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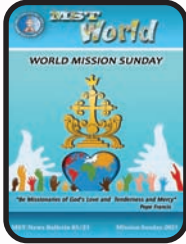


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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL



Your Excellencies, Rev. Fathers and dear brothers in Christ Jesus,
Greetings from Deepti Generalate!

We are on the threshold of *World Mission Sunday* and Pope Francis in his Mission Sunday Message speaks of “***Hearts on fire, feet on the move***” as the theme of the Mission Sunday referring to the experience of the two disciples going to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). Pope Francis says that in the Gospel account, we perceive a change in the disciples through a few revealing images: *their hearts burned within them* as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, *their eyes were opened* as they recognized him at the breaking of the bread and finally *their feet set out* on the way. Meditating on these imageries, the Pope finds parallels in the journey of all the missionaries and exhorts them to renew their zeal for evangelization of the world of today.

“their hearts burned within them”

The hearts of the two disciples were downcast, as evident from their dejected faces due to the death of Jesus, in whom they had believed (v. 17). Faced with the failure of the crucified Master, their hopes were shattered (v. 21). But the Lord comes to their aid, for in *missionary activity, the word of God illumines and transforms our hearts*. As Pope says, “in his great mercy, he never tires of being with us, despite all our failings, doubts, weaknesses, and the dismay and pessimism that make us become ‘foolish and slow of heart’ (v. 25), men and women of little faith. The Risen Lord remains close to his missionaries and walks beside them, particularly when they feel disoriented, discouraged, and fearful of the mystery of

iniquity that surrounds them and seeks to overwhelm them. Hence the exhortation is: “let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of hope!” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 86).

We need to trust and believe that the Lord is greater than all our problems, and accept in all humility our helplessness that without Him nothing is achieved. For in the end, this mission is his and we are nothing more than his humble co-workers, “useless servants” (cf. *Lk* 17:10). When we encounter problems and challenges, in our mission *ad gentes* of proclaiming the Gospel to the world, we need to keep our hearts and minds close to His and allow ourselves to be transformed by the Word and the Eucharist. Our Constitution tells us clearly: “Even in the challenging contexts of the mission, the MST lives the missionary spirit of St Thomas, who was ever ready to die with the Lord, sought the lord in the wounds of the people and was always on the move under the guidance of the Holy Spirit for establishing Christian communities” (C&D C2.2). The Pope exhorts: “let us always be willing to let ourselves be accompanied by the Risen Lord as he explains to us the meaning of the Scriptures. May he make our hearts burn within us; may he enlighten and transform us, so that we can proclaim his mystery of salvation to the world with the power and wisdom that come from his Spirit” (Pope Francis, Mission Sunday message 2023, 1).

“their eyes were opened as they recognized him at the breaking of the bread”

The eyes of the disciples were opened and they recognized him when Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them. The risen Christ, then, is both the one who breaks the bread and the bread itself, broken for us. It follows that every missionary disciple is called to become the bread broken like Jesus and in him, through the working of the Holy Spirit, one who breaks the bread for the redemption of the world.

A missionary disciple or a missionary priest recognises the Risen Lord at the breaking of the bread, that is, it is when a missionary priest celebrates liturgy, particularly the Holy Eucharist, that he

recognizes the Risen Lord. It may be observed that at the very moment they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, “he vanished from their sight” (*Lk* 24:31). That is, Christ, who breaks the bread, now becomes the bread broken. He is shared with the disciples and consumed by them. He is seen no longer, for now on he is to be seen in the BREAD BROKEN. He is experienced and accompanied by the Eucharistic bread broken for them.

An essential reality of our faith is that Christ, who breaks the bread, now becomes the bread broken, shared with the disciples and consumed by them. He is seen no longer, for now he has entered the hearts of the disciples, to make them burn all the more, and this prompts them to set out immediately to share with everyone their unique experience of meeting the Risen Lord. (cf. Pope Francis, Mission Sunday message 2023, 2).

“their feet set out on the way”

The disciples “set out without delay and returned to Jerusalem” (cf. *Lk* 24:33) after their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus “in the breaking of the bread”. Pope Francis says that this setting out in haste, to share with others the joy of meeting the Lord, demonstrates that “the joy of the Gospel fills the heart and the whole life of those who meet Jesus. Those who allow themselves to be saved by him are freed from sin, from sadness, from inner emptiness, from isolation. With Jesus Christ, joy is always born and reborn” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 1).

Jesus in the Eucharist is the source and summit of the mission (SC 10). Pope Francis cites his predecessor Pope Benedict who says: “We cannot keep to ourselves the love we celebrate in the Sacrament [of the Eucharist]. By its very nature, it asks to be communicated to everyone. What the world needs is the love of God, to encounter Christ and believe in him. For this reason the Eucharist is not only the source and summit of the life of the Church; it is also the source and summit of her mission: ‘An authentically Eucharistic Church is a missionary Church’” (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 84).

Therefore, as missionaries, we the members of the MST are duty

bound to project the Church as a Eucharistic community entrusted with the mandate to share the Eucharistic experience with the people and peoples around us.

Consecration is for Mission

Every consecration is for Mission. A missionary priest finding satisfaction, remaining within self-made enclosures and safe zones or self-chosen places demanding all the modern facilities, without any urge for sharing the love of Christ with others, is a contradiction and a disgrace for the missionary priesthood and the Church which is missionary by nature.

The first missionary duty of consecrated persons is to themselves, and they fulfill it by opening their hearts to the promptings of the Spirit of Christ. Their witness helps the whole Church to remember that the most important thing is to serve God freely, through Christ's grace which is communicated to believers through the gift of the Spirit. Thus they proclaim to the world the peace which comes from the Father, the dedication witnessed to by the Son, and the joy which is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Consecrated persons will be missionaries above all by continually deepening their awareness of having been called and chosen by God, to whom they must therefore direct and offer everything that they are and have, freeing themselves from the obstacles which could hinder the totality of their response. In this way they will become true signs of Christ in the world. Their lifestyle too must clearly show the ideal which they profess, and thus present itself as a living sign of God and as an eloquent, albeit often silent, proclamation of the Gospel (Pope John Paul II, Vita Consecrata, no. 24)

A missionary priest cannot say that he has truly encountered the risen Jesus if he is not prepared to set on fire with enthusiasm to tell everyone about him. The disciples who have experienced the intimacy with the Master, surrounded for a moment by the splendour of the

Trinitarian life and of the communion of saints, and as it were caught up in the horizon of eternity, are immediately brought back to daily reality, where they see “Jesus only”, in the lowliness of his human nature, and are invited to return to the valley, to share with him the toil of God’s plan and to set off courageously on the way of the Cross (Vita Consecrata 14). Therefore, the primary and principal resource of the mission is that missionaries, who have come to know the risen Christ in the Scriptures and in the Eucharist, carry his fire in their heart and his light in their gaze. Only they bear witness to the life that never dies, even in the most difficult of situations and in the darkest of moments. (cf. Pope Francis Mission Sunday message 2023, 3).

As far as MST priests are concerned, the Preamble to the *Constitutions and Directives* clearly states that the members of the MST draw inspiration from their heavenly patron St Thomas the Apostle (p.1). Let us renew our missionary commitment to the Peoples and Nations, remaining faithful to the ecclesial heritage (C&D, C5.1) and rededicate ourselves to the Mission of Christ continued in and through the Church and the MST, the missionary Institute of the Church. Let us reflect upon the deeper meaning of our missionary vocation and become aware of the demands arising from our promise of incorporation in the Society imbibing the letter and spirit of our revised Constitutions and Directives.

In this month of October, dedicated to Rosary devotion to Mary, let us pray for and reflect upon the mission of the Church all over the world. May the Risen Lord and Mary our heavenly Mother help us share the joy of resurrection with everyone coming in contact with us. The *World Mission Sunday* celebrated on the 22nd of October is an occasion to review our missionary vocation, renew our missionary commitment and train ours to live imitating Christ, the true missionary.

With the greetings of the World Mission Sunday

Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura

Reflections on Laudate Deum

Lonappan Arangassery

The **Mission Sunday** issue of the **MST World** invites our attention to the most recent Apostolic Exhortation, ***Laudate Deum (LD)*** on the **climate crisis** and the World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis issued the 7000 word Apostolic Exhortation, ***Laudate Deum*** on the 4th of October, 2023, as a follow-up to *Laudato Si* (2015), the historic encyclical of Pope Francis, in which he called on the whole world and the entire humanity to take concrete steps to care for “our common home.”

The Pope’s plea in ***Laudate Deum*** to urgently address global warming and climate change is being hailed by the world as a timely invitation to action. The pope expressing the feeling of inadequacy with the responses to *Laudato Si* of 2015 says that “with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point (LD 2). It seems that the Pope is heartbroken for he feels that we need to do more and that there is no excuse for inaction.

Pope Francis explains that he was compelled to publish an update to the earlier text because the worldwide environmental crisis continues to deepen and a much more robust effort by all of us is required to address this global catastrophe. He further says: “I feel obliged to make these clarifications, which may appear obvious, because of certain dismissive and scarcely reasonable opinions that I encounter, even within the Catholic Church. Yet we can no longer doubt that the reason for the unusual rapidity of these dangerous changes is a fact that cannot be concealed: the enormous novelties that have to do with unchecked human intervention on nature in the past two centuries.” (LD14).

Laudate Deum was prompted by extreme weather events which the Pope called the earth’s ‘cries of protest. Pope Francis appeals

to climate change deniers and foot-dragging politicians to have a change of heart, saying that they cannot conceal, disguise or gloss over its human causes or deride scientific facts while the planet “may be nearing the breaking point. The Pope warns against putting too much trust in technology to capture gas emissions, saying that while it was promising, it did not tackle the human causes at the root of global warming.

Reiterating the concerns of the Bishops of the USA, the Pope says: “Our care for one another and our care for the earth are intimately bound together. Climate change is one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community. The effects of climate change are borne by the most vulnerable people, whether at home or around the world” (LD 3)¹ Citing the statement of the *Special Assembly for the Pan-Amazonian Region*, the Pope says: “Attacks on nature have consequences for people’s lives”²

Highlighting the **global climate crisis** the Pope says: “Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the *signs of climate change* are here and increasingly evident. No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of the earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone” (LD 5). Pope warns against the tendencies and attempts to resist, ignore, confuse and dilute the seriousness of the extreme weather phenomena (cf. LD 6-10).

It has been observed that the human (anthropic) origin of climate change due to the “concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, which causes global warming, was stable until the nineteenth century. But in the middle of that century, in conjunction with industrial development, emissions began to increase (cf. LD 11). And it has been confirmed that in the last fifty years, the temperature has risen at an unprecedented speed, greater than any time over the past two thousand years (cf. LD12).

It is not possible to conceal the correlation of these global climate

phenomena and the accelerated increase in greenhouse gas emissions, particularly since the mid-twentieth century. The overwhelming majority of scientists specializing in the climate support this correlation, and only a very small percentage of them seek to deny the evidence. Regrettably, the climate crisis is not exactly a matter that interests the great economic powers, whose concern is with the greatest profit possible at minimal cost and in the shortest amount of time (LD 13).

Commenting on the damages and risks of the **climate crisis**, it is concluded that some effects of the *climate crisis* are already irreversible, at least for several hundred years, such as the increase in the global temperature of the oceans, their acidification and the decrease of oxygen (LD 15). Similarly, ‘the melting of the poles will not be able to be reversed for hundreds of years’ (cf. LD 16). Therefore, according to Pope Francis, “a broader perspective is urgently needed, one that can enable us to esteem the marvels of progress, but also to pay serious attention to other effects that were probably unimaginable a century ago. What is being asked of us is nothing other than a certain responsibility for the legacy we will leave behind, once we pass from this world” (LD 18). The Covid-19, Pandemic has taught us a very good lesson that “Everything is connected” and that “No one is saved alone” (LD 19).

It is high time that we rethink our use of power. The Pope clearly says, “Not every increase in power represents progress for humanity” (LD 24). We need lucidity and honesty in order to recognize in time that our power and the progress we are producing are turning against us.³ Article 29 of LD, speaks of the ethical decadence of real power disguised thanks to marketing and false information, useful tools in the hands of those with greater resources to employ them to shape public opinion. “Astounded and excited by the promises of any number of false prophets, the poor themselves at times fall prey to the illusion of a world that is not being built for them” (LD 31).

It is regrettable that global crises are being squandered when they could be the occasions to bring about beneficial changes.⁴ With the

global average temperature rapidly rising to greenhouse gas emissions, extreme weather and dramatic climate shifts have impacted millions, particularly the impoverished; the pope laments the international inertia in reining in emissions. According to Pope Francis, “Postmodern culture has generated a *new sensitivity* towards the more vulnerable and less powerful. This is connected with my insistence in the Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti* on the primacy of the human person and the defence of his or her dignity beyond every circumstance” (LD 39).

Highlighting the spiritual thrust of the Apostolic Exhortation, Pope Francis says: “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good” (*Gen* 1:31). His is “the earth with all that is in it” (*Deut* 10:14). For this reason, he tells us that, “the land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants” (*Lev* 25:23). The “responsibility for God’s earth means that human beings, endowed with intelligence, must respect the laws of nature and the delicate *equilibria* existing between the creatures of this world” (LD 62).⁵

“The universe as a whole, in all its manifold relationships, shows forth the inexhaustible richness of God”. Hence, “we need to grasp the variety of things in their multiple relationships”.⁶ If “the universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely... there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person’s face”.⁷ For “as part of the universe... all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect”.⁸

Concluding the exhortation Pope Francis says: “For when human beings claim to take God’s place, they become their own worst enemies” (LD 73). *Laudate Deum*, being an apostolic Exhortation, is a magisterial document which ranks third in importance after apostolic constitutions and encyclicals. Concluding our reflection on *Laudate Deum* it may be said that Pope Francis, who raised the people’s environmental consciousness through *Laudato Si*, is inviting

everyone, especially our leaders to respond not to depend too much on scientific and technological paradigms of change from the **head**, but to move to the **heart**, feeling interiorly the pain and suffering of the vulnerable people and the cry of the environment. He asks us to move from the heart to **hands** and act together integrally, “considering the common good and the future of our children, more than the short-term interests of certain countries or businesses (LD 60)” who are concerned more about making “greatest profit at minimal cost and in the shortest amount of time (LD 13).” The Pope’s call is to interconnect the head, heart, and hands and work together. Pope also appeals to all people of good will, especially the believers or the people of faith, to be the stewards of our ‘common home’. If we the believers, priests and religious show least concern for the “climate change” it is a disregard or disrespect for the divine plan for creation as well as it is unjustifiable indifference to their grave responsibility toward the world in which we live. If so how can we blame those who do not believe in God or the divine dispensation?

(Footnotes)

¹ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Global Climate Change Background, 2019

² Special Assembly for the Pan-Amazonian Region, Final Document, October 2019, 10: AAS 111 (2019), 1744.

³ Cf. Pope Paul VI, *Address to FAO on its 25th Anniversary* (16 November 1970), 4: AAS 62 (1970), 833

⁴ Cf. Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti* (3 October 2020), 170: AAS 112 (2020), 1029

⁵ Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si* ' (24 May 2015), 68: AAS 107 (2015), 874

⁶ *Laudato Si* ' (24 May 2015) 86: AAS 107 (2015), 881.

⁷ *Laudato Si* ' (24 May 2015) 233: AAS 107 (2015), 938

⁸ *Laudato Si* (24 May 2015), 89: AAS 107 (2015), 883.

