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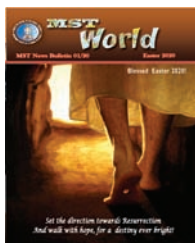
Easter 2020

Blessed Easter 2020!

*Set the direction towards Resurrection
And walk with hope, for a destiny ever bright!*



New Priests of 2019-2020



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“In this storm, the façade of those stereotypes with which we camouflaged our egos, always worrying about our image, has fallen away, uncovering once more that (blessed) common belonging, of which we cannot be deprived: our belonging as brothers and sisters.

Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God’s strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.”

Reflection by Pope Francis at Urbi et orbi
27 March 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Your Excellencies, Rev Fathers, Rev. Deacons and my dear Seminarians,



First of all let me wish you all the blessings of Easter 2020!

Easter changed everything for the disciples and followers of Jesus. It changed everything for our world. And it changes everything for us. I've always loved thinking about how, in the wake of Easter Sunday, the disciples' fear turns into amazement and then into courage. On Holy Saturday, the day after the Crucifixion, the disciples are behind closed doors, dejected over the apparent failure and shameful death of their leader, and terrified of being arrested and perhaps killed themselves. But after Easter Sunday, they become bold proclaimers of the Gospel, ready to dedicate their lives on the truth of what they know and believe. What can account for such a dramatic change? Only something as vivid, as tangible, as undeniably real, the appearance of the Risen Christ standing before them could account for transforming these terrified people into fearless apostles.

Until few weeks ago our lives have been normal, of course, with the usual ups and downs. Then all of a sudden we were hit with a pandemic — COVID-19 caused by Corona virus. Now the whole world is reeling under the blow of this unforeseen infectious disease. Now we are all worried about what is going to happen since no successful vaccine has been found to combat this disease. In this alarming situation we know that God is with us. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. *But take heart! I have overcome the world*" (John 16:33). But especially in times of trouble like this, we shall remember words of Jesus, that He has overcome the world. In the book of Deuteronomy we read, "There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place" (Deuteronomy 1:31). Yes, this is one of the times we need the Lord Jesus to carry us through. And

remember, he is with us always as he promised, “I will be with you till the end of the ages” (Mathew 28:20).

As members of the Missionary Society, our missionary presence and active ministry is in all the continents. We are all in the same boat. Those confreres in overseas are more affected by the Corona virus. Some of our members ministering in hospitals as chaplains are source of spiritual comfort to the Covid 19 infected patients. Let us thank God for keeping our members safe and healthy. You all are in my prayers. In the Generalate we have got special prayers everyday with Holy Adoration in the morning and evening since the lockdown period. Our priests in *Aaram* are all keeping fine and they too spend their days in Holy Adoration and prayer. We shall be connected with one another by our prayers and sharing of our Covid experiences. Let us also make use of this time to evaluate our missionary commitment to *ad gentes* mission. We shall also spend more time with the Lord so that like the first disciples we may also encounter the Risen Christ in this difficult time and get strength from the Risen Lord to commit our missionary vocation of *ad gentes* mission with renewed courage and zeal. We shall turn to Him and ask his special help to tide over this heart-breaking crisis. Words like “Do not be afraid,” “Fear not” and “Be courageous” appear a few hundred times in the Bible and they are meant for us, to strengthen us and comfort us. Hence, as Jesus says, “Fear is useless; what is needed is faith” (Mark 5:36). Let us now hold on to our faith more than ever before and let us continue to pray with faith that our prayers will be answered.

Easter changes everything for us, too. We know that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than hatred, hope stronger than despair. We know that Christ is risen, and is with us. And we know that nothing is ever beyond the power of God’s grace.

May the Risen Christ fill our lives with joy and remind us that nothing is impossible with God!

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

II. News From Generalate (December 2019 –April 2020)

1. Priestly Ordinations and New Priests

The priestly ordinations of thirteen *ordinandi* took place in their respective home-parishes, between the days from 26 December 2019 to 2 January 2020. The Director General, the members of the General Council, representatives from the MST seminaries, especially from Ruhahaya Major Seminary took part in all the ordinations. There were several of our priest-members in Kerala



and from the missions, the missionary collaborators including the religious sisters, the lay faithful of Santhome Fellowship, the benefactors and the major seminarians of the MST who took the trouble for attending the ordinations. The ceremonies and celebrations were conducted in simple manner. The ordinations were also opportunities for missionary animation in the parishes and in cementing our relations with the eparchies in Kerala.

The Prelates who ordained our deacons have been very generous and kind to speak good about the MST by recognizing our missionary commitment, in their messages. His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel ordained five of our deacons, His Excellency Mar James Athikalam ordained four of them and His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vaniapurackal two. Their Excellencies Mar Mathew Arackal and Mar Jose Pulickal ordained one each ordinandus hailing from the Eparchy of Kanjirappally.

The new priests were formally assigned to three Mission Regions of the Society in the first week of January and they joined their respective Mission Regions or places of appointment by the second week of February 2020. On behalf of the entire MST family, once again I congratulate and welcome all thirteen new priests to the priestly fellowship of the MST and pray that all of them find sanctification and fulfilment in their missionary vocation through the MST, by their dedicated involvement in the missionary apostolates (Cf. C7). A Circular (Circular No. X-13/2018-2023; See Appendix I of this bulletin) was issued for communicating their Regional assignment and for recognizing their vocation promoters, formators in various stages, benefactors and other collaborators who contributed in the making of thirteen new priests for the MST.

2. Gathering of the Rectors of the MST Seminaries

A short gathering of the Rectors of all our seminaries was held on 30 December 2019. It was to create an occasion for all the rectors to converse with all the members in the General Council and with each other in common, and thus to develop seamless accompaniment in the formation programme, in all the stages of formation. All the Rectors and the members in the General Council were present for the meeting. Each Rector was given opportunity for sharing his concerns, and discussions were held on matters that needed deliberations. The Director General and the Vice Director - who is also the formation secretary, led and guided the discussions.

3. New Priests' Day and Benefactors' day

After the priestly ordinations, Sunday 5 January 2020 was held as the New Priests' day and Benefactors' day at Deepti Bhavan. All the New priests and around 40 benefactors of the MST Seminarians were present for the function. The New Priests along with the Director General and the Rector of Deepti College celebrated the Holy Qurbana. The Director General honoured the benefactors who were present and offered them gifts.

The MST gratefully acknowledges the sacrifice and contributions of all the benefactors, especially the sponsors of the newly ordained

priests. The thirteen new priests who were ordained after Christmas 2019 were supported by 37 benefactors. The MST thanks all of them for their annual bursaries of contributions. A few among them have agreed to continue their support by taking up new seminarians. Thirty-seven sponsors of the present new priests were mentored through our programme of Santhome Fellowship and through our priests. They include Rev. Frs Kisincher Aniyekatt, Jacob (Lalu) Kalathoopurayidom, Antony Thundathil, Thomas Plappallil, Varghese Nadackal, James Mandapathil, George Olickal, Joseph Koren. Sebastian Earthedath, George Thotteparampil, Joseph Vandanoor and George Mampillil. There are also others who have financially supported the new priests in the conduct of their ordinations. The MST appreciates the initiatives of our members in finding sponsors for the formation programme and for other needs.

4. Update on the Review Study of the C&D

The committee for the review and study of Constitutions and the Directives had held a meeting from 20-26 January 2020 at Deepti Bhavan and has informed that the proposed new draft will be ready for circulation among the members, within a few months.

5. Joint Meeting of Administrative Teams

Meeting of the General Council with the Regional and Delegation Administrative team was held at Deepti Bhavan from 27-29 January 2020. Very Rev. Fr Paul Achandy CMI, the then Prior General of the CMI gave the orientation talk.

The Director General welcomed the gathering and presented the scope of the joint meeting, emphasizing the need of collective thinking, evaluation and action plans for the Centre and for every administrative unit. The Regional Directors and the Delegate, together with their Council members presented the developments in the regions/ delegation and sought suggestions on their future plan of actions. There were separate forums organized for the administrative units to meet with the General Council.

The concluding session of meeting was held at St Francis Monastery at Pattumala, near Kumily. On the way, the members also visited

the newly purchased land property at Kuttikkanam (near Peerumedu). The Director General presided over the common sitting held at the closure and meeting concluded with a special Eucharistic Adoration at the chapel of the monastery.

6. Sleehusa 2020 – Commissioning of New Priests

In view of orienting the new priests to the ground realities of priestly-missionary living, *Sleehusa-2020* was executed by the expert team



constituted for the Ongoing Formation of the MST from 03 - 06 February 2020. Alike Sleehusa - 2019, this orientation also included practical sessions led by all the General Councillors, lay leaders, religious sisters and experienced priests. On 6 February, during the Holy Qurbana, the Director General officiated the formal commissioning by 'sending forth' of the new missionaries to the mission territories with special ritual. Parents of the new priests were also present for the commissioning and for the lunch thereafter.

7. Ongoing Formation of Batches 1982-1993

The ongoing formation for the ordination batches from 1982 to 1993 was held at Deepti Bhavan from 11-13, February, 2020. It was attended by 61 priests of these batches, including many members from the overseas. Classes and discussions were arranged on - priestly satisfaction and senior adulthood challenges for missionary priests.

The participants had a concelebrated Holy Qurbana at the tomb of



St Alphonsa, Bharananganam. There was a basketball match and a cultural evening organized with the involvement of the participants. The Director General along with the General Council and the Treasurer General had a sitting with the members and had common interactions. The programme was organized by the expert committee for ongoing formation.

8. Celebrations of 52nd Foundation Day

On 22 February, the MST Day was solemnly celebrated at Deepti Bhavan. The main celebrant for the Holy Qurbana was Very Rev. Fr Augustine Theruvath, the newly appointed parish priest of St Mary's Forane Church, Bharananganam. The Director General and



the priests and seminarians in Deepti Campus and around, were present for the celebration. Many of the associate missionaries of the MST were also present since it was the first anniversary of their promise of association to the MST. It was also the first anniversary of the beginning of one day Bible Convention at Deepti Mount. The monthly Bible convention followed the Holy Qurbana and it was led by Rev. Frs Saju Thuppalanjiyil and Binoy Purayidom. Many people from the neighbouring places were present for the Bible convention.

9. New Land/Properties for the MST

a. Purchase of Land at Kuttikanam

In the month of January 2020, a plot of land of 1.15 acres was purchased in the name of the MST at Kuttikkanam (near Peerumedu) of Idukki District, in the diocese of Kanjirappally, in view of establishing a centre for prayer and other short programmes. The cost of the purchase of the land and other related expenses were met by the contribution of rupees one crore by Rev. Fr Varghese Nadackal. The MST is grateful to Rev. Fr Nadackal for this substantial donation, which is in addition to the stipulated amount that he periodically pays to the MST from his monthly salary and other contributions he makes towards seminary formation and mission. He has also promised to contribute more towards establishing a centre there. The land has road access and is very close to KK Road. It is side of a hill top with serene environment and cool weather. We have not yet made any final plans about the construction. You are welcome to visit the plot and invited to make contributions towards the development of the centre.

b. Gift of Land Property at Mundur, Thrissur

In the month of February 2020, the MST was blessed to receive a land property of total 0.34 acre (estimated value of around rupees one crore) at Mundur in Thrissur by the side of the main road between Mundur and Medical College of Thrissur, and is only a couple of miles away from Amala Hospital. This property is a gift through the instrumentality of His Excellency Mar Raphael Thattil of Shamshabad,

from five religious sisters of Kuttikkattu family in the parish of Mundur. Their only brother was called to heavenly reward at his younger age and the parents of the sisters are no more now. They decided to donate this family property for a noble cause because all of them are working in different parts of the world, except one who has been staying at the property. The property is now given as a free gift to the MST with no conditions attached and is registered in the name of the Society. The MST thanks the religious sisters of Kuttikkattu family and remembers all of them, their late parents and their brother in our prayers. Let us also be grateful to His Excellency Mar Raphael Thattil for his love towards the MST. He was very



generous to recommend MST to the sisters and was very helpful throughout the process, until the completion of the deal.

In addition to the above gift-property, we have purchased another 0.11 acres of land adjacent to that property to have sufficient area for future developments. The MST has been trying to buy some property at Thrissur since many years and in the recent past we have been making earnest efforts to get it done with the help of our own priests in the area. His Grace Mar Andrews Thazhathu, the Archbishop of Thrissur has been happy with this deal and has welcomed the MST to make our presence in the Archeparchy of Thrissur.

c. Land at Thumbur, Irinjalakkuda

Rev. Fr Joseph Vazhuthanappally who has been owning a land at Thumbur in the Eparchy of Irinjalakkuda has recently handed over the property, including the building, to the MST. This is also a free gift with no monetary compensation attached to the deal. It is an attractive property with road access, just 200 meters away from Chalakkudy- Kodungalloor Road near Thumbur junction. The property covers 1.74 acres of land and a newly constructed building of around 5000 sq.ft which includes a furnished basement, two floors and a roofed and covered terrace. Rev. Fr Vazhuthanappally is back to India now and he stays at the building, looking after the property. He will continue using the ground floor of the building, for his ministry. The property is registered in the name of the MST. The MST thanks Fr Joseph Vazhuthanappally for this major contribution of his personal asset to the MST which would amount couple of crores of rupees today. The plans for the proper utilization of this property and facilities are underway.

d. Land at Dhuri, Punjab

In the third week of March, the MST bought 3.00 acres of land (costs @ 56.25 lakhs per acre) at Dhuri, in the District Sangarur of Punjab in the Mary Queen of the Missions Delegation (MQMD) of the diocese of Faridabad. Dhuri is a municipal corporation and does not have any Catholic centres so far. This plot of land is intended to develop some missionary apostolate directly under the MST Generalate. Sincere appreciation and thanks to the Delegate and the team of MQMD, especially the priests in charge of Uksi for facilitating the purchase of this property. Two of our junior priests are moving from Uksi to Dhuri by next month, in view of planning the possibilities of missionary apostolates.

e. Land at Bhikhi, Punjab

The MST bought another 3.68 acres of land (costs @ 34 lakhs per acre) at Bhikhi, in the District Mansa of Punjab in the Mary Queen of the Missions Delegation (MQMD), within the diocese of Faridabad. Bhikhi is also a municipal corporation and there is no ministry by the Catholics so far. Bhikhi will be developed as one of

the centres of the Delegation. Sincere appreciation and thanks to the Delegate and the team of MQMD, especially the priests in charge of Maur Mandi mission centre for facilitating the purchase of this property. One of the junior priests currently working in Maur Mandi will be moving to Bhikhi by next month, for starting a new mission centre there.

f. New Flat in Dahisar, Mumbai

The MST has recently purchased a new single room flat (studio-apartment) at Dahisar in the district of Mumbai, costing nearly one crore rupees. It was to meet the requirement of having a stable office for two of our registered Trusts - Vishwadeepti Educational and Charitable Trust and Nav Deepti Trust, right within territory of the civil district of Mumbai. This facility will be utilized for residential purpose as well.

