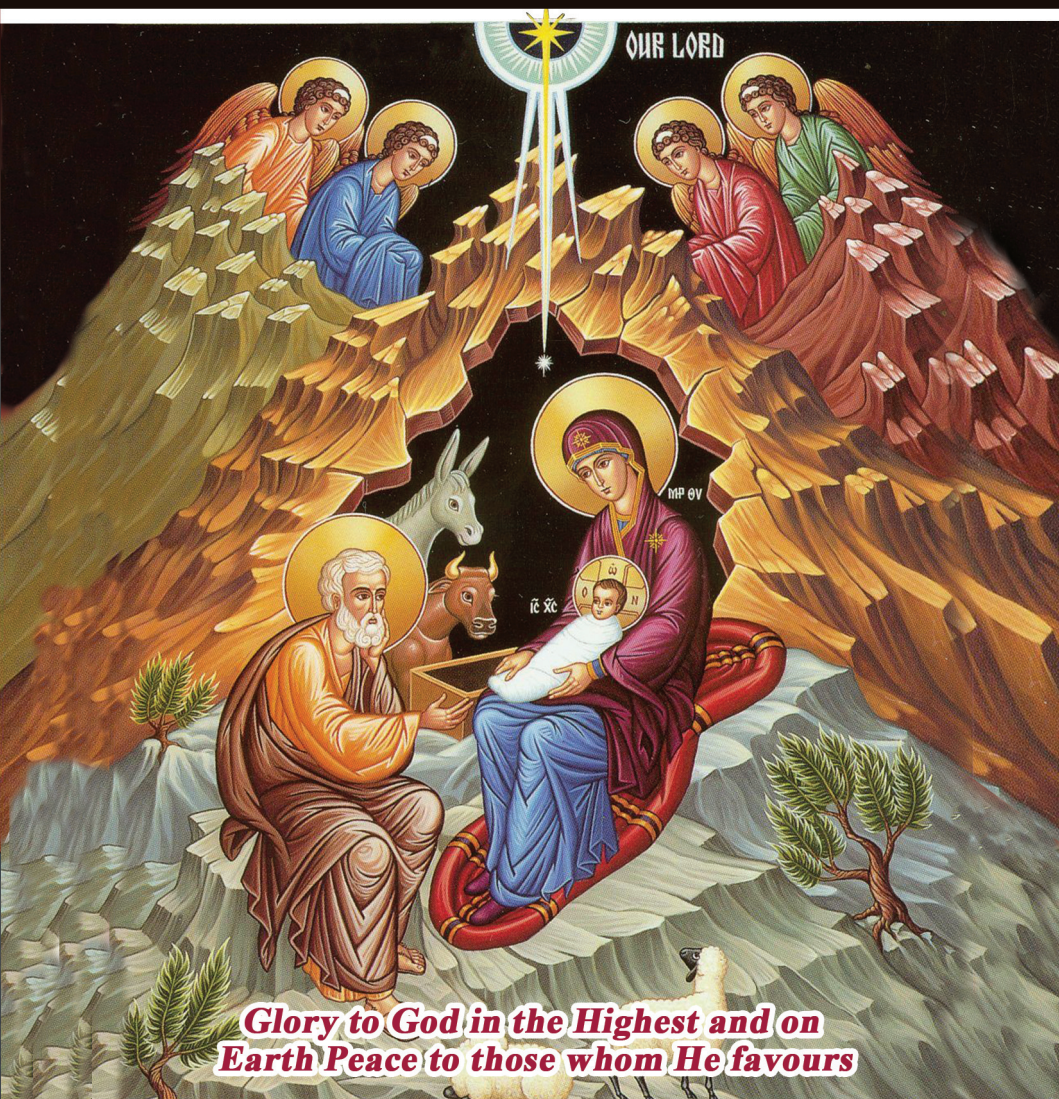


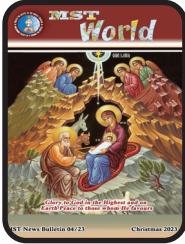


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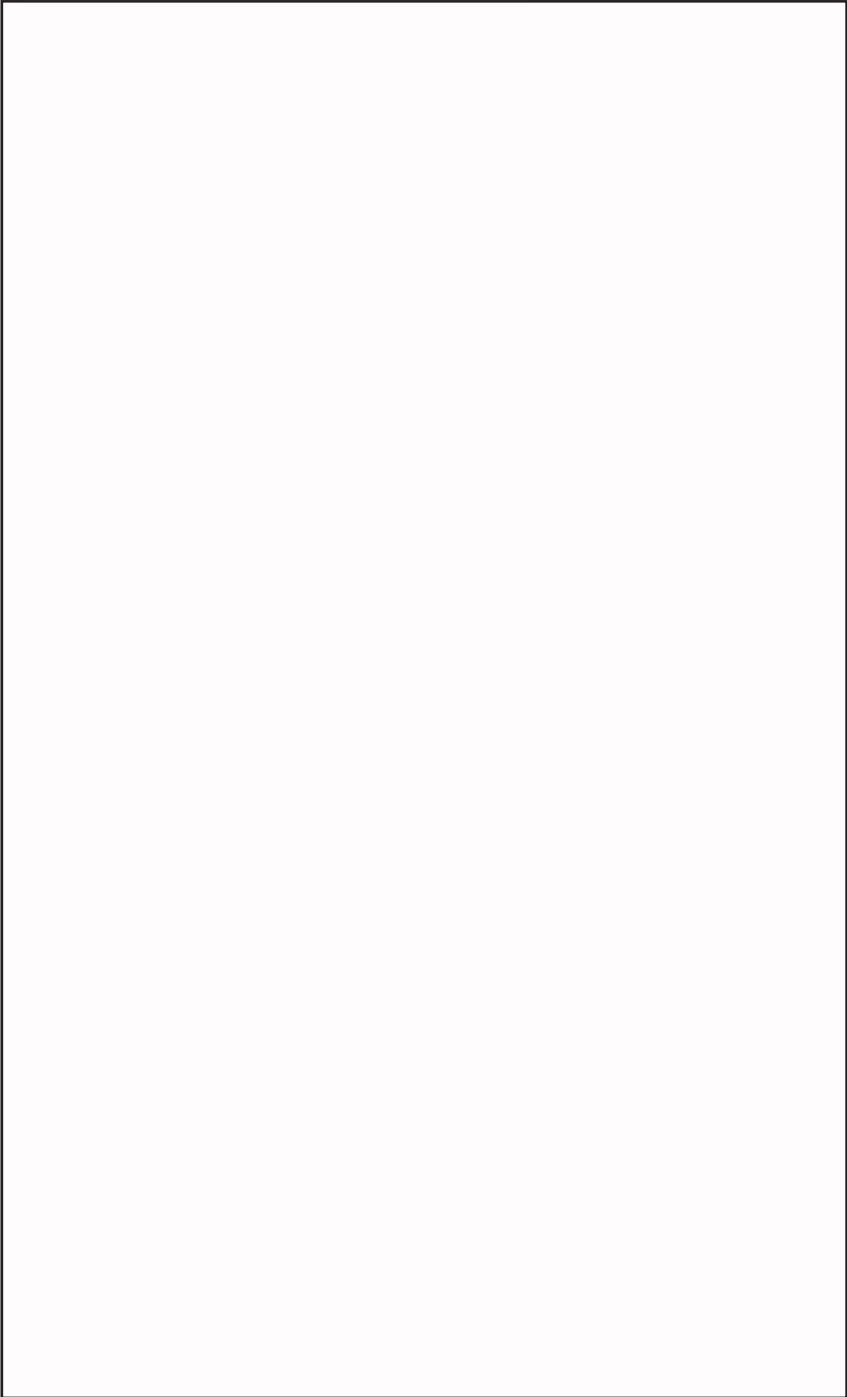
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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL



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NEWS FROM THE GENERALATE

1. Priests' Meet on Christian Community Formation

'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Good News'!

