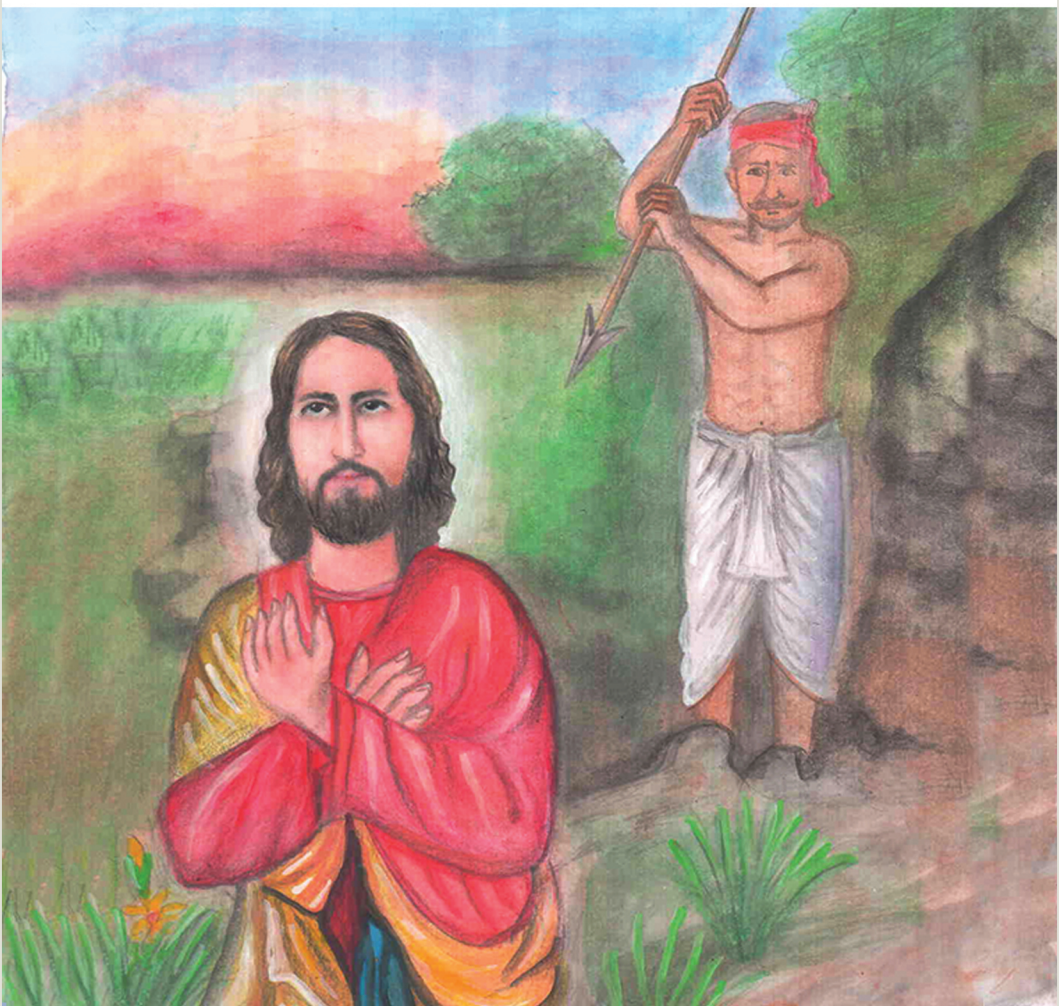




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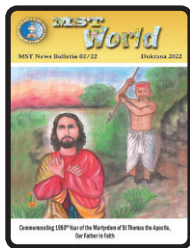
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**Commemorating 1950th Year of the Martyrdom of St Thomas the Apostle,
Our Father in Faith**



*Eleven Seminarians after Vestition and Renewal of the Temporary
Promise of Incorporation on 26 May 2022*



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I. MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Rev. Deacons and my dear Brothers,



Let us also go, that we may die with Him (Jn 11:16). The Syriac word ***Dukhrana*** means Memory. On 3 July, we celebrate *dukhrana* of the martyrdom of our father in faith St Thomas the Apostle. As you know MST celebrates this year as the year of St Thomas while we celebrate the 1950th year of the Martyrdom of our patron. The year of St Thomas invites us to remember (to a fond memory of) the great deeds done by our patron in order to bring good news to our land. It is a year to walk more closely with our patron to assimilate the missionary zeal and love for the Gospel he had. St Thomas walked closely with his Master Jesus that made him say that ‘Let us also go that we may die with him.’ It is the close collaboration with Jesus or the togetherness with his master, made him proclaim the Goodnews. In fact, he made a self-denying walk/pilgrimage with Jesus to be his missionary.

I have a story of pilgrimage I made in this Easter 2022. In the holy week I made, together with my conferrer Rev Fr Joby Kappiparampil who is pursuing his studies in Barcelona and nine families, a pilgrimage from Barcelona to Santiago de Compostella. It is known as the Camino de Santiago or Way of St James. It is a pilgrimage leading to the shrine of the Apostle St James the Great in Galicia in northwestern Spain where tradition holds that the remains of the Apostle James are buried. As St Thomas brought the Gospel to India St James brought the Gospel to Spain. It is one of the oldest pilgrimages in the world. Pope Alexander VI (14 AD) officially declared the Camino de Santiago to be one of the three great pilgrimages of Christendom along with Jerusalem and Rome. We took the route from France which is also known as the routes of Santiago de Compostella which is also inscribed on the UNESCO world heritage list because of its historical significances. The nine family groups, called Gloquillos, became friends through their children. The group comprised of different age groups from 6 to 74



years old. It was a parent group formed 10 years ago with their children. They are members of practicing Catholic families. By profession, some are the college principals, catechists, business people, police, pilot, etc. They started the pilgrimage 10 years ago from Barcelona. Every year they walked 100 kilometers of the pilgrimage and this year they were concluding the pilgrimage to which I was blessed enough to join the group by the help of Fr Joby. I was wondering their persistence of continuing this pilgrimage without break for the past 10 years. We joined the Camino from Sarria to Santiago 100 kilometers and they were completing 1000 kilometers of walking to the tomb of St James. On our way we could see people walking more than a month to Santiago. I saw them walking without chappals, having a rosary in their hand, a shell on their bag

(sign of pilgrimage of Santiago) and a chain with cross on their chest. Walking together with the families I could experience the importance of sacrifice and self-denial for the expression of their faith. On the way we had Holy Qurbana, singing of devotional songs, praying the rosary etc. The elders shared their faith stories with their children, they played, danced, shared love, etc. There is no mobile used. Parents and children walk together and spend the whole time together. I think those children will never forget this experience in their life. They told me that this is the witness that they give to their children to



defend their faith. This Camino of faith in itself is a celebration with the Lord and the parents challenged their children to do the same. In the European context, it is really hard to continue a camino for 10 years without break.

In Kerala we could do such pilgrimages to Malayattoor or we could also make a pilgrimage to Mylapore like these families. Let it be the proclamation of our faith. For instance, people could walk from Malayattoor to Mylapore (614 km) by 10 days. Pilgrimages are necessary for our spiritual life. We know our Church is a pilgrim Church. We are walking together to our heavenly abode. When I shared my experience of camino to Santiago with the Associate Missionaries of the MST some of them already decided to make a walking pilgrimage from Deepti Mount to Malayattoor mount during the Great Lent of 2023.

It is the call of the time as we can see nowadays many walk out of the Church, Holy Father Pope Francis invites us to walk together. Pope Francis is leading a quiet revolution in the Church by means of Synodal approach. Francis has said “the path of Synodality is the path that God expects from the Church in the third millennium.” At the heart of Synodality is that sense of journey – of being on the road together- but the Greek word ‘Hodos’ can also be understood symbolically as the ‘WAY.’ We are all on the WAY and the followers of the WAY. This image of the Church as a community travelling together along the same road is congruent with one of the most powerful images of the Church from the second Vatican council, which speaks of the Church as a pilgrim people, exiles journeying in a foreign land (Lumen Gentium 6), but aware that the Lord walks with us so that we are led by the Spirit (Gaudium et Spes II). I wish, at least once in life, all may have an opportunity to make a walking pilgrimage to sacred places dedicated to St Thomas our heavenly patron which will empower us to say, as he said, let us go that we may die with Him...

Prayerful greetings of 1950th year of the Martyrdom of St Thomas, our patron.

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

II. NEWS FROM THE GENERALATE

(From 20 March - 20 June 2022)

1. Extraordinary General Assembly

a. Commencement of the Assembly: As announced, the



Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) commenced on Sunday, 1 May 2022 at Deepti Bhavan, Melampara. The inaugural Holy Qurbana was officiated by His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel, concelebrated

by His Excellency Mar James Athikalam, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor and other members of the assembly.

b. Orientation to the EGA: Rev. Dr James Pampara CMI, an expert in Canon Law was invited to deliver an orientation talk for the members of the EGA, in the morning session of 2 May 2022. Based on the proposed draft of the 'Constitutions and Directives - (C&D),' he highlighted his remarks and pointed out certain focal areas for the attention of the members.

c. Sessions of the EGA: The formal sessions of the EGA started in the afternoon of 2 May 2022. The assembly formally opened with the inaugural address of the Director General at 2.30 p.m. on 2 May 2022. In his opening speech, the Director General declared that the EGA convoked for the purpose of finalizing the proposed draft of the C&D, is formally begun. Subsequently, the timetable and other procedures were fixed. Two scrutineers, two secretaries, five moderators, three members for drafting, and one member each for liturgy and time-keeping were selected to facilitate the EGA.

The assembly ran through four sessions daily, starting from 9.00 am in the morning till 7.15 p.m. in the evening. All 52 members of the EGA actively participated in the discussions. Each clause of the

Constitutions and Directives was discretely discussed and was adopted as part of the C&D, after voting. As the task remained unfinished, it was decided to conclude the present assembly at 4.00 p.m. on 19 May. During the days of the EGA, pilgrimages were arranged to the tombs of St Alphonsa and Bl. Kunjachan and the Holy Qurbana was celebrated at these places.

d.Conclusion of the EGAI -2022: In the final days of the assembly, the hitherto accepted alterations to the Constitutions and Directives



were adopted with voting and the minutes of the discussions so far were presented and approved. By 12.00 p.m. on 19 May, the Director General formally declared that the first leg of the EGA was concluded and that the EGA sessions would be resumed on 25 September 2022. The afternoon of 19 May was set aside for the visit of His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry who addressed the members of the EGA in the assembly hall, had a photo session in common and spent time at Deepti mount interacting with everyone.

Second Leg of the EGA: It was unanimously decided on the floor of the assembly to hold the second leg of the EGA for another twenty days from Sunday, 25 September till 15 October 2022. The members will arrive by 4.00 p.m. on 25 September, and there will be a Holy Qurbana at 6.00 p.m. followed by a short recollection in the evening. The EGA sessions will be resumed from the next day morning until 15 October 2022.

2. Visit of the Major Archbishop

His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry, the Major



Archbishop visited the Central House and addressed the members of the EGA at 2.30 p.m. on 19 May 2022. He was accorded a respectful welcome by the Director General and

Mar James Athikalam. The foundation stone for the proposed prayer centre – ‘Kripasadan’ at Kuttikkanam was blessed by His Beatitude.

The Major Archbishop was formally welcomed by the Director General at the assembly hall. On behalf of the MST, Rev. Fr Lonappan Arangassery delivered an address of felicitation to honour His Beatitude on the occasion of his sacerdotal golden jubilee and the episcopal silver jubilee. He admired the Major Archbishop for his outstanding courage in guaranteeing the identity of the Church. The books written by Rev. Frs Sebastian Kizhakkal and Jose Cheriampanatt were released during the occasion. Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal – the Vice Director anchored the programmes and proposed the vote of thanks.

3. Blessing of the Generalate Building and Consecration of the Chapel

The blessing of the newly built facilities at the Generalate took place on Holy Saturday -16 April 2022. The newly structured chapel of the central house was consecrated by His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel at 6.00 pm. on 1 May 2022, assisted by His Excellency Mar James Athikalam and Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, in the presence of the members of the extraordinary



assembly and other invited guests from the neighbourhood. A sumptuous dinner was served for all after the ceremony.

4. Convocation of XI Ordinary General Assembly 2023

In accordance with the *Constitutions and Directives* (C68), the Director General convoked the Eleventh Ordinary General Assembly of the MST, to be held at the **MST Generalate (Deepti Bhavan), Deepti Mount, Melampara-686578, Kerala, India from 4 p.m. on Monday, 15 May 2023**. It was communicated to all the permanent members through a circular (Circular No. X-31/2018-2023) dated 12 May 2022. The same is appended to this bulletin.

A committee consisting of Rev. Fathers Lonappan Arangassey (*Convener*), Antony Cheeramvelil, Joseph Unnieppillil and Thomas Pathalil is constituted to prepare the agenda for the General Assembly (C69). All the permanent members of the MST are hereby invited to present their suggestions for the preparation of the agenda of the General Assembly (C68). The committee has to submit the agenda to the Director General before **25 October 2022** (C&D69). This information was shared with all the members of the MST through a circular (Circular No. X-321/2018-2023) dated 11 June 2022 and it is given as one of the appendices of this bulletin.

5. Intercontinental MISAL Meeting 2022 in Paris



All Superior Generals of the Missionary Institutes of Societies of Apostolic Life (MISAL) came together from 25-29 April 2022 at the MEP House in Paris. There was a sharing session by the MEP General about their pastoral missionary project for priests and lay

people, news sharing from all MISAL members, Study of *Predicate Evangelium*, a special session on MISSIO AD GENTES AND INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE by Msgr. Paulin Batairwa Kubuya, Undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue – Rome, etc. Pillar Fathers in Goa and the MST are the only members of MISAL from India. The participants of the MISAL meeting and their corresponding Society are as the following:

1. Vincent Sénéchal: Missions Etrangères De Paris (MEP)
2. Etienne Frecon: Missions Etrangères De Paris (MEP)
3. Michel Roncin: Missions Etrangères De Paris (MEP)
4. Bernard de Terves: Missions Etrangères De Paris (MEP)
5. Msgr. Joseph Koonampampil: Congregation for the Evangelization of the Peoples
6. Anton Paul Padinjarathala: Congregation for the Evangelization of the Peoples
7. Adelino Ascenso: Missionária Da Boa (SMBN)
8. Ferruccio Brambillasca: Pontificio Istituto Missioni Estere (PIME)
9. Trairong Multree: Thai Missionary Society (TMS)
10. Antonio Porcellato: Society of African Missions (SMA)
11. Antony Perumanoor: Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST)
12. Eugenio Zacarías Romo Romo: Misioneros de Guadalupe (MG)
13. Jose Guadalupe Camarillo Martinez: Misioneros de Guadalupe (MG)
14. Raymond J. Finch: Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers (MM)
15. Michael Corcoran: Mill Hill Missionaries (MHM)
16. Paul Kim Dong Ju: Korean Missionary Society (KMS)
17. Gabriel Kim Il Young Korean Missionary Society (KMS)

18. Paul Dossous: Societe Des Pretres De Saint – Jacques (PSJ)
19. Georgino Rameau: Societe Des Pretres De Saint – Jacques (PSJ)
20. Roland Laneuville: SME Québec (PME)
21. Ergete Tesfaye: SME Québec (PME)
22. Sebastiao Mascarenhas: Society of the Missionaries of St Francis Xavier (SFX)
23. Stanley Lubungo: Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers - MAfr.)
24. Didier Sawadogo: Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers - MAfr.)

