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“Receiving the joy of the Spirit is a grace. The Spirit is the true protagonist of mission giving us the right word, at the right time, and in the right way.”.

Pope Francis, Message for World Mission Sunday 2022

Jubilarians

SACERDOTAL GOLDEN JUBILARIAN



Fr Varakil Thomas; 30 December 1972

SACERDOTAL SILVER JUBILARIANS



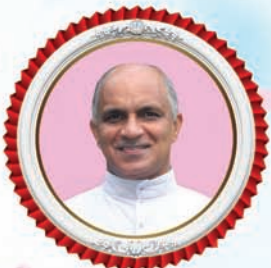
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I. MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL



Dear and Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Brothers,
The month of October is dedicated to the Mission. We shall remember and pray for all our missionaries who are engaged in various missionary activities in different parts of the world. Pope Francis summons each one of us to share the message of Christ to everyone. The theme of this year's World Mission

Sunday is, "we cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4: 20). "Go therefore to the highways and byways, and invite everyone you find" (Mt 22:9). No one is excluded; no one is removed from this compassionate love. Once we experience the power of God's love, and recognize His fatherly presence in our personal life, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard. Like the Apostles and the first Christians, we too can say with complete conviction: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard." Everything we have received from the Lord is meant to be put to good use and freely shared with others. The first Christians were inspired by the Lord to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Pope Francis in his Mission Sunday message once again reminds us that we are sent on mission by the Church in Christ's name and never under our own initiative. He noted that Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs, since the witness of Christians to Christ is primarily communitarian in nature. He reminds us that, every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. It is our duty and responsibility to bring the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ.

We shall be always faithful to our missionary vocation by exercising our missionary responsibilities entrusted to us. Let the compassionate love of Jesus Christ touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

Fr Antony Perumanoor
Director General, MST

II. NEWS FROM THE GENERALATE

(From 20 July – 15 October 2022)

1. New Associate Missionaries

During the solemn Raza on 3 July 2022, the 1950th Year of Martyrdom (Dukhrana) of our Father in faith-St Thomas the Apostle,



11 candidates made their promise of association before the Director General, to be the formal associate missionaries of the MST. In accordance with Appendix I of the *Constitutions and Directives of the MST* and following the *Guidelines for the Associate Missionaries of the MST*, they have been selected by our coordinators and were given training for several months. They have been collaborating with the MST for many years as members of Santhome Fellowship. The final pages of this Bulletin give the personal details of every new associate missionary. Please get to know about our associate missionaries and dream about involving them in our missionary programmes in the future.

The MST is grateful to Fr Monse Karuvakunnel - former coordinator, Rev. Fr Joseph Pulavelil – the present coordinator and Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram - the Councillor-in-charge of Missionary Associates, for recruiting and training the new associate missionaries in accordance with the Guidelines for the same. Let us hope and pray that with the inclusion of new missionary associates, the MST may

take the lead in developing and displaying a participatory missionary approach in the Syro-Malabar Church, as enshrined in its Constitutions and Directives.

2. Demise of Senior Priests

The MST still grieves at the unexpected departures of two of our members – Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel, Thomas Ayathamattam and Joseph Karikilamthadam. Let us continue our prayers for them. Please remember to fulfill the personal obligation of ‘offering one Holy Qurbana for members on their demise’ (C&D16 vii), if you have not yet celebrated.

a. Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel (1927-2022)



Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel, one of the pioneer members of the MST assigned to St Thomas Region and who had been living a retired life at Aaraam (Priest-home) at Deepti Mount, was called for his eternal abode at 9.15 p.m. on Saturday 20 August 2022.

Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel was enjoying a healthy retired life at *Aaraam*. He had no serious ailment and he was seldom bedridden for any reason. He was able to move around till the final day of his life on earth. As usual, he was present for the morning Holy Qurbana on Saturday 20 August at the *Aaraam* chapel. Sometime after supper, he fainted and instantly he was taken to Marygiri Hospital, Bharananganam. The doctor declared that he had already breathed his last. He returned to the Lord almost at 9.15 p.m. Immediately, the Director General and many priests from Deepti Bhavan rushed to Marygiri. They



prayed the 'Office of the Dead,' and his mortal body was kept at the mortuary of the same hospital.



The funeral service of Rev. Fr Kadookunnel was held on 22 August 2022. His mortal remains were received from the mortuary of IHM (Marygiri) Hospital Bharananganam at 7.15 in the morning

and was brought first to *Aaraam* at 7.30 a.m. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kallarangatt of Pala prayed the office of the dead at Aaram. From 8.00 a.m. the body was placed at the open hall of Deepti Bhavan for public homage. The first rites of the funeral service started at 1.30 p.m. led by his nephew Rev. Fr Sony Kadookunnel of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. The second part of the funeral service was led by Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, the Regional Director of St Thomas Region, Mandya. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor – the Director General preached the eulogy. Their excellencies Mar Sebastian Vadakel, James Athikalam and Mar Joseph Kollamparampil were present for the Holy Qurbana and led the final rites. His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel preached the funeral homily. His mortal remains were laid to rest at the cemetery in Deepti Mount by 4.00 p.m.



Many priests and members of the religious communities from the eparchy of Palai, local political leaders, members of the MST, associate missionaries, friends and neighbours came forward to offer homage to Fr John Kadookunnel. The funeral ceremony was live telecasted and was attended by many members of the MST around the globe. On 26 August, a *requiem* Holy Qurbana was offered at the Deepti Chapel attended by his family members. The personal details including the biodata of late Fr John Kadookunnel were circulated to all the members through electronic media. The MST is grateful to Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel, for his missionary zeal, leadership and committed ministry in different capacities as the General Councillor, Treasurer General, Vice Director, Regional Director, etc. He undertook the construction of the present Jeevan Jytoi at Srirangapatna. His priestly ministry ranged the Eparchies of Pala, Mandya/Mananthawady and Muenster in Germany. As customary, 'A Tribute' is presented towards the end of this Bulletin prepared by Rev. Fr Joseph Kulathumkal, one of his co-workers in Mandya mission.

b. Rev. Fr Thomas Ayathamattam (1929-2022)



Rev. Fr Thomas Ayathamattam (94), one of the senior members of the MST assigned to St Paul Region and who had been living a retired life at Aaraam (Priest-home) at Deepti Mount, was called for his eternal abode at 1.50 p.m. on Wednesday, 24 August 2022.

From the year 1996, Rev. Fr Thomas Ayathamattam was leading a very peaceful and happy life at *Aaraam*. He suffered only minor issues of old age. For the past three years, he needed the support of a walker for moving around the house. Due to his inability to walk, he was dining in his own room for a couple of months, except for the common celebrations. However, he was regular for the Holy Qurbana in the morning, including the day of his death. As usual, he had lunch at the regular time on 24 August and expressed some discomfort, but was



reluctant to go to any hospital. But Rev. Fr Joseph Vadakechirayath – the Director of *Aaraam* arranged an ambulance and he was taken to Marygiri Hospital. Upon their arrival at the hospital, it was reported by the doctor there that he already had breathed his last in peace. His mortal body was kept at the mortuary there, after praying the ‘office of the dead.’

The funeral service of Rev. Fr Ayathamattam was held on 26 August 2022. His mortal remains were received from the mortuary at 7.45 a.m. on 26 August 2022 and were placed at the main hall of Deepti Mount by 8.00 a.m. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kallarangatt of Pala and the Auxiliary Bishop elect of Shamshambad Msgr. Sebastian Kollampramapil prayed the office of the dead. The first rites of the funeral service started at 1.30 p.m. led by Rev. Fr Linson



Chenginiyadan CST and Rev. Fr Joby Ayathamattam of the Eparchy of Kalayan. The second part of the funeral service was led by Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura, the Regional Director of St Paul Region, Ujjain. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor – the Director General preached the eulogy. Their excellencies Mar Sebastian Vadakel and Mar James Athikalam were present for the Holy Qurbana. The Holy Qurbana was officiated by Mar James Athikalam and Mar Sebastian Vadakel preached the funeral homily. The final rites were presided over by Mar Jacob Angadiath of Chicago. His mortal remains were laid to rest at the cemetery situated at Deepti Mount by 4.00 p.m. A memorial Holy Qurbana was celebrated on 1 September, and it was attended by many from his family.

The MST is grateful to Rev. Fr Thomas Ayathamattam for all his committed initiatives for the work of evangelization in different places. As one of our senior members with a doctorate in Missiology, he was part of the formation programmes and held many leadership



roles, including the roles of the Vice Director and the General Councillor of the MST. He held several offices in the Eparchy of Ujjain, including that of the Vicar General and was an efficient

instrument in developing the MOC programme in Kotra. He served in Khirst Premalaya – the Regional Theologate (KPT) at Ashta, near Bhopal as its Vice Rector and the Dean of Studies. He was a Rector and formator at Deepti College, and at the MOC of the MST at Kamed, Ujjain. Beyond the eparchies of Pala and Ujjain, he worked in Italy and Jerusalem. A detailed biography and obituary were circulated electronically during the days of his departure. Rev.

Fr Jose Kondoor, one of his students in Deepti College and later a co-worker in Bishop's House, Ujjain has written 'in Memoriam' paying homage to Rev. Fr Thomas Ayathamattam.

c. Fr Joseph Karikilmthadam (1937-2022): A detailed coverage on the life, death and funeral of Fr Joseph Karikilmthadam will be given in the upcoming Christmas-2022 issue of the **MST World**.

It takes time to reset the unfillable vacuum set by the departures of 'Johnachan,' 'Thomachan,' and 'Josephachan' - three of our senior members who left us within a short span of two months, from the same house. It was heart-breaking and painful, especially for the senior residents at *Aaraam*. Let us keep united in prayer trusting in the unfailing designs of the Divine and keep the deceased members in our prayers.

3. Second Phase and Conclusion of EGA

As it had been unanimously decided on the floor of the first phase of the Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) held in the month of



May 2022, the second phase of the EGA for another twenty days started from Sunday, 25 September till Saturday, 14 October 2022. The delegates arrived by 4.00 p.m. on 25 September and there was a Holy Qurbana at 6.00 p.m. followed by a short spiritual orientation preached by Rev. Fr Joseph Vedikunnel.

Sessions of the EGA: The second phase of the EGA formally reopened with the address of the Director General at 9.00 a.m. on 26 September. It was decided to follow the same timetable and other procedures of the first phase of the assembly. With their special requests, the two nominated delegates and another elected delegate

were dispensed from participation and were absent in the second phase of the EGA. A few others left the EGA after some days of participation and yet another few were absent for some of the days/sessions of the assembly with the permission of the members of the EGA. Four members had to be absent for a few days as they fell ill.

As the agenda remained unfinished, additional evening sessions were held from 9.00 to 10.00 p.m. for three days. In order to facilitate the preparation of the final draft and the reports/minutes, there was a strategic break given on 13 October and a pilgrimage to the shrine of St Devasahayam, Kattadimala was arranged.

Conclusion of the EGA -2022

It took 38 working days spilt into two phases covering 121 sessions of almost 1.30 hours each. The delegates made earnest efforts to make contributions in deliberating over the second draft of the C&D, the sole agenda of the EGA. Several subcommittees within the EGA functioned efficiently in assisting the sessions. Before the conclusion of the EGA, sufficient time was set apart for the reading and acceptance of the complete text of the revised C&D of the MST with a final voting which unanimously passed and accepted the text. Having completed every formality of the EGA, at 6.00 p.m. on 14 October, the Director General formally declared that the EGA is concluded. A brief report of the assembly prepared by the secretaries of the EGA was circulated electronically and the same is appended to this news bulletin.

4. Maliparampil Memorial Seminar -2022



Late Rev. Fr Maliparampil memorial seminar was organized 20 September from 10.00 to 12.30 p.m. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor – the Director General delivered the memorial talk on Fr

Maliparampil and inaugurated the Seminar. Rev. Fr James Kurukilamkatt led two sessions on Thomasine Missionary Spirituality. All the minor seminarians of Deepti College were present and other participants included religious sisters from the



neighbouring communities and some lay faithful totalling more than sixty participants. The seminar was organized by Thomasine Research Centre (TRC) under the leadership of Rev. Frs Francis Kureeckal and James Kurukilamkatt. A detailed report of the same is presented by TRC towards the end of this bulletin under the section of TRC.

5. Meeting of the Senior Priests

As part of the ongoing formation, a meeting of the senior priests of



the MST (ordination batches ranging from December 1972 to April 1982) was held from 20 to 22 September 2022 at Deepti Bhavan, Melampara. The meeting formally started with the inauguration by the

Director General at 7.00 p.m. on 20 September. Immediately after the Holy Qurbana on 21 September, the Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal – the Vice Director spoke in appreciation for the senior priests of the MST and the Director General individually honoured all those who were present.

The meeting of the senior priests was titled, “Called to preach till the

end.” Different sessions were led by Rev. Fr Xavier Kudiamssery from the Diocese of Aleppey and Rev. Fr Jose Kuriedath CMI – the Director of Rajagiri Institutions, Kalamassery. The afternoon sessions were dedicated for personal sharing by the participants.



The meeting was attended by 33 senior priests from different parts of the world. They made a pilgrimage to the shrine of Blessed Kunjachan at Ramapuram and celebrated Holy Qurbana at the shrine of St Alphonsa at Bharananganam. Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal – the secretary for Ongoing Formation and Rev. Fr Viju Muringassery – coordinator of the expert committee of Ongoing Formation facilitated the programme.

6. Sacerdotal Golden and Silver Jubilee

Rev. Fr Thomas Varakil is celebrating the sacerdotal golden jubilee this year. His is the first priestly ordination in the MST taking place as a member of the Society after its inception. Similarly, five of our priests are celebrating the silver jubilee of their priestly ordination this year (ordination batch of 1997-1998). They are:

1. Rev. Fr Kuliraniyil Mathew
2. Rev. Fr Mullappallil Joseph
3. Rev. Fr Nellikunnel Mathew
4. Rev. Fr Pazheveettil Joseph
5. Rev. Fr Thakadiyel James

The Generalate level celebration of jubilee is going to take place from 4-6 November 2022. The MST recognizes the contributions of all the jubilarians for their 50/25 years of priestly-missionary ministry in and through the MST. Let us thank all of them for their sacrifices and committed services in their places of apostolates, and pray for a joyful and healthy life ahead.

7. Overseas Ministry

Archdiocese of Lanciano–Ortona, Italy: Rev. Fr Kannamthadam Joseph joined the Archdiocese of Lanciano – Ortona as parochial vicar at Crecchio in Italy, in August 2022.

Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, AB, Canada: Rev. Fr Prakash Njallany after completing 10 years of ministry in the archdiocese returned to India for good in the month of September 2022, and Rev. Fr John Majamattam replaced him in the Archdiocese in the same month.

Diocese of Paderborn, Germany: Rev. Fr John (Soby) Thannickapara is relieved from the Diocese of Paderborn, Germany and returned to India in August 2022.

8. Completion of Studies

Rev. Fr Joshy Vazhakkatt completed studies in LLB with distinction from Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra.

Rev. Fr Prayan Kongatt completed studies in B.Ed. with distinction from Barkatullah Vishwavidyalaya (University of Bhopal), Madhya Pradesh.

9. Beginning of Higher Studies

Rev. Fr Joseph (Arun) Vedikunnel started MHA- Masters in Hospital Administration, Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat.

Rev. Fr Monse Karuvakunnel started licentiate studies in Pastoral/ Youth Theology, Pontifical Salesian University, Rome.

Rev. Fr Akhil Mlavil started licentiate studies in Theology at the University of Freiburg, Switzerland.

10: Achievement: Church Built by Fr Vattukulathil

The first church built for the Syro-Malabar Community in Goa was consecrated by His Excellency Mar Raphael Thattil – the Bishop of Shamshabad on 18 September 2022. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor - the Director General of MST, Very Rev Fr Abraham Palathinkal - Vicar General of Shamshabad, Very Rev. Fr. Francis Eluvathinkal - the Vicar General of Kalyan, Very Rev Fr. Joby Njalliyil - Vicar General of Kalyan and the Regional Director of Sangli, Rev. Fr Mathew Moothassery - Vicar of the Syro-Malabar parish in South Goa, many priests and religious sisters and lay faithful from far and near participated in the event.



This beautiful church was built by Rev. Fr Thomas (Tomy) Vattukulathil MST with the support and collaboration of many. The MST also contributed a substantial sum through the supply of teak wood for the church.

11. Upcoming Programmes

Young priests ongoing formation program: 20-22 October 2022

Program of Jubilarians: 4-6 November 2022

Memorial of the Deceased Members: 12 November

Parents' Meet of the Deacons: 27 November 2022

Gathering of the Deacons: 15 December 2022

III. Transfers/Assignments/Appointments

A. St Paul Region

Thottaplackal Twinkle: Relieved as Asst. Priest-in-charge of Rajgarh and appointed Asst. Priest-in-charge of Agar in the Eparchy of Ujjain.

Varappadavil Benedict: Relieved as Asst. Priest-in-charge of Harshodan and appointed Formator at Vikas Maitri, Kotra in the Eparchy of Ujjain.

Manthra Jose: Appointed Formator Spiritual Father, Rajeshwar Minor Seminary, Ghonsla in the Eparchy of Ujjain.

B. St Thomas Region, Mandya

Tharapputhottiyil Sebastian: Appointed Coordinator of the MST in Adilabad in St Thomas Mission Region, Mandya.

C. St Alphonsa Region, Sangli

Kudukkamthadam George (Biji). Appointed Priest in-charge Alphonsa Mission Centre, Herle.

Kuppayil George: Appointed Parish Priest of St Thomas Church, Thivim (North Goa) in the Eparchy of Shamshabad.

Vattukulathil Thomas: Relieved as Parish Priest, St Thomas Church, Thivim in the Eparchy of Shamshabad and appointed Ppriest in charge of Santhome Mission Station, Tasgaon (w.e.f. 1-11-2022).

Arackalputhenveettil Joseph (Lijo): Relieved as Principal, St Alphonsa School, Karanjoshi (Shahuwadi) and appointed priest in charge of Jai Matha Mission Station Bedshi (w.e.f.31-10-2022).

Vedikunnel Joseph (Arun): Relieved from Ashadeep, Sangli for Postgraduate Studies in Hospital Administration, Baroda.