The MST Generalate was blessed by the presence of priest members engaged in the formation of Christian communities and the Ministry of Preaching from October 24 to 27, 2023. Its organization was prompted by the discussions in the Extra Ordinary General Assembly 2022 and the Ordinary General Assembly 2023. The discussions



focused on resetting the purpose and the priority of the MST for forming and nourishing Christian

communities and thus establishing local churches with Qurbana Centers, parishes and other necessary ecclesiastical structures. The meeting was inaugurated on October 24 evening by the Director General who presided over. Very Rev Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura emphasized the importance of preaching and Community Formation highlighting the newly promulgated C&D of the MST. The updates from the Mission Regions and Coordination shared by the participants enlightened and inspired all. The second day of the meeting was marked with the sharing and classes by Rev Fr Jeevan K.D, a great missionary engaged in community formation in the diocese of Chanda. He highlighted that the community formation is necessarily the end result of every missionary activity.

The second session of the day included the panel discussion on Community Formation and Preaching Ministry in the background of MST Mission and it was followed by the sharing session with the General Council of the MST. The Panel discussion included the following topics: Direct preaching and community formation, pastoral

care of the new communities, preaching ministry and holistic empowerment of the new communities. The meeting concluded with the sharing session with the General councilors, where by the members shared their experiences and anxieties in the mission areas. The sharing, deliberations, planning etc. helped the members to return to the mission with renewed and enriched by missionary zeal.

2. Silver Jubilee Celebration

The Silver Jubilee celebrations of MST fathers this year got an added



colour since the Director General Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattil also belongs to the batch of the Silver Jubilarians of this year. The function commenced with a prayer session for half an hour in the public Chapel conducted by Rev Fr Joshy Mullappallil. It was followed by cultural evening to felicitate the Jubilarians. The fathers from Generalate, Aaraam, Deepti Minor seminary and fathers from MST houses in Kerala participated in the event. The cultural programmes were conducted by the Deepti Brothers. The staff and Brothers from Deepti Seminary actively participated in the Jubilee celebration of MST fathers on 16th November 2023. The Jubilarians celebrated Holy Qurbana on the following day, in the Seminary Chapel with the fathers from the Generalate, guest priests and the Brothers.

3. Golden Jubilee of Fr Thomas Parayadyil.

The Golden Jubilee of Rev Fr Thomas Parayadyil, one of the former



Directors General was celebrated jointly by the Generalate and the Minor seminary in a modest on December 13, 2023. Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattil Puthenpura felicitated the Golden Jubilarian Fr Thomas Parayadyil. The solemn Holy Qurbana in the Minor

seminary was followed by breakfast in the Minor seminary refectory. The presence and participation of Rev. Fathers from the Generalate and minor seminary along with the students graced the occasion of the conclusion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

4. Perpetual Promise of Incorporation and Sacred Order of *M'samsanusa*



Kanjirathamkunel Sebastian (Abin Sunny), Makkiyil Chacko (Amal Sebastian), Paruthickal Simon (Binil Varghese), Thadathil Joseph (Ajith Joseph), Velloor Mathew (Gintumon James)

5. Sacred Order of Heupadyaknusa

Ammanath Jospheh (Joyal), Anackampoil, Kaithackal George (Maneesh Mathew), Kanjiramattathil Jacob (Alan K Augustin),



Kavunnukattil Joseph, Kizhakkumkarayil Sebastian (Alan), Kottavila Benedict (Blesson Francis), Mannarath Sebastian (Akhil Jose), Mundamattam James (Noble Thomas), Pengattu George (Amal Chacko), Pullolil Joseph (Tom Dominic), Puthenpurackal Thomas (Siby)

6. Sacred Order of Karoyusa

Ambattu Sebastian (Justin Jose), Kaithickathadathil Sebastian (Jobit Michael), Kalathil Sebastian (Denny Tomy), Kochumannoor Jestin James, Mandapathikunnel Francis (Abin Benny), Nelluvelil Xavier (Georgekutty), Parachalil Thomas (Shinto), 8. Thannickal Jerin



Mathew, Uruppankattil Philip, Valliparambil Joseph (Jomin Antony)

NEWS FROM REGIONS

A. St Paul Region, Ujjain

1. Regional House, Mendya



St Paul's Region of MST proudly celebrated the Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee of Rev. Fr Thomas Parayadyil at the Regional House on 19th

November 2023. The Solemn Holy Qurbana presided over by the Jubilarian was concelebrated by Very Rev. Fr Manoj Vareeckal, the Vicar General of the Eparchy of Ujjain and almost all the MST priests working in the Region. In the meeting organised to felicitate the Jubilarian, Rev. Fr Sebastian Pullatt, the Regional Director, felicitated Rev. Fr Thomas Parayadyil on behalf of all the Fathers of the Region. All the members present felicitated him and



participated in the dinner. May the Good Lord continue to shower His blessings upon Rev. Fr Thomas Parayadyil throughout his priestly life and ministry in the years to come. Ad multos annos!

2. St Thomas School, Pawasa

The Annual Day of St. Thomas School, Ujjain was held on November 25, 2023. It was named CYNOSURE 2K23. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Aditya Nagar, the Additional Commissioner of Municipal Corporation, Ujjain as the Chief Guest, His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel as the President and Very Rev. Fr. Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura, the Director General of the MST, as the



Guest of Honour. The presence of Rev. Fathers and Sisters in and around Ujjain and the presence of students and their parents added colour to the event. The function began with a prayer dance at 5

pm followed by Inauguration with the ceremony of the *Lighting of the Lamp*. Rev. Fr. Joseph Plappallil, the Manager of the school welcomed the dignitaries and the gathering. The students from various grades entertained the gathering with various cultural programmes such as dance, singing, skit, comedy actions, talent show etc. mesmerizing the crowd by the magnificent performances by the students. The programme ended with vote of thanks by the School leader.



3. Prem Nivas, Piploda

Prem Nivas mission station at Piploda completed fifty years of its existence in 2022. The new chapel was consecrated by Bishop Mar Sebastian Vadakel as



the memorial of the Jubilee on 27th November 2023. The newly built St Thomas Convent of the DST Sisters was also blessed on the same day. Many Fathers, Sisters and the faithful graced the occasion with their presence and participation.

B. St Thomas Region, Mandya

1. Visit of the Director General

St Thomas Region was blessed by the visit of Very Rev. Fr. Vincent Kadalikkatilputhenpura. He visited Mandya mission from October 11-14 2023. He met personally all the missionaries working in the mission. He took enough time to speak with our fathers. All the missionaries found it very encouraging and enlightening.