6. Gathering of the Formators

The formators of the MST from different seminaries came together for a refresher programme and discussion at Deepti Bhavan from 20 to 22 May 2022. The Director General inaugurated the gathering. Rev. Dr Kuriakose Poovathumkudy – Rector of Oriens Theological College, Shillong was the main resource person for the orientation talk. Rev. Fr Antony (Libin) Valiyaparampil, one of the junior priests in the MST shared his

observations and suggestions on the seminary formation of the MST, especially in the Major Seminary. There were a lot of general interactions and discussions, and



seminary-wise sharing by the formators. The programme was led by Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal – the Vice Director and Formation Secretary.

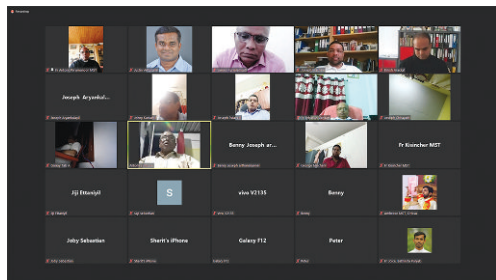
7. First Death Anniversary of Fr Mattam

The first death anniversary of our departed confrere Rev. Fr

Emmanuel Mattam was commemorated at Deepti Bhavan on 26 April 2022. The requiem Holy Qurbana and other prayers were attended by their families as well.

8. Year of St Thomas: Webinar on MST Spirituality

In connection with the celebration of the year of St Thomas the Apostle in the MST, a webinar named – Contextualization of MST



Spirituality – was organized by Thomasine Research Centre from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. on 24 April (*Puthunjayar*). The Director General proposed the welcome and introductory address.

It was an online seminar solely for the MST members and was attended by almost 100 participants.

9. Video Documentary on St Thomas in Shalom TV

As part of our celebration of the 1950th anniversary of the martyrdom of St Thomas, a video documentary was prepared by TRC and Santhome Media in IMPACT and it was aired in the Shalom TV at 6.30 pm on *Puthunjayar* (24 April 2022). It was appreciated by many.

10. Sleehusa–2022

The ceremonious sending of the new priests to the mission was conducted on 25 May 2022 at Deepti Mount. The new priests of 2022, Rev. Frs Gervasis Kodikulam and Michael Vettikuzhichalil were solemnly sent to the mission during the Holy Eucharist as representatives of the Syro-Malabar Church through the MST. His Excellency Mar Jacob Muricken, the Auxiliary Bishop of Pala presided over the Holy Eucharist and Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor and Francis Kureeckal were concelebrants. After the Holy Eucharist, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor prayed for the candidates for their successful mission and handed over to them the



Holy Bible, Holy Cross, and Holy Rosary, reminding them of the divine nature of their mission. This year Sleehusa was

conducted during the annual gathering of the major seminarians (MIST) which occasioned almost 150 seminarians (including the minor seminarians in Deepti) to participate in this inspiring program. The parents of the new priests were also present on the occasion.

11. Gathering of Major Seminarians (MIST)



The annual major seminarians gathering MIST (Motivated to Illumine in Spirit and Truth) was conducted at Deepti Mount from 24 to 26 May 2022. It was a great joy for the major seminarians to get together after a gap of two long years due to the pandemic Covid 19. Being the leader of the major seminarians, Deacon Deepu Kollakombil took the leading role in organizing the meeting. The MIST 2022 was inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General of MST, in the presence of the General Councillors and 104 major seminarians from different major seminaries.

Rev. Fr Sebastian Vellamthara, from the Archdiocese of Changanassery was the resource person of the gathering and his classes were appreciated by all. After the class, there was a common gathering of the brothers with the Director General and General Councillors and shared their opinions and suggestions regarding

formation. This was followed by the election of leaders for the forthcoming year and Bro. Ashil Kizhakkekkara was elected the leader of the MST brothers for the year 2022-23. In the evening, there was a thrilling volleyball match between the philosophers and theologians. The evening was colourful with various cultural



programmes by the brothers. During the cultural evening, Rev. Fr Josin Tharapputhotty inspired all by sharing his life in Odisha mission. Thus,

the evening was very warm, familial and joyful. On the final day of the gathering, i.e., on the 26th morning, there was the vestition of 11 brothers who have completed their regency and 18 brothers took their first promise of incorporation into the MST. Parents and relatives of the brothers were present on this joyous occasion. MIST-2022 was concluded by 11. 00 a.m. on 26 May 2022.

12. Admission and Promotion of the Seminarians

a. First Year Minor Seminarians- Deepti College

There are 21 candidates given admission to Deepti College, Melampara. They are:

1. Aikkara Godwin Biju (Murickassery, Idukki)
2. Anchukandathil Midhun Jeevan (Kurumannu, Pala)
3. Chadayangattu Alan Sojan (Kudayathoor, Pala)
4. Elamthuruthiyil Charles Vaiju (Kalathukadavu, Pala)
5. Elavumkunel Albin Joseph (Thidanadu, Pala)
6. Kalathoor Josekutty (Mavady, Pala)
7. Karimpanal Kiran Paul (Maniyamkulam, Pala)
8. Kochupurackal Naveen Tom (Pallikunnu, Changanassery)
9. Konnackal Joel Sunny (Maniamkulam, Pala)
10. Kollamparampil Abin Binoy (Kozhuvanal, Pala)

11. Maramattom Alan Sujith (Bharananganam, Pala)
12. Mattappallil Shain Subhash (Mariapuram, Idukki)
13. Moopanathu Ashik (Kaduthuruthy, Pala)
14. Nellisery Joseph Roy (Elavampadam, Palakkad)
15. Parankulangara Richu (Amparanirappel, Pala)
16. Pauwathu Alvin Thomas (Pazhayarikandom, Idukki)
17. Punnakuzhiyil Alan Shibu (Ramapuram, Pala)
18. Punnakuzhiyil Alwin Shibu (Ramapuram, Pala)
19. Ramachanatt Abin Jose (Mannackanad, Pala)
20. Thekkilakkattu Abin Siby (Pazhayarikandom, Idukki)
21. Vadakkal Don Benny (Malayinchipara, Pala)

b. First Year Minor Seminarians- Santhome Minor Seminary

There are altogether 17 candidates given admission to Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery, two among them are for the eparchy of Sagar.

1. Chadanakuzhiyil Alan Philip (Madampam, Kottayam)
2. Chakkarayi Alex Varghese (Kannivayal, Tellicherry)
3. Chowaloor Francy C.D. (Wadakanchery, Trichur)
4. Cherukara Abijith Biju (Payyavoor, Kottayam)
5. Edasserikattil Georgekutty Bino (Udayagiri, Tellicherry)
6. Edakkarott Alex Devasia (Padichal, Tellicherry)
7. Kaithackal Joyal Siby (Kolichal, Tellicherry)
8. Mylaparambil Abhijith Sabu (Udayagiri, Tellicherry)
9. Pazhayapurayil Abhijith Joshy (Udayagiri, Tellicherry)
10. Perekkattu Darwin Jolly (Rankamkadavu, Tellicherry)
11. Thayyil Anto John (Udayagiri, Tellicherry)
12. Theendappara Anstin Lijo Jose (Puthupadi, Thamarassery)
13. Varikkayil Michael Jimmy (Kannivayal, Tellicherry)
14. Vattakkattu Deon Danny (Vellad, Tellicherry)
15. Venakkuzhiyil Rahul Babu (Mangalam, Manandavady)

16. Mannummal Joyal M.J (Kandassankadav, Tricher – for Sagar)
17. Kunnath Peter K.J (Malakkallu, Kottayam – for Sagar)

c. Promotion to MOC

There are a total of 16 seminarians who are promoted for the Missionary Orientation Course (MOC) at Jeevan Jyoti, by the respective Rectors with the recommendation of the staff. Among them, nine are from Deepti College and seven from Santhome minor seminary. They are:

1. Andumyalil Mathew
2. Avickal Kuriakose
3. Chakkungal Thomas
4. Cheriyanolikal Thomas
5. Kaithamattathil Jose
6. Kanichery Kurian
7. Kavalimakkal John
8. Kavinukattil Joseph
9. Kavunkal Joseph
10. Kulathasseril Mathew
11. Maruthikunnel Martin
12. Pullattu Joseph
13. Puthettu George
14. Thadathil Abraham
15. Thekkemuriyil Cyriac
16. Vayumattathil Kuriakose

d. Temporary Promise of Incorporation and Promotion to Philosophy

The following 18 brothers successfully completed their formation in Jeevan Jyoti and were promoted from the MOC. They were admitted to the MST through the temporary promise of incorporation on 26 May 2022. All of them are being sent to Ruhalya for

Philosophy studies.

1. Andukunnel Thomas
2. Arimattathilvayalil Mathew
3. Chirayil Christy
4. Chulayillaplackal Tom (Tom Thomas)
5. Edappalliyil Thomas (Noyal Joseph)
6. Kunnath Augustine (Aivin Thomas)
7. Kurisummoottil Joseph (Justin Thomas)
8. Kuzhumbil Joseph (Akhil Roy)
9. Manimalayil Thomas (Deepak Binoy)
10. Palakattu Joseph (Ajith Jose)
11. Panamthanam Joseph (Dani Thomas)
12. Panamthanath Varghese (Shalbin Shibu)
13. Panayampala Donbosco (Shanal Thomas)
14. Thekkekarottu Joseph (Lijo)
15. Thekkumkattil Joseph (Jithin Sunny)
16. Vadakkekara James (James Jeess)
17. Vadakkeorath Joseph (Austin Thumpy)
18. Veticattu Augustine (Augustine Sojan)

e. Promotion to Regency

As recommended by the seminary authorities, 21 seminarians who successfully completed their Philosophy studies have been promoted for practical training in the field (Regency). Among them, 17 had their studies at Ruhlaya, two at Salesian Seminary, Sonada (WB) and one each at St Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Aluva and Dharmaram, Bangalore. Their present places of regency are indicated along with their names:

1. Ambattu Sebastian (Justin) [St Alphonsa Region, Sangli]
2. Attarumackal Abel [St Joseph Mission, Odisha]
3. Chengalikuzhiyil Jacob John [St Thomas Region, Mandya]

4. Elavumparayil Joseph Joseph [St Thomas Region, Mandya]
5. Kaippananickal Joseph (Sonate) [Deepti Mount]
6. Kaithackathadathil Sebastian [St Joseph Mission, Odisha]
7. Kalathil Sebastian (Dennis) [St Paul Region, Ujjain]
8. Karuvelil Thomas Thomas [St Alphonsa Region, Sangli]
9. Kochumannoor Tom (Jestin) [St Alphonsa Region, Sangli]
10. Kunnath Varghese (Nirmal) [Mulas-Estate, Sangli]
11. Mandapathikunnel Francis (Abin) [Deepti Mount]
12. Manjalil John (Jomon) [St Paul Region, Ujjain]
13. Nelluvelil Xavier (Georgekutty) [MQMR, Delhi]
14. Palapulickal Thomas [St Alphonsa Region, Sangli]
15. Parachalil Thomas (Shinto) [St Joseph Mission, Odisha]
16. Puthukkara Lazer (Agil) [St Thomas Region, Mandya]
17. Thannickal Mathew (Jerin) [MQMR, Delhi]
18. Uruppankattil Philip [St Joseph Mission, Odisha]
19. Valliparampil Joseph (Jomin) [St Joseph Mission, Odisha]
20. Vattoth Augustine (Joyal) [St Thomas Region, Mandya]
21. Vettukallel Sebastian [MQMR, Delhi]

f. Renewal of Temporary Promise and Promotion to Theology

Eleven seminarians who successfully completed their regency are now promoted to the study of theology. They made the renewal of their temporary promise of incorporation into the MST on 26 May 2022. All of them would be studying at Ruhalya. They are:

1. Ammanath Joseph (Joyal)
2. Kaithackal George (Maneesh)
3. Kanjirathumkal Jacob (Alan)
4. Kavunnukatt Joseph
5. Kizhakkumkarayil Sebastian (Alan)
6. Kottavila Benedict (Blesson)

7. Mannarath Sebastian (Akhil)
8. Mundamattam James (Noble)
9. Pengattu George (Amal)
10. Pullolil Joseph (Tom)
11. Puthenpura Thomas (Siby)

13. Overseas Mission

Dar es Salem, Tanzania: Rev. Fr George (Akhil) Thottappallil joined the Diocese of Dar es Salem, Tanzania in May 2022.

Syro-Malabar Diocese of Chicago: Rev. Fr Varghese (Daey) Kunnath joined St Thomas Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Chicago, USA in the month of May 2022.

Marquette, Michigan: Rev. Fr Kuriakose (Raju) Puthussery joined the diocese of Marquette, Michigan, USA in June 2022.

14. Appointment of Coordinators

On 14 June 2022, the Director General appointed four national coordinators to coordinate and animate the MSTs working in the following four countries, and to facilitate their support to the MST missions effectively.

Australia: Rev. Fr George Koorumullumpurayidam

Canada: Rev. Fr Thomas Kakkaniyil

Italy: Rev. Fr Joseph Koren

United Kingdom: Rev. Fr Augustine Puthiakulangara

They are appointed for a period of three years with effect from 3 July 2022. There are coordinators already for the MSTs working in America, Austria, Germany and Tanzania.

15. Completion of Doctoral Studies

Rev. Fr John (Biju) Koothotttil completed doctoral studies in Philosophy at Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. He defended the doctoral thesis titled – “Human Plurality and Totalitarianism: Hannah Arendt’s Political Theory as the Solution for RSS Hindutva

Politics in India” on 31 May 2022.

16. Beginning of Higher Studies

Rev. Fr Dominic (Jaison) Puthenpurackal started licentiate studies in Biblical Theology at St Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Bangalore.

Rev. Fr Kuriakose (Bibin) Madathiparampil started post-graduate studies in Social Work (MSW) at the University of Mumbai.

17. Publications/Achievements:

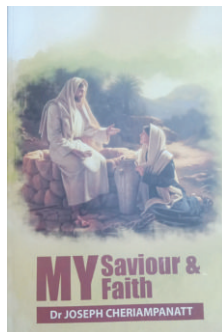
Rev. Fr Sebastian Kizhakkal: A book on Saint Devasahayam titled: *The Holy Martyr of Kattadimalai: St. Devasahayam* (in English, Hindi and Malayalam) was written by Rev. Fr Sebastian Kizhakkal and was published during the days of canonization of the



saint. The first book was released by Mar Sebastian Vadakel and Mar James Athikalam on 1 May 2022. The Malayalam translation of the book was released by His Beatitude Major Archbishop Mar George Cardinal Alencherry on 19

May at Deepti Bhavan Melampara.

Rev. Fr Jose Cheriampanatt: A book titled, ‘My Saviour, My Faith’ written and published by Fr Joseph Cheriampanatt was released by His Beatitude Major Archbishop Mar George Cardinal Alencherry on 19 May at Deepti Bhavan Melampara. The book intends to provide fundamental notions and teachings of the Christian/Catholic faith and would be a useful tool for training the new catechumens, catechists and candidates in the religious formation centres.



Rev. Fr George (Roy) Muthumakkal: Rev. Fr Roy Muthumakkal



was appointed as the official chaplain of the Mayor - Pauline George. It was only recently (in May 2022) Ms Pauline Akhere George has been elected *Mayor* of Lambeth Borough, London. She appointed Fr Muthumakkal as the official adviser in pastoral, moral and spiritual matters.