D. St Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi

Alencherry Sebastian (Rony): Appointed Priest in-charge of St Thomas Catholic Mission Centre, Jammu, in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kachirayil George Appointed Assistant Priest in-charge of St Thomas Catholic Mission Centre, Jammu, in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Unnieppallil Joseph (Sojan): Appointed Priest in-charge of Assisi Bhavan, Karoran, Mullanpur, New Chandigarh.

Alummoottil Joseph (Antu): Appointed Assistant Priest in-charge of Assisi Bhavan, Karoran, Mullanpur New Chandigarh.

E. Other Missions/Centres/Ministries

Cherianpanatt Joseph: Appointed Resident Priest at Little Flower Mission, Kundra, Odisha.

Manjamattam John: Relieved as Formator of Deepti College, and appointed Parish Priest at St Peter Celestine Church, Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, AB, Canada.

Maniyalil Sebastian (Jibin): Relieved as Assistant Priest-in-charge of Little Flower Mission Centre, Kundra and Appointed in-charge of Building-construction at Divine Mercy Centre, M. Rampur, Odisha.

Kannamthadam Joseph (Benny): Relieved as Vice Rector of Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery and appointed Parochial Vicar at Crecchio in the Archdiocese of Lanciano – Ortona, Italy.

Thannickappara John (Soby): Assigned to St Joseph's Mission, Odisha.

Thannippara Jose - Assigned to Prison Ministry of India, Bangalore.

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V. News from Seminaries

A. Deepti College, Melampara

1. Inauguration of Academic Year, DIYA, DCLA and ARUN



Deepti College formally inaugurated its academic year on 3 July 2022. There was a grand cultural eve held at Deepti auditorium during which Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor officially inaugurated the academic year, DIYA, DCLA, and ARUN. Deepti Kirans have

put up a superb stage show under the leadership of Fr Joshi Mullappallil, the Dean of studies.

2. Solemn Procession with the Relics of Saint Thomas

The Dukhrana Thirunnaal was celebrated at Deepti with pomp and gaiety. Deepti Mount came together to solemnly celebrate Rasa Qurbana at the Generalate Chapel. In the evening, we made a solemn procession with the relics of Saint Thomas on the premises of Deepti Campus.



3. MOC Brothers at Deepti Seminary



The brothers after the MOC, before leaving for Philosophy studies stayed at Deepti for intensive Hindi coaching classes and they dined and prayed with the Deepti Kirans

for more than a couple of weeks. Our brothers benefited a lot from them and we thank them wholeheartedly.

4. New Birds and Animals

Deepti College has brought different kinds of birds and pet animals. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor blessed the pets and bird and their shelters. The brothers are happy to see them and keen to look after them.



5. Festal Celebration of Kuriakose

On 15 July we celebrated the feast of Saint Kuriakose and we had Rev. Frs Kurian Ammanathukunnel, Kuriakose Kunnel and Abin Vazhuthanappally as feasterians. There was a solemn Holy Qurbana in the morning and a grand dinner in the evening. Festal greetings to them.

6. Solemn Holy Mass at St Alphonsa Shrine



On 21 July we were invited to celebrate novena Qurbana in preparation for the Feast Day of Saint Alphonsa on 28 July. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor officiated the Holy Qurbana. The Deepti

Kirans made it lively and active by their melodious voice accompanied by the musical instruments.

7. Assumption of our Lady and Independence Day celebration

We celebrated assumption of our Lady and Independence Day on 15 August. Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram hoisted the flag and gave the message of the day. Deepti Kirans sang patriotic songs, delivered speeches in Hindi, English and Malayalam on the twin feasts and distributed laddoos to the faithful and the people present.

8. Freshers' Day



The 20 Benjamins of the 2022-23 batch at Deepti Minor Seminary showcased their talents on Deepti's stage on Maria John Vianney's feast day. The Fathers from Deepti Generalate and Aaram were present on the occasion.

9. Birthday Celebrations of Fr Abin

Rev. Fr Abin Vazhuthanappally, the professor at Deepti College, celebrated his birthday on 19 August. A solemn holy Qurbana was celebrated in the morning and in the evening a birthday party was organized at the seminary refectory. Fathers from Deepti Mount came together to celebrate it. Happy Birthday Fr Abin!



10. Mission Sunday activities and Coupon Inauguration

In view of promoting the mission spirit among the brothers, the whole month of October is specially set apart. Various kinds of mission



experience sharing programme is organized along with different mission Sunday competitions, mission mela and mission lottery tickets, etc.

11. Onam Celebration



The Onam festival was fittingly celebrated in Deepti campus. All the fathers including the Director General, Council Fathers and brothers came together to participate in *Chenda Melam*, *Athapookalam*, *Puli Kali*, *Onam Kalikal*, *Ona Sadya*, etc.

12. Onam Holidays

The brothers at Deepti College went for their Onam holidays on 5 September and reached back on 16 September. They enjoyed their holidays and reached back safely. The brothers have started their second term classes.

13. Senior Priests' Meet

Deepti Minor Seminary witnessed an unforgettable event: The Senior Priests' Meet. All the elderly Fathers till the third batch of Deepti College came to their Alma Mater and celebrated the Holy Qurbana at the seminary chapel. The eldest members of the MST and the Benjamins of our Society celebrated the Holy Qurbana together.



14. Home-day Celebration



On October 1 we celebrated the Home Day of Deepti College. His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vaniapurackal was the Chief guest of the programme and Very

Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor presided over it. Deepti Kirans showcased great programmes for more than two and half hours before a big audience of more than 250 invited guests like the Extra-Ordinary General Assembly members, Rectors from various seminaries in and around Pala, Fathers, Sisters, brothers, parents, neighbours, Santhome Fellowship members, etc.



15. Home Day Competition

Deepti College has officially inaugurated her home day competitions of sports, games and literary items on 6 October.

16. Talk on Marian Consecration



Mrs Reetha Thekken from Switzerland visited Deepti College and took a one and half hour-long class for the brothers on the thirty-three-day Marian consecration according to the Saint Marie-Louis Montfort. It was an enriching class with a motherly tone.

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

B. Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery

1. Dukhrana Celebrations and the Freshers' Day

Being the 1950th anniversary of the St. Thomas' martyrdom, this



year's Dukhrana celebrations were quite special for all of us. 3 July was also celebrated as the Freshers' Day, **Missio 2022**, by the First-year brothers of 2022 – '23 batch. There are thirteen brothers in the first-year batch

including three for the Eparchy of Sagar. Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal, the Vice Director General and the Formation Secretary was the main celebrant of the Holy Qurbana and the Chief Guest of the Freshers' Day celebrations. He inspired the brothers through his homily and message during the cultural program and exhorted them to brace themselves to face the challenges of their would-be mission. The first-year brothers staged variety entertainment programs based on the theme Mission Ad Gentes being inspired by the Odisha mission sharing by Rev. Fr Jomon Ayyankanal.

2. Mission Experience Sharing and Visits

Mr Jose Chachira and Mrs Marykutty Jose, close associates of MST had a short but fruitful visit to the Odisha Mission of MST in the month of June 2022. They were touched by the missionary work undertaken by our zealous missionaries in Odisha. They were gracious enough to come and have a sharing of their mission experience with the staff and students of Santhome Minor Seminary on Sunday, 24 July. The sharing was quite inspirational for the brothers.



We have had many visitors who visited the Seminary in the past three months. Rev. Fr Joy Kunnel, the Treasurer General of MST and Rev. Fr Biju Kottanelloor CST visited Santhome on 23 July. Very Rev. Fr

Antony Perumannoor visited Santhome Seminary on 14 August and stayed with us a day. Rev. Fr Joseph Pulavelil paid a short visit to Santhome on 14 August on his way to meet some of the Lay Missionary Associates of MST in the Northern region of Kerala. Rev. Fr Joby Kappiparampil visited Santhome and celebrated the Holy Qurbana on 19 August. Rev. Fr Tony Ramachanattu and Rev. Fr Joy Kochuparackal visited the Seminary on 21 August on their way to Deepti Bhavan for the funeral of Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel. Rev. Fr Tony Ramachanattu visited Santhome on 3 September and celebrated the Holy Qurbana on 4 September. He celebrated Onam with the staff and students of Santhome Seminary and met the brothers to talk to them about their role in promoting vocations from their parishes and neighbourhood. Rev. Fr M D Thomas paid a short visit to Santhome on 7 September. He was on his way to Manathavdy to visit his brother and family. Rev. Fr Gracious Njaralakktukunnel and Rev. Fr Manoj Parackal visited Santhome on 15 September and stayed with us over night. They celebrated the Holy Qurbana with the community on the following day. We remember with gratitude all Rev Fathers who have graced us with their visits.

3. Feast of St Alphonsa

The feast of St. Alphonsa was celebrated solemnly on Thursday, 28 July. The main celebrant of the Holy Qurbana was Rev. Fr Jose Kannamangalath, the Rector of MSFS Seminary, Thamarassery. A

friendly basketball match between brothers was organized to mark the occasion.

4. Farewell to Rev. Fr Benny Kannamthadathil



The Santhome Community bid adieu to Rev. Fr Benny Kannamthadam on 30 July who was committed and exemplary in serving Santhome Minor Seminary as the Vice Rector and Hindi Professor for the past three years. He left for Italy in 24 August to take up his new ministry. Prayerful Best Wishes to our beloved Bennyachan.

5. Independence Day and the Feast of Assumption

The twin celebrations of the 75 Independence Day of India as well as the Solemnity of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady were held on 15 August. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumannoor, the Director General of the Society was the main



celebrant of the Holy Qurbana and the Chief Guest of the Independence Day programs.

Brothers delivered speeches in Malayalam, Hindi and English and presented a few patriotic cultural programs. There was a friendly volley ball match between two teams of the Seminary. Fr Antony Perumannoor left Santhome in the afternoon on the same day to visit the MST confreres in the North regions of Kerala.

6. A Week of 'Four Funerals and Weddings'

Reminding us of the 1994 British film, 'Four Weddings and a

Funeral', the week starting from 21 August was a week of 'Four Funerals and a Wedding'. Two of the senior members of MST, our dearly beloved Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel and Rev. Fr Thomas Aythamattam left us for their eternal reward within a matter of a few days and in the same week Rev Sr Johnsina SABS (Next door neighbor of Santhome Seminary) and Rev Sr Mary Jose Mampillil SH (First cousin of Fr George Mampillil) also passed away. Fathers and Brother representatives from each batch went to the SABS Provincial House, Thamarassery to pray the Office of the Dead. And amidst these four funerals, there was the wedding of Fr Mampillil's nephew on 24 August. Rev Frs. Jose Ottalankal, Binoy Purayidom and George Mampillil attended the funerals representing the Seminary. Rev. Fr Jobin Vadakketh took a few days off for the wedding of his younger sister on Monday, 5 September.

7. Onam Exams and Vacation

The first term examinations of Brothers started on 22 August and ended on 3 September. There was an Onam celebration for the community on Sunday, 4 September and Brothers went home for their Onam vacation on Monday, 5 September. The third-year brothers took turn to stay back in the Seminary on vacation duty.

Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumannoor came to Santhome Seminary on Monday, 5 September on his way to Chempukadave parish for the funeral of the beloved mother of Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, the Regional Director of St. Thomas Mission Region, Mandya.

Rev. Fr Manu Pottananickal undertook preaching ministry during the Onam vacation. He conducted a two-day training program for some 20 Catechists from North India at the Fiat Mission Training Centre at Maruthomkara near Kuttiyady. He preached another four-day retreat from 8 to 11 September at Gethsemane Retreat Centre, Kozhikode and yet another two-day retreat from 21 to 22 September at NRC Kulathuvaya.

The fathers on the staff of Santhome Seminary had a two-day mission tour to Mandya mission from 12 to 14 September. It was an enriching as well as inspiring time for us. We visited almost all the

mission centers run by the MST fathers and some other mission stations.

8. Umang 2022

Umang 2022, the literary and cultural competitions and the sports day in connection with the 'Home Day' celebrations of Santhome



Seminary of the current academic year 2022-'23 was inaugurated on Sunday, 25 Sept. 2022 by Rev Fr Joshy Pullokkaran of the Eparchy of Sagar. The brothers are divided in to three groups and the competitions are being

conducted. These competitions help promote team spirit, community building and a sense of healthy competition among the brothers.

9. Logos Quiz 2022

All 33 brothers of Santhome Minor Seminary participated in the Logos Quiz organized by KCBC Bible Commission. They prepared themselves for the quiz under the guidance of Rev. Fr Manu Pottananckal. They were also invited to do the evaluation of the Quiz Answer Sheets done in the Bishop's House, Thamarassery on Saturday 1 October 2022

10. Sevana Divasam

The 2 October, the 'Gandhi-jayanti' of 2022 was celebrated as *Sevana Divasam* by the fathers and brothers of Santhome Seminary.



They undertook a one-day programme of cleaning the access road from Vezhupur Rd to the Seminary. It was a joint venture together with the residents of the Vrundavan Estate. It

was an occasion for the brothers to get to interact with the residents in the neighbourhood and build up a cordial rapport with them.

11. Volleyball and Basketball Coaching: A twelve-day coaching session for both volleyball and basketball was conducted from 3 to 14 Oct. 2022. Professional coaches were invited to give the coaching for the brothers and the visible impact of the coaching evident in the way they play both the games



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

C. Jeevan Jyoti, Srirangapatna

1. Literary Association (JCLA) and Jyoti Flash



The inauguration of Jeevan Jyoti Cultural and Literary Association (JCLA) and Jyoti Flash (Talent display board) was held on 8 July, 2022. Rev. Fr Josekutty Kalayil was the chief guest of the common meeting. In the inaugural address he said that, “The active participation in the literary and cultural activities will help us to fit well in to the contemporary society. Therefore, it is paramount, and has an incredible role in shaping the modern priest”. Yes, JCLA and Jyoti Flash are common platforms for the blossoming of all kinds of human talents and abilities of our buds. Through them brothers get ample opportunities to develop their literary and artistic imaginations and thus will give a fillip to their creativities.

2. Celebration of the Feast of Our Heavenly Patroness St. Alphonsa

On 28 July we celebrated the memory of our divine patroness St

Alphonsa. By celebrating her feast day: we acknowledge her as gift for the church and the world, we call on her to be actively involved in our daily life, we try to imitate her virtuous way of life as a great inspiration, and finally we cooperate with all the graces we get through her intercession. This was also an occasion to renew our devotion to St. Alphonsa. She is always remembered as a heroic figure who lived a virtuous life despite the difficult circumstances. Celebrating the feast of our heavenly patroness St. Alphonsa, everybody's heart was filled with the ideal motto of the feast, 'through Alphonsa to Christ.'



The solemnity reminded us that she has a special role and mission in the life of all of us, because she is our powerful intercessor for all our needs on earth. Our Ganjam parish community was invited for the feast after a gap of two years due to corona pandemic. Rev. Fr Anish Chirayath was the main celebrant for the Holy Qurbana and Rev. Fr Augustine Marottikudy gave an inspiring homily. After the Holy mas we had a small procession and the feast concluded with the *agape* meal for all the participants.

3. Independence Day Celebrations

At Jeevan Jyoti we commemorated the Independence Day with great pomp, since it was the 75th year of our glorious independence. In a colourful ceremony, Rev. Fr Zacharias Thadathil



hoisted the flag and gave us a very meaningful message in which he could draw our attention to the present Socio-political scenario of our beloved Mother Land. We also specially remembered the great sacrifices by our courageous freedom fighters who sacrificed everything for our nation. In the evening we had the solemn rosary at the grotto to honour the assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary.

4. Kannada Language Course

Rev. Fr Saji Naduviledathu and Rev. Fr Zacharias Thadathil conducted the Kannada language course for our brothers. Rev Fr Saji taught them the Kannada alphabets and some basic grammar in two weeks of time. Rev. Fr Zacharias Thadathil gave them the lessons based on grammar. Jeevan Jyoti is always indebted to both of them, our beloved Kannada professors, for showing every year their interest and love for our youngsters, especially in helping them to learn the Kannada Language.

5. Community Day



On 6 September we had our community day. Celebrations and lighter moments were the hall marks of the day. The celebrations conveyed the

message that a loving community can create more zest and joy among the individuals who form the community and vice versa. The mark of any good community is that one's life may be lived wholly with in it. We know that only being part of an engaging community can give us a sense of belonging. It enables us to support the perpetual growth of each other.

Later, during the sharing session, Rev. Fr Sebastian Koottumkal shared with us his unique experience of searching a suitable land in and around Srirangapatna for starting the Jeevan Jyoti Seminary.

His sharing was very informative and enriching to all of us. In the evening we also had a get together with some cultural events. We concluded the celebration with the desire to live our best in the 'Jeevan Jyoti Community' the goal of 'oneness of our life.'

6. Live-in-village Experiences

This year our brothers were sent for their live-in-village experiences in the month of September. They were in the mission stations from 17 September to 1 October. Brothers were divided into seven groups and they were sent to the following mission stations for their live-in-village experience. The mission stations were: 1) Asha Sadan, 2) Deepti Nivas, Kalenahalli, 3) Jeevodaya, Arakere, 4) Manasadhara, Konanahalli, 5) Preethi Nilaya, Koppa, 6) Sanjeevana, Shikaripura and 7) Santhome, Satyamangala, T.N.

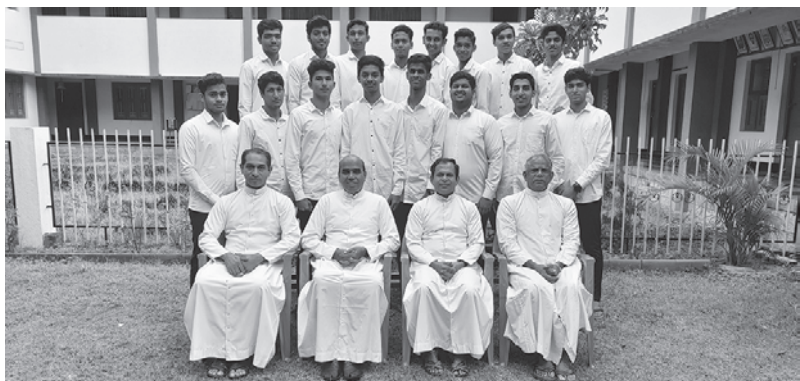
A special thanks to Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott our Regional Director, all the directors of the above Mission Stations, their Assistants, Rev. Sisters, Regent Brothers and other missionary collaborates for receiving our young missionaries and imparting to them the basics of the missionary life. After returning to the seminary brothers shared their live in mission experiences. All of them were very much taken up by your mission activities dear Rev. Fathers and Sisters. Sincere thanks to all of you, our great missionaries.