2. *Swanthana* Counselling Centre



A new counselling Centre for Mandya Region is inaugurated in the Region. The state of Karnataka, India, is witnessing an alarming increase in suicide rates and

heightened levels of stress among students. Every day we confront with so many young couples and youth who have family problems and tensions. We often hear about men and women committing suicide due to small quarrel or misunderstanding between husband and wife. The suicidal mentality in the area is alarming. The facilities to overcome or address mental health issues are very much limited in Mandya District. Realising the urgent need to address these issues, we have started a Counselling Centre in a humble way aimed at providing mental health support and intervention strategies. Rev. Fr. Roby Adappoor, who has secured a



doctorate in Psychology, has taken the initiative to start the counselling centre in Mandya. *Swanthana*, the new counselling centre was blessed and inaugurated on October 11, 2023 by Director General very Rev. Fr. Vincent Kadalikkatilputhenpura in the presence of the fathers and Sisters working in Mandya Region.

3. Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee Celebrations



The Silver Jubilarians Rev. Frs Manoj Parackal, Tomy Madavapillil and Sojan Unnieppalillil came to Mandya Region to celebrate their Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee on Sunday,

November 12, 2023. The fathers spent the time strengthening their koinonia with their friends in Mandya Region and sharing their experiences in priestly life.



4. Principals' & Managers' Meet

A half-day discussion on the education policy was conducted on the 26th November, 2023 in Santhome Regional House. Fr Ivan Muthanattu, the General Councilor in charge of Education, explained the education policy and its importance. Almost all the fathers were present for the meeting. Fr Jiby Antony Thekkemury, the Education Secretary of the Region welcomed Fr Ivan Muthanattu and the Study class was over by afternoon.

5. Missionary Meet in the Region.

A missionary meeting was conducted on November 18, 2023 for those working in the Region. The meeting commenced at 4.00 pm and all the missionaries shared in the meeting the progress of their apostolate in the respective mission stations. It was over by 7 p.m.

6. Major transfers in the Region

1. Rev. Fr Thomas Kocheettathott took charge as the Manager of Divya Jyoti School Koppa,
2. Fr. Sales Karickandathil is appointed priest in charge and the new Director and Manager of Santhome Public School Mandya.

3. Fr.Kallupuraparampil took Charge as the Priest in Charge and Manager of Sevasadana and Divya Jyothi School Halagur.
4. Fr. Pthalil Thomas took charge as Principal in charge of Divya Jyothi School Halagur and Assistant Priest in charge of Sevasadana.

C. St Alphonsa Mission Region, Sangli

1. Visit of the Director General

The visit of the Director General very Rev. Fr. Vincent from November 4 to November 12, 2023 enthused and inspired the missionaries in the Region. It strengthened the bonds of love and unity among the members of the society in Sangli Mission. The DG visited all mission stations, interacted with all the missionaries, encouraged and appreciated the dedicated work of the missionaries. The visit of very Rev. Fr. Vincent reinforced the sense of community among the missionaries of Sangli Region.

2. Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of the Director General

The Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Fr. Vincent was celebrated solemnly and with Joy at Vishwadeepti Kolhapur on November 12, 2023. The memories of the past 25 five years of priestly journey bore witness to the unwavering commitment of the Director General to Christ and His Church. The occasion of Jubilee celebration,



brought together the well-wishers, the clergy and the missionary collaborators together, to honour and thank very Rev. Fr. Vincent, for his inspiring leadership.

3. Annual Retreat for Fathers



The annual retreat for the priests in Sangli Mission was led by Fr. Benny Puthennada of Mother Home Retreat Centre in Pariyarm, Kannur, from November 12th to November 16, 2023. The retreat provided the missionaries a space for introspection and reflection on their priestly and missionary commitments.

4. Annual Retreat for Sisters

The annual retreat of the sisters of Sangli Mission was led by Fr Kurian Mukkamkuzhyil from November 19 to 23, 2023. The retreat provided the sisters with ample time for reflection, retrospection and contemplation on their religious and missionary life.



5. Change of Address:

1. Fr Chirayil Thomas is appointed Manager St Thomas School and Pastor at Ratnagiri
2. Fr Chitteth Xavier is appointed Assistant Director at Viswadeepti, Kolhapur
3. Fr Kanattu Justin is appointed Manager of Alphonsa School, Ichalkaranji
4. Fr Kuzhuppallil Roshan is appointed at Alphonsa School, Shahuwadi
5. Fr Muthuplakkal Joseph is relieved from Sangli mission and is assigned to Ujjain.
6. Fr Panackavayalil Lijesh is appointed at Suvartha Printers
7. Fr Puthenpurayil Michael is appointed Manager Alphonsa School, Jath
8. Fr Vettukallel George is appointed Director of Jeevadan, Zerap

D. Mary Queen of the Missions Region, Delhi

1. Monthly Recollection and Christmas Celebration

The priests working in Mary, Queen of the Missions, Region Delhi had their Monthly recollection and Christmas celebration in Deepti Ashram on 12 December. Fr Mathew VC guided the monthly recollection. All the fathers were present and they exchanged Christmas Greetings on the occasion. Very Rev Fr Joseph Karodan wished everyone Merry Christmas and distributed Christmas gifts.

2. Accident of MST Fathers

Fr. Abraham Chembottikkal and Fr Babu Anithanam met with an accident on their way to Bijnor for the Annual Retreat. Both of them were taken to Apollo Hospital, Delhi, and both underwent surgery. Fr Abraham had a rib fracture and an injury above the eye. Fr Babu had a rib fracture and he had to undergo open surgery since the sternum was broken. Besides he had to undergo cosmetic surgery because of the injury on the nose and above the eye. Now both fathers are fine. Fr Abraham takes rest in Mayur Vihar Parish and Fr. Babu is shifted to Deepti Bhavan where he takes rest.

3. Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Chirgaon, Himachal Pradesh

a. Retreat in view of Christmas



Two days evening retreat was organized for the people to prepare them for Christmas on the 8th and 9th of December, 2023. Rev Fr Simon and his team from Prarthana

Bhavan Retreat Centre, Ludhiana, preached the retreat. All the parishioners benefited from the Retreat, especially from Eucharistic adoration, healing prayers and the proclamation of the Word of God. Rev Fr Shinto from Rohru Catholic mission absolved the faithful of their sins in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

b. Prayer meeting:

A prayer meeting was organized for the spiritual nourishment of the faithful on 11th November, 2023. Bro Sebastian, a renowned lay preacher, led the session and preached on the meaning of suffering in Christian life. Most of the members of the parish were present for the program.

3. Feast of Sacred Heart Church, Najafgarh

The feast of Sacred Heart Church, Najafgarh was celebrated from 6/10/2023 to 8/10/2023. Fr. Joshy Kallackal the Provincial, V.C Delhi Province celebrated Holy Mass and enriched everyone with his message. On the 7th His Excellency Mar Jose Puthenveetil was the main celebrant of the Holy Eucharist and two of our children received sacraments of Holy Communion and confirmation. The parishioners performed a cultural event. On the 8th, Very Rev. Fr. James Manampuram celebrated the Holy Qurbana and broke the Word of God for the people.

