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Blessed Easter 2022!



The synodality of mission comes into being and action, when the missionaries live out their vocation enlightened by the presence of the risen Lord.

Pope Francis



YEAR OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE -2022

Logo for the Celebration of 1950th year of the Martyrdom of
St Thomas the Apostle

Deep red colour: Deep red colour is used for the logo as a symbol of martyrdom.

Fish: Stands for Christ. Greek word for fish is IXTUS (ἰχθύς).

Ship with the cross symbol on the flagpole: stands for the Church. The ship was an ancient Christian symbol. The Church of Christ was established in India by St Thomas the Apostle of Jesus Christ, who arrived in a ship.

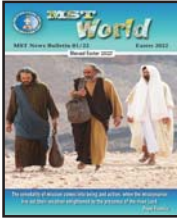
St Thomas the Apostle in line art: St Thomas is the founder of the Church in India.

Map of India: Thomas is the apostle of the whole India.

Syriac words: "My Lord and My God".

1950 years as the eye of the fish: Even after 1950 years the martyrdom of St Thomas is an eye opener for all of us.

Logo prepared Rev. Fr Bobby Arimattathil



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Cover Picture:

Disciples on the Road to Emmaus with the Risen Lord, in Dellinger's acrylic figure painting.

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I. MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Your Excellencies, Rev. Fathers, Rev. Deacons and my dear Brothers, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Pet. 1:3).



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The season of assurance, hope, confidence is at hand. The period of Resurrection is a time to start anew- a new start to our personal lives, to start anew with rejuvenated energy our mission. Often the season of Great Fast is limited to the passion reflection alone where we forget the fact that passion leads to the joy of Resurrection. Resurrection, it is the joy in fullness. Resurrection to us missionaries should be the sharing of love, joy, hope and encouragement which is ultimately rooted in *Messiah*.

Resurrection to us missionaries should be a Synodality. As MSTs, when the whole universal Church prepares itself for the Synod of Bishops in 2023 dealing on Synodality- *the process of fraternal collaboration and discernment that bodies like the synod were created to express*- in this year of St Thomas we are greatly responsible to share this aspect of resurrection. Synodality doesn't mean the gathering of few people. Synodality is best expressed in the Holy Bible in Psalms “*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity*” (Ps. 133:1). “*All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers*” (Acts 1:14).

Yes, Synodality is being together. The MST has been practicing this aspect of synodality from the very days when the discussion in forming the Society began. *With one mind, one heart* (cf. Acts 4:32) our pioneers along with Mar Sebastian Vayalil of happy memory gathered. The members with the General Assembly, the Extra Ordinary General Assembly, the Plenary Council, the General - Regional Councils, etc, prove to show the synodality of the Society working along with the Associate Missionaries of the Society and the Santhome Fellowship

members.

The result of Synodality is going to the people with the Good News. There is no Synodality without the people of God. To understand their pain, to share it, to take it as one's own, is true Synodality. To be with them in all aspects. Thus, Synodality would mean placing the people of God forefront. I feel that Synodality of the Society can be best explained in the words of Pope Francis addressing the participants in the 32nd course on the internal forum organized by the Apostolic *Penitentium* on Friday, 25 March 2022:

"I would like to offer you some ideas for reflection and life review around three key words: welcome, listening and accompaniment. Welcome, listening and accompaniment. Three essential dimensions of the ministry of the confessor; three faces of love, to which is added the joy, which always accompanies it."

We have lot of examples in our Society itself for this Synodality. To cite an example Mr Rajpurohit the DYSP (Retired) of Ujjain a bosom friend of Rev. Fr Kurian Valiyamangalam who travelled all the way from Ujjain just to meet Fr Kurian who is admitted in the palliative care department of Bishop Kavukatt Memorial Hospital Piravithanam, notes about Fr Kurian, "he heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds." He recalls about Rev. Fr Kurian as an exemplary person who gave the light of Jesus to him and his family. "*Fr Kurian always focuses that we should pray with him whenever we stayed with himat that time we didn't understand why there is a need of prayer. But **now** we understand that prayer is a great tool to be with God and ourselves...*" says Mr Rajpurohit. Giving to another the light, hope and positive thought is the Synodality of the Society.

As Holy Father clearly puts in the above-mentioned message let each one of us be able to welcome, listen and accompany each other.

Another point of this Synodality is the *koinonia* among the fellow priests. We all travel in the same ship, called and anointed, to give the Goodnews. When storms hit, waves rage against the ship only the *koinonia* of the travellers could help in overcoming the shipwreck with the power of Christ – "*where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them*" (Mt 18:20). The fraternal love is so important that it should lead each one of us to have openness with my

co-brother to correct him, to stand by his side at times of difficulty, to shoulder him. Jealousy, defamation, enmity, superiority complexes, etc, are to shed away to reach the ship its goal. *“Synodal dialogue depends on courage both in speaking and in listening. It is not about engaging in a debate where one speaker tries to get the better of the others or counters their positions with brusque arguments, but about expressing whatever seems to have been suggested by the Holy Spirit as useful for communal discernment, at the same time being open to accepting whatever has been suggested by the same Spirit in other people’s positions, ‘for the general good’(1 Corinthians 12,7)”*(International Theological Commission, *Synodality in The Life And Mission of The Church*, 111). *“We must always face up to the question: how can we truly be a synodal Church unless we live ‘moving outwards’ towards everyone in order to go together towards God?”* (Ibid 109.)

Let me conclude with the words from our first Director General, our saintly Bishopji Mar John Perumattam: “Let me make an earnest appeal to all our missionary personnel that they may make use of every occasion they get to transmit the truth with which they are entrusted and which is revealed by God. In the words of Pope Paul VI, may I also make this appeal to the priests: *“What identifies our priestly service, gives a profound unity to the thousand and one tasks which claim our attention day by day and throughout our lives, and confers a distinct character on our activities, is this aim, ever present in all our action: to proclaim the Gospel of God,”* (EN 68). It is true that we are doing something of this. But because of the circumstances, it has not yet become a regular programme of our life, for which we have to pay special attention. In this aspect, let us rise to a new life with the Risen Lord so that we may ever live with Him.” (Pastoral Letter -82 (45), 25 March, 1987). Let us, through *fraternal collaboration and discernment* bring out for what MST, was *created to express* – to bring the Resurrection to all.

Joy of resurrection to all!

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

II. NEWS FROM THE GENERALATE

(From 20 December 2021- 30 March 2022)

1. Priestly Ordinations



The priestly ordinations of two *ordinandi* took place on 27 & 29 December 2021. Rev. Fr Gervasis (Jince) Kodikulam was ordained by His Beatitude Major Archbishop Mar George Cardinal Alencherry and Rev. Fr Michael) Shinto Vettikuzhichalil was ordained by His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel. The Director General, the members of the General Council, representatives from the MST seminaries, especially the Rector and staff of Ruhalaya, Ujjain took part in the ceremony. The celebrations were conducted following the Covid-protocols with the limited number of participants. Sincere thanks to all those who participated in the ordinations and others who were ardently praying for the *ordinandi*. Let us gratefully remember their vocation promoters, the formators in various seminaries, the benefactors and other collaborators who contributed in the making of two new priests for the MST. God bless them all! Let us congratulate and welcome the new priests to the priestly fellowship of the MST and pray that both of them may find sanctification and fulfilment of their missionary vocation through the MST, by their dedicated involvement in the apostolates (Cf. C7).

2. Regional Assignment and Appointments of New Priests

After the priestly ordinations, on 6 January 2021, the regional assignment of the new priests was done following C.44 of the *Constitutions and Directives* of MST and it was announced through Circular No. X/28. Rev. Fr Gervasis (Jince) Kodikulam is assigned to St Paul Region, Ujjain, and Rev. Fr Michael (Shinto) Vettikuzhichalil is assigned to St Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi.

The new priests are being given a few months of pastoral exposure in their own home eparchies, because there were not any opportunities of pastoral/diaconate ministry during the time of their formation due to the pandemic Covid-19. They will be sent to their respective Mission Regions in the month of May 2022.

3. Constitution of the Fourth Mission Region of the MST

In accordance with 'Resolution Number Two' of the Tenth Ordinary General Assembly-2018, with the consent of the LXII General Council meeting held on 31 July 2021 and following the norms of C58 of the *Constitutions and Directives* of the Society, the process for constituting St Mary Queen of the Missions Delegation (Delhi) as the fourth Mission Region of the MST on 22 February 2022, was initiated in August 2021.

a. Members of the Mission Region: An open invitation was sent to all priest-members of the MST on 23 August 2021, who would like to be assigned to the proposed Mission Region, to send their names to the Director General by 30 November 2021. There were 33 written applications, opting for the new Mission region. Among them, 21 priests were from St Paul Region, seven priests from St Thomas Region and five priests from St Alphonsa Region. In consultation with their respective Regional Directors, all of them were assigned to the new region on 6 January 2022. When one of the new priests - Rev. Fr Michael (Shinto) Vettikuzhichalil, was also assigned to this region, there are now **34 members** for the fourth Mission Region of the MST. The reassigned members may not be relieved from their current place of apostolate immediately, as it

might require a few years of time to stabilize our mission territories with adequate number of missionaries and centres of apostolates.

b. Regional Director and Councillors

The Election Committee appointed for the conduct of the election



of the panel of three, for the appointment of the Regional Director for the proposed new Mission Region of St Mary Queen of the Missions, presented the election results on 28 January 2022. Since the X Ordinary

General Assembly had decided to follow D116b(i) for the choice of the Regional Director in the ensuing period, with the consent of the General Council, one from the elected panel of three was appointed the first Regional Director of new Mission Region of St Mary Queen of the Missions. Following C117, with the consent of the General Council and in consultation with the new Regional Director, the Regional Councillors were also appointed on 31 January 2022. They are:

Regional Director: Rev. Fr Thomas (Santhosh) Olapurackal

I Councillor: Rev. Fr Joseph Karodan

II Councillor & Procurator: Rev. Fr Scaria (Abin) Kochupurackal

Let us congratulate and wish God's choicest blessings on the first Regional Director and the Councillors.

c. Inauguration of the New Region

As all of you knew, the new Mission Region came into being on 22 February 2022 (the 55th Foundation Day of the MST), when the Director General announced the constitution of St Mary Queen of the Missions Region (MQMR) - the fourth Mission, through a formal Decree which was read out in the inaugural meeting. The decree,



constituting the new mission region is appended to this bulletin.

The ceremony of the formal inauguration of the new Region took place at Deepti Ashram, Najafgarh, Delhi in a humble manner. The programme began with a Holy Qurbana presided over by His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara of Faridabad, concelebrated by the Auxiliary Bishop Mar Jose Puthenveettil, the Director General – Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the General Councillor in-charge of Mission Expansion – Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel, the new Regional Director – Rev. Fr Santhosh Olapurackal, and other priests present for the event. Archbishop Bharanikulangara preached the homily during the Holy Qurbana.

The inaugural meeting was followed by the Holy Qurbana which was also presided by Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara. His



Grace Most Rev. Anil Joseph Couto – the Archbishop of Delhi was also spoke on the occasion. His Excellency Mar Jose Puthenveettil and Sr Grace Poomkudy

– the Provincial superior of the SH Congregation in Delhi also felicitated the new mission region. The territorial map and an emblem of the Region were released during the ceremony. Various cultural programmes were staged by the girls of our boarding in Najafgarh. While Fr Karodan offered a general welcome before the Holy Qurbana, Rev. Fr Olapurackal formally welcomed and introduced the new region to the audience and Rev. Fr Mecheril proposed vote of thanks.

The inaugural ceremony was witnessed by all the General Councillors, Regional Directors, Coordinator of Odisha, Rector of Ruhalaya, many of the newly assigned members of the region, Santhome Fellowship members in the Delhi area, in addition to many missionary priests and sisters ministering in the neighbourhood areas. The



members of the region were formed into several committees and were supported by the collaborators and staff members of Deepti Foundation who all contributed to the success of the event.

d. Gathering of the Members of the New Region and General Team

When the inaugural ceremonies were complete, all the members of the MQMR present for the event had an informal gathering under the leadership of the Director General and the Councillors. Everyone shared their thoughts and dreams for the new mission region, and some retrieved the stories of the earlier years of the MST in Delhi. The former delegates and the councillors, pioneers of the MST's

Delhi mission, the deceased- Fr Siby Nellore and all those who contributed to the Delhi Mission were gratefully remembered during this occasion.

The Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches and the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church congratulated the MST at the constitution of the new mission region, and have sent written notes of blessings to the Director General.

Let us trust and pray that this new Mission Region would make many breakthroughs in the missionary endeavours of the MST in the farthest North of our country.

4. Year of St Thomas the Apostle in MST



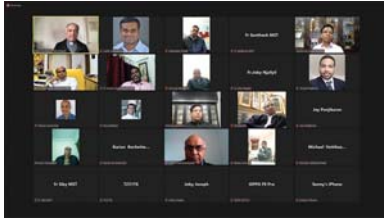
In connection with the celebration of the 1950th year of the martyrdom of St Thomas the Apostle, the Year - 2022 is declared by the Director General as the **Year of St Thomas the Apostle** for the MST. A logo for the celebrations of the 'Year of St Thomas' was released by the Major Archbishop at Mount St Thomas, Kakkannad, on 15 March 2022. The programmes and proposals of the committee for a meaningful celebration of the year are now being circulated through WhatsApp.

The central level programmes will be coordinated under the leadership of Thomasine Research Centre (TRC) of the MST, led by the Director of TRC. Additionally, there shall be programmes and celebrations planned and organized by our Mission Regions, Coordinations, Seminaries and Institutions, and the committee would be ready to offer its assistance as necessary. Let us celebrate the

Year of St Thomas, by living and sharing the missionary spirituality of St Thomas the Apostle in inspiring ways

5. Online Interregional Gatherings

The interregional gatherings of the present administrative tenure were



conducted online from 14 to 18 February 2022 in five different groups. It was well participated by around 300 members. Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal – the secretary for ongoing formation, the expert-

committee for the ongoing formation and the resource speakers deserve special appreciation for their efforts. As suggested, a follow-up of the discussions is being planned to be held in the month of August.

6. Report of Plenary Council – 2021

The report of the Plenary Council presented by Secretary- Rev. Fr Roy Pullattu was electronically circulated on 5 March 2022. The print copies are already dispatched for all our members in India. Sincere thanks to Rev. Fr Roy Pullattu for preparing the report of the Plenary Council.

7. Extraordinary General Assembly - 2021

Election of the Delegates: The names of the elected delegates through the second election process and the nominated members for the upcoming Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA), were announced on 31 January 2022, through Circular No. X-29.

Schedule of the EGA: As announced, the Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) begins on 1 May 2022, and it lasts until it finishes its business. As of now, we are prepared to hold the assembly in session till 20 May 2022, as necessary. If needed, a second leg of the session of the Assembly will be planned in the EGA itself.

The members of the EGA are expected to be in Deepti Bhavan by 4.00 p.m. The EGA begins with the concelebrated Holy Qurbana at 6.00 p.m., and the inaugural session will follow immediately.

Prayer for the Assembly: A special prayer to be recited daily by all the members until the completion of the Assembly was published and circulated among all on 5 March 2022.

8. Sacerdotal Golden and Silver Jubilee Celebrations

As presented and announced in the previous News Bulletin, the Golden Jubilarian (1972-2022) and Silver Jubilarians (Ordination



batch of 1996/1997-2022) were invited to Deepti Bhavan for the Generalate level celebrations, from 18 to 20 January 2022. The celebrations included a few renewal sessions, concelebrated Holy Qurbana and a public gathering for

felicitation.

Rev. Fr Joseph Kannathukuzhy, the golden jubilarian and among the silver jubilarians- Rev. Frs Raju Puthesseril, Benedict Palappurath and Roy Muthumakkal physically joined for the celebrations. Other five silver jubilarians joined through zoom platform and shared their thoughts during the felicitatory meeting. The programme was organized by Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal. The Director General felicitated the jubilarians and thanked each of them personally for their committed missionary life. Honouring the jubilarians, the MST seminarians from different stages of formation performed various cultural items. Each jubilarian was given some time to share their thoughts. The MST congratulates all of them at their completion of 25 years in the priesthood and acknowledges their commendable contributions for the growth of the missions.

9. Sacerdotal Ruby Jubilee Celebration

Seven Ruby Jubilarians in the current year (the ordination batch of 1981-1982) who completed 40 years in missionary priesthood were felicitated through an online celebration of two hours from 6.30-8.30 p.m. on Saturday, 10 January 2022 through Zoom platform.

Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram introduced and welcomed each jubilarian. The Director General felicitated them speaking about each jubilarians separately, mentioning their contributions to the Society and the Church. Each of them was given a few minutes to speak from their life. There were cultural items presented by the seminarians belonging to different stages of formation. The MST congratulates the ruby jubilarians and thanks them for 40 years of contributions to the mission of the Society.

10. Constructions/Blessings of the New Houses

a. MST House, Nedumkandam: A new residential building is constructed at our property at Thannimood, Nedumkandam. The



house was blessed on 6 January 2022, by the Director General – Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor. Congratulations and thanks to Rev. Fr Joseph Kulathumkal under whose leadership the construction took place. The new house will provide facilities for organizing short programmes of the MST for small groups in the Eparchy of Idukki.

b. MST House at Mundur, Thrissur: The construction of the MST house at our property at Mundur was completed and it was blessed on 16 January 2022 by the Director General – Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor. Special thanks to Rev. Fr Kuriakose Madathiparampil who was taking care of the property and the



construction. Rev. Fr Antony Cheeramvelil took charge as the Director of this centre from the same day. The house will function as a centre for missionary animation and vocation promotion in the Thrissur area.

c. MST Centre at Kuttikkanam: The development of the newly purchased land property at Kuttikkanam is in progress. A shelter for the workers is built already, and a borewell is dug for water resources. The building plan for a prayer centre is now approved by the local authorities, and the construction would start in the near future. Rev. Fr Varghese Nadackal has promised to meet the cost of the whole construction.

d. Deepti Bhavan, Melampara: The Generalate building at Deepti Mount which was undergoing expansion and modification, adding one more floor (II Floor) to the existing building is almost to completion. The assembly hall on the first floor is now converted into a chapel. A larger hall and rooms for residence are furnished on the II floor. The new facilities will be ready for the use of the members of the Extraordinary General Assembly by 1 May 2022. The altar of the newly constructed chapel will be consecrated on 1 May 2022, on the inaugural day of the EGA.