7. Onam Celebrations

We had remarkable festivities at 'Onam' this year. We celebrated this festival with great passion and enthusiasm. Brothers prepared the intricately designed traditional Onam Pookkalam (Flower bed), which had an enchanting display of beauty. And later all of us together prepared the aromatic Onam Sadya (Onam Meal) with so many traditional dishes of Kerala, which really was a symbol of prosperity. Thus, in every sense during 'Onam' celebration, the serene and calm façade of Jeevan Jyoti was turned into a vibrant one.

8. Visit of Director General and Vice Director

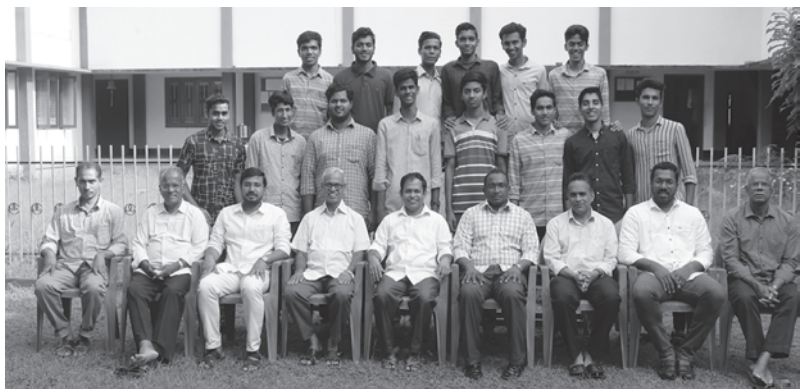
We accorded a very hearty welcome to our Director General Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor and Vice Director General cum



Formation Secretary Rev. Fr Francis Kureecakl when they visited us. Our Director General reached here on 14 July and spent one day with us. We are very grateful to both of them for the opportunity of the visit and the valuable orientations they gave us with regard to the MOC formation.

9. Welcome to the Staff from Santhome Seminary

The entire staff from our Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery too paid a visit to us. They were received with great applause. We were very happy to see all of them together visiting us and that was something unique. They had the overnight stay with us and in the



morning, they celebrated the Holy Qurbana for us. Thanks, dear Rector and staff of Santhome Minor seminary, for making use of

your valuable vacation time to visit us

10. Rev. Fr Kadookunnel-First Director of Jeevan Jyoti

It was with much sadness we received the news about the death of Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel. Really, it was something shocking to all of us.

He was the first Director of Jeevan Jyoti and it was under his supervision the Jeevan Jyoti building construction had taken place. When the building was ready it was his idea and initiative to keep a big Statue of Jesus on the top of our Jeevan Jyoti building.

“He was a person always joyful and pleasant,” said Rev. Frs Sebastian Koottumkal and Thomas Manjalankal. He had an authentic character and exceptional missionary spirit. His interest and taste for learning the Kannada language was something extraordinary, they remembered. It is told that, when he had come for the Silver Jubilee celebration of Jeevan Jyoti in 2013, he delivered a speech in Kannada Language only.

It is also to be mentioned that while he was at Jeevan Jyoti he had a very dynamic relation with our neighbours. And, Dr Sujaykumar who was very close friend of Rev. Fr John, sent a condolence message to us, when he was informed about the death of Fr John Kadookunnel. Dr. Sujaykumar wrote, “I have fond memories of Fr John Kadookunnel. His benevolent smile and cool countenance were a blessing and an inspiration. May his soul rest in peace.”

Yes, Rev. Fr Kadookunnel will be remembered for his dignity and commitment by generation to come. We bow our heads with gratitude and our hearts are filled with the prayer that may his soul rest in peace and God may grant him eternal bliss.

11. Some Practical Tips on Culture

A good knowledge of the local culture is inevitable for a missionary and mission work. Taking into consideration this fact, our brothers were given a half day class by Rev. Fr Augustine Marottikudy on the culture, especially its practical aspects. It was intended as some

practical tips for their living-in-village experience and visiting Ganjam village. The class was very useful. Sincere thanks to Rev. Fr Augustine Marottikudy.

12. Visit to Mysore Dussehra Illuminations

Brothers were given the opportunity to visit Mysore and watch the spectacular Dussehra illuminations on 13 October 2022. Iconic Mysore Palace was illuminated with beautiful lights. All of us enjoyed the city-wide illuminations and it was something unique to our eyes.

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

D. Ruhhalaya Major Seminary, Ujjain

1. Re-opening of the Seminary and Intensive Courses

Ruhhalaya Major Seminary reopened on 19 June 2022 after the long summer vacation. This year we have 33 Benjamins in the Philosophy section and 21 new comers in the Theology Section of Ruhhalaya. There was an intensive course, soon after the re-opening, for a period of 10 days each for English and Hindi for all the Philosophy students and the First year Theologians respectively.

2. Dukhrana and Inauguration of Academic Year

The feast of St Thomas the Apostle was celebrated solemnly. We



had the most solemn Raza Qurbana in Malayalam in the philosophy chapel. The academic year was also inaugurated on the same day in a meeting conducted in theology auditorium at 10.30 am. His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel inaugurated the academic year and distributed the merit awards and prices.

3. Inauguration of Village Ministry

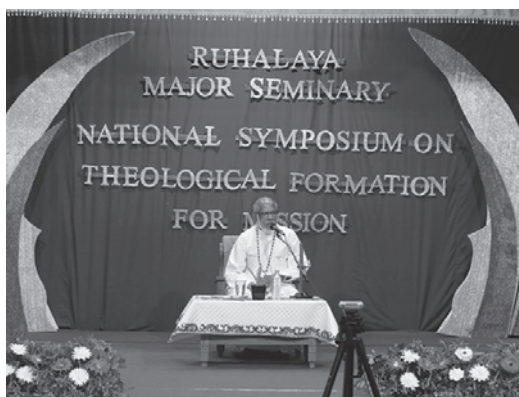


After two years of break due to the pandemic, Ruhhalaya restarted the village ministries on 10 July 2022. Sr Deepti DST was the chief guest of the function. The seminary started the

program of sending brothers for the SHG meetings as well.

4. National Symposium on Theological Formation

A national symposium was conducted from 13 July to 17 July in connection with the Silver Jubilee conclusion of the theology section of Ruhhalaya major seminary, on the topic 'Theological Formation.' It was organized under the



leadership of Rev. Dr Jose Palakeel MST. As the general coordinator of the symposium, his tireless efforts and efficacious planning were very well appreciated and the symposium which was done on virtual platform was a great success. His Grace Archbishop Mar Joseph Pamplany, the Archdiocese of Thalassery, inaugurated the symposium

and His Beatitude George Cardinal Alenchery gave the concluding message. There were 20 scholarly papers. It was really inspiring and helpful for the formation program.

5. New Priests' Day



The long-awaited new priests' day which Ruhhalaya has ever witnessed took place on the 17 July. Priests from the previous three batches participated in it and shared their experiences.

6. Conclusion of the Silver Jubilee of Ruhhalaya Theologate

The concluding ceremony of the silver jubilee celebration of Ruhhalaya Theologate took place on 18 July and the solemn Qurbana was arranged in the Theology chapel with His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alenchery as the main celebrant. Bishops Mar Sebastian Vadakel and Mar James Athikalam along with Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumannoor, the Director General of MST, Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura, the Regional Director of St Paul region



Ujjain, Very Rev. Fr Chandy Kalathoor, the Rector, and the new priests concelebrated in the Holy Mass followed by a small gathering in the Theology auditorium.

7. RCLA Inauguration

The Ruhalaya Cultural and Literal Academy (RCLA) for the academic year 2022-23 was inaugurated on 21 July by Sr Manisha FSMA



8. Feast of St Alphonsa



In Ruhalaya, 28 July was a day of great solemnity as we commemorated the feast of St Alphonsa. Fr Sebastian Kootumkal MST celebrated the Holy Mass and we had a procession around the seminary soon after the

Holy Mass.

9. Feast of St John Maria Vianney

On 4 August, the feast of St John Maria Vianney was celebrated solemnly both in the Theology and Philosophy chapel presided by Frs Pattassery and John Konduparambil and a small gathering to



felicitate the fathers on the staff was conducted at the Philosophy auditorium.

10. Freshers' Day

The Benjamins of both Philosophy and Theology showcased their talents during the freshers' day which was conducted on the 14 August. Both batches performed cultural programs



lasting for an hour at the philosophy auditorium in the evening. Lt. Colonel Renji enriched the gathering with his experiences and the motivational thoughts. He is the first cousin of Rev Fr Manoj Parackal.

11. Assumption and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav



The feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*, the 75th Independence Day of our country was celebrated with great zeal. Fr James Kurukilmkattu MST

was the main celebrant in the Philosophy section. Lt Colonels Arunav Kundu & Renji hoisted the flag at the respective sections of Ruhhalaya and gave powerful message urging the brothers to be the responsible citizens of the country.

12. Community Day

Ruhalaya celebrated community day on 5 September. The Holy Mass



was presided over by Very Rev. Fr Chandy our beloved Rector and the homily was delivered by Rev. Fr Manu Kochumalayil in the philosophy chapel and a cultural evening was organized in the

theology auditorium. It was a day of fun and entertainment.

13. Ruhhalaya Debate

A debate on the theme - *Modern Trends: A Threat to the Value System* was organized on 7 September.

14. Half Day Adoration

Half day adoration was organized in the Philosophy section and brothers as batches took initiative to make this opportunity a fruitful one.

15. Home Day Competitions



Various cultural competitions were organized in both section of Ruhhalaya under the banner of home day competitions to nurture the innate talents and skills of the brothers. Rev. Frs

Johnson Pullatt and Manu Kochumalayil are the in charges of the same in the respective sections.

16. Mission Sunday Celebration

With the aim of improving the love for mission in the seminarians, Ruhhalaya organized a mission Sunday celebration. And in connection with this a missionary sharing was organized on 17 September and

Rev. Fr Biju Thanninilkumthadathil shared his missionary experiences and encouraged the brothers to learn the local language of the people. The Mission Sunday Mass was held on 18 September Fr Biju Thanninilkumthadathil and Fr Manoj Vareeckal were the main celebrants in the Philosophate and Theologate. This year we could organize a very solemn 'Mission Mela' on 25 September inviting all the communities' parishioners, families in and around Ujjain.



17. Visit of the Bishop of Chanda



His Excellency Mar Ephrem Narikulam of the Diocese of Chanda visited Ruhailaya on 16 September. He celebrated a mass both in Philosophate and Theologate and inspired brothers with his message

and presence.

18. Visit of Fr Andrews Mekkattukunnel

Fr Andrews Mekkattukunnel, the President of Paurastya Vidyapitham, visited Ruhailaya for an inspection on 3 October.



19. Rosary Devotion

The first ten days of the month of October was set apart for special rosary devotion and there was solemn rosary on all evenings and on



the tenth day there was a solemn procession and Fr John Kudiyiruppil and Fr Kondooparambil inspired us with their reflections on Mother Mary.

20. Examinations

As the first semester reached to an end, the exams were conducted between 30 September to 19 October in both the Philosophate and the Theologate. Deacons have finished their comprehensive written exams too.

21. Mission Exposure Program



Brothers from the Philosophy section left for a ten-day long mission exposure program on 15 October. They were divided into several groups

and left for various mission stations and villages in the diocese of Ujjain, Khandwa and Jhabuva.

22. Deacons from Mary Matha and KCYM from Thalassery

The Deacons of Mary Matha seminary had come to Ujjain for a mission exposure. They visited Ruhalya on 2 October. They spent an afternoon with our brothers and also played a basketball match



against our theologians.

The KCYM group from the Archeparchy of Thalassery also visited Ujjain mission for a live in mission experience under the leadership of Fr Valiplackal - a former student of Ruhhalaya. They also made it a point to visit Ruhhalaya. They inaugurated officially the mission Sunday celebration of the Philosophy section. The Holy Mass was



celebrated with the youth at Theology chapel. They also arranged a session for interaction with the brothers of Ruhhalaya where they beautifully presented their expectation of a priest. This informal session included sharing, interactions and cultural programs.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Justin Kaithottumkal, Vice-Rector (Philosophy), Ruhhalaya, Ujjain)

VI. NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS

A. St Paul Region

1. Dukrana Celebration



This year marked the 1950th year of the martyrdom of St. Thomas the Apostle. St Paul Region celebrated this Dukrana with due importance and solemnity on 7 July. Almost all the fathers of the Society working in Ujjain along with the sisters working with them gathered here for the grand celebration. We started the celebration with Solemn Holy Qurbana officiated by Bishop Sebastian Vadakel. Very Rev. Fr Manoj Vareeckal, the Vicar General of the diocese and some other diocesan priests who are working in the nearby stations were also present there for the celebration. Bishop greeted everyone the festal greetings especially the fathers who have St Thomas as their heavenly patron. The newly appointed priests were given a welcome by Bishop and the Regional Director by giving them a flower. The program ended with the festive dinner.

2. Gathering of the Young Priests

A gathering for the young priests working in Ujjain was held here on 30 August. Thirteen of them came here in the evening. We started the gathering with adoration and rosary. Then we had a dynamic and fruitful



sharing session which really showed the need and effect of such gathering. Then we had a dinner out. It ended with the Holy Qurbana on the next day morning.

3. Requiem Mass and Agenda Preparation

On 14 September the members of the Society gathered here in the Regional House for the requiem mass for the pioneer members



of the Society Rev. Frs John Kadookkunnel and Thomas Ayathamattom and for the agenda preparation for the General Assembly 2023. Around fifty of the members participated in the programmes. Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura, the main celebrant, gave a short bio-data of the missionary lives of the priests



and read out a condolence note before the Holy Qurbana. The 'Office of the Dead' was said after the Holy Qurbana.

After the Holy Qurbana, all the fathers gathered for the agenda preparation meeting. We really had a very active and effective discussion. The Regional Director specially congratulated and thanked the members for such an active participation. The programme got over with supper.

4. Nirmal Jyoti Special School, Ratlam

After a long search and efforts by previous and present directors, Nirmal Jyoti Ratlam could rent a house to start special school in Ratlam. The target group of this endeavour would be children who

are suffering from mental disabilities. On 29 August 2022, Rev. Fr Benny Karickamukalel MST, in the presence of Rev Fathers, sisters from nearby stations and our staff blessed the house in Ganga Sagar



Housing Colony, Ratlam. The school started functioning from 1 September 2022 with ten children. The school is functioning well with its limited resources and hope to bring it into more success with the help and support of all.

5. Nirmal Jyoti Special School, Indore

It was a dream for Nirmal Jyoti to start a special school in Indore.



We were working for it for a long time with surveys and for a building to start the school. Anyway, it moved a step forward. Nirmal Jyoti got a rented house from St Joseph Sisters in Christian Colony, Vijay Nagar. It has now fifteen children and the admissions are going on. Sacred Heart sisters of Ujjain Province are helping us in the ministry here. We are looking forward to the growth of our new ministry and for that your valuable prayers are requested.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Jince Kodikulam, St Paul Region)

B. St Thomas Region

1. Year of St Thomas



The year of St Thomas was very solemnly celebrated in St Thomas Region. All the missionaries in Mandya came together in Santhome Regional house on 3 July. We had a solemn Holy Qurbana followed by a meeting in which the brothers of Jeevan Jyoti enacted a very meaningful and inspiring skit on St Thomas the Apostle. We prayed in a very special way for the Syro-Malabar Church, the MST and its members, St Thomas Region and all those who bear the name Thomas.

All the MST priests serving in Mandya came together on 30 July for a seminar on Thomasine Spirituality which was led by Rev. Dr James Kurukilamkatt. He enlightened the members on the missionary life of St Thomas the Apostle and shed light on Thomasine Spirituality which should become the hallmark of the spiritual life of the MST members. At the end of his scholarly and inspiring class, the participants interacted with him with serious questions. We thank Fr James most sincerely.

2. Adilabad Mission

Rev. Fr Sebastian (Sunny) Tharapputhottiyil is appointed the new Coordinator of Adilabad mission of St Thomas Region. We wish him all the best and God's abundant blessings in his new office and

thank sincerely our former Coordinator Rev. Fr Sabu Njarolickal who is at present rendering service at Jeevodaya mission centre, Arakere, Mandya.

3. Demise of Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel

All the missionaries of St Thomas Region cherish fond memories of late Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel who was one of the senior missionaries of St Thomas Region. He served the Region as its Regional Director from 1988 to 1993. St Thomas Region remembers Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel with gratitude for his self-sacrificing and dedicated efforts for the growth and development of St Thomas Region. All the missionaries in Mandya came together on 4th September and prayed for Fr John by celebrating requiem holy Qurbana and office for the dead. Missionaries shared a lot of sweet memories of Fr John Kadookunnel. May the Good Lord reward Fr John with eternal bliss. RIP

4. Manasadhara

More facilities are added to the building of Karunya Sadan,



Manasadhara, the day care centre for the mentally ill patients with the construction of the second floor on the existing building. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor

blessed and offered the building for the service of the mental patients and for the greater service of the marginalized. New facilities in the building are used for creating job-oriented programmes for the ladies from the neighbouring villages who were trained in stitching and tailoring by the Social Work department. The day was solemnized

by solemn holy Qurbana in Kannada with all the patients and the well-wishers. All the villagers came together and delicious lunch was served for all. Congratulations to Rev. Fr Josekutty Kalayil, the Director of Manasadhara and special thanks to Rev. Fr Shaiju Maliekal who obtained financial support for the construction from the diocese of Wuerzburg in Germany.

5. Annual Gathering of SHG Members



Annual get together of the ladies of the self-help groups under Rural Development department was arranged at Jeevodaya, Arakere on 18th September. More than 1200 ladies from Arakere and neighbouring villages gathered together at Jeevodaya campus. There was a public meeting in which many dignitaries from Arakere and Mandya were present. Sr Pushpa SABS, the main speaker, inspired and challenged the ladies to come up in life making use of their various potentialities and abilities. Special congratulations and thanks to Rev. Fr Hubby Maliekal, Rev. Fr Sabu Njarolickal and the missionaries of Jeevodaya, Arakere for organizing the ladies and arranging such a big gathering. We remember with gratitude Rev. Fr Jaison Puthenpurackal who played a very important role in forming the self-help groups

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

C. St Alphonsa Region

1. New Sisters to Alphonsa Welfare Center, Devdhe

The Pala Province of SMS Congregation began a new community at Devdhe to partake in the missionary activities. Sr Lalitha SMS and Sr Sus-Maria SMS began their missionary work assisting Rev Fr Siby Vadakeputhenpura.