3a. World AIDS Day

The World AIDS Day was observed in Deepti Foundation through Caritas India Gram Nirman program on December 1, 2023. There were red ribbon campaign, nukkad natak, and community awareness programs



by distributing IEC materials in different parts of East Delhi. Fr. Abin MST, Director of Deepti Foundation, inaugurated the programs.

3b. Production & Sale of Christmas Cake

As usual, this year also 8 tons of cakes were to be baked. The delicious Christmas plum cakes are distributed from Jammu Kashmir to Kerala. The special mixture and texture of the cakes are appreciated by all. Fr. Joseph



Karodan and Fr.Abin supervise and guide the project of Cake baking and Sale.

4. Kristjyoti Catholic Mission Rohru, Himachal Pradesh

Two days retreat was organized in view of preparing for the Nativity of Our Lord. The retreat was led by Rev Fr Simon & team from Prarthana Bhavan Punjab. The retreat was enriched by solemn Holy Qurbana, Bible talks, singing and Eucharistic adoration. The retreat was attended by almost all the faithful and many were blessed with healing and anointing of the Spirit. Rev Fr Siby Poovathinkal from Chirgaon helped us in administering the sacrament of reconciliation.

4a. Sacraments of Initiation



The neophytes who professed their faith in Jesus as their Saviour were administered the sacraments of Initiation by Rev Frs Sanoj and Shinto after giving catechetical formation for a long period about faith and Christian life. MSJ sisters

were of great help in forming candidates for receiving the sacraments and for preparing crowns and decorated candles for the celebration.

4b. Bible convention and counseling

Lay missionaries were of great help at Kristjyoti Catholic Mission Rohru in different capacities. They help financially for the temporal and spiritual needs of the mission also they pray a lot for the success of the mission. A few zealous lay missionaries visited our mission and also helped the community to renew their lives in Christ. Bro Sebastian visited the mission in the month of November and led a One day Bible convention for the faithful. He stayed with us for a few days visiting houses and conducting prayer services. Bro Jeril, a gifted spiritual counselor, also helped the members of the community to strengthen their faith and prayer life.

5. Mother Theresa Catholic Mission Dehlon, Punjab

5a. The Digital Fest

St Thomas School Dehlon conducted the first ever digital fest in Punjab in collaboration with Cyber square the UK based company, on November 6th. The Digital fest was inaugurated by Mr Roji Thomas, the principal of Gyansh Global School Dhuri. Rev. Fr Bobby Kayalakkakathu MST the manager and principal of the school welcomed the dignitaries and the entire audience. Students developed and exhibited Robortic programs, web designing, visual coding and so on for the Digital fest. The students who participated the Digital fest were really taken up by the support and encouragement given by the staff and students from St Thomas School Bathinda and Gyansh Global School Dhuri. And also the parents of the students, neighbours and well-wishers of St Thomas school were also present for the program. They all encouraged the talents of the students by their presence and appreciation. The presence and message given by Rev. Fr Sojan Unnieppillil MST doubled the joy of the day. The Digital Fest declared that St Thomas School is really a school with innovative ideas and moving with the time.

5b. Visit of Mar Jose Puthenveetil



His Excellency Mar Jose Puthenveetil, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Faridabad visited Mother Theresa Catholic Mission Dehlon on

November 15. His enduring support and concern for the mission station is really remarkable one. He graced the community with his prayers and enriching message.

5c. Prayer meeting

Mr Sebastian, a well-known and zealous missionary who supports

the missionary endeavours of MST, visited Mother Theresa Catholic Mission and conducted a prayer meeting on 20th of November. Around 35 people attended the prayer sessions and were enriched by the preaching of Mr Sebastian. He also found time to visit the families in the villages and prayed. It is noted that his visit and contributions have enriched the mission.

6. St Joseph's Bhavan, Bathinda, Punjab

6a. St Thomas Convent School Bathinda

St Thomas Convent School organized different activities to develop the extracurricular talents of the children. The school conducted clay modeling activity, spell bee competition and Rangoli making competition. The school commemorated the birth anniversary of the first prime minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on November 14. The staff and students made the day memorable by mutual greetings, performing various cultural programmes like dances, skit, songs, and fancy dress

6b. Visit of Mar Jose Puthenveetil

Mar Jose Puthenveetil, the auxiliary bishop of the diocese of



Faridabad, visited Christujyoti Catholic Church, Barkandi and St Joseph's Bhavan, Bathinda on November 15. He was very happy to be part of the

prayer service conducted with the local people and he blessed the gathering with his message.

6c. Feast of Garisson Church

The parishioners of the Garisson cantonment Church, Bathinda celebrated the parish day and parish feast on November 19 with joy and happiness. All the parishioners participated in the solemn

Holy Qurbana and joined the procession held after the Qurbana. Fr Antu Allumootil was the main celebrant at the Holy Qurbana. All enjoyed the cultural programmes and sumptuous lunch thereafter.

6d. Visit of Brother Sebastian

Brother Sebastian, an associate MST missionary visited Christujyoti Catholic Church, Barkandi on November 21. He was excited to meet the local Catholics and with great zeal he shared the Word of God with them.

6e. Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies, New Delhi

Lectures by the Director of IHPS



The Director of IHPS, Fr M. D . T h o m a s delivered various lectures on various topics as

follows:

- On the importance of meeting each other for communal harmony, during the seminar on Communal Harmony Day organized by Anuvrat Samiti Trust, New Delhi on 01 October 2023.
- on the Divine Educators and the Nature and Purpose of Religion’ organized by the Office of Public Affairs of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahais of India, New Delhi, on 14 October 2023
- on “Those Who hurt Other People are Never Happy” organized by Bhagwan Vaalmiki Ashram, New Delhi on 28 October 2023
- on Interactive and Collaborative Consciousness that leads to Spiritual Experience organized by BRICS Culture Media Forum, New Delhi, on 30 November 2023

Congratulations to Fr M.D. Thomas for his contributions!

E. St Joseph Mission, Odisha

1. Visit of Director General and Councilors

The Director General, Rev. Dr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura MST, along with the General Councilors Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, Rev. Fr Jomon Ayyankanal, and TG Rev. Fr Santhosh Olapurackal, visited the St. Joseph mission in Odisha. Their visit and keen interest in the Mission was a great inspiration to the missionaries and the faithful.

2. Mission Exposure Programme of Seminarians

Subdeacons from Vadavathoor: A team of sub-deacons from Vadavathoor Seminary visited the Odisha Mission. They stayed in different mission stations with the local people to learn their lives. They went to villages and interacted with the villagers. They also went to Kanjamandi Pastoral Centre for a course on missions. Thus they were helped to know more about the mission work and relate what they studied in the seminary with the real-life situations in Odisha.

Seminarians from Gurukulam Thrissur: In the month of November Twelve brothers from Thrissur Gurukulam seminary came to St. Joseph's mission in Odisha for exposure to the Mission in Odisha. They were split into different groups and stayed at various mission stations of MST. They stayed in various remote villages, interacting with the local communities to know their way of life. They assisted the villagers in various ways. Some were engaged in teaching and organized camps in various tuition centers, while others assisted then in agriculture, and others supported healthcare services.