11. Overseas Mission

Muenster, Germany: Reverend Frs Shaijan Koonamparampath and Sojan Aikkarakunnel joined the diocese of Muenster in the months of December 2021 and March 2022 respectively.

Munich, Germany: Rev. Fr Philip Karickamukalel returned from the Archdiocese of Munich in December 2021.

Ballarat, Australia: Rev. Fr Abraham Kollithadam joined the diocese of Ballarat in January 2022.

12. Completion of Higher Studies

Fr Myladiyil Thomas (Riju): completed Masters in Social Work (MSW) from BSS College, Bhopal

Fr Edamanasseril Jobin: completed licentiate studies in Spirituality from Indian Institute of Spirituality, Bengaluru.

Fr Pullattu Johnson: completed licentiate studies in Philosophy from Dharamaram Vidya Khestram, Bengaluru.

Fr Puthuppallyil Martin (Subin): completed B.Ed. studies from Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

13. Loss of Membership – Joseph Akkappallil

At the request of Fr Joseph (Aneesh) Akkappallil and with the consent of the General Council of the MST, the Director General dismissed Fr Akkappallil from the Society, in accordance with the *Constitutions and Directives* (C&D 129 and 137), with effect from 19 February 2022. The decree of dismissal was approved by the Major Archbishop and it is appended to this news bulletin. Let us keep him in our prayers, as he starts a new phase in his life.

14. First Death Anniversary of Fr John Nattunilath

The first death anniversary of Rev. Fr John Nattunilath was



commemorated on 2 April at Deepti Bhavan. A special Holy Qurbana was celebrated at 8.00 p.m. at the public chapel which was attended by family members of late Fr Nattunilath. The office of the dead prayed at

his tomb was led by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor – the Director General. The family members were served breakfast.

15. Achievement/Publication

Releasing of CD cassette on Passion and Resurrection of Jesus: The life and activities of people are affected worldwide by Corona crisis and still it continues the restrictions and changes in different manners and forms. Besides, as a result of war between Russia and Ukraine, millions of people are fleeing from Ukraine and seeking shelters and security in different parts in Europe. It is a hard time for many people. Nobody knows how the present situation develops and many ask in anxiety, in which direction it is going to lead us.

Under such circumstances and understanding the present challenges of the times, Rev. Fr Cyriac Chandrankunnel prepared an audio visual a CD in German in connection with Lenten and Easter season



with the title – “Jesus, Mein Heiland (Jesus, My Saviour).” So that it may help at the time of uncertainties and difficulties from the words of Jesus strength, courage and consolation to find and experience. The CD conveys

mainly the message of cross and last seven Words of Jesus from the Cross as a culmination of his promises, his own resurrection.

Releasing the first copy of the CD the Diocesan Bishop of Hildesheim, Germany, Dr Nikolaus Schwerdtfeger said, “It is a beautiful idea and an attempt at this blessed time and likely a time of chaos and uncertainty.” The CD carries reflection accompanied with meditative music on the seven last words of Jesus from cross and finally his resurrection. Each reflection lasts only less than six minutes.

16. Formators’ Gathering

All the MST formators are coming together for a refresher programme and discussion from 20 to 24 May 2022. They will be gathering at Deepti Bhavan, Melampara. The formation secretary will inform the details of the programme to the formators.

17. Gathering of the Major Seminarians, Vestition and Temporary Promise

The annual gathering of the Major Seminarians is scheduled to be held from 24 to 26 May 2022 at the Generalate. On the concluding day (26 May 2022), there will take place the first temporary promise of incorporation by the seminarians who have been promoted to Philosophy after the MOC, and the vestition and renewal of the promise of incorporation by the seminarians promoted to Theology after regency. Let us offer our prayerful support for the seminarians.

III. Transfers and Appointments

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A. *St Paul Region*

Edattukaran Jose: Relieved from the Eparchy of Ujjain (w.e.f. end of April).

Manthara Jose: Appointed as temporary priest-in-charge, Ambodia, Eparchy of Ujjain.

Myladyil Thomas (Riju): Relieved from Bhopal and appointed priest-in-charge, Ratlam (w.e.f. end of April).

Panthalippadan John: Relieved from Ratlam and St Paul Region (w.e.f. end of April), in view of joining the missionary team of St Mary Queen of the Missions Region-MQMR.

Unniepallil Joseph (Sojan): Relieved from Mandsaur and St Paul Region (w.e.f. end of April), in view of joining the missionary team of MQMR.

Vadayaparambil Augustine (Bibin): Relieved from Kotra (Eparchy of Ujjain) and appointed asst. priest-in-charge and principal at Mandsaur.

Velloor Augustine (Jithin): Relieved from Mandsaur and appointed asst. priest-in-charge and in-charge of Social Apostolate, Bhopal.

B. *St Thomas Region, Mandya*

Aikkarakunnel George (Sojan): Relieved from Deepti Nivas, Kalenahalli, for pastoral ministry in Germany.

Elamthuruthiyil Alex: Relieved from St Thomas Mission Centre, Boath, Adilabad and appointed asst. priest-in-charge, Jeevodaya, Arakere.

Kandamparampil Martin: Relieved from Mandya and assigned for pastoral ministry in the Eparchy of Thuckalay (w.e.f. end of April).

Kudakkachirakunnel Sebastian (Sebin): Relieved from Santhome Mission Centre, Hindupur and appointed as ass. parish priest, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Mundur, Archeparchy of Trichur.

Pathalil Thomas (Toms): Relieved from Christalaya, Hadanur and appointed Director of Kadukumani and Procurator at Santhome-IMPACT, Thevakkal (w.e.f. end of April).

Puthusseril Kuriakose (Raju): Appointed Director, Deepti Nivas, Kalenahalli.

Ramachanatt George (Tony): Relieved from Kalenahalli (w.e.f. end of May). and appointed Vocation Promoter- Northern Zone (w.e.f. first week of June).

Vazhuthanappallyil Kurian (Abin): Relieved from Halagur (w.e.f. end of April)., appointed Formator, Deepti College (w.e.f. first week of May).

C. St Alphonsa Region, Sangli

Elanjimattom Sebastian: Relieved from Herle and appointed House Procurator, Chaama MST Bhavan, Thumboor, Irinjalakkuda.

Kuttipalackal Augustine: Relieved Deepti Plantations, Mulas/Bedhsi and appointed asst. priest-in-charge, Chiplun.

Manjackal Thomas (Jins): Relieved from Chiplun and appointed asst. director, Kalasadhana, Mumbai (w.e.f. first week of May).

Muthuplackal Joseph: Decennial Break with residence in Kerala.

D. St Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi

Karodan Joseph: Appointed First Councillor of St Mary Queen of the Missions Region (MQMR,) Delhi.

Kochupurackal Scaria (Abin): Relieved as Procurator – Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery and appointed Second Councillor and Finance Officer of MQMR, Delhi.

Olapurackal Thomas (Santhosh): Appointed Regional Director of MQMR, Delhi.

E. Other Missions/Centres/Ministries/Studies

Alenchery Rony: Relieved as Vocation Promoter-Northern Zone (w.e.f. first week of June) and assigned to MQMR.

Ammanathukunnel Kurian: Relieved from the Archeparchy of Thalassery and appointed Formator/Spiritual Director, Deepti College.

Aniyekatt Kisincher: Relieved as Vice Rector - Deepti College and appointed Rector Deepti College (w.e.f. 30-4-2022).

Arackal Joseph (Binish): Appointed as Auditor, St Thomas Institute, Germany.

Arangassery Lonappan – Relieved from Ruhalaya and appointed Coordinator of the Benefactors of the MST with residence at Santhome, Mundur, Thrissur.

Aryankalayil Joseph G.: Appointed as Formator/Professor, St Ephrem's Theological College, Satna (w.e.f. 1-7-2022).

Cheeramvelil Antony: Appointed Director, Santhome Bhavan, Mundur, Thrissur.

Chirayil Augustine (Sogin): Appointed Asst. Priest-in-charge and Vice Principal, Santhome Pub. School, Mira Road, Mumbai.

Kaithottumkal Mathew (Justin): Relieved as Asst. Procurator, Ruhalaya (Philosophy) and Appointed Vice Rector (Philosophy), Ruhalaya.

Kariathil Johny: Relieved from Santhome, Thamarassery and appointed as English-teacher, Angel Home, Kadanadu.

Karuvakunnel Thomas (Monse): Relieved as Director Santhome Fellowship/Missionary Associates (w.e.f. 5-7-2022) and assigned for higher studies, Rome.

Keeranchira George: Relieved as Manager – Deepti Rubber

Estate, Koramchira (w.e.f. first week of June) and appointed Formator/Spiritual Director, Ruhalaya (Philosophy Section), Ujjain (w.e.f. second week of June 2022).

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Kochuparampil Johny: Appointed Auditor, St Thomas Institute, Germany.

Kodikulam Jince: Appointed asst. parish priest, St George Church, Muttar, Archeparchy of Changanacherry.

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Mampillil George: Relieved as Vice Rector, Ruhalaya (Philosophy), Ujjain and appointed as Rector of Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery.

Maprakavil Joseph (Joby): Decennial Break with residence in St Paul Region.

Marottikudy Augustine (James): Relieved from Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery and assigned to St Thomas Region, Mandya.

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Vadakketh Jacob (Jobin): Relieved from Mira Road and appointed Formator and Procurator, Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery.

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V. News from Seminaries

A. Deepti College, Melampara

1. Seminary Reopens

After Christmas and New Year vacation brothers returned refreshed to the seminary on 7 January 2022. They enjoyed 15 days of holiday. The New Year began with the monthly recollection. It was directed by Fr James Pannamkuzhy OSB. He belongs to the Benedictine monastery at Kappad, Kanjirappally.

2. Ruby Jubilee Celebrations

The sacerdotal Ruby Jubilee of MST fathers were conducted via Zoom platform on 9 January. It was streamed in the seminary auditorium. Deepti seminarians sang a song of felicitation during the event.

3. Golden and Silver jubilee of MST Fathers



The sacerdotal Golden jubilee of Fr Joseph Kannathukuzhy and silver jubilee of fathers who were ordained during 1996-97 were solemnly celebrated at Deepti, on 19 January. The celebration began at 6: 00 p.m.

at the Generalate. They were given a very warm welcome with the accompaniment of 'Chendamelam.' Fr Joseph Kannathukuzhy, together with Frs. Muthumakkal Roy, Puthusseril Raju, Palappurathu Benedict were present on the occasion, others attended it in the zoom platform. Each one of them shared their memorable priestly and seminary experiences.



The seminarians performed dance, mime, songs, etc. After the meeting we had a grand dinner. As an appreciation the silver jubilarians contributed a substantial amount of money towards needy seminarians' fund. Thank you, fathers.

4. Republic Day

The 72 Republic Day was celebrated with usual pomp and splendor. After the Holy Qurbana Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, Director General of MST hoisted the Tricolor flag. He gave a very good message elaborating the formation of the Constitutional Assembly and its valuable deliberations and debates. Brothers also delivered suitable speeches in Hindi, English and Malayalam. Brothers watched the Republic Day parade till noon. After noon they watched the movie 'Gandhi.'

5. Tapioca Harvesting

This year the tapioca harvesting began on 26 January and continued till next day evening. All the fathers and brothers in Deepti campus actively participated in it. After 'Kappa-vattu' many were down with Covid -19 but none was seriously sick.



6. Monthly Recollection

Fr George Karamvelil preached the monthly recollection for the brothers in the month of February.

7. Foundation Day

54th Foundation Day of MST was celebrated with great enthusiasm.



Fr Joseph Oppenmakkal, the Director of Angel Home, Kadanadu was the main celebrant for the Holy Qurbana. He inspired the seminarians with a good homily. We also visited the cemetery at Deepti Mount to pay homage to those founding fathers who are called for their eternal reward and prayed the office for the dead.



In the afternoon brothers visited the tomb of St Alphonsa. We had a volley ball match in the evening between brothers. After supper, a 'Foundation Day Documentary' prepared by the seminarians was released and premiered.

8. Deepti Picnic



The much awaited one day picnic was arranged on 23 February. It was so exciting because last two years we couldn't make it due to covid pandemic. The rising was at 2:30 a.m. and we started our journey

towards the capital city of Kerala. Among many other exciting places, we visited state Legislative Assembly, planetarium, Museum, Zoo, Padmanaba Swami Temple, Kovalam beach, etc.

Thanks to our MLA, Mani C. Kappan for making arrangements to watch the Assembly proceedings from the gallery. A special thanks to Fr Plappillil Thomas (Saji) for sponsoring the whole event.



9. Birthday Celebrations

Deepti was so glad to celebrate the Birthdays of three wonderful people. Frs. Justine Vettukallel, Peter Kavumpuram and Manu Kochumalayil celebrated their birthdays on 19 January, 25 February and 22 March respectively.



10. Amos Speech Competition -2022



Bro. Algitte Kavalimackal represented the seminary and participated in the Amos-2022, an online speech competition conducted by MCBS Minor Seminary, in the month of March. Our young literary germ has received a trophy together

with prize money of Rs 2001 as third prize. Heartiest congratulations

11. Farewell to the Seminarians and Releasing of ARUN

A grand farewell party was arranged for the third-year students to appreciate their services to Deepti community and wish them all the best for their future formation. It was conducted in the open Jubilee memorial auditorium. Director General, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, General councilors, Rector - Fr George Kuppayil, formators of Deepti College, Fathers from Generalate blessed the occasion with their





messages and presence. There are 14 brothers passing out from the seminary this year. Bro. Algitte Kavalimackal, the General Prefect spoke on behalf of the Third-year students.

ARUN, a hand written manuscript of Deepti seminarians, was also released on the same day. Thanks to Fr Kisincher Aniyekkattu, Bro. Alan Felix and other Editorial members who labored hard to make ARUN a big success.

12. New Priests' Day

In spite of many unforeseen events, the new priests' day was celebrated on 30 March. Our new priests: Frs. Shinto Vettikuzhichalil and Jince Kodikulam were kind enough to accept our invitation and visited their *alma mater* and celebrated the Holy Qurbana. Their presence and messages were quite uplifting for the seminarians. Thank you, fathers.



13. Annual Examinations & Vacation

The academic year 2021-22 comes to a conclusion with annual exams culminating by 30 March 2022. Plus-two public exams starts on 30 March. Plus-one public exams starts in June. First and Second year brothers go home for summer vacation on April 1st.

Have a Blessed **LENT** and **EASTER!**

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

B. Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery

All the members of the Santhome Family are keeping fine and had a good time as a whole barring a few cases of Covid-19 in the month of January. As a whole we have nothing to complain about except to raise our hands to Heaven to thank the Lord for His abundant graces showered on Santhome Seminary! I would like to start the news and events of our Seminary from where we stopped in the Christmas edition; and this would cover the news and events from the middle of December 2021 to the beginning of April 2022.

1. Christmas Celebrations



A very beautiful crib was made by the brothers and we had a beautiful Christmas ceremony of blessing of the crib, procession, “*thee kaayikkal*,” etc. on the evening of 21 December, followed by a vegetarian dinner.

Many of our brothers were participating for the first time in the ‘*thee kaayikkal*’ ceremony. Carol singing competition was held. ‘Christmas friend’ was revealed and gifts were exchanged, followed by festive dinner and fireworks!

2. Christmas Holidays

All brothers left for their Christmas holidays (22 December – 1 January) after the Holy Qurbana. All parents from the vicinity of the seminary picked up their children by car and others are sent by a Tempo Traveller to the Kasaragod side.

3. Happy Return after the Holidays

All brothers, except a few, who had Covid-19 positive results, returned to the seminary after the Christmas vacation on 1 January by 4.00 p.m. They all came back to the seminary by private cars and Tempo Traveller.

4. Preparation for the Feast of Epiphany

The second-year brothers then made arrangements for the



'Pindikuthi Thirunnal' or Feast of Denha. A big "Pindi" with lights was arranged in the courtyard and a procession after the Ramsa, singing "elpaiyya,

elelppaiyya..." to the Pindi was very experiential. The first-year brothers were participating in it for the first time!

5. Birthdays Celebrated

The birthdays of Fr Abin Kochupurackal was celebrated on 2 January, of Fr Johny Kariathil on 25 January and that of Fr Joseph Pulavelil on 10 February.

6. Monthly Recollections

There was no monthly recollection possible in January due to Covid. Fr George Kavukatt MST guided our brothers in the monthly recollection on Sunday, 6 February. The Cathedral Vicar and his Assistant helped us with the Confessions. Fr Joseph Kannamangalath MSFS preached the monthly recollection. Fathers from Vinay Bhavan (MSFS) helped us with the Confessions.

7. Syro-Malabar Preshitha Vaaram

Our Seminary also participated in the Syro-Malabar Preshitha Vaaram (6-12 January) with prayers and oath. We remembered all our missionaries and prayed for them!

8. Hindi Qurbana Started

As usual, we started the Hindi Holy Qurbana in the first week of January and the third-year brothers were given the opportunity to serve the Holy Qurbana. Three days are assigned for the Hindi Qurbana, two days each for English and Malayalam Qurbana and the Second and the first year Brothers serve it respectively.

9. New Priests' Day Celebrated

The new priests arrived at Santhome Seminary in the evening on 17 January. The Rector officially welcomed the new priests during the dinner. The new priests shared their experience and vocation stories



after the dinner and inspired brothers. They celebrated the Holy Qurbana in the morning of the following day. After a few cultural programme and games, the new priests were given gifts from the part of the seminary by Fr Rector. They left for Mandya after lunch.

10. Benefactors' Day Celebrated

We remembered all our benefactors and offered a Holy Qurbana as a sign of our gratitude towards them on 20 January.

11. Republic Day Celebration

Fr Benny Kannamthadam hoisted the national flag and delivered a message.

12. Catechism Final Examinations

All brothers who did not complete Plus-one and Plus-two catechism examinations appeared for it at 2.00 p.m. on 26 January. They are all enrolled into the Diocesan Catechism Department which is affiliated to Calicut University.

13. Kappa-Vatt

We bought tapioca from the Bishop's House, Thamarassery and started peeling it at 7.30 a.m. on 10 February and finished it in the same evening. All



brothers and fathers actively participated on the tapioca boiling and enjoyed it. It was the birthday of Fr Rector too.

14. Second Bi-annual Retreat

The second bi-annual retreat for all brothers was arranged from 17-20 February, led by Rev. Fr Jude (Sabu) MSFS. It was a different way of retreat and the brothers really experienced it. The Eucharistic Adoration and anointing ceremony were held in the evening. All the staff along with the preacher laid their hands on the brothers and blessed them! There was counselling along with the retreat.