10. Syro-Malabar Mission, Nagpur

The Eparchy of Shamshabad appointed Rev. Fr Jose Kurian Neendukunnel as the pastoral in charge of the Syro-Malabar Community in Nagpur, Maharashtra. Formally, the area of Nagpur is entrusted with the Eparchy of Chanda by the Bishop of Shamshabad. Due to the shortage of priests in Chanda, the Eparchy of Shamshabad approached the MST to help out the situation for a few years. Fr Neendukunnel started living in a rented house in



Nagpur from the month of January 2020.

The formal inauguration of the mission took place on 26 January 2020 by His Excellency Mar Ephrem Nariculam of Chanda. Almost 200 Syro-Malabar faithful from different parts of the city participated in the inaugural Holy Qurbana and in celebration of the feast of St Sebastian. The Archdiocese of Nagpur has offered the facilities of two parish churches for the celebration of Syro- Holy Qurbana. They are: Holy Family Church, Untkhana and St Martin de Pores Church, Jeripatka. Considering the special status of the ministry in Nagpur, the apostolate of the MST there will be considered as an initiative of St Paul Region, Ujjain

11. Management and Administration of Vishwadeepti

In the light of the report on the feasibility of Vishwadeepti Missiology Centre (which was suggested by GA 2018) and in agreement with the Regional Council of St Alphonsa Mission Region, the administration and management of Vishwadeepti Missiology Centre is being transferred to St Alphonsa Region, Sangli with effect from 1 April 2020. The ownership of the Centre including that of the land property will always be held with the Central Administration. St Alphonsa Region can make decision about the ordinary management and administration by making the appointments and transfers of the priests of the centre and by taking care of the provisions, buildings and the land property with periodical maintenance, payment of the taxes and the like. From the year 2017, the Region has been meeting the ordinary monthly maintenance of Vishwadeepti. Now the Region can plan for any apostolate relevant to the mission and useful for the people around. It can also make extensions to the existing buildings to improve the provisions, as necessary. However, the demolition of the existing structures or constructions in the new areas of the property shall be undertaken with written consent of the Director General only. In return, the Region will bear the complete cost of the formation/ongoing formation programmes or any other programmes being organized in the Region by the Generalate. In future, if any of the General Council decides to retrieve the administration and management of Vishwadeepti for the purpose of

the Central Administration, the Regional Administration will hand-over the administration and management of Vishwadeepti along with the facilities of that time, without any conditions or claims of compensation from either sides.

12. Overseas Mission

Marquette, Michigan, USA:

Rev. Fr Mathew Kuliraniyil has been sent to the diocese of Marquette, Michigan, USA for a period of five years. He joined the diocese on 1 March 2020 and is placed at the Cathedral of Marquette.

Ballarat, Victoria, Australia: Rev. Frs George Koorumullumpurayidam and Mathew Edathiparambil have been sent to the diocese of Ballarat, Australia for a period of three years. They reached the diocese on 18 March and are now staying with the Bishop at his residence in the context of the pandemic Covid-19. They will move to their appointed places in the upcoming days.

Pandemic Covid-19: In the context of the global spread of Corona virus, all our members both in India and abroad have been affected in different levels. People of Europe and North America are being badly affected by it. We shall earnestly pray for all our confreres in these difficult situations. Let us face this pandemic carefully and confidently by keeping each one in our daily prayers and by being in contact with each other through the electronic media, as all our units are physically distanced for protection.

13. Interregional Gatherings

As customary, the quinquennial interregional gatherings of the members are now planned to organize in four groups in four different places as below. The same is given as appendix II of this bulletin.

First Group

27, 28, 29 April 2020 at St Thomas Region, Mandya (*is now postponed*)

Second Group

25, 26, 27 October 2020 at St Paul's Region, Ujjain

Third Group

19, 20, 21 April 2021 at Deepti Bhavan, Melampara

Forth Group

15, 16, 17 October 2021 at St Alphonas Region, Sangli

The details have already been sent to all of you by the General Councillor in-charge and the Coordinator of the expert committee for the ongoing formation. Every member is requested to participate in the assigned meeting. At the instance of any inconvenience to participate in the assigned group, one is expected to go for any of the other three meetings. Please note that the interregional meetings are mandatory for all the members of the MST. The schedule of the programme is given well in advance so that all the members, including those working abroad, can arrange their holidays to participate in any of the meetings.

14. Achievements and Initiatives

a. Fr M.D. Thomas: ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ was conferred



on Fr M.D. Thomas from the Indian Institute of Oriental Heritage, Kolkata. The award was conferred on him by Prof. Dr Ramkrishna Sastri, Chairman, Indian Institute of Oriental Heritage,

Kolkata, on the occasion of the 43rd Annual International Conference on ‘Oriental Heritage 2020,’ held at Rabindra Bhavan Auditorium, Kolkata, on 07 February 2020. The MST congratulates Fr M. D. Thomas who has received this award, in recognition of his high scholastic order and patronage to the cause of research and development in the study of Oriental Learning and for the propagation and popularization of ancient knowledge linked in a befitting manner to modern perspectives.

b. Fr Ashok Kollamkudy: The popular communion hymn –



*Divyakarunyame
Hrithin Aanandame...*

of Fr Kollamkudy is now produced in his own vocal version. This famous song was composed by Fr Kollamkudy in 2015 and has been in wider

circulation ever since. This particular hymn as well as his other new releases are made available through the YouTube channel of our academy in Mumbai. Congratulations to the initiatives of Fr Kollamkudy. Please remember to subscribe and share the YouTube channel – ‘Kalasadhana Navi Mumbai’

15. Status of Upcoming Common Programmes

In the context of Covid-19 contingency, the upcoming common programmes of the month of April (Gathering of the Major Seminarians and Interregional Gathering at Mandya of Group I) are postponed to a later time. Similarly, if there are any changes in other scheduled common programmes, we will keep you informed through WhatsApp and Emails.

16. Monthly News Bulletins by the Mission Regions

It has been decided in the previous meeting of the General Council with the Councils of the Regions/Delegation that the Mission Regions will be issuing separate bimonthly (every two months) News Bulletins and will be circulating them electronically among all members of the MST, from the month of March 2020. This is in view of empowering the Mission Regions of the MST towards relative autonomy (Resolution #3 of GA 2018). As usual, the **MST World** will be published and circulated quarterly and will carry the news items from the seminaries, centres/institutions and co-ordinations directly under the central administration, in addition to the pieces of information of common interest from the Mission Regions.

III. Transfers and Assignments/Appointments

A. St Paul Region

Chakkungal Varghese – Relieved from St Paul Region and appointed as Parish Priest of Pakke Kessang of the Diocese of Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

Kalarickal Thomas - Relieved from the Eparchy of Ujjain and St Paul Region

Kochumalayil Manu – To be Relived from St Paul Region (w.e.f. 20 April 2020)

Koottarapallil Jacob – Relieved from the Eparchy of Ujjain Appointed Asst. Priest in Charge Santhome Bhavan, Indore and Asst. Director, Nirmal Jyoti Educational and Charitable Society, Indore

Neendukunnel Jose – Assigned to Diocese of Shamshabad for pastoral ministry in Nagpur within St Paul Region, Ujjain

Pottananiyil Bince - Assigned to St Paul Region and Appointed Asst. Priest in Charge, St Joseph's Catholic Church, Shajapur and District Co-ordinator of Social Apostolate, Shajapur District

Thannippara Joseph Sr. – Assigned to St Paul Region and Appointed Priest in Charge, Catholic Church, Bajrangarh, Eparchy of Ujjain

Velloor Jithin – Assigned to St Paul Region and Appointed Asst. Priest in Charge, St Xavier's Catholic Church, Nagda and Coordinator of Social Apostolate, Nagda Zone

B. St Thomas Region

Mlavil Akhil – Relieved as Asst. Director, Ashasadan, Mandya

Pathalil Toms – Assigned to St Thomas Region and appointed Asst. Director, Rayadurga Mission, Andhra Pradesh

Ramachanatt Tony – Assigned to St Thomas Region and appointed temporarily at Sathyamangalam, Tamil Nadu

C. St Alphonsa Region

Kadaparambil Rijo – Relieved Director, Cherish Amberi and from St Alphonsa Region (w.e.f. Easter 2020)

Karakkattu Arun – Relieved, Director, Dilasa Bhavan, Miraj and from St Alphonsa Region (w.e.f. Easter 2020)

Manjackal Jins - Assigned to St Alphonsa Region

Mathasseril Markose – Assigned to St Alphonsa Region

Puthenpurayil Michael – Assigned to St Alphonsa Region

Vedikunnel Arun – Assigned to St Alphonsa Region

D. St Mary Queen of the Missions Delegation

Alummottil Antu – Relieved Asst. Director, Deepti Ashram, Najafgarh and appointed Asst. Priest in Charge, Mother Teresa Catholic Mission, Ludhiana:

Kachirayil George – Appointed Asst. Director, Deepti Foundation, Delhi

Karodan Joseph – Relieved from, Kristjyoti Catholic Mission, Rohru, Himachal Pradesh and appointed Director, Deepti Ashram, Najafgarh,

Kolliyil Aby – Asst. Priest in Charge, Dhuri, Punjab (New Mission Centre)

Kureeckatt Cyril – Appointed Priest in Charge, Bhikhi, Punjab (New Mission Centre)

Kuruvanplakkal Abin – Relieved as Asst. Priest in Charge, Maur Mandi and assigned for MSW Studies, Delhi and House in Charge of Deepti Nivas, Dilshad Garden, Delhi

Pathrapankal Sanoj – Appointed Priest in Charge, Dhuri, Punjab (New Mission Centre)

Puliyannakkal Joice – Relieved, Manager, St Thomas School, and Priest in charge of Bathinda and appointed Principal, St Thomas School, Bathinda.

Thazhathuveetil Binoy – Appointed Priest in charge, Sant Yusaf Sadan & Manager, St Thomas School, Bathinda (w.e.f. 20 April 2020)

Thelliyil Jubit – Relieved as Principal -Battinda, Punjab and assigned to start a new mission centre at Chandigarh

Thettalickal John – Relieved as Second Councillor and Procurator, Mary Queen of Mission Delegation

E. Seminaries

Aniyekatt Kisincher – Appointed Vice-Rector, Deepti College, Melampara

Kannamthadam Benny – Relieved as formator from Deepti College, Melampara

Koottumkal Binoy – Appointed Procurator, Jeevanjyoti, Srirangapatna (Additional)

Maprayil Manu – Relieved as Formator Deepti College and House Procurator, Deepti Bhavan, Melampara

Mathasseril Markose - Relieved as Procurator from Jeevan Jyoti, Srirangapatna

Puthenpurayil Michael –Relieved as Vice- Rector and Formator, Deepti College, Melampara

Thazhathuveetil Binoy – Relieved as Finance Officer, Ruhelaya Major Seminary, Ujjain (w.e.f. 15 April 2020)

Thettalickal John - Appointed Finance Officer, Ruhelaya Major Seminary, Ujjain (w.e.f. 15 April 2020)

F. Overseas Missions/Studies

Edathiparampil Mathew - Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

Kannamundayil Bino –Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Latina, Italy

Karickamukalel Benny – Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Munich, Germany

Koorumullumpurayidam George – Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

Kuliraniyil Mathew – Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Marquette, Michigan, USA

Madhavappallil Thomas - Pastoral Ministry in the Archdiocese of Vienna, Austria

Moothasseril Cyriac – Assigned for theology studies, in *Kardinal Walter Kasper Institute of Philosophisch-Theologische*,

Hochschule, Vallendar, Germany

Olikkra Joseph - Transferred from VA hospital at Lebanon in Pennsylvania to the VA Medical Center at Bay Pine in Florida

Pullattu Chacko – Relieved from the Diocese of Latina and returned to India

G. Other Missions/Ministries/Centres

Chakkungal Aji: Appointed Parish Priest, Pakke Kessang, Diocese of Itanagr, Arunachal Pradesh

Kolthambrayil Siju – To be relieved from the Eparchy of Chanda (w.e.f. Easter 2020)

Kuzhiyadiyil Binish – Appointed in Odisha Mission

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Manikombel Lijo – Relieved from the Diocese of Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

Maniyalil Jibin - Appointed in Odisha Mission

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V News from Seminaries

A. Deepti College, Melampara

1. New Priests' Day 2020

Seminarians returned after a wonderful Christmas vacation on January 4th. The new priests' day was celebrated on January 5th. All the 13 New Priests participated in it. Deepti was enthralled to see all the 13 of them around the Altar. There was a very solemn Holy Mass by them and all the Fathers from Generalate, and Aram participated in it. Their presence and messages were very rousing for the seminarians.

2. Tapioca Boiling Fest

The much looked for "tapioca boiling" arrived on January 17th. Everyone at Deepti was so glad to participate actively in it though tiresome and demanding. This year as well we had a bumper crop. It lasted for two days and followed a day of rest.

3. SLEEHUSA 2020

A ceremonial sending forth of the new priests (missionaries) to the mission field was arranged from January 3 to 6th. Fr Viju Muringassery was the main co-coordinator of the programme. In connection with it there was a basketball match between the new priests and the seminarians. Seminarians were very excited to win the match. Very Rev. Fr General celebrated the Holy Mass on 6th, in his message he said family is the field in which every vocation is grown and nourished. It was attended by the parents of the new priests. It was a unique experience for them.

4. Picnic 2020

The much desired day for the seminarians arrived on January 10th. In the early morning, with Holy Mass we started our picnic journey to IMPACT at Kakkanad where Frs Panjikanan, Lijesh and Madathiparampil accorded a very warm welcome and arranged breakfast for us. Thanks dear fathers. Then we proceeded to St Thomas mount where His beatitude Cardinal George Alenchery and other Fathers pleasurably welcomed and appreciated our visit. Major Archbishop in his message said that Syro-Malabar church expects a lot from the MST priests and seminarians in the field of mission

work. He distributed many gifts to the seminarians. A boat journey in to the Arabian Sea will be etched in the mind of the seminarians for long. A blissful evening at Cherai beach was the climax of the picnic and reached home by 10:30 p.m.

5. Foundation Day

This year, the Foundation day was marked by a Bible Convention. It was the First anniversary of the Bible convention we started every fourth Saturday of the month. The convention was guided by Frs Saju Thuppalanjil and Binoy Purayidom. The neighboring fathers, sisters, Santhome fellowship members, neighbors etc attended the convention and the Agape. It was an opportune time for the release of the ARUN Manuscript 2019-20. It was released by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, Director General MST. Thanks to Fr Joseph Kannamthadathil and other Editorial members of ARUN.

6. Annual Examination/ Vacation

Study leave and modal exams started on February 15th. First year students had to complete their examinations by March 14th. Due to the water scarcity First years were given summer holidays on 15th March. The plus One and Two exams started by March 10th. Due to the CORONA PANDEMIC the board exams were postponed indefinitely and the seminarians were asked to go and stay at home from March 20th.