3. Divine Mercy Centre M. Rampur

3a. Welcome to Mar Bosco Puthur

In the first week of November Bishop Bosco Puthur arrived in Odisha and became part of the Odisha mission. Fr. Jose



Cherianpanat, the Coordinator of St. Joseph's mission in Odisha, warmly welcomed Bishop Bosco Puthur. We wish him a very fruitful and enriching time in the Odisha Mission. Mar Bosco Puthur resides at the Divine mercy centre Rampur. Fr Ambrose and the community welcomed bishop to stay with them. Bishop Bosco is very enthusiastic about visiting remote villages and he makes an extra effort to learn Odia language to communicate and connect with the local people.

4. Village kids' camp



A group of brothers from Gurukulam Seminary in Thrissur conducted camps for children in the tuition centers. The camp was very much beneficial for the children. One thing that stands out is that the brothers could easily integrate themselves with the

children, their environment and culture without any inhibition. Their genuine enthusiasm and commitment helped them to effortlessly mingle with the children and foster an environment of learning, fun, and cultural exchange.

5. Sanjo Ashram, Bissam Cuttack

5a Tuition Centers

With God's blessings, Sanjo Ashram, Bissam Cuttack could start 14 tuition centers in thirteen villages in and around Bissam Cuttack and Chattikona area. Fr Deleep Nalannadiyil could appoint a few local teachers from every village to instruct and to take classes in the morning and in the evening. In every class, there are



minimum 15 students and they are provided with study materials. The students and parents are very happy and we get very positive responses from every village. Fr Deleep is helped by the Regent Bro. Anto Joshy Parumthumplackal (Kothamangalam Diocese) and Mr Devraj Goradia, the newly appointed Social Work Co-ordinator of Bissam Cuttack Mission Station.

5b. Welcome and Farewell Function

A warm welcome was accorded to Bro. Anto Joshy



Parumthumplackal (Kothamangalam Diocese) newly appointed as the Regent of Sanjo Ashram, Bissam Cuttack. A Farewell

was given to Bro. Albin Varghese Puthenpurayil MST who served as the Regent of Sanjo Ashram for five months.

These events were witnessed by Rev. Fr Soby Thannickappara, Fr Joyal Kachiraparekudiyil, Fr Dius Plathottathil, CSJG sisters and Kothamangalam brothers. Fr Deleep thanked Bro. Albin for his great service as the first regent of Bissam Cuttack Mission Station.

6. Little Flower Mission, Pakhanaguda (Kundra)

In December, we organized a one-day retreat for the villagers. The event commenced with Holy Qurbana. Bros. Surendran and Poornachandra took the lead in guiding the retreat.



(Reported by Fr Jestin Vattamannil MST)

F. Arunchal Mission

HOUSES OF FORMATION

A. Deepti Minor Seminary

1. Gandhi Jayanthi



On 2nd October 2023 the Deepti creatively celebrated the Gandhi Jayanti. Inspired by the message and life of Gandhi, the staff and brothers of the Deepti

Minor Seminary cleaned the roadside and collected the plastic waste from the road between Deepti Stop and Ambara. This gesture of the seminarians was very much appreciated by the authorities of the Panchayath and the public.

2. Arts and Sports Day

The sports day was celebrated in the Deepti Seminary on October 6, 2023. Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekarott inaugurated the event. The brothers were divided into two groups for the competitions. It was an occasion for the brothers to express their excellence in different games and sports. In the days following literary and arts competitions were conducted.



3. Basket Ball matches



Brothers from Deepti participated in two Basketball matches one with the MST fathers on 2nd November and the other on 18th November 2023 with the fathers of

Pala Diocese. Though they failed in both games their enthusiasm and unity showed that they can play well.

4. Mission Sunday Celebration

The Mission Sunday was celebrated on October 22, 2023 with Solemn Qurbana celebrated by Rev Fr George Mecheril in the seminary Chapel. There were games



and auction organized to collect funds for the mission. Very Rev Fr Vincent Kadalikkattil Puthenpura inaugurated the mission fest in Deepti public auditorium. The collected amount of the mission Sunday was sent to Rodu Mission for the construction of the church in Himachal pradesh.

5. Rectors Day

On November 15, 2023 Deeeti Seminary celebrated the Rectors day. In the

evening there was a public gathering and cultural programmes were conducted by the brothers. Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekarott presided over the



meeting and Rev Fr Jacob Njarolickal, the Rector of Deepti Seminary thanked all the students, staff and participants.

6. Volleyball match

After the training in volleyball for the brothers of Deepti, a match was conducted between the Deepti Brothers and the Alphonsa Residential School, Bharanganam on 28th November 2023. Deepti brothers won the match.

B. Santhome Minor Seminary, Thamarassery

1. Ganthi Jayanti & Cleaning Campaign.

On October 2, 2023 Ganthi Jayanti was commemorated and it was set apart for general cleaning. The fathers and brothers along with some neighbours undertook cleaning of the Brindavan Estate Road from the Vezhupur Road to Santhome Seminary. The event instilled in the seminarians, civic sense and an awareness of their commitment to the society as well as a sense of general cleanliness in our surroundings and in public places.

2. Blessing of the New Chapel



A new chapel was constructed in view of solving the complaints of some of the neighbours about the noise from the old Chapel. Rev.

Fr Jobin Vadakketh found a contractor and workers who finished the construction in two months. The chapel was built on the ground floor joining two class rooms. Bishop Mar Remegiose Inchananiyil, blessed the chapel on Monday, October 9, 2023. Rev. Fathers Joseph Thekkekarottu, Santhosh Olapurakkal, George Kachirayil and Abin Kochupurackal from Deepti Bhavan were present to grace the occasion. The Cathedral Vicar Rev. Fr Mathew Pulimoottil, SABS Sisters, a few invited guests and the neighbours also present on the occasion. We place on record our profound gratitude to the DG Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura and the Councillors for their generous support to complete the project. Our thanks are also due to Mr Antony Chackalackal, the contractor and Mr Manoj Mlakkuzhiyil, the interior designer for completing the work in two months.

3. Talash 2023

The Home Day Competitions-*Talash 2023*-was inaugurated on



October 9, 2023 Monday by Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarottu. There was a friendly basketball match between the fathers and brothers marking the beginning of the Home Day

competitions. The 30 brothers were divided into three houses: Red, Blue and Yellow and the literary, art and sports competitions were held over a period of one month. November 13 and 14 were set aside for Sports. Fr Abhilash Akkattu was in-charge of Talash 2023.



4. Mission Sunday Celebrations



Mission Sunday was celebrated on October 29, 2023 and Rev. Fr Mathew Puthukallil from Santhome Santhvanalaya was the main celebrant at Holy Qurbana. In the sharing

session in the morning, Fr Mathew shared his mission experiences and his healing and counselling ministry at Santhvanalaya, Muthhappanpuzha.

5. Ten Day Rosary Devotion

Marking the conclusion of the Rosary Month, 10 days from 22 to 31 October was set apart for Rosary devotion at Santhome. The brothers were divided into five groups to organise the solemn rosary devotion. The members of St. Theresa Ward were invited on the



final day to mark the conclusion of the devotion. Rev. Fr Biju Koothottil preached on the occasion. There was auction to raise fund for the mission and works of charity.