15. MST Foundation Day Celebrated



22 February is a great day for the MST! A new Mission Region – Mary Queen of the Mission: Delhi – was officially announced in Delhi. The present procurator of Santhome Seminary, Fr Abin Kochupurackal, was appointed the new procurator of the new Region.

Rev. Fr Joseph Vandanoor MST, Parish Priest of Manjakkadavu (Thamarassery Diocese) was the main celebrant of the Foundation Day celebrations in Santhome Seminary. The conclusion of SCLA (Santhome Cultural and Literary Association), the literal and cultural wing of the seminary, was arranged with a high-profile cultural programme. Rev. Fr Vandanoor was the chief guest of the function. In order to add colours to Foundation Day celebrations, we organized volleyball and basketball matches between the brothers.

16. Release of 'Quest' Manuscript

The artistic talents of the brothers got collected into the seminary manuscript called 'Quest.' The chief guest Rev. Fr Joseph Vandanoor MST released the manuscript and Fr Rector received it, on 22 February. Hearty congratulations to Fr Johny Kariathil and brothers



whose hard work made it possible to bring it to light on time!

17. Parents' Meet



Much awaited event, the event which had to be cancelled for two years due to the Covid pandemic, finally took place – the Parents' Meet! The speciality of this parents' meeting was that it had included the parents of two batches – the third and the second years. All the parents attended in it. They reached the Seminary before 9.30 a.m. on 27 February and the Holy Qurbana was at 10.00 a.m. celebrated by Rev. Fr Justin Vettukallel, the Secretary General of MST, followed by cultural programme and meeting at 11.30 a.m.



Rev. Fr Justin Vettukallel was the chief guest of the meeting who spoke of the need of cooperation and collaboration of the parents in the seminary formation, and motivated them to encourage their sons to grow towards holy priesthood day by day! Representatives from the parents spoke well about our formation programme. All of them were very much energized and promised to recruit suitable candidates for the MST. After the festive lunch and meeting with all the formators here, they were served tea at 3.30 p.m. and then they all left!

18. Ash-Monday

Ash Monday liturgical service was held in the morning (28 February) and the main celebrant was Fr Rector. We resolved to abstain from all non-veg. items.

19. Outing Started

The outing on Saturday afternoon (03.30 to 05.30 p.m.) after the

tea which was cancelled for the last two years started from the beginning of March.

20. Friendly Football Match

There was a friendly football match among our brothers who were divided into four teams, each team consisting only of five members. Each team played against the other and the top two teams went to the final.

21. Lenten Sharing

The Santhome community started sharing useful things in the room, arranged for the 'Lenten Sharing.' These materials collected through 'Lenten Sharing' will be distributed among the brothers on 7 April. All contributed something and appreciated the idea.

22. Annual Examinations

All brothers started their final examinations on 18 March and finished on 26 March. The third years had their model exams on the dates prescribed by the state government.

23. Feast of St Joseph – Workers' Day Celebrated

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 dinner. Their great service to the seminary in different fields was appreciated. Fr Abin Kochupurackal, the procurator appreciated their service to the community while Fr Joseph Pulavelil, the Rector, thanked them and distributed gifts.

24. Plus-two Board Examinations

All our Plus-two brothers after having finished their model examinations have started their board examinations on 30 March which will continue up to 26 April.

25. Send-off & Welcome

Fr Abin Kochupurackal, who served Santhome Seminary as its Procurator for the last three years is given a warm send-off on 4 April, and the new Procurator, Fr Jobin Vadakketh, is welcomed to Santhome Seminary by Fr Rector on the same day. Fr Rector

remembered the dedicated and selfless service of Fr Abin and wished him all the best for the new appointment. Brothers expressed their gratitude through their various cultural programmes.



26. Send-off and End of the Academic Year

The third year brothers were given a fitting send-off on 8 April before the first and the second-year brothers went home on 9 April 2022. The curtain of the academic year 2021-2022 came down on 9 April and all brothers went home for their summer vacation. They went with their progress card in their hands.

27. Re-opening of the Seminary

The Third and the Second year Brothers will return on 13 May after their vacation and the first-year brothers are expected to come on 16 May.

28. Some Visitors to Santhome Seminary



Archbishop Mar George Njaralakatt, Bishop Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, Fr Justin Vettukallel, Fr Peter Kavumpuram, Fr Joy Kunnel, Fr Santhosh

Olapurackal, Fr George Kachirayil, Fr George Kavukatt, Fr Josekutty Kalayil, Fr Joseph Oppenmakal, Fr Sogin Chirayil, Fr Toms Pathalil, Fr Mathew Pulimoottil, Fr Mathew Mavelil, Fr Joseph Kannamangalath MSFS, MCBS Fathers, MSFS Fathers, Fathers from Alphonsa Minor Seminary, MST New Priests, etc.

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

C. Jeevan Jyoti, Srirangapatna

1. Second Semester Retreat

Retreats are great ways to renew our relationship with the Lord. They help us to get back on track and deepen our faith. Brothers started their second semester retreat on 26 December and it continued till 29 December. Rev. Fr George Kattoor MCBS was the preacher. All brothers appreciated the style of his preaching and they opined that he facilitated them to have a very fruitful retreat.

2. New Year Celebration

More taste and flavour were added to the New Year celebrations, since it was also the birthday of Rev. Fr Binoy Kootumkal and the ordination day of Rev. Fr Thomas Manjalankal. On 31 December night, we had a special prayer session with adoration to thank the Lord for the gifts we had received throughout the year 2021. After the benediction, we had the Holy Qurbana and the combined celebration of New Year, Birthday and Ordination Day.

2. Feast of Epiphany

We had the customary celebration of the Feast of Epiphany with the solemn celebration of the Holy Qurbana. Fr Josekutty Kalayil (Mandya Regional Councillor) celebrated the Holy Qurbana and gave us a very inspiring homily.

4. Repainting the Statue of Jesus



Under the competent guidance of Rev. Fr Abin Vazhuthanppallyil, our brothers Mathew, Febin, Noyal, Deepak and Justin dedicated a few days of labour for applying a new coat of paint for the Statue of Jesus kept on the top of the central building of the Seminary. It has been a long while since we last painted it. The statue was having blistering and cracking and was looking dark and dull due to paint loss. After painting, the statue has become a point of attraction and looks very beautiful. Sincere thanks to the great artistic effort by Rev. Fr Abin and our Jeevan Jyoti Brothers.

5. Ruhalya Entrance Exams

The entrance exams (Spirituality, English and Hindi) for the Ruhalya Major Seminary were held between 08 and 12 of March 2022. After the intensive coaching for English (by the Staff) and Hindi (by Fr Vettikkuzhychalil MST and Fr Rector), our brothers appeared for the exams with much diligence and confidence. The results were published on Monday 7th March. All our brothers had remarkable success in the entrance tests. Yes, it was the fruit of their hard work and dedication. Congrats! Dear brothers, you have won over our expectations and we are proud of your achievement.

6. New Carpet for the Seminary Chapel

It is obvious that with time carpets are bound to wear and tear.



After ten or fifteen years, even with great maintenance, it will more likely be the time to remove old ones. Removing the old carpet and the installation of the new one in our Jeevan Jyoti Chapel was a need of time. Yes, more than an aesthetic

want, it was a necessity. Big thanks to Rev Fr Josekutty Kalayil for helping us to select the carpet as well as providing us an expert worker to fix it in the chapel. Of course, the whole credit goes to the seminary procurator as well.

7. New Priests' Day

Jeevan Jyoti, the *Alma Mater* was eagerly waiting to welcome and congratulate our new priests. Both of them (Rev. Fr Jince Kodikulam



and Rev. Fr Shinto Vettikuzhichalil) were accorded a cordial welcome to Jeevan Jyoti on 19 January evening. And after the evening prayers, a get-together was arranged to honour the new priests, during which all the staff members congratulated and appreciated them and they also shared with us their sweet memories at Jeevan Jyoti. The session got over with the supper. The next day our new priests offered the Holy Qurbana for the Jeevan Jyoti community. We concluded the new priests' day celebrations wishing both of them beautiful and exemplary missionary priestly life ahead.

8. St Sebastian's Feast Day

Two of our members on the staff - Rev. Fr Sebastian Koottumkal and Rev. Fr Binoy Koottumkal celebrated the feast of their heavenly patron on 20 January. It was a very joyful day with events of unique experience which could foster our community living spirit. A friendly volleyball match between some of the MSTs Priests of Mandya Mission (Rev Fr Anish Chirayath MST, Rev. Fr Sabu Njarolickal MST, and Rev. Fr Thomas Pathalil) and our brothers was conducted in the evening as the culmination of the feast day.

9. Republic Day

Brothers had a week-long preparation for the republic day celebrations. Our chief guest of the day, Rev. Fr Prabhakar (Missionaries of Compassion) received the salute of the parade. He unfurled the tricolour and gave a significant message of the day. After the common meeting Brothers also watched the traditional republic day parade telecasted from the National Capital. A friendly volleyball match between the brothers was organised in the evening to mark the day.



10. Home Day Celebration

Jeevan Jyoti seminary celebrated the home day of its 34th batch on Sunday 20 February 2022. We celebrated it in 3 phases. The solemn



Holy Qurbana was the main event of the first phase. Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal MST was our main celebrant and only the Jeevan Jyoti members participated in it. The main attraction of the second phase was the common

meeting with a cultural programme of 1.30 hours. His Excellency Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath (Bishop of Mandya Diocese) was the chief guest; Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal was the Guest of honour, while Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott presided over it. Most of the missionaries (priests and nuns) working in and around Mandya/ Mysore graced the occasion. A sumptuous lunch was served for all. The third phase (afternoon) was marked by group games for all the missionaries. There was an active participation by all of them (because for priests, nuns and brothers it was the first time in two years such a large-scale gathering was organized in Mandya). The home day got over with tea at 4.00 p.m. The missionaries left for their stations only after leaving a special note of appreciation to the staff and brothers. Sincere thanks to all those who came and actively participated in our home-day celebrations.

11. Foundation Day Celebration

We began MST Foundation Day celebrations with the solemn Holy Qurbana on 22 February. Fr Sebastian Kootumkal was the main celebrant. In his homily he also shared with us his unique experience as one of the witnesses (a school going student at that time) of the MST foundation day in 1968. All of us were taken up by his enriched and informative sharing. His information was very useful for us to have a comprehensive grasp of the origin of MST and its formal inauguration on 22 February 1968.

12. Jeevan Jyoti Gets New Kitchen Staff

Recently, Jeevan Jyoti had a change of kitchen staff. Mr. Arun and

his wife (Mrs. Rekha) left for their home place. For one year they were working at Jeevan Jyoti. In their place, we got a new family from Tamil Nadu (Gunapal and Malar) as our new kitchen staff. Thanks to Mr Arun and his family for their sincere services, and best wishes to Mr Gunapal and family.

13. The Director General's Visit

Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, our Director General paid a visit to Jeevan Jyoti in the last week of February. During the visit, he had a common meeting with the staff and personal meeting with all the brothers. Since this batch of brothers is completing their formation



in MOC, it was customary from the part of the Director General to meet all of them personally. And the personal meeting with the General was a fillip for the brothers as far as

their personal growth in formation and adherence to MST were considered. He also officiated the Ash Monday ceremony for the Jeevan Jyoti family.

14. Prison Ministry Team Visits Jeevan Jyoti

We were visited by the founders of the Prison Ministry of India (PMI) led by Fr Francis Kodiyan MCBS- (National Co-ordinator) and Fr Varghese Karipery (Founder). Along with them, Fr Jaison Puthenpurackal MST, Sr Basil and Sr Amala DC were also present.

We welcomed them very cordially. A small sharing session was arranged with them, which was a heart touching one. Moreover, the brothers were very much moved by listening to the activities of Prison Ministry of India. Thank you very much Rev.



Fr Jaison Puthenpurackal MST for bringing the whole administrative team of PMI to Jeevan Jyoti.

15. Sports Day Competitions

On 1 March, we conducted our sports day competition in Jyoti Nivas School, Srirangapatna. Brothers were divided into two groups namely Red and Blue. The morning session was dedicated to individual sports items while the afternoon for the group items. Brothers actively participated in all the items with real sportsman spirit. Between the groups the competitions remained very intense and finally the 'Red group' emerged as the champions and the 'Blue group' runners up.



16. Mission Tours



Our brothers were taken to the mission centres in Mandya Diocese/Region as part of the formation, thus to know the missionaries and missions. We arranged the visit of the mission

stations in two Sundays (13&20) of March. Within these two Sundays we could cover most of the mission stations except a couple of them. The brothers were introduced to the missionaries, history of the mission stations, activities in the mission stations during the entirety of the mission tour. We also visited the Mandya Bishop's House and the Mother Theresa



Minor seminary during our tour. We, the staff and brothers wholeheartedly thank the Mandya Diocese/Region, and the missionaries for their great support to Jeevan Jyoti. A special thanks to the Manager and Principals of Santhome Public School, Mandya for providing us with a bus for the conveyance.

17. Community Picnic to Mysore

The brothers were taken to Mysore for the one-day community picnic on 17 March. We first visited St Philomena's (St Joseph's)



Cathedral, followed by sightseeing in Chamundi Hills, then visited Mysore Zoo, Mysore Palace and finally we went to watch the spectacular garden and musical fountain show in the Vrindhavan Garden. It was an astounding and

fabulous day for all of us.

We also got the opportunity to visit the historical destination Shravanabelagola and tourist destination Kokkara Belluru Bird's Sanctuary which is known for the winged guests.

18. Conclusion of the Academic Year 2021-22

On 27 March 2022, we had officially concluded the academic year 2021-22. Dr Sujay Kumar (our family Doctor and friend) was the chief guest of the day. On that day we also released 'AMSHU' our manuscript magazine. Very special thanks to the editorial board led by Rev. Fr Sebastian Kootumkal, who gave a polish to the literary and artistic works of our brothers. The prizes for the sports



and literary competitions were also awarded by the Chief Guest to the winners.

19. Final Exams and Holidays

These days brothers are having the final exams, which will get over on 6 April. Immediately after the exams, they will begin their third semester retreat for 3 days. Rev. Fr C. D. Sebastian is preaching the retreat. After the retreat and the Palm Sunday celebrations, on Tuesday 12 April, the 34th batch of brothers will say goodbye to Jeevan Jyoti, in order to begin their summer holidays.

Sincere thanks to all of them. We, the staff wish every brother absolutely brilliant and awesome holidays and great family times. Keep striving to do your best! Go and chase after your dreams of becoming great missionaries of God's love.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Roy Pullattu, Rector, Jeevan Jyoti, Mandya)

D. Ruhalya Major Seminary, Ujjain

I am happy to share with you some of the important events that took place in Ruhalya during the past three months. God blessed us abundantly and we bow our heads before Him in thanksgiving.

1. Academic Activities

a. Classes and Exams. Classes at the philosophate started on 27 December 2022 after the Christmas holidays and at the theologate on 7 January 2022 after priestly ordinations of our deacons in Kerala. In March students had a hectic schedule as exams were going on. The comprehensive written and oral exams of the third-year philosophy students were on March 21 and 28 respectively.

b. Seminar: A seminar on the topic "Making sense of Heidegger for Contemporary time" was conducted at the philosophate on the 19 January 2022. The resource person was Fr Dr Antony Puthussery SVD. It was very well appreciated. Congratulations to Fr Veenus Karamullil, the dean of studies of Philosophy section who organized it.

c. Bible Quiz: The 17th inter-seminary Bible Quiz competition was held at Ruhalaya on 6 Feb. 2022. Contestants from 12 Major Seminaries including Ruhalaya participated in the final round. Bro.



Rohan Gonsalves from St Joseph's Seminary, Mangalore secured the first prize and Deacon Jose Perumannor MST from Ruhalaya secured the second prize and Deacon Sanjay Paraste from Krist Premalaya Bhopal, the third prize. Congratulations to the winners. Hats off to Fr Manoj Parackal, the quiz master, who made the event remarkable.

d. Symposium: A symposium on 'Synodality' was organized at the theologate on the 24 Feb. 2022. Four theology students presented papers based on the papal document; "For a Synodal Church: Participation and Mission". The symposium was very enlightening. Congratulations to Fr Jose Palakeel, the dean of Studies, theology section who guided the students to present the papers.



e. Conclusion of R.C.L.A.: The activities of R.C.L.A and Home Herald of the academic year 2021-2022 came to a close on 27 Feb. 2022. The chief guest of the day was Mr Anil Kumar Purohit, the former DYSP of Agar. He inspired the community with his

valuable words. Congratulations to Fr Lithosh Karingadayil, who guided the students in the development of their literary talents.

2. Spiritual Activities

Monthly recollections and spiritual instructions help the students to advance in their spiritual journey. Special orientation talk was given by Fr Henry Angel to both Philosophy and Theology students during monthly recollections. Other than the usual prayers in the Seminary, the MSTs gather once a month to pray for MST. There is also a monthly gathering of the Prison Ministry members to pray for the inmates and a prayer group that meets on Sundays to intercede for the Church and Seminary.

3. Mission Activities

We were inspired by the sharing of the missionaries who visited us during these months. Special mention is to be made about Sr Merin M.C. who shared her mission experience at the philosophate. It was very inspiring. Our students go to villages to conduct S.H.G. group meetings, and also to visit the sick. A leaders' training program for women was conducted at *Asara*, the Social Animation Center of Ruhahaya in which some brothers participated. All these activities help the students to develop a burning desire for mission.

4. Celebrations

a. Republic Day Celebration: The 73rd Republic Day was



celebrated both at philosophy and theology. Rev. Fr Thomas Kannany was the Chief Guest at the thologate and he hoisted the flag and gave message. At Philosophy section, the chief guest of the day was Fr Sunil Konrackal who

gave the message. On this festive day a Cricket match was played between the brothers and priests of the eparchy. Rev. Fr Sebastian Varikatt inaugurated the match.

b. MST Foundation Day: Solemn Holy Qurbana was celebrated at the theologate. There was a volley ball match and music night at



the philosophate on the great day.

c. Other Celebrations: The ordination day of Rev. Fr Lithosh (3 January) and Rev. Fr Lonappan (28 March) and the feast days of Rev. Fr Veenus (20 January) and of Frs Venattumattam, Palakeel, Parackal, Valiamangalam and Vedikunnel (19 March) were celebrated.

5. Sports and Games

The Challenger's Cup at the philosophate was inaugurated by Rev. Fr Thettalickal on 8 January 2022 and the match got over on the 16 January. The prizes were distributed by Rev. Fr Thomas Manjalankal on the same day itself.