7. Farewell ... Good bye... Dear Fathers...

Deepti seminary is very sad to witness that three of its formation team members are bidding farewell to us. Rev. Frs Michael Puthenpurayil. Manu Maprayil and Joseph Kannamthadathil are given a very emotional parting on March 14, 2020. Fathers from Generalate, and *Aaram* joined together to appreciate, felicitate and express gratitude for their selfless and dedicated service to Deepti seminary and community. Fr Michael was in the formation team for Four years, the first two years as spiritual Father and the last two years as Vice-Rector; Fr Manu served as the house procurator and professor for two years and Fr Joseph Kannamthadathil served one year as Hindi professor and father prefect. Thank you fathers for your have been so dependable, supportive and encouraging during

your stay here. Your new places and assignment is incredibly lucky to have you. Keep doing great things for God and Man. Be in touch, God bless you.

8. New Vice Rector for Deepti College

Deepti Seminary is blessed with a spirit filled person in the formation team. Fr Kisincher Aniyekattu is appointed as new Vice Rector of Deepti Seminary. He has come back after meritoriously completing doctoral studies in Pneumatology from Switzerland. Congratulations and warm welcome dear Father Kisincher.

(Reported by Fr George Kuppayil, Rector, Deepti College, Melampara)

B. SANTHOME SEMINARY, THAMARASSERY

We the members of Santhome Family are keeping fine and had a good time as a whole. I would like to start the News and events of our Seminary from where we stopped in the previous edition of this Quarterly, and this would cover up the News and events from the middle of December to the end of March.

1. Second Term Examinations

The second term examinations started for all brothers on Dec. 14th and got over on 20th, the last exam being the “Scriptura” – writing the Bible verses organized by the FIAT Mission. Some brothers wrote around 200 Bible Verses. The prizes are expected.

2. Christmas Celebrations



A very beautiful and Natural Crib was made by the Third Year Brothers and we had a beautiful Christmas ceremony of blessing of the crib, procession and “*Thee Kaayikkal*” etc in the

evening on Dec. 21st, followed by a vegetarian dinner. Many of our Brothers are participating for the first time in the “*Thee Kaayikkal*” ceremony.

3. Christmas Holidays

All Brothers left for their Christmas holidays (Dec. 22 – Jan.03, 2020) after the Holy Qurbana, many of them were encouraged to travel by Train and they did so.

4. Basketball Coaching

12 Brothers from all batches were selected for intensive Basketball coaching (Dec. 27 – Jan.04) in view of the forth-coming Basketball Inter Seminary match at Thalassery. A retired Basketball coach trained them in the morning and evening.

5. Demise of Sister of Fr Mattam

Mrs Annakutty Antony Cheripuram, beloved sister of Fr Emmanuel Mattam was called to eternal bliss on Jan.01 and some of the staff and the representatives of brothers participated in the funeral on Jan.03 at Chengalam.

6. Birthdays Celebrated

Fr Abin Kochupurackal celebrated his birthday with the Staff (Jan.02). The celebration was postponed to another day when brothers returned after their holidays. Fr Johny Kariathil celebrated his Birthday on 25th January, Fr Joseph Pulavelil, on 10th Feb. and Fr Shaijan, on 28th March.

7. Happy Return ‘Home’

Returning to Santhome Seminary by 6.00 pm on January 3, 2020, all Brothers took part in the Holy Qurbana and the Feast of St Chavara Kuriakose Elias. at 7. O’clock.

8. Basket and Volleyball Coaching

All brothers had Basketball and Volley Ball coaching from the early morning till evening on January 04, 2020. Fr Shaijan trained them Volleyball while Fr Arun Vedikunnel trained them in Basketball. The Holy Qurbana was at 7.O’clock in the evening.

9. Monthly Recollections

Before beginning the new term, it is good to refresh and start anew everything. Fr George CMI from Kozhikode guided our brothers in the monthly recollection on Sunday, Jan. 05, 2020. Fr Joseph

Kannamangalath, Rector of MSFS Seminary, preached the Monthly Recollection on Sunday, March 08.

10. Epiphany – *Pindikuthi Thirunnal*



Second Year Brothers prepared a “Pindi” in the middle of our courtyard with many lamps on it and after saying Ramsa in the Chapel, we all in a procession went near the “*Pindi*” chanting ‘elpayya’ and then sang the Song and commemorated

the Baptism of our Lord Jesus at 8 O’clock on Jan.05th in the evening. It was a new experience for many of us.

11. *Preshitha Vaaram*

Our Seminary also participated in the Syro-Malabar Preshitha Vaaram (Jan.06-12) with Prayers and Oath. We remembered all our missionaries and prayed for them!

12. New Priests’ Day

All the 13 New Priests arrived in the Seminary early in the morning on Jan.06th and we organized Basketball and Volley ball matches for them, and the New Priests won both the events. Rector gave away the prizes.

In the evening a beautiful sharing session by the New Priests and some games were organized. The Rector officially welcomed the new Priests and Fr Johny Kariathil and Fr James Marottikudy



welcomed them with flowers. After their sharing and games, the new priests were given gifts from the part of the Seminary by Fr Shaijan, Fr Abin and Fr Rony. Fr Joseph Pulavelil presented all of them with a Papal Blessing each. With a high dinner, the day's curtain was down.

In the morning on Jan.07th, all the New Priests with Fr Mathew Madickankal being the main celebrant, celebrated the Holy Qurbana. Fr Joseph Pottanany delivered a beautiful homily on cost of discipleship. After the breakfast, they left for Jeevan Jyoti, S.R. Patna in the public transportation.

13. Visitors from Himachal Pradesh

Fr Siby Nelloor along with 18 people from Himachal Pradesh arrived on Jan. 07 in the evening. They stayed here for two days as Jan. 08



was a National Bandh. Hindi Holy Qurbana was celebrated for them by Rector and preached in Hindi. Brothers and the visitors performed some programme. Fr Siby thanked all for the love and concern, and invited all to his place in Himachal

Pradesh.

14. KAPPA VATT

We bought tapioca from the Bishop's House and started peeling it on Jan.09th in the evening. Sisters from SABS Provincial House came to help us. Fr Mathew Pulimoottil, the Finance Officer of the Diocese of Thamarassery



came in the early morning of January 10 to help us boiling the tapioca. It got over in the evening. All brothers and fathers actively participated in it and enjoyed it.

15. Good Will Day

All Brothers enjoyed their Good will Day by going to the Cathedral Parish to participate in the Parish feast, on January 12, 2020.

16. Visit of Frs Perumanoor and Kureeckal

In order to meet all the third year brothers personally, Fr Francis Kureeckal visited us on Jan.13-14th and Fr Antony Perumanoor, from Feb. 24 – 26. The latter met all the brothers of the Seminary personally.

17. Mission Seminar at Sanathana

Santhome Community participated in the Mission Seminar organized by the MCBS Seminary on 16 January where Bp Mar James Athikalam MST, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor etc. were the resource persons.

18. ‘MUSIC NIGHT’

To exhibit the singing talents, all are given a chance to sing where all fathers and Brothers sang their favourite songs. Music Night began at 9.00 p.m. and ended at 10.15 p.m. on Jan.19. Many brothers made use of this chance.

19. Feast of St Sebastian

Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram was the main celebrant and inspired with a beautiful homily on St Sebastian, on 20 January. He remembered the aspirations of Bp Sebastian Vayalil about MST.

20. Inter-Seminary Matches



Our Brothers went to Thalassery to participate in the ‘Mar Valloppilly Memorial Basketball Tournament’ on Jan.25th and they could not withstand the powerful opponent in the first round itself. Our Brothers

also participated in the 'Mar Mankuzhikary Memorial Volleyball Tournament' conducted for the first time by Thamarassery Diocese on Jan.28th and were out in semi-final.

21. Republic Day Celebration

Fr Shaijan, the Vice Rector, hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Message of the day. Rector was down with Fever.

22. Seminary Picnic



The Seminary Picnic was organized to Kannur and Parasinikadavu Snake Park, on Jan.27. Brothers enjoyed the Payambalam Beach, Beach Football,

Kannur Fort, Flower show etc.

23. 'MOONNU NOMBU'

Fr Rector explained the meaning and importance of the Moonnu Nombu and many brothers observed the three days' fast from 3-5 February.

24. Bi-Annual Retreat

The Second Bi-annual Retreat for our Brothers was held in the Golden Jubilee Retreat Centre, Engapuzha from the evening on Tuesday, 04th Feb. till in the evening on 07th Feb. The Director and his team conducted the retreat very experiential for the brothers. They were really motivated and convinced of their Vocation.

25. Rector's Day

The Birthday of the Rector is celebrated as Rector's Day and our Brothers organized volleyball match between fathers and brothers on 10 February 2020. All fathers played their best and defeated the brothers. During the Match, Fr Abin met with an



accident and broke his ligament of his left leg. There were many more games for all members of the community including our domestic staff. The cultural programme in the evening was very colourful and

the 'Birthday Baby' distributed gifts to all.

26. Monthly Recollection for Formators

All the Formators of Santhome Seminary, MSFS Seminary, MCBS Seminary, OCD Seminary and the Diocesan Minor Seminary met in the MSFS Seminary for their prayer and confessions. The second meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th February at 6.00 pm, and 20 Formators participated.

27. MST Foundation Day

Rev. Fr Zacharias Thamarakkatt was the main celebrant of the day. In order to add colour to the day, there organized a Volleyball Match between the brothers.

28. Ash Monday and 'Lenten Sharing'

Ash Monday liturgical service was held in the morning of Feb. 24 and the main celebrant was Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor. Later in the evening, the Community started sharing useful things in the room arranged for the 'Lenten Sharing'. These materials collected through 'Lenten Sharing' were distributed on Sunday, March 22nd. Rector thanked all for sharing things for all.

29. Release of "Quest"

The artistic talents of brothers got collected into the Seminary manuscript called "Quest". The Chief Guest was our Director General himself and he released the magazine on Feb. 25 and appreciated the students and the staff.



30. Examinations

All our Brothers along with the Plus One and Plus Two started their final exams on March 10. The Model Exams of Plus One and Plus Two were held in the second week of February, and they had their study leave from the first week of March onwards.

31. Visit of Pioneer Missionaries

It was a rarest of the rarest occasion to have the gracious presence of Vaidika Ratnam Fr Sebastian Thuruthel and Rev. Fr John

Kadookunnel along with Rev. Fr Kureeckal and Fr Monse, on March 11. We celebrated their 65th Ordination Day (March 15) in anticipation by cutting the Cake and garlanding them with *Ponnada*. Their message really enriched all of us. Fr John is coming for the first time after the Seminary started here. Fr Sebastian Thuruthel is our visiting professor. They left for Mandya on the following day.

32. Operation for Fr Kochupurackal

Fr Abin Kochupurackal underwent a ligament operation today in the Fathima Matha Mission Hospital, Kalpetta, Wayanad on 12 March. His operation was very successful and he was discharged on March 14th.

33. Feast of St Joseph – Workers’ Day

The Feast of St Joseph (19 March) was celebrated with the Holy Qurbana in the morning and the day was observed to honour our domestic staff who were invited to sit with the Seminary Staff during the Dinner and their great service was appreciated and gifts were distributed.



34. End of The Academic Year

The Academic Year had an abrupt ending on 22 March, as the Government postponed all examinations and the news that the border of all Kerala districts will be closed in the midnight. Two Tempo travellers were organized to Pala and Payyavoor in the late evening and sent all brothers in them. They all reached their homes peacefully.

35. Mission Experience Sharing

Many eminent Missionaries like Fr Sebastian Thuruthel, Fr John Kadookunnel, Fr George Kavukatt, Fr Joseph Vazhuthanappally, Fr Joseph Kulathingal, Fr Joseph Thannipara shared their mission experiences and enlightened us.

36. Declamations

All Brothers delivered their declamations very well. The best ones

were awarded.

37. Visitors to Santhome Seminary

Bp Mar James Athikalam, Fr Antony Perumanoor, Fr Francis Kureeckal, Fr Peter Kavumpuram, Fr Monse Karuvakkunnel, Fr Joseph Vazhuthanappally, Fr Joseph Kulathinkal, Fr Joseph Thannippara, Fr George Kavukattu, Fr Baiju Nellikunnel, Fr Mathew Pulimoottil, Fr Mathew Mavelil, Fr George CMI, Fr Siby Nelloor, Fr Joseph Kannamangalath MSFS, Fr Mathew Olickal MCBS, Fr Sebastian Elamkunnel, Fr Sojan Karotte, Fr Zacharias Thamarakattu, Fr Biji Kudukkamthadam, Fr Manu Maprayil, MST New Priests.

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

C. Jeevan Jyoti, Srirangapatna

1. English Course

A week long intensive English course was conducted for the brothers by Fr Johny Kariathil from 30th December 2019 to 4th January 2020 in view of the entrance exams to the Major Seminaries.

2. Biannual Retreat

The biannual retreat under the guidance of Fr. Jinto MC was conducted from 5th to 8th January. He stressed the value of vocation during the retreat. Brothers were spiritually enriched after the retreat.

3. New Priests' Day

The new priests' day was conducted on 8th January. The solemn Hindi Mass was celebrated by the new priests in the evening and



shared their experiences on their way to priesthood in the gathering conducted soon after the Mass.

4. Visitors from Shimla

A group of faithful from Shimla arrived at Jeevan Jyoti on 9th January and on the very next day we had Holy Mass with them and an interactive session with them soon after the breakfast.

5. Prayer Day

January 11th 2020 was observed as the MST prayer day and almost all the fathers who are currently working in Mandya Region attended the one hour prayer service from 7pm to 8 pm in the seminary chapel. Brothers also joined the prayer session and made intercessory prayers and prayed for all the mission centres and the Jeevan Jyothi community. Fathers had a short gathering, under the leadership of Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, after supper.

6. Charity Day



January 18th 2020 was a day meant for charity as 22 of our brothers went out to donate blood as part of a blood donation camp organized in the Srirangapatna Taluk Hospital.

7. Community Day

January 20, being the feast day of Fr Rector was declared the community day. It was a free day packed with fun and enjoyment and some fathers came to greet Fr Rector on his feast.

8. Day with the Mentally Ill

A one day long exposure programme to Manasadhara was arranged on 25 of January. We had our Holy Mass with the mentally ill people and our lunch with them thereafter. We got time to spend with the inmates of Manasadhara





and also with the villagers of Konanahalli. In the evening we met the children who are coming for tuition and had a volley ball match with the youth. It was a different experience for all.

9. Republic Day

The Republic day of our country was celebrated solemnly. Fr Sunny Mundackal was the chief guest of that day. He hoisted the flag and gave a message in which he stressed the role of missionaries in bringing out a better India.



10. Entrance Exams

The entrance exams to Ruhalya Major Seminary were conducted from February 4(Tuesday) to February 6(Thursday).

11. Visit of Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath



Bishop Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath, the bishop of Mandya, visited Jeevan Jyoti on 10th February. He gave an inspiring talk on the challenges of religious life and interacted with the brothers in a very friendly manner.

12. Home Day

Our home day was conducted on February 16(Sunday). Bishop Mar Sebastian Vadakkal MST was the chief guest. Our





programmes started by the blessing of the newly constructed grotto in front of the seminary followed by the multilingual Holy Mass. We had a small cultural programme after this in the seminary auditorium.

13. Visit of Superiors

Very Rev. Fr. Antony Perumannor MST, Director General and Fr. Francis Kureeckal MST, formation in charge, visited Jeevan Jyoti on February 17(Monday) and January 30(Thursday) respectively to have personal conference with the brothers.

