fruits and you are welcome to relish those fruits and there is no tree of forbidden fruits in the middle of this garden! Hence without fear you can approach the tree of life! Welcome to the Fruit Garden of Pariyaram!

3. Handbook of the Bible

At the request of some minor seminary professors Fr. Sebastian Kizhakkeyil is preparing a book for teaching the Bible in the minor seminaries, and in the formation houses of the religious. It is provisionally titled *A Handbook of the Bible for Beginners*. It may be made available without much delay. Those who want such a book can place their orders.

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

H. Programme of Ongoing Formation

An orientation programme for the young priests of the last five batches (2014-2019) was conducted at Deepti Mount from 03rd to 05th October 2019. The programme was called “Young Priests Meet-2019” and the title of the whole programme was named



“Enrichment of My Priestly Life and Apostolate.”

There were 43 participants who actively attended the programme. Fr Viju Muringassery,

the coordinator of the expert committee for ongoing formation welcomed all. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumannor, the Director General of the MST inaugurated *Young Priests Meet-2019* officially with the presence of General Councilors and he delivered an inspirational message. Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal, councilor in charge for ongoing formation gave an outline and introduction with a short message regarding the programme. All the General Councilors present at the

inaugural session also addressed the gathering. The programme was designed to create missionary enthusiasm, to give them practical trainings as they were to travel to their assigned places of ministries, to enable them to face all the challenges that come across their lives and to shape them to be better persons committed and satisfied in their missionary life.



The programme consisted of prayer services, inspirational conferences, workshops, activities, entertainments, delicious food and practical things to be taken care in those missionary priests. All the forty-three young missionary priests who came from their assigned ministries situated in various parts of India were present throughout the programme and actively participated until the last session. Four presentations were made over these 3 days programme which started with providing a range of concepts and responses to the theme “Serving the Lord through Serving Humanity: Social Commitment of Missionary Priesthood” by a very popular speaker Mr Sabu De Mathew from Pala. “Priesthood in the 21st Century: Possibilities and Challenges” was another inspirational talk by Mr Sabu Jose, President Pro-life Samithy KCBC. Dr Alex George Kavukattu, Assistant Professor in Education, St Thomas College of Teacher Education, Pala dealt with the topic ‘Smart Education for Smart Students in the Digital Era’. Rev. Dr Joseph Kadupil, Professor, Paurastya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor led the participants through

the topic “Legal Vigilance in Priesthood”.



A range of practical and informational sharing and a general evaluation took place with the Director General and the General Councilors meet with the priests.

Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal offered the

solemn Holy Qurbana at the chapel of Deepti Minor seminary and Rev. Fr Bobby Arimattathil gave an inspirational homily on the feast of St Francis Assisi. The priests celebrated Holy Qurbana at the tomb of St Alphonsa at Bharananganam and prayed novena at the tomb, seeking the intercession of the holy men and women of the



Syro-Malabar Church in their priestly- missionary journey. There was a friendly volleyball match between the young priests and the brothers of minor seminary and the brothers’ team turned out to be the winners.

Before the program got over at 4 pm there were sometimes for evaluation and thanksgiving. Everyone appreciated the programme and requested to hold such orientations again in the coming years.

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

VIII Necrology

Parents and Family Members of the MSTs

As informed by the members (04 July to 13 October 2019)

Mrs Mariakutty Theruvath, Paternal Aunt of Fr Raju Allumpurath

Mr P. J. Joseph, Paternal Grandfather of Dn Toms Pathalil

Mrs Thressiamma Vattamattathil, Paternal Aunt of Fr A. Tharappel

Mr George Poovathinal, Brother in law of Fr Augustine Mundiayvil

Mrs Mercy Simon, Sister in law of Fr Francis Champakara

Mrs Kunjamma, Sister in law of Fr Thomas Manichirickal

Mrs Mariamma Anjilimoottil, Maternal Grandmother of Fr Alencherry

Sr Gracey Painadath DST, Sister of Fr Paul Painadath

Mr T.T. Chandy Thannippara, Paternal Uncle of Fr Jose Thannippara

Mrs Rosamma Thayyil, Maternal Grand Mother of Dn Pottananiyil

Mr Devasiachan Nalannadiyil, Father of Fr Deleep Nalannadiyil

Mr Michael Vattappalam, Maternal Uncle of Fr Zacharias Thadathil

Mrs Mary Thomas, Paternal Aunt of Fr Manu Pottananickal

Mrs Aleyamma Puthenpurackal, Mother of Late Fr Jaison Puthenpurackal and Cousin of Fr Michael Puthenpurayil