6. Send-off Gatherings

Send off gatherings were arranged for Fr Lonappan Arangassery on 28 March, for Fr George Mampillil on 30 March, who did commendable services to Ruhalya for the past 4 and 6 years respectively. Rev. Fr Rector thanked both these fathers for their committed services to Ruhalya and wished them best luck in their future ministry. The third-year philosophy students were also given a solemn send off on the 30 March 2022. The day was marked by variety



cultural programs.

7. A New Vice Rector to Philosophy Section

Rev. Fr Justin Kaithottumkal has taken charge as the Vice Rector of Ruhalaya Philosophy section. Hearty congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Rev. Fr Justin Kaithottumkal. The other new appointments to Ruhalaya will be announced in the forthcoming edition.

8. Visits



During these 3 months we were blessed with the visits of some very important people other than our visiting professors. They are Rev. Fr Joy Paranjeth, VG of the Eparchy of Rajkot, Rev. Fr Shinod Choorappadath VG of the Eparchy of

Jagadapur, Rev. Fr James Parekkudiyil, Rector of the Minor Seminary of Gorakpur and Rev. Fr Joseph Kollamparampil VG of the Eparchy of Shamshabad, Rev. Fr Thomas Manjalankal, the Spiritual Director of MOC, Mandya, and Rev. Fr Rino Puthenpurackal one of our new priests. We are very grateful for their presence, message and prayers.

We were also lucky to welcome Rev. Fr Francis Kureekal, our Vice Director General and Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel, our Councilor. Fr Kureeckal being the formation secretary met both the staff and students. He encouraged us by his visit. Informal visits of His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel too encourage us a lot. Thanking God for all the blessings and remembering all the benefactors and well-wishers, I conclude my report.

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

VI. News from Missions

A. St Paul Region, Ujjain

1. Recollection and Gathering of Junior Priests



The usual recollection for the MST members working outside the eparchy of Ujjain was conducted on February 16, 2022. Rev. Fr Bince Pottananiyil guided the recollection. On this occasion, we also wished each other the greetings of the Foundation Day of our Society in anticipation.

After the recollection, the junior priests of the region gathered at the Regional House. The Regional Director presided over the meeting after supper and it lasted for two hours. There were sincere discussions about the development of the Region and everybody shared their hopes for the mission.



2. Foundation Day Gathering of MST Brothers



All MST brothers studying in Ruhahaya, both in Philosopate and Theologate and two regents, gathered in connection with the Foundation Day of the Society on 24 February 2022 at St Thomas School, Pawasa. The brothers arrived at Pawasa at 2

p.m. and some of them engaged themselves in the preparation of food. Rev. Fr Antony Pulickamandapathil shared his vivid experience in the mission and in the Pushpa Mission Hospital from 3.00 p.m. After the tea, they arranged various fun games in different groups. There was yet another inspirational sharing on the priestly life by our



young priest Rev Fr. Bince Pottenaniyil at 6.30 p.m. Brothers conducted a prayer service after the sharing and prayed for the various intentions of the Society. The programme concluded with a solemn supper in the inner courtyard of the school. The

formators from the seminary joined for the supper and the joy was doubled with the presence of Vice-Director Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal and the General Councillor Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel.

3. Members to the New Delhi Region

Twenty-one members of St Paul Region have joined the new Mission Region of the MST - St Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi. The members of the St Paul Region have worked there from the very beginning, even before it became a Delegation and today the Region is happy to see that it has contributed much with its members to the development of Delhi Delegation into a Mission Region. At this moment we wish all the best to the new Region and to all the outgoing members.

4. Welcome Back!

Rev. Fr Jose Manthara is back in the Region after his sincere and dedicated pastoral service in Germany. He was welcomed at the Regional House on 6 March 2022. He is appointed acting priest-in-charge at Ambodia station since Fr Mailadiyil has not yet fully recovered from his injuries.

Rev. Fr Benny (Philip) Karickamukalel will be arriving by 26 April 2022 to the Region to take up the appointment as the priest-in-charge at Mandsaur.

Hearty Welcome to both Fathers!

(Reported by Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura, Regional Director, St Paul Region)

B. St Thomas Region

1. Renovation of the Priest Quarters at Koppa



The priest quarters at Preethi Nilaya mission centre, Koppa, was renovated. Some additions were made to the existing building. A facelift was given to the building and to the

surroundings. The presbytery and the surroundings look very beautiful. It was blessed by the Regional Director in the presence of all the MST priests working in Mandya. Thanks to the efforts and hard work of Rev. Frs Sunny Mundackal and Pradeepan Punnakuzhy.

2. Santhome International School, Sathyamangalam

Santhome International school, Sathyamangalam, is affiliated to ICSE Board, New Delhi. It is the fruit of the hard work of the present manager, Rev. Fr Jiby Thekkemuriyil, Principal, staff and all the previous managers, principals and the staff members. We appreciate and congratulate all of them for their dedicated hard work and enthusiasm. We begin 9th standard in the next academic year in Santhome International School.

3. Eucharistic Centre at Nagamangala

The mission centre at Anchecheettanahally, Nagamangala was raised to the status of a Eucharistic centre on 27 March 2022 by Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath during the solemn Holy Qurbana in the presence of many MST priests, sisters and lay people. The Bishop appreciated and thanked the MST for the strenuous hard work they put in for starting and developing the mission centre. All the missionaries who had rendered their selfless service at the mission centre were remembered with gratitude. The name of Rev. Fr Abraham Chempottical was specially mentioned as he started the mission there. We appreciate and congratulate the hard-work of

Rev. Fr Joshy Areeplackal and SMS sisters at Nagamangala.
(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, Regional Director of St Thomas Region)

C. St Alphonsa Region

1. New House for a Family



A dream of a life of a family was fulfilled through Sangli Mission Society. A house was built and given to a poor family in Miraj.

The House was built under the Vihaan Project. For the blessing and handing-over ceremony, the Fathers from the neighbouring communities were present. Fr Joby Njalliyil the Regional Director handed over the key to Mr Gajanan Shankar Rajmane in the presence of Fr Lijo Kavunnukattil the Social Service Director of Sangli Mission Society.

2. Foundation Day and Silver Jubilee Celebrations



The twin celebrations - the Foundation Day of MST and the Silver Jubilee of the arrival of FCC Sisters to Sangli Mission were celebrated with all glory and pomp on 22 February at Anugraha

Mission Station, Khed. The missionaries joined together by afternoon on the same day and had a spiritual renewal through the Monthly Recollection. The Recollection was followed by a solemn Holy Mass.



Rev. Fr Tom Mangalathil was the main celebrant and Frs Thomas Chirayil and Dileep Nalannadayil were the co-celebrants. Sr. Anitha, the Mother Superior of FCC, Khed lighted the lamp, winding up the Silver Jubilee of their arrival in Sangli. After the Holy Mass there held a small meeting to acknowledge and honour the wonderful works the sisters have done over the 25 years.

3. Parish Feasts



After the Covid-19 situation, the parishes in the Sangli mission celebrated their patronal feasts with great solemnity. St Alphonsa Church Kolhapur celebrated the Parish

feast on 27th February, Infant Jesus Church Banda celebrated the Parish feast on 9 January, Jai Matha Church, Bedshi celebrated its Feast on 13 February and the Feast of St. Alphonsa was celebrated on 20 February in its solemnity at Alphonsa Church Miraj. Fathers and sisters from nearby



communities graced the occasion with their presence. The parishioners wholeheartedly participated in all the spiritual activities which accompanied the parish feasts.

4. Inauguration of Railway Childline Helpdesk



A new helpdesk for the railway childline was inaugurated at Kolhapur railway station. It is a joint endeavour by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Welfare, The Ministry of Railways and operated by Sangli Mission Society.

5. Solemn Reception of Holy Communion



St Alphonsa Church, Miraj and Alphonsa Church, Kolhapur were blessed on the day of the parish feasts with the solemn reception of Holy Communion of two kids in each of the parishes, Alvin Sabu

and Angel Mary Jestin in Miraj and Albert Saji and Aditya Sebastian in Kolhapur. Three children Jenisha Joyal, Maria Joyal and Anna Joyal became part of our church through the Sacraments of Initiation.



(Reported by Rev. Fr Arun Vedikunnel, St Alphonsa Region)

6. Asmitha Marathi Institute



Convocation of 70th batch of Asmita Marathi course at Dahanu, Mumbai. There were 8 participants, including an MST priest. All of them passed the required level of language. The

participants were empowered with the local language and were sent for their mission. On 4 April begins classes for the 71st batch of Marathi students.

7. Personal Parish, Kalyan

a. Lenten Retreat: Lenten retreat of non- Malayalee Syro-Malabar communities were held at Panvel Pastoral centre on 27 March. There



were 130 participants for this residential retreat. We had a special session on the Mission of St Thomas the Apostle as we are celebrating the 1950th year of the martyrdom St Thomas. The year-

2022 is being celebrated in the diocese of Kalyan as the Year of St Thomas.

b. Pilgrimage to Nasik: Lenten pilgrimage of the members of the



personal parish was conducted to Nasik on 27 March. There were 100 participants. The main destination was the St Mary's Forane Church, Nasik. Rev. Fr Thomas Kalapura MST is the Forane Vicar



over here. Nasik is famous for the miraculous statue of Child Jesus placed at the Shrine of Infant Jesus's Church. We had the Holy Qurbana at this

shrine, followed by a short prayer session.

(Reported by Fr Paul Painadath, Mumbai)

D. St Mary Queen of the Missions Region

1. Inauguration of Mary Queen of the Missions Region

Mary Queen of the Missions Delegation, Delhi was elevated into the status of the Region and was inaugurated on 22/02/2022. The Foundation Day of MST and the inaugural function began at 10:30



am with Holy Mass by His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara at Deepthi Ashram, Delhi. His Excellency Mar Jose Puthenveetil, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel and Rev. Fr Santhosh Olapurackal joined His Grace on the Altar for the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. Fathers from different mission stations, other Regions and nearby mission houses also joined for the Holy Mass. The inauguration and elevation of the new Region was followed by the Eucharistic celebration which began at 11:30 am. His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara along with other dignitaries inaugurated the function. His Grace Archbishop Anil J.T. Cuto, His Excellency Mar Jose Puthenveetil, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, Rev. Fr Santhosh Olapurackal and Rev. Sr Grace SH were on the stage. Rev. Fr Santhosh Olapurackal the New Regional Director took the responsibility of welcome address. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor the Director General of MST between the function announced the elevation of new and Fourth Mission Region of MST, Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi. All other Dignitaries blessed us with their words of Felicitation.

2. New Regional Team

The new Regional team for administration took charge on the day

of the inauguration of Mary Queen of the Missions Region Delhi on



22/02/2022. Rev. Fr Santhosh Olapurackal took charge of the Regional Director of the Region, Rev. Fr Joseph Karodan is the First Councilor and Rev. Fr Abin Kochupurackal is the Second Councilor and Procurator. The

Regional Team received Apostolic Blessings from His Grace Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara on the day of the inauguration of the Region.

3. New Logo



Mary Queen of the Missions Region (MQMR) has released its Logo of the Region on the Day of inauguration. His Grace Archbishop Anil JT Cuto unveiled the Logo. The meaning of the Logo was also explained on this day. Mary Queen of the Missions Region Delhi thankfully remember the hard work and effort of Rev.

Fr Bibin Vernakunnel MST to the design the Logo.

4. New Regional Map

On the blessed day of the inauguration of the Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi we could also release a new Map of the territorial area of the Region in which MST mission centers are defined. It was His Excellency Mar Jose Puthenveetil who released the Map. We gratefully appreciate Rev. Fr Joseph Karodan the First Councilor of Delhi Region for his talent to map the Regional Map.



5. Significant Events in History of MQMR

- ◆ 10 December 2003 - DEEPTI FOUNDATION, Trust was registered
- ◆ 20 December 2004 - DEEPTI FOUNDATION OFFICE at 23 B, R Block, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095 was purchased
- ◆ 25 October 2005 - Land at Mitroan, NAJAFGARH was purchased
- ◆ 8 March 2007 - Care home for the HIV/AIDS infected children was started in a rented building at Indra service station, Najafgarh
- ◆ 1 November 2008 - Community Care Center for the HIV/AIDS infected was started in Indra service Center, Najafgarh, Delhi
- ◆ 25 February 2012 - DEEPTI ASHRAM was blessed
- ◆ 6 March 2012 - EPARCHY OF FARIDABAD was established
- ◆ 17 October 2014 - INSTITUTE OF HARMONY AND PEACE STUDIES was established
- ◆ 15 July 2014 - MARY QUEEN OF MISSIONS DELEGATION, Delhi was inaugurated
- ◆ 1 March 2015 - ST YUSAF SADAN, DEON BATHINDA, Punjab was started
- ◆ 5 September 2016 - MOTHER TERESSA CATHOLIC MISSION, DELHON, LUDHIANA, Punjab was established
- ◆ 7 July 2017 - DEEPTI ASHRAM GIRLS HOSTEL in Najafgarh was blessed
- ◆ 3 July 2018 - KRISTUJYOTI CATHOLIC MISSION was established in Rohru, Himachal Pradesh
- ◆ 28 July 2019 - ALPHONSA CATHOLIC MISSION was established in Dhuri, Punjab
- ◆ 28 July 2019 - MARIA BHAVAN, BHIKKI, Punjab was established
- ◆ 6 January 2019 - ST JOSEPH MISSION, BHADAUR in Punjab was started

◆ 11 September 2021 - HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC MISSION, Chirgoan

◆ 8 March 2021 - CHILD RESOURCE CENTER AT BHALASWA in Delhi was started

◆ 1 December 2021 - ST FRANCIS ASSISI CATHOLIC MISSION, KHAMANON, Punjab was established

◆ 22 FEBRUARY 2022 - MARY QUEEN OF THE MISSIONS DELEGATION IS ELEVATED TO A REGION

(Reported by Rev. Fr Sanoj Pathrapankal, MQMR, Delhi)

E. St Joseph Mission Odisha

1. Inauguration of New Mission Centre

MST Odisha mission is proud to share the joy of starting one more new mission centre in Odisha. January, 6, 2022 was marked with the opening of the *Namasthe Maria Mission* at Daringbadi, Kandhamal. The program started with the blessing of the rented house followed by the Holy Qurbana in Odia by the Coordinator of the Mission in Odisha. Sisters of Abhishekagni Congregation from Attapadi have joined the mission in Daringbadi. We would like to appreciate and thank Rev Fr Jose Cheriampanattu for the great initiative. As we have more people joining with us, we need to give faith formation, catechism classes for youth and elders, retreat for the faithful, etc. The Centre will be developed to meet these requirements of the Odisha Mission.



2. Feast of the Patron of Odisha Mission

St Joseph Mission Odisha solemnly celebrated the feasts of St Joseph our Heavenly Patron. The feast day celebrations started with Solemn



Odia Holy Qurbana presided by Rev. Fr Ousepachan Tharapputhottiyil and the homily preached by Rev. Fr Jose Cheriampanattu. All the missionaries and collaborators gathered at MST Mission House in J.K. Pure, Rayagada. The celebration was marked with the feast day celebrations of all Josephs in the mission and the Congregation's feast of SD Sisters. Being the first celebration of such kind, it was a great chance for each one of us to remember the graces that we received in the short span of three years. We remembered and prayed for superiors, collaborators, benefactors and beneficiaries of our mission in Odisha.

3. Visit of Bishop Neelankavil



St Joseph Mission Odisha was blessed with the visit of His Excellency Mar Tony Neelankavil, the Auxiliary Bishop of Thrissur. His Excellency reached the mission on March 30 and spent three

days visiting almost all the mission centres and few villages in the mission.

The visit was marked with interaction with missionaries and collaborators, village visits, confirmation of the



Sacraments of Initiation to few villagers, etc. It was a great time for us the missionaries of Odisha. We do appreciate and thank His Excellency Mar Tony for his great words of appreciations and encouragements and his readiness to spent time with us accepting all the limitations.

4. Foundation for the Presbytery in Balliguda Mission



Foundation stone of the presbytery building for Nirmal Jyoty Mission Balliguda was laid by His Excellency Mar Tony Neelankavil on March 31, 2022. The mission in Balliguda was started in 2019 and we have 12

villages with community formation programs and other social activities. Last year we could buy 2.9 acres of land in the NAC circle of Balliguda block and we could successfully complete the legal formalities for the constructions. We do thank our superiors for the great support and appreciate our fathers in Balliguda for their hard work for this venture.

5. Year of Evangelization

As the Catholic Church celebrate the 1950 years of the Martyrdom of St Thomas, the Eparchy of Shamshabad has announced this year as the Year of Evangelization and we the MSTs in Odisha are honoured and asked to

actively participate in the implementation of the programs of the year, especially policy making of the eparchy for community formation.



Six of our fathers from

Odisha had a long two days programs and discussions with the

eparchial team on Evangelization and Community Formation in Shamshabad. Mar Raphael Thattil appreciated and thanked the great initiative that MST has taken in Odisha for the Eparchy of Shamshabad.

6. New Religious Trust- Nava Jyoti Trust

We are happy to share joy that we could successfully complete the process of registering a Religious Trust in Odisha named 'Nava Jyoti Trust'. This trust will help us to coordinate the programs that we do for the evangelization and other activities connected with community formation programs in Odisha. We have applied for the 12AB, 80G and prior permission for the foreign fund raising programs. Our Educational and Charitable Trust named 'Jyoty Marg' is functioning well and we have started the process for acquiring FCRA certificate. We do request your valuable prayers for the successful completion of it.



7. Education and Charitable activities:

As part of reaching out to the peripheries MST Odisha mission has initiated many charitable and educational programs with the limited resources that we have in the mission.

a. Skill Training Programs: Three of our centres have taken the initiative to start tailoring training for the village women. It is a three month intensive tailoring course in which the basic of cutting and stitching will be taught. It is aimed to make the poor self-sufficient. Once they complete the



course, with the certificate of our registered Trust they can approach the Odisha Government for the tailoring machine and initial fund for starting up the business.



b. Non Formal Education Programs: As many of our villages are deep inside the forest, many of the children are deprived of basic education. So we have started non formal education programs in 55 villages of our Mission Centres. Around 1200 children are supported with these programs.

c. Santhome Education Scholarship: Selected children from the Non Formal Education Programs are sent for better and formal education in the convent schools with hostel facilities. We have 170 such students undergoing their studies in deferent catholic schools of sisters. Other than that we have sent few youth for skill training courses and placed them for better jobs inside and outside Odisha.

d. Awareness Programs: For a better and bright future of the poor



and needy villagers of our missionaries were giving awareness programs on deferent topics like self-sufficiency, health and hygiene, education, savings etc. Six such

programs were conducted in these months.