2. Visit of the Director General



Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General visited the region from 8 September to 15 September 2022. The Director General visited the mission stations in

Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg from 8 to 10, and the mission stations in Kolhapur and Sangli from 12 to 15. On 15 September, the Director General lead the monthly recollection for the priest of Sangli mission. During his visit he met the missionaries, faithful, differently abled children, teachers, students, and social work staff.

3. Feast Celebration at Mary Matha Parish Chiplun

The feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated at Mary Matha Church, Chiplun with great solemnity. The parish feast is celebrated after a long gap of two years due to the pandemic. The church building which was affected by flood was brought to its old glory with numerous helping hands. Very Rev. Fr



Antony Perumanoor, the Director General was the main celebrant for the Holy Qurbana. Regional Director, Councillors, Fathers, sisters and parishioners from the mission station also were present at the celebration. The Holy Qurbana was followed by procession and a *sneha virinnu*.

4. Blessing of the Chapel at Padal and Sacraments of Initiation



On 11 September the new Chapel at Padal mission was blessed by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor. On the very day the Director General administered the sacraments of initiation for five people in the newly blessed Chapel.

5. Foundation Stone of Santhome School, Tasgaon

Santhome School, Tasgaon began her journey in the month of June this year and 14 September 2022 marked an important day in the annals of the station. On the very day at 11.30 am Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director



General, blessed the foundation stone of the school building in the presence of Rev Frs Joby Nyalliyil, Thomas, Tom, Justin, Alan, Mijo, Sister and the Staff and Students. The foundation was laid by the Regional Director and councillors of Sangli region.

6. Blessing of the New Convent at Ashadeep

Sangli mission society is grateful to the MSJ (Medical Sisters of St



Joseph) Sisters for accepting the invitation to be part and to collaborate with our mission in Ashadeep. 14th September was a great day as we blessed the newly

constructed convent building was blessed and inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor. Fathers and Sisters from nearby communities were also present for the blessing. Very Rev Fr Antony and Regional Director Fr Joby congratulated and wished the sisters for their continued support and service for the mission.

7. Blessing of New Section at Santhome School Sangli

The 3rd floor of Santhome School Sangli comprising the labs, library



and music room was blessed by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor on 14 September. The Regional team, Fathers and sisters from the nearby missions and teachers were present

for the blessing of the new section.

8. Blessing of the New Block at Alphonsa Kolhapur

The new block of Alphonsa School, Padli Kurd was blessed and inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor on 15 September. Rev. Fr Joby, Fr Thomas and the fathers from all the mission stations were present at the event. It was an ineffable blessing of God Almighty



that Alphonsa School Kolhapur was able to build a new wing consisting of priest quarters, guestrooms, office and administration section and classrooms. Fr Antony Perumanoor blessed the new building on 15th September in the presence of the fathers of St Alphonsa region.

9. Blessing of House at Vidya Sakharam Khot

On 25 August 2022, newly constructed house (1BHK) for Ms Vidya Sakharam Khot (a widow who has been serving the mission as a helper for many years) with the help of Holy Angel Prayer Mission Team from Switzerland and the benefactors of Sangli Mission Society was blessed and handed over by the Regional Director Rev. Fr Joby Njalliyil in the presence of many MST priests, sisters, teachers and well-wishers. *(Reported by Fr Mijo Chamakalayil, St Alphonsa Region)*



10. Mar Thoma Catholic Personal Parish, Kalyan

a. Month of St Thomas

The members of the personal parish observed month of July as the 'Month of St Thomas.' In every family the *Vanakkamasam* of St. Thomas was read with great devotion and prayer.



On 3 July we had the celebration at Kalyan. There was a special veneration of the Holy Relic of St Thomas after

the Holy Mass. A small procession was there with the Holy relic in the church itself. People from all our centres came together at Kalyan. After the Holy Mass we had festal meal together with the people.

b. Feast of Assumption and Independence Day

The feast of the assumption of our Lady and the Independence Day of India was celebrated with great joy and piety. We had a procession carrying the statue of Mother Mary. After the Holy Mass we all gathered around the hoisted Indian flag in front of the Church. We took the pledge and then sang the National Anthem with a great feeling of patriotism. All the people greeted each other and shared the Joy of the day and enjoyed the festal meal together.

c. Youth Spiritual Meet 2022

One day youth Spiritual meet was arranged at Kalyan on 31st August at Sacred Heart school from 9.30 to 5.30. Members of the ‘Shield



of Faith’ team from Vasai were the animators. They through action songs and input sessions created a very spiritual atmosphere and our Youth really immersed in prayer. We had arranged confessions for all. The Animators really prepared them well for Confession. Towards the end we had Holy Mass and at 5.00 p.m. all left for home with great happiness because they experienced the love and mercy of Jesus.



d. Mothers' Get-together.

On Saturday 10 September we had a one-day seminar exclusively for the mothers of our parish. This was the first time we could arrange a seminar exclusively for mothers. CMC Sisters from Dombivali, took

initiative to arrange this seminar. Many group games and input sessions were arranged for the participants. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the competitions. We offered Holy Mass together at 4.00 p.m. and our mothers left for their homes with a lot of Joy and happiness on their faces because they understood the greatness to be a Christian Mother.

e. Visit of MST General

Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor - the Director General paid a



grace-filled missionary visit to our Personal Parish on Sunday, 18 September. He was accompanied by Rev. Fr Peter Vattappara and Rev. Fr Joy Kunnel.

Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor was the main celebrant for the Holy Mass. During his sermon he appreciated the faithful for their active participation in the Holy Mass. Fr Peter Vattappara and Fr Joy Kunnel concelebrated with him. After the Mass we all gathered in the parish hall. Our children and youth presented varieties of cultural programmes based on Holy Bible in honour of the Director General.



After the cultural programmes people met the Director General and asked for his blessings. He blessed them individually. In honour of the Director General, we had arranged lunch for all the parishioners. We all shared the meal together with the Director General. People were very happy to meet the Superiors of their Parish Priest.

(Reported by Fr Paul Painadath, Mumbai)

D. MQMR, Delhi

1. Mission in Jammu and Kashmir, a Milestone of MST

‘St Thomas Catholic Mission Centre, Jammu,’ is a new venture of the Mary Queen of Missions Region, Delhi. It was the vision of the



Mary Queen of Missions Region to begin a new mission centre for the Syro-Malabar Church in Jammu and Kashmir. That vision and dream came true on 24 August 2022. We named this Mission Centre as ‘*St Thomas Catholic Mission Centre,*

Jammu’, since this is the first mission centre of MST and the first centre of the Syro-Malabar Church in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

New Mission in Jammu was officially inaugurated and blessed by His excellency Bishop Ivan Periera, Bishop of Jammu and Sreenagar in the presence of Fr Sebastian Nagathongal, the Vicar General and



Rev Fr Santhosh Olappurackal and the Councillors, on 24 August 2022. Some fathers and sisters of the Diocese of Jammu were also present on the blessed day. Rev. Frs. Rony Alencherry and George Kachirayil are appointed as the first missionaries to Jammu and

Kashmir by the fourth mission region of MST, Mary Queen of the Missions. We are looking for a new missionary aspect which is need of the time and place, 'a centre for deaddiction and rehabilitation' for the drug and alcohol addicts. We are looking for a good place to start this mission and also doing related survey. We are given a house for stay by the Diocese of Jammu in the outer city of Jammu. We request your valuable prayers for this mission in Jammu and Kashmir.

2. Interfaith Prayer at Rajghat



On 2 October 2022 there was an interfaith prayer meeting organised by Rajghat Gandhi S a m a d h i Samithi. Rev. Fr

Siby Poovanthinkal MST led the Christian prayer representing the Christians in India by reading from the Holy Bible for four minutes. On this occasion, Fr Abin K Xavier MST, Fr. Abin Kuruvanplackal MST, Fr. Jobin MST and Bro. Jerin Thannickal MST were present for the program. All the diplomatic and ministerial personals appreciated the fathers on this Gandhi Jayanti.

3. Medical Camp 2022



Manos Unidas Project has conducted medical camps for the people of areas Sundar Nagari, Nandnagari, Gokulpuri, Mojpur, Usmanpur and W e l c o m e . Altogether total

number of people came for the medical camp were 473. A team of one Doctor and four Nurses were present for all the medical camp. Dr. Anita was the head of the medical team. Project staff rented their valuable supports for the medical camp. Since it was a rainy session our medical camp very helpful for the people of the areas. All the medical camps were very successful.

4. Reception of Sacraments of Initiation

Kristjyoti Catholic Mission Rohru has administered the Sacraments of Initiation to seven families, as we have prepared members of these families, twenty-two members and conferred Sacraments of Initiation. Sacraments of



Initiation was given on different occasions. They were given one week class and sacramental training before receiving the Sacraments. Importance of Sacraments and Catholic life was explained prior to the reception of the Sacraments. Fr Sanoj Pathrapankal and Fr Michael Vettikuzhichalil were the ministers of the Sacraments.

5. First Prize in Group Song Competition



In connection with the 10th anniversary celebration of the Eparchy of Faridabad a group song competition was conducted and MST priests of the Mary Queen of the Mission Region participated in the group song competition named NAKSHATRA KEERTHANAM and Secured First Prize in the competition.

6. Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies, New Delhi

a. Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat: Aazaadee ka Amrit Mahotsav

Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies (IHPS), New Delhi, in collaboration with Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and



Society (CISRS), New Delhi, along with Zakat Foundation of India, New Delhi, Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, National Council of

Churches in India and Interfaith Coalition for Peace, New Delhi, organized flag hosting and discussion at Conference Room, Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society (CISRS), New Delhi, on 15 August 2022. The theme of the discussion was 'Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat' / 'One India, Great India' (Context: — Aazaadee kaa Amrit Mahotsav). Some 40 personas were present on the occasion participating in the above programme.

b. Discussion on Role of Religion in Current Times

Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies (IHPS), New Delhi, in collaboration with Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, New Delhi, organized a discussion at Conference Room, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, New Delhi, on 27 August 2022. The topic of the discussion was 'Role of Religion in Current Times' (Mauzoodaa Samay mein Dharm kee Bhoomikaa). Dr M. D. Thomas moderated



the discussion. The participants included students of various institutes, members of various organizations and communities, as well.

c. Lecture on ‘Sant Thomas’: Delivered lecture on St Thomas Vishwas, Mishan aur Sarv-Dharm Bhav ke Prateek’ (Saint Thomas: Symbol of Faith, Mission and Inter-faith Spirit) – during Educational and All Faiths Programme on ‘Saint Thomas Day’ — organized by



Shikshit Viksit Andolan, New Delhi – at B. M. Gange Girls School, Civil Lines, New Delhi – on 03 July 2022

d. Lecture on Humanity the Connecting Point of all Religion:

Delivered lecture on ‘Insaaniyat Sabhee Dharmon ko Jodne waale Bindu () – during Interfaith Conference on ‘Communal Harmony’ organized by All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council (AISSC), New Delhi – at Constitution



Club, New Delhi – on 30 July 2022

e. Lecture on the Need of Achieving All-round Freedom:



Delivered lecture on ‘Samagr Aazaadee Haasil karne kee Zaroorat’ – during programme on ‘75 years of Freedom and We the People’ – Context: ‘Aaazaadee kaa Amrit Mahotsav’ — organized by

World Peace Organization, New Delhi – at Tasmiya Conference Hall, New Delhi – on 13 August 2022

f. Lecture on Positive and Shared Response to the Current

Situation: Delivered *Lecture* on ‘Mauzoodaa Haalaat kaa Sakaaraatmak aur Saajhaa Javaab Zaroorree – during Round Table Conference on ‘The Current Circumstances of the Country’ – organized Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA), Hyderabad – at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi – on 17 August 2022.

g. Lecture on Strengthening Democracy:



Delivered *Lecture* on ‘Loktantr ko Mazboot Karne ke liye Vartmaan Samay ka Sangathit Javaab Zaroorree’ (– during Conference on ‘Unity to save Indian Democracy and Economy.’

(Reported by Fr Sanoj Pathrapankal, MQMR/Delhi Region)

E. St Joseph Mission, Odisha

1. Visit of Mar James Athikalam



Odisha Mission was blessed with the visit of Mar James Athikalam from Sept 18-24, 2022. The visit was marked with village visits, visit to the

Mission Centers, prayer services, officiating the sacraments of initiations, blessing of the DST Convent in M. Rampur. His Excellency visited all the mission centers spending time with the missionaries and collaborators, encouraging each one of them and praying for them. We do express our gratitude for the love and care and encouragement that his Excellency gave in our mission in Odisha.

2. New Missionary Collaborators to MST Odisha Mission

MST Odisha mission is blessed with the presence of MSJ sisters from the Aluva province. Three sisters joined our mission from the month of July 2022.



After completing the language course and initiation they have joined the Sacred Heart Mission, Laxmipur. They associate with the missionaries in Laxmipur especially for the health ministries and faith formation programs.

3. Purchase of Land in Balliguda, Kandhamal

We the missionaries of Odisha is happy to share the joy of successfully completing the registration process of 6.5 acres of land in Balliguda Kandhamal. It was the land adjacent to our present land in Balliguda. This property will help us develop educational and charitable activities for the tribal people of Kandhamal in the

future. We would like to thank the General Administration for the great support and appreciate Fr Libin and Ashish for the effort for this purchase of land.

4. Visit of Santhome Fellowship Members

A team of Santhome Fellowship members under the leadership of



Fr Joseph Pulavelil had made their visit to Baliguda and Rampur missions. Five lay missionaries from Palai were there in the mission from 13 to 17 of

September. They could visit different villages and could join with the missionaries in evangelization by conducting prayer services in the villages. The missionary collaborators were enthralled with the missionary activities of the missionaries and have assured their support for the mission.

5. Santhome Mission, JK Pure

a. Faith Formation, JK Pure: Santhome Mission Centre JK Pure

was blessed with the new community of eight families from a village called Kuljing. They we undergoing faith formation programs for last one year with the help of



catechists and the missionaries in JK Pure. On Sept, 1 & 2 an intensive training and prayers for the preparation of the initiation to Syro-Malabar Community was arranged and on Sept, 3 they all officially joined our community. Rev. Fr Joy Areeckal led the programs for three days. We thank all those helped un in this great achievement especially Fr Tony and Santhome Fellowship UAE Chapter.

b. Dhukhrana Celebration and the Meeting: All the MST missionaries of gathered together in the Coordinator's house to celebrate the feast of Dhukhrana on July 4, 2022. The gathering included the Eucharistic Celebration, recollection, meetings and celebrations. We had a long day discussions, evaluation and planning of the Mission, which was formulated as the agenda for the next General Assembly.

6. Nirmal Jyoty Mission Centre, Balliguda

a. Inauguration of Tailoring Centre: Nirmal Jyothi Social Welfare Centre has started tailoring center for women in a village called Kampoda. Women from nearby villages are benefiting out of it. Fifteen students in two batches are learning the skill for their livelihood.



b. Gandhi Jayanthi Celebrations: Bappu's birthday was celebrated in the villages with the students of our tuition centers. Special classes were given to the students on cleanliness. The students took the lead



to clean up the premises of the public places.

c. Vacation Camp: Vacation Camp for the children was conducted in Somadady village. Through the camp the children were given special classes to enhance their faith life. Fifty-eight children from different villages attended the camp.



d. Mother Mary Feast Celebration: The feast of immaculate consumption of Mother Mary was solemnly celebrated in the

Badiponga village. As the Patroness Day of the village church, the feast was coordinately celebrated by the entire village. The fathers from



Kothamangalam diocese officiated the programme.

7. Sacred Heart Mission Centre, Laxmipur

a. Sacraments of Initiation: Sacred Heart Mission Centre,



Laxmipur was blessed with one more Christian family. Rohit & Jenny received sacraments of initiation from

Bishop James Athikalm, fruitfully completing their faith formation classes. By God's grace Sacred Heart Mission is flourishing in its vigor and number.

b. Medical Care: Medical mission of Sacred Heart Mission Centre is collaborating with CHL medical hospital Laxmipur. Remote villages are chosen for the medical programme and with MSJ sisters our fathers are constantly visiting villages and taking care



of the patients especially bed ridden ones. We are providing medicines and nutritious food for villages for their healthy living.

c. Foundation Stone: Foundation Stone for the residence of MSJ sisters was laid by Bishop James Athikalam. MSJ sisters are collaborating with us in the Sacred Heart Mission. Their medical



assistance in the villages are highly appreciated all. Annex to their residence MSJ sisters are planning to start a dispensary for the villagers.

8. Little flower Mission Centre, Kundra

a. Farewell to Fr Jibin Maniyalil: Little Flower Mission Centre,



Kundra bid farewell to fr Jibin Maniyalil, who is transferred to Divine Mercy Centre Rampur. He was rendering his service in the Little Flower Mission as assistant priest in charge. Fr Ouseppachan Tharapputhottiyil thanked him for his valuable services in the initial stage of the

mission specially in faith formation and social work field. All the best for his new apostolate.

b. Reception of Sacraments of Initiation: Two new families have joined the Catholic community in Kundra by receiving sacraments



of initiation. Their long-cherished dream fulfilled on 15 August. One-week intensive training for them was given to them by Purno Chandro our Catechist.

c. Mothers' Day Celebration: Mothers' day was celebrated on

the feast day of St Monica in Podapodhor village. All the mothers were honored by Priest in Charge and classes were given to them on responsible parenting. The program was concluded with games and prize distribution.



d. Visit of Bishop Joseph Kollamparambil:



Bishop Joseph Kollamparambil, Bishop of Jagdalpur diocese has blessed Little Flower Mission Center by His visit. On 16 September His excellency visited the mission with

diocesan priests and encouraged the MST missionaries with his words of appreciation. The bishop offered all his help and support to the missionaries as they are territorially nearer to Jagdalpur.