14. Weeklong Course



A week long class on Human Sexuality, led by Fr. Thomas Kandathil CM, was conducted from February 17(Monday) to February 25(Tuesday).

15. Sports Day

The sports day of Jeevan Jyoti was conducted on 7th March at the Jyoti Nivas school ground. It was a day packed with joy.

16. Mission Excursions



Mission excursions were conducted on 8th and 15th of March in which we visited Vimalalaya, Guthalu, Sanjo Hospital, Divya Sadana Rudrakshipura, Chaithanya, Kikkeri, Christhalaya, Hadanur



and Gulabi Sadana, Ragimuddanahalli. We also visited Sravana Belagola and tomb of Servant of God Rajendra Swamy.

17. Visit of the Pioneers

Fr. Sebastian Thuruthel and Fr. John Kadookunnel, the pioneer members of MST, visited Jeevan Jyoti on 12th March and inspired the brothers by sharing their missionary experience.

18. Day for Rosary and Bible

March 16 was a day reserved for Bible reading and Rosary. Brothers



were divided into different groups and they read the Bible and prayed the Rosary all day long presenting various intentions. Rev. Fr Salas Karikandathil, the Regional Procurator was the main celebrant for the day.

(Reported by Bro. Geo Nirappel, Jeevan Jyoti, Srirangapatna)

D. Ruhalaya Major Seminary, Ujjain

1. Christmas Holidays and Ordinations

All the students of Theologate and most of the staff members went to Kerala for attending the Ordinations of our deacons which were held from 26th December to 2nd January. This year we had 11 Ordinations. Brothers of Philosophate were sent to different Mission Stations for the Christmas celebrations and a short mission exposure.

2. Seminar on Christian Philosophy

A philosophical seminar on 'Christian philosophy' was organized for the students of Ruhalaya on 14th January. Rev Fr Sebastian Palamootil, the then dean of studies and the present Rector of the St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Aluva was the resource person.

3. Visit of Bishop Mar Thomas Tharayil

His Excellency, Mar Thomas Tharayil, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Changanachery visited Ruhalaya and stayed with us for a day. He was here to meet the students of Changanachery Archdiocese.

4. Visit of Bishop Mar James Athikalam

His Excellency Bishop Mar James Athikalam, the bishop of Sagar diocese visited Ruhalaya on 1st February. He was the main celebrant of the Holy Mass. Both the communities of Ruhalaya came together in the chapel of Theologate for the Holy Mass.

5. Bible Quiz

The final round of the Inter Seminary Bible Quiz was held on 9th





February 2020. Thirteen Major Seminaries from various parts of the country participated in the final round. These thirteen representatives were the top scorers selected from the thirty Major Seminaries that participated in the first round of competition. Bro. Vijay Kumar of Probodhana Seminary won the first prize and Bro. Johnson Vamattathil of Ruhalya won the second prize and Bro. Godwin Edakalathoor of Vadavathoor Seminary won the third prize. Very Rev. Fr. Manoj Vareeckal, the Vicar General of the diocese of Ujjain was the chief guest and Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura was the guest of honour on the occasion. Hearty congratulations to Rev. Fr Manoj Parackal the quiz master!

6. Visit of the Formation Secretary

Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal, the Vice Director General and the Formation Secretary visited Ruhalya on 15th February to meet the staff and students. He met the staff members and Theology brothers individually and held separate meetings with the MST brothers of the Philosophy section. He met the entire staff of the Seminary and appreciated the service of the staff and gave his observations and guidelines.

7. Ekta Divas 2020

The Ekta Divas 2020 was organized at the Philosophate on 16th February. Almost 400 children and youth from the neighbouring villages participated in the event. There were various games and cultural programs organized for them. The winners were given prizes,



and lunch prepared by the 3rd Year Brothers was provided to all the participants of Ekta Divas. Rev. Sisters from the neighbouring communities (SABS, CMC and DST) extended their helping hands in conducting the programs.

8. Second Semester Exams

The second semester exams started on the 4th and 20th March at Philosophate and Theologate respectively. The third year Philosophy students had their written and oral comprehensive exams on 18 and 22nd March respectively.

9. MST Foundation Day



Ruhalaya celebrated the 52nd Foundation Day of the MST on the 22nd February. Rev. Fr Thomas Parayady was the main celebrant of the solemn Holy Qurbana celebrated at the Theologate. A friendly volleyball match was conducted between brothers of Theology and Philosophy sections and the Philosophers won the match. Music Night 2020 was organized at the Philosophate in the evening at 6



pm. Rev. Sisters and Candidates from the neighbouring communities attended the program.

10. Visit of Bishop Mar Narikulam

Bishop Mar Ephrem Narikulam of the diocese of Chanda visited Ruhhalaya on 11th March. He stayed with us for two days and celebrated Holy Mass for the whole community. The main purpose of his visit was to meet the brothers from Chanda diocese.

11. Covid 19

In view of closing the Seminary earlier due to the outbreak of Covid 19, exams were anticipated however, all of them could not be completed. Cancelling the previously booked train tickets, the brothers booked their train tickets again for 23rd and 24th of March. However, as the trains were cancelled due to the spread of Corona, the students could not travel on those days either! Yet, 31 brothers from the Theologate chose to travel by flight to Kerala on 24th March. The remaining 11 students in the Theolgate and the entire students community of Philosophate together with the entire staff of Ruhhalaya are staying back in their respective campuses due to the lockdown of the entire nation. Organizing special prayers and Adoration, we express our solidarity with the whole world, particularly with our Motherland!

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

VI. NEWS FROM MISSIONS

N.B. News items from the Mission Regions are now being separately circulated (electronically) through the Regional News Bulletins published bimonthly -every two months (from March 2020).

A. MARY QUEEN OF MISSIONS DELEGATION

1. Monthly Recollection

Monthly Recollection for the month of January was conducted in Deepti Ashram, Najafgarh. Rev. Fr Joseph SBD was the preacher. After the Adoration and the Confession we had a discussion about the missionary growth of the Delegation.

2. MST Day Celebration

We had a solemn celebration of MST foundation day on 19 February 2020 at Deepti Foundation. The celebration began with the Biblical



talk by Rev. Fr Varghese, the parish priest of St Pious X Church, Dilshad Garden. The talk was followed by confession and Adoration. All the members of Delhi Delegation were present for the talk and the discussion there after. We had a lunch out and a movie on this day.

3. Visit of Director General and Councilors

Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor along with Rev Fr. Thomas Karamel and Rev. Fr. Joy Kunnel visited the Delhi Delegation from 15th to 20th March. They visited all the mission stations in Punjab

including Mother Theresa Catholic Mission Center, Delhon, St Joseph's Mission Centre at Bhadaur and encouraged the missionary activity done by Fr Jose Vallikattu, St Thomas School Bathinda and saw the development of the mission center. They were personally present at the time of land purchases at Dhuri and Bhikki. They also visited our centers in Delhi.

4. Mother Theresa Catholic Mission Center, Delhon

4.1. Visit of Bishop Mar Jose Puthenveettil



Bishop Mar Jose Puthenveettil, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Faridabad, along with Msgr. Cyriac Kochalungal and Fr. Martin visited Mother Teresa Catholic Mission and St . Thomas Convent School, Rurka Dehlon on 16th March 2020.

4.2. Visit of the Director General

Very Rev. Fr. Antony Perumanoor along with Rev Fr. Thomas Karamel, Rev. Fr. Joy Kunnel, Rev Fr. Santhosh Olapurackal and Rev. Fr. Shijomon Thettalical visited Mother Teresa Catholic Mission and St . Thomas Convent School Rurka, Dehlon on 16th March 2020.

4.3. Blessing of New Rented Convent Building



On 17th March 2020 Rev Fr. Antony Perumanoor, Director General blessed the new rented Convent building at Rurka Dehlon. Rev. Fr. Santhosh Olapurackal and Rev. Fr Shijomon Thettalical were

present for the blessing.

5. Maur Mandi & Land at Bhikhi

MST has purchased 3.67 acres of land in Bhikhi on 19th March for its missionary expansion. Very Rev. Fr. Antony Perumanoor along



with Rev Fr. Thomas Karamel, Rev. Fr. Joy Kunnel, Rev Fr. Santhosh Olapurackal and Rev. Fr. Shijomon Thettalical, Rev. Fr Joice Pulianmackal, Rev. Fr Jubit Thelliyil, Rev Fr Sanoj Pathrapankal and Rev. Fr Aby Kolliyiil were present on the day of resgistration. This land is 35 kms away from the present mission station. So station will be shifted from Maur Mandi to Bhikhi.

6. Deepti Foundation, Dilshad Garden

Women's day celebration was organized on 7th of March in the community Hall of Mother Teresa Convent at Prem Nagar, Leprosy Colony, Tahirpur, Dilshad Garden. Sr Alphonsina, the Superior of



Mother Teresa Convent was the chief guest. Women's day was jointly celebrated by Gyansarovar project and Manos project. More than 400 women participated in the celebration. Members from different Self Help Groups performed different cultural programmes and Miss Nayana Cherian addressed gathering regarding the importance of role of women in developing the nation. Programme was concluded by 1.30pm followed by lunch for all the participants of the meeting.

7. Uksi – New Property at Dhuri

One year old search, prayer and study for a new land in Punjab came true on 17th March as we registered a plot of 3.11 Acres of



land in Dhuri in Sangarur.

The town has a population of nearly one Lakh and has no Catholic presence. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor along with Rev Fr. Thomas Karamel,

Rev. Fr Joy Kunnel, Rev Fr Santhosh Olapurackal and Rev. Fr. Shijomon Thettalical. Rev. Fr Joice Pulianmackal, Rev. Fr Jubit

Thelliyil and Rev. Fr Bobby Kayyalakkakathu were present on the day of registration.

8. Deepti Ashram, Najafgarh

8.1. Boys outing

We had taken the boys for outing. We had a movie and lunch from outside.

8.2. Monthly Recollection

Monthly recollection for MST fathers of Delhi delegation was conducted in Deepti ashram on 14th January. Fr Joseph SDB led the recollection.

8.3. Eucharistic Procession

Eucharistic procession under the leadership of SD sisters conducted in the parish on 18th January. We went to all the houses. It was really an enriching experience for all of us.

8.4. Republic day celebration

We celebrated the Republic Day in full vigour and enthusiasm. Rev. Fr. Antu Alummoottil hoisted the flag and Bro. Shaljin Shaji gave the message of Republic Day. Children performed different kinds of programmes connected with Republic Day. Same day we had taken the children for an outing. The whole day was filled with joy and fun.

8.5. Visit of youth

A group of youth under the leadership of Mrs. Monica Paul visited Deepti ashram. They brought one time meal for all children. They



also donated many necessary things for children.

8.6. Visit of Mrs. Reni & Family

On 16th of January Mrs. Reni and family visited Deepti Ashram and distributed meal for children.

8.7. Holi Celebration

We celebrated Holi in solemn way. Mrs. Jyoti gave a message regarding the importance of Holi celebration. Children played with colours and water during the day.



Reported by Rev. Fr Sanoj Pathrapankal, MQMD)

9. Rohru, Himachal Pradesh

a. Christmas Celebrations

Considering Christmas as an opportune time for catechetical formation, we had fifteen days of intensive preparation for the celebration of Christmas for the community, in which children prepared dances, songs, drama etc. We also prepared a beautiful crib with the help of children.



Christmas day was celebrated with praise and worship, cultural programmes, Christmas gifts for children, prize distribution for essay



competition and Christmas lunch. We found the attendance of more people this year compared to the previous year, which is an encouraging sign of positive response to our involvement in the area.

b. Catechetical Trip to South India

A group of 17 faithful from our community at Rohru, HP visited



Kerala and Mandya mission as part of a catechetical trip. The idea was to introduce them to the Syro-Malabar faith tradition, sacraments, priestly and religious formations and various other apostolates. As part of it we participated in different parish feasts, visited traditional parishes, attended ordination, marriages, baptism, funeral, and various apostolates like old age homes, school for the mentally challenged, hospital, school etc.

We made visits to some of the seminaries like Jeevan Jyoti, Mandya, Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery and Sanathana- the major seminary of the MCBS in Thamarassery. The seminary authorities accorded as a warm welcome to our members and organized cultural



programmes in our honour. There were also sharing sessions with the seminarians.

We visited Deepti Bhavan and the members enjoyed the hospitality offered by the Director General and other members in the Generalate. The visit to our Major Archbishop Cardinal Alencherry is another highlight of the tour. They really enjoyed his love and compassion for them.

c. Covid in Rohru

With covid 19, life in Rohu is completely stagnant. All our activities are totally closed for a while, however everyday morning a three minutes WhatsApp prayer message is send to our faithful.

(Reported by Fr Siby Nelloor, Khristjyoti, Rohru, H.P.)

10. IHPS, Delhi (Personal Initiative)

10.1 Mini-Encyclopedia of Religions

‘Fellowship of Religions,’ a ‘mini-encyclopedia of religions,’ edited



and coordinated by Dr M. D. Thomas, was launched, at Indian Social Institute, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, on 15 February 2020, at 15.30 hours. Launching

the book was organized by Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies, New Delhi. Dr M. D. Thomas, Editor and Co-ordinator of the book and Founder Director, Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies, New Delhi, welcomed the dignitaries and the audience. He introduced the book and the theme it advocates, too. The guests on the podium were presented stole by way of an honourable welcome and they were introduced before they delivered their lectures, as well.

10.2 Lifetime Achievement Award'

Fr Dr M. D. Thomas, Founder Director, Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies, New Delhi, is accorded '**Lifetime Achievement**

Award’ from Indian Institute of Oriental Heritage, Kolkata, an international Institute of Oriental Studies and Research. The award



consisted of Citation, Memento and Shawl. The award is sure to boost his ethical fibre up, towards greater dedication in

the above line.

The current award comes to Fr Dr Thomas after 18 awards and certificates of honour. A few of the main awards he has received for outstanding contribution to language, literature, education, culture, communal harmony, inter-faith relations, peace, social service, etc. are – ‘Saahityik Kriti Sammaan’, ‘Swami Devanand Hindi Award’, ‘Manav Bhooshan Sammaan’, ‘Himalay and Hindustan Ratna Sammaan’, ‘National Excellence Award’, ‘Icon of India’, and ‘Culture and Peace Award’.

10.3 Lectures

1. Delivered *Lecture* on ‘Naree: Saamaajik Samtaa aur Izzat kee Or’ (Woman: Towards Equal Social Status and Dignity) – at Community Hall, Archdiocese of Delhi – on 19 January 2020
2. Delivered *Lecture* on ‘Cross-Scriptural Values: Towards Harmonious Living’ at Rabindra Bhavan Auditorium, Kolkata – on 08 February 2020

10.4 Article

Authored *Article* on ‘Samaaj ko Parivaar Banaane kee Kalaa (The Art of Making the Society a Family)’ – published in ‘Sandesh’ (Monthly Magazine), Patna Bihar, year 71, vol. 01, p.no.18-19 – in January 2020

(Reported by Rev. Fr M.D. Thomas)

B. Odisha Mission

1. New Missionaries to the Land of Odisha

Three new missionaries, Frs Bineesh Kuzhiyadiyil, Jibin Manialil and Libin Valiaparampil joined MST Odisha mission on Feb.12, 2020.