The chaplain has to accompany the mayor during her formal visits to the hospitals and worship centres, and he has to be present for important meetings being held by the Mayor. It is for the first time that a Catholic priest of Indian origin is given such an office in the United Kingdom.

18. Construction: ‘Kripasadan’ Kuttikkanam



The development of the newly purchased land property at Kuttikkanam is in progress.

The building plan for a prayer centre was approved by the local authorities, and the foundation stone blessed by the Major Archbishop was laid by Very Rev. Fr Antony

Perumanoor – the Director

General of the MST on 1 June 2022. Rev. Fr Varghese Nadackal meets the cost of the whole construction.

19. Loss of Membership – Vincent Varakil and Francis Thelliyil

In accordance with the Constitutions and Directives (C135a), Francis (Jubiti) Thelliyil and Thomas (Vincent) Varakil lost membership in the MST. The decrees of their dismissals had been issued and informed to all the members. The two decrees are appended to this news bulletin. Let us keep them in our prayers, as they start new phases in their lives.

III. Transfers and Appointments

A. St Paul Region

Karickamukalel Philip: Appointed Priest-in-charge, Nirmal Jyoti, Mandsaur.

Kodikulam Gervasis (Jince): Appointed Assistant Priest-in-charge, Santhome Bhavan, Indore.

B. St Thomas Region, Mandya

Marottikudy Augustine: Appointed Director of Deepti Nivas, Kalenahalli.

Pulimalayil Paul: Relieved from Pandithahally Mission Centre and joined the missionary team of St Thomas Mission Centre, Boath, Adialabad.

Puthusseril Raju: Relieved from Deepti Nivas, Kalenahalli and St Thomas Region

Ramachanatt Tony: Relieved from Deepti Nivas and St Thomas Region.

C. St Alphonsa Region, Sangli

Chamakalayil Joseph (Mijo): Appointed Priest-in-charge, Santhome School, Tasgaon.

Chitteth Xavier (Joy): Relieved from Alphonsa Welfare Centre, Devdhe, Lanja for medical leave.

Edamanasseril Joseph (Jobin): Appointed Parish Priest and Priest-in-charge, St Joseph's Church, Kodoly.

Kavunnukattil Joseph (Lijo): Appointed Priest-in-charge, Alphonsa, Halondy (Additional).

Monoth Varghese: Relieved from St Joseph's Church, Kodoly and St Alphonsa Region.

Pedikattukunnel Antony: Appointed Priest-in-charge, Kandalgaon.

Thonikuzhiyil Augustine (Benny): Relieved from Suvarta Printers, Alphonsa, Halondy and St Alphonsa Region.

Thypparambil Varghese (Robin): Relieved from St Alphonsa Region.

Vadakkeputhenpra George (Siby): Relieved from Santhome, Tasgaon and appointed priest-in-charge, Alphonsa Welfare Centre, Devdhe, Lanja.

D. St Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi

Kochupurackal Scaria (Abin): Appointed Director of Deepti Nivas, Dilshad Garden, Delhi.

Kureeckattu Cyril: Relieved from St Mary Queen of the Missions Region and assigned for the study of German language.

Madickankal Mathew (Jobin): Appointed Asst. Director of Deepti Foundation and Asst. Priest-in-charge of Deepti Nivas, Dilshad Garden, Delhi.

Mecheril George: Appointed Priest-in-charge, St Alphonsa Bhavan, Dhuri.

Panthalippadan John Appointed Parish Priest, Holy Family Syro Malabar Church, Neb Sarai, Eparchy of Faridabad.

Vettikuzhichalil Michael (Shinto): Appointed Asst. Priest-in-charge of Kristjyoti Mission, Rohru, H.P.

E. Other Missions/Centres/Ministries/Studies

Aranjanal Jose: Appointed Priest in residence at Santhome, Nedumkandam.

Kakkaniyil Thomas: Appointed MST Coordinator, Canada.

Kandamparampil Martin: Appointed Parish Priest, St Thomas Church, Pathukani, Eparchy of Thuckalay.

Kochumalayil Joseph (Manu): Relieved from Deepti College and appointed Proessor/Formator of Ruhahaya Major Seminary

(Theology) and Librarian of Ruhahaya Major Seminary.

Koorumullumpurayidam George: Appointed MST Coordinator, Australia

Koren Joseph: Appointed MST Coordinator, Italy.

Kudiyiruppil John: Appointed Dean of studies, Ruhahaya Major Seminary (Theology).

Kunnath Varghese (Daey): Assigned for pastoral work, Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Chicago, USA.

Monoth Varghese: Appointed formator and Spiritual Director Deepti College.

Mullappallil George: Relieved from Pazhayarikandam and appointed parish priest of Christiraj Church, Rajamudy, Eparchy of Idukki

Palakeel Jose: Relieved from Ruhahaya Major Seminary (Theology) as Dean of studies, and assigned to FABC at Manila, Philippines as the Content Editor of Radio Veritas Asia (RVA).

Puthiakulangara Augustine (Hans): Appointed MST Coordinator, United Kingdom.

Puthuppallimyalil Mathew: Relieved from the Archeparchy of Tellicherry

Puthusseril Raju: Assigned for pastoral work, Diocese of Marquette, Michigan, USA.

Ramachanatt Tony: Appointed Vocation Promoter, Northern Zone.

Thazhathuveettil Devasia (Binoy): Appointed Director in-charge of Angel Home, Kadanad.

Thottappallil George (Akhil): Assigned to the Diocese of Dar Es Salem, Tanzania.

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V. News from Seminaries

A. Deepti College, Melampara

After the summer vacation, Deepti Minor Seminary was re-opened on 20 May 2022, and on that day the second and third-year brothers came back to Deepti. They made preparations for receiving 21 New Comers.

On 30 April 2022, Fr Kisincher Aniyekattu took charge as the new Rector of Deepti Minor Seminary. The new Vice-Rector is Fr Joshi Mullappallil. Fr Kurian Ammanathukunnel joined the staff as a Spiritual Father. Fr Varghese Monoth is another Spiritual Father who will join the staff by the end of July. The young face on the staff, Fr Abin Vazhuthanappallil, is appointed professor and formator. The present strength of the seminary is 5 Fathers and 48 brothers.

1. Arrival of Second and Third-Year Brothers after Summer Vacation

After almost one and half months of summer vacation, the second years (11 brothers) and third years (16 brothers) came back to the seminary. During the vacation, the brothers were engaged in various pastoral activities too. The parish priests reported that they were happy because many of our brothers helped them during the catechism summer camps.

2. Arrival of 2022-23 Batch to Deepti

This year we have got 21 new admissions to the 2022-23 batch at Deepti Seminary. Among them, 16 are from the Palai diocese, one is from Kanjirappally, another is from Chenganacherry, and three are from Idukki. They are slowly initiated into the seminary life. Within these two weeks, they have already found Deepti a home away from home.

3. Group Dynamics and Motivation Classes

Two able and eminent personalities Dr. Isaac Olickal and Prof. Joseph spent two days with the first years to motivate them with their experiences and group dynamic classes. Time management, the need for discipline in life, the need for education, precious gift of priesthood, etc. were some of the topics dealt with. The Brothers

were all content with their classes.

4. Basketball and Volleyball Coaching

Basketball and Volleyball coaching has begun at Deepti. Two renowned coaches of Basketball and Volleyball are called in to give intensive coaching to our brothers.

5. Handwriting Classes for First- and Second-Year Seminarians

This year, for the first and second-year brothers, we arranged a handwriting class of Mr. Vipin, who is very famous for forming students with good handwriting. His



style of writing is praiseworthy and he is a much-invited person in schools.

6. First Monthly Recollection by Msgr Cherian

The first monthly recollection of the academic year 2022-23 was preached by Msgr Cherian Chennickara, the Vicar General of Muvattupuzha Malankara diocese. It was an intense moment of prayer.

7. Feast Celebration of Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor

On 13 June we celebrated the feast of Saint Antony of Padua. Very Reverend Father Antony Perumanoor solemnized the Holy Mass



with Deepti Kirans. It was an occasion of great joy for the whole Deepti campus.

8. Birthday of Rev. Fr Ammanathukunnel Kurian



Reverend Father Ammanathukunnel celebrated his 75th birthday on 11 June. Deepthi Kirans made it a memorable event.

9. Send-off Programme of Rev. Fr George Kuppayil

A grand send-off programme was conducted for Rev. Fr George Kuppayil who served Deepthi Seminary for the last five years in different capacities like Vice-Rector and Rector. He left Deepthi on 16 June to take up his new mission.



10. Holy Mass Celebration of Rev. Fr Manu Kochumalayil



Rev. Fr Manu Kochumalayil, who is appointed resident professor at Ruhahaya Theologate, had been serving Deepthi Seminary as House

Procurator and Spiritual Father since 2020. Deepthi Kirans bade farewell to him in a fitting manner by celebrating a solemn Mass with him at Deepthi chapel.

11. Sharing by Rev. Fr Joseph Vedikunnel

Rev. Fr Joseph Vedikunnel was invited to share his mission experiences with the Deepthi brothers. It was an occasion for them to listen to the first-hand experiences of our own missionaries.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Kisincher Aniyekattu, Rector, Deepthi College)

B. Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery

1. Thanks and Welcome

Three fathers on the staff were transferred since Easter 2022. After four years of dedicated service as a Formator and English Professor, Rev. Fr Kariathil Johny was transferred to Angel Home Kadanad. Rev. Fr Marottikudy Augustine joined the staff as the Spiritual Father and Formator, served the community for three years and was transferred to the Deepti Nivas, Kalahahalli. Rev. Fr Joseph Pulavelil was appointed as the Rector of Santhome Minor Seminary and served the community in that capacity for three years. After selecting the brothers of the 2022 –2023 batch, he was given a transfer and was appointed as the Director of Santhome Fellowship. He was given a simple farewell on 29 May which was an occasion for the fathers and brothers to express their gratitude towards him for all that he has been to Santhome Minor Seminary. Though not a member of the staff of the Seminary, Rev. Fr Rony Alencherry was closely associated with Santhome Minor Seminary as the Vocation Promoter for the past four years. He was transferred to Mary Queen of Missions, Delhi. Our sincere thanks are due to Rev. Fr Rony Alencherry, the outgoing Vocation Promoter for his tireless efforts in recruiting the present batches of brothers irrespective of the Covid



As we bid adieu to you dear Rev. Fathers, we place on record our profound gratitude to you all for your committed service in varied capacities to Santhome Minor Seminary. We wish you God's blessings in abundance and success in your new apostolates.

There are four fathers newly appointed to Santhome Minor Seminary. Rev. Fr Ottalamkal Joseph is appointed as the Spiritual Father and Formator. Rev. Fr Vadakketh Jobin is appointed as the Procurator and Formator. Rev. Fr Pottananical Manu is appointed as a Formator. Rev. Fr Mampillil George is appointed as the new Rector. Prayerful Best Wishes to all the newly appointed fathers.

Rev. Frs Pulavelil Joseph, Ottalamkal Joseph, Purayidom Binoy and Vadakketh Jobin went to Deepti Bhavan to participate in the Formators' Course from 20 – 22 May 2022, while Rev Kannanthadam Benny stayed back at the Seminary to take care of the house and welcome the brothers as they returned after the summer holidays.

The second and third-year brothers returned to the seminary on 21



May after their summer vacation. They are seven and thirteen in number respectively. The first-year brothers of the academic year 2022-2023 came to Santhome Minor Seminary on 24 May. They are 17 in number including two for the Eparchy of Sagar.

4. Group Dynamics and Prayer Day

A three-day Group Dynamics was conducted by Fr Mampillil George to initiate the first-year brothers into the community. It was followed by a half-day Monthly Recollection preached by Rev. Fr Binoy Purayidom. Both these programs helped the brothers to start the new academic year 2022 –2023 with the right orientation.

5. Inauguration of Academic Year 2022–2023

The academic year 2022–2023 was inaugurated on 30 May. The chief celebrant of the Holy Qurbana was Rev. Fr Manjalankal Thomas. The inauguration of the academic year was at 11.00 a.m. Rev. Fr Kannamthadam Benny, the Vice-Rector welcomed all to the function. Rev. Fr Mampillil George presided over the meeting and presented the report of the previous academic year. Rev. Fr Manjalankal was the chief guest of the day and he inaugurated the academic year 2022 –23 by lighting the lamp, and giving an inspiring message to the brothers. The regular classes began in the afternoon



on 30 May 2022. Rev. Fr Manjalankal Thomas started one week classes of statistics for the Plus-one students (second-year brothers). Mr Saji Katottu, an economic teacher is helping us with Plus-one and Plus-two economic classes.

6. Visitors to Santhome Seminary

Rev. Fr Ayyankanal Jomon visited the seminary on 27 May. He met the brothers and shared with them his rich mission experience as a pioneer missionary in Odisha. The sharing was truly inspiring and quite challenging for the brothers. Rev. Frs Moozhayil Kuriakose, Koorumullumpurayidam George and Vadakkethalackal Bijo made a short visit to the seminary on 7 June. Rev. Frs Thadathil Zacharias, Kochupara Joy and Alencherry Rony visited the seminary on 9 June. Rev. Fr Thadathil Zacharias shared with the brothers some of his experiences from his ministry of preaching and healing.

7. SSLC Result, Plus-two Results & Plus-one Board Exams

The first-year brothers got their SSLC results on 15 June. All of them passed the SSLC and many of them got a number of A+ and one got as many as 9 A+. Congratulations to the brothers on successfully completing their high school studies. The Plus-two results of the present MOC brothers were published on 21 June. All thirteen who appeared for the exam passed and quite a few of them got A+ and A. Congratulations dear brothers on successfully completing your Plus-two studies! The Plus-one board exams started on 13 June. Prayerful best wishes to the brothers!

8. Courtyard Work

One of the major works undertaken during the summer holidays was the courtyard work. The entire courtyard is paved with stone slabs and it has given a much needed facelift to the seminary campus. We remember with gratitude the family of our dearly beloved Late Rev. Fr Emmanuel Mattathil for their generous help towards that project.

(Reported by Rev. Fr George Mampillil, Rector, Santhome Seminary, Thamarassery)

C. Jeevan Jyoti, Srirangapatna

1. Intensive English Course for the M.O.C. Brothers

In order to improve their proficiency in the English language, two weeks course was conducted at Deepti Bhavan for the M.O.C. brothers. Bro. Kottavila Benedict (Blesson) and Regent Bro. Kaippananickal Joseph (Sonat) dedicated their precious time for teaching them English Grammar, Spoken English and English Composition. At the completion of the course, an exam was also conducted.

Jeevan Jyoti is grateful to the Formation Secretary - Rev. Fr Francis Kureecakl for organizing this vacation course at Deepti Generalate for the M.O.C. brothers. Sincere thanks to Bros Kottavila and Kaippananickal who led the classes for them.

2. Parents' Meet at Deepti Generalate

First time in the history of the MST, the M.O.C. brothers' parents were invited to our Generalate in order to meet the Director General,



Formation Secretary and M.O.C. Rector. The meeting was scheduled on Saturday 11 June 2022. Its purpose was two-folded. First, to know each other and thus to have a good rapport

with them. Second, to ensure the family collaboration in the priestly formation.

Rev. Fr Director General addressed the parents and highlighted the features of the MST formation and the importance of having a broader

collaboration with the family from the point of view of formation. His idea was to seek the possibility of creating a systematic culture of collaboration in formation through meaningful and lasting family engagement. The M.O.C Rector, while addressing the parents underlined the features of M.O.C. formation, along with some of the common challenges of priestly formation today. However, the meeting was a very good initiative on the part of the Director General and Formation Secretary.