6. The Second Semester and New Service Team

Marking the beginning of the second semester the new office bearers (Service Team) were appointed on November 1, for the smooth functioning of the community and to foster leadership qualities and the



spirit of service in the seminarians. The outgoing offices bearers handed over the inventory of the respective offices. Fr Rector thanked all for their service to the community.

7. Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee

The Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura, Rev. Fr Manoj Parackal and Rev. Fr Sojan Unniyappillil was celebrated at Santhome on November 17 & 18,



2023. The Silver Jubilarians who arrived on Friday 17 were felicitated in the evening. The Jubilarians celebrated Holy Qurbana on Saturday morning.

The celebration helped the brothers to become convinced of the beauty of their vocation.

8. Volleyball & Basketball Coaching and Award Night

There was an intensive volleyball and basketball coaching for the

brothers from November 20 to 30. We are very grateful to Mr Joseph T T and Mr Dileep Mathew, who trained the brothers to play volleyball and basketball respectively. An Award Night was also organised during the days of coaching. The winners of various



competitions of **Talash 2023** were given cash awards. The Blue Group bagged the first prize with 231 points. Bro. Akhil Palathadathil became the overall Champion of **Talash 2023** and Bro. Ajay Chirattayolil secured the sports championship. The Brothers were sent to view the film: *Face of the Faceless*, which inspired the brothers.

9. Training Programme for MST Associates

The brothers attended the special input sessions on Liturgy by Rev. Fr Lonappan Arangassery on November 17 and on Bible by Rev. Fr Joy Panjikkaran on December 4, 2023, organised for the MST Associate members as part of their training and formation. Apart from the regular monthly recollections, these special sessions were very beneficial to the brothers both intellectually and spiritually.

10. Training to deliver Malayalam Speech

Rev. Fr Biju Koothottil took initiative to give the first year brothers training to deliver Malayalam speeches in the refectory and the best three speakers were given cash awards. The SCLA and such competitions provide the brothers ample opportunities to develop their talents.

11. Christmas Examination and Holidays

The brothers have started the Second Terminal Examinations and they leave for Christmas holidays on December 22, after the Christmas celebration in the seminary. They are to return on January 2, 2024 to begin the third term of the academic year 2023-2024.

C. Jeevan Jyoti – MOC, Ganjam

1. Mission Sunday Celebrations

We had two celebrations for the Mission Sunday this year. The first was on Sunday October 22, 2023 at Jeevan Jyoti. The highlights were; 1) the Seminar on *Evangelii Nuntiandi* with its modern application, 2) *Mission Mela (Fun Games and Food Stalls)* to raise funds. In order to support the mission Sunday celebrations



most of the missionaries working in M a n d y a came to J e e v a n Jyothi. Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott

graced the occasion as the chief guest and moderator of the mission seminar. The second section of the Mission Sunday celebration was at Ganjam parish. The brothers organized fun-games to collect funds to help the mission activities of the parish.

2. Visit of the Director General

The long awaited visit of the Director General, Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura, became a reality on October 12, 2023. We accorded him a very cordial welcome. It was indeed a great



occasion for all of us to meet and talk to him. During the brief encounter he had fruitful talks with the staff and the brothers. On



the following day the Director General celebrated his Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee with the Jeevan Jyoti family by celebrating Holy Qurbana. In his homily he spoke on the joy of being a MST priest.

3. Tri-annual Retreat

The first tri-annual retreat for three days was preached by Rev. Fr Lal Karappily MSC. The retreat was very fruitful and the brothers appreciated the preacher for his ability to present the Word of God effectively.



4. Silver Jubilee Celebration

Three of our priests, Fr Manoj Parackal, Fr Tomy Madhavappallil and Fr Joseph Unniepplil, who celebrate their Sacerdotal Silver



Jubilee this year (2023-2024), joined us to thank the Lord on November 13, 2023 for the gift of priesthood. They cherished and shared the good memories of their

life in the MOC and their love for their *alma mater*. Congratulations to all of them. Ad multos annos!

5. Dussehra Celebrations

The *Dussehra* celebrations of this year in Mysore commenced on

Monday the 15th of October, 2023 and were concluded on October 24, 2023 with *Jumbo Savari* and *Torchlight Parade*. The *Dussehra* festival marks the victory of truth over the evil. And our brothers were sent to watch the *Dussehra* illuminations and decorations.



6. Picnic to Brindavan Garden



A half day picnic was organised to Brindavan Garden in Mysore, on Tuesday 28th November. Everybody enjoyed the flowers and musical fountain in the garden.

7. Visit of the Treasurer General

Rev. Fr Santhosh Olapurackal visited Jeevan Jyoti on the 14th December and on the following day he offered Holy Qurbana and inspired us all through his short homily. After the Qurbana he also interacted with the brothers.

8. Christmas Programme

The brothers are busy preparing for Christmas with a drama, dances and carol singing in view of staging them in ten places in the Region thanks to the Regional team and Missionaries who have extended their collaboration and support. On December 17, 2023 the brothers staged the cultural programmes at Santhome Pubic School which were highly appreciated by all. Jeevan Jyothi wishes all a happy Christmas and a Bright New Year 2024.

D. Ruhalaya Major Seminary

1. Culmination of the Rosary Devotion

Ruhalaya Major Seminary intensified their devotion to Bl. Mother with prayers and petitions holding the Rosary. On October 10, 2023, Ruhalaya concluded ten days of Rosary devotion with solemn Rosary and procession followed by the messages given by Fr. Lijo Aikkarakunnel, the Rector of Ghonsala Minor Seminary in the Theologate. Fr Jince Kodikulam, from Kachrod, gave a thought-provoking message in the Philosophate.

2. Maliparambil Memorial Lectures



The Maliparambil Memorial Lecture was successfully organised on October 14, 2023. Miss Daya Bhai was the key speaker of the day and Bishop Mar Sebastian Vadakel graced the occasion with his august presence.

Ruhalaya community, the fathers and sisters from nearby mission stations also participated in the seminar. Miss Daya Bhai moved the audience by sharing her personal experiences while working with and for the people.



3. New addition to the Staff at Ruhalaya Theologate

Rev. Fr. Joby Kootumkal MST joined the theology staff on November 3, 2023 as a resident professor. Cordial welcome to Fr Joby to Ruhalaya!



4. Talash and Ujjwal Award Night

The Talash and Home Day competitions ended on November 6, 2023. Rev. Fr. Lijo Neyoor MST, the chief guest, expressed his appreciation of the students. *Ujjwal Award Night* was held at Philosophate with a view to felicitate the winners of home day competitions. The Rector, Rev. Fr Manoj, was the chief guest on the occasion.

5. Adieu to Deacons



The gathering to bid farewell to the Deacons was held on November 9, 2023. The younger brothers staged many programmes on the occasion. Fr. Manoj Parackal, the Rector and Fr Justin Kaithotumkal, the Vice Rector felicitated the Deacons. The Deacons shared the happy memories in Ruhhalaya and thanked the community for making their stay joyful and memorable.