It shows the growth of the mission land. We have successfully completed one year in this mission land. We have 15 villages with evangelization and integ

rated developmental programs in Khandamal district looked after by the young missionaries who joined the Mission last year and around twenty villages in Kolhandi district developed in collaboration with FIAT mission. As we have three new missionaries, this year we will be expanding our mission to next districts with two new mission centers. The new comers will be spending two months of initiation to mission programs which includes language course, training in Odia Mass and prayers, village exposure programs and course on Odia culture and tradition.



2. Language Course with Mission Exposure Program

As an initiation to the new mission land, the new missionaries Frs Bineesh, Jibin and Libin were going through two sessions of language



course and mission exposure programs. Initiation to the Odia language and training in reading and writing were given in the first session. Prof. Siprian

Mondal from Khanda- mal led the first session for 15 days. It helped fathers to write and read the Odia language. The second session of the initiation program was conducted in Potaliponga in the diocese of Berhampur. Rev. Fr Paul Manickathan, a veteran missionary in the land of Odisha guided the session. It went for 25 days with grammar learning, village visits, learning the culture and tradition, etc. As the lock down due to the Kovid 19 is on they are in the MST Mission House, Bhubaneswar spending time in learning Syro Malabar Odia Mass and prayers in Odia.

3. Visit of Missionaries and Collaborators

MST Odisha mission was blessed with the visit of many dignitaries,



missionaries and associates with their encouraging words and appreciations, timely guidance and corrections, and helping hands with

resources. Rev. Frs Francis Kureekal and Justin Vettukallel from MST Generalate visited the mission and spent almost one week visiting all the centers and programs of the mission. They also spent time in pers- onal and

group meetings with missi- onaries. Frs Mathew Mulan- gothra, Mathew Edathiparampil, Biju Pullapallil, Ivan



Muthanatt and Mathew Elavungal from MST and Fr Somy Vadayaparampil from Manathavadi diocese paid their visit to the mission sharing their love and joy for the missionaries.

Rev Sr Raisy SD, the Superior General of the SD Congregation together with two general councilors visited the mission in the month of February. Mr Anto Akkara and many other lay missionaries from Kerala also visited and spent time in our mission.

4. SD Sisters in MST Odisha Mission

SD sisters from Delhi province with the desire to collaborate with MST in Odisha spent one month in MST Odisha mission. It was a come



and see program to have the first hand experience of the mission and study the possibilities for them to collaborate with the mission in Odisha. They joined the missionaries in Khandamal and spent time visiting the villages, giving



catechetical formation for the villagers and associated with all the social and developmental programs of the Center. Expressing their happiness and missionary satisfaction in MST

Odisha mission they returned with the promise to come back in the month of May to associate with our mission.

5. Missionary Associate: Mr Sebastian Thomas

MST Odisha Mission is blessed with the collaboration of many people especially enthusiastic lay faithful from the Mother Church. Mr Sebastian Thomas is a full time associate of the Mission. He has committed to collaborate three years to be with MST Odisha Mission (which is his tithe of 30 years of profession). He joined the

mission from January 2020. He helps the mission in resource mobilization, preaching, catechists training programs, and technical assistance for the



construction of the Community Care Centers and small churches in the villages. He also promotes the mission among the Syro Malabar faithful in Kerala as well as overseas, which helps us have more associates for the mission. They all help the mission through prayer and fund raising. Mr Sebastian also has enrolled his name for MST Associates.

6. Nirmal Jyoty Mission, Balliguda, Khandamal

6.1. Catechists' Training



Training for all the village catechists was arranged at Nirmal Jyoty Mission Centre. The purpose of this training was to give formation in Syro Malabar Mass and to

teach tradition of the Great Lenten Season. Rev. Fr Chitarenjan led the sessions on Lenten season. Which helped them to prepare themselves for the great Lenten season and also they were equipped with teaching material to take sessions for the villagers on the Lenten season of the Catholic Church. Sr Alansa SD guided them to learn the Syro Malabar Mass. She explained the meaning and symbolisms of the Mass in a simple way and taught them the songs and prayers of the Mass with the help of Sr Hridya SD. This training helped our animators to be more active in the Mass and helped them to prepare meaningfully for the great Lenten season.

6.2. Fasting and Prayer Day for Catechists



One day fasting and prayer with preaching was conducted for the catechists as an immediate preparation for the celebration Holy Week. It was planned

for a week but due to lockdown we had to stop it with one day. Mr Sebastian Thomas guided the preaching session. It was followed by the confession and Holly Mass. It was really a new experience for all of them. They also had the chance to attend the annual retreat arranged by the Latin parish in Baliguda. All our animators attended the retreat and renewed themselves for the Holy Week celebrations.

6.3. Construction of the CCC cum Village Churches

The construction of the village Community Care Centers cum Church (CCC) is progressing steadily. At present the construction of four centers in Nirmal Jyoty and another three centers in Rampur mission have crossed it's half



way. We had the plan to start our prayers and other programs in the new CCCs by this Easter. But due to Kovid Lockdown it will not happen. All the villages where we work are far inside the forest. There are no roads or communication facilities in many of these villagers and even villagers do not have a place to gather and pray. It makes more difficult to coordinate the faith formation and developmental



programs. The CCC will help our missionaries to coordinate the programs in a better way. All the CCC is with a small hall for prayer services and an attached room for us to stay for one or two days in the villages to coordinate programs and prayers.

6.4. Medical Camps

Nirmal Jyoti Social Mission Centre, Balliguda conducted Medical Camps in two villages, on 8 and 9th March. Rev Fr Jose Cheriampanattu and Rev Fr Mathew Elavumkal inaugurated the camps. Dr. Anil Kumar Das BHMS and Sr Rosmira CSST guided the camp. The camp was arranged at the government school, Sikkatti

and the Community Centre Jargi respectively. Prior to the Medical



camp we had arranged an awareness class for the villagers. Nearly 150 people attended the meeting and the class. Dr. Anil Kumar spoke about various schemes

and programs of the central as well as the state governments for the people. Sr Rosmira spoke on the need of cleanliness, health and hygiene. Soon after the awareness classes they met the patients and distributed the medicines. Nearly 250 people made use of the Camp. We were assisted by the Asha workers, village animators and the tuition teachers.

6.5. Santhome Scholarship Programme

Due to the poor conditions and various other reasons the children



of the villages are denied of quality education. To tackle this difficulty we have started a scholarship programme for the children. The

children selected from the villages where we have started non formal education programs, will be sent to different hostels and schools run by the Latin diocese and other Congregations. This year we will be providing educational scholarship for nearly 60 children of which 30 will be in English medium and 30 in Odia Medium. We do express our gratitude to all UAE benefactors who support this program.

7. Divine Mercy Center, M Rampur

7.1. Foundation Stone Laid For Village Church, Pattamaska

Rev. Fr Somy Vadayaparambil, the parish priest of St Vincent's Forane church, Kalpetta visited the mission from Mar 03- 08. He



laid the foundation stone for the St Vincent's Church, Pattamaska. The expense for the construction will be met by his parish. This remote village has 17 tribal families.

7.2. Lenten Retreat For Catechists



Three days Lenten preparation retreat was arranged for the catechists at Kapkupa village. The retreat started on 9th of March and ended on 12th of March. Fr Mathew Elavumkal MST, Mr Sebastian and Mr Jimmy were resource persons.

7.3. Lenten Retreat In Villages

As a preparation to the Paschal week, retreats were conducted in



seven villages under the leadership of Rev. Frs Joseph Cheriampanatt and Ambrose Kollamattam. The participation of the villages was admirable. We found the thirst of the people for the Word that the villagers had arranged it in model of 'conventions of Kerala'. The rice and necessary items were collected from each house and the common meals also were arranged. The other village retreats got cancelled because of the outbreak of Covid 19.

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

C. North East Mission

1. Fare-well to Fr Kuliraniyil

After almost eight years of dedicated ministry in the diocese of



Itanagar, Rev. Fr Benny Kuliraniyil left for pastoral ministry in the USA in the month of January 2020. He was the one who started the MST mission in the diocese of Itanagar in the year 2012 in the parish of Sagalee and later developed the Pakke Kessang along with other MSTs who followed him. The faithful of both the centres will miss him very much. Pakke Kessang accorded him a very cordial send off. We wish him all the best in his future ministry.

2. Three MST Missionaries to Itanagar

The MST mission in Itanagar is blessed to have three new missionaries to the place. They are: Rev. Fr Aji Chakkungal and the





new priests- Rev. Frs Sijo Mundaplackal and Jees Thundathil. All of them arrived the mission in the month of February 2020.

Soon after their arrival, the new priests – Rev. Frs Sijo and Jees were sent to Mengio, the mission of the MCBS Fathers for learning the local language and culture. They obtained good exposure of the new place and of the new culture by visiting villages and families. Rev. Fr Aji Chakkungal took charge as the parish priest of Pakke



Kessang, Rev. Fr Jeas Thundathil as the assistant parish priest. They have already started going out to the villages for the Holy Mass and for the celebration of other sacraments and sacramentals.

Rev. Fr Sijo Mundaplakkal will be taking the roles of Rev. Fr Lijo Manikombel in Sagalee parish both in the school and the parish. He has also already getting involved to the activities here and is getting very well along with the new situations.

3. Send-off to Fr Manikombel

For about past six years, Fr Lijo Manikombel had been working in the Itanagar diocese, mainly in its Sagalee parish. He also served as



the Principal of the school. He is now being sent for higher studies.

The people of Sagalee parish and the students in the school and boarding are going to miss him greatly.

He was given farewell both at the parish and school levels. We wish

Fr Lijo all the best in his future studies and ministry.



(Reported by Rev. Fr Saji Choorakuneel, Sagalee, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh)

D. Overseas Missions

1. United States of America

a. Corona virus impact in USA

Like in all other nations, USA is also profoundly impacted by Covid19. More than half of the states of the US has released 'Stay in Home Order' to contain the speedy and wide spread of the virus. The Churches and mass centers are closed for an indefinite longer period. All our fathers are doing well and staying in their own places of stay.

b. Welcome to Rev. Fr. Benny Kuliraniyil

Rev. Fr. Benny Kuliraniyil reached US on 22nd February to work in the diocese of Marquette in Michigan. Currently he is appointed as the associate in the Cathedral parish of the diocese, St. Peter Cathedral, 311 W. Baraga Ave. Marquette, MI 49855 USA. His cell phone number is 906-360-9401. We extend a warm welcome to Rev. Fr. Benny Kuliraniyil to MST in USA and wish all the best for his future ministry in the Diocese of Marquette.

c. Transfer and New Appointment

Rev. Fr. Joseph Olikkara was transferred from the VA hospital in Pennsylvania to the VA Medical Center at Bay Pine in Florida. He is staying at the rectory of St. Patrick Catholic Church of the diocese of St. Petersburg. His new address: St. Patrick Catholic Church 2121 16th Ave. SW Largo Florida 33770 USA. We wish him good luck with his new assignment.

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

2. Germany

a. Christmas Gathering

The Christmas gathering of 2019 was arranged in January 2020. We all reached at Dernbach on 7th evening. The next day after Mass and breakfast, we conducted the meeting of St Thomas Institute. We also



dedicated some time, for the planning of July gathering and Easter gathering 2020.

b. Appointments and Study

Rev. Fr Benny Karickamukalel is appointed as Pfarrvikar im Pfarrverband Bad Endorf, in the diocese of München. At the same time, he is also Pfarrvikar im Pfarrverband Westliches Chiemseeufer. He has started his pastoral ministry from 1st Jan. 2020

Rev. Fr Benny Puthenpura is doing ministry in the Parish Gersthofen, in the diocese of Augsburg. (Schulstr. 1, 86368 Gersthofen) He has already acquired a driving licence and now he is continuing the language course.

Rev. Fr John Nayathuparambil is from 1st Jan 2020 working as Pfarrvikar in Pfarrverband Maria Morgenstern. He is staying at Au bei Bad Aibling, (83075 Dettendorfer Str. 2).

Rev. Fr Cyriac Moothasseril has started Language studies in preparation of his advanced studies in Theology. At Present he is in Kreuzberg Language institute, Born.

c. Silver Jubilee of Fr Kaithottumkal

On 9th we celebrated Holy Mass on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee



of Rev. Fr Antony Kaithottumkal, which was concelebrated by Rev. Fathers Benny Puthenpurackal and Nimin Kallakkulathu.

d. Covid-19

During the season of Lent we were all preparing for Easter. But unfortunately Covid-19 has shattered everything. It has affected Europe and the whole world very badly. As of today (29.03.2020), there are 62,095 positive cases in Germany and 525 people have

lost their lives, according to the statistics given by Johns Hopkins University. The Holy Eucharist and all other programmes are cancelled. Our Fathers are staying inside, because of lock down. The Easter programmes are all cancelled. In this context, our Easter Gathering also remains cancelled.

In this difficult situation, we, the priests in Germany and Europe express our solidarity and great concern for all MST priests and of course, for every human being who is undergoing great suffering all over the world. Let us pray for all.

(Reported by Fr. Pradeep Mattathilanickel, Germany)

3. Canada: Diocese of Nelson

All of us are going through unexpected world crisis more crucial than World War Second. Every country that considered as powerful has become helpless before the attack of Covid 19 corona virus. Majority of our parishioners are aged people who worked hard all through their lives for their life and faith in Jesus. Many of them express their uncertainty and anxiety through words and feelings. We are living among such people doing our parish work and shepherding them infusing hope, faith and mental strength. It is indeed a hard situation.

Every church is closed indefinitely on March 23, 2020 from all services. Every priest has to celebrate Holy Mass, Way of the cross, Pray Rosary, and Pray novenas to spot this Pandemic virus attack, in almost all churches from time to time. Every empty church is a challenge for us. The pandemic is fast spreading in our province British Columbia, as we are very close to the American border and we have many Chinese residents who often travel to China. All the shops and stores are functioning according to the government regulations of Quarantine and distancing at least 2 meters between persons.

So far of my parish ministry, I have never been so busy as I am now. None of the regular volunteers are working now leaving every burden of service to the parish priests. We pray more, contact parishioners through phone calls, give live telecasts of Holy Mass, encouraging Spiritual Communion, Encouraging Gospel messages,

Reciting Chain Rosary and the like **through Facebook** and hear confessions at requests. The name of **our Church group in Facebook** is, “**CTK Oliver Bc**”. We began this new mission on March 23 with three members. At present we have almost 110 members watching and participating in the liturgy. It is surprising indeed. Every week we have something new for the parishioners to strengthen them, spiritually, mentally and physically, by various spiritual activities.

Fr. Jojo Chettiakunnel is offering Holy Mass through teleconference-phone, which can accommodate hundred families at a time. The Mass includes a Spiritual Communion, and concludes with a Novena Prayer to Mary for all coronavirus victims and Stations of the Cross on Fridays; Rosary Chain: ‘Chain of Rosary to break the chain of Covid-19’. Prayers are offered for those who have been infected by coronavirus, members of their families and those who have been commissioned with their care.