9. Divine Mercy Centre, Rampur

a. SMYM Youth Meet: Gathering of SMYM Youth from several



villages was conducted in Ramud. Mr Sebastian Kuzhippilil led the sessions. During these three days Youth were led through classes, prayer sessions and video presentations.

b. Two Days Retreats in Villages: Two days retreat was conducted in Pipalpada, Badapadar, and Bondel Villages. People



were gathered to listen to the Word of God. Retreats were led by Mr Sebastian Kuzhippallil. Very Rev Fr Antony Perumanoor also

was present in the retreat. His presence and sharing encouraged the faithful and the missionaries.

c. Welcome to Fr Jibin Maniyalil and New Regents:

Fr Jibin Maniyalil joined the Divine Mercy Centre on 16th of August. He will look after the construction of the presbytery. Bros Jobit Kaithackathadathil and Abel joined the mission team as part of their regency.



d. Laying of Foundation Stone for Presbytery:



Foundation stone for the Presbytery was laid on September 8th. The Stone was blessed by Very Rev Antony Perumanoor and laid by Fr Jomon Ayannkanal. Fr Jibin Maniyalil will monitor the construction works.

e. Construction of Road to Badapadar Village:

Badapadar is a remote village which is situated on a forest hill top. We have flourishing Christian communities there. Fifty-six Families are staying there in four hamlets.



Lack of infrastructure alienated its inhabitants from the main stream of the society. With the financial support of Mr Sebastian Kuzhippillil, a mud road of five kms was made to that village.

f. Goat Farming Program: As a scheme of NABAARD, our villagers were given training and loan for Goat farming. One lakh sixty thousand rupees is given as loan. Several villagers have attended the training and attempted for the loan.



g. Celebration of St Thomas Day and Village Church Feast:



Badapadar village celebrated the village church feast on July 3rd. It was their first village church feast celebration. Kenduluba, Pipalpada

and Sikla villages also had special devotions and solemn Qurbana on St Thomas Day.

h. Mothers' Meet and Parents Meeting: Gathering of the parents of the sponsored children was conducted in Sindiguda village. Around Hundred children had taken admission from our villages in nearby catholic boarding schools. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage the parents to send their children to the school.



i. Vacation Camp in Villages: During Dassera holidays, Children were on vacation camps. Children Gathered in three villages. Fr Jibin Maniyalil led the Camp along with regency brothers and Rev sisters. The Camps were



aimed at the personality development and faith formation of the youth and Children.

j. Cultural Fest in Tuition Centers:



in tuition Centres in Jamboli, Serangi, Pattangi and Singpur. The children expressed the culture of the land through their dances and songs. The songs were either

patriotic or Christian songs. Preaching on Jesus the Saviour, Motivation classes and Games were also organised. Though these villages are non-Christian villages, it was surprising that almost all in the villagers were present in the event to hear on Jesus the Saviour.

k. Honouring for 10th Passed Students:



the tenth standard were honored in Kenduluba village. Nine of our Students passed tenth this year. Four of them were offered sponsorship to continue their

studies.

l. Blessing of DST Convent:

A beautiful convent for DST sisters was blessed by Bishop James Athikalam on 22 September in Ramud. Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumannoor the Director General, Rev. Fr Jomon Ayankannal



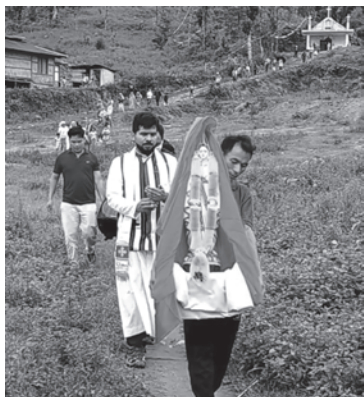
the Coordinator, Rev. Sr Salomy DST the Superior General, Rev. Sr Anitha DST the Provincial Superior and all priests and religious of Odisha Mission blessed the event with their presence.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Jibin Maniyalil, St Joseph Mission, Odisha)

F. Arunachal Mission

St Mary's Catholic Church, Pakke Kessang

1. Celebration of the Nativity of Our Lady



The Catholic communities in our parish are very particular in solemnizing the feast of our Lady, especially to give a different witness to their Protestant neighbors. With this purpose, on 8 September and a few following days too, the statue of our Lady was carried in devotion to many of the houses in the parish. People in the neighbourhood would also join for

the procession making the celebration very devotional and prayerful.

2. Visit of Rev. Frs Kavumpuram and Thaikkootathil

Rev. Frs Peter Kavumpuram and Thomas Thaikkootathil visited our mission in the month of November. They were very happy to



spend their time in visiting the Catholic villages and in celebrating liturgy for our communities.

3. Rosary Devotion in Families



In this month of October, we have the custom of praying rosary in different family clusters. The family units make arrangements to solemnize the Rosary devotion, in a particular house. The families in that clusters also make special offerings to Mother

Mary. The faithful conduct the rosary devotion in a celebrative manner.

4. Visitors from Pala

Very Rev. Fr Augustine Koottiyaniyil – the Archpriest of Kuravilangad along with a few other priests from the diocese of Pala visited Pakke Kessang. They were very interested in learning



the culture of the place and were very happy to mix with the members of our communities.

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

G. Overseas Missions

1. United States

Annual Gathering of the MSTs in USA: The MST priests in the



United States gathered for the annual gathering at Lakeview resort Morgantown West Virginia from 22 to 25 August 2022. This gathering took place after a gap of two years. Fourteen priests attended the get together. We celebrated the priestly silver jubilee of Rev. Frs Benny Kuliraniyil, Saji Thakadiyel and Joseph Pazheveettil (Rev. Joseph Pazheveettil could not join us due to his busy work schedule) with the Holy Mass and wished them God's blessings for their ministry ahead.

On the second day of our annual gathering we offered Holy Mass for two of our departed senior members - Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel and Rev. Fr Thomas Aythamattam and prayed the office for the dead, beseeching the Lord to grant them eternal rest. We spent our second day of gathering in watching the famous sight and sound show 'David' in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. On the final day, we had a meeting and visited the 'Flight 93' National



Memorial at Stoystown, Pennsylvania, and everyone enjoyed boating in the evening. The finale of the gathering was a delicious dinner prepared by the master chefs with us.

(Prepared by Rev. Fr Roshan Kuzhippallil and Reported by Fr Antony Thundathil, Coordinator of MSTs in USA, Chicago)

2. Germany

a. July Gathering

This year we, the MST priests in Germany, organized our July gathering at Tageszentrum Marienland, Vallendar from 4 to 8 July. We reached there on Monday evening. Fr Baiju Nellikunnel, who is celebrating his sacerdotal Silver Jubilee, offered Holy Mass, as the main celebrant on Tuesday.



As usual, this day was set apart for Recollection. Fr Sojan Aikarakunnel gave us an inspiring talk based on his personal experiences, which was followed by Confession and Adoration. Afternoon we had the meeting of our registered Society. On Wednesday, after celebrating Holy Eucharist, we went out for sight-seeing. On Thursday we celebrated Malayalam Mass to commemorate the Feast of St. Thomas, in which Fr Shejin Puthenpuara gave us an inspiring and touching homily. After that, we had a fruitful discussion led by Fr Binish Arackal, regarding the





challenges the German Church face today. We all participated in the discussion very eagerly, shared our ideas and experiences. Afternoon we had MST Koinonia meeting and sharing. Our gathering came to

conclusion with Holy Eucharist on Friday.

b. Transfers and Appointments

Rev. Fr Joby Kozhippatt has returned to India due to health reasons on 3 October 2022. We all thank him wholeheartedly for his service in the Diocese of Würzburg since December, 2021. Although it was a very short period of time, we all enjoyed his friendship and company. In fact, it was a good occasion for him to have a glimpse of life in Germany and to gather pastoral experience from the parishes in which he served.

Rev. Fr Benedict Palappurath has got transfer to a new Pfarreigemeinschaft in Göggingen and Inningen. The total number of faithful he serves is 8200. He is engaged in pastoral duties from 1st September 2022.

Rev. Fr Joseph Maliekal is transferred to Pfarreigemeinschaft St Kilian, Hassfurt. Since the Presbitery in Augsburg is undergoing renewal, he will be staying temporarily in the presbytery of the parish Zeil am Main.

Rev. Fr Nimin Kallakulam, after four years of service in Gundelfingen, is transferred, to a new Pfarreigemeinschaft called Buchobenhausen, which has eight parishes and 4000 faithful. He took charge on 1st September 2022.

Rev. Fr Joseph Oppenmakel, at the request of the diocese of Paderborn, has reached Germany to render his service for a period of one year. He will be supporting the parishes in the city of Paderborn with pastoral care.

Fr Shejin Puthenpurackal is currently attending a German language

course (C1) in Bonn. The course began on 29th September and lasts till 21st Oktober. He is presently working in the diocese of Würzburg. All the best dear Fr Shejin.

c. Onam Celebration



Onam is very special to every *Malayali* and it was a joyful occasion for us to come together this year too, to celebrate Onam. Onam is basically a harvest festival and at this time we are having *Erntedank Gottesdienst* in Germany, during which we

thank God for the good harvest. For our Onam celebration we prepared Pookalam, very tasty Onasadya and played fun filled games. Even though we are outside kerala, we still cherish the memories of our Onam celebrations in Kerala.

d. Parish Activities

In the parish Königsmoos, the Alter boys and girls together with their parents, collected Apples under the leadership of the parish priest, Rev. Fr Thomas Pendanath. The money earned by selling Apple juice will be used for the charitable activities of the parish.



f. Departure of Fr Nayathuparambil's Beloved Father

We express our heartfelt condolences on the departure of Mr Varkey Nayathuparambil, beloved Father of Rev. Fr John Nayathuparambil, on 1.10.22. We conducted a zoom meeting wishing condolences to Fr John and we prayed office of the dead. May God grant him eternal bliss.

(Reported by Fr Pradeep Alex Mattathilanickal, Germany)

3. Canada

a. Updates from MSTs in Canada

Many of us had refreshing holidays back in India and we are all refreshed for further pastoral work in Canada. Reverend Father Prakash Njallani has left Canada after ten years of his pastoral work in the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, in Alberta. Reverend Fr. John Manjamattam has taken his position from the Diocese for pastoral work. We welcomed him through e-mails and phone calls. At present we are again eight members of the MST working in four different Dioceses all over Canada.

b. Coordinator for the MSTs in Canada

On 3 July 2022 I was appointed as the coordinator of MST Canada. Soon after assuming the position, I thanked all of my co-workers and requested their expectations and the possibility of sharing a fixed amount to the society. Everyone responded in a positive way and I presented their suggestions to the Director General, while I was in Kerala during my vacation time. For the time being we, all will be giving a fixed minimum amount or more if we can. If this does not work well, then we also will be registering us in the way of other priests working in the USA and in Germany.

(Reported by Fr Tom Kakkaniyil, Coordinator, MST in Canada)

c. Ten Years in the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, Alberta

Completing 10 years of pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, in Alberta, I returned to India for good in September 2022. I worked in several parishes of the vast Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan in the province of Alberta, that comprised numerous rural mass centres with small churches and communities. In all the parishes, I was cared and loved by the people, and I am happy that I could cater to their pastoral needs upto their expectations.



During the final years of my ministry in the Archdiocese, I served in four parishes, residing at the main centre - St Peter Celestine Catholic Church in Slave Lake. The faithful of all four parishes expressed their gratitude and appreciation at my departure from Canada and arranged several farewell functions, even by the senior people in the aged homes. I am very grateful to Archbishop Most Rev. Gerard Pettipas C.Ss.R. for his paternal affection and all the clergy of the



Archdiocese for their fellowship and friendship. All of them were nice to me and expressed their sentiments of gratitude and good wishes for my



service in the Archdiocese.

(Reported by Fr Ephrem (Prakash) Njallaniyil, Kerala)

4. Switzerland

a. Summer Musical Concerts

Once in Summer time we conduct a summer musical concert in our Parish, Schlieren, Zurich. This year our own parish Choir has done it on 14 July 2022, which was attended by thousands of people from the neighbourhood.



b. Farewell to a New Parish

I was given a heartening farewell from my former parish in Schlieren, where I had been serving for the last couple of years. The farewell



celebrations included a Holy Mass on 28 August 2022 in Schlieren and appreciatory parties arranged by several groups in the parish. Now from 1 September 2022 I am in a new parish near Zurich which is called St Urban Church, situated in Winterthur, Switzerland.

c. Holy Cross Faith Mission



Holy Cross Faith Mission is a spiritual prayer Malayalee community in Switzerland envisioned to cultivate true faith in God. Every year they conduct pilgrimages in different pilgrim centres. This year they organized their 10th Rosa Mystica Marian Family

Convention in Montichiari in Italy where the Marian apparitions (1946-1983) took place. Apart from 93 Malayalee faithful three Bishops from three rites and a few Priests and Sisters attended in this three-day convention.

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

5. United Kingdom

a. Mar Sleevea Mission

i. Walsingham Pilgrimage: Christians believe pilgrimage can help them develop spiritually and bring them closer to God. Mar Sleevea Mission organized a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham. Walsingham is a major centre of pilgrimage in England. It is sometimes



referred to as 'England's Nazareth'. In 1061, according to the Walsingham legend, an Anglo-Saxon noble woman, Richeldis de Faverches, had a vision of the Virgin Mary in which she was instructed to build a

replica of the house of the Holy Family in Nazareth in honour of the Annunciation. When it was built, the Holy House in Walsingham was panelled with wood and contained a wooden statue of an enthroned Virgin Mary with the child Jesus seated on her lap. This pilgrimage to Walsingham was with catechism children and it was organized in

connection with the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. It was to foster their devotion to Blessed Mary and



bring them closer to God. The pilgrims were blessed to offer the Holy Qurbana at the main altar and had procession after the Mass carrying the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham. The pilgrims could spend a reasonable time in the sanctuary which was a great blessing and memorable moments for all of them.

ii. Feast of Exaltation of Holy Cross and Mission Day: Mar Sleevea Mission Celebrated the Feast of Exaltation of Holy Cross and Mission Day on 17 September 2022 at Academy Hall, Canterbury. The day was blessed by the participation of great number of devotees and the unity and cooperation of parishioners were well appreciated.

The celebrations started with '*Kodiyettam*' followed by solemn Holy Qurbana. Bishop Mar Joseph Srampickal, the bishop of Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain was the main celebrant. Fr Hans



Puthiakulangara MST, Mission Coordinator and Fr. Mathew Kurisumootil were concelebrants. Bishop Mar Srampickal spoke about the importance of celebrating the feast of exaltation of the cross and its meaning in our personal

life. There was colourful procession immediately after the Holy Qurbana carrying statues of Blessed Mary and other saints. Bishop Mar Joseph Srampickal felicitated and blessed the couples celebrating their silver jubilee of marriage.

Parish youth and children presented variety cultural programmes which made the day highly excited and ever remembering one.

iii. Bible Kalolsavam: The mother Church has always valued art and literature as a form of expressing the message of the Gospel in an attractive manner. The young people of the Eparchy of Great Britain are blessed with many talents and to encourage them the Eparchy organizes Bible Kalolsavam. It is conducted on 3 levels – Mission/ Parish, Region and Eparchy level. Mar Sleeva Mission conducted Mission Level Bible Kalotsavam on 1 October. It was well organized and was a wonderful experience for all. Contestants performed lovely with sportsman spirit. The first and second prize winners selected for regional level competition.

The responsibility to organize Regional Level Bible Kalotsavam is entrusted to me the Coordinator of Mar Sleeva mission and it is scheduled on 25 October 2022 at Canterbury and she is proud to conduct it. Contestants from 20 missions are taking part in it and there would be around 2000 participants. It would be a mega event and Mar Sleeva Mission is looking forward it.

b. St Simon Stock Catholic Church, Ashford

After the first UK Covid-19 pandemic lockdown was lifted we began rebuilding our parish community and cautiously began to reintroduce

Mass on Sundays and on certain weekdays. As numbers permitted at Mass were still to be restricted, due to social distancing and safety measures, we introduced an online booking system for Sundays which proved to be a success and allowed us to ensure that we could try to keep all those attending as safe as possible. This was aided by a few parishioners who acted as Stewards, calmly ensuring that the safety measures we were required to have in place were adhered to. We had used the time during the second lockdown to do some renovation works in church so the returning parishioners were greeted by a beautiful newly carpeted Sanctuary.

In due course daily Mass was reintroduced. Whilst we have not yet returned to having all day Adoration on Fridays, as we were pre-pandemic, we have introduced a short period of Adoration following the Wednesday evening and Friday morning Masses. At the instigation of one of the parishioners, the recitation of the Holy rosary was started before the Wednesday evening Mass.

We have been pleased, as the months passed and restrictions lifted, to have once again celebratory Masses for Our Blessed Lady with the procession round the grounds with Our Lady's statue. We have had the Corpus Christi procession around our grounds led by our First Holy Communicants and we are planning in the next few weeks to have a parish pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory to venerate the visiting relics of St. Bernadette. Aylesford Priory is the second important place of pilgrimage after Walsingham in England where Blessed Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock and gave him the Scapular.

We are not yet back to pre-pandemic numbers in our church, and as the virus has once again started to rise in the wider community and we may have to voluntarily introduce some safety measures once again, it has nevertheless been a joy for us to welcome back those who have been part of our parish community for years, and to also welcome the many new families and couples who have moved to the parish in recently. We look forward to our parish community growing in love and in the Holy Spirit.

(Reported by Fr Hans Puthiakulangara, Co-ordinator, MSTs in U.K.)

6. Tanzania: Madale Parish, Dar Es Salaam

a. First Communion and Confirmation

There were around two hundred and thirty children received the



first holy communion on 9 July 2022. The first communion was given to them under the leadership and guidance of Rev. Fr Biju Pullapallyil. Rev. Frs Robin and Naveen administered the sacraments of first holy communion at the quasi parishes of Nyakasangwe and Mbopo. There were fifty-three children received first holy communion at Nyakasangwe and sixty-eight received at Mbopo.

There were one hundred and eighty-five children received the sacrament of confirmation on 13 August 2022 at Madale parish. His Ex. Henry Mchamungu was the main celebrant. He is one of the main auxiliary bishops of Dar Es Salaam. He had lunch with children who received the sacrament of confirmation.

Confirmation of the children at quasi parish Nyakasangwe was celebrated on 7 August 2022. The main celebrant was His Excellency Stephano Musomba who is one of the auxiliary bishops of Dar Es Salaam. There were seventy-two children received the sacraments of confirmation. Since they were having it in the quasi parish for the first time the people of Nyakasangwe were very happy. All the past years they had to come to the Madale parish to receive the sacraments.