6. Visits by Bishops

Ruhalaya was blessed by the visit of Bishops Mar Peter Kochupurackal and Mar Joseph Kollamparpil on various



occasions. The bishops expressed their appreciation of the great service rendered by Ruhalaya Major Seminary to the Church in the

field of Formation.

7. Home Day Celebrations

Ruhalaya Major Seminary celebrated the Home Day on November, 2023 and the entire community worked hard to make the event a great success. Priests from the mission



stations, as well as the Religious women and aspirants from the convents and nearby formation houses, and the lay faithful joined the community for the celebration. Bishop Mar Sebastian Vadakel presided over the meeting and Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura the Director General of MST was the chief guest of the day. The brothers staged various cultural programmes and the celebration ended with supper.

8. Mission Exposure Programme

The brothers were sent to the dioceses of Khandwa, Jhabua, Udaipur and Indore for their mission exposure programme where they had



lot of opportunities to know the mission and become missionaries with the smell of the 'sheep'. The brothers came back after ten days rejoicing in the month of October. The Bishops and Administrators of the Dioceses were

extremely happy to have the brothers in their dioceses. Sincere thanks to all of them!

9. Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr Rector



The Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Very Rev. Fr Manoj Parackal, was an occasion to acknowledge and appreciate the Rector for his invaluable service to Ruhhalaya and Formation and his unwavering dedication

to Ruhhalaya and the apostolate of MST during the past 25 years. After the solemn Holy Qurbana, the Jubilarian was felicitated in the gathering held at the Theologate.

10. Psycho-Spiritual Sessions

One week long Psycho-Spiritual sessions were conducted by Rev. Sr Frances Regis CSJ at Ruhhalaya Philosophate aimed at self-transformation. The brothers benefited a lot from the sessions.



11. Mission Outreach Programme to Manovikas

A half day mission outreach programme was conducted at Manovikas. The brothers were extremely happy to be at Manovikas as part of their missionary formation. There were interactions with the management, staff and students of Manovikas as well as a short extension lecture and sharing by Fathers and the staff. The programme was very beneficial to the brothers for they got a chance to get introduced to a special ministry.

12. Annual Retreat



We were privileged to have Rev. Fr Saju Thuppalanjiyil MST and his team for the annual retreat at Philosopate. Fr Saju guided the brothers so well that it was a unique experience to our

brothers. Rev. Fr Shelmon Antony preached the retreat for the brothers at Ruhailaya theologate.

13. Minor Orders & the Order of M'Shamsanusa

The MST brothers at the Theologate received the Minor orders and the order of M'shamsanusa on 19 December, 2023 by the laying on of hands by Mar Sebastian Vadakel. Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura, the Director General, and Rev. Fr Sebastian Pullattu, the Regional Director of St Paul Region were also present on the occasion.

14. Christmas Get-together

The Christmas get-together of Ruhailaya community was held in the evening on December 19, 2023 to exchange Christmas and New Year Greetings.



NEWS FROM ABROAD

1. Canada

During the Advent season, many of our parishes organize classes and seminars to highlight the mystery of incarnation. We conduct “classes on the Holy Eucharist” for an hour and half every week for five weeks.



All the eight MST priests working in Canada are doing well in their respective places of apostolate. Everyone is appreciated by the people in their place of work and the dioceses

are also proud of our missionary vocation as members of the “Society of St. Thomas the Apostle”.

Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil, MST

2. Chengena, Tanzania

2a. School Ministry

October 21: MST Mission in Chengena organizes different school ministries in the schools which come under the Parish territory. We conduct weekly catechetical formation classes to catholic students in the schools. There are 5 Schools under the Parish School Ministry. A farewell function was organised on 21 October in their school for the 4th Form catholic students who have completed the secondary school education.

October 27: We organized ten days of Marian devotion in the school for the catholic and non-Catholic students. Everyone participated with lot of interest and devotion. The monthly Marian Devotion was solemnly concluded on 27 October with Marian procession in the school campus.

2b. Visitors from India and other Countries



December 10: We had a group of missionaries from India and other parts of Tanzania. Bishop Varghese Thottamkara CM from Odisha along with other three

CM Fathers and three CST Fathers visited Chengena Mission on 10 December.

November 20: We were blessed by the visit of missionaries from Italy in MST Mission Chengena. Rev. Fr Joby Mulluvengappurath, Rev. Fr Jobish Maruthumkuzhiyil and Rev. Fr Martin MCBS were brought by Rev. Fr Biju Pullappallil. They spent three days together in the mission to know more about the activities organized in Chengena.

October 22: FSMA Sisters and their Tanzanian formees visited Chengena Mission of MST on 22 October. They were around 20 sisters and formees. We organized an interactive session for the formees for giving them an orientation by explaining the missionary activities of MST Fathers in Tanzania since 2006.

2c. Marian Devotion

Devotion to Mary was conducted solemnly in the parish and five



other sub-stations in the month of October as well as in the families by praying the rosary. We organised processions in honour of Mary in every Christian

community carrying the statue of Mother Mary to each and every house in the parish from Tuesday to Friday in October. In the main parish, 210 houses were blessed when the statue of Mother Mary was brought to these houses. These processions were well attended by the villagers. October 27 was set apart for Eucharistic adoration with the participation of the parishioners for the intentions of the Holy Father, for peace in the Holy Land and in the world.

2d. Youth Animation Programmes

We have initiated various youth orientation programmes in the parish in collaboration with our Registered Social Work organization, *Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle* in Tanzania.

Formation unto Self Sufficiency: The foundation of Tanzanian life is



based on agriculture. We have started a programme to initiate the youth in cultivation as a group of the Church. A group of 30 young

people from the village started to cultivate 2 acres of land in the forest by themselves. The youth movement has become strong in the catholic community and in the village.

Youth Choir: The youth in the parish were encouraged to form the Choir in Church. Twenty young people have formed a strong team of singers and they are the backbone of the parish during celebrations.

Youth day: On the World Youth day, all the young people in our parish were invited on 26 November for the Diocesan Level celebrations and for the Feast of Christ the King. It was first of its kind in Chengena Mission with massive participation of the youth. More than 100 youth participated from our parish and sub-stations. There was Orientation seminar for the youth and sports events on the day. A new football court also inaugurated on this occasion.

2e. Retreat in the Community



Ukiwayuyu village is one of the interior mission stations under the Chengena Mission which is in its infancy. We organized retreat for 5 days for the villagers to deepen the

faith of the community. We were assisted by a charismatic group from Dar Es Salaam and Chengena Parish.

3. News from Italy

3a. Visit of Mar James Athikalam

Mar James Athikalam, during his visit to Rome, made an effort to meet MST missionaries in Italy. On 19 November 2023, all MST priests gathered to relish the joy and warmth of the company of Mar James expressed their gratitude to the bishop for his genuine love and concern for MST and the members. His visit was a great source of inspiration for strengthening the bonds among the members of the Society.

3b. Defense of Dr Jaison Kulappurath MST

Rev. Fr Jaison Kulappurath MST successfully defended his doctoral

thesis titled ***"The Altar of Sanctification: The Theological Significance of the Altar in the East Syriac Liturgical Tradition with Special Reference to the Syro-Malabar Church"*** at



the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. Rev. Dr. Paul Pallath guided Fr Jaison in his journey to secure the Doctorate.