Fr. Joseph Kizhakkethottam had all the symptoms of Covid 19 as he suffered from a regular cold and fever. He has many visitors for Sunday Mass from elsewhere. He might have received it from them. As isolated, or all alone in a distant country, he says, we remember every one of our dear and near ones and we miss their valuable presence in our lonely moments. But we share our greetings and messages by phone calls.

In short all the MST priests and the other priests of the Diocese of Nelson, B.C. are trying to connect and encourage the parish family as well as the priests estranged from their dear and near ones. To my surprise, I get emails, phone calls and messages from the members of the parish family and isolated friends. I hope that God is asking us to be more human and charitable to everyone else. This life taking Corona Virus Covid 19 has a definite plan in Gods plan.

In spite of all these hardships, all three of us feel satisfied, strengthened and spiritual. I hope that this lenten season will enrich us as a society with better relationship among ourselves, others around us and our loving God. When everything becomes normal, we may be able to see each other. If not we will meet in heaven, our eternal abode!

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

4. Switzerland

Switzerland is one of the countries most affected by the coronavirus, with nearly 15,000 positive tests and 300 deaths as on March 30. The government has issued a recommendation to all citizens to stay at home, especially the sick and the elderly. It has announced a countrywide ban on gatherings of more than five people in public places. These measures are in force until April 19.



St. Paulus Church Dielsdorf stay opened for the faithful to come and pray individually. We conduct here every day a private Mass at 8.30 am with five people. As per the wish of the parishioners we have adoration before the exposition of the Bl. Sacrament from 9.00 till 12.00 am on Saturdays and Sundays in our Church with 5 people at a time. So we pray ardently for the Corona affected people in Switzerland and all over the world.

(Reported by Fr Varghese Nadackal, Dielsdorf, Switzerland)

5. United Kingdom

A Hospital Chaplain's Response to Covid- 19: I am part of the Chaplaincy / Spiritual Care Team at King's College Hospital, London, the largest and the most advanced critical care hospital in the UK. As on March 30th there are around 400 Covid19 Positive patients in this hospital. Yet, it is still a time of anticipation and uncertainty as the entire hospital is gearing up to encounter the peak, expected in next few weeks. All of us know that the tsunami is impending as we have already started experiencing the tides. I have ministered to a dozen Covid19 patients so far, but I would

imagine that many more are on their way and the next couple of months will be particularly challenging. The medical teams are doing a very commendable job, but they are already overstretched and exhausted.

It is emotionally and physically draining to be with the dying patients, especially the ones struggling to breathe due to Corona infection and are imminently dying. Very often it is just the Chaplain by the deathbed, as family members are not allowed in such cohorted areas. As a team, we are doing our best to support all those entrusted to our care. We have been seeking assistance from the local clergy, but the response wasn't very encouraging. Maybe they are scared of the fact that the majority of the priests who died in Italy were hospital chaplains.

We are grateful to Fr Luke Marapillil, a former Chaplain to King's, who has volunteered to step in, providing the much needed night On-Call cover. In such difficult and distressed circumstances, I would request my confreres to hold us all in your valuable prayers. God bless!

(Reported by Fr Roy Muthumakkal, London, United Kingdom)

6. Australia

a. Diocese of Ballarat

Bishop Paul Bird the bishop of Ballarat, Frs Mathew Edathiparampil and George KMP are in self-imposed but mandatory quarantine here in Ballarat, Australia, since 18th March 2020. We are spending these weeks in the private house of Bishop Paul Bird in the midst of a housing colony. The bishop usually does not receive visitors here in this house as he goes to the diocesan office everyday normally. But as an exception we are accommodated in his private house these days.

As we were supposed to fly to Australia on 17th of March, i.e. in the context of the shutting down of flights in various countries due to the high risk of Covid - 19, we had real apprehensions regarding the feasibility of our journey to Australia. Hence we informed the bishop that we could postpone our journey to a later date. It was

already introduced in Australia the mandatory quarantine period of 14 days for anyone coming from abroad! And anyone comes into contact with them. But he insisted us and encouraged us to travel. In such a situation no one would normally risk their lives. Yet, Rev. Paul Bird was ready to take the risk and suffer its after effects by picking us up from the airport. It was known to him that Covid - 19 affects the elderly much more than others!

Bishop Paul Bird came to the airport driving his own car to receive us who were unknown to him. We were really surprised to see him standing there with a placard in his hands with our names, during this extremely crisis time. For a moment we thought whether any other bishop will do a similar act in such a situation! We cannot but fold our hands in humility and gratitude before this bishop who has risked his life to pick us up and put us in his private house during the quarantine period, in whom one can see a true shepherd.

In this isolation house he himself prepares food for us and at times Indian food is arranged for us. His dedication is beyond imagination! Is he not an inspiring model for all consecrated persons? May God bless him abundantly!

(Reported by Frs. George Koorumullumpuraiyidom and Mathew Edathiparampil)

b. Syro Malabar Mission Bendigo, Melbourne



Annual day function of St Thomas Syro-Malabar Mission, bendigo was held on 22 February 2020. Chief Guest of the day was Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay, the Bishop of Diocese of

Sandhurst. Bishop inaugurated the function with lighting the lamp and gave message and appreciation for the mission work done by the Syro-Malabar diocese.

(Reported by Fr Varghese Vithayathil, Eparchy of Melbourne)

7. *Italy*

You have seen these days many videos and voice messages regarding the sorrowful situation of Italy due to the corona virus. As I am living in Italy, I would like to share the present situation in Italy, especially the northern part of Italy where I am presently living. I am doing my doctorate in Rome together with working as an assistant parish priest in the diocese of Verona which is in the northern state called Veneto. As you know Italy is very badly hit by the Corona virus, especially in the two northern states of Italy namely Lombardia and Veneto where 90% of the cases are reported. There are many factories in these area and many Chinese people working there. So there is close collaboration between Italians and Chinese in these areas. There is also direct flight from Milan to Wuhan city where the virus originated. The new corona virus may have circulated in northern Italy for weeks before it was first detected On January 29, when Italy detected and isolated its first corona virus cases – two Chinese tourists. The administration did not take the disease seriously in the beginning. As a result it spread far and wide very soon and it became out of control. The city of Bergamo which is hundred kilometres from Verona is the worst affected area. If the government had acted swiftly, the situation could have been brought under control much earlier. When I write this, the death toll in Italy has already crossed more than ten thousand. Now all are waiting for better tomorrow. All are praying.

I am in a city parish called Parrocchia Santi Apostoli. My place is in the red zone from the beginning. I am living alone in a rectory here since last september because the priest in charge here was sick and now he is in Priest home. My parish priest and other three fathers are living in the parish presbytery which is 200 metres away from my residence. The situation in Verona is not yet under control. There are around six thousand people affected by this virus and 119 people already died. Some of my parishioners are already in the hospital. One died last week. There are already two patients next to my building. Here we are not allowed to step out of the house. One is allowed to go to the nearest super market to buy

essential things. The churches are closed here since 38 days. I am in the house since 38 days and I went only two times out to buy essential things. The super market is almost one kilometre away and we find long queue there. I see the main road and street here empty. The hospitals are full. There are many new cases reported every day. I have never experienced such a desert experience in my life. It is really a hard time. I don't know what to tell. Now I am adjusted to the situation by remaining in the house with my prayers. I celebrate Holy Mass every day. It gives me the strength to remain hopeful for a better tomorrow,

Our MST fathers are fine. Though there are cases reported in their places, but not in many numbers and under control. There are altogether 10 MST priests in Italy, Frs. Kudukkamthadam, Mangalappally, Kannamundayil, Koren, Koottumkal, Koothottil, Kulapurath, Mampilly, Kochuparambil and myself. More than one lakh people are corona virus positive in Italy until today. The death toll has crossed more than ten thousand. Seventy four priests and many religious sisters died so far. Fifty one doctors also died. More than four thousands nurses are tested corona positive. Majority of the people died of corona virus in Italy were in their 70's and 80's. The hospitals are in need of more lifesaving emergency equipment and medical personnel. The hospitals are all filled with corona virus patients.

By the providence of God, we are safe here. Thank you very much for your prayers for us in this difficult time. Your prayers and positive words increase our hope for a better tomorrow as early as possible. Let us be united in prayer. May the saving hand of Our Lord protect us from every disease.

(Reported by Fr Joby Mulluvengapurath, Verona, Italy)

8. Brazil

Campaign for Fraternity: There is a program called "campaign for fraternity" during Lenten season in Brazil. The program is organized and guided by the department of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Brazil. The Conference prepares booklets with

prayers for discussions and action plans. The topics differ each year. Topics on social problems like drug and alcoholism, environment, Poverty, human trafficking and unemployment etc. are discussed among groups and families. The faithful are made aware of these social problems and prepare them to help the needy.



The booklet prepared by the bishop conference is in the form of a Novena. There are nine days meetings. Faithful gather in groups of seven to ten families in their respective houses according to their turn and do the prayers and discussions. They themselves chalk out action plans to eradicate the problems around and come forward to help the needy around. This year we have planned to gather all our groups in various public places of our city on all the Fridays of the



lent to do via sacra at 7 PM. We have done it successfully on 3 Fridays of the lent and had to stop as the outbreak of the corona virus.

We had three doubtful cases of corona patients. They had direct contact with a corona positive patient came from Italy. But by the grace of God so far we are protected and safe. The doubtful cases were negative.

Lock down is applied here also .There are no public gatherings, catechism, Sunday Mass, etc. The situation here is now equal that of India. Let us pray that the merciful Lord save us from present situation.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph Pulickal, Brazil)

9. Austria

Rev. Fr John Nayathuparambil MST, who was rendering his service as the Vicar for Bernhardsthal, Reintal and Katzelsdorf parishes of the Arch diocese of Vienna, for the last 5 years (2014 September to 2019 September) is now transferred to Germany. With his hard work, commitment and zealous missionary Spirit he was appreciated as a good missionary priest of Christ and he was loved by the communities he ministered. We thank and express our sincere gratitude to Rev Fr John for his selfless service and wish him all the success in his future ministry at Germany.

Rev. Fr Joy Punnakuzhy succeeded Fr Nayathuparambil as the Coordinator of the MSTs in Austria. Now Grosskurt and Ginzersdorf Parishes are also added to MST's Pastoral concern and care. Rev. Fr Sabu Mathew Maprakavil MST is appointed as the new vicar for all the Parishes by Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, the Arch Bishop of Vienna. Fr Sabu is staying at Groskrut and co-ordinating all the Parishes' activities with the help of Rev.Fr Joy Punnakuzhy MST and Rev. Fr Tomy Madhavappallil MST. Rev Frs Joy and Tomy are staying at Bernhardsthal Parish. Rev. Fr Tomy Madhavappallil joined with the MST koinonia in Vienna on 23 December 2019.

Although we planned varieties of Holy Week programmes in all the parishes, we had to cancel or postpone them due to Corona epidemic.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Tomy Madhavappallil, Vienna, Austria)

VII. NEWS FROM OTHER MINISTRIES/INSTITUTIONS

A. Santhome Fellowship

1. One Year Journey of MST Missionary Associates

On 22 February 2020, sixteen of our associate missionaries completed one full year of their association with the MST. They were candidates who has completed at least one year of membership in Santhome fellowship group. The selected candidates had undergone ten months of formation including classes on Missiology, Church History, Constitution and Directives of the MST and Guidelines of the Associate Missionaries of the MST prepared for them. In order to enhance them in their missionary spirit they had to undergo mission retreat for three days. A mission exposure was organized for them to have acquaintance with mission field. 16 Missionary Associates took temporary promise of association to the Society on the foundation day of MST on 22 February 2019. On that day, during the time of Holy Mass 16 of them took temporary promise before the Director General in the presence of Bishop Joseph Kallarangattu the Bishop of Palai .And they made this commitment for five years. Associates completed one year of their life as missionaries in MST. As I have accompanied and guided them over the past one year, I am presenting here a brief report about their one year programme.

1.1. Year plan made for missionary associates

A gathering of the associate missionaries was organised in the house of Mrs Daisy Joseph, which is attended by all members .The secretary Mr Roji presented the report. Fr Peter Kavumpuram presided over the gathering. The gathering had made the decision to gather and do monthly recollection and made a one year plan to act.

1.2 Prayer Meetings

With the aim of praying for the mission, prayer meetings were conducted .And it was decided to pray for all the MST missionaries on their birth day. Prayer meetings included Sharing on the Word of God and MST prayer.

1.3 Vocation Promotion

One of the prime duties of an Associate is to promote good vocations to priesthood. In one year they could promote three children to MST both from Malabar and Pala side. And they are trying to get more vocations this year too. The associates brought eight children for the vocation camp at Deepti. They have appointed Mrs Licy Babu as the vacation promoter from Associates.

1.4 Essay Competition

An Essay completion was organized 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 and Ms Rainal Rose. The prize was distributed in the occasion of the jubilee of Deepti Minor Seminary.

1.5 Missionary Associates in the Adilabad Mission

The Missionary Associates of the MST, in their August meeting decided to celebrate the extra-ordinary mission 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 Rev. Fr Joseph Vedikunnel. They first went to Boath mission station. After that they moved to Sonala where Fr Vedikunnel was the priest in charge. And they paid a visit to Neradigunda where a new church is built. They were lucky to participate in the official inauguration of *Extra ordinary mission month* in Adilabad Mission. They left the mission after visiting few more mission stations in the diocese of Adilabad.

1.6 Bishop Thattil addressed the Associates

Associates were fortunate to meet Bp Raphael Thattil. Bishop had explained the work in the diocese of Shamsabad and new evangelization work in Odisha. He asked the associates to join the work of MST in Odisha. He explained the challenges that we address in the new mission areas. He was kind enough to give the blessings to all gathered.

1.7 Adopting a Centre in Odisha Mission

It was the ever cherished dream of the associates to adopt a mission station. And that dream was enhanced by the words of Bishop Raphael Thattil. Associates decided to adopt a mission station in Odisha mission of the MST. After having discussion with the coordinator of Odisha Mission, Balliguda mission station was chosen. And this station is in Khandamal district of Odisha. And that day onwards the associates started to pray for that particular mission and the priests working there. And we could give them some financial assistance too. And we had organized ten people to go and work in the Odisha mission and it was cancelled due to COVID19.

1.8 Christmas Celebration at Angel home

Christmas celebration was organised by missionary associates in angel home. It was started by 10 o'clock with a small introduction by Fr Joseph Oppenmakal. They spent one hour in adoration. Fr Joseph introduced the hopes and works are being done in Angel Home. Associates planted fruit trees in the premises of Angel Home. By 12.30 we started our Christmas celebration. First we introduced to the children and gave gifts to the boys in the Angel Home. Small program was conducted by the children of the house. Small message of the Christmas was given by the Director of Santhome Fellowship. We had a common meeting and a meal together with the boys of the house.

1.9 Zonal Leaders

The associates took the leadership of organizing Santhome Fellowship members in the dioceses. And they organize the monthly prayer meetings. And there was an increase in the number of fellowship members due to their presents.