3. Jeevan Jyoti Welcomes New Batch of Brothers



Jeevan Jyoti was ready to receive the 35th batch of brothers on 16 June 2022. On 15 June the brothers had started their train journey from Ernakulam and reached Mandya station the next day. From the railway station, they were brought to Jeevan

Jyoti. The brothers were offered a warm welcome by the Rector and Staff members on their arrival.

The main purpose of the one-year formation at Jeevan is to provide our brothers a comprehensive view of the priestly formation with



special emphasis on the lifestyle of a missionary and community living. Thus, at Jeevan Jyoti an in-depth exploration of the priestly life is

provided through human, spiritual, intellectual and missionary formation. Wish them a very fruitful formation year 2022-23.

4. Group Dynamics Class by Rev. Dr Muringassery

Rev. Dr Viju Muringassery, filled with practical expertise, was kind enough to come and guide our brothers for a day of group dynamics. Fr Viju equipped his class with games and group mingling activities. His class was inevitable since the brothers were from both Deepti and Santhome seminaries. A proper mingling was needed for them to have a new start at Jeevan Jyoti. And the brothers appreciated the class, describing it as very useful, because, it helped the brothers to find more interactive ways to involve themselves in everyday life.

5. Jeevan Jyoti Kitchen Gets a New Look



A long-cherished dream of having a renovated kitchen was fulfilled on 19 June. Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, the Regional Director

blessed it in the presence of the staff and the seminarians.

Our kitchen was 35-year-old and no major maintenance was done in these years. It was very old in fashion and was not spacious enough for the cooking for a group of 25 to 30 members. A total renovation was done including the kitchen, store room, refectory and plate washing area. An already existing small living room was added to the kitchen to extend its size. The work we had started in the beginning of May and got over by mid of June. Now the kitchen and other renovated areas have a clean and livable look with granites on the floor and tiles on the walls.

Very sincere gratitude from the staff and students of Jeevan Jyoti to the Director General, Formation Secretary, General Procurator and other Councilors. We thank Rev. Fr Thomas Kocheettathott for his knowledge and expertise in giving practical suggestions with regard



to the renovation. Rev. Fr Binoy Koottumkal, our seminar procurator is to be appreciated very specially for coordinating and supervising the

renovation work in an excellent manner. We also do thank Mr Antony Singh our contractor for the timely completion of the work.

6. Plus-two Results

The Plus-two results were published on 21 June. All our brothers both from Deepti College and Santhome Minor Seminary passed with rather good rgrades. Although nobody secured full A+, the average result is satisfactory. Congratulations to the students who passed and the staff members of both Deepti College and Santhome Minor Seminary who prepared the seminarians.

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

D. Ruhalaya Major Seminary, Ujjain

With immense joy, I share with you the news from Ruhalaya Major Seminary, Ujjain.

1. Summer Holidays

The seminary was closed for summer vacation on 31 March 2022 and all the students except the III-year philosophers left for vacation on the same day. The III-year philosophers left only on the 13 April. The students went to the eparchies/ societies/ congregations to take up various ministries and also to refresh themselves at home. We remember with gratitude the brothers who did vacation duty in Ruhalaya during the holidays.

2. The Picnic

The III-year philosophy students had a wonderful picnic in Delhi

from 9 - 11 April 2022. Rev. Frs Veenus Karamullil and Joseph Venattumattom accompanied them. They had a very fruitful time at the historical places in Delhi as well as at the mission centres in the Delhi Region of MST.



3. Holy Week Celebrations

This year we participated in the Holy Week celebrations at the Cathedral, Ujjain. We did not have any celebration in the seminary as most of the brothers went on vacation.

4. Farewell to Rev. Fr Jose Palakeel

Rev. Fr Jose Palakeel, the dean of studies at the theologate, was



given a send-off by the fathers on 13 June as he was appointed the Chief Editor of Radio Veritas, Asia, under the F.A.B.C. in Manila, Philippines. He discharged his duties as dean and formator with great dedication and commitment. We thank Fr Jose for his dedicated services at Ruhalya and wish him God's abundant blessings in the new ministry.

5. New Appointments



Rev. Fr John Kudiyiruppil is appointed the new dean of studies in the theology section. Rev. Fr Vipin Vanmelil is the new assistant procurator and professor of English in the philosophy section. Rev. Fr Johnson Pullatt is the professor of Indian

philosophy and Rev. Fr George Keeramchira is the new spiritual director in the philosophy section and in-charge of the social apostolate. Rev. Fr Manu Kochumalayal is the professor of moral theology in the theology section. He is the new Librarian of Ruhhalaya. A hearty welcome to the new members of the formation team and congratulations to Fr John Kudiyiruppil, the new dean of studies.



6. Renovation Work

We did the necessary renovation works in the seminary which include construction of the compound wall at the theologate, two badminton courts and one volleyball court at the philosophate, modification of the reading room, guest rooms and toilet sections for III-year students in the philosophate. We are thankful to the benefactors for their generous support. We wholeheartedly thank Rev. Fr Shijomon Thettalickal and Justin Kaithottumkal who were behind all these renovation works.

7. Gymnasium

For the physical development of the students Gymnasium was started both at the philosophate and theologate. We are thankful to Rev. Frs Joseph Plappillil and Joseph Kannathukuzhy who sponsored the equipment for the gymnasium.



8. Social Apostolate

We arranged three different programs for women at *Asara*. The first one was a leader's training program conducted for the women of Hemant Nagar on 18 April 2022. The resource person was Mr Santhosh from Kripa Social Welfare Society of the Eparchy of Ujjain. The second one was conducted on 19 May 2022 for the women of the locality on income generation programme. Mr Rajesh from the Nagar Nigam of Ujjain animated the participants. The third one was a jubilee celebration of Jyothi and Pooja S.H.G's of Juggi Jhoppadi on 12 June 2022. The members of these groups gathered at *Asara* and recollected their achievements during the past 25 years.

9. Reopening of the Seminary

Ruhalaya reopened on 19 June 2022. She is all set to welcome her children for the academic year 2022-23. May the Holy Spirit enlighten every member of the community to proceed according to the divine plan.

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

VI. News from Missions

A. St Paul Region, Ujjain

1. Gathering after Easter and Farewell

All the fathers were invited for a friendly get-together after Easter. Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura welcomed them all and wished them a blessed Easter season. During the meeting, representing the Region, Rev Fr. Paul Pareckattil thanked Reverend Fathers, Jose Edattukaran who leaves for Kerala and Unnieppillil



Joseph and Panthalipadan John who have opted for the new Delhi Region, for their dedicated ministry in the Region and in the Eparchy of Ujjain. After long years of service in Ruhalya and in the eparchy of Ujjain Rev. Fr Edattukaran Jose,

because of his health situation, has decided to go back to Aaram, Deepti Mount, Melampara. Rev. Fr Vincent thanked also thanked them for their commitment to the Mission and wished them best wishes for their future ministry.

2. Arrival of New Priest



Rev. Fr Jince Kodikulam, the new priest assigned to St Paul Region took charge as the Assistant priest-in-charge Santhome Bhavan, Indore on 20 June 2022. Best wishes to Fr Kodikulam!

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

B. St Thomas Region

1. New Academic Year 2022-23

All the educational institutions in St Thomas Region started the new academic year with full enthusiasm and earnestness. All the students who appeared for the Board exams in our schools in the previous academic year came out with flying colours. Congratulations to all the managers, principals, staff and students. I appreciate the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of all our fathers, sisters and staff and I thank each one of them. We received many new admissions in all our schools in the present academic year. I convey my best wishes and pray for God's abundant blessings upon all.

2. Asha Sadan Special School

14 students of Asha Sadan special school passed with good marks in the SSLC examinations conducted by Karnataka state. It is a matter of great pride and joy for Asha Sadan special school, St Thomas Mission Society and all those who are associated with it. The story of this great success is to be written in golden letters in the history of Asha Sadan. Congratulations to the Director - Rev. Fr Viju Muringassery, Principal, staff and students of Asha Sadan. This great victory is the result of the hard work of the whole Asha Sadan family, the students and their family members. Congratulations to all!

3. SMS Sisters for Manasadhara



St Thomas Region extends a very hearty welcome to two Sisters from the Snehagiri Missionary Congregation who joined the missionary team of Karunya Sadan mission centre (Manasadhara). The convent building was blessed on 9 June 2022 by the Regional

Director in the presence of the Director of the Centre, Provincial Superior - Rev. Sr Pavitra SMS, a few fathers and many sisters from the SMS Congregation. Special thanks to Rev. Sr Pavitra and the provincial team.

4. SABS Sisters for Koppa

A very cordial welcome to three sisters from the SABS Congregation of Mary Matha Province, Manathavady. They joined the missionary team of Preethi Nilaya mission centre, Gollaradoddi, Koppa. The renovated convent building was blessed on 16 June 2022 by the Regional Director in the presence of many priests, Rev. Sr Ann Mary, the Provincial Superior of Mary Matha Province and many



sisters and invited guests. We appreciate and thank Rev. Sr Ann Mary and the Provincial team.

5. New Classrooms for Santhome School, Bannur

Newly built two classrooms of Santhome Public School, Bannur were blessed on 6 June 2022 by the Regional Director. Congratulations and best wishes to Rev. Fr Saji Naduviledath, sisters, staff and students of Santhome Public School, Bannur.

6. Swaralaya Music Academy Shifted to Bangalore

Rev. Fr Biju Aranjaniyil, the Director of Swaralaya Music academy, made extensive studies about the scope and possibilities of having a music academy in Mysore and Bangalore. Then he reached the

conclusion that it has a better future and scope in Bangalore than in Mysore. Hence, Swaralaya music academy which had been functioning in Mysore for the last ten years, is shifted from Mysore to a place near Carmalaram, Bangalore. We wish all the best to Fr Biju in the new place and pray for God's blessings upon him and the music academy.

7. Science Lab and Second Floor of Sathyamangalam



Well-equipped lab with modern facilities and the second floor of Santhome International School, Sathyamangalam were blessed by the Regional Director on 23 April 2022. We appreciate and congratulate Rev. Fr Jiby Thekkemuriyil, Sisters, staff and students of the school.

8. Regent Brothers for St Thomas Region

This year we are blessed to have four brothers to do regency in St Thomas Region. They are fully involved in various apostolates in respective mission centres: Bro. Chengalikuzhiyil Jacob at Karunya Sadan, Manasadhara, Mandya; Bro. Elavumparayil Joseph at Deepti Nivas, Kalenahalli; Bro. Puthukkara Agil Pauly at St Mary's mission centre, Neradigonda, Adilabad; and Bro. Vattoth Joyal at St Thomas mission centre, Boath, Adilabad.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, Regional Director of St Thomas Region)

C. St Alphonsa Region

1. Missionary Initiatives at Tasgaon



Tasgaon, the newly started mission in the St Alphonsa region started the apostolate of education. Rev. Fr Mijo Chamakalayil the new Director of Tasgaon Center started the Santhome School in a rented building near to the newly purchased land. A

small building with four rooms and a small ground was taken for rent for beginning the school at Tasgaon.

Santhome School Tasgaon was blessed and inaugurated on 15 June 2022 by Rev. Fr Joby Njalliyil – the Regional Director. Rev Fr Tom Mangalathil, Fathers and Sisters from Santhome School Sangli, Ashadeep and Dilasa adorned the event with their



presence and support. Santhome School Tasgaon has a total strength of 23 students in Nursery, LKG and UKG, and has three teachers and non-teaching staff.

On the same day the Convent, the house which was taken for rent for Rev.



Sisters of Daughters of Charity also was blessed by Rev. Fr Joby Njalliyil. Two sisters started living there on the same day.

2. New Sisters to Sangli Mission



To participate in the missionary activity of the Sangli Mission, two new communities—the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity of Bangalore Province and the Congregation of Josephine Sisters of Changanassery—had arrived. Daughters of

Charity Sisters - Srs Jisha and Rebecca began their missionary work in Tasgaon assisting Fr Mijo Chamakkalayil.

The Josephine Sisters - Srs Tomina and Deepa are assisting Fr Subin Puthuppallyil in Herle, while Srs Joseline and Alphonse are assisting at the centre in Ratnagiri.



The sisters of the MSJ congregation who were working in Ratnagiri had shifted now their working area to Ashadeep in Sangli.

3. Beginning of the New Academic Year

The schools and special schools in Sangli Mission had started and

are running in full swing. The special schools were closed during the covid times and were not open since, but now all the special schools had taken their children back and are alive now.

(Reported by Fr Arun Vedikunnel, St Alphonsa Region)

4. Marthoma Catholic Personal Parish, Mumbai

a. Blessing of Study Materials



Our children had brought their study materials for blessing on the day of Pentecost. Msgr Francis blessed the children and their study materials and prayed for their bright future.

b. Parish Feast 2022

Our parish feast was celebrated on Sunday, 5 June 2022 - the day of Pentecost. Since our parishioners are newly baptized in the Holy Spirit, we celebrate our parish feast with joy and happiness on the day of Pentecost.

Msgr Francis Eluvathingal, the Vicar General of the eparchy of Kalyan was the main celebrant. He exhorted the faithful about the importance



of listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He also congratulated the faithful for accepting Jesus as their Saviour. On behalf of the Eparchy of Kalyan, he wished all the blessings of the parish feast and thanked the faithful for traveling so long from different parts of Mumbai to participate in the Holy Eucharist and to be a part of the parish feast celebration. He also appreciated the parish team for their dedication and hard work.

C. Summer Camp 2022

Summer camp 2022 was arranged for our Sunday school children at Dahanu. Along with our children, the children from Dahanu village



too joined for the camp from 6 to 9 June. Around 130 children participated in the camp.

The Bible dramas presented by the children were excellent. Our parish team conducted input sessions, games and prayer sessions. A drama about the Biblical narrative of the Wedding at Cana was attractively presented and

appreciated by all.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Paul Painadath, Mumbai)

D. Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi

1. Annual Retreat



Annual Retreat for the members of the Mary Queen of the Missions Region (MQMR), Delhi was conducted from 21 June to 24 June. More than twenty-five members working in different parts of India joined the retreat. Rev. Fr Sebastian Puthuppally of the Archeparchy of Tellichery, who was the former Director of the Mother Home Retreat Centre, was the preacher. On the concluding day of the retreat, we members took time to spend one day in future planning and reflection about the missionary development of the Delhi Region

2. Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Chirgaon

Blessing of the new church hall and reception of sacraments:



The newly constructed church hall was blessed by His Excellency Mar Jose Puthenveetil, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Eparchy of Faridabad, in the presence of Rev. Fr Santhosh Olapura-ckal, the Regional Director of MQMR and Fr Sanoj Pathrapankal, in-charge of Kristjyoti Catholic Mission, Rohru. The inauguration and the blessing of the church were on 12 June – the feast day of the Holy



Trinity, thus the feast of the community was also celebrated on the same day. It was because of the tireless effort of Mr Yashpal, who is the owner of the building, that we could complete the construction on time.

Six children from Holy Trinity Catholic Church received the sacraments of initiation and His Excellency administered the sacraments. Rev. Sisters and faithful from Rohru were present for the liturgical celebration which was followed by cultural programmes and a festal meal.