Confirmation of the children at quasi parish Mbopo was celebrated on 3 July 2022. The main celebrant was His Excellency Stephano

Musomba who is one of the auxiliary bishops of Dar Es Salaam. There were seventy-eight children received the sacraments of confirmation. Since they were having it in the quasi parish for the first time, the people of Mbopo were very happy. All the past years they had to come to the Madale parish to receive the sacraments.

b. Retreat for Parishioners

The Madale parish was extremely happy to conduct one week retreat for the faithful of Madale parish. It was begun on 15 August 2022. The retreat was guided by Rev. Fr Vivian OCD. The spiritual talks and guidance were in the evening hours from 5 pm to 9 pm. Each day's retreat was begun with Eucharistic celebration.

c. Reunion with my Former Parishioner

Recently, I visited a 97 years old man after 12 years. While I was doing my missionary work in Chengena parish in Songea Archdiocese I used to visit him. Now he is bedridden because of a fall. He is with his wife. They have completed 60 years in marriage. The life is difficult but their face is glittering. Their life invites us to be happier in most difficult moments in our life. May God bless them.



(Reported by Rev. Fr Varghese Pullappallil, Co-ordinator, Tanzania)

Chengena Mission, Songea

d. Pastoral Visit and Confirmation

Seventy-one aspiring children of the Chengena mission parish received the sacrament of Confirmation from the Archbishop of Songea - His Grace Damien Denis Dallu on 17 August in the parish Church during his pastoral visit. The aspirants were trained and



assisted by the Catechists and Ursuline sisters for a year, to learn the Catholic faith and the sacraments.

e. New Convent in the Parish



The OSF sisters had consented to begin a convent and a formation house in the Chengena Parish during the visit of their Provincial team. His Grace Archbishop Damien Denis Dallu laid the foundation stone and blessed the initiation for the convent, in the presence of Sr Anceline, the Provincial Superior and Sr Rosebell

the Councillor on 17 August at the proposed land of the convent.

f. Children of Chengena on Mission

The children of the Chengena parish were sent on a mission to Ligera Parish in the Archdiocese of Songea on 18 September 2022. Rev. Fr Paschal, the Parish Priest of the Ligera parish extended a warm welcome to the Chengena children to the parish and they had an interactive session with the children of the Ligera Parish. There were 87 children of the Chengena Parish guided by the UMI sisters and the catechism staff under the leadership of Fr Shaiju Kizhakkekureethadathil the Parish Priest. It was an enriching programme for the Chengena Children in their faith formation as well.



g. Water Distribution to the Village

Chengena Parish Church is extending helping hands to the people

of Chengena as they are struggling because of the drought in the



region. Parish is sharing the available water sources of the church with the villagers daily. We extend our gratitude to the MST Fathers in Germany who financed a

borewell for the Chengena Mission of MST.

h. New Missionary Priest in the Parish

The Catholic Parish of Chengena received a new assistant parish priest on 9 October. Rev. Fr Akhil Innocent Thottappallil was appointed to the parish by His Grace Damien Denis Dallu, the Arch Bishop of Songea. Rev. Fr Biju Pullappallil, the Mission Co-ordinator of MST in Africa visited the Archbishop and introduced the new missionary of MST to the Archbishop on 5 October. The Archbishop appreciated the presence of MST in the Archdiocese and thanked MST Superiors for helping him in the mission.



(Reported by Fr Shaiju Kizhakkureethadathil MST, Parish Priest, Chengena, Tanzania)

7. Australia

a. Updates on MSTs in Australia

All fathers are doing well here in Australia. Some of us got affected by Covid-19 but now all of us are well. All of us had holidays in India and now back in our parishes/missions. Spring season has begun and the natural world revives and reinvigorates after the cold winter months.

b. News from Shepparton and Bendigo

St Alphonsa Syro-Malabar mission in Shepparton and St Thomas

Syro-Malabar Mission in Bendigo are thriving with an increasing number of families. Now there are more than 75 families in each mission.



July was a special month for both missions. We celebrated the feast of Dukhrana and 1950th Martyrdom of our father in faith, St Thomas the Apostle. St Alphonsa Mission celebrated the feast of St Alphonsa on 28th July. There was a nine- days preparation for the feast with special prayers and Novena. St Alphonsa Shepparton community celebrated Father's Day on 14th August. After the Holy Qurbana in public meeting children thanked God and acknowledged the love and care of all fathers towards their family. All fathers were given



gifts and there was refreshment after the meeting. 'Mathruvethi' members organized the celebration.

New leadership for 'Mathruvethi' was elected for St Alphonsa mission. 'Mathruvethi' organised a seminar for all parents on good

parenting. St Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Mission celebrated its Faith Fest on September 29 to 1st October. It was a faith formation



program for all catechism students during their school holidays. It was well appreciated by parents as well as all students. It was a great success by the

cooperation of both parents and catechism teachers.

(Reported by Fr Varghese Vithayathil, Shepparton, Australia)

8. Sweden

a. Stockholm Seminary News

Seminarians who are studying abroad are back to their respective seminaries after their 4 months pastoral experience in different parishes in the Stockholm diocese. Bro. Wladimir who is studying in Rome got ordained as deacon on 15 of June and Bro. Gustav who was studying in Paris received his diaconate on 23 June. Deacon Gustav is doing his diaconate in Christ the King parish in Gutenberg, second largest parish in Sweden. A retreat before the diaconate for the other 3 candidates held in Omberg last week.



b. Syro-Malabar Mission in Scandinavia

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





Jönköping, Skellefteå and Uppsala in Sweden, Helsinki and Tammer in Finland and Oslo in Norway.

Catechism classes in our communities were very well organized. This year we have 12 catechism teachers

and around 65 children who are attending this. We have a wonderful inauguration session with all the parents and students.

(Reported by Fr Binu Thottiyil, Stockholm, Sweden)

9. Spain

a. Final Thesis

In the academic year 2021-22, I have done my masters in Global Communication, Leadership and Corporate Diplomacy. This was an international masters offered by Blanquerna college of communication, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona. Part of this masters I had to present thesis on a global communication topic for the completion of the course. I presented my thesis - Synodality of Pope Francis - A Global Communication Strategy in the presence of a panel of three professors on 23 September 2022. I thank our General and the councillors for their support for achieving this success in my life. By 30 September 2022 the Masters officially concluded.



b. New Academic Year

In the present academic year of 2022 - 23, I have joined for the Masters in Periodismo Avanzado, Reportalismo. This is an

international masters on Advanced Journalism. The official inauguration is on October 18, 2022. The classes begun from 2 of October. Dr. Josep Lluís Micó Sanz, the dean of our college is the director of this Masters too. We have classes from Monday to Friday in the evenings. I am doing my internship at the Blanquerna observatory of Media Culture and religion from Monday to Friday.

c. Visit of Confreres

In the end of September, it was really kind of Fr Jijo Kottakavil MST and Fr Carol, Palai diocese to visit me in Barcelona. We could visit the city and Sagrada Familia church. I thank the fathers for their goodwill to visit me and to share the koinonia feeling with me.



d. New President for Blanquerna Foundation

On 3 October 2022, the Cardinal Archbishop of Barcelona, His Eminence Joan Josep Omella, appointed the new president of the Fundació Blanquerna, Dr. Josep Maria Carbonell i Abelló, who takes over from Fr Dr. Salvador Pié after forty years in office. Dr. Josep Maria Carbonell was patron of the institution from 1996 to 2013. He has also been a professor for many years at the Faculty of Communication and International Relations Blanquerna-URL, of



which he was dean between 2011 and 2022. He retired last March and is currently an emeritus professor at the faculty.

Joseph Maria Carbonell is a well-wisher of MST. It is through him MST received the scholarship in Barcelona. He is the local guardian of the MST fathers sent to Barcelona for studies. He is a man

of integrity and strong Catholic faith. The MST is really happy and proud of this new appointment of Joseph Maria Carbonell. We wish

you all the choicest blessings of God for your new prestigious position. We look forward your cooperation and support for MST mission and ministry.

(Reported by Fr Joby Kappiparampil, Barcelona, Spain)

10. Italy

a. Welcome to Italy

On 24 August 2022, Rev. Fr Benny Kannamthadam and Rev. Fr



Monse Karuvakunnel reached Italy and were welcomed at the airport of Fiumicino, Rome and were accompanied to the parish of Crecchio to be initiated to the Italian language,

culture, traditions, customs and Italian mass in Roman Rite. Fr Mons left for Rome to begin his studies after a month of full Italian immersion. Fr Benny would serve as the assistant parish priest of the parish Santissimo Salvatore Crecchio along with Fr Joseph Koren, in the Archdiocese of Lanciano-Ortona. A solemn welcome was accorded to Fr Benny by the faithful along with the blessing of the priest-quarters on 7 September 2022, the first anniversary of MSTs presence at Crecchio, one of the most beautiful cities in Italy



b. Back to Mission

Rev. Fr Biji Kudukkamthadam after rendering his praiseworthy service in the Archdiocese of Lanciano-Ortona for the past ten years returned to India in the last week of August 2022. He served as the

assistant parish priest of the Cathedral of St Thomas the Apostle, Ortona for nine years. As the guardian of the relics of St. Thomas the apostle, he welcomed the devotees of St Thomas, the apostle.



For the past one year, he was as the assistant parish priest at the parish community of Crecchio. Many people joined to express their gratitude towards him on the farewell function, Ciao, grazie e arrividerci held on 18 August 2022. The Indian priests and sisters working in the Archdiocese of Lanciano-Ortona also gathered to wish him every best for his future mission.

c. Returns to India

Rev. Fr Biju Koothottil, after defending the doctoral thesis successfully returns to India to take up new missionary task for MST. Rev. Fr Tony Mampilly, also returns to India to fulfil the missionary needs of MST. The



MSTs in Italy will miss their occasional encouraging visits and multi-talented personalities.

d. Gathering of MST Fathers in Rome

It is after a long time that the MST priests, staying in Italy come together. The gathering was organized in Rome, the eternal city on 11 October 2022, taking into consideration of the availability of majority priests residing in and around Rome. A few could not participate in the gathering as they are busy with pastoral activities in the parish or away from Italy for academic purpose in Jerusalem



or Pastoral ministry in Germany. We were also blessed to have the esteemed presence of Fr Sojan Aikkarakunnel on this occasion.

e. Ruhhalaya Gathering in Rome

The Ruhhalayans, recollecting the old memories of their *Alma Mater*, gathered together on the eve of 11 October 2022 at Pontificio Collegio Nepomuceno, Rome after a gap of two years due to Covid. After a brief moment of prayer, leader Rev. Fr Tony Mampilly welcomed the new comers and all the members introduced themselves. The group paid tribute to the deceased members of Ruhhalaya, Fr Siby Nelloor MST, Fr John Nattunilam MST and Fr Shabu Kachappilly of the Diocese of Rajkot. The newly ordained deacon Rijo of the Diocese of Idukki was felicitated. The group congratulated Fr Biju Koothottil for defending his doctrinal thesis successfully.



Out of the 42 Ruhailaya Alumni in Rome belonging to various batches of philosophy and theology, 27 came for the gathering including a few sisters and brothers. All cherished the sweet memories of their life in Ruhailaya. Fr Jobish Marunthukuzhy was elected as the new leader of the group. The gathering came to an end with a concluding prayer and agape with Indian food delicacy.

f. Academic/Pastoral Life of MSTs in Italy

Rev. Fr Monse started his higher studies at the Pontificia Università Salesiana, on youth pastoral ministry. He stays in Russicum, a Russian College, in the heart of Roma Termini. Rev. Fr Manu Maprayil, along with his pastoral activities in the diocese of Latina-Terracina-Sezze-Priverno, began his higher studies at the Pontificia Università Urbaniana in the Missiology faculty.

Rev. Fr Karakkattu who peruses his studies in Sacred Scripture, at BIBLICUM, Roma, is now Jerusalem as a part of his Biblical studies for a semester. Rev. Fr Kulapurath is steadily progressing in his research studies in liturgy. Rev. Fr Mulluvengapurath has shifted to Collegio San Carlo, Rome, from Verona to accelerate his doctoral studies. Rev. Fr Kootumkal is dedicating his whole time from Germany to complete his doctoral thesis in Mission Theology. Rev. Fr Manikombil is getting his knowledge deepened in Islam though his higher studies.

Rev. Fr Vazhuthanappilly is dedicating his whole energy to find out resources for his missionary initiatives through different programmes. Rev. Fr Mangalappilly, Rev. Fr Kannamundayil and Rev. Fr Kadaparambil are zealously engaged in the pastoral activities transmitting the missionary enthusiasm of MST in their respective parish.

The missionary group of the parish of Crecchio where Fr Koren and Fr Kannamthadam are rendering their priestly services, has given the consent of sponsoring a MST Seminarian in return of the services, besides the annual contribution from the Archdiocese.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph Koren, Coordinator of the MSTs in Italy)

11. Brazil

St Sebastián's Parish Itarumã, Brazil

Feast of Our Lady of 'Aparecida': The month of October is specially dedicated to the devotion to Our Lady in the Catholic Church. In the whole of Brazil 12 October is observed as the feast of our Lady of 'APARCIDA.' The day is celebrated in the parishes, chapels and in families with reciting of rosaries followed by sumptuous meals. Our lady 'Aparecida' is the Patroness of Brazil.



There is a grand basilica in the state of São-Paulo dedicated to her. The day is a national holiday for Brazil. Our parish also had a solemn celebration of the feast of Mary. In preparation for the feast, we had 10 days of rosary recitation followed by the Holy Mass. On the last day of the rosary and the Holy Mass the parishioners organized



a bazaar of typical local food items.

On 12 October the parish organized a procession of vehicles through the principal Avenidas of the city with the statue of our lady Aparecida in a beautifully decorated boat. Hundreds of vehicles participated in the procession. The celebrations concluded with the solemn Holy Mass in which many faithful participated.

(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph Pulickal, Brazil)

VII. NEWS FROM OTHER MINISTRIES/ CENTRES

A. SANTHOME FELLOWSHIP

The members of *Santhome Fellowship* and the *Associate Missionaries* are the missionary collaborators of the MST. Both in their capacities contribute a lot to the MST and its mission work. The members of Santhome Fellowship are many and spread out in almost all Syro-Malabar Dioceses in Kerala, including a few Dioceses outside Kerala, whereas Associate Missionaries are those members who after completing a period of training and mission visit, have taken a temporary Promise of Incorporation to the MST. Both these wings function well and have got regular meetings in every month.

1. Second Batch of Associate Missionaries



The Second batch of the Associate Missionaries, eleven in number, took the Promise of Association for five years in the liturgical assembly gathered in the MST Generalate chapel on 3 July 2022. These 11 new members took promise in front of the Director General of the MST, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, during the Raza Qurbana. After congratulating Fr Monse Karuvakunnel for preparing them and welcoming his successor – Fr Joseph Pulavelil he appreciated and encouraged the new associate missionaries for their brave step to be missionaries even in the midst of hardships.

2. New Director and Adie to the Old

Rev. Fr Monse Karuvakunnel, after having served Santhome Fellowship for four years was given a fitting farewell in an august gathering of all the Associate Missionaries who participated in the thanksgiving Qurbana on 6 August 2022 celebrated by Fr Monse. The farewell meeting



was inaugurated by Rev. Fr Peter Kavumpuram, the Councillor in-charge of Santhome Fellowship in the gracious presence of Rev. Fr Kureeckal Francis, the Vice Director General and Rev. Fr Justin Vettukallel, the Secretary General of the MST. The new director - Fr Joseph Pulavelil who took charge on 5 July 2022, thanked Fr Monse most sincerely for his long years of service to it.

3. Visit to Santhome Fellowship Units

Rev. Frs Monse and Joseph Pulavelil visited various Santhome Fellowship Units in Kerala and outside. Visits to Bhopal, Kolar and Indore parishes from 12-20 July were very enriching. Two new Santhome Fellowship units – St Alphonsa Church, Bhopal and St Sebastian's Church, Kolar – were formed during this visit. Various



groups of Santhome Fellowship Indore were also visited.

4. Regularized Santhome Fellowship Meetings

The monthly meetings were regularized in the Santhome Fellowship and Associate Missionaries. A particular day is fixed for each Unit to gather together to pray and to discuss the ways to help the missions. Associate Missionaries meet every second Saturday and plan out for the coming months and ways to mobilize the laity and to inculcate in them the missionary zeal.

5. Mission Appeal and Religious Articles

Mission appeal was made in two fliers through electronic media and during the Santhome Fellowship meetings to donate religious articles to the Mission Stations. Religious articles like Qurbana set (*Kaappa* set), Chalice and Paten, Tabernacle, etc. are needed in our mission stations and there are some benevolent hearts to sponsor them.

6. Collecting Clothes and Utensils

In this month of October in which falls the World Mission Sunday (October 23), we planned to make a 'drive' to collect good clothes and utensils for the mission areas. Many people have come out with plenty of good dresses and utensils. We will continue the 'drive' in the coming months and will make sure that these clothes and utensils reach the proper areas and needy people.



7. Associate Missionaries

There are 26 Associate Missionaries and they have off-line meetings every second Saturday with prayer meeting and planning. Monthly Recollection – Talk, Adoration, confession and Holy Qurbana – is conducted every alternative month. *Karuna Kontha* is recited on all Fridays at 9.00 pm.

8. Mission Visits

To increase the missionary spirit and zeal, Odisha mission visits were



conducted in June (01 – 13) and September (12 – 20) with some lay people who liked to visit our mission areas. All those who visited the Odisha Mission were impressed. They are convinced

that there is need for more support to the mission and missionaries. They promised that they will involve more vigorously for the cause of missions. They became the ‘Samaritan woman’ in their respective parishes to proclaim the good news by sharing their mission experiences.

9. ‘Preshitha Jwala’



In order to unite all the Santhome Fellowship units and their activities, an e-magazine was officially brought to light in August 2022. Mar Sebastian Vadakel, Bishop of Ujjain released the E - M a g a z i n e

“Preshitha Jwala,” handing a print copy of it to Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, Director General of MST. It comes to you on the first day of every month via WhatsApp.

10. Santhome Fellowship Mega Gathering

The first ever Mega gathering of the members of Santhome Fellowship is scheduled to take place on 27 November 2022. The chief guest of the day will be the Major Archbishop Mar George

Alencherry. We expect 700 – 1000 people for the function. The day will witness the conclusion of the celebrations of the 1950th year of the Martyrdom of St Thomas the Apostle. The heads of different sister churches who share the St Thomas tradition will be invited.

11. New Santhome Fellowship Units

New Santhome Fellowship Units are formed at different places like St Alphonsa Church, Bhopal, St Sebastian's Church, Kolar in Bhopal (Both Shamshabad Diocese), Sacred Heart Forance Church, Erumapetty (Thrissur), St Michael's Church, Edamattom (Pala) and St Mary's Forance Church, Athirampuzha.