We do express our gratitude for the great support given by our well-wishers, Santhome Fellowship members and our loving MST fathers. Only through your prayers, encouragements and the financial support we are going ahead with success stories in Odisha Mission of MST.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Jomon Ayyankanal, St Joseph Mission, Odisha)

8. Namaste Maria Bhavan, Daringbadi, Kandhamal - Odisha



‘Namaste Maria Bhavan’ at Daringbadi is the second mission centre of St Joseph Mission in Kandhamal district Odisha. Rev. Fr Jose Cheriampanatt MST and the four Abhishekagni Sisters of Jesus and Mary (ASJM) from

Attappady - Sr Vimal Rose, Sr Ann Therese, Sr Maria and Sr Catherine - are the members of this centre. At present the priests and the nuns are residing in two separate rented houses at Panchupuli village, which is 5 kilometres away from the Daringbadi- Berhampur highway.

Daringbadi is a hill station in Kandhamal district of Odisha (formerly known as Orissa) state in Eastern India. Widely known as “Kashmir of Odisha”, (for its climatic similarity), it is situated at a height of 915 metres (3000 ft) above sea level and is a popular tourist destination. It is also famous for its production of superior quality of organic turmeric renowned as ‘Kandhamal Haldi’, which already got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

9. Foundation Day Celebration



On 22 February, missionaries from Baliguda and M. Rampur together with the priests, nuns and a few catechists gathered at

Namaste Maria Bhavan, Daringbadi to celebrate the 55th Foundation Day of MST. Rev. Fr Francis Kannampuzha CM from the

Navajeevan Dhyana Kendra, Ollada administered the Sacrament of confession, preached the monthly Recollection and made a power point presentation reminding the points to be kept in mind while doing the mission of Jesus as it is detailed in the Scripture, Traditions and the official magisterium of the church. Abhishekagni sisters led special thanksgiving prayer and Eucharistic adoration for the global mission of the society.

Rev. Fr Ambrose Kollamattam MST was the main celebrant of the Solemn Eucharistic con-celebration and Rev. Fr Jose Cheriampanatt gave the homily explaining the rich heritage and daring ventures of the MST society during the last 55 years. A small felicitation meeting was conducted during the lunch and Rev. Sr Vimal Rose ASJM welcomed everyone gathered. The MST fathers and regent brothers cut the cake together and shared their unity and love.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Jose Cheriampanatt, Namaste Maria Bhavan, Daringbadi, Odisha)

F. Arunachal Mission

1. Sagalee Mission

a. Meeting of Leaders and Catechists: A common meeting was



arranged for the Sagalee parish catechists and the church leaders on 3 March 2022. There are twenty village churches under Sagalee Parish. All the participants of the this meeting

unanimously decided that this year we will have a joint Holy Week celebration in which all the members of these village churches will come together at Sagalee parish and stay there from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Common celebrations will facilitate the unity among the parish communities.

b. National Achievement Survey: National achievement survey (NAS) was conducted at Don Bosco School Sagalee from March



22 to 25 to evaluate the learning process of children at class 3 level. The authorities were satisfied with the learning capacity of our children and the

methodology used in teaching the junior students.

c. Church Construction: The new parish church at Sagalee is under construction and is in speedy progress. There are several major donors who support the church construction. Recently, some of the premium donors visited the construction site and encouraged the parish council.



d. Friday Adoration: Every Friday in the season of lent is conducted special fasting and prayer with adoration for half a day at Sagalee parish. It is attended by hundreds of parishioners taking turns for the Holy Hour.

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

2. Pakke Kessang Mission

a. Visit of Bishop John Thomas: Bishop of Itanagar, Most Rev. John Thomas visited the Pakke Kessang parish and spent his time with us in the Christmas eve. His Excellency was given a warm welcome by the community and led the Christmas liturgy in the main parish church.



b. Construction of Church at Passa: The construction of a new



church for the community in Passa is almost to completion. The church is named after St Thomas the Apostle. It is getting ready for consecration by next month. This is one of the major sub-parishes of St.Mary’s Church Pakke Kessang.

c. Annual Retreats: The parish annual retreat-2022 at St Mary’s Catholic Church, Pakke Kessang was conducted from 23 to 27 March. It was led by Bro. John Britto and team. The retreat was attended by majority of the parishioners.



The same team of Bro. John Britto led the annual retreat in St John’s Catholic Church Ngoleko, another Sub Parish of St Mary’s Church Pakke Kessang. There is also opportunity

given for confession and counselling as necessary.

d. Friday Way of the Cross: The Way of the Cross is prayed in our communities in the family units, who arrange the stations of the cross from house to house and from village to village. The families in the neighbourhood areas participate and lead the prayers and make arrangement to make the prayers very solemn.



Reported by Rev. Fr Aji Chakkungal, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh)

G. Overseas Missions

1. Australia

a. MSTs in Australia

MST gathering and Sacerdotal Jubilee Celebration of Rev. Fr



Kulathupurayidam Jacob and Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Fr Chirackal Thomas and Rev. Fr Tharappel Augustine were celebrated in Australia. Frs Shaiju Edathiparambil, George KMP and Fr Varghese Vithayathil came to Fr

Jacob Kulathupurayidam's place in Melbourne on 27 December 2021 and we, all - the MST priests gathered in Casterton in Fr George KMP's place from 3 to 6 January 2022.

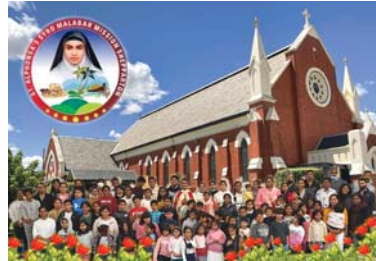
Rev. Frs Augustine Tharappel, Thomas Chirackal and Joseph Pothenparambil came from Sydney. It was first time that we all came in one place for MST gathering. There were thanks giving Holy Qurbana and meeting and sharing experience of different ministries being done by MSTs in Australia. The hospitality and accommodation during gathering, given by Fr Kulathupurayidam Jacob and Fr George KMP were well appreciated.



Rev. Fr Abraham Kollithadam joined MST priests in Australia on 9 January 2022 and after one week stay with Fr George KMP, he started his ministry as associate priest in the Cathedral Parish of Ballarat Diocese.

b. Syro-Malabar Mission, Shepparton and Bendigo

i. Youth Retreat: Three Days retreat for youth from St Alphonsa



Mission, Shepparton and St Thomas Mission Bendigo was conducted in Shepparton on 16 to 18 January 2022.

ii. Reopening of Catechism Classes: New academic Year for



Catechism Opening ceremony 2022 both in Shepparton and Bendigo was organised with Lamp lighting, Offering, Pledge & Blessings for teachers and children before resuming Catechism on 6 February. Catechism Student Council and Junior Student reps were selected

iii. Parish Feast: St Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Mission, Shepparton celebrated parish feast. It was a matter of great joy and enthusiasm for the parishioners after having no feast celebration for two years due to COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions.



(Reported by Fr Varghese Vithayathil, Shepparton, Australia)

2. Austria

a. Sending of Sternsingers: On the Feast of Epiphany (6 January), we have the tradition of children and adult dressed like Kings of the East, visit the families conveying the Christmas messages of Joy and Peace. This year our two parishes visited the houses with Christmas messages and other two parishes conveyed the Christmas messages through video in parish Homepage. The faithful took both means positively.

b. Feast of Presentation of Child Jesus in the Temple: On February 2, 2022 we celebrated the feast of the presentation of Jesus in the temple with candle light procession. Many people attended the Eucharistic celebration.

c. Blasius Blessing: On the feast of St Blasius, the faithful get special blessings for the healing of neck and throat. This is with two candles tied in a cross shape, and kindled. The priest gives the blessing to each faithful after the Holy Mass.

d. Familienfasttag: Our Catholic women movement organized Familienfasttag on 13 March 2022 in all our parishes. They prepared different kinds of soups and served them after the Holy Mass. Special collection was made to support the women in Philippines.

e. Kinder Pfarrfasching: Due to Covid-19 we cancelled our (Pfarrfasching) parish Carnival but our Catholic women movement organized a (Kinder Pfarrfasching) children's carnival. Many children took part in it.

f. Ash Wednesday: We started our Lent on Ash Wednesday. This year we distributed to the faithful small ash packets and they could make the sign of the ash cross on their forehead themselves during the Mass. The rest they took home for others.

g. Way of the Cross: We have on every Friday and Sunday at 3.00 p.m. the way of the cross and adoration in all our parishes, and a good number of faithful participate in it. We also organize the way of the cross through village roads in all our parishes. Each station is given to different categories of people to read, for example

panchayath, police, fire station, village music Band, hunting club, parish council etc. After the way of the cross, soups and snacks are served.

h. Mass for the Sick: Before the celebration of the Palm Sunday, we have a special Holy Mass for the Sick and the sacrament of anointing the Sick granted them during the Mass. The Palm leaves also are distributed to them in advance.

(Reported by Fr Joy Punnakuzhy, Coordinator, Austria)

3. Brazil

Apore, Jatai: After two years of pandemic covid fear Diocese of



Jatai organized retreat for the priests and religious working in the diocese. It was an occasion for getting together of the priests working comparatively distant parishes. The Diocese of Jatai covers 60,000/sq.kms. The retreat was preached by the Auxiliary Bishop and former Rector of Regional Seminary of Goiania Dom Dilmo Diocese of Anapolis Goias. It was a wonderful and fruitful spiritual retreat. The location of the retreat was in a capuchin friary with orchards and huts. It has a suitable atmosphere for the reflection and prayer.

(Reported by Fr Joseph Pulickal, Jatai, Brazil)

4. Canada

Nelson, British Columbia: The year 2021-2022 was a cooler year in this Arctic Region than the previous ones. Many of us priests lived and worked from minus 50 degree centigrade to minus 20 degree centigrade. Some of us shuffle snow from our driveways and the premises of residence. It is a good exercise for those who can do it properly. For others, it is a health hazard. But parishioners who are 95 years old are able to shuffle snow but not us younger

priests. As born and brought up in Kerala, we are not so healthy to do such hard work in comparison with the people here. They had a very hard life adjusting and working in four different seasons. Right after winter, we are in the season of spring, where we see life in all aspects of plants, birds and animals.

We are excited to have Holy Mass without any restrictions. The public ban against religious gatherings is removed from our province. So far we were conducting our services in different ways: Mass on Zoom, for a while, and we had services in the parking lot where parishioners were allowed to sit in their car with closed windows. There were months of gap that we had to do Mass all alone. In Spite of all these, we survived with our congregations.

Now the parishioners are coming out of their isolated residences to the Church and other places. There are still some intimidated by fear of the Covid Virus. None of my parishioners died of Covid as everyone took care of themselves. Now we have eighty percent of the members back to the Church.

All the parishes are preparing for the Easter through the Lenten season by abstinence, prayer, fasting, sharing of food and other goods to the needy, and helping the charitable institutions in various ways and means. Invitation of the Pope for the Synod is welcome by many with differences. Some are sceptical about them as anywhere in the world. Every parish has given their output to the deans of the Diocese and in the second stage, every deanery has common discussion. We had our Extraordinary Deanery meeting yesterday where lay people, deacons, priests and Bishop attended and participated well. This was a five hour meeting. This is the second stage of synodal responses. Just in a month every dean with the Bishop will summarize the findings in a few pages for the Provincial Bishop's Gatherings. Thereafter, they will be discussed in the Canadian Catholic Bishops Conference. We all feel that the Holy Spirit is renewing the Church for this third millennium.

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

5. Germany

a. Christmas Gathering: Unfortunately, we could not conduct our Christmas gathering, because from the house in Dernbach, where we had booked rooms, it was informed that they wouldn't host it due to the Covid-19 regulations and the rising number of Infections in that area. So we met in small groups after Christmas.

b. Ukraine War: The war in Ukraine has affected everyone in Europe badly. Apart from the price rise, many items are not available in grocery shops. The number of Refugees is rising day by day. At the same time, in our parishes we see, so many people are coming forward to help them. We have given accommodation and other facilities for the refugees. We are also conducting prayer services for peace in Ukraine.

c. New Arrivals:

Fr Shaijan Koonamparampath reached in Germany on 28 December. 2021. He is working in the diocese of Münster. He has already started language studies and pastoral course. We wish all the best to Fr Shaijan.

Fr Sojan Aikkarakunnel arrived here on 1 March 2022. He is appointed in the Parish St. Nikomedes, Steinfurt, in the diocese of Münster. We wish hearty welcome to Fr Sojan.

(Reported by Fr Pradeep Mattathilanickal, Germany)

6. Italy

Friday, 25 March 2022, on the Feast of Annunciation, Rome again turned to be the centre of the world with Pope's Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to Our Lady. At the phase of war Italy turned to be a good neighbour to Ukraine by welcoming and accommodating the refugees. Their presence is heavily felt on the streets, Metros and buses. The Basilica of Santa Sofia is a church in Rome which serves as the mother church of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church turned to a refugee camp and was twice visited by Mr. Sergio Mattarella, the President of Italy. We could see a large collection of different life supporting materials for Ukraine donated

by the Italians. Along with other countries of Europe, Italy also is affected by the war. First and foremost, the MSTs in Italy expressed its *solidarity* with the victims of these attacks. Thank God, the saga of the MST *koinonia* and togetherness in Italy can withstand any turmoil and always remain unruptured!

a. Vita Academia: Life is moving smoothly for the MSTs in Italy. After the on and off Corona dangers with new variations at regular intervals, the universities started functioning with regular classes in presence. Super Green Pass (Booster dose) is required for entering in almost all public places and universities are not exceptions to it. The students after completing their first semester exams have begun their second semester in the third week of February. Fr Biju Koothottil, together with his full-time chaplaincy in an old age home outside Rome, is nearing the completion of his doctoral thesis and getting ready for its public defence. Fr Jaison Kulappurath is diligently and unrestingly pursuing his doctoral research. He is invited along with Fr Tony Mampilly to offer Syro Malabar Holy Qurbana in Italian in an Italian parish on Easter Monday. Fr Joby Koottumkal and Fr Tony Mampilly have resumed academic life after their vacation. Fr Lijo Manikombel is wrestling comfortably with Arabic to plunge into Islamic studies. Needless to mention, Fr Arun Karakkattu who is known for his academics is well anchored in Biblical languages in the prestigious institute, Biblicum.

A. San Giovanni Damasceno

i. Participation in the International Liturgical Conference: Fr Karakkattu MST participated in the one-day International Liturgical Conference held on 16 February 2022 organized by the Congregation for Oriental Churches. The conference had various papers presented on the liturgical life of various oriental churches. The participants included Cardinals, Arch Bishops, Bishops, Priests, Sisters, Brothers and the faithful.

ii. Visit of Major Archbishops: Mar George Cardinal Alenchery visited the Damasceno college on 22 February – the MST Foundation Day. He participated in the solemn celebration of

Ramsa and thereafter the supper. In his short visit, he communicated his happiness of being in Rome, being with the Fathers of Damasceno. He encouraged in living a faithful life to the oriental church to which one belongs.

Mar Cleemis Bava made a visit to Damasceno college on March 27th having the lunch together with the community. In his address he communicated the present socio-political scenario of India and the difficulties that the Church faces.

iii. Annual Retreat: The Annual retreat was conducted from 10 to 13 February. Mar Joseph Srampickal guided the retreat. It was concluded with the celebration of the Holy Raza Qurbana.

B. Domus Mar Thoma

It is the *Procura* of the Syro Malabar church to the Holy See. Here resides the Procurator to the Major Archbishop in Rome (Mar Steaphen Chirappanath, who is also the Apostolic Visitor to the faithful of Syro-Malabar in Europe). Being the key centre for the coordination of the pastoral/migrant's care in Europe, it entertains the visit of important personalities including Prelates, various discussions on new area of migrant's care etc. On March 20th it witnessed the Diaconate ordination of two candidates from VC and OCD. Since 2021, it is open to student priests for rent. At present there are five student priests including Fr Tony Mampilly. They get the opportunity to offer pastoral assistance to the Syro Malabar faithful in Rome.

b. Vita Pastorale: The simple life style, the missionary zeal and the hearty availability have made MSTs successful pastors in their own respective parishes. The team work of Fr Joseph Koren and Fr Biji Kudukkamthadam has won the hearts of the faithful in their new parish at Crecchio. Fr Biji has already moved to his renovated presbytery and Fr Joseph is still residing at his temporary house and will be moving to his renovated presbytery as soon as it is ready. On the Feast of St. Joseph, the heavenly patron of Fr Koren, H.Ex. Emidio Cipollone, their Bishop visited them and solemnised the Feast Mass. Fr Elvis Magalappilly, who comfortably survived Covid

19 recently, is well accepted in his new parish with his placid personality. Being the associate pastors of a big parish at Latina, Fr Bino Kannamundayil and Fr Manu Mapprayil are doing good and very generous to host MST gatherings which ensure the deepening of our togetherness and koinonia in Italy. Kudos to Fr Manu for obtaining an Italian driving licence by easily and swiftly clearing the requirements such as a driver's education course and a two-stage test! As a faithful and committed co-worker of his parish priest, Fr Joby Mulluvengapurath is heavily scheduled in his pastoral ministry at Verona. It is a blessing to the Society and thereby our honour to render our service in the Basilica of St Thomas at Ortona where the holy relics of Mar Thoma, our father in faith and patron is preserved and venerated. Fr Rijo Kadaparambil is fortunate to render his service as the representative of the Society in the Basilica. Within a couple of months he could win the hearts of his Vicar and colleagues.

c. Vita Expertise: Along with *vita academia* and *vita pastorale*,



Fr Joseph Vazhuthanappally leads a '*vita expertise*'. He successfully couples his priestly ministry with his expertise. He is the director of CASI (Christian Archaeological Survey of India) and CASI Onlus, founder and director of CICAR (Indian Christian Archaeological Research). He also works as the resource scholar of Oriental Christian Archaeology. At present he conducts research in Ravenna, Piacenza and Ortona. In his recent archaeological research, he has found an afora from Siena after the model found in the Coromandel region of India which traces its origin to first century BC to second century AD.