3. Balaswa, Delhi

Unexpected Fire in the Waste Mountain: It was quite unexpected to witness a massive level of fire in the waste mountain ever since Gyaansarovar started functioning in the area. This unfortunate



incident took place on 26 April 2022. It took five continuous days to put control to the fire in the waste mountain. Due to the extreme heat acrylic sheet had to be replaced in the Gyaansarovar Child

resource Centre. And we had to stop the children from attending the Child resource Centre. Municipal corporations and Fire Department had extended their full support and guidance for the safety of the Gyaansarovar Child Resource Centre. Even now there are minor blazing of fire in the waste mountain due to the extreme

heat waves. The government officials work wholeheartedly to control the situation.

4. Kristjyoti Catholic Mission, Rohru

a. Administer of Sacrament of Initiation: Kristjyoti Catholic Mission, Rohru had days of joy as many received Sacrament of



initiation of different occasions after the celebration of Easter. Twenty-six people from four families received sacraments of initiation on different dates. Rev.

Fr Sanoj Mathew Pathrapankal administered the sacraments in the presence of many faithful. These members had an intensive course on basic catechism for more than one week before they received the sacraments. The MST mission in Rohru is blessed with gradual increasing in the number of faithful.

b. Reception of the Holy Communion: Seven children from



Kristjyoti Catholic Mission Parish Rohru received Holy Communion on 14 May 2022. It was a joyful day for the children as well as the faithful here. Children

were given adequate information about sacraments, especially on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. More than fifty parishioners witnessed the reception of the Holy Communion. Rev. Fr Sanoj Mathew Pathrapankal administered the Sacraments. Since this was the first of this kind, we gave proper catechism about Holy Communion to the people who came to witness.

(Reported by Fr Sanoj Pathrapankal, Rohru, Himachal Pradesh)

E. St Joseph Mission, Odisha

1. Visit of the Director General



MST Odisha Mission was blessed with the presence of Very Rev. Fr Antony from 15-24 June 2022. The visit was marked with the

blessing and inauguration of the Sanjos SD Convent, Balliguda, meeting of the missionaries and visit to the mission centres and sharing. June 17 was set apart for the common gathering and sharing with the General. All the fathers and brothers working in Odisha came together to the Coordinator's House in Ryagada and started the programs with monthly recollection followed by the meeting. We do express our gratitude to Very Rev. Fr General and Rev. Fr Karamel for the lovely visit to our mission.

2. Bishop Mar Joseph Kollamparampil in Odisha Mission

The history of Odisha Mission is marked with the visit of Bishop



Mar Joseph Kollamparampil of Jagadelpur Diocese. His Excellency reached the mission for the blessing and inauguration of the Sanjos SD Bhavan in Balliguda Mission of MST in Kandhamal. His Excellency

also visited all missionaries of in their Mission Canters and appreciated the great contributions that we do for the mother Church in the field of evangelization.

3. New Regents to Odisha Mission

The missionary activities initiated in Odisha are strengthened by the arrival of five passionate and enthusiastic MST brothers for the regency in the Mission. They reached here on 10, June 2022 and



started their initiation programs and language studies in Viany Bhavan of Rayagada Dioceses. They will complete the initiation programs and language studies by the end of June and will start their regency from third July. We do wish our future missionaries of the MST fruitful missionary experience and

missionary formation during this year of regency.

4. Language Course for New Missionaries

A three weeks Odia language course and initiation program is arranged for the new missionaries of Odisha. We have five regents



and two priests from Kothamangalam Diocese attending the programs. It is arranged in Viany Bhavan, Kakkariguma of Rayagada diocese and Rev. Fr Shillu is guiding the programs. It included ten days classroom sessions which will help them to understand and learn the basics of Odia language and another ten days in villages to understand and experience the customs and culture of the land.

5. Mission Exposure programs for MST Philosophy Brothers

Fourteen MST Philosophy brothers visited Odisha mission and spent two weeks with the missionaries to have a first-hand experience of the evangelization programs of the MST. They started their programs from April 25, 2022. After the introduction programs they were sent to different mission stations for the direct experience of the



mission. It included an orientation and introduction on Odisha Mission, live in village programs, house visits,

programs for the village children, etc. They shared their joy in having such a beautiful experience of evangelization programs and expressed their wish to prepare themselves for the evangelization and preaching ministry of the MST.

6. Blessing of the SD Convent in Balliguda



Sanjos Bhavan, SD convent of Balliguda, Kandhamal was blessed by His Excellency Mar Joseph Kollamparampil on 16 June 2022. The Blessing ceremony was marked with the presence of Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General of MST

and Rev. Sr. Smitha SD, Provincial Superior of Pushpadham SD Province, New Delhi. SD sisters started collaborating with the MST in Odisha from December, 2019 and purchased 2.5 acres of land by their own in December, 2020. We do express our gratitude and appreciation for their readiness to collaborate with our mission in Odisha.



7. Meeting on Synodality

A one day meeting was arranged on the Synadality on April 7. Rev. Fr Jose Cheriampanattu led the sessions with a briefing on the

background and aim of the great Synod. All the Odisha missionaries



were present for the program and all of them actively participated in the discussion. Rev. Fr Jomon gave an introduction dynamics of the programs

and Rev. Fr Joy Areeckal moderated the sessions.

8. Inauguration of the Temporary Residence at Little Flower Mission, Kundra

On 7th April 2022 newly constructed temporary residence cum Social action centre was inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr Thomas Muppathinchira CMI, the Vicar General for the diocese of Jagdalpur.



All the missionaries of Odisha mission were present during the occasion. The House is constructed in the newly purchased land in Pakhanaguda, Kundra for the future use of the Social Action Programs. We do thank all those who helped us in fulfilling this dream of having an own house to stay in the mission.

9. Santhome Mission, JK Pure

Easter Programs in Kuljing Village of JK Pure Mission: Easter programs of this year were marked with first Eucharistic Celebration in the village of Kuljing of JK Pure Mission. People of the village were inspired and enriched by attending the Syro Malabar Mass. They all were taught and prepared for the Eucharistic celebration by Rev Fr Tony and expressed their joy of having a



new experience. The programs inspired them to construct a new Church for the village to have daily Mass and prayers. Now they have started the preparations for the construction of it.

Devotion to Mary in the Month of May: The month of May was marked with the special devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary in deferent villages of JK Pure Mission. We had the special prayers and rosary devotions for every village. People actively participated in the prayer services and given rosary and the Bible as gift for those who participated all thirty one days.

Send off to Rev. Fr Tony Kizhakkemuriyil and Welcome to Rev. Fr Sebastian Pezhumthottiyil: After completing a year of dedicated service in the JK Pure Mission Rev. Fr Tony was moved to Sacred Heart Mission Laxmipur. We had a thanks giving Mass in the house, Special prayer Services in Villages and a send-off gathering to express our gratitude and appreciation for the committed missionary activities done by Fr Tony for the Mission in JK Pure. Rev Fr Pezhuthottiyil joined JK Pure Mission family to continue the mission initiatives of Fr Tony. He was given a warm welcome by the mission family members to the MST Mission house in JK Pure.



10. Little Flower Mission, Kundra



Arrival of Sisters to Pakhanaguda Mission: Rev. Sisters Mary and Astritha joined Pakhanaguda Mission from Sacred Heart Congregation. They are from Ujjain SH Province and are ready to render their service for the mission in Pakhanaguda.

Meanwhile, Sr Astritha got transfer and Sr Shanti joined to the Pakhanaguda community.

Tuition Teachers' Animation Program: On the first Saturday of the month of June our tuition teachers were given one day animation program at Community Care Centre Jabapodhor. Mr.Purno Chandro inspired our teachers with his classes on the importance of teaching and teachers role in the building up of future generation.

May Month Devotion to Mary: Special evening prayers were conducted in the month of May, at Jabapodhor village. It included special prayers to Blessed Mary and the rosary. May month devotion really enhanced our new community to grow in devotion



towards mother Mary. Neglecting the lack of electricity and bad weather conditions all the villagers were present every day.

Director General's Visit: Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor the Director General of MST had visited Little Flower Mission Centre,



Pakhanaguda and encouraged the missionaries for their hard work in the mission. He stayed with the missionaries one day and visited the villages and evaluated the missionary activities in the mission centre.

11. Nirmal Jyoty Mission, Balliguda

Two Days of Retreat: Nirmal Jyoty could successfully conduct a two days of retreat programs for our catechumens in deferent villages,



Rev Fr Francis Chakkungal led the retreat programs. People were all happy and shared their special God experience through out the retreat days. It helped us to take them ahead with the faith formation programs.

(Compiled by Fr Jibin Maniyalil, St Joseph Mission, Odisha)

12. Namaste Maria Bhavan, Daringbadi, Kandhamal - Odisha

Bishop's Visit: Bishop Tony Neelankavil, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Thrissur visited Namaste Maria Bhavan on 30th March 2022 and celebrated Holy Qurbana here on the next day with the community of priests, ASJM sisters and the catechists.

Retreat and Easter Celebration: One-day Retreat was conducted



at Donenkabadi village in connection with the Easter on 18th April 2022. Around 120 people from the nearby villages attended the programme. Fr Sebastian Pezhumthottiyil, and catechists Mr Jatindra Naik, Sundar Singh and Mr Suresh preached and shared the word of God. Mr Suresh

gave an open testimony for his transition to Catholicism and shared how the Lord cured him, chose him and formed him into a missionary among his own people. Sr Dona Maria SD was present and helped with the counselling for those who were in need. Eucharistic adoration was conducted for the whole time in a nearby community hall by the nuns. After visiting the houses and praying for the sick people there, the programme came to an end around 4 pm.

Visit of the Superior General of SABS: Superior General of the Congregation of SABS, Rev Sr Rosily Ozhukayil from visited the Daringbadi mission on 19/6/2022 together with her two other councillors Sr Rose Therese SABS and Sr Jessy Madathil SABS.

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

F. Arunachal Mission

1. Sagalee Mission

a. Grand Celebration of Easter: After the pandemic, Easter 2022



was very solemnly celebrated in our parish. His Excellency Bishop John Thomas, the Bishop of Itanagar was present here during the Holy Week. Bishop together with some VIPs and other invited guests held a thanksgiving ceremony after the joint Holy Week celebration 2022. There are 20 village churches under Sagalee parish. This year believers from all these villages came together to Sagalee parish church in order to have a common celebration. It was four days program.

b. Farewell to Fr Rony and Bro. Augustine

Rev. Fr Rony was helping us for the past one year. He came to Sagalee for one year of mission experience in preparation to join



the Syro-Malabar Mission in Arunachal Pradesh. He belongs to Idukki diocese. Bro. Augustine had his regency in Sagalee for one year. We wish both of them every blessing and success in the future.

c. Other Activities

- i. The school and boarding were reopened in the first week of June. The meeting of the school committee is also conducted already.
- ii. Friday Adoration and prayer service are now arranged for the faithful which are being attended by many parishioners.
- iii. Construction of a new church is now undertaken with the support



of the community. The men and women offer free labour for the construction.

iv. After Easter, we had the blessings of a few new houses built by the parishioners.

(Reported by Frs Choorakunnel & Mundaplackal, Sagalee, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh)

2. Pakke Kessang Mission

a. Holy Week Celebrations: In Pakke Kessang St. Mary's Catholic Church and in the sub parishes of St. Thomas at Passa, St John's Church at Ngoleko and St Antony's Church at Riloh, the celebrations were planned at different times of the day. Hundreds of faithful participated the liturgical services from the Palm Sunday till the Easter Sunday.



The Bishop of Itanagar also joined us during the Holy Week. The Way of the Cross was prayed between several villages placing the stations at different locations

b. Home Mission Programme: In all our parishes and the substations, 'the Home Mission' programme led by CMC sisters,



Punjab Province was organized in the month of May. The sisters

visited house after house counselling the families and also held worship services and preaching in common. It helped the renewal of the families in their faith and morals.



c. Visit of MST Priests: Rev. Frs Lithosh Karingadayil and Bibin Vadayaparampil visited our parishes and mission centres. They were interested in knowing the culture and the lifestyle of the people. We took them around the villages and gave them opportunities to

interact with the rural families.

d. New Church for Rhilo Village:

The parishioners of the village—Rhilo have been longing to have a stable and strong structure for their church. With the support of the community, we have started the construction and it might take one year for the completion of the work.



e. Meeting of the Parish Councils: These days we conduct the meetings of the parish councils at different levels. In such meetings, we select members and form committees for the conduct of the specific activities in the parish. The unit leaders bring forth ideas gathered from their unit meetings and thus we have a



participatory approach in the pastoral ministry.

(Reported by Frs Chakkungal and J. Thundathil, Pakke-Kessang, Arunachal Pradesh)

G. Overseas Missions

1. United States

a. New Arrivals for Pastoral Ministry



The MSTs in the USA are happy with the arrival of our two members – Rev. Fr Varghese (Daey) Kunnath and Rev. Fr Joseph (Raju) Puthuserry. Rev. Fr Daey has come to serve the Syro-Malabar Eparchy

of Chicago. He arrived in the month of May and has started getting initiated to the ministry by being in the parish of St Alphonsa Church, Baltimore (Maryland). He will be given an assignment in the upcoming months.

Rev. Fr Raju Jose Puthuserry arrived in the US in the first week of June, to serve in the Diocese of Marquette in Michigan. He is now temporarily placed in a parish and is being given some orientation for pastoral ministry in preparation for his assignment. He is already assigned to a parish (St Agnes Parish, Iron River, MI) and will take up the new responsibility after one month.



(Reported by Fr Antony Thundathil, Coordinator of MSTs in USA, Chicago)

b. Spalding, Marquette (Michigan)

First Holy Communion: The weekend immediately after Easter-2022 was the day of celebration of the First Holy Communion in my main parish - St John Neumann's, Spalding. We had five students to receive



their First Communion on 21 April, and all students and their guests stayed after for a cake and coffee social. For the First Holy Communion in another parish of mine - St Bruno Parish, Nadeau had only two children.

Conclusion of CCD Classes: On 27 April, St John Neumann had the final Grade 1- Grade 6 Catechism (CCD) class. To mark the occasion there was an ice-cream party on the campus.

Community Project Day: On 13 May, the local high school (North Central) sent six of its students to help in the Spalding Church to help with the cleaning of the surroundings, as part of the Community Project Day. The backyard was heavily hit by late winter-early spring weather and the students helped to clear the premises.

Graduation Mass: On 15 May was our Graduation Mass, followed by a 'pancake breakfast' in the Parish Hall hosted by the Powers-Spalding Lion's Club. The graduating students along with their parents and siblings participated in the thanksgiving Holy Mass. There was a special prayer of blessing upon the recently graduated youth in the parish.

(Reported by Fr Benny Mathew Kulirany, Spalding, Marquette, MI, USA)

2. Austria (Vienna)

a. Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation of this year was conferred on 14 May 2022 by General Superior - Dr. Clemens Pilar Cop. 19 candidates from our four parishes and seven candidates from other two nearby parishes received the sacrament of Confirmation in our Katzelsdorf parish.

b. Mariandacht

The month of May is fully dedicated to Marian devotions in our place. And we conducted the devotional services in all parishes, in Marian Grottos, in Marian shines and in Rosary Park. Holy Mass, Rosary and Marian prayers and Adorations were parts of the devotion. A lot of people participated in them.

c. Bittmesse and Bittgang

We have the tradition of having a special Holy Mass and blessings of the agricultural fields for good crops and good weather. The procession through agricultural fields, reciting prayers and the Litany of All Saints. Our all four parishes had special Eucharistic Celebrations and blessings for good agricultural crops in the month of May.

d. First Holy Communion

The first holy Communion of this year was conducted on 22 May in Grosskrut, on 29 May in Bernhardsthal and on 12 June in Reintal respectively.

e. Corpus Christi Procession

On 16 June, we have Eucharistic celebration and corpus Christi procession in Grosskrut and Bernhardsthal parishes and on 19 June in Reintal and Katzelsdorf parishes. After the Eucharistic procession the president of the local Panchayath invited the main participants for lunch.