Post Synodal Circular

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CARDINAL GEORGE ALENCHERRY,
the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church
to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Consecrated Men
and Women and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Third Session of the XXXI Synod of the Syro-Malabar Church took place at the Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St. Thomas Kakkanad from August 21 to 26, 2023. The Fathers of the Synod made an effort to study the contemporary issues that pertain to the Church as well as the society and find solutions for the problems in a spirit of prayer and faith. I offer my gratitude to all of you who have prayed sincerely for the success of the Synod.

The Discharge of the Duty of the Pontifical Delegate

We have been striving for decades to implement a uniform mode of celebration of the Holy *Qurbana* in our Church. Except in the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly, the uniform mode of celebration of the Holy *Qurbana* was implemented in all other eparchies of the Syro-Malabar Church. Despite several attempts on various fronts, the Archeparchy was unable to make any progress in resolving the issues in this case. As a final step, the Holy Father Pope Francis sent Archbishop Cyril Vasil SJ as his Delegate to solve the problems connected with the implementation of the uniform mode of celebration of the Holy *Qurbana* in the Archeparchy. The Pontifical Delegate who reached Kerala on August 4th held discussions with different groups of people in the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. But the Church felt a deep sense of sorrow at the protests held against the Pontifical Delegate at the Cathedral Basilica, Ernakulam. The provocative slogans shouted against him and the situation of conflict created by a few who gathered around the Basilica was highly insulting and defaming for the Syro-Malabar Church in the society and in the Universal Church. The Pontifical Delegate addressed two times the Syro-Malabar Synod on August 21 and 22. He informed the Synod that it would be difficult for the Church to go forward without discipline and unity and hence very serious disciplinary procedures would be initiated. All the decisions taken with regard to the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly would be subject to the approval of the Holy Father conveyed through the Pontifical Delegate.

Having completed the first phase of his mission in the Archeparchy, the Pontifical Delegate met with the Holy Father Pope Francis on August 23 on his return to Rome. He

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conveyed to the Holy Father his assessment of the situation and the report of his visit to the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly from August 4th to 22nd. He informed the Apostolic Administrator of the decision of the Holy Father to stick to the decision taken in the light of the suggestions given by the Holy Father and the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches. Archbishop Cyril Vasil has also given a detailed report about the crisis in the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly to Cardinal Claudio Gugerotti, the Prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches. The Pontifical Delegate has also informed that he would continue his mission to implement the decision of the Holy Father and of the Synod on the uniform mode of celebration of the Holy *Qurbana* in the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly.

The Synod has decided to continue dialogue with the members of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly in order to facilitate the conduct of the mission of the Pontifical Delegate. A Committee consisting of nine bishops is appointed to continue the dialogue. The Committee has already begun its work. The proposals that would emerge from the dialogue will be forwarded through the Pontifical Delegate to the Holy Father and they would be implemented as per the direction given by the Apostolic See on the proposals. Let us go forward with one mind, forgetting our personal or regional differences. I do pray that the Altar of our Lord Jesus Christ, which unites all, may become the source of our unity. All are lovingly urged to desist from actions and statements that would create hurdles to find solution to the problems we face. Let us pray for finding a solution to the existing problem in the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly during the eight days fasting (*ettu nombu*) this year, as our special intention.

Conflict in Manipur

The conflict in Manipur has created a deep wound in the heart of secular India. The rebellion started as an inter-tribal conflict against the decision of the High Court of Manipur on reservation. A lot of people belonging to the two dominant tribes have undergone persecution and death on account of this conflict. However, the majority of people who suffered are Christians. In this conflict, more than 170 people died and thousands of houses and places of worship were destroyed. Thousands had to flee their homes to save their lives. The Government is urged to act decisively and sincerely to end this conflict which has been raging for the last three and a half months and bring about peace and stability, especially when the parties are fighting with modern armaments. It is the constitutional responsibility of the Central and State governments to safeguard the life and property of the citizens. It is really disheartening to see that the persecution against Christians shows a rapid increase in their pace.

It is a sign of great hope for the secularism of the country that the whole nation has risen against the perpetrators of the conflicts in Manipur. We have a grave responsibility to stand with the people of Manipur in their deep anguish. We shall pray for the advent of peace and stability for the people of Manipur. Caritas India which is the Social Agency of the Catholic Churches in India is intervening effectively for the restoration of the well-being of Manipur. It is also a welcoming step that many of our eparchies have started

offering free education to the children of Manipur who are homeless and orphaned. We have to cooperate wholeheartedly in this work of restoration of Manipur.

Major Archiepiscopal Assembly

The Fifth Major Archiepiscopal Assembly of the Syro-Malabar Church will be held at the Alphonsian Pastoral Centre of the Eparchy of Palai from August 23 to 25, 2024. The theme of the Assembly is "Ecclesiastical life and mission according to the times in the Syro-Malabar Church". The members of the Church are requested to undertake a close and deep study of the theme at the levels of their parishes and religious houses. A working document will be prepared on the basis of these discussions for the Assembly. Your cooperation and prayers are requested for the success of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Assembly.

Inauguration of the Website

A revised website of the Syro-Malabar Church (www.syromalabrchurch.in) was launched at the Synod in order to make more visible the activities of our Church. You may make use of the information about the Syro-Malabar Church and its activities that is available on this site.

A New Shepherd for the Eparchy of Gorakhpur:

Fr. Mathew Nellikunnel, a member of the CST congregation, has been appointed the new shepherd of the Eparchy of Gorakhpur. I offer my congratulations and best wishes to the Bishop-elect and to the Eparchy. The Syro-Malabar Church is deeply obliged to Bishop Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST who led the eparchy gracefully and ably for the last 17 years. His episcopal ministry was a blessing to the whole Church, to the society and especially to the Eparchy of Gorakhpur.

We shall offer our gratitude for the Divine Providence. May the intercession of the Mother Mary, the Mother of God, and of St. Thomas, our Father in Faith, be helpful to us. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad on August 26, 2023.



Cardinal George Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church



This circular shall be read in all the parish churches, institutions, religious houses, formation centres and the major seminaries of the Syro-Malabar Church during the Holy *Qurbana* on Sunday, August 27 or September 3, 2023.

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Fr Thannippara Joseph, Priest-in-charge, Badod.

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Fr Thettalickal John, Procurator, Santhome Regional house, Mandya

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Fr Varicatt Sebastian, Finance Officer, Manovikas, Ujjain.

Fr Vellor Jithin, Priest in charge, Santhome Bhavan, Bhopal.

NEWS FROM THE GENERALATE

1. Orientation Classes on C&D 2023

A team of three resource persons, Rev. Frs Justine Vettukallel, Jomon



Ayyankanal, and Ivan Muthanatt, conducted 10 study classes on the new Constitutions and Directives. Six classes were

conducted offline and four classes were online. these classes were conducted from August 15 to September 26. The percentage of participation is 75.19.

Offline classes

Ujjain (September 4), Mandya (august 27), Sangli, (august 15) Delhi (august 16), Odisha (coordination, August 14)) and Kerla (August 24).

Online classes

USA and Canada (together on August 16); Germany, Italy, Austria, Belgium, France, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Brazil (together on August 21); Australia and Philippines (together on August 28); Tanzania and the rest of the members (September 26)

2. Episcopal Golden Jubilee of Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil



The Episcopal Golden Jubilee of Bishop emeritus Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil was celebrated on August 15, at the diocesan level. Bishop's Jubilee was celebrated in MST Generalate on August 24,

2023. The programme commenced with prayer service by Fr Sabu Njarolil at 11.30 am in the Generalate chapel. It was followed by a meeting at 12 pm in the Refectory to felicitate the bishop. Fr Lonappan

Arangassery, delivered the welcome speech. The Director General, Very Rev. Fr Vincent and Fr Thuruthel felicitated the bishop. A felicitation song was sung by Deepti Choir. The Bishop was honoured by giving a memento and shawl. The celebration was concluded with Lunch.



3. Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Bishop Vadakel

The silver jubilee of the episcopal Ordination of bishop Vadakel was celebrated in Vilakumadam on the 20th of August. Bishop Sebastian Vadakel was felicitated in MST Generalate on August 27, 2023.



The grand finale of the Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Bishop Vadakel was celebrated by the diocese of Ujjain on September 7 which was attended by Very Rev.Fr

Vincent K, the Director General, Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, Fr Lonappan Arangassery and Fr Santhosh Olapurackal from Generalate

4. Blessing of Kripasadan Prayerhouse, Kuttikanam



The Kripasadan, the newly constructed prayer house at Kuttikanam was opened and inaugurated on September 3, 2023 by the Director General V.Rev.Fr Vincent K.

The altar and the chapel were consecrated by Mar Jose Pulickal, the Bishop of Kanjirappilly. After the consecration and Holy Qurbana the house was blessed





by the bishop assisted by other priests. In the meeting that followed to honour all those who had some role in the Construction -the contractor and engineer- were thanked and

were presented gifts. Rev. Fr Varghese Nadackal who funded the entire project, Rev. Fr Thomas Karamel and Fr Kuriakose Kunnel who were responsible for the Construction of the house were thanked by the Director General. All joined the celebration and the Agape meal.



5. Feast of St Alphonsa at Bharananganam

The Fathers and brothers from Deepti Mount joined the Eucharistic celebration presided over by the Director General, V.Rev. Fr Vincent K, in the Alphonsa Chapel Bharananganam on July 20, in connection with the Feast of St Alphonsa on 28 July, 2023..

6. Meeting of Regional and General Teams

A joined meeting of all the members of the Regional and General Admoinistration was held at the Generalate from August 7 to 10. Matters affecting the Society in general as well as the Regions were discussed and communicated.

7. 25th Death Anniversary of Rev.Fr Joseph Maliparampil

Mar Sebastian Vadakel and Fr Lonappan Arangassery celebrated Holy Qurbana at Little Flower Church Arpookara in connection with the 25th death anniversary of Rev Fr Joseph Maliparampil, the Founder of Mission League and the founding memeber and the Second Director General of MST. They prayed the Office for the Dead at the Tomb. On the 7,8,& 9th Septemeber the Impact team displayed an exhibition on Fr Maliparampil (See the news -Impact) On the 9th General Councillors and Mst fathers and brothers from Deepti seminary participated in the memorial Qurbana and in the

meeting at Arpookara . Fr Ivan Muthanattu spoke in the meeting remembering Fr Maliparampil.

8. Sacerdotal golden jubilee of Fr Thomas Paradyil

Rev. Fr Thomas Paradyil celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his Sacerdotal Ordination in his home parish Thidanad on the 6th of September, 2023. Fr Lonappan Arangassery, delivered the homily linking priesthood and the service of Fr Thomas to the Church as a member of the Society of Fr Thomas for the past fifty years.

9. Visit of Bp Katrukudiyil

Bishop John Thomas Katrukudiyil, the bishop emeritus of Itanagar made a friendly visit to Deepti generalate on the 21st of July, 2023.



10. Visit of Bp Siby Mathew Peedikayil

Bishop Siby Mathew Peedikayil HGN, the new bishop of the Diocese of Aitape in Papua New Guinea visited Deepti Generalate.



11. Meeting of Minor Seminary Staff

A joint meeting of the staff of Deepti Minor Seminary and Santhome Minor Seminary, was held in the presence of the Formation Secretary, on 28th August, 2023 in Thamarassery. They discussed in detail various issues connected with minor seminary formation.

12. Visit of General Team to Ruhhalaya

The Director General, the Formation Secretary and the Treasurer General made an official visit to Ruhhalaya Major Seminary from 8 to 11th September, 2023. They met all the brothers in the Theologate and the Philosophate separately. The MST brothers were met separately in both sections. The Formation Secretary met all the MST brothers in the theology section personally and the MST brothers in the philosophate were met batchwise. They also met the Staff of Theologate and Philosophate separately and jointly.

NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS

A. St Paul Region

1. Welcome to the New Regional Administration

The new Regional Council of the St Paul Region, Ujjain took charge on 31 of July 2023. Rev. Fr Sebastian Pullatt took charge as the new Regional Director, Rev. Fr Bibin Vadayaparambil as the First Councillor and Rev. Fr Joseph Plappalil as the Second Councillor and Procurator.

2. Send off & Welcome to New Director General

A send off programme was arranged for the outgoing Regional Council in the Regional House on 3rd August 2023. The new administrative team was accorded formal welcome on the occasion.



On the 3rd August 2023, the newly elected Director General of the MST, Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura was accorded a warm welcome to St Paul Region, Ujjain. Bishop Mar Sebastian Vadakel, and all the MST priests working in St Paul Region, and a few diocesan priests were present on the occasion.

4. Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Mar Sebastian Vadakel

St Paul Region celebrated the Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Bishop Sebastian Vadakel on 4th September. Jubilee Holy Qurbana was presided over by the Bishop and concelebrated by the MST priests





working within the Region. Hearty congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Bishop Sebastian Vadakel.

5. Study Class on *Constitutions and Directives* 2023



High lights of the new Constitutions and Directives of the MST were presented by Rev. Fr Ivan Muthanatt, General Councillor in-charge of Ongoing Formation at the Regional House, Ujjain on 04 September 2023. Almost all

the MST priests working within the Mission Region actively participated in it. Participants asked for certain clarifications. The discussions and explanations were enlightening.

6. Masih Ashram, Karondia, Ujjain

6.1. Jericho Rosary

Under the spiritual leadership of Rev. Fr Abraham Pandampadathil, Jericho Rosary was conducted from 11th to 14th September with the statue of Mother Mary, throughout the Eparchy of Ujjain consecrating all the Mission Centres of the diocese of Ujjain.

6.2. 101 hours Akhanda Japamala

Masih Ashram had the humble privilege to conduct 101 hours (day and night) Akhand Japamala from 27th September to 1st October. Around 350 people, from different parts of Madhya Pradesh namely Ujjain, Jabhua, Bhopal, Indore, Khandwa etc. participated and were immensely blessed.

B. St Thomas Region

1. Farewell to the Out Going Regional Team and Welcome to the New Regional Team



A simple farewell meeting was organized at the Regional House to honor and thank the outgoing Regional team on 29th July 2023. All most all the members of

the region were present. Fr Sojan Aikkarakunnel, the new Regional Director expressed his gratitude towards the outgoing team. Representing the region Fr Anish and Sr Josmine MSJ thanked and appreciated their dedicated services to the Region. Rev. Fr Sojan Aikkarakunnel presented the memetos of appreciation. Rev. Fr. Joseph Thekkekarottu in his reply thanked the organisers of the meeting and accorded a warm welcome to the new Regional team.

2.New Director and Principal to Asha Sadan, Kiragandoor

Rev. Fr Hubby Maliekal took charge as the new Director of Asha



Sadan and Fr Joiceson as the Principal of Asha Sadan Special School on 30/07/23. Rev. Fr. Sojan Aikkarakunnel handed over the office in the presence of Fr Jiby Thekkemury, the First councilor. Fr Hubby thanked Fr. Sojan for his commendable service to Asha Sadan.

3. Study on Constitution and Directives

A half day was set apart for the study of the new C&D on the 27th August, 2023 in the Regional House. Fr Ivan Muthanatt explained the highlights and the important changes in the new C&D. Almost

all the fathers of the Region were present for the meeting and Fr Sojan Aikkarakunnel, the RD welcomed Fr Ivan Muthanatt for the Session.

4. Missionary Meet within the Region

A meeting of the missionaries was held on 27th August in the afternoon from 2.00 to 5.00 p.m. All the missionaries shared their concerns and challenges of their respective mission stations. The Regional Team tabled the issues related to social work, education and financial status of the region.

5. Meeting with Managers and Principals

A meeting of managers and principals of the Region was held on 13-14 September 2023. During the meeting, the financial situation, official documents, the role of the manager of the school and the relationship with the missionary collaborators in the school and Regional team. There were also meetings of the new construction committee and financial council.

6. Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Mar Sebastian Vadakkal



Fr Sojan Aikkarakunnel, the Regional Director, participated in the Episcopal Silver Jubilee celebration of Bishop Mar Sebastian Vadakkal on 7th September representing Mandya Region. Fr Sojan presented a memento to Bp Mar Sebastian Vadakkal on the occasion.

7. Director for Deepti Nivas, Kalenahalli

Rev. Fr Jiby Thekkemury took charge as the new Director of Deepti Nivas, Kalenahalli on 27/09/23. Fr. James Marottikudy handed over the office, in the presence of Fr Salas Karikandathil. Fr Jiby thanked Fr. James for his selfless service at Deepti Nivas.



C. St Alphonsa Region

1. Regional Dukhrana Celebrations at Vishwadeepti

Missionaries of Alphonsa Region came together on July 1, 2023, at Viswadeepthi, Kolhapur, to celebrate Dukhrana of St Thomas illuminating the day with spiritual fervour and camaraderie. The celebration began with Holy Qurbana presided over by Rev. Fr Tom Mangalathil and homily by Rev. Fr Tony Mampallil MST. Holy Qurbana was followed by a gathering in which all missionaries bearing the name of St. Thomas were honoured. The priests who joined Sangli Missionaries were welcomed. The Regional Director Rev. Fr Joby Njalliyil expressed appreciation for their commitment to the mission. The gathering was followed by a festive meal.

2. Welcome to New Regional Team and Farewell to the Outgoing Team

The newly appointed Regional Team assumed office on the 27th of August, 2023.

The Director General of MST officially announced on 15 July the



appointment of the new Regional team comprising Frs. Thomas Mangalathil (Regional Director), Jose Valiamangalam (1st Councillor) and Joseph Kavunnukattil (2nd Councillor and finance officer). They assumed office on July 29, 2023, at Sant Thoma Bhavan in the presence of Rev. Fr. Jomon Ayyankanal MST, the General MST

Councillor. Congratulations and best wishes to the new Team.

On the 29th of July, 2023 the missionaries of St. Alphonsa Region congregated in Viswadeepthi, Kolhapur, for the monthly recollection preached by Fr Jomon Ayyankanal and to bid farewell to the old team and welcome the new Regional Team.

Fr. Jomon Ayyankanal MST presided over the meeting. Fr. Joby Njalliyil, Fr. Tom Mangalathil and Fr Thomas Chirayil were thanked and their service was appreciated by Fr Jomon with warmth and heart filled with gratitude. Fr. Tom, Fr. Lijo and Rev. Sr. Philcy SMS thanked the outgoing team from the heart.

3. Study Class on the Revised Constitution of the Society:

A significant step in understanding the revised constitution of the Society unfolded on August 16th at Viswadeepthi, Kolhapur, where



Fr. Ivan Muthanattu MST conducted an illuminating study class. The class provided a comprehensive insight into the updated framework of the constitution, offering attendees a deeper understanding

of key revisions and their far-reaching implications.

The session was marked by lively and engaging discussions, allowing participants to seek clarification on various aspects and provide valuable feedback. The event proved to be an educational journey that not only enhanced knowledge but also fostered a profound sense of unity and commitment among those in attendance.

Members left the class equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate and apply the revised constitution effectively, ensuring a smoother and more aligned path forward in their mission. This educational endeavour underscored the society's commitment to informed, engaged, and dedicated members, setting a strong foundation for the future.

4. Santhome School, Sangli

4.1. Tree Plantation Campaign



On the 8th of September 2023, as part of the "Clean School and Green School Campaign," the students organized a tree plantation campaign to promote environmental awareness, instil a sense of responsibility

towards nature, and contribute, to making the school premises greener, to encourage students to actively participate in initiatives to promote environmental sustainability. The campaign aimed to educate students about the importance of trees in reducing pollution, to combat the climate change, and to create healthier and more sustainable environment. It was organized by the students as part of the "Clean School and Green School Campaign".

4.2. Welcome to Rev. Fr Joby Eapen

The Santhome School community came together in the School Assembly to extend a grand welcome to the new Manager Fr Joby



Eapen. The assembly was led by student representatives who expressed their gratitude and excitement over the new appointment. The principal welcomed Fr Joby acknowledging his efforts and contributions and highlighting his qualifications and experience. The event was marked by enthusiasm, excitement, and camaraderie.

4.3. Hindi Day Celebration at Santhome School, Sangli

Santhome School Sangli celebrated Hindi Day on September 14,



2023, with great enthusiasm and vigor. The event aimed at highlighting the significance of the Hindi language and its cultural heritage. The students of Santhome School performed a variety of programs to highlight the importance of Hindi. The

principal, Fr. Joshy Michael delivered the keynote speech emphasizing the value of Hindi in our society. The celebration was enriched with a variety of programmes performed by the students such as lighting of the lamp, Hindi play depicting the rich history and cultural significance of the language.

4.4. Teachers' Day Celebration in Santhome School Sangli

On 5th September 2023, Santhome School in Sangli organized a magnificent Teachers' Day celebration on the school ground. The event aimed to honor and appreciate the hard work and dedication of the teachers in shaping the lives of their students. The esteemed Chief Guest of the event was Fr Joby Eapen, the Manager of



Santhome School, who graced the occasion with his presence. The event commenced at 9 am and was filled with joy, excitement, and gratitude from the students towards their teachers. The school ground was beautifully decorated with colorful banners, balloons, and streamers, creating a vibrant and festive atmosphere.

The highlight of the celebration was the various programs performed

by the children, which highlighted the importance of teachers in their lives. The students showcased their talents through a range of engaging activities, including speeches, dances, skits, and musical performances. Fr Joby Eapen, in his speech, commended the students for their performances and emphasized the importance of teachers in society. He recognized the hard work and dedication of the teachers at Santhome School and encouraged the students to value their education.

5. One-Day Retreat by Family Apostolate Department:

The Department of Family Apostolate of Sangli Mission, in col-



laboration with the priests-in-charge, recently organized a series of One-day retreats in three parishes: at Bedshi, Kodoli, and Chiplun, to provide the parishioners an occasion for retrospection, reflection and renewal. Father Benny and Bro. Sajimon took the lead in conducting the retreats.

6. Educational Summit at Sant Thoma Bhavan:

A meeting of all the Managers and Principals together with the Regional administration was held on 10 September 2023 at Sant Thoma Bhavan, Kolhapur. Fr Lijo Vadakkemuriyil was appointed the new Education Secretary and Frs. Joshy Vazhakatt and George Kottukappally the members of the Regional Education Department. In the meeting it was decided to have common question papers in the SSC Board schools, and study the challenges faced by the schools today, study the methods to be chosen to improve the educational apostolate and to coordinate the activities of the Department. It was decided to conduct inter-school competitions and a committee was constituted for the same with Frs George



Kottukappally, Mijo Chamakkalayil and Jins Manjakkal as members. Another committee was formed to coordinate the Exam department with Fr Joe Anson, Mr Biju Antony, Fr Lijo Jose, Fr Jins Manjakkal and Sr Renzy DST.

7. Monthly Recollection and Social Service Meeting



On the 19th of September, the Regional monthly recollection was held at Thilari, Fr Jose Valiyamangalam's gave the points for reflection. Immediately after the monthly recollection a meeting of the social work department

was held under leadership of Fr Joby Njalliyil, the Social Service Director. They deliberated on how to maintain and enhance the quality of the Social Service Initiatives, aiming for a more significant and lasting impact on the communities they serve.



8. Parish Feast at Mary Matha Church, Chiplun

On the 8th of September, Mary Matha Church in Chiplun celebrated



the parish feast. The festal Holy Qurbana was celebrated by Fr. Tom Mangalathil, the Regional Director and he also delivered an inspiring homily. The Holy Qurbana was followed by procession with the active partici-

pation of the faithful who witnessed to their faith with devotion. Celebration was concluded with snehvirunnu which strengthened the bonds of unity among the parishioners. Rev. Fathers, sisters, and parishioners from neighbouring communities also joined the celebration.

9. St. Little Theresa Church, Khed Celebrates Parish Feast

St. Little Theresa Church in Khed celebrated the parish Feast on October 1, with solemn Holy Qurbana presided over by Fr. Jose Valiyamangalam and he also delivered the homily. Holy Qurbana was followed by solemn procession with the full participation all the parishioners proclaiming the unity and faith of the community. It was followed by snehvirunnu. Rev. Fathers, sisters, and parishioners from neighbouring communities also joined the celebration.

Reported by Frs L. Chandrankunnel & T. Pullikkattil & Fr Jose Valiamangalam

D. St Mary Queen of the Mission, Delhi

1. General News

1.1. St Thomas Day Celebration



St Thomas Day was celebrated in Deepti Ashram on 5 July. All the fathers of the Region from different mission stations participated and celebrated Holy Qurbana together.

1.2. New Regional Administration Team



The Regional Director Rev. Fr Joseph Karodan and the Regional Councilors took charge of the office on 26 July. Rev. Fr Santhosh Olapurackal handed over the charges to the new

Regional Team in the presence of Rev. Fr Sojan Unniepillil and the members in the Region.

1.3. Farewell

Rev. Fr Santosh Olapurackal and Fr Abhilash Akkattu were given send off as they are assigned with new offices as Treasurer General of MST and Spiritual Father at Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarasserry, respectively.

1.4. Visit of Director General & Silver Jubilee Celebration

Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattiputhenpura, Director General of

MST made his first official visit to St Mary Queen of Missions Region on 15 Sept. to 23 Sept. He visited all the mission stations in the



Region and met all the missionaries in the Region personally during his 9 days visit to the Region. The silver Jubilee of Very Rev. Fr Vincent and Rev. Fr Sojan Unniepillil was celebrated in the Regional house.

2. Deepti Ashram, Najafgarh, Delhi

2.1. New Assistant Director

Rev. Fr Abhilash Akkattu bade Deepti Ashram adieu after his one year invaluable service as Asst. Director of Deepti Ashram and Rev. Fr Sijo Mundaplackal took charge as the Asst. Director of Deepti Ashram.

3. St Thomas Catholic Mission, Jammu

3.1. New possibilities for expansion of Mission.

MSJ Sisters working in Jammu expressed their desire to work collaborating with MST and thus opening a possibility to open a mission in Jammu. They have a dispensary type hospital in Akhannur and are finding difficulty to manage the hospital without having a resident doctor. Therefore the Provincial of Lucknow province, Sr Clemencia MSJ, put forward a possibility for working in collaboration with us. Frs Santhosh Olappurackal, Rony Alencherry and Cyril Kureekkatt, made an official visit to the MSJ provincial house at Lucknow. The fruit of the discussion was that they agreed to collaborate with us in the new ministry in the same building at Akhannur, Jammu. Therefore an agreement will be made by the end

of November and God willing, we will begin the new ministry in January 2024.

3.2. Training at Kripa Foundation, Vasai

We got a golden opportunity to get training from Kripa Foundation, a well known De-addiction centre run by Fr. Joe Pereira SJ. Fr Rony Alencherry received one and half months training from this prestigious institution in the months of September and October. Valuable prayers are solicited for this noble ministry.

4. Kristjyoti Catholic Mission, Rohru, Himachal Pradesh

4.1. Visit of Director General and new Regional Director

Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattiputhenpura the new Director General of MST visited the Rohru mission on 17 September and



stayed with the community for one day. Director General together with Regional Director and Regional Procurator were given a grand welcome in

Himachal style by our community. It was really a great time for all of us especially for our faithful for Rev Fr Vincent offered Holy Qurbana on Sunday and gave an inspiring homily and shared his joy at seeing the community. Rev Fr Joseph Karodan also expressed his satisfaction at the growth of the community in the right direction.

4.2. Progress of Construction at Rohru

The construction at Rohru progresses steadily. Although we started the construction on 13th March, due to bad weather and heavy rain the construction was delayed this year. However, the work is progressing.



5. St. Joseph Bhavan, Bathinda, Punjab

5.1. Study Class on the Constitutions and Directives 2023.



St Joseph Catholic Mission Bathinda hosted the Study session on the revised Constitutions and Directives on 16th of August 2023. Rev.

Fr Jomon Ayyankanal, the General Councilor was the resource person. Several fathers from the Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi participated in the study session.

5.2. Blessing of the Christuraja Catholic Church, Barkandi

The long-awaited blessing of the new church at Berkhandi was on 18th of September 2023. The blessing was done by Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkatilputhenpura, the Director General of MST, in the presence of Rev.

Fr Joseph Karodan, the Regional Director and Rev. Fr Joice Puliymakal, the Regional Procurator. The credit goes to the dedicated and selfless work and missionary



zeal of Rev. Fr Ranji Chirayil, the priest in charge, the faithful and the leaders of the local community who dreamt of a place of worship in the Berkandi Village.

7. Deepti Foundation, Delhi

7.1. Internship of Blanquerna [Barcelona] University students

It was the occasion of cross-culture learning when 22 students and 5 professors from Blanquerna University Spain visited Deepti Foundation under International volunteering programs. They



volunteered and visited the Manos Unidas program, Caritas HIV program and Gyaansarovar program. They were thrilled to visit slums, meet the community

people and organize different programs for the youth and children. They arrived on 01-07-2023 and departed on 30-07-2023.

7.2. Goodbye and Welcome

Fr. Santhoshmon Garvadis, the Regional Director and Director of Deepti Foundation was elected the Treasure General of the MST, The Mary Queen of Mission region, Delhi and Deepti Foundation are very



much indebted to the service rendered by Fr Santhosh to the Region as the RD. Fr. Abin Michael MST who has a Masters degree in Social work is appointed the new Director of Deepti Foundation.

8. St Francis Assisi Bhavan, New Chandigarh

8.1. Purchasing land in Rupnagar district



After one year of study and hard work, we could purchase a plot of land in Rupnagar district. The exact location of our land is at Silo Masko in Chamkur Sahib Tehsil, between two cities Chamkur Sahib and Rupnagar. We are

indebted to the Central as well as Regional Administrations for the financial support and timely corrections.

9. St Mother Theresa Catholic Mission, Dehlon, Punjab

9.1. Village ministries:



The ministries in villages called Jeerak and Jandali have become very vibrant and active bringing the word of God to the people

living in the rural areas. All the members of the community, involved in the ministry, provide spiritual guidance and conduct prayer services. During the visits, they take an active role in listening to the people and their concerns, providing counselling and helping them to find ways to cope with the daily struggles of life. The community started going to a new village called Jeerak where a group of people are eagerly waiting to hear the WORD of God. The village ministries in Jandali and Jeerak have been a great source of encouragement and hope for the people living in the Region. It is a Testament to the power of faith and the effect of proper spiritual guidance.

9.2. Visit of Director General

Mother Theresa Catholic Mission (MTCM) was blessed by the visit of Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kathalikattilputhanpura, the Director General of MST, on 19th of September for the first time. He was accompanied by Frs Joseph Karodan the Regional Director and Joice Puliynamakal the Regional procurator. He met everyone personally and tried to know more about the mission station. It was a good time for knowing each other. The DG also appreciated the initiative of the missionaries in direct preaching of the Gospel in new villages. On the 20th Fr Vincent was the main celebrant at Holy Qurbana. He enriched the community with his homily on the need of



focussing their lives on the kingdom of God.

St Thomas school accorded a warm welcome to the Director General. In the cultural programme conducted at school and DG was the chief guest. He was very impressed by the dedication and hard work of the missionaries at MTCM. The visitors also encouraged the members to continue to be active in the mission of MST and to keep up the spirit of service.

11. Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies, New Delhi

Fr Dr M. D. Thomas, Director, Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies (IHPS), New Delhi, delivered 15 lectures on various topics



such as: “Freedom, safty and prosperity for all”, “towards harmonious living”, “Jal Bachaanaa aur Saaf Rakhnaa Dharm aur Naitiktaa Hai”, “Gyaan Saadhnaa ke Vividh Aayaam”, “Shikshaa aur Shikshak: Aayaam aur Zimmedaariyaan”, “Shikshaa aur Vividhtaa mein Ektaa”; “Shikshaa aur Raashtreey Ektaa” and shared seven video messages via youtube and had thirteen interactions with the dignitaries from various communities. He also published six articles in various periodicals.

E. St Joseph Mission, Odisha

1) Celebration Dukhrana of St Thomas

The St. Thomas day was celebrated at Divine Mercy Centre,



Rampur, Odisha on July 5, 2023 uniting the members of the Odisha mission on the day of spiritual reflection. The day was marked by Solemn Raza led by Fr Dius Plathotam, followed by agape meal fostering fellowship. It was

followed by common discussion guided by Rev. Fr Jose Cheriyanpanattu. Fr Ambrose Kollamatam expressed vote of thanks. This gathering served as a meaningful reminder of St. Thomas's legacy and unwavering commitment to the mission.

2) Inauguration of the Mission Centre & Orientation Class

The new mission station at Chanchara Guda, Bissam Cuttack in the Rayagada district of Odisha was inaugurated and blessed on 15 August 2023 by Rev. Fr Jomon Ayyankanal, General Councillor of MST in the presence of Rev. Fr Jose Cheriyanpanatt, the Syncellus and Mission Director of St.

Joseph Mission Odisha and the priests of the mission. Thanks and appreciation to Rev. Fr Deleep Nalannadiyil MST for his initiative to start the centre in Bissam Cuttack near Muniguda railway station. Fr. Deleep thanked everyone,



especially the mission superiors, collaborators and supporters of Odisha mission. The mission centre will be known as Sanjo Ashram, Bissam Cuttack.

The Odisha family was happy to welcome Rev. Fr Jomon

Ayyankanal, who came to explain the highlights and major changes in the new Constitutions and Directives of MST. The class provided a comprehensive view of Constitutions and Directives.

3) Divine Mercy Centre, M. Rampur

a. New Appointment

On July 5, Fr Ajay Varickickal took charge as Assistant Director at the Divine Mercy centre in Rampur in the presence of Rev. Fr Ambrose Kollamatam, the Director.



b) Orientation Camp for the Youth

An Orientation camp for one day was organised for the youth from different villages at the Divine Mercy Mission station in Rampur on August 15. It was conducted by the mother Superior, Rev. Sr Daya DST. The camp was conducted, combining personal counselling and faith-based discussions. The aim of the camp was cultivating personal friendship with Jesus and active participation in the Qurbana. The program not only provided spiritual nourishment but also nurtured a sense of togetherness among the youth hailing from diverse villages.



c. Catechists' Retreat



At Kendiluba Village, the catechists from the Divine Mercy Mission Station in Rampur had their monthly gathering on August 16. They took the lead by preparing talks on different subjects. The villagers cooked and served meals for the catechists and participated in the retreat wholeheartedly.

d. Home for a Bondal Villager with Seven Children

A new house was built for a Bondal villager with seven children faced with numerous challenges. The completion of the house stands as a shining example of solidarity with and care for the poor and the needy with the united help of many caring hearts. Under the guidance of Fr Ambrose Kollamattam, brothers from the Diocese of Idukki contributed greatly to transform the dream into a reality. On August 14, Fr Ambrose Kollamattam MST



blessed the house in the presence of Fr Ajay Varickickal, DST sisters, Regent Brother and the villagers.

e. Bro. Lalu's visit to Odisha Mission

Bro. Lalu from Kerala, during his visit to the Odisha Mission, conducted Spiritual counselling sessions and seminars, which had a very positive and transformative impact on the villagers. His approachability and empathetic counselling were well appreciated and it empowered individuals to manage personal challenges and fostered sense of unity among the villagers.

f. Preritho Catechists Retreat

Retreat for the Syro Malabar Catechists in Odisha, organised meticulously by Fr Ambrose and Fr Libin from September 1 to 5, 2023, at the Baliguda Community Care Centre, was a great success. Catechists experienced significant spiritual growth through insightful

sessions and reflections.

g. Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary



On September 8 the feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary was celebrated at the Divine Mercy Centre in Rampur. The celebration was marked by the enthusiastic participation of 106 parishioners hailing from various villages. Fr Ambrose Kollamatam and

ASJM sisters played a pivotal role by conducting a one-day retreat for the villagers. The celebration not only strengthened the devotion to Mother Mary but also fostered a sense of unity among the members of the community.

h. One Day Convention in the Village-Churches

Brother Sebastian, a dedicated benefactor and well-wisher of the



Odisha mission hailing from Bangalore, embarked on a journey to preach the good news in seven communities attached to the Rampur mission station. With unwavering zeal, his talks illuminated the hearts and minds of the villagers who eagerly gathered to listen to him. The priest in charge, Fr Ambrose Kollamatam, appreciated the wholehearted participation of the villagers who benefitted from the visit and talks of brother Sebastian.

i. Visit of Santhome Fellowship Members

Rev. Joseph Pulavelil, the Director of Santhome Fellowship



accompanied two families who visited Odisha mission from September 24 to 25. They visited nearly every house in the village and prayed for them and spent some time with them..



This visit was a wonderful example of how faith and unity can strengthen our community bonds.

The visit brought us all closer together, fostering a sense of togetherness and mutual support that would continue to

enrich the villagers. Rev. Joseph and his team left a positive impression on all of us, reminding us of our faith shared by all and the beauty of compassion and solidarity.

4) Nirmal Jyoti Mission Centre, Baliguda

a. Send off and Welcome

Baliguda community and villagers gathered and bade Fr Ashish Keerenchira farewell on 10th of July. The villagers thanked him for the services rendered by him. He was fully



engaged in the village ministry, especially in developing the community. We thank him for his dedicated service and wish him all



the best at new assignment as vocation promoter of South Zone.

Fr Joy Kunnel MST was accorded a warm welcome to Baliguda community and St. Joseph Mission Odisha on

September 22, 2023.

b. Retreat for Catechists in Baliguda

Retreat for Catechists was conducted in Baliguda from September



1 to 5. Twenty six catechists from various mission centres actively participated in the retreat preached by Bro. Santhosh and his team from Sanathana community.

c. The Feast of Nativity of Mary



The Feast of Nativity of Mary was celebrated solemnly in Badipanga village and the Solemn Holy Quarbana was officiated by Fr Sebastian Nalunadayil. .

d. Visit of MST Associates

Santhome Associates accompanied by Fr Joseph Pulavelil visited Baliguda mission station from 22 to 25 September. It was a good direct experience of the mission for them.



e. Prayer in the Villages

Evening prayers were conducted in the villages under the leadership of Mr Sebastian Kuzhipallil from 18 to 22 September



5) Little Flower Mission Centre, Pakhanaguda (Kundra)

a. Farewell to Fr Josin & Welcome to Fr Tony and Fr Jestin



Fr Josin Tharapputhottiyil, who served the Centre as its Director, was given a farewell by the community on August 2, 2023. We are very much thankful to him for his dedicated service and commitment towards the mission. Best wishes to Fr Josin for his new ministry.

Fr Tony Kizhakemuriyil took charge as the Director and Fr Jestin Vattamannil as Assistant Director of Little Flower mission

Centre, Kundra on the same day in the presence of Rev Fr Jose Cheriampanatt, the Synchellus and Mission Coordinator.

b. One Day Retreat for the Village People

In the month of September we conducted a full day retreat for our village people. The retreat began with solemn Holy Qurbana and



the retreat preached by Bro. Bhakthi ended at 5.00p.m.

c. Visit of MST Missionary Associates



MST missionary Associates visited LF Mission centre accompanied by Fr Joseph Pulavelil.

d. Parish Feast Celebration

Holy Cross church Pakhanaguda solemnly celebrated the feast of the Exaltation of Cross. The celebrations started with solemn Holy Quarbana by Fr Tony & Fr Jestin MST. All the parishioners and catechumens joined the celebration and wholeheartedly participated in all the spiritual activities. The Celebrations were concluded with snehvirunnu.



6) Sacred Heart Social Action Centre, Laxmipur

a. Visit of Santhom Fellowship Members



Bro. Sebastian and Bro.Lalu who were associated with Santhom fellowship visited our centre and conducted the retreat for the faithful. They visited all the villages under Sacred

Heart Mission Centre. In addition of that they took classes for the villagers and helped them to take tuition for children in the village. One family from Thamarassery diocese and two families from Pala Diocese visited the centre and the villages from September 26 to 29, 2023.

b. Retreats and Classes

We arranged three days retreat and classes for our Catechumens and parishioners. Bro.Bakti Pradan conducted the retreat and Fr.Binish Kuzhiyadiyil, the



parish priest took classes for 13 catechumens and 20 neophytes.

c. Distribution of Sandals and Medical camp



We supplied sandals to around 415 people in 8 villages. The sandals were donated by Lunar company Thodupuzha. Sincere thanks to Mr. Jubichan for his generous gesture. A medical camp was organised for the villagers and a total of 198

villagers benefitted from it.

7) J.K Pur Mission

a. Blessing of the New Church

On 27 September 2023 Rev Fr Jose Cheriampanatt, blessed the new church named St. Mother Theresa church in the village called Kuljing. Rev. Fathers, sisters and brothers from Odisha mission and parishioners were present for the blessing. Rev Fr Jose Cheriyanpanattu celebrated Holy Qurbana and Fr Ambrose Kollamattom delivered the homily. Special thanks to Santhome Fellowship, Dubai for the financial support and prayers.



(Reported by Fr Jestin Vattamannil, St. Joseph mission Odisha)

F. Arunachal Mission

1. Pakke Kessang

1.1. Annual Retreat: A retreat for the faithful was conducted in the month of June 2023. It was for five days from 20th to 25th of June. The retreat was led by Bro. Simon and team from Chennai. A large number of the faithful attended the retreat and received blessings.



1.2. Send off & Welcome to Assistant Priests: The parish priest



Fr Aji Chakkungal together with the parishioners bade Fr Jees Thundathil farewell on 29th June 2023. Fr Aji and the pastor on behalf of the faithful thanked Fr Jees for his service in

Pakke Kessang the past three years. We accorded a warm welcome to the new assistant priest Fr Benedict Varappadavil to Pakke Kessang parish on 21st of July 2023.

1.3. Feast of Assumption and Independence Day:

The Independence Day and the feast of the Assumption of Bl. Virgin Mary were celebrated very solemnly. Fr Aji, the parish priest hoisted the flag and gave a short message.



1.4. Visit of Bishop-elect Fr. Benny Varghese



Fr Benny Varghese, the bishop elect of the diocese of Itanagar made a short visit to MST house in Pakke Kessang on August 17 with two other priests. Fr Aji Chakkungal

along with the pastors and pastoresses extended him a cordial welcome with a bouquet. He praised and encouraged our work.

1.5. Funeral of former CM's Mother

Frs Saji Choorakunnel, Aji Chakkungal and Benedict Varappadavil participated in the funeral of Mrs Pera Nabam, the mother of Mr Nabam Thukky, the former Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, on 6th September.



6. Church Construction

i) St. Mary's Church, Pakke Kessang:

The church construction of St. Mary's Church in Pakke Kessang is in progress. We hope to finish the work and bless the church before Christmas.



ii) St Antony's Church, Rilloh:

The church construction of St. Antony's Church, Rilloh: the sub-parish church of Pakke Kessang is at its final stage. We hope to



finish the works and bless the church in the beginning of November 2023.

7. Rosary Fellowship

The month of October dedicated to Bl. Virgin Mary, we have started the Rosary Fellowship in the houses of the faithful from October 1, 2023. We start the rosary at 5 p.m. in a house and recite the Rosary in procession moving to three more houses and concludes the rosary in the fourth house.

8. Home Mission Programme

Sisters of CMC Congregation arrived on 1st of October for the Home Mission Programme. During the day they go around the houses, meet the people personally, do counselling and motivate them to be strong in their faith. In the evening all gather in the church for confession, adoration, healing prayer session and Holy Mass.

Houses of Formation

A. Deepti Minor Seminary

1. Basket Ball Match

In connection with the feast of Dukrana Deepti brothers had a friendly basketball match with the brothers of Good Shepherd Minor Seminary of the Diocese of Pala on 2nd July 2023. Deepti brothers won the match. Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, the Vice Director General congratulated the teams and distributed the prizes.

2. Academic year inauguration and Dukrana Celebration

On July 3, 2023 at 7 a. m, the staff and brothers of Deepti Seminary celebrated Raza in the Generalate chapel presided over by the



Director General Rev Fr Vincent Kadalikattil Puthenpura. The local community and some of the missionary associates were present for the Eucharistic celebration. The academic year 2023-24 was inaugurated by Very Rev. Dr Vincent Kadalikkattil at 6.30 pm. The Rector Rev Fr Jacob Njarolickal welcomed the gathering. The General Councillors, Rev Frs Jomon Ayyankanal and Ivan Muthanatt and fathers from Aaram were present at the inauguration which was followed by variety cultural programmes conducted by the brothers.

3. Fresher's Day and DCLA Inauguration

The Fresher's Day of Deepti Seminary was celebrated on July 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the seminary auditorium. The Proto-Syncellus of the Diocese of Pala, Very Rev. Fr Joseph Thadathil was the chief guest on the occasion. The Deepti Brothers performed various cultural items and the brothers who excelled in academic performance in the previous year, brothers Oonnanal Adhul and Madathiparambil

Alen were given cash awards.

4. Feast of St Alphonsa

The brothers of Deepti Seminary participated in the feast of St Alphonsa in the month of July. On the 20th of July together with the MST fathers celebrated the Eucharist at the shrine of St Alphonsa. Very Rev Dr. Vincent Kadalikkattil was the main celebrant. On the evening of 27 July participated in the rosary procession from the shrine to the Convent of St Alphonsa.

5. Farewell to the Vocation Promotor

The staff and students of Deepti Minor Seminary bid farewell to Fr Bijo Vadakkethalakkal, who served as the vocation promoter in the south Zone for the last two years. He celebrated the Holy Eucharist on 29 July 2023 in the seminary chapel and Rev Fr Jacob Njarolickal thanked him on behalf of the Seminary and wished him all the best for his new ministry in Sangli Mission.

6. Friendly Match with Fathers

On August 5, 2023 brothers had a friendly match with the fathers of Deepti Mount and the fathers won the match although the brothers did their best.

7. Visit of Mar Sebastian Pozhaliparambil



Mar Sebastian Pozholiparambil, the bishop of Hosur visited Deepti seminary and celebrated Eucharist in the seminary chapel on August 6, 2023. His Excellency appreciated the apostolic works of the MST priests in different

parts of the world, especially the priests working in his diocese.

8. Independence Day and the Feast of Assumption

The Indian Independence Day and the Feast of Assumption were



solemnly celebrated with Holy Eucharist presided over by Rev Dr Lonappan Arangassery, the Secretary General of MST, in the Seminary Chapel. It was followed by flag hoisting by Mar Sebastian Vadakkal at the Generalate. The neighbours were also present for the function.

9. Farewell to Rev Fr Joy Kunnel



On August 20, 2023 Rev Fr Kuriakose Kunnel celebrated the Holy Eucharist with the brothers. The Rector, Rev Fr Jacob Njarolickal, thanked him for his selfless service as the Treasurer General for the last 10 years and his support and collaboration with the

seminary.