12. Visit to Mount St Thomas Kakkanad

A group of 70 members of Santhome Fellowship and Associate



Missionaries visited Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad on 20 September 2022. We reached there at 9.00 a.m. and the Curia Bishop Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal celebrated the Holy Qurbana after the



breakfast and the Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry blessed us with his message and blessing. We left for Mattanchery Synagogue after the lunch.

13. Off-line and On-line Meetings

On-Line meetings are conducted in Bangalore Unit, Ernakulam Unit,

Vannappuram Unit and Dubai Unit. Off-Line meetings are conducted in Aruvithura Unit, Bharananganam Unit, Kanjirapally Unit and Thrissur Unit. Associate Missionaries have On-line prayer on every Friday.

14. Hindi Qurbana at Erumapetty Parish

The Parish priest of the Sacred Heart Forane Church, Erumapetty has requested us to celebrate Hindi Qurbana at 3.00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of every month for the faithful coming from other states to work in and around this area. This Qurbana will officially be inaugurated by Archbishop Mar Andrews Thazhath on 23 October.

Conclusion

As a whole the programmes for the Associate Missionaries and the Santhome Fellowship are moving in the right direction; and the prayer services and discussions in different units are growing every month. People are ready to gather under the banner of Santhome Fellowship after the faith tradition of St Thomas the Apostle. I request your continued support and prayers

(Reported by Rev. Fr Joseph Pulavelil, Director - Santhome Fellowship)

B. SANTHOME – IMPACT, Kochi

1. Dukrana of St Thomas

We celebrated ‘Dukrana’ in the evening solemnly with our parish



priest, parish trustees, Sisters of the Holy Cross and Mother Teresa convents and a few benefactors and well-wishers of Impact. We had a prayer

gathering in the chapel with our invitees. There were reflections on the feast of St Thomas and MST, intercessory prayers and the Novena of St Thomas. Thereafter we had a solemn supper with our invitees.

2. Participation in the *Sabhadinam*

We were invited to the *Sabhadinam* celebrations at Mount St Thomas. We concelebrated in the solemn Rasa Qurbana presided over by the Major Archbishop Cardinal George Alenchery, Curia Bishop and hundreds of priests, Sisters and lay people. We were so proud to see that our documentary film on St Thomas *Bharathathinte Sreeha* was projected during the public meeting there. We had lunch there and could exchange festal greetings with many dignitaries and friends.

3. Visits

Our Bishops Mar Sebastian Vadakel and Mar James Athikalam were with us for a supper at Impact during the Synod at Mount St Thomas. Many MST and other fathers visited us at different times.

4. Our Activities

Mission animation and communication activities are going on well. We share our mission concepts, purpose, nature and activities of MST to hundreds of people in our own parish here and in many other parishes when we are invited for Masses, confessions, sermons and classes.



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

C. THOMASINE RESEARCH CENTRE (TRC)

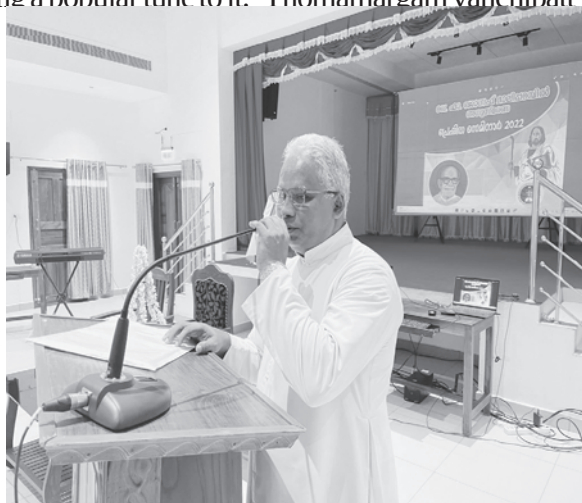
The Thomasine Research continues to organize various programs

for promoting Thomasine spirituality in the Church, especially in this year of St Thomas. Here are a few of the activities of TRC in the last few months.

1. Celebration of the Year of St Thomas

The year 2022 was declared as the Year of St Thomas by the MST and TRC was asked to spearhead the celebrations. TRC collaborated with Santhome Media in bringing out a documentary on St Thomas, both in English and Malayalam. Efforts were taken to promote the *Rambanpatt*, the traditional ballad of St Thomas Christians by giving a popular tune to it. ‘Thomamargam vanchinatt’

was composed to make the story of St Thomas and the early growth of the Church in Kerala come alive for the common people. Classes and workshops were held in various parishes and



diocesan centers of the Syro-Malabar Church. We rendered our help to Santhome Media in conducting a quiz program on St Thomas. Plans are being made to conduct *Santhome Mission Fest* in selected parishes of the Syro-Malabar Church. Santhome Media is taking the lead for this program. The program will be telecasted by Shalom TV.

2. Fr Maliparampil Memorial Mission Seminar

After an interval of two years due to covid, Late Rev. Fr Maliparampil Memorial Mission Seminar was conducted on 20 September 2022. The last two editions of the seminar were held online. The topic selected for this edition of the seminar was the

missionary life and spirituality of St Thomas. The seminar was inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General of MST. In his speech he paid rich tributes to Fr Joseph Maliparampil, the great missionary whom he knew very personally during his years of formation. Fr James Kurukilamkatt gave two lectures on the Missionary Life of St Thomas and the Thomasine Spirituality. Around a hundred people participated in the seminar. The whole program was organized under the guidance of Rev. Fr Francis Kureekal.

3. Distribution of Diplomas



The students of the second batch of the online course completed their course in September 2022. Out of the 27 students enrolled for the course, 22 became eligible for the diploma of the P a u r a s t h y a

Vidyapitam, Vadavathoor. They were awarded with the Diploma on 20 September 2022 by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General of MST. Congratulations to the successful students.

4. New Batch of the Online Course

Classes for the third batch commenced in September 2022. There are 24 students from various parts of the world enrolled for the course. This year we have two students from the USA. They show great enthusiasm to learn about the life and spirituality of St Thomas the Apostle.

We thank all our well-wishers and supporters for the great encouragement they render to our activities.

(Reported by Fr James Kurikilamkatt, Director, TRC)

D. SANTHOME BIBLE CENTRE, PARIYARAM

1. New Vocation Promoter

Rev. Fr Tony Ramachanattu has taken over as the new vocation promoter of the Northern zone when Fr Rony Alenchery left for Jammu Kashmir in the Delhi Region of the MST and Fr Manu Pottanany left for Santhome Seminary, Thamarassery. As soon as he reached here, he plunged into his difficult task of promoting vocations to the MST. Almost every day he is out looking for prospective candidates. Since he had his theological studies at Kunnoth in Malabar, he has many priests as friends in several of the parishes here. He is also in high demand for pastoral assistance in the nearby parishes.

2. New Book on St Thomas by Fr Sebastian Kizhakkeyil



A new book titled – *Saint Thomas: Apostle and Martyr of India* penned by Rev. Fr Sebastian Kizhakkeyil was released during the Extraordinary General Assembly on 7 October by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor – the Director General. The first copy of it was received by Rev. Fr Thomas Parayadyil – the former Director

General.

The book is prepared in the context of the 1950th anniversary of the martyrdom of the Apostle of India. It is a very useful book with information on all the twelve apostles, especially on St. Thomas.

3. Renovation of St Michael's Prayer Centre

This Prayer Centre was renovated recently by laying tiles on the floor of its various rooms and chapel. Now the floor looks elegant.

4. Kannada Class by Fr Zacharias Thadathil

A postgraduate in Kannada, Rev. Fr Zacharias enjoys teaching Kannada to the students of Jeevan Jyoti, Sreeranga Patana. After three weeks of classes there, he returned to Santhome, Pariyaram by the end of August and he may be here in the first two weeks of every month to receive people for prayer and healing unless he has special appointments somewhere.

5. Santhome Ayurvedic Centre

Rev. Fr Joy Kochupara makes periodic visits to the Santhome Ayurvedic Centre at Bhedshi in Maharashtra with Ayurvedic medicines from Kerala. He also directs his NGO, FTAKE to promote organic farming among the farmers of north Kerala.

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

E. AARAAM, DEEPTIMOUNT

1. Loss of two Senior Members of Aaraam

It was two of the saddest days of Aaraam's history in which we lost almost suddenly, two of our dearest Fathers - Fr John Kadookunnel on 20 August 2022 and Fr Thomas Aythamattam on 24 August 2022, and the funeral services were conducted on 22 August and on 26 August respectively. Both of them were suspected of Covid-19 and a dozen other members of the house also were tested positive on the same day and were admitted, treated in Medicity, Pala. On 8 September – the feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Virgin Mary, all

fathers and staff returned to Aaraam with normal health.

We all can be happy that today our departed elder priests are chilling with Jesus in heaven. together with their family and friends. We are going to miss all the fun and smiles we had with you dear fathers. Be sure that you will always be in our hearts and minds until we meet you in heaven. RIP

2. Appointment of a Full-time Nurse in Aaraam



Following the sad events in Aaraam during the month of August, we had requested the Director General and the Councillor-in charge of Aaraam, for the urgent need of having the service of a full-time nurse for the health needs of our elderly

priests. With the consent of the concerned authorities, we have appointed Mrs Linu Cherian, Maniyakkupara, who was serving as a staff nurse at Marigiri Hospital, Bharananganam. I am sure that she will be of great help to all the residents of *Aaraam*, to be fit and healthy both physically and mentally.

3. Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

A sung high Holy Qurbana was celebrated By Fr Francis Vattakunnel and gave us an inspiring homily on the heroic life Saint Francis of Assisi especially he pointed out his spirituality based on poverty, simplicity and renunciation. In the evening, we had very special dinner with our community, wishing Frs Vattakunnel



and Frs. Ezhanikattil. We wished both fathers every best wish and prayer.

4. Feast Day Celebrations of St Augustine

The feast of Saint Augustine was celebrated on 27 August 2022 with a special Holy Qurbana offered by Fr Joseph Kannathukuzhy who enlightened us with an inspiring homily and his holy life saint Augustine. We had special get together in the evening, honouring Fr Augustine Puthenpura.

(Reported by Fr Joseph Vadakechirayath, Director, Aaraam)

F. SANTHOME, MUNDUR, THRISSUR

CRI Meeting: I attended the CRI meeting conducted on the 8th of this month. Fr Paul - the Vicar General of the Diocese of Kothamangalam gave a class on St Thomas the Apostle's two mission journeys to India and on the Syro-Malabar Church. The class was appreciated by all the participants. Nearly about 200 sisters from different Congregations and a few priests formed the audience. Bishop Tony Neelankavil gave the final blessing to the participants. It was an opportunity to get acquainted with so many religious personnel and a chance to make the presence of the MST in the Archdiocese of Thrissur.

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



VIII. Departed for Eternal Reward

A. Necrology: Family Members & Collaborators

As informed by the members (20 June -15 October 2021)

Mrs Thresiamma, Mother of Fr Kannamundayil

Mr Kuriachan Palakkathadathil, Father of Fr Palakkathadathil

Mrs Mariakkutty, Mother of Fr Thekkekarott

Mrs Annakkutty, Mother of Fr Thalanany

Mr Varkey Nayathuparambil, Father of Fr Nayathuparambil

Mrs Chinnamma Thottakkara, Sister of Fr J. Vettukallel

Ms Annamma Kollithadam, Sister of Fr Kollithadam

Mr Jose Thuppalanjiyil, Brother of Fr Thuppalanjiyil

Mrs Mariyama Puthettu, Grandmother of Fr Karakkattu

Mr Thomas Thulisseril, Uncle of Fr Koothottil

Mr Thomas Aranjanal, Uncle of Fr Aranjanal

Mr Baby Chirayath, Uncle of Fr Anish Chirayath

Mr Joseph Emprayil, Uncle of Fr Thottappallil

Mrs Katrina Madhavappallil, Aunt of Fr Madhavapllil

Mrs Annakutty Thengumkudiyil, Aunt of Fr Thengumkudiyil

Rev. Sr Anne SCJM, Aunt of Fr Biji Kudukkamthadam

Mr Joseph Aranjanal, Uncle of Fr Aranjanal

Rev. Sr Emmanuel FCC, Aunt of Fr Unnieppillil

Mrs Rosamma Mlavil, Aunt of Fr Mlavil

Mr Devasia Kavumpurath, Brother-in-law of Fr Oppenmakkal

Mr Sebastian Kachiramattathil, Brother-in-law of Fr Manthara,

Mrs Rosamma Kumblamthanath, Sister-in-law of Fr Kumblamthanath

Mrs Annamma Arangassery, Sister-in-law of Fr Arangassery

Mr Mathew Ezhanikatt, Nephew of Fr Ezhanikatt

Mr Pappachan, Cousin of Fr Kulathumkal

Rev. Sr Annie Nelliekunnel, Cousin of Fr Sebastian Pullatt

Mr Thomas Valiamangalam, Cousin of Frs Kurian, Jose and Joy Valiamangalam

Mr. V. K. John Kaithottumkal, Cousin of Frs Antony and Mathew Kaithottumkal

Mr A. O. Xavier, Nephew of Fr Arangassery

Mr Pappachan Mandapathikunnel, Cousin of Fr Mandapathikunnel

Rev. Sr Theophila Erathumuttathukunnel SH, Christu Jyoti Province, Ujjain



B. In Memoriam: Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel MST(1927-2022)

By: Rev. Fr Joseph Kulathumkal



Fr.Kadookunnel John

It is a privilege for me to pen down a few lines in honour of Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel, one of the pioneer members of the MST and a genuine priest of the Catholic Church. He was popularly known as Johnachan among his friends and associates. Johnachan lived his life in its fullness (Jn 10/10) for 96 long years on earth. He lived a healthy, happy and meaningful life. Praise and thanks to the Lord

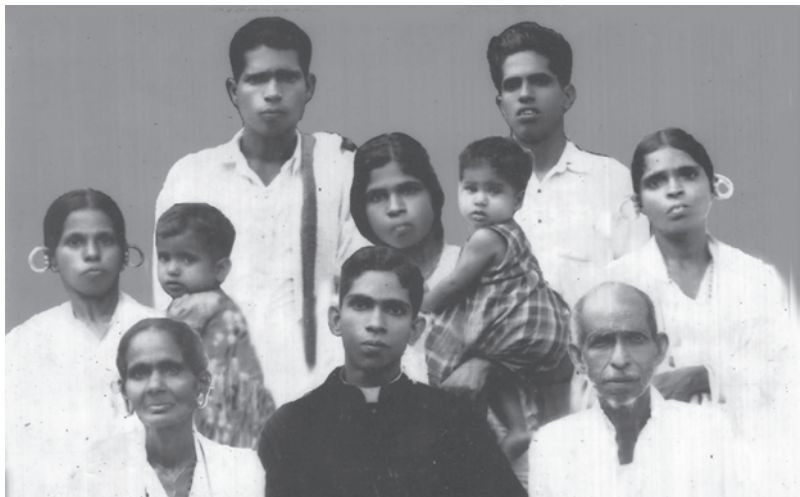
of life.

I had the opportunity to work with Fr Kadookunnel when he was the Treasurer General of the MST from 1978-1983. I was then the manager of Deepti Rubber Estate at Korenchira (Vadakkenchery), Palakkad. In those days Johnachan used to visit the estate and stay with me. He was interested in every minute matter of the plantation and gave me guidance with a fraternal



love and concern. Later, when Johnachan was the Regional Director of St Thomas Region, Mandya from 1988-93, I was the Director of Social Work of the Region. We lived together at Santhome Regional House of Mandya Mission. We had a very cordial relationship. He was a zealous and enthusiastic missionary, easily approachable and available. He esteemed his priesthood very much and lived a life of great simplicity.

Johnachan was born on 5 January 1927 in a noble family of



Kadookunnel, at Mutholy in the Eparchy of Pala. His parents were Ouseph and Mariam. He had three siblings, one brother and two sisters. Johnachan's official name was K. J. John and he was called Kunjilo. He completed his schooling at St Thomas High School, Pala in 1946. Then he joined the minor seminary at Changanassery in 1946. He continued his priestly studies at St Joseph's Pontifical Seminary Alwaye from 1948. On 8 December he received diaconate at Alwaye from His Eminence Eugene Cardinal Tisserant. Mar Sebastian Vayalil the first Bishop of Pala and founder of MST ordained him on 15 March 1955 at Alwaye. The first Holy Qurabana was celebrated at Cherpunkal along with Rev. Frs Sebastian Thuruthel and James Chavelil, his colleagues from the same parish. It was on 16 July 1968 that he made his perpetual promise of incorporation



into the MST, along with other first members of the Society. As a member of the MST Johnachan was ascribed to St Thomas Region Mandya. He

served MST and its missions earnestly.

From 1955 to 1974 he served the diocese of Pala in many parishes. Being one of the pioneer members of the MST, he served the Society



in different capacities. From 1968 to 1974 Johnachan was part of Central Administration as its Third Councillor of the first General Council. From 1974 to 1978 he served at St Klara Kaldenhausen, Germany. From 1978 to 1983 he was the Treasurer General of MST and the Professor at Deepti College, the Minor Seminary of the Society. Once again, he went

to Germany as a hospital chaplain at Telgte in Muenster Germany. In 1986, Johnachan joined Mandya mission. In Mandya he was instrumental in the construction of Jeevan Jyothi - the, MST's Mission Orientation Centre at Srirangapatna. Johnachan served as Regional Director from 1988 to 1993. As a team leader, he organized missionaries of Mandya and fruitfully engaged in the evangelization activities. As a missionary, he was spirit filled and enthusiastic. His openness to the experiments of evangelization methods were exemplary and highly appreciated. He imbibed the approach of the non-institutional and nonformal experiments of missionary work at Mandya mission. The participatory education and evangelization method of mission was highly appreciated by everyone in Mandya Region.



In 1993 Johnachan left Mandya mission towards Kerala for good. He was elected as Vice Director and first Councillor of MST and served as a Professor of Deepti College. After completing his tenure in the administrative team of the MST, he continued teaching in the minor seminary. In 2004 he retired and joined Aaram at Deepti Mount Melampara.



Johnachan was a man of compassion and love. He had great concern for the weak and marginalized in the community. In Mandya mission he was part and parcel of every activity of the Region. He knew each and every member of the community animators and encouraged them from the bottom of his heart. He had great esteem and respect for the women religious

missionaries who collaborated with the MSTs. He always welcomed and encouraged them. He loved their presence and service.