(Reported by Fr Joy Punnakuzhy, Coordinator, Vienna, Austria)

3. Canada

a. Nelson, British Columbia



After thirty years of missionary work in Ujjain, I came to Canada for six years. In the past 13 years, I worked as a Pastor in four different churches. Each place had two to three churches to care about. After existing for more than a hundred years, every church has something to do for their progress and unity. I thought that there will be nothing to do. But life is always challenging.

Every parish had some special needs and I was able to achieve them in my

short span of service. Here in Oliver, we have the best new church which has every facility in one building. Almost thirty years, the members of this parish contributed to the construction and paid off their debts. But we did not have a church bell.

Recently, one of the parishioners bought a church bell and some others installed it. It was a project which got completed in a year. Almost all the expenses towards it will be \$15,000/. Four people have contributed to it. I see that the whole congregation was excited to have a Church bell. I remember my days in Susner, when we constructed a small church and bought a church bell. How excited all of us missionaries at Susner were in the year 1983! It might have cost us about \$50/. That bell was far better than the present bell we installed at the cost of \$15,000/. I could see the same excitement here in the members of the Christ the King parish. People are basically the same everywhere in the world!

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

b. Regina, Saskatchewan



Saskatchewan summer is usually cool but warm and dry at times. Summer spans from early June to mid-September. This is considered the most pleasant weather during the year. We had a wonderful Easter celebration this time. Churches were

opened for the faithful to their full capacity.

Clergy Retreat: From 3 to 6 May, the clergy in the Archdiocese attended their annual retreat. His Excellency (Emeritus) Bishop Albert Thevenot of Prince Albert was the preacher. It was held in RAMADA, a five-star hotel.

Post-Easter Celebrations: After Easter, many parishes celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, Mother's Day and Father's Day, honouring both mothers and fathers. Also, the parishes conducted thanksgiving Holy Masses congratulating and honouring the students

who graduated in X and XII grades.

Medieval Madness: The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will host a leadership camp this summer for teens, for a medieval-themed week of fun, faith, growth and community. Complete with Beach time, Sports, Archery, Music, Games, Talks, Nature, Campfires, Great Food and Important Conversations. Camps will be held at Glen Harbour Kids Camp which is located on the East side of Last Mountain Lake; about 40 minutes from Regina in the first week of July.

Philomena Walking Pilgrimage: The 4th annual Saint 'Philomena Walking Pilgrimage' is scheduled for 11th to 14th August 2022. This is a supported walk, rest stops and meals are provided and a trailer carries camping supplies between nightly stops.

National Indigenous Peoples Day (NIPD): 21 June is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as indigenous peoples. Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs.

Horizons of Hope: The Horizons of Hope program is a new program launched in November of 2021 to provide support and concrete assistance in the theological, medical and pastoral areas of Palliative Care. The program has been developed by the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops. The Archdiocese will be utilizing this program. Horizons of Hope will be used in our diocese instead of the Dying Healed program.

Deanery Meeting 2022: The annual deanery meeting was hoisted at St. Joseph's Parish, Whitewood. Fr Tom Mandapathil organized it and 30 participants, representatives from the parishes, were there in the meeting.

Visit to Canada by Pope Francis - July 2022: The Catholics of

Saskatchewan join with others across our country who are welcoming the news that Pope Francis will visit this land on a pilgrimage of healing, hope and reconciliation 24 to 29 July 2022, following up on the visit by the Indigenous delegation in late March and the apology he made to Indigenous Peoples 1 April in Rome.

Clergy Study Days: The study days for 2022 will occur on 11 to 14 October 2022.

(Reported by Fr Tom Mandapathil, Regina, SK, Canada)

4. France

Presently I do French language course in a Catholic institute in Paris in view of starting my theological studies in the month of September.

a. Visit of Director General



Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor reached here on 5 April 2022 in view of taking part in the international conference of the Superiors Generals of the Societies of Apostolic life, which was scheduled to be held in the third week of April at the Generalate of the Paris Foreign Mission Society (M.E.P.)

An official meeting was arranged with the Director General of the Paris Mission Society and it turned out to be highly productive and mutually strengthening. Discussions were made on the possibility of a bilateral cooperation in the future.

We also paid a visit to the office of L'oeuvre D'orient, an organization supporting our mission. Rev. Fr Antony presented a replica of the Saint Thomas cross to the director of the institute and invited him to visit our Generalate and our mission during his travel in India, to which he duly consented. He wholeheartedly accepted our projects and expressed his happiness over the timely responses we make to the queries and demands by his office.

b. Pilgrimage to Lourde, Ars and Lisieux

It was a time of spiritual nourishment as we visited together the

prominent pilgrim centres in France. The presence of Fr Joby Kappiparambil added more enthusiasm to our journey. We were able to collect the relics of St Therese of Lisieux, Sts Louis and Zélie Martin the parents of St Therese, St John Maria Vianney, and St Catherine Laboré.

(Reported by Fr Sijo Mookkenthottam, Paris, France)

5. Switzerland - Parish of Schlieren

a. Easter Celebrations



This year we celebrated Easter with all normal traditions after Corona Pandemic. Decorating eggs is one of the most common Easter traditions. At the end of Church ceremonies, we gathered together in our parish hall for egg smashing. This activity, known as

‘Eiertütschen,’ involves a competition where the goal is to break the other person’s egg by smashing it with your egg without breaking your own. The tradition dates back to a long time ago and is still widely practiced today.

b. FMG Annual General Gathering

Women and Mother Fellowship (FMG) gathered together on 26 April 2022 in order to elect their office bearers.

c. Firmschreibungsgottesdienst

We started the preparations of the Confirmation for next year with a solemn Mass on 1 May 2022. These preparations last for one year.

d. Fatimatag

We celebrated the Feast of our Lady of Fatima in our parish. Many Portuguese members were present for the solemn Mass and procession with the statue of Fatima Maria.

e. Seniorenferien

We conducted this year a holiday-week for the senior members of



our parish in Sion. Sion is the capital city of the state of Valais. Valais (in French) or Wallis (in German) is the third largest State of Switzerland by area. Traditional food products of Valais are wines, cheeses, dried meat, and rye bread. Wines are essentially produced in the Rhone Valley.

Europe's tallest gravity dam is located at Grande

Dixence in the canton, closely followed by the Mauvoisin Dam. Hydroelectric power plants from the canton produce about a quarter of Swiss electricity. The Seniors of our parish visited this dam on 17 June 2022.



f. Eucharistic Procession

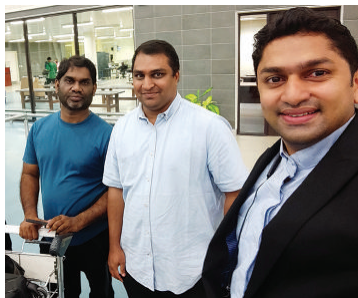
This year we could conduct a Eucharistic procession on the feast of Corpus Christi in my parish Schlieren with the Italian Community. later. We participated in the Eucharistic procession in Sion, Wallis

(Reported by Fr Varghese Nadackal, Schlieren, Zurich, Switzerland)



6. Tanzania : Madale Parish, Dar Es Salaam

a. Arrival of New Missionary Collaborator



Rev. Fr George Thottappallil MST joined to the Tanzanian mission of MST on 23 May 2022. He is learning the language, the culture of Tanzania and getting ready to begin the ministry. Rev. Fr Biju Pullappallyil MST, the coordinator of the African

Mission in Tanzania is guiding and preparing him for the Mission. The MST priests in Tanzania are cordially welcoming and wishing him all the success in the new ministry.

b. First Holy Communion



Two hundred and sixty-nine children of Madale parish received their first Holy Communion on 12 June 2022, after their adequate preparation of ten months. We have arranged the celebration at Madale the mother

parish and at the newly erected quasi-parishes Mbopo and Nyakasangwe. We congratulate the parish priest, catechists and teachers.

c. Golden Jubilee of 'WAWATA'

'Wawata,' the unifying body of all catholic women in Tanzania, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of its establishment in every parish of the Arch Diocese of Dar Es Salaam. Fr Biju Pullappallyil presided over the celebrations at Nyakasangwe,



the Quasi parish, on 29 May. It was begun with the celebration of the Holy Mass, followed by the cultural events and the agape feast.

d. Harvest Festival

The members of Madale parish offered the annual contribution of their cultivation on 12 June and it was auctioned in the parish. Fr Biju Pullappallyil, the Parish Priest



inaugurated the auction after the celebration of the Holy Mass.

e. Kubariki Nyumba

The vicar has taken the great initiative to bless each and every house of his parish, as part of the pastoral care for his people. There were around 10 priests to help the vicar to reach out the 1200 houses in the mother parish. Ministers visited the houses along with the small Christian community leaders in the evenings for 10 days.

f. Corpus Christi

All the parishioners gathered together for the Eucharistic Celebration and worshiped the Lord on 19 June in the Madale Parish. The



mass participation of the faithful in the Eucharistic procession on the day of Corpus Christi solemnized the celebration. The celebrations were conducted in the Madale, the mother Parish as well as in the quasi-parishes.

(Reported by Rev. Frs Pullappallil & Manianchira, Dar Es Salem, Tanzania)

7. Australia – Syro-Malabar Mission, Melbourne

a. Lenten Retreat



Annual Lenten Retreat was conducted for the children, the youth and the elders separately, from 8 to 10 April in Shepparton and from 23 to 25 in Bendigo. It was attended by the faithful in large numbers and was spiritually beneficial for the community.

b. Holy Week Celebration

Holy Week ceremonies and Easter celebrations were conducted with its solemnity in both missions. All shared the joy of Easter and participated in Snehavirunu after Easter Holy Qurbana in Shepparton on Saturday at 8.30 pm and in Bendigo on Easter Sunday at 10 a.m.

c. First Holy Communion



Solemn celebration of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation conferred by Bishop Bosco Puthur on 23 April in Shepparton and 24 April in Bendigo. With the presence of a Bishop, the

participation of the community was very high and children and the youth had photo sessions with the Bishop.

d. Mothers' Day



Mothers' Day was celebrated on 8 May. In the meeting after Holy Qurbana, the role of mothers in the families and in the parishes was acknowledged. Mathruvethi of both the missions arranged Snehavirunu.

e. Catechism Exams

The Second term Catechism Exam was conducted in both the missions on 19 June. The new class sessions will resume after the holidays.



(Reported by Fr Varghese Vithayathil, Shepparton, Australia)

8. Sweden

a. Stockholm Seminary News



Seminarians who were studying abroad were back to Sweden for the holidays, pastoral experience and annual retreat. They will be back to their seminaries in the month of September.

Bro. Wladimir who is studying in Rome got ordained as deacon on 15 June and Bro. Gustav who is studying in Paris will be receiving his diaconate on 23 June. As the Rector, I am representing the diocese of Stockholm for both the functions.

b. Syro-Malabar Mission in Scandinavia



Holy Qurbana in Malayalam are being celebrated in all the stations regularly. We have no restrictions to travel in and outside Sweden now and therefore, the Holy Masses are being celebrated in Malayalam in all the three countries. At present we have

Holy Masses in Stockholm, Gutenberg, Jönköping, Skellefteå and Uppsala in Sweden, Helsinki and Tammerfors in Finland and Oslo in Norway.

Catechism classes in our communities were very well organized. We had a wonderful concluding session



with wonderful programs. May I wish you all a Happy Dukhrana! St Thomas- Pray for us.

(Reported by Fr Binu Thottiyil, Stockholm, Sweden)

9. Italy

CASIAND CASI Onlus: CASI means Christian Archaeological Survey of India. It is the international centre for oriental archaeology.



Its field of excavation is at Thumbur, Lower Kodungallur, Kochi Kerala. CICAR-Centre for Indian Christian Archaeological Research at Changanassery is the national centre for Indian Christian Archaeology. It is also founded with the permission of the MST in the past. CASI has a charitable wing called CASI-Onlus.

A tiresome risk is undertaken to create an old age home too.

Now I teach archaeology and direct that activity. I am not working and not studying, but in the field of teaching. I work with ISIAO in Rome, as well as directing the new centre.



(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph Vazhuthanappally, Italy)

10. Brazil - St Sebastián's Parish, Itaruma

a. Crowning of Mother Mary

After two years of pandemic covid fear, life festivities are normalizing



in Brazil. The number of participants in the Holy Mass and in other pastoral and devotional activities is increasing day by day

Brazilian people have great devotion to Our Lady. They express it various ways. The month of May is set apart for

the special devotion to Mary our Mother. On 31 May, our parish concluded the special novena in honor of Our Lady with a solemn Holy Mass. A large number of faithful participated in Novena and Holy Mass. During the ceremonies ‘younger buds’ of our parish crowned our lady. The crowing of Our Lady is one of the pious practices of Brazil. The Legion of Maria which is an active pastoral movement in my parish took all the initiative for the conduct of the celebrations.

b. Corpus Christi

The feast of Corpus Christi (Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ) is another solemn feast in Brazil. The day is a public holiday in the whole of Brazil. Parishes in the entire Brazil organize solemn Holy Masses followed by Eucharistic processions. The streets around the churches are decorated with floral carpets. Various pastoral movements take initiative in decorating the streets. Our parish also celebrated the feast with much enthusiasm and devotion.



(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph Pulickal, Brazil)

11. United Kingdom

Visit by the Archbishop: The Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark visited the parish of Saints Philip & James, Herne Hill on 12 June 2022. It was the first visit of the Most Reverend John Wilson to the parish after succeeding to the Metropolitan See of Southwark, London in July 2019.

The parish welcomed the Archbishop with



great delight and enthusiasm. Fr Roy Joseph spoke a few words of introduction and welcome at the beginning of the Mass. In his homily the Archbishop appreciated the parish community for being very friendly and welcoming. The Archbishop administered the first Holy Communion to some of our children.

Councillor Pauline George, the newly elected Mayor of the London Borough of Lambeth was also present in the Holy Mass! The Archbishop congratulated Pauline at her election and wished her all success in her Mayorship! The worshipful Mayor thanked the Archbishop for allowing Fr Roy to be her Chaplain.

The reception that followed was a lovely occasion for the Archbishop and the community to interact with each other! The 'bring and share' lunch was well supported by the parishioners! There was plenty of food and all well arranged in the parish hall. The assembled had a chance of savouring a variety of tastes from different parts of the world, and the items reflected the cosmopolitan nature of the community.

Before leaving the parish, the Archbishop had a personal meeting with Fr Roy and thanked Fr Roy for all that he is doing to bring to life the heart of the Good Shepherd through his priestly care for his parish and people.

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

12. Germany

a. Easter Gathering



This year we organised our Easter gathering from 18 to 20 April. We were happy to welcome our Director General – Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor to our get-together, which was arranged in Unkel. After attending the Conference of Superiors MISAL in Paris, which was hosted by MEP fathers and later going for a pilgrimage to the tomb of St Jacob, Director General found time to visit us.