10. Holy Qurbana with the Vice Director General

The Vice Director of General, Rev Dr. Joseph Thekkekarott, celebrated Holy Qurbana in the seminary on August 23, 2023 He appreciated the seminary staff and wished all the best for the seminarians.

11. Silver Jubilee Celebration of Bishop Vadakel and Onam

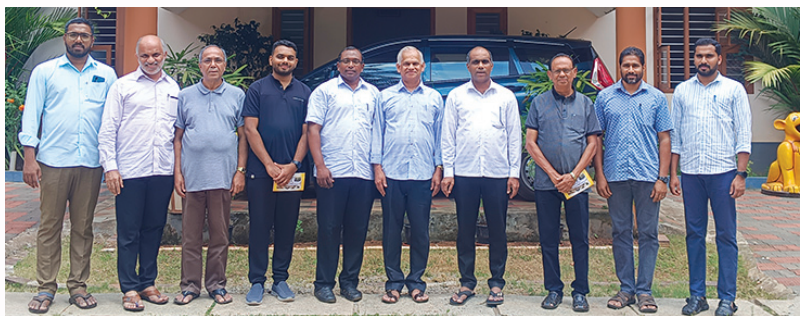
Mar Sebastian Vadakkal, the bishop of Ujjain, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his episcopal Ordination (Sept.8 1998-2023) offering Holy Qurbana in the seminary Chapel on August 27, 2023. All the communities (Generalate, Aaram and Seminary) on Deepti Mount joined the celebration with the Bishop. The Director General, Very Rev Dr Vincent Kadalikkattil, Rev Dr Joseph Thekkekarott, Rev



Fr Sebastian Thuruthel, and Rev Fr Joseph Mullappallil felicitated him on the occasion. The same day Onam was celebrated with Onakalikal and everyone on Deepti Campus participated in the Ona sadhya' at noon.

12. Deepti Staff Visited Mandya Mission

The staff of Deepti seminary visited Mandya mission from 28 to 30 August to know the mission and meet the missionaries. They were welcomed cordially by the Regional team and the missionaries in different mission stations. On the way to the Mandya mission,



they also visited the Santhome minor seminary, Thamarassey and had a fruitful discussion on the syllabus and the formation together in the presence of the formation secretary Rev Dr Joseph Thekkekarott.

13. Visit to Rev Fr Malipparambil's Tomb

The brothers of the Deepti seminary together with the staff visited and prayed at the tomb of Rev Fr Mailiparambil at Little Flower Church, Arpookara. They also participated in the memorial Holy Qurbana on the 25th death anniversary of Fr Maliparambil and the

public meeting thereafter. There was an exhibition on the life and ministry of Fr Maliparampil which was conducted by the IMPACT with the help of the vocation Promotor, Fr Ashish. They also visited the birthplace of St. Alphonsa and the tomb of St Chavara Kuriakose Elias.

14. Annual Retreat of the Minor Seminarians



Brothers from Deepti Minor Seminary did the annual retreat from 10 to 15th September 2023 at

Gagultha Retreat Centre, Kurumal, Thrissur. There were all together 200 brothers for the retreat from various seminaries including Santhome minor seminary. Rev Fr Benny Peter Vettikanakkudy and his team led the retreat.

15. Eucharistic Celebration with the Director General

Very Rev Dr. Vincent Kdalikkattil Puthenpura, the Director General, celebrated Holy Qurbana on the 27th of September 2023. In his homily, he urged the congregation to be service-minded, humble and committed to the word of God. The staff and the brothers of Deepti Seminary also wished him all the best as he was celebrating his heavenly patron's feast, St Vincent De Paul.

16. Free Eye camp



A free Eye camp was conducted in the seminary on 28 September 2023 by New Vision Eye

Hospital, Poonjar. Rev Dr Joseph Thekkekarott inaugurated the camp at 10 am. All the brothers from the seminary and the fathers in Deepti Campus participated in the camp.

B. Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery

1. Dukarana Celebrations

Celebrating the Dukarana of St. Thomas had special significance for Santhome Minor Seminary as St Thomas is not only the father of our faith and the patron of the MST but also the patron saint



of the Seminary as well. Rev. Fr Thomas Kochettathottu was the main celebrant of Raza Qurbana. He highlighted the Thomasine dimensions missionary spirituality and motivated the Seminarians to strengthen their convictions about their vocation. There were two Rev. Deacons from Sanathana Major Seminary, Thamaraserry to assist in the Raza Qurbana.

As part of the celebrations, there was a friendly volleyball match by the brothers in the morning. The brothers had a half day outing in the afternoon.

2. Santhome Fellowship Meeting

There have been three meetings of the members of Santhome Fellowship organised by Fr Joseph Pulavellil on July 12, Aug 09 and Sept 15. They gather in the private Chapel for prayer and sharing and conclude the meeting with tea.

3. Collection of the SSLC Certificates by the First Year Brothers

The first year brothers went home on 13 July to collect their SSLC certificates together with their TC and Conduct Certificates. It was an occasion for them to visit their parents and spend two days with them. They returned to the Seminary on Sunday 16 July. The second year brothers had classes as usual and had an opportunity to visit Sanathana Seminary, (MCBS) Thamaraserry.

4. St. Alphonsa Feast Celebration



The feast of St. Alphonsa was celebrated on 28 July. The solemn Holy Qurbana was celebrated by Rev. Fr Thomas Pattery MCBS. It was also an occasion to felicitate him on his Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee. There was a volleyball match by the brothers

in the morning and an outing in the afternoon. A combined SCLA meeting was held in the evening with va-



riety entertainment programs.

5. Welcome to Rev. Fr Abhilash Akkattu

After the transfer of Fr Manu Pottanany and Fr Binoy Purayidom, we had been looking forward to welcoming a new spiritual father. Fr Abhilash Akkattu was appointed spiritual father and joined the staff



on 1 Aug. Fr Abhilash Akkattu had been serving at Deepti Ashram, in MQMD Region. We welcome him and wish him a fruitful ministry as Formator.

6. Class on Health and Hygiene

A half-day class on Health & Hygiene for the brothers was conducted on Monday August 7, by a team of two doctors and a staff nurse from Chavara Hospital, Thamaraserry. They explained to



them about different types of First-Aids, healthy life style, food habits and the need for regular physical exercise. There were PPTs on first-aids and some practical sessions.

7. Independence Day and the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady



The 77th Independence Day as well as the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady was celebrated on 15 August, 2023. Rev. Fr Cherian Ponganpara, the Chancellor of the Eparchy of Thamaraserry was the main celebrant of the Holy Qurbana. He was also the Chief Guest of the

Independence Day celebrations. He hoisted the national flag and paid homage to the freedom fighters and reminded us of the need to serve our mother land and pray for our leaders. There were a few cultural programs as part of the Independence Day celebrations. Brothers had outing in the afternoon and an indoor film in the evening.



8. New Chapel

Complaints about disturbances, from the sound from the Seminary Chapel in the early hours of day till late evening have always been a concern for the fathers and brothers in the Seminary since its inception. The General Assembly 2023 discussed this matter and decided to address this issue. A classroom and an adjoining hall on the ground floor were joined together to construct another chapel. It was blessed on Oct.9, 2023.

9. First Term Examinations, Onam Celebrations and Holiday

The first term exams commenced on 18th August and the brothers

went on Onam holiday on Sunday, 27 Aug. 2023. The families of St. Theresa Prayer Group and Seminary community clubbed together to have a combined celebration of Onam. Different committees such as food / decoration / pookalam / games / cultural programs were formed and had Onam celebrations on Sunday 27 Aug. The brothers returned to the Seminary after their Onam holidays on 07th Sept. 2023.

10. Annual Retreat 2023 and Logos 2023



Apart from the regular monthly recollections, an annual retreat was arranged for the brothers by the Capuchins. All the brothers were sent to Gagultha Retreat Centre, Thrissur, for

their annual retreat from 10 to 15 Sept. 2023. There were nearly 200 Seminarians from different Minor Seminaries in Kerala. It was a unique experience for them. There was an evaluation of the retreat and sharing of their experience.

After the annual retreat there was intensive preparations for the Logos 2023 making use of the resources available on the Youtube. Brothers participated in the Logos 2023 of which the first round of exams was conducted on Sunday 24 Sept. 2023

11. Visitors to Santhome Seminary: July- Sept 2023

Fr Mathew Moothasseril paid a short visit to Santhome on 3 July, 2023. Fr Joby Kappiparampil visited Santhome and celebrated Holy Qurbana on August 3. Fr Francis Kureeckal and Fr Joison Puthukkattu visited on August 1. Fr Joison shared with brothers his experience of visiting Manipur in the wake of the recent riots there. Fr Francis Kureeckal with his five sisters visited Santhome on 12 August. Fr Jose Palackeel paid a short visit on 18 August. Fr Tony Ramachanattu joined the community for celebrating Onam on 27 Aug, 2023 and Fr Joy Panjikkaran visited the seminary with his cousin and family.

C. Jeevan Jyoti

1) Inauguration of Academic Year



Fr Joseph Thekkekarott inaugurated the academic year 2023-2024, on 8th July. Variety cultural entertainments of the brothers made the inaugural session colourful. In his welcome address, Fr Rector emphasised the importance and the speciality of the formation

at Jeevan Jyoti. The brothers were asked to make progress in the human, spiritual, intellectual and missionary dimensions of their formation. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott in his inaugural address exhorted the brothers to be accountable and responsible during the formation in MOC. Along with the academic year, we also inaugurated the J.C.L.A. and Jyoti Flash. They are the common platforms, to bring out the talents of the brothers in the artistic and literary fields.

2) Send off to Frs. Joseph Thekkekarott and Thomas Manjalankal

All the MSTs gathered in the evening at Jeevan Jyoti on 10th July, to say good bye to Rev. Frs. Joseph Thekkekarott, the Regional Director and Thomas Manjalankal, the Spiritual Director. The Jeevan Jyoti



Community expressed its gratitude to both of them for their valuable services, as well as their love and concern for Jeevan Jyoti family. The session began with a small prayer service guided by Rev. Fr Sebastian Koottumkal. Rev. Fr Thomas Manjalankal was a Formator at JJ for the past 4 years. Thanks to Rev. Fr Thomas Manjalankal. Rev. Fr Sebastian Koottumkal, who was already a member of the staff, is appointed the Spiritual Director in the place of Fr Thomas

Manjalankal. Cordial welcome to Fr Sebastian Koottumkal



3) Feast of Saint Alphonsa

A lot of faithful from Ganjam parish joined us for the feast of St. Alphonsa on July 29. As a preparation for the feast there were Novena prayers which ended on 28th July. Rev. Fr Josekutty Kalayil

was the main celebrant of the Holy Qurbana, and Rev. Fr Biju Aranjanilyil led the choir. The solemn holy Qurbana in Kannada was followed by a small procession and the Agape meal.

4) The Kannada Language Course

Kannada language courses were conducted by Frs. Sebastian Koottumkal and Zacharias Thadathil. Fr Sebastian Koottumkal took the preliminary lessons of Kannada while Rev. Fr Zacharias Thadathil, during his three weeks of classes concentrated more on the grammar part.



5) Independence Day and the Feast of Assumption

Rev. Fr Zacharias Thadathil was the main celebrant of the Holy



Qurbana and Chief Guest of the Independence Day celebrations. Rev. Fr Zacharias gave a homily during the holy Qurbana and a thought provoking speech after hoisting the Tricolour.

6) Music Class by Fr Biju Aranjanilyil

Fr Biju Aranjanilyil dedicated some days to be with our brothers in order to teach them the Kannada Holy Qurbana songs. Since Fr Sebastian Koottumkal had already taught them the basics, it was rather easy for Fr Aranjanilyil. Thanks to both of them.

7) Visit of Mar Sebastian Adayantharth



Mar Sebastian Adayantharth visited us on Thursday August 17, in the evening. He celebrated Holy Qurbana and in the homily he appreciated brothers for responding to their vocation to become

missionaries. He explained the nature of Mandya diocese with lot of diversities. The bishop spent some time with brothers listening to them and gave 10 tips to be practised by the brothers for the success of their missionary formation in the seminary.

8) The 1st Death Anniversary of Fr John Kadookunnel

The first death anniversary of Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel was commemorated in a distinctive style. Remembering the vivid and endearing memories of Rev. Fr John Kadookunnel and his manifold contribution to Jeevan Jyoti, the day was declared as Jeevan Jyoti Environmental Day. To mark the day we planted some 200 Arecanut trees in Jeevan Jyoti campus thanks to the initiative of Rev. Fr Binoy Koottumkal and the hard work of our brothers.

9) Visit by Our Missionaries from Andhra-Telangana

A warm welcome was accorded to Rev. Fr Tharapputhottiyil Sebastian and other missionaries working in Andhra-Telangana areas, on 26th



August. They shared their mission experiences with the brothers and motivated us to be zealous missionaries. There was also a friendly volleyball match between our missionaries and brothers.

10) Visit of Fr Ivan Muthanatt



Rev. Fr Ivan Muthanatt, the General Councillor in charge of on-going formation, visited Jeevan Jyoti on 27th August. He spent some time with the brothers chatting with them. He underlined the uniqueness of the MOC formation and he challenged the

brothers to be receptive to the formation programmes. Rev. Fr Ivan offered the holy Qurbana on the following day. Sincere thanks to Fr Ivan Muthanatt for the visit.

11) Onam Celebrations

Onam was celebrated on 29th August with 'Athappookkalam', 'Onam Sadya; and Games'. Our joy was doubled by the presence of the Regional Director, Regional procurator and the entire staff from Deepti Minor Seminary. All of them were accorded a warm welcome by Fr Rector. After the Onam Sadya there were games up to 6 p.m.

12. Visit of KCYM Officials from Thalassery

A group of KCYM members holding different offices in Thalassery at Archdiocesan level, with their Directors were accorded a warm in Jeevan Jyoti on 1st September. They enacted a street play meant to conscientize the people against the use of drugs especially by the young people.

13. Feast of the Nativity of the Bl. Virgin Mary

The Nativity of the Blessed Mother was marked by solemn liturgical celebration in Ganjam Parish. After the Holy Mass there was a procession and the festivities were concluded with agape meal.

14. Community Day Celebrations,

The Community Day was celebrated on Sunday the 17th of

September. Community Day was an occasion to know each other better. The frank sharing by the brothers enriched all and made the celebration of the day meaningful.

15. Practical Tips for Visiting Villages

Rev Fr James Marottikkudy was very generous to come and share with our youngsters some of the practical tips to be followed while visiting the people in the villages. He urged them to know precisely what is going on in the villages and understand what happens around us and in the world. In short, his practical points were focused on creating and living an authentic friendship with everyone whom we may meet in the villages.

16. Volleyball Coaching and Match

Two weeks of intensive volleyball coaching was given to our brothers. Rev. Frs. Anish Chirayath and Binoy Koottumkal were the main coaches. The brothers profited much from them from the training. After the coaching, a friendly match was arranged between the brothers and students from Jeevodaya School, Arekere.

17. Live-in-Village Programme

The brothers were sent for Live-in-Village Programme from September 25th to October 9th. This year they were sent to seven of our mission stations in order to get the first hand mission experiences from our great missionaries. We are very much



indebted to Mar Sebastian Adayantharth, Fr Sojan Aikkarakunnel and the missionaries for generously accepting the brothers into their places of apostolates and providing brothers first hand missionary experiences. The brothers were sent to the following centres: Arekere, Asha Sadan, Cheekkanahalli, Kikkeri, Koppa, Manasadhara and Shikkaripura.