(Reported by Rev. Fr Tony Mampilly, Italy)

7. Spain

a. Visit of Cardinal Luis Antonio Tangle



Cardinal Tangle, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, President of Caritas Internationalis and member of the administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See visited Barcelona on 6 March 2022. I received a personal audience with cardinal

tangle. We had a meeting at Segrada Familia, the church still under construction for more than a century. We had talk on migrant care. His eminence spoke with me with paternal love spoke also about Syro-Malabar Church and St Thomas Christians. At the end of the session, we had a selfie together. In that meeting I could also make an acquaintance with Cardinal Juan Jose the Cardinal of Barcelona, one of the seven consultors of Pope Francis.



b. Seminar on Synodality



The Blanquerna Foundation had arranged a seminar on the theme 'synodality' in the Church and in the institution on 15 March 2022. We had a discussion on the writings of Pope Francis on synodality. Professors from different faculties of the university

participated in this event. I was the student representative in that meeting and discussion.

c. Visit of Mar Stephen Chirappanath

In Barcelona we have a Syro-Malabar community. Every month



we have Malayalam mass under the leadership of Fr Shinto Pullikkattil CMF. On 27 March, Sunday evening 5.00 p.m. Mar Stephen Chirappanath, Apostolic Visitator of SMC Europe made a visit to this migrant community and offered Mass. He gave message on the importance of lent and importance of bringing up children in our church faith and tradition. I concelebrated with His Excellency in the Eucharist. We had a meeting after the Eucharist celebration.

d. Symposium on International Women's Day

We had online seminar on women empowerment on international women's day. Speakers were from different countries. The role of women in society, the importance of womanhood in the world, the Ukraine-war scenario and the difficulties women face in this turbulence period, etc. were matters of discussion. From our college women volunteers went to Poland and Ukraine to help the refugees.



(Reported by Rev. Fr Joby Kappiparambil, Spain)

8. Sweden

Greetings from Sweden! As we all know, we are in the Lenten

season. May I wish you all a fruitful lent, a blessed holy week and a Happy Easter!

a. Stockholm Seminary News



Seminarians who are studying abroad will not be coming for the Easter and we have no gathering in the seminary as usual. They will be back to Stockholm in the end of June and we have a

lot of summer programmes waiting for them. Bro. Wladimir who is studying in Rome will be receiving the diaconate on 15 June and Bro. Gustav who is studying in Paris will be receiving his diaconate on 23 June. I will be representing the diocese of Stockholm for both the functions and I request your prayers too.

b. Vocation Promoters Team

His Eminence Cardinal Anders Arborelius OCD has appointed four priests including me as the vocation promoters of the Stockholm diocese. We have started our activities like vocation retreats, visiting the parishes, attending Forane meetings, etc. We hope that there will be many vocations next year from Sweden.

c. Syro-Malabar Mission in Scandinavia



Holy Masses in Malayalam are being celebrated in all the stations regularly and an Easter mass in Malayalam will be celebrated on Easter day for the first time in Sweden. Holy week will be

celebrated with prayers and masses in Malayalam only in Stockholm but send through Zoom to other communities in Sweden, Norway and Finland. We have no restrictions to travel in and outside Sweden now and masses are being celebrated in Malayalam in all the 3

countries. At present we have masses in Stockholm, Gutenberg, Jönköping and Uppsala in Sweden, Helsinki in Finland and Oslo in Norway.

Catechism classes in our communities are in very good form. This year we have more than 50 children for the Sunday school. These children are from 3 different countries so we make use of the digital platform for the teachings and it works well. They all enjoy the teachings. We have 7 catechism teachers who are working with it.

May I wish you all HAPPY EASTER!

(Reported by Rev. Fr Benoy Jose Thottiyil, Stockholm, Sweden)

9. Switzerland

The recent statistic says: out of 8,766,138 population of Switzerland, Coronavirus Cases: 3,452,039, Deaths: 13,673 and Recovered: 2,770,129. Switzerland is still experiencing high daily infection figures:



14,393 new cases were reported on March 29 for the previous 24-hour period. Coronavirus cases may increase in Switzerland in the coming weeks, driven by the more contagious Omicron BA.2 subvariant,

federal health officials reported on March 22. Almost all Covid restrictions were lifted. Only the requirement to wear masks on public transport and at health care facilities remains in force. Mandatory five-day isolation of people who have tested positive for Covid-19 also remains in effect until the end of March. In this situation we have a regular and normal life in Switzerland.

a. Parish Activities

We started all our Church activities as of before. All those who are

engaged one way or other in the Church activities were invited 21st January for a thanksgiving celebration with a dinner.

All the traditional lenten programmes like Way of the Cross, lenten meditation, Bibel evenings, holy week liturgies, etc are going on very well. This year we have organized a «Washing of the feet» on mounty Thursday. 12 youngsters are selected for it. There is a solmn Easter vigil with our big parish Chor on 16 April.

We have solmnly celebrated St Joseph's Day, our Patron Saint's Feast (Patrozinium), with our Church Choir (Cécilien Chor) on 20 March 2022. We are preparing our youngsters for the Confirmation which will be held on 26 June 2022. Children in the 3rd standard are almost ready for their first holy communion on 7 and 8 May 2022.

b. Visit of the Archbishop of Turkey

On 23 March the Archbishop of Izmir in Turkey, Dr Martin Kmetec OFM visited our parish. He celebrated Holy Eucharist and he shared his experiences with the persecuted christians in Turkey. Turkey was once a christian country. It was the birth place of St Paul (Tarsus) and many of our Church Fathers and Patriarchs. Now there are only 0.02% christians in Turkey. And a still several persecuted minority!



c. Senior Citizens in Valais

All preparations are being done for a one week holidays of the senior citizens of our parish in Valais. Valais is situated in the southwestern part of Switzerland. It borders Italy to the south and France to the west. It is one of the three large southern Alpine cantons, along with Ticino and the Grisons, which encompass a vast diversity of ecosystems. It is a bilingual canton,



French and German being its two official languages.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Varghese Nadackal, Switzerland)

10. Tanzania

Madale, Dar es Salem: It was rare opportunity to visit one the beautiful places in Moshi Tanzania. It is proudly located near the Mount Kilimanjaro which is tallest mountain in African continent. Natural beauty is amazing. It is from Rombo, a district in Moshi region, the lion share of avocados is exported to different



countries of the world. Anyone who visits must enjoy the tasty avocados and land scape of Moshi.

My main aim was to know how the Catholic Church is flourished in Moshi and different part of the diocese. I could read that the diocese of Moshi has more priests in numbers than other dioceses in Tanzania. I had an opportunity offer holy mass and participate in adoration in a quasi-parish run by priests of Vincentian Congregation. The quasi parish is situated in the outskirts of Moshi city. There were many faithful in the liturgical celebration though it was in early hours of the day. The faith is deeply rooted in their hearts. Few days of my stay in Moshi were really enriching for me to be a missionary and to adhere more and more to the One who called me.



(Reported by Rev. Fr Biju Pullappallil, Dar es Salem, Tanzania)

11. United Kingdom

Archdiocese of Southwark - A reflection on Synodal Process:

On Sunday 10 October 2021 Pope Francis formally launched the two-year global consultation process leading to the 2023 synod on synodality. The key words for the synodal process are **Communion**, focusing on the Eucharist at the heart of communion and community; **Participation**, with special emphasis on a parish having many different active groups which make for diverse, spiritual, cultural and linguistic parish with many nationalities, bringing with them rich experiences, all contributing to a flourishing parish; **Mission**, focusing on building community in order to make the mission easier for people to contribute effectively. The Synodal Process is first and foremost a spiritual process of listening. Pope Francis characterizes the two interrelated goals of this process of listening: “to listen to God, so that with him we may hear the cry of his people; to listen to his people until we are in harmony with the will to which God calls us.” In fact, where there is communion with the Lord and communion with the community there is participation and signs of mission.

Archbishop John Wilson opened the synodal process in Archdiocese of Southwark on Sunday 17 October 2021 and so did I in the parish, reading Archbishop’s pastoral letter on the synodal process, explaining its salient features and inviting the parishioners to be actively involved in it.

The word ‘synodality’ comes from the two Greek words ‘syn’ and ‘hodos’ which mean journeying together. Synods have met since the earliest Christian times to consider new issues facing the Church. Synods are characterised by prayer, listening, and discernment, to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit revealing the will of God for the Church. Over time, Synods became restricted to bishops and other Church leaders. Pope John XXIII initiated a new era in the Church with the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), which was intended to mark an end to a period of decline that had already lasted almost three hundred years. Through this Council he also wished to set the Church on a course of recovering aspects of our tradition that should

never have been forgotten or minimised and to engage in a dialogue of life with the modern world.

Unlike the Second Vatican Council, the Synod Pope Francis is convoking is not just a bishops' synod, but a 'Church Synod.' Pope Francis now invites all the baptized to have their voices heard during this synodal process which will culminate with the Synod in 2023. Pope Francis further hopes that this synodal experience will create a fresh way of being and working as Church. The objective of this Synod is to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. We do so by listening together to the Word of God in Scripture and the living Tradition of the Church, and then by listening to one another, and especially to those at the margins, discerning the signs of the times. In short, the heart of the synodal experience is listening to God through listening to one another, inspired by the Word of God. We listen to each other in order to better hear the voice of Holy Spirit speaking in our world today. This is exactly what the early Church did, as obviously seen in chapter 15 of the Acts of the Apostles, where issues about how to accept non-Jewish Christians were settled by listening to experience, discerning the presence of the Holy Spirit, and coming to a consensus for change: 'The Holy Spirit and we have decided...'. In this sense, the courses of action and the kind of decisions to be expected of a Synod are about changing the institution (as initiated by Pope Francis at the very beginning of his pontificate). To a great extent, we are familiar with changing civil institutions, but not with the institution of the Church, which is ancient and complex. Pope Francis has been gradually preparing us to become familiar with this change as well. Synod 2023 could be seen as the culmination of that preparation. We may be so trapped by our past that we do not have freedom to move forward. Through the Synodal process Pope Francis is conveying to us a great message, **'While we need to bring forward what we got right, we also need to let go of what we got wrong.'** Let us hope and pray that the 2023 Synod may fulfil this dream of Pope Francis, ultimately the prayer of Jesus for unity, not mere

uniformity, in the Church. Let me conclude with the words of the late Anglican Archbishop, Desmond Tutu: ‘Instead of separation and division, all distinctions make for a rich diversity to be celebrated for the sake of the unity that underlies them. We are different so that we can know our need for one another.’

(Reported by Rev. Fr Luke Marappillil, Southwark, UK)

12. United States

Spalding, Marquette, Michigan

a. Mardi Gras: St John Neumann Spalding parish celebrated Mardi Gras on 23 February 2022. We had Holy Mass in the evening at



6.00 followed by dinner and a lot of fun games for the children. During the Holy Mass Fr Benny gave a short message on the importance of observing the Lent. People prepared food at home and brought them to the church for the

meals. Mardi Gras is a celebration before Ash Wednesday. It is also called Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday. It is the practice of eating rich, fatty foods before beginning the lent. On this day people cook, eat and finish all the meat stored in the house as a preparation for the fasting of the Lenten season.

b. St Patrick’s Day

The youth group of St John Neumann, Spalding and St Bruno, Nadeau parishes celebrated St Patrick’s Day on 17 March. All the high school students of both parishes joined together and celebrated Holy Mass, dinner, and fun games. They had sharing of their life experiences of happiness and sorrows. Fr Benny gave them a spiritual orientation talk. The youth coordinator Mr Trevor of St John organized the program.

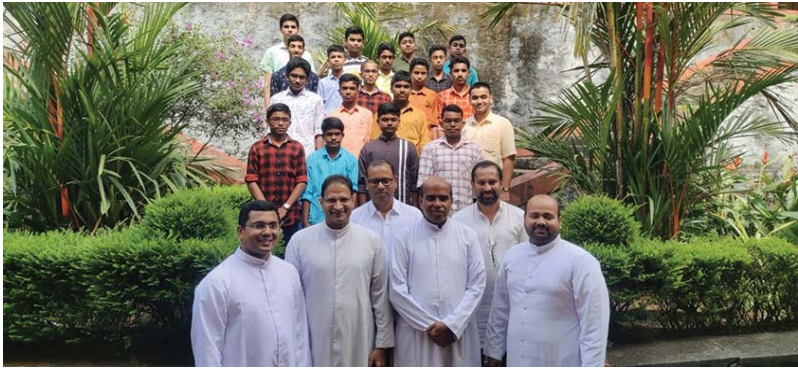
(Reported by Rev. Fr Benny Mathew Kuliraniyil, Marquette, Michigan, USA)

VII. NEWS FROM OTHER MINISTRIES/ CENTRES

A. VOCATION PROMOTION

1. Updates from Southern Zone

As part of the vocation promotion in the Southern Zone, we visited almost 85 schools in the Dioceses of Palai, Idukki, Changanacherry and Kothamangalam. It was a great opportunity to spread awareness about MST and its missionary works. We also visited the houses of the children who have shown an interest in missionary priesthood.



2. Vocation Camp

Vocation bureau of the MST organized a vocation camp on 2 January 2022, particularly for children aspiring for priesthood from the diocese of Palai. Nineteen young buds from different parishes of Palai came to Deepti and got a good exposure on MST and its missionary endeavors in India and abroad. The Director General inaugurated the programme and inspired the children to be zealous and enthusiastic missionaries in MST. Venues and Periods of formation were introduced by Rev. Fr George Kuppayil. Rev. Sisters from DST helped us to motivate the children in a special way. A pilgrimage to Bharananganam was conducted with a view to help the participants of the camp to draw inspiration from the missionary spirit of St Alphonsa. It was an integral part of the vocation camp.

The children bid adieu to Deepti cherishing good memories of MST and MST's missionary works.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Mathew Vadakkethalackal, Vocation Promoter, Southern Zone)

3. Updates from Northern Zone

Greetings from vocation promoters of MST! Thank you for all your cooperation and prayerful support in the field of vocation promotion. We are working tirelessly for finding out suitable candidates for our Society. We find it difficult to find good candidates by our own effort. We request you, dear fathers, to enquire in your family, friends and all in your contacts to find out good candidates who are aspiring for Priesthood. As we are preparing to give admissions to the new candidates by the middle of May, it is a final call to all our MST members to seriously take this matter for consideration.

I am grateful to you all dear fathers for your wholehearted support for the last four years of my responsibility as a vocation promoter of the Malabar area. I also thank the fathers at Santhome Seminary, Thamarassery and Santhome Pariyaram, for their loving care and support. I take this opportunity to thank Fr Manu Pottanany who was the assistant vocation promoter this year. I wish him all the best for his future ministry.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Rony Alencherry, Vocation Promoter, Northern Zone)

B. SANTHOM FELLOWSHIP

1. Santhome Fellowship Meeting in Indoor

Santhome Fellowship meeting in Indoor was conducted on 28



December in which members of the group actively participated. Rev. Fr Chakochoan Kootarapalli who presided over the meeting acknowledged the good work done by

Santhome Fellowship members in the parish. Mr K.K. Joseph, the president of the group, introduced and welcomed everyone, ensued by the presentation of the report of the activities that had taken place 2021.

2. New Year Gift to the Villagers

The Santhome Fellowship members in Indoor collected food items and money to help the poor and needy among villagers. It was a good initiative and president of the group distributed the food items to the villagers.



3. New Group at Trichur



We could organise 15 members from the Archdiocese of Trichur with the help of Rev. Fr Bibin Madathiparampil. We gathered in MST house and Fr Cheeramveli shared his mission experience different missions of MST. The Director of Santhome Fellowship explained the working nature and function of Santhome Fellowship and role of Fellowship members in order to get tuned with Mission attitude of MST.

4. Retreat for Santhome Fellowship Members

A retreat for Santhome Fellowship members was conducted online and Rev. Fr Bibin Vadayaparambil broke the word of God. Almost all the members commented that the sharing of the word of God is really an enriching experience for them.



5. Pilgrimage and Meeting at Ernakulam

Missionary Associates made a pilgrimage to Vallarpadam Mariyan pilgrimage centre. After having a meeting at Vazhakala,



the associates together with director and coucillor in charge of Santhome Fellowship went to Vallarpadam church and spent a little time with Virgin Mary which could help the associates to have more interpersonal relationship based on MST spirituality and they could really feel the care of Blessed Virgin Mary towards missionaries, especially missionary associates.

6. Missionary Associates and Year of St Thomas - in MST

Missionary Associates gathered at Deepti Bhavan for discussing t future programmes especially for the year of St Thomas -2022. They made a committee to celebrate the upcoming Dukrana. Rev. Fr James Kurukilamkatt explained the programmes undertaken by the MST under the banner of the Syro-Malabar Church. Associates are planning to conduct a documentary competition to add colour to the celebration of the commemoration of 1950th year of the Martyrdom of our Father in faith.

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

C. SANTHOME – IMPACT

1. Santhome -IMPACT News



a. Christmas Celebrations: We had solemn Christmas celebrations in 2021. We made a beautiful crib which was appreciated by all. The carol singing of our Alphonsa Family unit started from here. The carol team of our neighbouring family unit also came here to sing

beautiful carol songs. We visited our Major Archbishop Mar George Cardinal Alencherry and wished him the blessings of Christmas. We also exchanged wishes with all the Fathers and Sisters in the Curia. We also visited most of



the Ecclesiastical institutions and our benefactors around and wished them happy Christmas. Many of them visited us also. We went to the houses of all our neighbours of all religions and wished them the joy of Christmas with cakes. Some of us went to the parish for Night Mass.

b. Pastoral Activities: At the request of the Forane Vicar of Edappally Forane, Santhome-IMPACT has taken up English Mass on Sundays. We also render our services to different parishes for Masses, confessions and sermons.

c. Farewell to Fr Daey: After several years of dedicated service in Santhome-IMPACT, Fr Daey Kunnath has moved to Delhi to render his service in the Diocese of Faridabad. We the inmates of IMPACT offer our heartfelt gratitude to Fr Daey and wish him all the best in his new ministry.

d. Interregional Meeting: All of us participated in the Interregional online meeting and Fr Panjikan spoke about Mission Animation and communication in all meetings.

e. Release of the Logo: We all attended the Logo releasing ceremony of the MST celebrations of the 1950th Anniversary of the martyrdom of St Thomas, by the Major Archbishop at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad.

f. Participation in the funeral: In the name of the Director General and the MST we participated in the funeral services of the mother of Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara.

g. Fellowship meeting at IMPACT: We were very happy to host a half day meeting of the second group of the MST Santhome Fellowship members from Ernakulam-Ankamaly Archdiocese. Fr Panjikan gave the inaugural address and talked about the beginnings and growth of MST. Fr Monse gave the orientation class and conducted the whole get together.

h. Visits: We were blessed by the visits of Mar James Athikalam MST, Fr Antony Perumanoor, Fr Francis Kureeckal and many other Fathers at different times. The MST Philosophy students from Mangalapuzha Seminary spent an afternoon with us at IMPACT.