The Director General elucidated the current situation of the MST,



new undertakings and developments in the Mission and also talked about the upcoming Extra General Assembly. We are grateful to him for his visit and also for the encouraging and inspiring words.

b. Transfers and Appointments



After completing his initial training in the diocesan Seminary, Fr Shaijan Koonamparampath reached in the Parish Weeze, for undergoing the next stage of his practical training, which involves acquiring pastoral experience and cultural integration. There he will be initiated to the pastoral ministry under the guidance of a German parish priest, for a period of one year. All the best dear Fr Shaijan.

Fr Binish Arackal has got transfer to the Parish of Balve-Hemer in the diocese of Paderborn. He begins his pastoral duties there on 1 November. Best wishes dear Fr Binish!

Fr Soby Thannickappara completed his ministry in the diocese of Paderborn and returns to India on the 26 July. We had a nice time with Fr Soby and we cherished his friendship. We appreciate his missionary spirit and the way he supported Mission by finding



Benefactors. Prayerful wishes to Fr Soby for his future Apostolate.

c. Feasts and Pastoral Activities



After uplifting the restrictions, which were imposed during corona pandemic, people are very eager to celebrate various feasts such as Pentecost, Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi. In many of our Parishes, we have conducted Eucharistic Procession carrying the Holy Sacrament through the cities and villages. The stations were beautifully decorated with flowers.

d. First Holy Communion

In the context of the feast of the Corpus Christi, children were happy to receive the first Holy Communion and also the sacrament of Confirmation was given to many teenagers in several parishes of our priests.



e. Ministranten Tag



As usual, this year also in the Parishes of Fr Joy Valiyamangalam and Fr Anto Thattil, the altar boys and girls were invited to a get-together called "Ministranten Tag."



On another occasion,

children brought their vehicles and cycles to be blessed. The motto of the program was “On road, with God.” After the blessing, children also found time for a get-together and shared their experience.

f. Ukraine War

Europe is undergoing a very stressful situation due to Ukraine war. It is not only affecting the common people but also has far reaching consequences for MST and its missionary apostolate. The present-day economic recession and price rise due to war, has clearly reduced the financial support given to our projects for the mission. We request your prayers so that the war may end soon.

(Reported by Fr Pradeep Mattathilanickal, Germany)

13. Spain

a. Easter Mass for Malayalee Community in Barcelona



I had the honour of offering Syro Malabar Malayalam Mass for Easter and proclaim the easter message with Fr Shinto the Priest in charge, Fra Eduard Rey, Provincial Caputxins of Catalunya, Fra Arun. There were 33 families for the Easter celebration. We had solemn Eucharistic celebration and thereafter Easter agape. People cooked food from home and brought for all of us.

We had a great and sumptuous easter meal and sharing.

b. Director General's Visit

Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor made his paternal visit to me in Barcelona on 10 April 2022 after six months of my arrival in Barcelona. Father was really kind enough to visit me to know about my studies and stay in Barcelona.



Father paid a visit also to my university and college. I thank sincerely the Director General for his goodwill to make a visit and encourage

me in this new place where MST initiates to make its presence.

c. Director General Meets Dean of Blanquerna

Very Rev. Fr Antony when he came for his visit made a vital visit to the Dean of Blanquerna college of communications - Dr Joseph Maria Carbonell. We had the meeting and lunch at Paris. Fr General expressed the gratitude of the Society for the scholarship to the dean and also requested for the future scholarships in different faculties of Blanquerna foundations to which the dean expressed his consent optimistically. Fr Sijo Mookkenthottam and I were in the meeting with the Dean. I thank Fr Sijo for his availability and the brotherly care he gave me in Paris.

d. Meeting with the Director of L'Oeuvre d'Orient

Very Rev. Fr Antony in his visit to Paris created a visit to Mr Dominic, Director of L'Oeuvre d'Orient, Association bénévole à Paris, which is an organization supporting Asia, Africa and Europe specially in education and



social work. I was honoured to share the chair together with Fr Director General and Fr Sijo Mookenthottam for the projects of the Society. It was really an inspiring meeting and I could learn how we propose for financial assistance in an international forum from Fr Antony Perumannoor. I thank Fr General and Fr Sijo for this opportunity.

e. Director General Meets the Provincial of Catalunya

Very Rev. Fr Antony made a visit to Fra Eduard Rey Puiggros the Provincial minister of Caputxins of Catalunya and the President of religious in Catalunya. Father thanked him for his goodwill to accommodate one of MST priests in their provincial house in Barcelona. Father also requested his future support in this matter.



Fr General offered Mass in the provincial House with the Provincial. Provincial and his team gave a warm welcome to the Director General and Fra Eduard also spent one day with the General and took him to the Monastery the Mont Serrat, the pride of Catalans, where we have the Mother of Mont Serrat Statue and it is also the place where St Ignatius of Loyola had his conversion. Father visited the Cave of St Ignatius where

St Loyola wrote his 30 days of Ignatian meditations.

f. Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella

In the Holy Week, I was fortunate enough to make a pilgrimage with Very Rev. Fr Antony and families from Barcelona to the tomb of St James the Apostle at Santiago de Compostella, North of Spain. We started from Barcelona on 12 April by car to Sarria. We walked from Sarria to Santiago 100 kilometers, it is a UNESCO world heritage route of Pilgrimage. We had our Maundy Thursday, Good



Friday and Easter Sunday celebration in Santiago. The group was really taken up by the gospel reflections of Fr Antony and they all invited us to their houses to visit. It was really a God given opportunity to pray for the Society and for its

intentions and new missions. We also prayed for the members of our Society, its mission, Year of St Thomas activities etc. It was an enriching experience for me.

g. Study Trip to Amsterdam, Netherlands



As part of our Master Program in Global Communication, Leadership and Corporate Diplomacy, we had three days class and meetings in Amsterdam from 5 – 8 May 2022. The purpose of the three days course was to discover the practice of diplomacy at the private and public level and

enhance the knowledge of grassroots for leadership, management by best practices and meeting the officials of city planning of Amsterdam.

h. Trips to European Parliaments in Brussels and Geneva

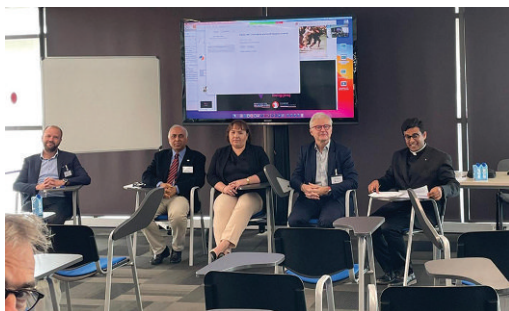
I received the privilege of visiting the European parliament, part of my studies, in Brussels, Belgium. Fr Jijo Kottakavil together with Fr Carol made the arrangements for the visit of European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium on 10 May 2022.



I thank sincerely the fathers for their brotherly concern and support to make this visit an ever memorable one.

I also received the pleasure to visit the European parliament and the headquarters of Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland on 1 June 2022. Fr Varghese Nadackal was really kind enough to make me travel to Switzerland and visit the European parliament. I thank sincerely Fr Nadackal for his goodwill to do all the needful for this study trip. It was really educating experience for me. I could also visit Fr Saji Plapallil and had dinner with him thank you father.

i. International Conferences in Barcelona



I was selected by the university to be the moderator and to present a paper in the international conference organized by Cat dra de Libertat Religiosa i de Consci ncia together with Ramon

Llull university and Blanquerna Observatory of Communication, Religion and Culture. In the Panel XV ‘Christianity and Contemporary Society’ I presented the Paper on the latest developments on religious freedom of Christian minority in India. There were participants from more than seven countries.

I moderated the panel on Christianity and contemporary society (English Section). The other panelists were Dr Martin Kugler from Vienna, Dr Sa a Horwat from Croatia, Dra. Weronika Kudla from Poland and Mr Khalid Shehzad from Pakistan. The meeting continued for one and half hour. The session was really vibrant and enthusiastic. The conference took place at the library building of Blanquerna college of Communications, Barcelona, Spain.

j. Academic Year Finale



The academic year ended with the final exam on 29 June 2022. We had the last class from Prof. Cees Hoogendijk, the Netherlands on ‘Managing Bitterness: Exploring New Ways of Leadership.’ We have

to submit the thesis in the end of September. We were a batch with members from 8 countries. The next academic year commences in the month of October 2022.

(Reported by Fr Joby Kappiparampil, Barcelona, Spain)

VII. NEWS FROM OTHER MINISTRIES/ CENTRES

A. Vocation Promotion



By the grace of God, we could gather 22 students from the South Zone for the academic year 2022-2023. Among them, fifteen are from the Diocese of Pala, five are from the Diocese of Idukki and one each is from the Dioceses of Changanassery and Palakkad. These 22 vibrant seminarians arrived at Deepti College on Tuesday, 24 May 2022, with an earnest heart looking forward to embracing the loftiest path of the priesthood to serve the Almighty. I wholeheartedly welcome these newest members to the MST family and gratefully acknowledge the efforts of Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal, Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram and Rev. Fr Rector, who, along with the Vocation Promoters, visited the houses of all the probable candidates in Pala, Changanassery and Idukki dioceses to interview and admit the seminarians. Thanks are due to Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General; the Councillor in charge, the General Councillors, and all the staff for their encouragement, support and co-operation. I appreciate the selfless service of my associate Vocation Promoter Fr Monse Karuvakunnel and wish him all the best as he sets out to pursue higher studies.

(Reported by Fr Bijo Vadakethalackal, Vocation Promoter, South Zone)

B. Santhome Fellowship

1. Retreat for the Second Batch of Missionary Associates



Second batch of Missionary Associates had undergone two days retreat led by Rev. Fr Binoy Purayidathil. This retreat made the associates to think about their missionary vocation and it helped them to deepen their faith in the Lord. All eleven members were

present for the retreat at Deepti Mount, Bharanaganam.

2. Pilgrimage to Mylapur



Missionary Associates organised a pilgrimage to Mylapur, at the tomb of St. Thomas, our father of faith. 49 Santhome fellowship members participated

in it. This pilgrimage helped the them to know about St. Thomas and his missionary voyage to India, and also helped them to rejuvenate their faith in St. Thomas and helped them to follow the *Thoma margam*.

3. Monthly Meetings of Santhome Fellowship



Regular meetings of Santhome Fellowship were organized in different parishes of the Syro- Malabar Church, especially at Thrissur, Aruvithura, Ernakulam and Vannappuram. And an online meeting was conducted by

Santhome Fellowship, Dubai.

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

C. SANTHOME – IMPACT, Kochi

1. Santhome-IMPACT News

a. Farewell to Fr Vipin: After few years of dedicated service in Santhome-IMPACT as Editor of Kadukumani and Blaze and director of Mission Animation, Fr Vipin Vanmelil has moved to Ruhhalaya Major Seminary as formator and Assistant Procurator. We the inmates of IMPACT offer our heartfelt gratitude to Fr Vipin and wish him all the best in his new ministry in Ruhhalaya.



b. Reception to Fr Pathalil: We gave a pleasant and cordial welcome to Fr Toms Pathalil on 21st April. He has taken charge as the new Procurator of Impact and Editor of Kadukumani. We wish him all the best in his new ministries in Impact.



c. Bible Academy: As a joint venture of Impact



and our local parish Thevackal, we have started a Bible Academy on 19 June. With the collaboration of many Bible Scholars in and around Ernakulam, we are planning a 2-year weekend Bible course for lay people. We hope to give the participants a deep and analytical

understanding of all Biblical books. Fr Joy Panjikaran is the Coordinator of the whole academic programme. Fr Vicar and a committee of the parish will handle all other aspects. Classes will be

alternatively in the Parish Hall and MST IMPACT. We have already started classes with 25 participants from our parish.

d. One day Gathering: Circular Prayer Fellowship of Lay People conducted a one day gathering at Impact with Mass, Adoration and Meeting.

e. Participation in the funeral: We participated in the funeral and 7th day services of the mother of Fr Joseph Koren.

f. Pastoral Activities: We render our services to different parishes for Holy Masses, confessions, talks and sermons.

2. Santhome Media, IMPACT

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

a. *Bharathathinte Sreeha*: This is a Documentary on St Thomas the Apostle and his mission in India which is telecasted in Shalom TV and also uploaded in our YouTube Channel. This is well appreciated by the clergy, the Religious and the common people.

b. *Ramban Pattu*: This is a traditional song about St Thomas which is uploaded in our YouTube Channel. This is well appreciated in social media platform

c. *Kurishil Murinjappamai*: This is a Holy Communion musical album uploaded in our YouTube.

d. Invitation to all MSTs to collaborate with Santhome Media-IMPACT: Santhome Media-IMPACT invites all the members of MST to avail its facilities to manifest their talents in communication. Santhome media will technically support the MST members to work out their creativity and bring out as media productions.

e. Upcoming Initiatives of Santhome Media-IMPACT

1. Capsule type Short Films

2. Santhome Quiz 2022

4. Cartoon Film for Kids

* To watch all our programs please visit our website: www.santhomemedia.com, You Tube Channel and Facebook Page

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

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

D. Thomasine Research Centre (TRC)

Thomasine Research Centre (TRC), Thumboor continues to render its service to the Church in various ways. It has established a good rapport with the neighbouring parishes and extends a helping hand whenever needed.

Rev. Fr Sebastian Elanjimattom took charge as the house administrator in the month of April. Rev. Fr Saju Thuppilanjyil is ever on the move preaching the Word of God and rendering comfort to many wounded souls.

1. Online Diploma Course

The second batch of the online diploma course is completing their study by the end of June and their examination is being held in the month of July. They will be awarded with the Diploma of Paurasthya Vidyapitham.

Admission to the third batch is already started. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in encouraging people to join this course.

Details of the Course:

Duration: One year

Semesters: 2

Evaluation: Periodical assignments and online exam at the end of each semester

Beginning of the course: 17 July 2022

Course fee: Rs 1000

The study materials are provided both in English and Malayalam.

2. Year of St Thomas

In this year of St Thomas, the TRC is conducting classes and seminars on the life and mission of St Thomas in various parishes

and diocesan centres. The first one was held at Kakomb parish in Pala diocese. A one-day seminar was held for the priests and religious sisters of the diocese of Thuckalay on 18 June 2002. It was well appreciated by the participants. We are invited to the parishes Kottakave, Kokkamangalam, Ambazhakad, etc.

The TRC always remains committed to spreading the Thomasine Spirituality in the Church.

(Reported by Fr James Kurikilamkatt, Director, TRC)

E. SANTHOME BIBLE CENTRE, PARIYARAM

1. Transfers

Rev. Frs Rony Alencherry and Manu Pottananickal were transferred from here recently. They were given a send-off dinner on 29 May at Santhome, Pariyaram. Fr Manu was taken to his new place of appointment, i.e., Santhome Minor Seminary, Tamarassery, on 1 May 2022, and he took up his new ministry immediately. As Fr Rony was being transferred to Delhi Region, we took him to his house at Pathirikode on the same day. On 17 June he left for Delhi. We wish them God's blessings in abundance in their new ministries!

2. New Vocation Promoter

Rev. Fr Tony Ramachanatt has been appointed as the new vocation promoter of the northern zone. He was brought here from Mandya on 27 May by Fr Raju Puthussery, the then priest-in-charge of Kalenahalli, and Fr Joshi Areeplackal. Fr Tony has started his ministry in all earnestness by contacting young men and their families. We wish him all success in his new ministry!