D. Ruhalya

1. Feast of Assumption and the Independence Day



The Ruhalya community with great joy celebrated the feast of Assumption and the Independence Day on August. 15. At the Theologate, the day started with the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Rev. Fr Joseph Venattumattom MST. Subsequently, the Flag Hoisting ceremony took place. The chief guest at the ceremony was Colonel Dannie Chirayil, Professor at the Military College of Telecommunication Engineering, Mhow who articulated a sensational message for the day. At Philosophate, Rev. Fr Joy Panjikaran was the main celebrant for the Holy Qurbana and the chief guest DySP Anil Kumar Purohit delivered a thought provoking message.

2. Fresher' Day Celebration 2023

We celebrated the Freshers' Day on 20th August 2023. The brothers displayed their talents by performing scintillating programmes. The



first-year brothers of both the sections emerged with some mesmerizing performances. Towards the end of the programmes, the Rector, Very Rev. Fr

Manoj Parackal, appreciated both the batches. The programme

ended with a sumptuous dinner.

3. Home Day Competitions and the Mission Day Celebrations



The commencement of the Talash 2023 and the Mission Day took place on 23/08/2023 at Theologate. Rev. Fr Manoj Parackal MST, the Rector of Ruhhalaya, inaugurated these events and delivered an

enriching message which boosted and encouraged the brothers to involve actively in the upcoming events. The home day competitions 2k23 of the Ruhhalaya Philosophy section was officially inaugurated on August 27, 2023. Very Rev. Fr Manoj Parackal, the Rector, inaugurated the function and disclosed the motto and logo of the home day competitions.



4. Debate Competition at the Philosplate

On August 23, 2023, the brothers organized a thought-provoking debate competition. There were two groups for the debate. Bro. Alex was the leader of the pro group with Bro. Don and Bro. Shanu as the other members. Bro. Amal was the leader of contra group



with Bro. Mathew and Bro. Subin as the other members. Adv. Fr Joseph Placheril was the moderator of the debate. He took an extension lecture on 'Uniform Civil Code' thereafter.

5. Farewell to Rev. Fr Shijomon Thettalickal MST and the Arrival of New Staff Members

A formal farewell to Ruhalya General Procurator (2020-2023),



Rev. Fr Shijomon Thettalickal MST, due to his appointment as Regional procurator of St Thomas Region, was given on 24/08/2023. In the evening the documents were handed over followed by solemn Holy Qurbana and the farewell

function. Rev. Frs Tony Mampilly and Jubil Muricken joined the community as the General Procurator and the resident Professor respectively on the same day.

6. Onam Celebration

Onam was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 31/08/23 in the Theologate. The brothers prepared a sumptuous Onam meal and organized some games. Rev. Fr Jose Cheriampanatt MST enunciated the message for the day. At Philosopate, Onam celebration took place on 3rd September. Rev. Fr Davis Kavungal gave the message of the day.

7. Community Day



Ruhalaya celebrated the community day on 5/09/23 and both the communities from Theologate and Philosophate came together to share their love and joy. The day began with Solemn Holy Mass at Philosophate with Very Rev. Fr Manoj Parackal as the main Celebrant. The September 5, being the teachers' Day, the students greeted the Fathers after the Mass for being extraordinary teachers for them. There were games in the afternoon and in the evening there was a get together and all of us performed some programmes and created some magical memories.

8. Visit of Mar Prince Panengaden

Bishop Prince Panengaden made an official visit to Ruhalaya on 6/



09/2023 to meet his students. He celebrated the Holy Mass and on the same day the bishop gave an extension lecture on the theme "New Methods of Evangelization."

9. Visit of the Officials

The General Council of MST, Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattuputhenpura, the Director General, Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarot, the Formation Secretary and Rev. Fr Santhosh Olapurackal, the Treasurer General, visited Ruhalaya from September 7-10. The brothers and the Staff had the opportunity to express their concerns to them during the official meetings.



Very Rev. Fr Joy Paranjattu, the Vicar General of Rajkot Diocese also paid a visit to Ruhalaya on September 20.

10. Mission Experience Sharing



Rev. Fr Cherman Pulickal of Indore Diocese shared his vast mission experience to motivate the Philosophy brothers on 20th of September. It was a fruitful session with a

lot of interaction. Fr Paul Parekattil MST was invited to Theologate for sharing his mission experience. Both of them celebrated the Holy Mass at respective sections on 21st September.



11. Fr Maliparambil Lectures



The Maliparambil lectures were organised on 14/09/23 for both the communities of Ruhalaya. The resource person for the day was Miss Daya Bhai, who really coloured the day with enormous

joy. She spoke and empowered the missionaries to become exceptional followers of Christ. Fathers, Sisters and Candidates from nearby communities also joined the seminar.

12. Mission Fest

As customary, Mission Fest was organised on September 24, as part of Mission Sunday celebration. Rev. Fr Joseph Vedikunnel inaugurated the





fest in the presence of the whole community. It was a magnificent day with lots of entertaining games, captivating

cultural programmes, artful exhibition and delicious meals.

13. Symposium



A Symposium was organized, on the theme 'Mission and Social Justice' on 27/09/23, based on *Evangelii Gaudium*, *Laudato Si* and *Fratelli Tutti*. Rev. Fr Tony Mampilly MST was the chief moderator. Six brothers from the

community presented the theme. It was an enriching experience as the brothers presented the various aspects well. The session concluded with an evaluation by the moderator.

AARAM NEWS

1. Welcome and Farewell

Fr Kurian Kochettonnil took charge, from Fr Vadakeechiryath, as the New Director of Araam on August 28, 2023 at 6 p.m in the presence of Fr Jomom Ayyamkanal, the Councilor in charge of Araam as well as Rev Fathers of Araam. In the same evening a farewell and welcome gathering was arranged at Araam. All the Fathers of Generalate, Deepti Seminary and Araam participated in the gathering. Bishop Sebastian Vadakel, the Director General Rev Fr Vincent and the General Councillors were special guests. Fr Vadakeechiryath was thanked for his dedicated service to Araam for the last two and a half years. Many inmates expressed sincere thanks to him for his services to the community.

Fr Kochettonnil was welcomed and offered him all the support and cooperation. Bishop Sebastian Vadakel and Very Rev Fr Vincent Director General



also thanked Fr Vadakeechiryath and welcomed the new Director Fr Kochettonnil. The gathering concluded with dinner.

2. Onam Celebration in Aaram

Onam was celebrated in Aaram on August 29, 2023 with a Pukkalam of fresh flowers at the entrance. All the Fathers from Generalate and Deepti Seminary joined the celebration. Bishop Sebastian Vadakel was also present on the occasion. Fr Kurian Kochettonnil welcomed all to the celebration. The main attraction of the day was the traditional Onam meal with many tasty curries and Payasam at the end.

3. Community Meeting

A Community Meeting of the of the inmates of Araam was held on 15th September 2023 at 10 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to get suggestions and opinion of the members for the smooth functioning of the community. The meeting started with a prayer and welcome by Fr Kochettonnil. All the members actively participated and shared their suggestions and concerns. All the main areas, like daily community life, time table, chapel, mess, refectory, house, surroundings, were discussed. As per the suggestion certain changes were made in the daily timetable of the house. Other points were noted for implementation. Such community meetings are welcomed by the members for the good functioning of the house. Fr Director requested the co-operation and support of all the members. It was decided to have such meeting once every three months. The meeting concluded with a prayer by 12 p.m.

Overseas Missions

1. Canada

I, Fr Kakkaniyil, am moved to Elk Valley parishes, a cluster of four parishes, closer to the province Alberta, in the most eastern part of the diocese of Nelson. Years later, I have come back to the older parish to realize that two of the past glooming churches are on the verge of closure. At present half of the congregations have either moved, or died or decided not to attend the Church services. As a missionary, I am trying my best to rejuvenate them. In the years to come, the members may be unable to support and maintain the day to day expenses of the parishes.

All the eight members of the MST are doing well with their pastoral assignments in their respective parishes and dioceses. Everyone is appreciated in their places of work.

Reported by Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil MST

2. Germany

2.1. July Gathering, 3-7 July 2023

This year our gathering was conducted in Gueberschwihr at the Convent of St Marc. We reached there on 3rd afternoon and the next day was dedicated for Recollection. Rev. Fr Binish Arackal



gave us an inspiring talk. In the evening we conducted the meeting of the registered society. On 5th, after the Holy Mass and breakfast we went out for sightseeing. On the following day we celebrated the feast of Dukhrana with Holy Qurbana in Malayalam and later we had MST gathering and sharing session. After the Holy Mass and

breakfast, on Friday, we returned to our respective parishes with renewed mind and spirit. The gathering contributed very much to foster our togetherness and friendship.

2.2. Transfers and appointments

Rev. Fr Chacko Puthenpurackal: is transferred to Pharreigemeinschaft, St Johannes Baptist in Pfaffenhofen an der Ilm. He will be rendering pastoral duties, together with other three priests, in eight parishes where there are 12000 Catholics.

Rev. Fr Shaiju Maliekal is living in Augsburg from the first week of August, under the Pfarrei St. Kilian Haßfurt, which is comprised of seven parishes having around 9000 Catholics. At present he is the only priest there. Two deacons and two catechists will be helping him to carry out the pastoral activities in the parishes.

Rev. Fr Subhash Ullattil is transferred from Espelcamp to Pastoralverbund Delbrück having 13 parishes and around 27000 Catholics. Comparing to Espelcamp which is diaspora, his new parish Delbrück is thickly populated with Catholics who make the parish very active and vibrant. It is one of the best parishes in the diocese of Paderborn, where lot of people attend the daily Mass.

2.3. Care of Syro-Malabar Catholics in Germany



The migration of Syro-Malabar Christians from Kerala to European countries is at the peak now. In Germany itself there are many Malayalees, who are either working or studying. There are also

Families with children who are settled here long ago. Rising to the occasion, our priests are coming forward to take up the responsibility of co-ordinating these people to a community and taking care of their spiritual needs.

2.3.1. Syro Malabar faithful in Hamburg

There are around 190 Malayalees in the diocese of Hamburg, who are co-ordinated by Rev. Fr Kuriakose Moozhayil. He is working



hard to spiritually support them, travelling long distances, after completing duties in his own parish. From June onwards they meet

monthly for rosary, confession and Holy Qurbana. On July 3rd around 120 Malayalees, including children came together on Dukhrana to celebrate Qurbana. In order to facilitate and organise them efficiently, 8 leaders were chosen and they had their first meeting in the parish Bad Segeberg. In the meeting they discussed about future plans including catechism for the children.

2.3.2. Syro Malabar faithful in Hildesheim

Rev.Fr Cyriac Chandrankunnel is co-ordinating Syro Malabar faithful in the diocese Hildesheim and surrounding dioceses. Recently, he arranged in Burgdorf, the inter-diocesan conference of representatives from Syro Malabar Catholic Youth. This half day motivational Seminar was attended by 50 youth representatives who are studying or working in Hildesheim and surrounding areas. Rev Fr Ignatius CMI and Rev Fr Binoy Mulavarickal were the resource persons for the seminar. In the meeting they discussed, the present situation of Syro-Malabar youth, ways and means to grow in faith



and about their future plans. They are planning to have Mass and catechism once in a Month. The meeting was ended with Mass and adoration.



2.3.3 Syro Malabar faithful in other dioceses

In many other parishes also our fathers are organising Syro Malabar Qurbana for malayalees: In the diocese of Münster, Rev. Frs Mathew Mulankothra and Binish Arackal regularly organise confession and Syro Malabar Qurbana in the parish St Clara Dortmund-Hörde.

Fr Pradeep Mattathilanickel organises Holy Qurbana for the Syro-Malabar faithful in Winterberg, in the diocese of Paderborn. There are around 20 of them working or studying.

2.4. Visits of MST Fathers

We are very happy and blessed by the visit of many MST fathers: Paul Mudathottiyil, Jobi Mulluvengapurath, Francis Champakara, Lijo Manikompel, Mons Karuvakunnel, Roshan Kuzhuppallil and Joby Koottumkal. We are grateful to all of them for their kind visit, their interest and concern for the fathers here.

2.5. Online meeting and Study Class

Regularly we conduct online meetings which are called "Stamm-Tisch". It is a great opportunity for us to be in touch with and to foster our togetherness. In one of those meetings we also had an opportunity to interact with our Director General and the new General Team. We also had an online Study class regarding the new Constitutions and Directives, which was well attended by our fathers.

2.6. Pastoral activities in the parishes Pleß and Boos

A pilgrimage with tractors was organised by Rev. Fr Joy Valiyamangalam in the parish Boos which was well attended by the



faithful. Around 50 tractors, old and new models participated in it. At the end there was a prayer session on the lawn, following which all the tractors were blessed.

Fr Antony Thattil conducted a Bible sharing

session, in which many faithful joined to discuss and share their reflections on the Bible passage read. Fr Antony uses this as a platform to teach Bible and Biblical geography with power point presentations. Around 200 people participated in the Holy Mass celebrated on a hill station by Fr Antony Thattil as main celebrant.



3. Italy

Rev Fr Jobin Madickankal reached Rome on 25th of September 2023 and started his higher studies in Church History at Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. He is very fortunate to stay at Mater Christi, very close to St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

Rev Fr Joby Kootumkal after defending the doctoral thesis in Missiology titled "Rethinking missionary approach: from ad - inter gentes to evolving pathways in the emerging postmodern world". He has returned to India to take up his new assignment as a MST missionary.

A gathering was organized in Rome for all the MST priests in Italy on the 2nd of October 2023 to welcome Fr Jobin Madickankal and to bid Fr Joby Kootumkal farewell and to foster the spirit of fraternity.

The MST fathers studying in Rome are returning to Rome after their holidays and pastoral ministry in various places, to resume their



studies. During the summer holidays many MST fathers visited us who in parishes and it encouraged our MST Koinonia

4. Tanzania

4.1. Shukrani Mazavu

The parishioners thanked the Lord for the great harvest of the year with their shukrani mazavu in 2023. We organized it in every sub-



station this year from 10 July to 22 July. We made this occasion for visiting each and every house in the parish and also blessing their houses as well. We could reach to

around 1000 catholic houses in the parish during this visit. Fr Robin George MST helped us to complete it successfully as he came down from Dar Es Salam.

4.2. Missionary Associate in MST Mission, Africa

We have succeeded to have a missionary associate to MST Mission in Africa with the help of an Italian agency. Anna Fabio, the president of the Association assured us of sending a medical volunteer to work with us in the mission in Chengena. Mr Duurt Huisman a



Dutch national will be joining us in October, for one year work contract with MST. It is going to be a great help for the villagers here in Chengena as the agency is offering to facilitate the dispensary with the medical equipment in future from Italy.

4.3. Renovation of the Kitchen

We have renovated the kitchen of the MST house in Chengena. Fr Biju Joseph MST, the leader of MST priests in Tanzania, who initiated the renovation works of the MST house in Chengena, brought it completion on time. It was blessed by Fr Alex in the presence of the Mission Superior. We are grateful to MST which supported the MST Mission house here.



4.4. Football Court

We have initiated the construction of a Football court for the youth in the parish. We have utilized the parish land for making this Football court. The young parishioners are very fond of football game and we find it a means of organizing them. We have levelled the ground and the work is progress and we hope to complete the work in a few months.

4.5. Ordination of Jescko Mango



Dn Jescko Mango, one of the parishioners from MST Mission Chengena got ordained to priesthood on 24 August. MST Missionaries in Tanzania are proud of it as they have succeeded in promoting local vocations to

priesthood. Jescko Mango was sent to seminary by MST Fathers, and they encouraged and guided him throughout his years of formation. We had the first mass offered in the parish church on 26 August.

4.6. Baptisms

We have administered the Sacrament of Baptism to many in all the



sub stations in September. There were more than 250 adult and infant baptisms during the past five years.