1.10 Financial Support to MST

Associates and Santhome Fellowship members helped to organize financial assistance to MST mission and formation amounting to more than 29 lakhs. They helped us to find benefactors. Here I present a chart that shows the amount they collected. It includes the money organized from SF members.

Formation (Sponsoring a seminarian)	RS: 26,33,858
Delhi Delegation	RS: 25,000
Ujjain Mission (Indore)	RS: 15,000
Odisha Mission	RS: 1,85,000
Sangli Mission (Dilasa Bhavan)	RS : 10,000
Deepti Minor Seminary, Melampara	RS: 35,000
Total	RS : 29,03,858

2. Santhome Fellowship –Indore Unit

2.1 New Year Celebration



Santhome fellowship members of Indore celebrated their new year with marginalized people of the city. They had distributed a food kit to them .It was the first initiative of Indoor group. Nirmal Jyoti the social work department of MST helped to find the needy people.

2.2 Foundation Day Celebrations

Santhome Fellowship Indore unit celebrated the foundation day of



MST. MST missionaries from St Paul Region was invited and felicitated for their spell bounding performance in the mission .The program was inaugurated by Rev.Fr Vincent Kadalikattil-puthenpura, the Regional Director. The members really acknowledged the missionaries and a small gift was given to them as the

phase of gratitude

(Reported by Fr Monse Karuvakunnel, Director, Santhome Fellowship)

B. Santhome Public School, Mira Road, Mumbai

1. Annual Sports and Culture day 2019-2020

Santhome Public School celebrated its Annual Sports and culture Day on December 21st, 2019 on the sprawling grounds of the school. It was a day filled with fervour and exhilaration, amidst pomp and cheers. The display was well synchronised with cultural display. Prizes were distributed for various categories. The event ended with singing of the National Anthem.

2. Art and Science Exhibition 2020

Education in today's scenario aims at the holistic development of the children. The aim of this holistic development is only achievable with the pragmatic approach to education. The pragmatic approach imparts learning by doing and experiencing things. Exhibitions are the medium of whole some development of the students in school. The minds of the students work faster than jet planes. Art and Science Exhibition was held on 24th January 2020 at the premises of Santhome Public School based on the theme Jurassic Era to Present Era. The students from pre-primary to secondary level participated in the exhibition with great scientific temperament and exhibited their knowledge about Science and all other subjects.

Students presented both still and working models depicting different themes from Jurassic Era to Present Era. Demonstration and explanations were given by the participants and the parents, spectators, public and teachers were greatly impressed by their performances.

3. Purchase of New Flat in Mumbai

Santhome Public School has bought a new flat in Mumbai as the office of the Vishwadeepti Educational and Charitable Trust of the MST as asked by the Director General of MST. It will help the proper functioning of the MST Trust in Mumbai.

Reported by Rev. Frs Vattappara and Thekkemuriyil, Santhome, Mira Road, Mumbai

C. Santhome - Impact

1. Mission- Pastoral outreach programmes

Teaching Hindi prayers and songs for MOC brothers at Jeevan Jyoti
Classes on Homiletics and Missionary Preaching and Letter to the Hebrews in Ruhahaya Theologate

Sunday mission ministries in the following parishes: Mattoor Town, Vengoor, Mankuzhi, Chunangamveli and Vallam in the Archdiocese of Ernakulam – Ankamaly and Wadakkanchery of Trichur Archdiocese. “Kadukumani” new subscriptions also were done during these ministries.

2. Santhome Media-IMPACT



Following are the major initiatives recently undertaken by Santhome Media-IMPACT

Short Film: This is a short film for Kids named “*Short film*”, which is uploaded in our YouTube Channel.

Short Film Song:

We uploaded the short film song for the promotion of our upcoming short film named “*Mystery*” which is based on a story of a girl and her unexpected missing.



Documentary on Odisha Mission:

Santhome Media-IMPACT released a documentary on Odisha Mission named “*Odisha Mannile Ajapalanam*”.

NAIRMALYAM: THIS IS A WEEKLY LENTEN REFLECTION FOR EASTER

Invitation to all MSTs to collaborate with Santhome Media-

IMPACT: Santhome Media-IMPACT 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.

3. Upcoming Initiatives of Santhome Media-IMPACT:

1. Capsule type Short Films
2. Motivational Classes
3. Documentaries on Challenging missions and Missionaries
4. Media Workshop

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

4. IMPACT Publications

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

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

D. Thomasine Research Center (TRC)

1. Online Diploma Course

The online diploma course on Thomasine Studies has entered into the second semester. The first semester exam was conducted towards the end of February 2020 and the results are already published. The response of the students is really praiseworthy.

2. Marthoma Pilgrimage

We have recommenced, after a break of almost one year, the Marthoma pilgrimage, a journey through the churches established by St Thomas in South India and other famous catholic pilgrim



centers of Kerala. The fourth of these pilgrimages was done from 19 to 22 January 2020. There were 30 participants from the various parishes in Maharashtra under the spiritual leadership of Fr Benny Arthanakunnel MST. The faith and piety of these people were really inspiring and edifying and all of them returned with rich memories of their holy journey through the breadth and width of Kerala. Besides the historical seven and a half churches, they visited Kattadimala at Nagercoil, the place of martyrdom of Bl. Devasahayam Pillai, the Marian Pilgrim center at Pullichira near Kottiyam in Kollam diocese, St Alphonsa Shrine, Bharananganam, Valiachanmala at Aruvithura and the churches of Aruvithura, Ramapuram, Kuravilangad, Mannanam etc. I extend a big thanks to Fr Monse Karuvakunnel who whole heartedly co-operated with this program.

3. Upcoming Projects

A booklet on the lives of the departed MST priests is prepared and will be soon reaching you online in PDF format. We plan to circulate vigorously the painting of St Thomas the Apostle that was prepared during the Jubilee year. Copies of it will be made and circulated in all Syro-Malabar dioceses. We also intend to start a center for mobile mission exhibition and conduct it in the SM parishes of Kerala. We have also already started to prepare an exhibition of icons, images and other pictures of St Thomas around the world. A few of them have already been made. We will prepare a few more this year.

(Reported by Fr James Kurukilamkatt, Director, Thomasine Research Center)

E. Vocation Promotion

1. Vocation Promotion - South Zone

1.1 Vocation Camp – Galilee 2019

To prepare the new comers of MST, we have arranged a one day vocation camp at Deepti Seminary on 21.12.2019. We could gather around 52 students from different dioceses distributing to the classes from 6 to 12. Rev Fr Thomas Karamel inaugurated the camp in the presence of Rev Fr George Kuppayil, Rector of Deepti Seminary, Rev. Frs Binoy, and Michael. Fr Daey Kunnathu and Fr Lijo have



taken the lead in inspiring the students, to know, to love and to become missionaries.

We have also planned a follow-up programme of the vocation camp in the month of April, due to Covid 19 pandemic we have cancelled it. At this point, we ask all your help and support to find suitable candidates for MST.



1.2 House Visits and School Visits

Vocation promoters have made the last few months very useful in visiting the houses of the new candidates. We could make use of this time to enrich the families with purpose and mission of MST. The parents and the family members were very happy to welcome us in their homes. In preparation for the public examination MST have prepared a special prayer card for the students and we could make it reach to the children in our house visit. We sincerely express our gratitude towards Rev Frs. Thomas Karamel, Binoy Purayidom, Bibin Madathiparambil, Manu Maparayil and Lijo Vadakkemury, have extended their presence in the house visit. We also thank Rev Frs. Jose Kulathunkal, Abraham Azhakathu, and George Keeranchira for offering their timely help during the visit. As part of vocation promotion we have conducted many payer service and

retreats for all students who are appearing for the SSLC and Plus Two examination. On a request we have arranged a class on the basis of vocation promotion, for the sisters of SABS Pala province; we could enrich the sisters about the given topic.

(Reported by Frs Joison Puthukkatt & Monse Karuvakunnel, Vocation Promoters-South Zone)

2. Vocation Promotion - North Zone



One day vocation camp was held to initiate the better candidates to MST on 23rd December, 2019 at St Sebastian's Church, Kodoppally in the Archeparchy of Tellicherry. Rev. Fr Kurian Ammanathukunnel, Vicar of the

parish inaugurated Galilee – 2019 in the presence of Rev Fr Shaji Pulavelil, Rector of Santhome Seminary, Thamarassery and other Fathers from Santhome and Deepti. There were around 25 students from different



parishes of Tellicherry and Mananthavady. Rev. Frs Johnny Kariathil, Shaji Pulavelil, Joison Puthukkattu, Manu Maprayil, Monse Karuvakunnel and Lijo Vadakkemuriyil led the sessions. Special thanks to Rev. Fr Kurian

for giving the space and time at Kodoppally. The camp ended with a prayer session.

(Reported by Frs Rony Alencherry & Abin Kochupurackal, Vocation Promoters-North Zone)

VIII Necrology

Parents and Family Members of the MSTs

As informed by the members (20 December 19 to 28 March 2020)

Mr K.J. Michael Kuruvanplakkal, Father of Fr Abin Kuruvanplakkal

Mrs Annakutty Cheripuram, Elder Sister of Fr Emmanuel Mattam

Mrs Mary Kanichukattu, Maternal Grandmother of Fr Jeess Thundathil

Mrs Mariakutty Nadupadavil, Maternal Aunt of Fr Joseph Thekkekarott

Mr Mathai Thannippara, Paternal Uncle of Fr Joseph Thannippara

Mr Thomas Karukappallil, Maternal Uncle of Fr James Mandapathikunnel

Mr Devassy Chiriankandath, Brother in law of Fr Lonappan Arangassery

Mrs Thresiamma John, Paternal Aunt of Fr Kurian Kochettonnil

Mr P.D. Joseph, Father of Bro. Tony Plavuvachathil (II Theology)

Mrs Aleykutty Parayadiyil, Aunt of Fr Thomas Parayadiyil

Mrs Rosamma Joseph, Mother of late Fr Joseph Ayathamattam

Mr Joshy Thomas, Father of Bro Joyal Chakkungal (I Minor Seminary, Deepti)

Mr Francis Mandapathilunnel, Father of Fr James Mandapathil

Obituaries

Sr Prasadini DSS - Missionary Collaborator, St Alphonsa Region

The sudden demise of Rev. Sr Prasadini DSS (Mother Superior, St Joseph's Convent, Kodoli, St Alphonsa Region) indeed saddened all the missionaries of Sangli Mission who breathed her last on 10 March 2020 at Kodoli. She had been the face of mercy in Sangli Mission and is a great lost



for all of us. She always managed a beautiful smile on her face as the realization of her experience of God's Love. Sr Prasadini lived the charism of DSS Congregation in Sangli Mission for nine years sharing her motherly care to all. The priests in the mission, the differently abled children of Ashadeep, the HIV infected children of Dilasa, the members of Kodoli parish and the sick and the afflicted people in Kodli village will miss a caring mother. Her missionary commitment, simplicity and the love and care will be recorded in the history of Sangli Mission. On behalf of St Alphonsa Region, I express heartfelt condolences to DSS congregation and the dear family members of Sr Prasadini. May her soul rest in peace!

Fr Sebastian Njalliyil, Regional Director, St Alphonsa Region

Rev. Fr Mathew Mattappallil – Formator, Deepti College



Gratefully remember Fr Mathew Mattappallil (Eparchy of Pala) who has played a big role in our minor seminary formation. He slept in the Lord on 24 December 2010. Fr Mattappallil served Deepti College as formator for many years. He also served at Rajeshwar Minor Seminary, Ghonsla in Ujjain. In Deepti College, he was a loving spiritual director and good confessor. As an efficient teacher he prepared the lessons carefully to make them simple for the students to

understand. He showed interest in liturgical music. As choir master he insisted on regular song practice for the choir. He played harmonium and his practice echoed in the seminary during free hours. He played games with sportsmanship. He spread happiness and laughter all the time. He will stay ever alive in our thoughts as he continues living in eternity.

Fr Mathew Moothasseril, Student of Fr Mathew Mattappallil

APPENDICES

Appendix I -Circular No. X-13

4 January 2020

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

This is to bring to your kind attention towards some important information that concerns all the members of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle.

1. Priestly Ordinations

The priestly ordinations of thirteen *ordinandi* took place in their home-parishes, between the days from 26 December 2019 to 2 January 2020. On behalf of the entire MST family I congratulate and welcome all thirteen new priests to the priestly fellowship of the MST and to its missions. Let us pray that all of them find sanctification and fulfilment of their missionary vocation through the MST, by their dedicated involvement in the missionary apostolates (Cf. C7).

May I also take this opportunity to thank all the Prelates who were instrumental in conferring the Sacred Order of Priesthood. His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel ordained five of our deacons. His Excellency Mar James Athikalam ordained four of them. His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vaniapurackal presided over two ordinations, while their Excellencies Mar Mathew Arackal and Mar Jose Pulickal ordained one each *ordinandus* hailing from the Eparchy of Kanjirappally. I thank all of the Prelates for availing their time for the MST and for recognizing and appreciating our missionary commitment in their messages. Special thanks to both of our MST Bishops who ordained majority of our deacons and had their stay at Deepti Bhavan sharing the grace and joy of the Christmas-New Year season.

The ordinations heralded MST fellowship through the attendance of number of priests, seminarians, missionary associates and other collaborators of the Society. I appreciate and thank all those who participated in the ordinations and others who were praying for the *ordinandi*, although were absent. On behalf of the MST, I thank the

vocation promoters, the formators in various stages of formation, the benefactors and other collaborators who contributed in the making of thirteen new priests for the MST. God bless them all!

2. The Regional Assignment of the New Priests

Following C.44 of the *Constitutions and Directives of MST* and with the consent of the General Council, I have done the regional assignment of the new priest-members as given.

St Paul Region

- 1.Kachirayil George
- 2.Pottananiyil Joseph (Bince)
- 3.Valiyaparambil Antony (Libin)
- 4.Velloor Augustine (Jithin)

St Thomas Region

- 1.Maniyalil Sebastian (Jibin)
- 2.Mundaplackal Kurian (Sijo)
- 3.Pathalil Thomas (Toms)
- 4.Ramachanattu George (Tony)
- 5.Thundathil Joseph (Jees)

St Alphonsa Region

- 1.Kuzhiyadiyil Mathew (Bineesh)
- 2.Madickankal Mathew (Jobin)
- 3.Manjackal Thomas (Jins)
- 4.Vedikunnel Joseph (Arun)

All of them are being sent to the missions soon after **Sleehusa-2020** (the formal orientation and commissioning) being held at the Generalate from 3-6 February 2020.

Wishing you all God's abundant blessings in the New Year 2020 and requesting your prayers for each other,

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

Fr Justin Vettukallel
Secretary General, MST

Appendix II : Interregional Gatherings

The following information on interregional gathering was circulated to all members of the MST in the month of January 2019

INTERREGIONAL MEETING CUM SEMINAR

Dear Fathers,

Loving greetings from MST Generalate !!

Hope this letter of mine finds you in good cheer and health. I am sure that you must be busy with diverse apostolates in the places of ministry. May Jesus our Lord, bless all of you as well your ministries abundantly and St Thomas our Heavenly Patron, intercede for you.