Johnachan lived a tension free life. He loved missions and contributed generously for the development of the mission, by sharing his resources. He fostered and encouraged missionaries with utmost love and care. He was very curious to know about the growth of every centre and programmes. He used to visit Mandya and other missions of the MST. His option for the poor and the marginalized was according to the Gospel values. He believed in empowering the weaker sections by educating them.



His preaching and conversations were attractive, appealing and humorous. He was genuinely humane. He loved celebrations of all kinds. He celebrated his life and finally his death. He left an indelible imprint on the map of MST and its missions. He peacefully and silently passed away on 20 August 2022.

We Miss you Johnachan.

B. A Tribute to His Memory: Rev. Fr Thomas Ayathamattam (1929-2022)

By: Rev. Fr Jose Kondoor

When I met Rev. Fr Thomas Ayathamattam last during the days of our Extra-ordinary General Assembly at Deepti Bhavan, I knew he had not been too well of late, but not that unwell, so that when the news of his death came it was almost unbelievable. Faced with his sudden death on 22 August 2022, in Christian faith we bow to God's holy will and in Christian hope we pray for God's mercy on his soul.



Fr Thomas Ayathamattam was born in 1929 in the traditional and noble Ayathamattam family at St. Michael's parish, Edamattam in the Eparchy of Palai. Mr Thomas (+1955) and Ann (+1986) were his parents and Mr A.T. Mathew (+2018), Mrs. Aleykutty Mathew Elavumkal (+2012 and Sr Ignas (Prabhudasi Sisters, Ajmer, + 28 March 2022) were his siblings. After passing High School at St. Mary's High School Bharananganam in 1946, he joined the minor seminary of the Eparchy of Changanacherry and studied philosophy and theology at St. Joseph's Seminary, Alwaye. He was ordained a priest on 15 March 1955 by Mar Sebastian Vayalil at Aluva. He started his priestly life as the Assistant Vicar at Arakulam parish



followed by Lalam-Palai, Cherpunkal and Kaduthuruty. Then he was the Vicar of Chettuthode and Mallikassery for five and four years respectively. He did his further studies in Rome (1966-1972)

and obtained a doctorate in Missiology from Pontifical Urban University, Rome in 1972. When the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle was formally founded in 1968 Fr Thomas was in Rome doing his studies and so he took the perpetual promise of incorporation into the MST only in 1972, on his return from Rome. Later he was elected as its 2nd General Councilor (1973-1978) and in 1983 as the Vice Director General and the First Councilor. He



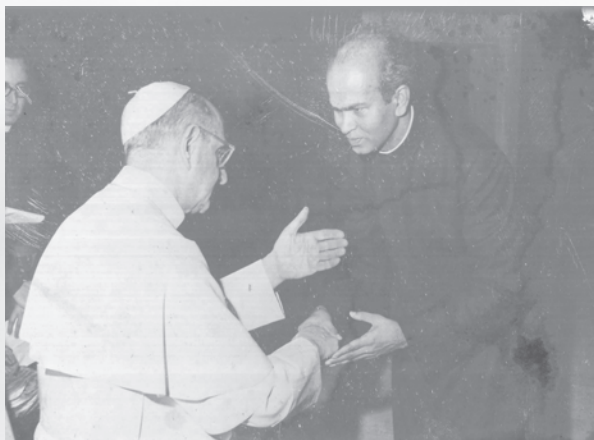
was also a member of the Tantar Institute of Biblical Study and Research in Jerusalem and spent there a few months in 1994. As he belonged to the St. Paul Region of MST, the major

part of his life as priest was spent as a pioneer missionary in the Eparchy of Ujjain, the first mission area entrusted to the MST. Fr Thomas was one of the founding fathers and senior members of the MST assigned to St. Paul's Region, Ujjain. He served the Ujjain mission in various capacities mainly as the formator of the missionaries and future missionaries (seminarians, director of various formation centres including one of the MP Bishops Conference (Khrist Premalaya, Ashta) as well as of the MST. Besides he was the Vicar General of the Eparchy of Ujjain for two long terms till he retired and shifted to *Aaram* in Kerala.

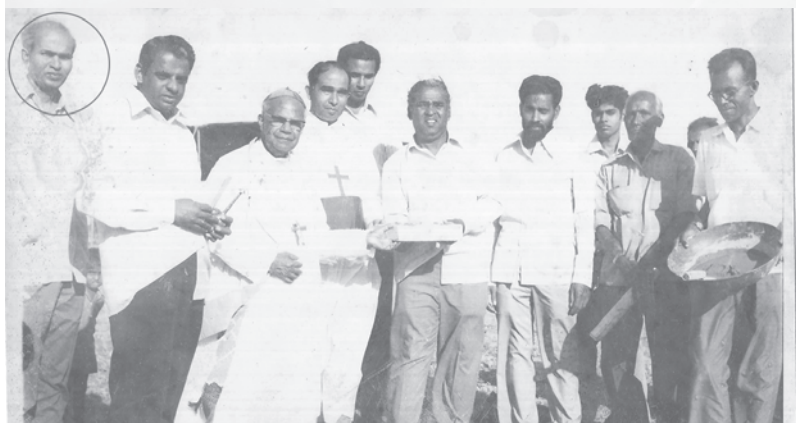
I have always so many sweet reminiscences of Fr Thomas Ayathamattam whom we used to lovingly address him 'Thomachan.' I always felt that he was a very successful priest, before God and humanity. He lived his priesthood intensely. My first chance to meet him was when I was a minor seminary student at Deepti College, as and when he joined Deepti College staff soon after his return from Rome. I still have the warmest possible memories of curiously looking at him with great admiration as he was so handsome, ever-smiling

and gentle young priest. He lived like a sportsman (in fact he was good badminton player too), simple, unassuming, frank, tolerant, sympathetic and above all very understanding, helpful and courteous. He was our professor to prepare us for our pre-degree course done

privately. Later I got the opportunity to be associated with him very closely in the early 1980s during my first years of priestly-missionary life in Ujjain when I joined the



Bishop's House as the Chancellor and Secretary. Then Fr Thomas was serving as the Vicar General of the Eparchy. Such an association made my experience as a wonderful human being with a golden heart. Besides, from the beginning I was impressed with his deep spiritual outlook - well-disciplined life and great concern for the mission. His prayerfulness was the foundation of his fervent and exemplary life. The memory of Thomachan is of a man outstanding by the integrity of his exemplary character. When I remember Fr



Thomas, I can't but recall to mind his long missionary apostolate, I am reminded of passage 1 Timothy 6: 11-12 *"But you, man of God, avoid all this. Instead, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Complete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses."* In fact, Fr Thomas focused on these values and upheld them always with great determination, perseverance and patience throughout his



missionary journey. I can say with conviction that it was his exemplary life and high ideals about priestly and missionary life influenced me most for my priestly life in Ujjain. His gentle and soft nature was always a matter of great edification for me. He never ever showed any superiority of experience and education when I approached him for guidance when I was in office. On the other hand, his comments and corrections

were coated with great concern. He was loving and kind tenderhearted to understand the youngsters and considerate, supportive and encouraging. I used to get very valuable tips for life from him as a companion in a very gentle way. He often corrected with a smiling pointed look. Even when we were found mischievous and rebellious, he was there to point out the right perspectives and guide us with great understanding. Personal interactions and talks with him were really enriching. He was able to give sound solutions or consolations in the light of the Gospel to anyone who approached him.

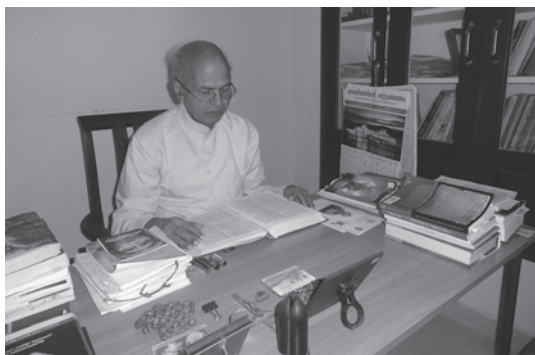
Rev. Fr Thomas Ayathamattam has played a landmark role in the growth of the Eparchy of Ujjain with his collaboration as V.G. The initial years of this mission were really a challenging phase of the

mission. The pioneers had to take up the challenges and answer the



cry from the people at large for help - be it in spirituality, education, healthcare, urban or rural welfare. The personality of Fr Thomas as a wise and prayerful missionary, helped and contributed a lot to overcome many a hurdle in the new mission under the leadership of Mar John Perumattam who had only a handful of missionary personnel in the beginning. Fr Thomas as his VG encouraged and supported every initiative among his colleagues if found good for the mission and of the

Church. Fr Thomas had always a mindset of a visionary with farsightedness for the growth of the mission. In this connection, it is worth recalling the opening of the first missionary orientation centre - Vikas Maitri (MOC) for the sisters who were fresh in the mission. In 1970s when Fr Thomas took charge as the first Director of Vikas Maitri, the local people, who have never seen Rev. Sisters before were having a lot of misunderstanding and suspicion about a new community in their village staying with a young man in the 'royal palace' at Kotra. However, when the people slowly and gradually came into contact with the said man namely Fr Thomas, they realized that he was none other than a very spiritual personality, a man of God and a man of prayer. All their misconception vanished and accepted the new Christian community at Kotra with great love and appreciation. That transformation of the local people after their interaction with the newly arrived missionary team under the leadership of Fr Thomas founded the future great missionary and formation venture at Kotra.



Over and above Fr Thomas was a man who gloried his loyalty to the Church and to his Superiors. He seems to have strongly believed and advocated that the strength and grace

for the priestly ministry came from perfect obedience to the just orders and directions of the superiors. I could observe that Mar John Perumattam had great confidence in his VG as he was able to find proper solutions for any issue and concern of the diocese. His solutions to the problem would be in an intelligent and well-disposed manner. For he was endowed with a keen intellect that was sharpened by wide reading. In short in everything Fr Thomas said and did, it was characterized by order, clarity and precision. However in a world of pompous externalities Fr Thomas was always cool and down to earth and lived his priestly and missionary values in the given situation. It was also a good example for the youngsters like me in our younger age in the mission.

Fr Thomas was a great formator of the missionaries in a new mission and in MST. It is true that he had all the good qualities required of a perfect formator. He was always amiable and affable in behavior towards all who approached him. He was always calm, poised, earnest and reserved. He was self-possessed and undertook things



in an orderly fashion and was infinitely more concerned about doing well than about doing much. He had the special charism of availability and patient listening with a smiling face. He never showed any partiality but had great consideration for all though he never appeared to be very vocal and showy in public. Everyone felt at home and comfortable with him. Many a time I could see, those who approached him with grieved hearts or painful complaints returning with consoled heart. Above all, he was indeed a man of God and prayer. He was found carrying the unction and recollection of prayer into his active work. By his special devotion to Holy Eucharist, his long hours before the tabernacle he showed the source of his zeal and inspiration in the mission. His unreserved and unassuming behavior endeared him to all. He was always punctual and orderly even in small things.



There is no doubt, as a priest, as a missionary and as a formator Thomachan was an embodiment of holiness, gentleness and meekness. He had no accusations, no complaints or no sense of loss, but was contented and appreciative of what was happening in the mission. Definitely, his specialization in missiology and his long first-hand experience of the mission in the field were real assets to the gradual historical development of the missionary path of the MST. Thomachan lived a simple, silent and prayerful life throughout his priestly and missionary life contributing enormously for the growth of the missions. When I met Thomachan last I found him very relaxed and totally surrendered to the designs of God, a type of holy indifference and always immersed in prayer and daily trifles. I am sure that he will intervene and intercede for us to complete our race in this life to receive the crown of glory with him.

IX. APPENDICES

A. Report of the Extraordinary General Assembly 2022

The Extraordinary General Assembly 2022 (EGA 2022), convoked to revise the Constitutions and Directives of the MST, commenced at Deepti Bhavan on 1 May 2022. There were 52 members in the EGA 2022 including 39 elected delegates, 11 ex-officio members and two nominated members. The consecration of the newly constructed Chapel at the Central House was a graceful event marking the beginning of the EGA 2022. His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel consecrated the Chapel in the presence of His Excellency Mar James Athikalam, Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the Director General of the MST, the members of the Extraordinary General Assembly and the invited guests.

Rev. Dr James Pampara CMI, a Canon Law expert, gave orientation talks for the fathers of the Assembly. He pointed out the essential aspects to be considered in the revision of any Constitution such as its spiritual orientation, clarity and obligatory nature. He suggested that the Constitution should be the same Gospel message for members in the language of the charism and spirituality of the founder. The discussion on the Agenda of the EGA 2022 started with a welcome address by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor, the President of the EGA 2022. The Assembly elected office bearers such as Secretaries, Liturgical Celebrations In-charge, Moderators, Drafting Committee, Scrutineers, Technical Assistants and a Time Keeper for its smooth functioning. A timetable was chalked out with four sessions of one and half hours each daily.

The deliberations and discussions of EGA 2022 spanned over a period of 38 days. There were 121 sessions in two phases presided over by Very Rev. Fr Antony Perumanoor. The EGA 2022 passed two resolutions with two thirds majority to approve the Constitutions and Directives by digital voting using the Google Forms and to audio

record its proceedings for the purpose of writing the minutes. The first phase of EGA 2022 was comprised of 58 sessions that discussed the newly formulated Preamble, the first chapter and part of the fifth chapter in the draft. The discussions and deliberations in the first phase centred on the nature and *ad gentes* purpose as well as the structure and government of the MST. The new missionary challenges in the context of the all-India jurisdiction given to the Syro-Malabar Church and the need for a renewed missionary commitment from the part of the MST were reflected in the discussions and the subsequent revisions and formulations of the Constitutions and Directives. Taking into confidence the suggestions of the members of the MST, serious deliberations and discussions took place on the structure and government of the MST, and major changes were introduced in the mode of the election of the Director General. There were 134 votings in the first phase of the EGA 2022 passing unanimously or with two thirds majority the Constitutions and Directives discussed in its various sessions. The first phase of the EGA 2022 concluded on 18 May 2022.

The visit of His Beatitude Major Archbishop Mar George Cardinal Alencherry on 18 May 2022 was a highlight of the first phase of the EGA 2022. He addressed the members of the EGA 2022 and exhorted them to be docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit while fulfilling the mandate of revising the Constitutions and Directives of the MST. The members of the EGA 2022 took time off to go on pilgrimages to the tombs of St. Alphonsa and Blessed Kunjachan, and celebrated Holy Qurbana there.

The second phase of the EGA 2022 commenced on 25 September 2022. It started with a Spiritual Talk given by Rev. Fr Joseph Vedikunnel. This phase had 63 sessions. The remaining chapters in the draft were discussed and revised. Major decisions were taken to form Regional Assemblies to elect the Regional Directors and their Councils. The administrative units like the Delegations and Coordinations were given greater importance and clarity. New decisions were taken to start Priest's Welfare and Pension Fund,

and Health Insurance Funds at the Central and Regional levels. Greater clarity was brought in on different stages of the Seminary formation, highlighting the importance of mission exposure programmes and practical training. Apart from revising the existing Constitutions and Directives (C&D), a provision for General Secretariat, and a new chapter on the Missionary Associates were added to the newly revised text. A new section on the Evolution of the Constitutions and Directives of the MST was formulated and added to the text of the C&D. Towards the end of the second phase of EGA 2022, the members of the Assembly visited the tomb of St Devasahayam and celebrated Holy Qurbana there.

With regard to keeping the minutes and writing down the approved final draft of the Constitutions and Directives, a resolution was passed to keep the print outs of the same signed, laminated and bound as books in two separate volumes in the archives of the MST. There were 308 votings in the second phase of the EGA 2022 to pass the resolution as well as the Constitutions and Directives. There were altogether 442 votings in the EGA 2022 to pass the four resolutions, and 221 Constitutions and Directives in nine chapters in the new text of the revised C&D and the vast majority of them were passed unanimously and the rest with two thirds majority which reflected the convergence of ideas and concepts of the Assembly members and their commitment to the noble cause of the revision of the Constitutions and Directives entrusted to them. The EGA 2022 was declared successfully concluded on Friday, 14 October 2022.

Sd/-

Fr Antony Perumanoor
President, EGA 2022

Sd/-

Fr George Mampillil
Secretary, EGA 2022

Sd/-

Fr Sebastian Karamullil
Secretary, EGA 2022

Melampara

15 October 2022

B. NEW MISSIONARY ASSOCIATES

1. Ayalloor, Tom Thomas

(Mukkottuthara/Kanjirapally)

SBI Junction, Venkurinji – 685 610

Pathanamthitta



2. Chakkalackal, Tomy Sebastian

(Athirampuzha/Changanacherry)

Sreekandamangalam – 686 562

Kottayam



3. Chirayath, Mathew C.S.

(Aruvithura/Pala), Kondoor

Aruvithura – 686 122

Kottayam



4. Eleyidath, Latha [Mariyam]

(Kaniyaram/Mananthavady)

Thalapuzha – 670 644, Wayanad



5. Kodikulam, Sr Jyothi [Judith]

SABS (Kadayanickadu/Changanacherry)

Edayirickappuzha – 686 541

Kottayam



6. Kurisingal, Baby Devassy [Anna]

(Karanakodam/Ernakulam)

Ruby Lane, Thammanam – 682 032

Ernakulam



7. Kuzhippallil, Sebastian

(Carmelaram/Mandya)

Mist Valley, Villa No.2

Carmelaram – 560 035, Bengaluru



8. Mailady, Leelamma Joseph [Mary]

(Kaveekunnu/Pala)

Kizhathadiyoor- 686 574

Kottayam



9. Muttathukunnel, Lucy Thomas

[Brigit] (Ponkunnam/Kanjirapally)

Nariyanani – 686 506, Kottayam



10. Varappadavil, Baby Joseph

[Ulahannan]

(Athirampuzha/Changanacherry)

Sreekandamangalam – 686 562

Kottayam



11. Vengathadam, Jose [Sebastian]

(Bylekere/Mandya)

Besrauma, 3rd Cross

Karunya Enclave, Voderhalli

Bengaluru – 560 097





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Newly Promised Associate Missionaries (3 July 2022)

Chengena Mission, Songea, Tanzania

"I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and poor, rather than a Church which is clinging to its own security."

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 49.

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