2. Mission Animation

a. Gems Park at Impact: A one day programme for the high school students of St Martin De Pores parish was conducted at IMPACT on 27 Dec 2021. It was attended by 28 students and was well appreciated by the students, parish priest and the parishioners.



b. Puthuyugam Retreat at Goodness Television:



Fr Daey Kunnath and Fr Vipin Vanmelil were invited by the Goodness television to preach Good News as part of the Puthuyugam Retreat (a 10 days retreat through television). Fr Vipin's preaching was broadcasted on 17th Jan 2022 and Fr Daey's was on 26 January 2022.

c. Theatre workshop for MCYM at Kattappana: A two days' workshop was conducted for the leaders of the Malankara Catholic Youth Movement at Kattapana on 13 and 14 of January 2022. Fr Daey Kunnath and Fr Vipin Vanmelil were the resource persons and the workshop was attended by 52 youth.



d. Orientation class at Little Flower School, Kanjirammatam:

At the request of the school authorities of the Little Flower School, Kanjirammatam, on 16 March 2022, Fr Vipin Vanmelil gave an orientation class for the students appearing for the SSLC examination. This was to equip the students psychologically and technically fit for appearing for the exams.

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

D. THOMASINE RESEARCH CENTER

The Thomasine Research Center (TRC) finished one year of its existence at Thumboor in the diocese of Irinjalakuda. In the last one year, the center was able to make contact with a lot of people and parishes in the diocese. We rendered our service in the parishes of Thumboor and Kaduppassery for a few months. We readily make ourselves available whenever our help is demanded by the nearby parishes.

Fr Sijo Mookenthottam after a yearlong service at Chaama MST Bhavan left for Paris in the last week of December 2021. We thank him very sincerely for the laudable service that he rendered for the last one year and wishes him great success in his studies.

Fr Saju Thuppalanjyil joined the Chaama community in December 2021. His presence has made the house a much sought out place by people who come to meet him from far and wide. Fr Akhil Thottappally also is rendering his short time service at Chaama MST Bhavan. We extend a whole hearted welcome to Fr Sebastian Elanjimattom who takes charge as the procurator and house administrator on 12 April 2022.

The second batch of Online Diploma course has completed the first semester very successfully. Twenty-seven of it finished successfully the first semester examination. The second semester examination is scheduled to be held in the month of July. Admission to the third batch will begin in the first week of June 2022.

The TRC is updating its website with a few additions in the Year of St Thomas. The website will provide you great lot of information on the Apostle Thomas and his tomb at Mailapore. The login id is www.trcmst.org. Wish you all a very Happy Easter!

(Reported by Rev. Fr James Kurukilamkatt, Director, TRC, Thumboor)

E. SANTHOME BIBLE CENTRE, PARIYARAM

1. St. Michael's Prayer Centre

After a long period of “shut-indoors” experience, people have been

flocking in big numbers to St. Michael's Prayer Centre in the last few months for prayer, counselling and healing. Fr. Zacharias was once again fully busy with meeting people and praying for them. Now he also takes up parish retreats in Kerala and Karnataka. Recently he preached a retreat in Kannada in the diocese of Chickmangalore. He has resumed leading "Thapas Dhyanam" at Mother Home Retreat Centre, Pariyaram.

2. Transfers and a New Arrival

Two of our young priests are being transferred from here and a new one is coming here. Fr. Manu Pottananickal is being transferred to Santhome Minor Seminary at Thamarassery while Fr. Rony Alanchery is being transferred to Delhi, his own region. Fr. Tony Ramachanatt is replacing Fr. Rony as the Vocation Promoter of the Northern Zone.

3. New Book of Fr. S. Kizhakkeyil

The Charisms of the Religious and of Societies of Apostolic Life: A Review



Eschatology: Biblical, Patristic and Modern Views on the End of the World

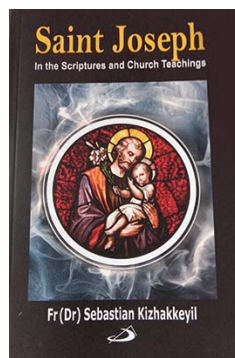
Saint Joseph in the Scriptures and Church Teachings

The Holy Martyr of Kattadimalai: St Devasahayam (in English, Hindi and Malayalam)

St Thomas and His Martyrdom: 1950th

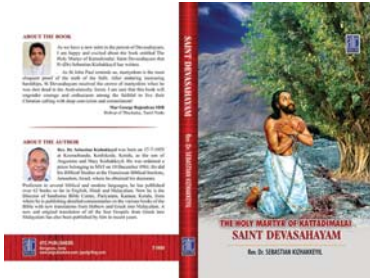
Anniversary (coming out soon from St. Pauls, Mumbai)

When all of us were forced to be shut indoors due to Covid-19 pandemic, Fr. Sebastian Kizhakkeyil remained inside his room as always and produced several new books. Two of his new books were released at Ruhalya during the silver jubilee of the Theologate. The first book was titled *The Charisms of the Religious and of Societies of Apostolic Life: A Review* published by St. Pauls, Mumbai. The second



book released on the occasion was *Eschatology: Biblical, Patristic and Modern Views on the End of the World* published by ATC, Bangalore.

While Fr George Thotteparambil sponsored the book on Eschatology, Frs Chandy Kalathoor and Antony Perumanoor purchased some copies each of the book on Charisms. Hence several of our fathers and brothers got free copies of these books. A Malayalam book on St Joseph was published in the year of St Joseph.



A new book titled *Saint Joseph in the Scriptures and Church Teachings* was published by St. Pauls, Mumbai, on 19 March 2022, the Feast of St Joseph. Some of our fathers have purchased copies of this book and have given free copies to our fathers and brothers. Thanks to sponsors and benefactors!

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

F. Aaraam – Priest Home

Here are some of the important events that happened recently @ Aaraam, Deepti in recent months.

1. Visit of Bishops

We had the visit of two of our dear bishops Mar Sebastian Vadakel, Bishop of Ujjain and Mar James Athikalam, Bishop of Sagar, after the Bishop's Synod in Kakkanad, Kerala. Bishop Sebastian offered



Holy Mass with us and gave a very encouraging and inspiring homily. Bishop Mar Joseph Pallikparampil of Pala also visited Aaram to meet his friends here and made cordial and informal interactions with everyone in the community.

2. Celebration of Birthdays

a. Fr John Kadookunnel: In the evening on 5 January, we had the birthday celebration of Fr John Kadookunnel (95 years) together with Bishop Vadakel and Rev. Fr Antony Perumannor as the chief guests. Fr John thanked God for 95 years of wonderful life, with so many blessings and many blessed people. We thanked him sincerely for all his good examples, advices, above all his friendship to all. He is always smiling and friendly to All around him.

b. Fr Sebastian Thuruthel: On 26 January, Republic Day and the Birth Day of Fr



Sebastian Thuruthel were celebrated. The day began with Mass in the morning, offered by Fr C.D Sebastian from Bombay and he gave a great homily on the need

for appreciating the cultural and historical contributions made by the great leaders of our nation. It is up to us today to take the lead in the all-round progress of our country. We had the flag hoisting in front of the Araam, followed by the salute and the National Anthem. Sweets were distributed to all present. In the evening we had grand dinner together with Director General, Councillors and all fathers from Generalate and the seminary. All shared the Joy of the Day, 97 years of dedication for God and His people. Fr Thuruthel, together with all present, thanked God for the 97 years of blessed and happy life, God has so generously bestowed on him. The celebration gave a very special flavour because of some favourite dishes brought by Fr

C.D. Sebastian, his nephew from Bombay.

c. Fr Francise Ezhanikatt: On 8 February was Birth Day of Fr Francis Ezhanikatt. The Day began with Holy Mass and very special cake and a Dinner in the evening with all Aaraam priests. All appreciated the Silent service he renders so generously to the community especially in the chapel. May God continue to bless him with good health and good cheer!

d. Fr Zacharias Thudipara: On 13 February, we celebrated the birthday of Fr Zacharias Thudipara with special Holy Mass and very special dinner for all in the Aaraam. He also thanked everyone for the concern and loving support he gets in the community.

e. Fr Joseph Vadakechirayath: On 3 March, we celebrated



the birthday of Fr Joseph Vadakechirayath with concelebrated Mass in the morning and special dinner in the evening with

Director General, Councillors and all priests of Generalate and seminary. Everybody appreciated the celebration and Fr Joseph thanked everyone for the great co-operation and support he receives from day one, especially from superiors and members and staff of Aaraam. Fr Francis Vattakunnel also welcomed and thanked everyone for their kind presence. There was also the participation of some of the members from his family.

f. Fr Kurian Valiamagalam: On 20 March, the birthday of Fr Kurian Valiamagalam was celebrated who is in the Palliative Care unit of M.K.M. Hospital, Pravithanam. Together with sisters, staff and members of Aaraam and some of the family members we shared cakes and sweets with Fr Kuriachan. We offered special prayers

and best wishes for his good health and speedy recovery.

3. Foundation Day Celebration

On 22 February, the Foundation Day celebration was held solemnly in Aaraam with Holy Mass by Fr Francis Ezhanikatt who gave us short history of the Society and its speedy growth as we see it today. All our pioneer missionaries of Aaraam shared their contributions and experiences together with all their dreams and frustrations.

4. Golden Jubilee of Fr Kannathukuy

The conclusion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Rev. Fr Joseph Kannathukuzhy was conducted with a special thanks giving Mass on Sunday, 30 January 2022. It was concluded with a grand dinner in the evening together with all Aaraam priests. Rev. Fr Joseph Kannathukuzhy remembered with gratitude all graces and blessings he received during these 50 years of his priestly ministry.

5. St Joseph's Day

19 March – the Feast of Saint Joseph was celebrated solemnly by all Josephs of Aaraam. Frs. Joseph Karikilathadam, Joseph Kannathukuzhy, Joseph Vadakechirayath and Gigi Pullicakattil -



concelebrated the Holy Mass. After the Mass, Vattakunnel welcomed all and invited us to share the joy of the day. In the evening we had a special dinner in honour of Saint Joseph. A new statue of Saint Joseph was blessed by Fr Francis Vattakunnel and placed

in the church for veneration.

6. Return of Fr Mundiavil to Mandya

On 24 March, Fr Augustine Mundayavil left for his mission in Mandya, after almost a year of treatment and rest in Aaraam. We

thank God that he is in good shape/health and that he can continue his ministry in the mission which he was looking forward to. We wish him all the best and continued God's Blessing.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph Vadakechirayath, Director, Aaraam)

G. Santhome Bhavan, Mundur (Thrissur)

1. Foundation Day of MST

Foundation day of the MST was celebrated at Santhome, Mundur. Almost all the MST priests except working in Palakkad, Thrissur and Irinjalakuda area gathered for the celebration. We had a common prayer lead by Fr. Saju Elanjikal and had lunch together.



2. Gathering of the Priests of the Forane



Santhome, Mundur comes under the Forane church of Kottakad. On 23 February 2022, the priests of all the parishes of Kottakad Forane were invited for dinner on connection with

the foundation day of MST, almost all the priests joined for a small prayer and dinner.

3. Santhome Fellowship in Thrissur



On 19 March - St. Joseph's day, Santhome fellowship (members about 15 in number from Peramangalm Parish) gathering was

organised here in Santhome Bhavan by Fr. Bibin Madathiparampil and Fr. Monse Karuvakunnel. All those who gathered appreciated

the meeting. Fr. Antony Cheeramvelil shared his mission experience with them and Fr. Monse explained to them about Santhome Fellowship and its aim. They were happy to know about the fellowship and expressed their willingness to continue in Santhome Fellowship. Fr. Bibin thanked each and every member for accepting his invitation to join the Santhome Fellowship.

4. Jesus Youth Members at Santhome

On 21 March 2022 evening the Jesus youth of Thrissur Archdiocese (of nearby Foranes) gathered here for their ongoing formation and prayer. Fr. Antony introduced to them about the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST).

5. Visit of S.H. Sisters

The religious sisters of the Sacred Heart Congregation at Mundur parish made a friendly visit to Santhome on 1 April 2022. As they belong to the Mananthawady Province, they are very friendly with the MST because of their collaboration in Mandya mission.



(Reported by Fr Antony Cheeramvelil, Director, Santhome, Mundur, Thrissur)

H. ANGEL HOME, KADANDU

1. Pilgrimage to St Mariam Thresia

Members of Angel Home visited the tomb of St Mariam Thresia and offered mass as part of pilgrimage on December 28. On the



way we visited MST House at Thumbur and St Thomas church Kondungalore.

2. Visit of Mar James Athikalam

We are blessed with the presence of our dear Bishopji on 30 December 2021. His friendly visit was really memorable.



3. Secured B2 Score on German Language

One of our former students - Sebin cleared B2 level in German language. We congratulate and wish him for this great achievement.

(Reported by Fr Jose Oppenmakal, Director, Angel Home, Kadanadu)

I. KALASADHANA MUMBAI

1. Final Examinations

Kalasadhana Academy of Performing Arts would like to proudly announce that our senior Piano students successfully gave their 8th Grade examination conducted by Trinity College London.

Additionally, other students learning piano and guitar gave exams in various grades in December 2021. Students learning Hindustani Vocal, Tabla and

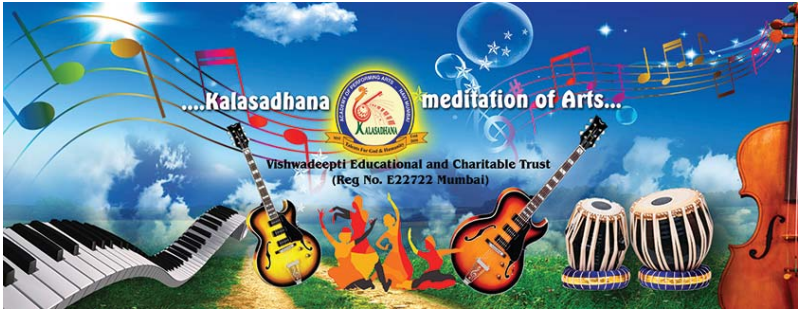
Bharatnatyam gave their exams conducted by *Gandharva Mahavidyalaya*.

2. Visit of Sangli Regional Council

Another proud moment for Kalasadhana was the visit of the Regional Director and councillors of Sangli Mission. We have also been fortunate and grateful for a special visit by Bishop Mar James Athikalam who initiated and encouraged me to begin Kalasadhana 11 years ago.

3. YouTube Channel for Marathi Hymns

In addition to “Marian Melodies” our Malayalam YouTube and



“Kalasadhana Navi Mumbai” our Hindi You Tube channel we have introduced a new YouTube channel for Marathi Hymns and that is “Kalasadhana navi Mumabi – Marathi.” I very sincerely request your support for the success for these channels so that Heaven may be glorified through our hymns.

4. New Releases

During the season of lent, Kalasadhana has released its latest hymn *Kurisholam anayam* reflecting the sufferings of our Lord, the spirit of Lenten season. This song has been released in Malayalam, Hindi and Marathi and has been receiving much appreciation and acknowledgements.



5. Visit of Rithuraj

Kalasadhana has been fortunate to be visited by young singer Rithuraj, top singer program. His visit and performance was a motivating experience for students.



(Reported by Rev. Fr Ashok Kollamkudy, Director, Kalasadhana, Mumbai)

VIII. NECROLOGY

Family Members & Collaborators of the MSTs

As informed by the members

(15 December 2021- 6 April 2022)

Mr J. Eapen Njalliyil, Father of Rev. Fr Njalliyil

Mrs Aleykutty, Mother of Rev. Fr Champakara

Mr Joseph Kurukilamkatt, Father of Fr Kurukilamkatt

Sr Elizabeth S.H., First Cousin of Fr Kannathukuzhy

Mrs Brigit Joseph, Mother of Fr Puthusseril

Mrs Annakutty Alackal, Sister Fr Marappillil

Rev. Sr Ignatius, Sister of Fr Thomas Ayathamattam

Mr Ouseppachan, Brother of Fr Kudiyiruppil

Mrs Thressiamma Varakukalayil, Sister of Fr Puthusseril

Mrs Annakutty, Grandmother of Fr Kureeckattu

Mrs Aleykutty, Grandmother of Fr Muricken

Mrs Thresiamma, Grandmother of Fr Vadayaparambil

Mrs Annamma Francis, Grandmother of Deacon Poovatholil

Mr Thomas, First Cousin of Fr Vadakechirayath

Rev. Sr Bertilla Vadana, First Cousin of Fr Vadana

Mr K.J. Kuriakose, Uncle of Fr Kottakkavil

Rev. Sr Christine SJSM, Cousin of Fr Panjikanan

Mr Thomas Kalayil, First cousin of Fr Kalayil

Mrs Theyamma Ierethara, Aunt Fr Cheeramvelil

Mr Louis Devasia, Uncle of Fr Tom Mandapathil

Mrs Mancy Roy, Aunt of Fr Ambrose Kollamattam

Rev. Sr Ajitha Puthiyedath SMS (Ujjain Mission)



IX. Appemdicces

A. *Circulars*

Circular No. X-28/2018-2023

6 January 2022

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 two *ordinandi* took place on 27 & 29 December 2021. On behalf of the entire MST family, I congratulate and welcome the new priests – Rev. Fathers Gervasis (Jince) Kodikulam and Michael (Shinto) Vettikuzhichalil to the priestly fellowship of the MST. Let us pray that both of them may find sanctification and fulfilment of their missionary vocation through the MST, by their dedicated involvement in the apostolates (Cf. C7).

Rev. Fr Kodikulam was ordained by His Beatitude Major Archbishop Mar George Cardinal Alencherry and Rev. Fr Vettikuzhichalil was ordained by His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel. My sincere thanks to both the ordaining prelates for their presence and encouraging words about the MST. May I also appreciate and thank all those who participated in the ordinations and others who were ardently praying for the *ordinandi*. I take this opportunity to thank the vocation promoters, the formators in various seminaries, the benefactors and other collaborators who contributed in the making of two 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 below:

Rev. Fr Gervasis (Jince) Kodikulam

St Paul Region, Ujjain

Rev. Fr Michael (Shinto) Vettikuzhichalil

St Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi

The new priests will be given a few months of pastoral exposure in their own home eparchies, because there were not any opportunities of pastoral/diaconate ministry during the time of their formation due to the pandemic Covid-19. They will be sent to the missions in May 2022.