Mrs Mariamma Parayil, Maternal Grandmother of Fr Vincent Varakil

Mrs Mariyamma, Maternal Grandmother of Fr Lijo Kavunnukattil

Mrs Thressiamma, Paternal Grandmother of Dn Sijo Mundaplakkal

Mr Scaria Palakeel, Father of Fr Jose Palakeel

Mrs Mariamma George, Mother of Fr Siju Azhakath; Sister in Law of Fr Abraham Azhakath and Maternal Aunt of Fr Pullikkattil

Mr M.F. Mathew, Father of Dn Jins Manjakkal

Mrs Mariakutty Kariathil, Mother of Fr Johnny Kariathil

Mr Thankachan Palakuzhayil, Father of Brother Anson Palakuzhayil (II Year Philosophy, Ruhlaya)

Mr T.C. Joseph, Father of Fr Thomas Thalanany

Mrs Mary Neyyoor Vadakkemuriyil, Grandmother of Fr Lijo Neyyoor Vadakkemuriyil

Mr Sam Xavier, Maternal Cousin of Fr Joby Kappiparampil



APPENDICES

Circular No. X-11/2018-2023

23 August 2019

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Brothers,
Prayerful greetings from Deepti Bhavan!

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

1. The Intentions of the Holy Qurbana

It has been observed that some members ask for the intentions of the Holy Qurbana which they already have celebrated. Since the Holy Qurbanas are to be celebrated as per the intentions, may I remind you that it is not in accordance with the law of the Church to accept stipends for the Holy Qurbanas already celebrated. Therefore, it is discouraged to receive the stipends for the intentions already celebrated, and please remember to obtain the necessary intentions prior to the celebration of the Holy Qurbanas.

2. Validity of the Medical Bills

As per the norms of *Communion* (D16 xi), the validity of the medical bills and vouchers expires after three months. May I remind you to follow this norm without fail. The Central Committee for Communion (CCC) informs that it will not reimburse any bills after the said period of expiry. This applies also to the priests working for the eparchy of Ujjain, whose medical bills are now being paid by the eparchy, based on the renewed contract.

3. Salary Increment of the Staff

It has come to the notice of the General Council that there occurred odd increment of the staff salary in certain centres. Please remember to follow the established policies and to get the consent of the concerned President/Chairman of the Trusts (the respective Regional Director or the Director General), before making changes to the salary structure of the schools and of other institutions.

4. Dress Code in Ministry

May I make the friendly reminder to our members who are principals of the schools to use priestly cassock during the school hours. During the formal meetings with the parents, with the staff or with the students, the managers are also expected to follow the dress code by wearing the cassock. Similarly, the members in other ministries are also invited to choose the dress code proper to the forums, so that we do not miss any opportunity for Christian witness, as we are called to make every effort to share the message of the Gospel through our words and deeds.

5. Moderate Spending for Community Picnics and Celebrations

The annual auditing (2018-2019) reported that certain centres made excessive expenses for the picnics for the staff or for the local communities, and also for the local celebrations. Irresponsible use of money is not only uncharitable, but also is a sin; because we are answerable to God and to the wider civil society, in addition to the numerous donors we are accountable to. While spending the funds at your disposal, kindly be sensitive to the needs of the mission as well, especially the centres in infancy and the unexplored territories we are venturing into. I pray that a strong conviction in the communitarian dimension of the MST mission (C&D 6) inspire each of us to be mature in spending by leveraging our resources for the growth of the MST and by minimizing the expenses towards maximization of missionary expansion to new apostolates and territories.