4.7. Visit of MST Fathers to Chengena, Boonda and Butiama



Rev. Frs Thettalickal, Kavunnukattil and Kappiyarumalayil visited the mission in Chengena from 7 to 10 September. They were able to witness

different missionary activities and work with us during their stay. All the MST Missionaries in Tanzania gathered at Chengena during their visit.

MST fathers gathered at MST Mission house at Boonda on 12 September. Fr Zakarias Azhikannickal MST received us there well. We visited the birthplace of the first president of Tanzania, Julius Nyerere. He is a great Catholic leader in the history of Tanzania. The place is adjacent to the MST Mission house in Boonda. See <https://youtu.be/wbYYvgBjrVU>

4.8. Renovation of the Parish Church

MST Fathers in Chengena has renovated the 70 years old church built by the Benedictan fathers when they began the mission in Chengena. We had organized it with the help of the parishioners and the benefactors of MST in Africa. Thanks to MST for the support to make this happen.

5. United Kingdom

5.1. MST Priests in the Lake District



The MST priests in the UK usually gather twice a year around Christmas and Easter for a couple of hours in one of the parishes where we serve. This year it was an extraordinary gathering in an extraordinary place for three

days (5-7 September) in the Lake District, the land of lake poets: . Wordsworth, D. Wordsworth and N. Nicholson. (<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&q=lake+district+england>). Frs Hans Puthiakulangara, Roy Muthumakal, Luke Marapally, Fr Saju Thuppalanjiyil met at Fr Raju Arathil's place at Birmingham on 5th September. From there Fr Raju drove us all to the Lake District where we spent three fruitful days.

5.2. Mar Sleevea Mission UK



The Mar Sleevea mission, Ashford celebrated the feast of the Exhalation of the Holy Cross and parish day on 16th of September 2023. It was a day of enthusiasm, enjoyment and spiritual nourishment. Rev. Fr. Tomy Adattu presided over the Festal Holy Qurbana followed by the procession carrying crosses, statues etc. by family units and the youth. There was auction of the

items offered by the parishioners, and a stall run by the youth to raise funds for their activities. The programme ended with different cultural programmes by catechism children.

Reported by Fr Luke Marappally and Fr Hans

Other Ministries

1. Angel Home Kadanad

Fr. Joseph Oppenmakal, the director of Angel Home, who had gone to Germany by the end of June, 2022 for pastoral work in Paderborn diocese, returned on the 4th of April 2023. The Angel Home was



modified and renovated in view of starting "Angel German Language Training Institute". The building got a new facelift and was blessed and inaugurated by the MST Director General Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattil on the 28th of July, the feast of St Alphonsa. Many MST fathers and the parish fathers of Kadanad and many neighbours of Angel Home were present at the function including our senior most priest Rev. Fr Sebastian Thuruthel.

The first batch of students of the course-B2- and their family members were also present at the function. There were 12 students in the first batch and they completed their intensive two months course by the end of September. On the first of October we started the second



batch almost with the same number of students. Not only B2 but also we teach the different practical aspects of life in Germany which are very useful for

the students for their future career. We request all the MST fathers to promote students to Angel German Language Institute Kadanad.

We conduct this course every two months to help as many good students from poor families.

The old programme of Angel Home is continued for this year too, with two young boys. One is in the 12th and the other is in the 10th.

Prepared by Fr Johny Kariyathil.

2. Santhome Impact

Fr Joby Maprakavil took charge as the Director of IMPACT on 21 July 2023. Fr Joy Panjikaran was given a farewell. An Exhibition on Fr Joseph Maliparampil was organized by IMPACT at Aarpookkara Little Flower Church from 7 to 9 September in connection with the 25th death Anniversary of Fr Maliparampil. A good number of photographs from his life and career, all the article he wrote in Preshitha Kealam, a number of things used by Fr Maliparampil, a few books published about Fr Maliparampil etc., were the articles displayed in the exhibition. The whole programme was organized by Arpookkara parish in association with Mission League (CML) and Dalit Catholic Mahajana Sabha (DCMS). A large number of people, especially the members of CML and DCMS gathered on this occasion and watched the exhibition. Many MST priests and brothers including General Councillors and Minor Seminarians visited Aarpookkara on September 9.

Geevarghese Mar Aphrem, the Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam



inaugurated the Exhibition.

Mar Thomas Tharayil, the Auxiliary Bishop of Syro-Malabar



Archeparchy of Changanacherry is watching the Exhibition.

3. Thomasine Research Center (TRC), Thumboor

3.1. Online Diploma course

The third batch of the online Diploma Course in Thomasine Studies conducted by Thomasine Research Center completed the course on 31 August 2023. Twenty three students had initially registered their names for the course, but only fourteen took the examination. Twelve students were awarded with diploma from Paurasthya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor.

TRC started this online course in 2020. The duration of the course is one year. It is recognized by Paurasthya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor. Study materials are provided either in English or Malayalam, according to the preference of the students. Online classes are held on alternate Sundays. Classes for the new batch began on 1 October 2023.

3.2. Samvet 2023

TRC is organizing the next edition of the mission webinar Samvet on 22 & 29 October and on 5th November. The Samvet which was started during the pandemic helps MST to evaluate its mission and vision. Samvet is our Search for Adaptive Missionary Vision in the Evolving Times. The theme for Samvet 2023 is "To the heart of God through the wounds of Jesus". MST's constitution and Directives give great importance to our duty of finding the wounds of Jesus in

the injured brethren. All that we do as diakonia (service) to witness to Christ must take root in the acts of kerygma which according to our Constitution is a permanent priority of MST's mission. Therefore, this year's Samvet will try to identify various areas and channels through which we can actualize these two integral aspects of the 'charism' of MST.

4. Santhome Fellowship

The members of Santhome Fellowship and the Associate Missionaries of the MST are doing very well. Both of them contribute to the mission ad Gentes of the MST in various ways especially through prayer, visits to the mission and charitable activities. Most of them attend the Unit prayer meetings of their locality. The Associate Missionaries help to coordinate and involve in various programmes like Preshithagni Dhyanam, unit meetings, charitable and social activities.

4.1. Meetings of Missionary Associates

The Missionary Associates - SAHADUSA - meet on every second Friday of the month at Deepti Bhavan. The online meetings are held



on Fridays at 09.00 pm to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (Karuna Kontha) together and for the meeting thereafter. It lasts for 40 minutes.

4.2. Support to and Contact with the Mission

Each Santhome Fellowship Unit has decided to adopt one Mission Centre of the MST. They pray for the Missionaries there and their activities. Some members of the Fellowship Unit call the Missionaries

of the Mission Station and assure them of their prayers and get updates of the activities in the mission centres. The Associate Missionaries pray daily three times Creed and one Divine Mercy Chaplet (Karuna Kontha) for the Missions and for the success of the Santhome Preshithagni Dhyanam.

4.3. Santhome Preshithagni Dhyanam

The Santhome Preshithagni Dhyanam is conducted every third Saturday of the Month without any break. It is attended by many people and they profit from it very well. The MST preachers Fr



Saju Elanjiyil, Fr Zacharias Thadathil and Fr Scaria Thamarakkatt preached in the previous months. The Preshithagni Dhyanam starts at 09.00 am with

Rosary followed by Praise and Worship and preaching. The Holy Qurbana, Novena of St Thomas the Apostle and the Abhisheka Aradhana are followed by Kanji for all. Arrangements are made for Counselling and Confessions.

4.4. Santhome Fellowship Meetings

The Unit meetings Santhome Fellowship are going on regularly in the following Units: Peramangalam (First Saturday), Erumapetty (First Sunday), Kanjirapally (Second Sunday), Aruvithura (Third Wednesday), Bharananganam (Third Sunday), Edamattam (Fourth Sunday), Thamarassery (Second Wednesday) and Iritty (Second Thursday). In



Kolar, Bhopal and Indore the meetings are conducted regularly by the MST Priests serving in these places. Online meetings are conducted for the groups in Dubai, Chicago, Vannappuram and Ernakulam. The Director makes himself available for all the monthly meetings of the units.

4.5. Mandya Mission Visit

Mission Visits are organised to promote mission spirit and zeal among



the members of the Fellowship. A four member group from Thamarassery Santhome Fellowship Unit visited Mandya Mission from Sept.11 - 13 and they are very much taken up by the diverse missionary activities carried out by the Missionaries.

4.6. Orissa Mission Visit

Three Couples accompanied by the Director of Santhome Fellowship visited Orissa Mission from Sept. 20 - 30, 2023. These Couples stayed in three different Mission centres and joined the mission activities along with the Priests and Sisters there. They were very much taken up by the mission methods and mission activities of the missionaries among the poor and in poor living conditions. The visit was an eye-opener for them and they expressed that they are proud of being Missionary Associates and members of Santhome Fellowship. These families got adjusted to the living conditions of the Missionaries and appreciated the zeal of the MST priests both young and old. During this visit they also got a chance to attend the blessing of a chapel on 27th Sept. where they could meet the missionaries from other centres.

4.7. Chapel Blessing at Kuljing, JK Pur

The Santhome Fellowship Dubai Unit sponsored the construction of the chapel at Kuljing, JK Pur in Orissa. This was a long cherished dream coming true on Sept. 27, 2023. The Vicar General and Coordinator of the Orissa Mission, Very Rev. Fr Jose Cheriambanatt MST blessed the St Mother Teresa Church Kuljing followed by meeting and Holy Qurbana. More than 150 people attended the function during which there were cultural programmes.



4.8. 'Preshitha Jwala'

The E-magazine, Preshitha Jwala, is coming out regularly in the first week of every month. All the Santhome Fellowship Units send their reports of the monthly meetings, photos and other activities taking place under their initiatives. The Secretaries of each Unit send the report for the e-Magazine regularly without fail!

4.9. General Gathering on Second Fridays

The General body meeting of the Associate Missionaries is held on every Second Friday in the morning to evaluate and take new decisions. The meetings after the Preshithagni Dhyanam is dropped since the members have to re-arrange everything after the Dhyanam.

4.10. Central Animation Team

According to the 'Guidelines of the Associate Missionaries' Article 13, the Director General of the MST appoints a Five member Central Animation Team to enhance the activities of Santhome Fellowship and the Associate Missionaries. Each member is given a MST Region and they will contact the missionaries of their Regions to know the mission activities. They meet every month offline and online alternatively.

4.11. Renewal of the Promise of the First Batch

The first batch of Associate Missionaries completes five years as

Associate Missionaries on Feb.22, 2024. If they were to continue as Associate Missionaries after Feb.22, 2024, they have to apply for it and get the approval of the Director General for renewing the promise.

In the General Meeting held on July 14, 2023 in the presence of Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura, the Director General of MST, it was said that renewing of the Promise may done every year during the Annual Retreat conducted in the month of December.

The content and essence of the renewal of the promises are same as fresh Promise of Association. It was decided in this meeting not to accept any subscription although contributions of the members are welcome.

4.12. Annual Gathering of Santhome Fellowship & Missionary Associates

In the General meeting held on August 04, 2023 in the presence of the Councillor in-charge, Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, it was decided to celebrate the Annual Gathering of the Associate Missionaries and of the Santhome Fellowship on November 11, 2023 at Deepti Mount.

4.13. Onam Celebrations

The members of the Santhome Fellowship Peramangalam Unit organized a moderate Onam celebration on September 02, after the Unit prayer at MST House Mundoor. Fr Antony Cheeramveli delivered the message of the day and Fr Manuel Karimpanackal blessed the Ona-Sadhya.

The members of the Santhome Fellowship Bharananganam Unit and the Associate Missionaries organized Onam celebrations on September 09, 2023 from 09.00 to 11.00 am at Deepti Preshitharam. Around 40 people attended it and all were served Paayasam!

4.14. Anniversary of Hindi Qurbana at Erumapetty, Thrissur

The first anniversary of the starting of Hindi Qurbana at Erumapetty, Thrissur was celebrated on September 10, 2023 in the Sacred Heart Forane Church Erumapetty. Major Archbishop Mar George Cardinal

Alencherry, was the Chief guest. Bishop Mar Tony Neelamkavil, Auxiliary Bishop of Thrissur presided over the meeting. Fr Lonappan Arangassery, the Secretary General MST and Fr Joseph Pulavelil, the Director of SF spoke on the occasion and Fr Antony Cheeranvelil



MST and Fr Manuel Karimpanackal MST were present on the occasion. Prior to the meeting the Major Archbishop celebrated Holy Qurbana and laid the foundation stone for the new Church.

4.15. Training for the New Associate Missionaries

The training of those aspiring to become Associate Missionaries started in two places: one at Preshitharam on Deepti Mount for the South and the other at Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery, for Malabar. Those who applied for renewing the Promise of Association will also join the training programme. All the Associate Missionaries are recommended to attend the classes.

4.16. Committee to give suggestions for the Guidelines of AM

In the meeting held on July 14 a committee of six members was formed to give suggestions and observations, after studying the existing guidelines for revising the guidelines of the Associate Missionaries.

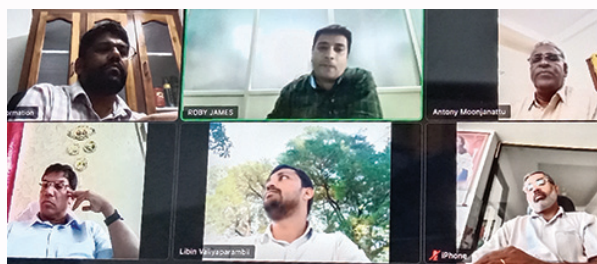
Prepared by Fr Joseph Pulavelil

5. Work of the Committees

5.1 Ongoing Formation Committee

An online meeting of the committee for the Ongoing Formation took place on October 6, 2023. The agenda mostly dealt with scheduling

of the programs and topics for the next five years. The goal of all the

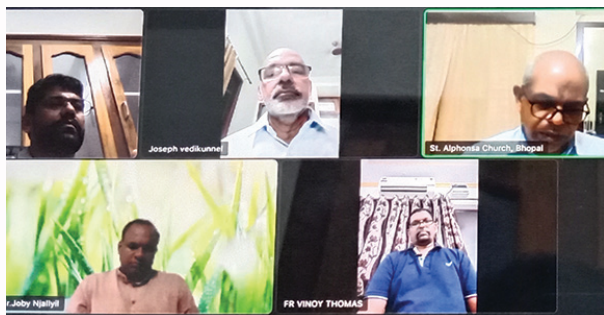


training initiatives should be to encourage participants to pursue their priestly vocation, to

lessen the discrepancies of secular lifestyle and the life style of priests enhancing holiness of priesthood, and to increase participants' understanding of the nature and purpose of the MST.

5.2. Social Apostolate Committee

The Social Apostolate Committee of the MST met online on October 8, 2023. The Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle's Social Work Policy was the primary topic of discussion. A working draft of the policy was developed starting in 2013 and submitted in 2018. In accordance with the updated C&D 2023, the



committee members agreed to add a few crucial elements to a few parts and include a few pertinent titles. This Social Work Policy can serve as inspiration for the various MST NGOs in the various Regions/Delegations/Coordination as they create their unique policies in compliance with state legislation.

Reported by Fr Ivan

Academic/ Educational Achievements

Fr Jose Valiamangalam presented a paper on the Role of East Syriac Music in the Syro-Malabar Liturgy in the World Syriac Conference held from 8 to 17 September 2023 at SEERI Kottayam. He presented another paper, on the Church as People of God, in a Symposium organised in honour of Prof. Kuncheria Pathil CMI in DVK Bangalore between 15 and 16 September 2023.

Fr Abin Kuruvanlackal successfully completed his MSW studies with distinction from Amity University Noida, Delhi. Congrats to Fr Abin!