3. Elevation of Delegation to a Mission Region

As it has already been informed, the preparations for the elevation of St Mary Queen of the Missions Delegation to a Mission Region is underway.

a. Members of the New Mission Region: In the process of elevating St Mary Queen of the Missions Delegation to a Mission Region, I had placed an open invitation to all priest-members of the MST, who would like to be assigned to the proposed Mission Region, to send their names to me by 30 November 2021 (Circular No. X-25 dated 25 August 2021). Accordingly, 20 priests from St Paul Region, seven priests from St Thomas Region and five priests from St Alphonsa Region sent applications requesting me to reassign them to the new Mission Region. With the consent of the General Council and in consultation with their respective Regional Directors, I have reassigned all **32** of them to the proposed new Mission Region.

Their region-wise list is given as the following:

From St Paul Region

1. Ayyankanal Joseph (Jomon)
2. Chirayil Augustine (Sogin)
3. Chirayil Mathew (Ranji)
4. Kachirayil George
5. Karodan Joseph
6. Karuvakunnel Thomas (Monse)

7. Keeranchira George
8. Kochupurackal Scaria (Abin)
9. Kollyil Joseph (Aby)
10. Kulappurath Augustine (Jaison)
11. Kuliraniyil Mathew (Benny)
12. Kureekatt Cyriac (Cyril)
13. Mecheril George
14. Olapurackal Thomas (Santhosh)
15. Panthalipadan John (Vinoy)
16. Puliymmakkal Thomas (Joice)
17. Thakadiyel James (Saji)
18. Tharapputhottiyil Joseph (Josin)
19. Unnieppallil Joseph (Sojan)
20. Vallikatt Joseph (Jose)

From St Thomas Region

21. Akkattu Antony (Abhilash)
22. Kaiyalakakath Kuriakose (Boby)
23. Keeranchira Sebastian (Ashish)
24. Kuruvanplackal George (Abin)
25. Maprayil Thomas (Manu)
26. Mundaplackel Kurian (Sijomon)
27. Thundathil Joseph (Jees)

From St Alphonsa Region

28. Alencherry Sebastian (Rony)
29. Alummoottil Joseph (Antu)
30. Madickankal Mathew (Jobin)
31. Pathrapankal Mathew (Sanoj)
32. Poovathinkal Paul (Siby)

Including the new priest - Rev. Fr Michael (Shinto) Vettikuzhichalil, there are **33 members** assigned to the fourth Mission Region of the

MST. The reassigned members may not be relieved from their current place of apostolate immediately, as it might require a few years of time to stabilize our mission territories with adequate number of missionaries and centres of apostolates.

b. Regional Director of the New Mission Region: Since there are 33 members assigned to the proposed new Mission Region, a committee is already appointed to conduct the election of the panel of three, for the appointment of the Regional Director ((D116 b&c). The committee consists of Rev. Frs Joseph Mullappallil (Convener), Joseph Vadakechirayath and Mathew Vadakkethalackal. They will be approaching all the 33 assigned members in the upcoming days.

c. Inauguration of the New Mission Region: The new Mission Region comes into being on 22 February 2022 (the 55th Foundation Day of the MST), with a formal inauguration being held at Gianodaya Pastoral Centre, Jalandhar, Punjab during the fifth interregional gathering.

May I place the newly assigned 33 priest-members and our fourth Mission Region - St Mary Queen of the Missions Region for your prayerful intercession, so that the MST might live its missionary purpose more vibrantly and faithfully through this new administrative unit.

Wishing you abundant blessings in the New Year 2022 and greetings of the feast of Epiphany,

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

Sd/-

Fr Justin Vettukallel
Secretary General, MST

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

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

1. Regional Director and Councillors for the New Mission Region

The Election Committee appointed for the conduct of the election of the panel of three, for the appointment of the Regional Director for the proposed new Mission Region of St Mary Queen of the Missions, has presented to me the election results. I sincerely thank the Election Committee (Convener-Rev. Fr Joseph Mullappallil and Members - Rev. Frs Joseph Vadakechirayath and Mathew Vadakkethakackal for their good work. The X Ordinary General Assembly had decided to follow D116b(i) for the choice of the Regional Director in the ensuing period. Accordingly, with the consent of the General Council, one from the elected panel of three is appointed the first Regional Director of new Mission Region of St Mary Queen of the Missions. Following C117, with the consent of the General Council and in consultation with the new Regional Director, the Regional Councillors are also hereby appointed for the ensuing period. They are:

Regional Director: Rev. Fr Thomas (Santhosh) Olapurackal

I Councillor: Rev. Fr Joseph Karodan

II Councillor & Procurator: Rev. Fr Scaria (Abin) Kochupurackal

On this occasion, may I appreciate and thank all the former delegates and their Councillors, and other pioneer missionaries of the Delhi Mission of the MST in the past, for their dedicated service and hard work that facilitated the constitution of a new mission Region for the MST. Let me also congratulate and wish God's choicest blessings on the newly appointed Regional Director and the Councillors.

As already informed, the new Mission Region comes into being on 22 February 2022 (the 55th Foundation Day of the MST) and the new regional administrative team will assume the responsibilities on the same day. Since the interregional gatherings are being organized only online, the formal inauguration of the new Region will take place at Deepti Ashram, Najafgarh, Delhi in a humble manner. The details of the inauguration will be informed to you later. Please keep the newly appointed regional administrative team, the members assigned to the new region and all their ministries in your prayers.

2. New Delegates for the Extraordinary General Assembly-2022

I am happy to announce the names of the elected delegates for the upcoming Extraordinary General Assembly (C&D 74), through the second election process. May I take this opportunity to thank the members of the election committee - Rev. Fr George Kuppayil (Convener), Rev. Fr Joseph Ottalamkal (Member) and Rev. Fr Kuriakose Madathiparampil (Member) for conducting the election of the delegates according to the *Constitutions and Directives* of the MST (C&D 63). The region-wise lists of the elected delegates are the following:

St Paul Region (14)

H.E. Athikalam Mar James

Ayyankanal Joseph

Chenganariparampil Thomas

Karodan Joseph

Kizhakkeyil Sebastian

Kondoor Joseph

Kurukilamkatt James

Munjanatt Antony

Olapurackal Thomas

Parayadyil Thomas

Pullatt Sebastian

Unnieppallil Joseph

Vattappara Peter

St Thomas Region (12)

Cherickanampurath Sebastian

Chirayath Joseph

Kalayil Joseph

Kannany Thomas

Karikkandathil Varghese

Koottumkal Sebastian

Maliekal Michael

Mampillil George

Manjalankal Thomas

Naduviledath Abraham

Njarolickal Jacob

St Alphonsa Region (13)

Arangassery Lonappan

Aryankalayil Joseph G.

Azhakath Kuriakose

Cheriampanatt Joseph

Kalathoor Chandy

Karamullil Sebastian

Kattuthara Paul

Kuppayil George

Muthanatt George

Painadath Paul

Parayankuzhiyil Thomas

Vadakeputhenpura George

Vechoopadinjarethil Thomas

Nominated Members: Resolution # 1 of the General Assembly 2008 says that “The Director General, with the consent of the General Council, may nominate, without the right to vote, up to two priest-members to the General Assembly from those sections that are not duly represented” (cf. *Report of the General Assembly 2008*, p. 51). Accordingly, with the consent of the General Council, I do hereby nominate the following two priest-members to the Extraordinary General Assembly:

1. Rev. Fr Mathew Nellikunnel (Coordinator, Germany)
2. Rev. Fr Antony Thundathil (Coordinator, USA)

I request all the members (ex-officio, elected and nominated) to reflectively study the second draft of the *Constitutions and Directives* and to prepare for the upcoming Extraordinary General Assembly that commences on 1 May 2022.

3. Online Interregional Gatherings

The online interregional gatherings are now being scheduled to be held from 14 to 18 February 2022 (each day from 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.). There are five groups and each group will be gathering online for 2.30 hours on the scheduled day. The members of the first group will gather online from 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on 14 February 2022. Sequentially, the second group will gather on 15 February and the online interregional gathering will conclude with the fifth group on 18 February 2022. The details of the programmes

will be informed by the Ongoing Formation Secretary.
Requesting your prayers for our missionary endeavours,
Yours in Christ Jesus,

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

Sd/-

Fr Justin Vettukallel
Secretary General, MST

Circular No. X-30/2018-2023 13 March 2022

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

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

1. Year of St Thomas the Apostle (2022)

As recommended by the committee constituted for planning and organizing programmes in connection with the celebration of the 1950th year of the martyrdom of St Thomas the Apostle, with the consent of the General Council, I do declare 2022 as the **Year of St Thomas the Apostle** for the MST. A logo for the celebrations of the 'Year of St Thomas' will be released by the Major Archbishop at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad. The programmes and proposals of the committee for a meaningful celebration of the year will be circulated through Email/WhatsApp in the upcoming weeks.

The central level programmes will be coordinated under the leadership of Thomasine Research Centre (TRC) of the MST, through the said committee led by the Director of TRC. Additionally, there shall be programmes and celebrations planned and organized by our Mission Regions, Coordinations, Seminaries and Institutions, and the committee would be ready to offer its assistance as necessary. Let us celebrate the Year of St Thomas, by living and sharing the missionary spirituality of St Thomas the Apostle in inspiring ways.

2. Extraordinary General Assembly-2022

As scheduled, the Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) begins on 1 May 2022, and it lasts until it finishes its business. As of now, we are prepared to hold the assembly in session till 20 May 2022, as necessary. If needed, a second leg of the session of the Assembly will be planned in the EGA itself.

Prayer for the Assembly: May I request all of you to pray ardently for the success of the Assembly. A special prayer to be recited daily by all the members until the completion of the Assembly is herewith enclosed.

3. Blessing of the New Facilities in the Generalate

The additional facilities being built at the Generalate are almost to completion and would be ready for blessing before the EGA. The newly constructed chapel will be consecrated on 1 May 2022, on the inaugural day of the EGA.

4. Loss of Membership – Joseph Akkappallil

At the request of Fr Joseph (Aneesh) Akkappallil and with the consent of the General Council of the MST, I have dismissed him from the Society, in accordance with the *Constitutions and Directives* (C&D 129 and 137) with effect from 19 February 2022. The decree of dismissal was approved by the Major Archbishop. He has been distancing from the MST from the year 2019, towards leaving the priesthood. Let us keep him in our prayers, as he starts a new phase in his life.

5. Preparation of Last Will and Testament

As per C156, 'every member shall write and keep a valid last will and testament.' A sealed copy of it would be kept in the personal files of the members in the generalate archives, so that it can be easily accessed in an emergency. The Regional Directors, Coordinators and the heads of our institutions have been directed to facilitate the collection of last will and testament of the respective members within their units, who shall submit them at Generalate by 31 July 2022. A model testament is given towards end of the *MST Constitutions and Directives*.

6. Health Insurance for the Members

Those who have not yet become part of any health insurance plans are requested to join soon, and send the copies of the documents to Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram - the Convener of the Central Committee for Communion in the upcoming months.

7. St Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi

The ceremony of constituting St Mary Queen of the Missions Region (MQMR), the fourth Mission Region of the Society, was solemnized at Deepti Ashram, Delhi on 22 February 2022. May I take this opportunity to thank the new Regional Director, the Councilors and the members of the region for organizing the event gracefully and beautifully. The MST is grateful to all those who laboured behind the growth of our mission in that area. There are 34 members assigned to this new Region, among whom 16 are already working there in 14 different centres. The MST has invested around Rupees 14 crores for the development of this mission, during this tenure of administration. Let us keep the newly appointed Regional Administration, the members of the MQMR and their apostolic activities in our prayers.

8. Online Interregional Gatherings

The interregional gathering of the present administrative tenure was conducted online from 14 to 18 February 2022 in five different groups. It was well participated by around 300 members. I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your active participation in the meetings, and appreciate the organizers and resource speakers for their efforts. As suggested, a follow-up of the discussions is being planned to be held in the month of August.

Wishing you every grace of this holy season of Lent, and requesting your prayers for each other and for our missionary endeavours,

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

Sd/-

Fr Justin Vettukallel
Secretary General, MST

Enclosure: Prayer for Extraordinary General Assembly

B. Decrees

Decree No. 03/2018-23

19 February 2022

Fr Joseph (Aneesh) Akkappallil Loses Membership in the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST Constitutions and Directives 129 &137)

Rev. Fr Joseph (Aneesh) Akkappallil, born on 03 August 1984, hailing from the parish of St Mary's Forane Pilgrim Church, Thaliparamba (originally from Holy Spirit Church, Ennappara) of the Archeparchy of Thalassery and ordained a priest of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST) on 1 January 2012, loses his membership in the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST) in accordance with its Constitutions and Directives (C&D 129 and 137).

From 9 December 2018, Fr Akkappallil had been asking me for permission to work in a secular setup explaining his disinterest to work in the mission of the MST. On 20 June 2019, he made a written request for the same, informing that he has to join a secular firm for a new job on 1 July 2019 and that he plans to appear for IELTS. With the consent of the General Council, I directed the Regional Director of St Alphonsa Region to relieve him from his responsibilities in the Region. When I was told that he was planning to reside in the Delhi area, I asked him to be in contact with the Delegate of the MST's Mary Queen of the Missions Delegation, Delhi, and to participate in the common programmes of the Delegation. As he did not contact the Delegate nor was present for any common gatherings of the delegation, I asked him to meet me in person in Delhi during my visit there in August 2020 which he did not. He was unwilling to share the address of his residence in Delhi either. In this context, with the consent of the General Council, I appointed Fr Joseph Karodan MST (who resides in Delhi) with the mandate to contact Fr Akkappallil and to guide him to stay connected with the MST and to live his priestly vocation credibly through the

celebration/reception of the sacraments and the like. Rev. Fr Karodan had interactions with him three times and finally reported that Fr Akkappallil was not positive to his guidance and that he expressed his plan to leave the priesthood. After his second conversation with Fr Karodan, Fr Akkappallil wrote to me on 27 September 2020 that his decision was to leave the priesthood and to renounce membership in the MST. Later, he visited the Central House in November 2020 and repeated his disinterest in priesthood and MST. To his decision of leaving the MST and priesthood, Rev. Fr Karodan and I had guided him to spend sufficient time in prayer and reflection. I was in Baroda for Christmas 2021. He visited me there and reminded me of his previous letter, for leaving priesthood and the MST. Even though Fr Akkappallil was given opportunity and was advised to seek God's will and guidance in his decision, he obstinately and openly showed disinterest in accepting successive corrections to remain in priestly fellowship and to lead a life proper to priesthood (C&D 137) and clearly mentioned in his written petition that he liked to live a different life, renouncing priesthood and departing from the MST (C129).

Hence with the consent of the members of the General Council, I formally declare that Fr Joseph (Aneesh) Akkappallil is dismissed from the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST), in accordance with the Constitutions and Directives of the MST (C&D 129 and 137). He loses all rights and obligations in the MST from today – 19 February 2022 (C139&C140).

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

Sd/-

Fr Justin Vettukallel
Secretary General, MST

The Decree of the Constitution of St Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST)

With the intention of collectively participating in the missionary apostolate of the Syro-Malabar Church in the Eparchy of Faridabad on a long term basis, in accordance with 'Resolution Number Two' of the Tenth Ordinary General Assembly of the MST held in May 2018 and with the consent of the General Council, I do hereby elevate **St Mary Queen of the Missions Delegation**, Delhi and constitute it as a **Mission Region of the MST**, following the *Constitutions and Directives* of the Society (C&D 56-58). Summoning the same Heavenly Patroness of the Delegation, this fourth mission Region of the MST shall be known as **St Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi** and the Region comes into effect today – on 22 February 2022, the 55th Foundation Day of the Society.

The MST presence in Delhi started informally in 1986, for the pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar immigrants in the Faridabad area. From 2004, it formally started missionary apostolates in the Archdiocese of Delhi. The erection of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Faridabad in 2012 triggered the missionary enthusiasm of the MST, and in consultation with His Grace Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, the MST organized its missionary efforts in the form of a Delegation on 3 July 2014. The range and nature of the missionary involvement of the Delegation were articulated through a formal agreement between the Eparchy of Faridabad and the MST on 3 December 2014. The territory of the delegation was co-extensive with the territory of the Eparchy of Faridabad (five states of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, and three civil districts of Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida and Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh). As envisaged in the Decree of the erection of the Delegation and stated in the agreement with the Eparchy of Faridabad, the Delegation was being established in view

of developing it into a Mission Region. Within a short span of the past seven years, the MST Delegation made breakthroughs in its undertakings and established a stable missionary presence through 14 fourteen mission centers in different parts of the said territory. Therefore, in accord with the existing agreement, the territory of this new Mission Region is co-extensive with the territory of the Eparchy of Faridabad and it enjoys the privilege of exploring the possibilities of mission *ad gentes* in accordance with the nature and purpose of the MST as enshrined in its *Constitutions and Directives*, under the jurisdiction of the Eparchy of Faridabad in accordance with the CCEO and the Particular Law of the Syro-Malabar Church.

As a Mission Region of the MST, **St Mary Queen of the Missions Region** has its nature and scope envisaged in the *Constitutions and Directives* of MST (C&D 56-58) and it is a juridical person in the Church (C57). There are 34 perpetually incorporated members assigned to this new Region and among them, 16 are doing missionary apostolates within the Region. The Regional Director - Rev. Fr Thomas Olapurackal and the Regional Councillors - Rev. Frs Joseph Karodan and Scaria Kochupurackal are appointed as per C&D 116-117. Acting in unison with the Regional Council, the Regional Director under the guidance of the Director General of MST and the General Council, guides and supports the members of the Region in their missionary endeavours, and conducts the administration in accordance with the *Constitutions and Directives* of MST (C&D 114-126). Invoking the heavenly protection of Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Missions and Patroness of the Region, and St Thomas the Apostle, the heavenly Patron of the Society, I do hereby constitute St. Mary, Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi. All contrary dispositions notwithstanding.

Given on the 22nd day of the Month of February 2022, the 55th Foundation Day of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle.

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

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Fr Justin Vettukallel
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Sacerdotal Golden and Silver Jubilee Celebrations (2021-2022)



Inauguration of St Mary Queen of the Missions Region - the Fourth Mission Region of the MST on 22 February 2022

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