6. Golden Jubilee of Deepti College

As all of you have been informed, we are concluding the golden jubilee celebrations of Deepti College -the first formation house of the MST, on 31 August 2019. Most of us had our initial seminary formation at Deepti College. Let us thank the Lord for the benefits brought forth by Deepti seminary for the MST and for the Church at large, in the formation of zealous missionary priests. May I take this opportunity to appreciate and thank all the visionaries – the former rectors and members on the staff of Deepti College whose untiring efforts made a difference in the priestly formation of the

Society. Let us gratefully remember also the benefactors, the students and all those who contributed to the seminary in different ways. May I also place on record the sincere gratitude of the General Council to the present rector and the staff, and to the members in the jubilee committee who organize(d) meaningful programmes in connection with the golden year.

Wishing each of you a very fruitful ministry ahead and requesting your prayers for each other,

Yours fraternally in Christ Jesus,

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor

Director General, MST

Sd/-

Fr Justin Vettukallel

Secretary General, MST

Circular No. X-12/2018-2023 25 September 2019

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Brothers,

Prayerful greetings from Deepti Bhavan!

Awakening the awareness of mission *ad gentes*, the Universal Church is preparing to celebrate the forthcoming month – October 2019 – as the **Extraordinary Missionary Month (EMM)**, in the context of the centenary of the Apostolic Letter - *Maximum Illud* of Pope Benedict XV (30 November 1919). As members of a Missionary Society in the Church, we hold an extraordinary responsibility in responding to this call of Pope Francis and to help meet the purpose of this month.

The Extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019, with the theme - ***Baptized and sent: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World***, summons us to recall the spirit of *Maximum Illud* of 1919 in revitalizing the mission of the Church today. *Maximum Illud* represents the first creative response of the official Church to the intricacies of the missionary contexts, globally tormented by the World War I. Against that context of conflicts and colonial overtones, Pope Benedict XV recognized the need for a more evangelical approach to missionary work, and he emphasized the proclamation and the love of the Lord Jesus, spread by holiness of life and good works

(Cf. MI 26-27). Employing the concepts and language of the time, in an effort to revive the sense of duty towards the mission *ad gentes* (Cf. MI 7), Pope Benedict XV laid the foundations for modern Missiology.

What Pope Benedict XV so greatly desired almost a century ago, remains still timely. An overall view of the human race shows that this mission is yet only beginning (Cf. *Redemptoris Missio*, 7). There is a widespread longing among the Christians for renewal in the Church. It is indeed “the missionary activity that renews the Church, revitalizes faith and Christian identity, and offers fresh enthusiasm and incentive. *Because* faith is strengthened when it is given to others” (RM 2). By qualitative involvement in various apostolates of mission *ad gentes*, we, the MSTs are called to be the catalysts of this renewal in the Church.

The Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith (CPF) has created a website: <www.october2019.va> that gives information and resources on the **EMM**. The **CPF** has prepared a special prayer for recitation throughout the month, which is attached herewith for your use. I request all of you to plan the celebration of this month in some extraordinary ways, by setting occasions for prayer and reflection in groups at the unit and regional levels, and also in the formation houses. Those who are ministering outside the territories of the MST missions, including those in the overseas, shall also make use of this occasion for organizing some extraordinary programmes in favour of reviving mission *ad gentes* spirit in their communities.

I wish and pray that the celebration of the **EMM** revive the mission *ad gentes* commitment of the MST and that the MSTs become the agents of missionary revival in the Church.

Yours fraternally in the Lord of the Mission,

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor

Director General, MST

Sd/-

Fr Justin Vettukallel

Secretary General, MST

Enclosure: Prayer of the Extraordinary Missionary Month (Not here, with the original only)

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Rev. Fr Allumpurath
Raju Mathew



Rev. Fr Cherickanampurath
Sebastian



Rev. Fr Kaithottumkal
Antony



Rev. Fr Karickamukalel
Philip (Benny)



Rev. Fr Karodan
Joseph (Tomy)



Rev. Fr Mulangasseril
Mathew



Rev. Fr Purayidathil
Abraham (Joy)



Rev. Fr Thekkemyladil
Augustine



Rev. Fr Vattakunnel
Francis

The MST thanks you for 25 years of your dedicated ministry for evangelization, and wishes you every blessing of the Lord for fulfilling your missionary vocation through the Society.



**We do not have a product to sell.
But we have a life to communicate:
His divine life, His merciful love and His holiness
Pope Francis**



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