Fr Shinto Pendanam successfully completed B.Ed studies from Alpha College, Sehore (Barkatullah University Bhopal) with first division. Congrats to Fr Shinto Pendanam!

Fr Jubil Murickal successfully completed Masters in Hindi language. Congrats to Fr Jubil!

Fr Joby Kappiparampil successfully completed Masters in Theology Congrats to Fr Joby!

Fr Roshan Varghese Kuzhuppallil completed Master's in Educational Administration from Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH, U.S.A. In partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of M.Ed., he successfully completed research on "The use of Behavior Modification Techniques as a classroom management strategy to deal the students with behavioral problems in the secondary school." He also published an article on "Impact of PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) on bullying in middle and secondary school" in the Ohio Journal of Teacher Education. Congrats to Fr Roshan!

Fr Joby Koottumkal successfully defended his doctoral Thesis in Missiology in Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. Congrats to Fr Joby!

Fr Jijo Kottakavil MST successfully completed his Licentiate in Systematic Theology from the Catholic University Leuven, Belgium in September 2023. Congrats to Fr Jijo!

NECROLOGY

30-06-2023: Mr. K.A John Koonanplavu (72), Cousin of Fr Lonappan Arangassery

11-07-2023: Mrs Anna, Mother of Fr John Majamattam

28-07-2023: Prof. Hans Jurgen Findeis Brother in law of Fr Kurian Valiamangalam, Cousin of Fr Jose and Uncle of Fr Joy Valiamangalam

30-07-2023: Mrs. Mary Joseph Kunnathussery (72), Sister of Fr John Manjamattam

31-07-2023: Fr Thomas Manthra (82), Cousin of Fr Jose Mathra

01-08-2023: Mrs Thresiamma Varghese Arumana (74), Cousin of Fr Paul Vadakeoram and Aunt of Fr Subash Ullattil, Fr Shiju Pottanany and Bro. Austin Vadakeoram

05-08-2023: Mrs Mariyamma Mathew Varicattu (99), Mother of Fr Sebastian Varicattu

24-08-2023: Mrs Elikutty Augusthy (98), Paternal Grandmother of Fr Jithin Jose Velloor

27-08-2023: Mr Aby Thonikodathu (38), Nephew of Fr Jose Kondoor and Fr John Konduparambil

29-08-2023: Mr. Thomas Paikkattu, brother in law of Fr. Vakkachan Thattuparampil

01-09-2023: Mrs Rosa Paikkattu (80), Sister of Fr Vakkachan Thattuparampil and wife of Thomas Paikkattu

02 -09-2023: Mr Thomas Joseph Koovackal (96), Paternal Uncle of Fr Abraham Koovackal

03-09-2023: Mr Devassia Varkey (88), Maternal Grand Father of Fr Jimson Moosariparambil

04-09-2023: Mr Lawrence Kaithaparampil (70), Brother-in-law

of Fr Saju Thuppalanjiyil

05-09-2023: Mr Mathew Ozhakkal (72), Maternal Uncle of Fr Martin Kandamparampil

05-09-2023: Mrs Gracy Mathew Vadakkekudy (77), Maternal Aunt of Fr Francis Ezhanikkatt

14-09-2023: Fr Joseph Valiamangalam SJ Cousin of Frs Kurian, Jose and Uncle of Joy Valiamangalam

15-09-2023: Mr Kurian Padikarayil (77), Maternal Uncle of Fr Thomas Chenganariparambil and Maternal Grand Father of Bro. Justin Kurisummoottil (2nd year philosophy)

02-10-2023: Thomas Joseph Koovackal (96), Paternal Uncle of Fr Abraham Koovackal

09-10-2023: Mr. Johny Pullolickal (64), Brother in law of Fr Biju Koothottil

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Appendices



MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Deepti Bhavan, Melampara - 686 578, Kottayam Dt. Kerala, India

CIRCULAR: XI/3/2023-2028

15 July, 2023

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers and Brothers,
Warm Greetings from the MST Generalate.

The Committee for the Election of the Regional Directors presented to me today, the panel of three persons each for every Region of the MST. I sincerely thank the Election Committee for their excellent work. The XI Ordinary General Assembly had decided to follow D116b(i) for the choice of the Regional Director. Accordingly, one is appointed the Regional Director for every Region from the four elected panels of three, with the consent the General Council. The following priest-members of the MST are appointed Regional Directors and Councillors, for the ensuing period.

St Paul Region, Ujjain

Regional Director	Rev. Fr Sebastian Pullatt
I Councillor	Rev. Fr Augustine Vadayaparambil
II Councillor & Procurator	Rev. Fr Joseph Plappallil

St Thomas Region, Mandya

Regional Director	Rev. Fr George Aikkarakunnel
I Councillor	Rev. Fr Scaria Thekkemuriyil
II Councillor & Procurator	Rev. Fr John Thettalickal

St Alphonsa Region, Sangli

Regional Director	Rev. Fr Thomas Mangalathil
I Councillor	Rev. Fr Jose Valiamangalam
II Councillor & Procurator	Rev. Fr Joseph Kavunnukattil

St Mary Queen of Missions Region, New Delhi

Regional Director	Rev. Fr Joseph Karodan
I Councillor	Rev. Fr Cyriac Kureekattu
II Councillor & Procurator	Rev. Fr Thomas Puliyammakal

On this occasion, let me—on behalf of the entire MST family—convey to the outgoing Regional Directors and their Councillors our sincere appreciation and gratitude for their dedicated service and hard work in leading and guiding our missionary personnel and their apostolates in the four MST Mission Regions during past five years.

Let me also congratulate and wish God's choicest blessings on the newly appointed Regional Directors and Councillors.

May Mary, our Mother, and St Thomas, our heavenly patron, guide them and inspire them in carrying out their new duties and responsibilities.

With prayerful wishes,

Yours in Christ Jesus,


Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura
Director General, MST




Fr Lohappan Arangassery
Secretary General, MST



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CIRCULAR: XI/4/2023-2028

August 15, 2023

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers and Brothers,

Warm Greetings of the Feast of Assumption and Indian Independence from the MST Generalate!

1. Assuming the Office by Regional Administration

The Regional Directors and the Councillors of the four Mission Regions of the MST assumed their offices on the following dates. Let us cooperate with the new regional teams wholeheartedly.

26/07/2023	St Mary Queen of Missions Region
26/07/2023	St Thomas Region Mandya
29/07/2023	St Alphonsa Region, Sangli
31/07/2023	St Paul Region, Ujjain

2. Orientation Seminar for the GC & RC members

The members of the General Council, Regional Council and Treasurer General gathered at Deepti Generalate from August 7th to 10th, 2023 as stipulated by the *Constitutions and Directives of MST*, (D99.2; C&D 2023) to get initiated and orientated in the administration and personal management. The talks in the input sessions by Rev Dr Joseph Kaduppil and Mr Romid (the CA) were very enriching. Besides, there were sessions in common where matters affecting the MST in General were discussed. In the meeting of Regional teams held separately with the General Council, the issues and the concerns of the respective regions were shared and discussed. They were very fruitful and effective.

3. C&D 2023 comes into Force on September 8, 2023

The members are reminded that the *Constitutions and Directives* promulgated on May 15, 2023, will come into force on September 8, 2023. All the members are earnestly requested to read and meditate on every article of the *Constitutions and Directives* in order to imbibe the spirit of the Particular Law of the Society. In order to familiarise the *Constitutions and Directives* to the members prior to September 8, 2023 study classes are arranged online and offline. The schedule of the classes will be communicated to you from time to time by Fr Ivan Muthanatt, the Councillor in charge of On-going Formation. Since these classes are mandatory for all, the members are requested to join any one of study classes.

4. Holy Qurbana in the Intention of the Director General

According to the new *Constitutions and Directives*, there is a change in the number of Holy Qurbanas to be celebrated for Communion. "All priest members shall offer three Holy Qurbanas every month for the intentions of the Director General till the age of retirement in view of the Communion" (D29.1). Therefore, from **September 2023**, all priest members are obliged to celebrate **Five Holy Qurbanas** in the intention of the Director General every

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month, till the age of retirement (i.e. Three for *Communion* and two for the needs of the MST [D23.6]).

5. Constitution of Committees

Various Committees are constituted while some others are re-constituted for the smooth functioning of the Society. The following priest-members are appointed to the various committees. The members are exhorted to approach the respective committees for consultations and guidance in the concerned area. The Grievance Redressal Forum is visualised and constituted to help members and provide them with a forum to share their concerns, ill feelings etc., toward the Regional and Central Administration. The members of the Redressal Cell are bound by professional secrecy and confidentiality.

5.1. General Auditors

Fr. Augustine Marottikudy (Auditor General & Convener)
Fr. George Pottenaniyil
Fr. Cyriac (Pradeepan) Punnaikuzhy
Fr. Sebastian Kurumundayil
Fr. Kurian (Sijomon) Mundaplackel

5.2. Financial Council

Fr. Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura (Ex-officio)
Fr. Santhosh Olapurackal (Ex-officio) (Convener)
Fr. Augustine Marottikudy (Ex-officio)
Fr. Joseph Plappallil (Ex-officio)
Fr. John Thettalickal (Ex-officio)
Fr. Joseph (Lijo) Kavunnukattil (Ex-officio)
Fr. Thomas (Joice) Puliymakkal (Ex-officio)
Fr. Kurian Kochetonnal (Nominee)
Fr. John Madukoly (Nominee)

5.3. Central Construction Committee

Fr. Bibin Vernakunnel (Convener)
Fr. Thomas Karamel
Fr. Thomas Kocheettathott

5.4. Central Committee for Communion

Fr. Jomon Ayyankanal (Convener)
Fr. Santhosh Olappura
Fr. Kurian Kochetonnal

5.5. Grievance Redressal Forum

Fr. Joseph Venattumattam (Convener)
Fr. Kuriakose (Roby) Adappoor
Fr. Jacob Njarolickal

5.6. Committee for Preparing Guidelines for Social Apostolate

Fr. Thomas Chenganariparampil (Convener)
Fr. Sebastian Njalliyil
Fr. John Panthalipadan
Fr. Joseph Vedikkunnel

5.7. Committee for Preparing Financial Policy

Fr. Kuriakose Kunnel (Convener)
Fr. Augustine Marottikudy
Fr. Lijo Kavunnukattil
Fr. Sebastian Elanjimattathil

5.8. Committee for Ongoing formation

Fr. Kuriakose Adappoor (Convener)
Fr. Joseph Unnieppallil
Fr. Anto Munjanattu
Fr. Chandy Kalathoor
Fr. Libin Valiyaparambil

5.9. Safe Environment Committee

Fr. Peter Vattappara (Convener)
Fr. George Kuppayil

5.10. Committee for preparing Guidelines for Christian Community Formation

Fr. Joby Koottumkal (Convener)
Fr. Joseph Cheriampattan
Fr. Paul Painadath
Fr. Sanoj Pathrapankal



6. Prayer Day for the Members

In the light of the discussions and deliberations in the 11th Ordinary General Assembly on the need of renewal in the Society and based on the suggestions given by the GC & RC meeting, the General Council has decided to assign a day of prayer to each member of the Society. On that day the assigned member may set apart the day for prayer for the renewal of the Society and all other members shall pray for him. The schedule of the prayer days will be intimated to you from time to time. The prayer schedule will begin on September 8, the day the *Constitutions & Directives* comes into effect.

7. MST prayer

We encourage and exhort all the members to recite daily the *Prayer for the Society* personally and in all the Centres of the MST as part of the renewal programme. The soft copy of the already existing prayer will be shared again via email and WhatsApp.

8. On-Going Formation Programme

As part of the On-going formation, a *Three-Day* formation programme is organized from October 23 to 26, 2023, at Deepti Mount for the MST priests who are ordained between December 2018 and January 2023. All are expected to participate in the programme.

9. Preaching and Community Formation Programme

A Two days On-going formation programme is organized for those engaged in preaching and Community building from **October 26 to 27, 2023** at Deepti Mount. Those who are engaged and interested in these ministries may please contact Fr Jomon Ayyankanal, the Councillor in Charge of Mission Expansion to participate and benefit from the programme.

10. Allowance of the Retired Members

As per the new *Constitutions and Directives*, "The MST provides food, accommodation and medical care for the members retired due to old age or sickness. They shall be provided with a monthly stipend equal to the fifty per cent of the ordinary allowance" (D20.1). The members may please note the new Directive regarding the allowance of the retired.

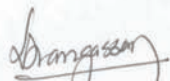
May Mary, our Mother who assumed into Heaven continue to intercede for the Society to continue the Mission of Her Son!

With prayerful wishes,

Yours in Christ Jesus,


Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura
Director General, MST




Fr Lonappan Arangassery
Secretary General, MST

Congratulations...



Newly Elected Regional Administration

St Alphonsa Region



Regional Director:

I Councillor:

II Councillor:

Rev Fr Tom Mangalathil

Rev Fr Josekutty Valiamangalam

Rev Fr Lijo Kavunnukattil

Congratulations...



Newly Elected Regional Administration

Mary Queen of Mission Region



Regional Director:

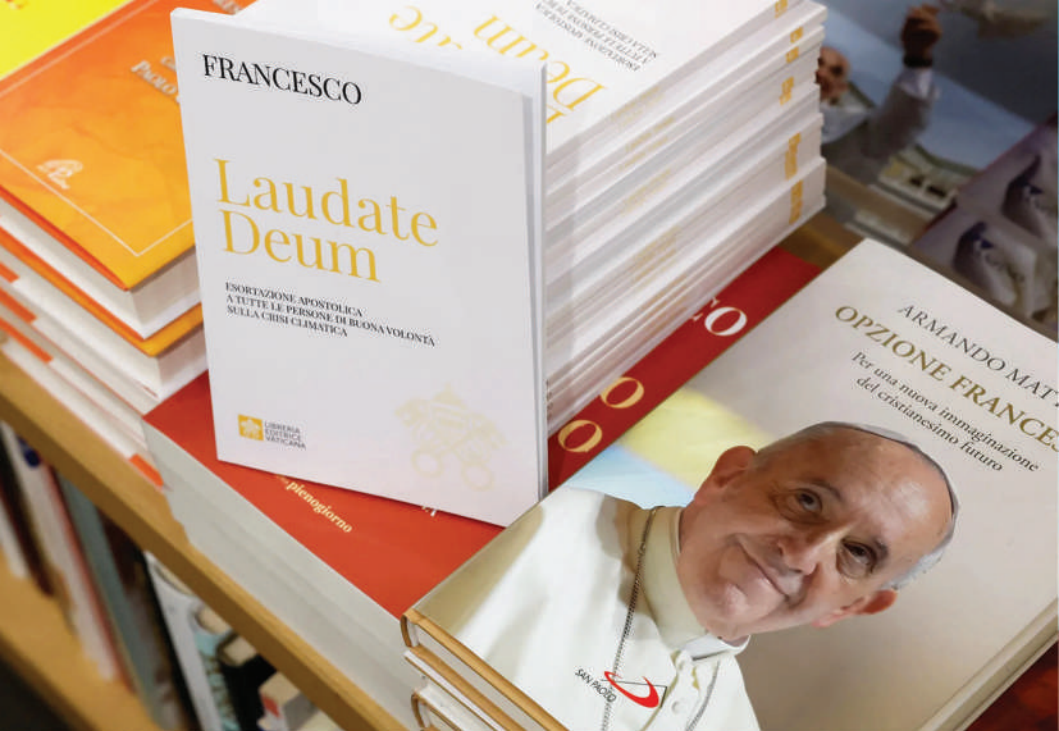
I Councillor:

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