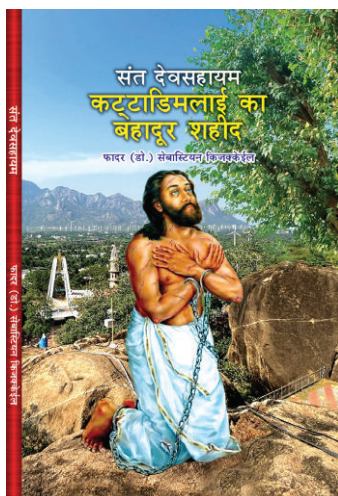
3. Reception to the New Archbishop of Thalassery



Santhome Bible Centre, Pariyaram gave a formal reception to Mar Joseph Pamplany, the new Archbishop of Thala-

ssery on 30 May 2022. Rev. Fr Benny Puthannada, the new Director of Mother Home Retreat Centre at Pariyaram, was also invited to the reception dinner. Since both of them are in their sacerdotal jubilee year, we felicitated them here at the beginning of the solemn supper. Both of them were gifted with the latest books of Fr Sebastian Kizhakkeyil. The Archbishop spent a few hours here with us, encouraging us in our ministries. He visited St Michael's Prayer Centre and expressed his appreciation for the good work that Fr Zacharias Thadathil is doing there.

4. New Books from Santhome, Pariyaram



The latest book of Fr Sebastian Kizhakkeyil was on St Devasahayam. Its English version published by ATC Bangalore was released at Deepti Bhavan at the beginning of the Extraordinary General Assembly by Mar Sebastian Vadakel on 1 May by giving its first copy to Mar James Athikalam. All the Assembly members were given complimentary copies by the Director General. The Malayalam version of St Devasahayam published by Jeevan Books, Bharananganam,

was released on the concluding day of the Extraordinary General Assembly on 19 May by Mar George Cardinal Alencherry. The Malayalam version was prepared by Fr Manu Pottananickal based on the English version. A Hindi version of St Devasahayam will come out soon from St Pauls, Allahabad. Fr Jubil Muricken is preparing that book. All the photos in the book were taken by Fr Manu Pottananickal who accompanied Fr Kizhakkeyil when he made a study tour of the places connected with St Devasahayam's life.

A new book by Fr Sebastian Kizhakkeyil on the occasion of the 1950th anniversary of the Martyrdom of St Thomas will be published soon by St Pauls, Mumbai.

5. Spiritual Ministry of Fr Zacharias Thadathil

After the Covid 19 pandemic when all retreat centres were closed down, Fr Zacharias resumed his ministry of preaching and healing. During the last few months he went to various parishes in Kerala and Karnataka preaching retreats and healing people spiritually and physically. A lot of people are flocking to St Michael's Prayer Centre whenever Fr Zacharias is here, seeking his prayer help and healing.

6. Health Mission of Fr Joy Kochuparackal

The ayurvedic and naturopathy hospital at Bedshi in Maharashtra started at the initiative of Fr Joy Kochuparackal is rendering yeomen service to countless people. The Covid pandemic did not slow down the flow of patients to this hospital seeking treatment and healing. The Health Centre has won the appreciation of the people around as they see people getting healed there by the dedicated healthcare service of Fr Dr Joy Muringayil and his staff. Fr Joy Kochupara buys ayurvedic medicines from Oushadi Centre at Pariyaram in bulk and takes them or sends them to our hospital at Bedshi. He also continues with his social work enterprise called FTAK helping farmers of North Kerala with organic farming. FTAK has started producing organic manure at its new plant for the use of 5000 farmers who are its active members.

(Reported by Fr Sebastian Kizhakkeyil, Director, Santhome, Pariyaram)

F. AARAAM, DEEPTI MOUNT

1. Free Medical Check-up and Yoga Classes for Seniors

A team of nurses and physiotherapists visited *Aaraam* on Thursday 12 May 2022 and gave some classes with demonstrations regarding



yoga and keeping good health habits with diet and exercise. They stressed the need for continuing certain simple exercises in order to maintain good health. The health workers from

Nariaganam and Edamaruku, promised us to visit *Aaraam* regularly and make the necessary follow up. We thank sincerely them for their valuable time and effort to make us all healthy and fit.

2. Birthday of Fr Ayathamattam



On 25 May we celebrated the 94th birthday of Fr Thomas Ayathamattam together with Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor- our DG and Fr Peter Kavumpuram - our Councilor. Holy Mass was offered in the morning by Fr Joseph Vadakechirayath with

special thanksgiving prayers for Fr Thomas for this wonderful life with great blessings. He appreciated and thanked God and all for the peaceful life he is able to live especially in *Aaraam*. The day ended with a delicious dinner with a variety of dishes and desserts.

3. Visit of Bishops



During the time of the Extraordinary General Assembly of the MST in May, we had the privilege of the visits of bishops - Bishop Mar Sebastian Vadakel and Mar James Athikalam, priests, rectors and regional directors etc. Most of them offered Holy

Mass with us and showed their personal concern and love by spending their valuable time with our senior priests.

4. Welcome to New Members

Aaraam welcomes two of our dear priests Frs Jose Edattukaran and James Mandapam who have done their active missionary life in



various fields in Ujjain and other mission territories. We are very happy to have them as members of our community. We wish them a very happy and healthy stay at *Aaraam*.

(Reported by Fr Joseph Vadakechirayath, Director, Aaraam)

G. PAITHALMALA MINISTRIES

1. Karunyashram Ayurvedic-Naturopathic Treatment Centre

Karunyashram is blessed with a new doctor. Rev. Sr Dr Shradha of the Holy Spirit Congregation who took charge as a resident doctor. This treatment centre is well known for the emphasis given here for the prayer and spirituality which, in fact, speed up the healing process and also make the patients and their bystanders enriched with inner happiness.

A long awaiting Mariyan Grotto is being completed in Karunyashram compound. Now devotees can comfortably pray to Mary and seek her intercessions in their mental and physical health problems. Many priests and nuns also took treatment during this period. All return from Karunyashram with the experience of healing in body and soul.

2. Mar Walah Spirituality Centre

In preparation for the great feast of Easter we had a three days

Inner-healing retreat. Around thirty-five people participated in it. We can now accommodate twenty people in Mar Walah. Our neighbours also participated in the retreat and they also did voluntary service for the retreat. Patients and bystanders from Karunyashram too participated in the retreat.

MST brothers who completed their Regency took a one-week retreat in preparation for their promise and receiving of the clerical dress. MCBS novices from Kottakkunnu, Chemberi, in preparation for their First Profession took a one-week retreat in Mar Walah.

All of them appreciated the conducive atmosphere here for prayer, meditation and contemplation. A very special land scape with serine and deep silence, pollution-free air, water and cool weather help them pray without any disturbances.

A twenty-four-hour Eucharistic Adoration on the feast of Corpus Christi was well appreciated by the participants, especially by our neighbours. We will have a thirteen-hour Eucharistic Adoration on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mar Walah is now well prepared and I heartily welcome anyone who likes to come and stay here to have a prayer experience for a few days.

(Reported by Fr Scaria Thamarakatt, Mar Walah Spirituality Centre, Paithalmala)

H. ANGEL HOME, KADANAD

1. Angel Home Re- opens

After the summer holidays, Angel Home re-opened on 1 June. There are six new admissions this year.

2. Welcome to Frs Kariathil and Thazhathuveettil

Rev. Fr Johny Kariathil joined Angel Home on 16 May and Fr Binoy



Thazhathuveettil joined on 7 June. Hearty welcome Frs Johnny and Binoy.

3. Final Examinations

Angel Home would like to announce proudly that our three senior students have successfully passed the Plus-two examinations this year. Two of them have already started German language studies. We had one SSLC student who also passed the examination with good grades. Congratulations and best wishes for their further studies.

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

I. SANTHOME, MUNDUR

1. Welcome to Fr Arangassery



Rev. Fr Lonappan Arangassery who was transferred from Ruhailaya Major Seminary, Ujjain to Santhome, Mundur was cordially received by the Director of Santhome. He was accorded a warm welcome by Rev. Fr Antony Cheeramvelil to Santhome Bavan, Mundur, Thrissur on Holy Thursday - 14 April 2022 with a bouquet. Later Fr Arangassery visited the Archbishop of Thrissur on 23 April. Archbishop Mar Andrews Thazhath also expressed sentiments of welcome to Fr Lonappan and received him with a bouquet.

2. Jubilee and Birthday of Kuttikatt Sisters

The golden jubilee of Sr Editta and the birthday of Sr Stella Kuttikatt



were celebrated on 23 April 2022. The celebrations started with Holy Qurbana at 5.00 p.m. led by Rev. Fr Antony Cheeramvelil. Rev. Frs Lonappan, Thomas Karamel and Justin Vettukallel were the concelebrants. After

the Holy Qurbana there was cake cutting and dinner. Bishop Sebastian Vadakel, Bishop of Ujjain and Fr. Joy Kunnel were also there to join the celebration and to wish Sr. Editta and Sr Stella Kuttikatt. Bishop Sebastian Vadakel spoke a few words of appreciation.

3. Visit of Bishop Thattil



Santhome was also blessed by the visit of His Excellency Mar Raphael Thattil, Bishop of the Eparchy of Shamshabad on 21 April 2022. Some of the MST fathers also visited Mundur during the summer holidays and got acquainted with this new centre of the MST in Thrissur.

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

VIII Necrology:

Family Members & Collaborators of the MSTs As informed by the members (20 March - 20 June 2022)

Mrs Brigit Joseph, Mother of Fr Puthusseril

Mrs Annamma, Mother of late Fr Cherunilam

Mrs Kochuthresia, Mother of Fr Joseph Koren

Mrs Rosamma, Mother of Fr Kurukilamkatt

Sr Ignatius, Sister of Fr T. Ayathamattam

Mr Ouseppachan, Brother of Fr Kudiyiruppil

Mr P.C. Lukose, Brother of Fr Nadackal

Mr K.C. Joseph, Brother of Fr Kulathumkal

Mrs Cicily, Grandmother of Fr Thypparambil

Mr Varkey, Grandfather of Fr Kachirayil

Mrs Chinnamma Kattikkanayil, Grandmother of Fr Kochupurackal

Mr Tomy Pulickal, Brother-in-law of Fr S. Pothenparampil

Mr Thankachan Panolil, Nephew of Fr S. Thuppalanjiyil

Sr Mary Lucy Nambudakath, Aunt of Fr Kappiliparampil

Sr Annamma A.O., Aunt of Fr Kulathupurayidom

Mr Sebastian Kalarickal, Brother-in-law of Fr Pamplani

Mrs Mary Ramarath, Aunt of Fr Jose Neendukunnel

Mr Abraham Kakkaniyil (Kakkany-Sir), Cousin of Fr Kakkaniyil
and English teacher at Deepti College



IX. Appendices

Circular No. X-31/2018-2023

12 May 2022

CONVOCATION OF THE XI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Brothers,
In accordance with the *Constitutions and Directives* of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (C68), I do hereby convoke the Eleventh Ordinary General Assembly of the MST, to be held at the **MST Generalate (Deepti Bhavan), Deepti Mount, Melampara-686578, Kerala, India from 4 p.m. on Monday, 15 May 2023**; and it will continue until it finishes its business.

All permanent members of the MST are invited to present their suggestions for the preparation of the agenda of the General Assembly (C68). A committee will be soon constituted for the purpose (C69), and you will be informed of the same and other related procedures in the upcoming days.

I request each one of you to pray earnestly so that the General Assembly proceeds under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to renew all the members of the MST and to reinvigorate the mission *ad gentes* of the Society.

May St Thomas the Apostle be our intercessor with the Lord that the MST responds positively to its missionary vocation.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

Sd/-

Fr Justin Vettukallel
Secretary General, MST

Circular No. X-32/2018-2023

11 June 2022

AGENDA COMMITTEE FOR THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY-2023

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Brothers,
In accordance with the *Constitutions and Directives* of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST), a committee consisting of Rev. Fathers Lonappan Arangassey (*Convener*), Antony Cheeramvelil, Joseph Unnieppillil and Thomas Pathalil is constituted to prepare the agenda for the General Assembly (C69). All the permanent members of the MST are hereby invited to present their suggestions for the preparation of the agenda of the General Assembly (C68). The committee has to submit the agenda to the Director General before **25 October 2022** (C& D69).

All the permanent members of the MST can present their suggestions to the Agenda Committee (C69). Members can also “directly represent any issue in writing to the Director General who shall bring this for discussion in the General Assembly” (D69b). Besides that, in accordance with the resolution (#2) of General Assembly 2008, there is a possibility of collectively sending suggestions to the Agenda Committee:

“Within three months of the convocation of the General Assembly, the Regional Directors shall convene a meeting of the members of each Region to make a serious evaluation of the life and apostolates of the Society (C72e), make suggestions for the future and prepare an agenda and forward it to the Agenda Committee.” (*Report of the GA 2008*, p. 51).

The codified agenda will be sent to all the permanent members, six months prior to the General Assembly (C68).

I request each one of you to pray earnestly so that the General Assembly proceeds under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

Sd/-

Fr Justin Vettukallel
Secretary General, MST

Decree 05/2018-23

3 June 2022

Rev. Fr Francis Thelliyil Loses Membership in the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle

Rev. Fr Francis Thelliyil (Jubit Joseph), born on 27 September 1986, hailing from the parish of St Mary's Forane Church, Poonjar of the Eparchy of Pala, ordained a priest of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST) on 3 May 2014, loses his membership in the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST) in accordance with its Constitutions and Directives (C135a).

Rev. Fr Francis Thelliyil (Jubit Joseph), contracted marriage with Albitta Baby (D/o Baby Joseph, Kalayil House, Kadalikad P.O. 686670, Muvattupuzha, Ernakulam Dt, Kerala) on 24 January 2022 at I.P.C. Church, Mangalagiri, Guntur (Dt), A.P. He has informed me about this through an email letter dated 1 June 2022 and has sent to me a copy of the certificate of marriage.

According to the *Constitutions and Directives of the MST*, "a member shall be held dismissed from the Society by law itself, who has publicly rejected Catholic faith or has celebrated or attempted marriage, even only a civil one" (C135a).

Based on the information received and with the consent of the General Council, I formally declare that Fr Francis Thelliyil (Jubit Joseph) is dismissed from the MST by law itself. Hence, he loses all rights and obligations in the MST from today, 3 June 2022.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

Sd/-

Fr Justin Vettukallel
Secretary General, MST

Decree 06/2018-23

11 June 2022

Rev. Fr Thomas (Vincent) Varakil Loses Membership in the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle

Rev. Fr Thomas Varakil (Vincent John), born on 1 July 1986, hailing from the parish of St Joseph's Church, Pulloorampara in the Eparchy of Thamarassery, ordained a priest of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST) on 29 December 2014, loses his membership in the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST) in accordance with its Constitutions and Directives (C135a).

Rev. Fr Thomas Varakil (Vincent John), contracted marriage with Reema Rajendra Salokhe (D/o Rajendra and Ujwala Salokhe, Phulewady, Kolhapur-416012, Maharashtra) on 28 May 2022 at Dhotri Talim, Gangavesh, Kolhapur, Maharashtra. He has informed me about it through an email letter dated 11 June 2022 and has sent to me a copy of the certificate of marriage.

According to the *Constitutions and Directives of the MST*, “a member shall be held dismissed from the Society by law itself, who has publicly rejected Catholic faith or has celebrated or attempted marriage, even only a civil one” (C135a).

Based on the information received and with the consent of the General Council, I formally declare that Fr Thomas Varakil (Vincent John) is dismissed from the MST by law itself. Hence, he loses all rights and obligations in the MST from today, 11 June 2022.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

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Secretary General, MST



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