As you know, ongoing formation is an integral part of our life as MST members. "Ongoing formation is a necessity in order to cope with the new developments, ideas and situations. The missionaries shall foster the habit of study and keep themselves abreast of missiological studies and missionary methods". (C 40).

As part of our ongoing formation, we will have four Inter-Regional meetings in four groups according to the schedule and venue given below.

First Group

27, 28, 29 April 2020 at St Thomas Region, Mandya

P.S. Postponed due to Covid-19

Second Group

25, 26, 27 October 2020 at St Paul's Region, Ujjain

Third Group

19, 20, 21 April 2021 at Deepti Bhavan, Melampara

Forth Group

15, 16, 17 October 2021 at St Alphonsa Region, Sangli

In every group, the programme starts by 4.00 p.m on the arrivall day and ends also by 4.00 p.m. on teh concluding dfay.

Kindly find the appended list below. Every member is requested to participate in the meeting that has been assigned to each one. At the instance of any inconvenience to participate in one's assigned meeting, one is expected to go for any one of the other three meetings. The interregional meetings are mandatory for all the members of the MST. The schedule of the programme is given well in advance so that all the members, including those working abroad, can arrange their holidays to participate in any of the meetings.

The list of Confreres assigned in each meeting is given below:

First Group
Mandya: 27- 29 April 2020
(Postponed)

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| 1. Alummoottil Joseph | 36. Kurukilamkatt James |
| 2. Arackalputhenveedu | 37. Kurumundayil Sebastian |
| 3. Aranjaniiyl George | 38. Kuruvanplackel George |
| 4. Areeplackal Kurian | 39. M. D. Thomas |
| 5. Arimattathil Joseph | 40. Mangalappilly Elvis |
| 6. Aryankalayil Joseph | 41. Maniyalil Sebastian |
| 7. Chakkalackal Davis | 42. Maprayil Thomas |
| 8. Cheriampanatt Joseph | 43. Marappillil Luke |
| 9. Edamanacherril Joseph | 44. Mathasseril Markose |
| 10. Edathiparampil Mathew | 45. Mlavil Mathew |
| 11. Edattamkuzhy George | 46. Mookenthottam Kurian |
| 12. Kadankavil Thomas | 47. Mookenthottathil Sijo |
| 13. Kalapurackal Thomas | 48. Moothasseril Mathew |
| 14. Kalarickal Thomas | 49. Mundaplackal Kurian |
| 15. KalathoorChandy | 50. Mundiavil Augustine |
| 16. Kallakulam Mathew | 51. Munjanatt Antony |
| 17. Kanatt Justin | 52. Muthanatt George |
| 18. Karakkattu Antony | 53. Muthuplakkal Joseph |
| 19. Karamel Thomas | 54. Muttathupadam George |
| 20. Kavumpuram Peter | 55. Naduviledathu Abraham |
| 21. Kavunnukattil Joseph | 56. Nattunilathu Thomas |
| 22. KochuparambilJohny | 57. Painadath Paul |
| 23. Kollamattam Ambrose | 58. Palackathadathil Kurian |
| 24. Kollithadam Abraham | 59. Panackavayalil Thomas |
| 25. Koorumullil John | 60. Parayankuzhiyil Thomas |
| 26. Koorumullumpurayidom | 61. Parecattil Paul |
| 27. Koottumkal Joseph | 62. Pathalil Thomas (Toms) |
| 28. Kottakkavil Augustine | 63. Pathrapankal Mathew |
| 29. Kudiyiruppil John | 64. Pedickattukunnel Antony |
| 30. Kudukkamthadam Biji | 65. Pezhumthottiyil Sebastian |
| 31. Kuliraniyil Mathew | 66. Pottananickal George |
| 32. Kumblanthanath Thomas | 67. Pulavelil Joseph |
| 33. Kunnath Varghese | 68. Pullappillil Varghese |
| 34. Kunnel Kuriakose | 69. Pullattu Chacko |
| 35. Kuppayil George | 70. Punnakuzhy Varghese |
| | 71. Purayidathil Abraham |
| | 72. Puthenpurayil Michael |
| | 73. Puthuppalliyl Martin |
| | 74. Ramachanattu George |

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| 75. Thaikkootathil Thomas | 19. Kappiliparampil Joseph |
| 76. Thamarakatt Scaria | 20. Kappiparambil Kuriakose |
| 77. Thannippara Jose | 21. Karamullil Sebastian |
| 78. Thazhathuveetil Devasia | 22. Karickamukalel Philip |
| 79. Thekkekarott Joseph | 23. Karingadayil Mathew |
| 80. Thekkel Thomas | 24. Kavungal Devis |
| 81. Thelliyil Francis | 25. Kizhakkeparampil Joseph |
| 82. Thevarkunnel Augustine | 26. Kocheettathott James |
| 83. Thundathil Joseph | 27. Kochuparampil Joseph |
| 84. Thypparambil Varghese | 28. Kollamparampil Mathew |
| 85. Vadakkemuriyil Neyyoor | 29. Kolliylil Joseph |
| 86. Vanchipurakkal Cyriac | 30. Kongattu Mathew |
| 87. Varakil Thomas | 31. Koothottil John |
| 88. Vattukulathil Thomas | 32. Koottarappallil Jacob |
| 89. Vedikunnel Joseph | 33. Kottukapallil George |
| 90. Velloor Augustine | 34. Kudukkamthadam Anto |
| 91. Veranakunnel James | 35. Kulathumkal Joseph |

Second Group

Ujjain (25-27 October 2020)

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| 1. Arackaparampil Sebastian | 40. Madukoly John |
| 2. Arthanakunnel Joseph | 41. Mailadyil Joseph |
| 3. Chakiriamthadam Joseph | 42. Maliekal Michael |
| 4. Champakara Francis | 43. Mampillil George |
| 5. Cheeramvelil Antony | 44. Manichirickal Thomas |
| 6. Chempottickal Abraham | 45. Marottikudy Augustine |
| 7. Chirayath Joseph | 46. Mudathotty Paul |
| 8. Chirayil Thomas | 47. Mulangasseril Mathew |
| 9. Elanjimattom Sebastian | 48. Mullamangalam Sebastian |
| 10. Elavumkal Mathew | 49. Mullappallil George |
| 11. Kachirayil George | 50. Mullappallil Joseph |
| 12. Kadaplakal Xavier | 51. Mulluvengapurath |
| 13. Kaithottumkal Mathew | 52. Muringassery Sebastian |
| 14. Kaiyalakakathu | 53. Muthumakkal George |
| 15. Kalarickal Jose | 54. Naduvilekkizhakkal |
| 16. Kannamundayil Mani | 55. Nattunilath John |
| 17. Kannany Thomas | 56. Neendukunnel Jose |
| 18. Kappiarumalayil | 57. Nellikunnel Mathew |

58. Olikkara Joseph
59. Oppenmakal Joseph
60. Ottalamkal Joseph
61. Palakeel Joseph
62. Pandampadathil Abraham
63. Pandiyal Joseph
64. Panjikaran Gervasis
65. Panthaplakal Augustine
66. Pattasseriyil Joseph
67. Pendanath Thomas
68. Perumpuzha Xavier
69. Pinamarukil Alexander
70. Plappallil Joseph
71. Pottananiyil Joseph
72. Pulickamandapathil
73. Pulimalayil Paul
74. Pullatt Sebastian
75. Punnakuzhy Cyriac
76. Purayidom Jacob
77. Purayidom Joseph
78. Puthenpurackal Dominic
79. Thadathil Zacharias
80. Thalanany Thomas
81. Tharapputhottiyil Joseph
82. Thekkeattam Sebastian
83. Thettalickal John
84. Thonikuzhiyil Augustine
85. Thuppalanjiyil George
86. Thuppalanjiyil Joseph
87. Unniepillil Joseph
88. Vadakeoram Paul
89. Vadakkethalackal Mathew
90. Vadayaparambil Augustine
91. Valiamangalam Jose
92. Valiyaparambil Antony
93. Vandannoor Joseph
94. Varappadavil Benedict
95. Vattappara Peter

Third Group

Deepti Bhavanc: 19-21 April 2021

1. Adappoor Kuriakose
2. Akkappallil Joseph
3. Akkattukudil Joseph
4. Alencherry Sebastian
5. Allumpurath Raju Mathew
6. Ammanathukunnel Kurian
7. Anithanam Mathew
8. Aniyekatt Sebastian
9. Arackal Joseph
10. Arangassery Lonappan
11. Arathil Thomas
12. Ayathamattam Thomas
13. Azhakath Abraham
14. Azhakath Kuriakose
15. Azhikannickal Zacharias
16. Chakkungal Varghese
17. Chandrankunnel Cyriac
18. Chenganariparampil
19. Cherickanampurath
20. Cherolil Varghese
21. Chirackal Thomas
22. Earthedath Sebastian
23. Elamplakatt Mathew
24. Ettaniyil Joseph
25. Ezhanikatt Francis
26. Kadalikkattilputhenpura
27. Kadaprayil Joseph
28. Kadookunnel John
29. Kaithottumkal Antony
30. KalampulyelScaria
31. Kalarickal Joseph
32. Kalathil Francis
33. Kalladayil Sebastian
34. Kallupuraparampil
35. Kandamparampil Martin
36. Kannathukuzhy Joseph
37. Kariathil Johnny

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| 38. Karikilamthadam Joseph | 80. Tharapputhotty Sebastian |
| 39. Kizhakkekureethadthil | 81. Thattil Antony |
| 40. Kizhakkeyil Sebastian | 82. Thattuparampil |
| 41. Kochayankanal Joseph | 83. Thekkel Joseph |
| 42. Kochettonnil Kurian | 84. Thengumkudiyil Xavier |
| 43. Kochuchakkala Samji | 85. Thotteeparampil George |
| 44. Kolthambrayil Joseph | 86. Thottiyil Thomas |
| 45. Koonamparampath | 87. Thuruthel Sebastian |
| 46. Kootumkal Binoy | 88. Valiamangalam Kurian |
| 47. Koren Joseph | 89. Valiyamangalam George |
| 48. Kulappurath Augustine | 90. Varikatt Sebastian |
| 49. Kumminiyl Michael | 91. Vattakunnel Francis |
| 50. Kuppayil Johnson | 92. Vazhuthanappally Joseph |
| 51. Kuzhuppallil Abraham | 93. Venattumattam Joseph |
| 52. Maliekel Joseph | 94. Vettukallel George |
| 53. Mandapam James | 95. Vithayathil Varghese |
| 54. Mandapathil Thomas | |
| 55. Maniamkeril John | |
| 56. Manikombel Emmanuel | |
| 57. Manjamattam John | |
| 58. Manthara Jose | |
| 59. Maprakavil Mathew | |
| 60. Mattathilanickal Chacko | |
| 61. Moozhayil Kuriakose | |
| 62. Mulamkothra Mathew | |
| 63. Muringayil Cherian | |
| 64. Myladyil Thomas | |
| 65. Naralakkattukunnel | |
| 66. Njallaniyl Ephrem | |
| 67. Njarolickal Jacob | |
| 68. Olapurackal Thomas | |
| 69. Olickal George | |
| 70. Parackal Joseph | |
| 71. Pazheveettil Joseph | |
| 72. Perumanoor Antony | |
| 73. Plappallil Thomas | |
| 74. Poovathinkal Paul | |
| 75. Pullatt Joseph | |
| 76. Puthenpura Augustine | |
| 77. Puthuppallimiyalil Mathew | |
| 78. Thannippara Joseph | |
| 79. Tharappal Augustine | |

Fourth Group

Sangli: 15-17 October 2021

1. Aikkarakunnel George
2. Anjilithoppil Johnson
3. Aranjana Jose
4. Ayyankanal Joseph
5. Chettiakunnel Joseph
6. Chirayil Augustine
7. Chitteth Xavier
8. Choorakunnel Sebastian
9. Edattukaran Jose
10. Kadaparambil Thomas
11. Kakkaniyl Thomas
12. Kalayil Joseph
13. Kannamthadam Joseph
14. Kappumkaparampil
15. Karikkandathil Varghese
16. Karimpanackal Manuel
17. Karodan Joseph
18. Karuvakunnel Thomas
19. Kattuthara Paul
20. Kavukatt George
21. Kavumkal Sebastian
22. Keeranchira George
23. Kizhakkarakatt John

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| 24. | Kizhakkethottathil Joseph | 60. | Parayady Thomas |
| 25. | Kocheettathott Thomas | 61. | Pendanam Thomas |
| 26. | Kochumalayil Joseph | 62. | Pinakkatt Philip |
| 27. | Kochuparackal Joseph | 63. | Pothenparampil Joseph |
| 28. | Kochupurackal Scaria | 64. | Pothenparampil Sebastian |
| 29. | Kollamkudy Varghese | 65. | Pottananickal Mathew |
| 30. | Kondoor Joseph | 66. | Pulickal Joseph |
| 31. | Koottumkal Sebastian | 67. | Puliyammakkal Thomas |
| 32. | Koovackal Abraham | 68. | Pullikattil Joseph |
| 33. | Kozhippatt Thomas | 69. | Puthanpurayil Thomas |
| 34. | Kudakkachirakunnel | 70. | Puthenpurackal Chacko |
| 35. | Kulathupurayidom Jacob | 71. | Puthiakulangara |
| 36. | Kuzhiyadiyil Mathew | 72. | Puthukallil Mathew |
| 37. | Madavana Emmanuel | 73. | Puthukkattu Joseph |
| 38. | Madhavappallil Thomas | 74. | Puthusseril Kuriakose |
| 39. | Madickankal Mathew | 75. | Thakadiyel James |
| 40. | Mampilly Thomas | 76. | Thannickapara John |
| 41. | Mangalathil Thomas | 77. | Thekkemuriyil Scaria |
| 42. | Manianchira Sebastian | 78. | Thekkemyladil Augustine |
| 43. | Manjackal Thomas | 79. | Thottappallil George |
| 44. | Manjalankal Thomas | 80. | Thottumarickal Francis |
| 45. | Maprakavil Joseph | 81. | Thudippara Zacharias |
| 46. | Mattam Emmanuel | 82. | Thundathil Antony |
| 47. | Mecheril George | 83. | Ullattil John |
| 48. | Monoth Varghese | 84. | Vadakechirayath Joseph |
| 49. | Moothasseril Cyriac | 85. | Vadakeputhenpura |
| 50. | Mundackal George | 86. | Vadakketh Jacob |
| 51. | Muricken George | 87. | Vadana Kuriakose |
| 52. | Nadackal Varghese | 88. | Vallikatt Joseph |
| 53. | Nalannadiyil Sebastian | 89. | Vanderkunnel Alexander |
| 54. | Nayathuparambil John | 90. | Vanmelil John |
| 55. | Nelloor Cyriac | 91. | Varakil Thomas |
| 56. | Njalliyil Sebastian | 92. | Vazhakattu Thomas |
| 57. | Palappurath Benedict | 93. | Vechoopadinjarethil |
| 58. | Pamplani Thomas | 94. | Vedikunnel Arun |
| 59. | Panthalipadan John | 95. | Vettukallel Justin |

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because those five loaves never run out.”**

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