OTHER MINISTRIES

1. Santhome Impact



Fr Jijo Kottakkavil replaced Fr Toms Pathalil and took charge as the Asst Director and the in-charge of 'Kadukumani'. Fr Bobby Arimattathil replaced Fr Lijesh Panackavayalil and took charge as the Procurator and in-charge of 'Santhome Media'. Fr Lijesh and Fr Toms were given a farewell in the presence of the

neighbouring priests, sisters and a few lay people. Fr Jijo is back from Leuven after securing licentiate in Systematic Theology and Fr Bobby was the principal of Divya Jyothi School, Halagur in Mandya. Fr Toms Pathalil is transferred to Halagur, Mandya and Fr Lijesh Panackavayalil is transferred to Sangli Mission.



The office space of Santhome IMPACT and the Staff Quarters are renovated and are ready for use. The Santhome Media Studio is upgraded with new equipments. The telecast of 'Santhome Mission Quiztainment', a programme of MST in collaboration with Shalom TV and under the direction of Santhome Media is going on and it will continue for next two years from now. Thanks are due to the General Administration for the investment in the project and congratulations to Fr Lijesh and Fr James Kurukilamkatt for materialising the project

2. Santhome Fellowship

Some of the *Santhome Fellowship* Members and the *Associate Missionaries* made visits to the Mission areas of the MST and

actively participate in the mission. The Associate Missionaries function as a link between the parishes and the MST.

2a. Sahadusa: Training programme

The training of the fourth batch of the Associate Missionaries started in October 2023. There are twelve new aspirants getting ready to collaborate with the MST and its missions as Associate Missionaries. They have already started their training after official inauguration in October by Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, the Vice-Director General and the Councillor in charge by handing over the 'Guidelines for the Associate Missionaries'.

The training programme is called *SAHADUSA* which means to *bear*



witness. Syllabi of the training programme includes classes on Missiology, Bible, Church History, Thomasine

Spirituality, Liturgy and Holy Qurbana, Canonical Foundations of the MST, Societies of the Apostolic Life and the Guidelines for the Associate Missionaries. Rev. Fr Sebastian Thuruthel and Rev. Fr Kurian Kochettonnil shared their mission experiences in MST.

2b. Renewal of the Promise of the First Batch

The renewal of the first batch of the Associate Missionaries who took their Promise of Association on 22nd Feb. 2019 is due for renewal in 2024 and their training is also going on along with the new batch.

2c. Santhome Fellowship Unit Meetings

The Unit meetings are conducted on a regular basis in the following Units: Kanjirapally, Aruvithura, Bharananganam, Erumapetty Peramangalam, Thamarassery, Vazhakkala, Iritty, Kolar, Bhopal and Indore. Online meetings are conducted by Dubai Santhome

Fellowship every Thursday and by Chicago unit every day. The Director makes himself available for all the Unit Meetings in Kerala which take place once a month.

2d. Annual Gathering of Associate Missionaries & Santhome Fellowship

The *Preshithagni Dhyanam* combined with the Annual Gathering of the Associate Missionaries and the Santhome Fellowship was held at Deepti Mount on 16th December 2023. The Holy Qurbana at 9.00 am was concelebrated by Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott

(Main celebrant), Fr Joseph Puthenpura Ofm Cap., Fr Sabu Njarolickal, Fr Kurian Kochettonnil and Fr Joseph Pulavelil. The homily was given by Fr Joseph Puthenpura. After the Holy Qurbana, Fr Joseph Puthenpura,



preached for more than an hour in the open auditorium. Around 250 people were present on the occasion and the theme of the talk was: Christian Family: a prototype of the *Sehion Uttusala*.

The talk was followed by the Annual Gathering which was presided



over by Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattil-puthenpura, the Director General and was inaugurated by Rev. Fr Joseph Puthenpura. Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, Rev. Fr Joy Panjikaran and the members of Santhome Fellowship and Associate Missionaries and invited guests were present. It was the second annual gathering of the Associate Missionaries and the Santhome Fellowship together! After the meeting all shared a sumptuous vegetarian meal.

2e. Mission Visits

Some of the members of the Santhome Fellowship visited the Missions in Orissa and Mandya. The Fathers and Sisters in the Missions made their visits memorable. All those who visited the Mission areas were impressed by the Mission work done by the MST Fathers and were convinced of the need of supporting the missions and missionaries. They have decided to involve more actively in the development of the mission centres.

2f. Santhome Fellowship & 'Preshitha Jwala'

The Santhome Magazine regularly comes out four times a year. The E-magazine, *Preshitha Jwala*, is coming out regularly in the first week of every month. Santhome Fellowship Units send regularly the report of the monthly meetings, their activities and photos. Thanks to all the Secretaries of each Unit!

2g. Anual Retreat for the Associate Missionaries



The annual retreat for the Associate Missionaries was conducted from December 7 to 9 afternoon. Rev. Fr Sabu Njarolickal MST was the preacher and all

appreciated his talks. Thanks to Fr Sabu Njarolickal for his selfless service!

2h.Santhome Preshithagni Dhyanam

The Santhome Preshithagni Dhyanam completes one year. It is conducted on every third Saturday of the month from 09.30 am to 2.30 pm. Fr Zacharias Thadathil MST, Fr Saju Elanjickal MST, Fr Jose Velacherry, Ofm Cap., and Fr Joseph Puthenpura, Ofm.Cap., were the preachers in the recent past.

2i. A New Car for Santhome Fellowship

After selling the old Bolero Jeep, a new car - WagonR – is purchased for the activities of the Santhome Fellowship and Associate Missionaries and it was blessed by the Director General on December 7, 2023. Sincere thanks to the Director General and the Councillors and the Treasurer General.

2j. Spiritual Director of Missionary Associates

Fr Joy Panjikaran took charge as Co-ordinator of MST Sponsorship Programme of the Seminarians and Associate Director and Spiritual Father of MST Missionary Associates on 22nd July 2023. He resides at Deepti Mount, Melampara.

Prepared by Fr Joseph Pulavelil, Director

3. Santhome Bhavan, Mundur, Thrisur

3a. Welcome to Mar Andrews Thazhath



Archbisop Mar Andrews Thazhath who visits Santhome Mundur for the first time was received cordially by the Director General, Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura, the Secretary General Fr Lonappan Arang-

assery, the Director Fr Antony Cheeranelil and and Fr Manuel Karimpanackal.

3b. Blessing of the Chapel



11/12/2023 Monday was a blessed day for Santhome Bhavan, Mundur (MST'S first house in Thrissur Diocese). The Santhome Bhavan at Mundur in the Archdiocese of Thrissur, was inaugurated and blessed on

January 16, 2022 by Rev Fr Antony Perumannur, the then MST Director General. Fr Antony Cheeramvelil MST was appointed the Director of the house on the same day. Fr Lonappan Arangassery joined Santhome Bhavan on April 14, 2022. Due to various technical reasons the construction of a chapel was delayed and a small room was used as chapel. The long cherished desire to have a proper



chapel in the house became a reality on December 11, 2023 when the newly constructed chapel was consecrated by His Grace Mar Andrews Thazhath, the Archbishop of Thrissur in the presence of the Director General, Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura, General Councillor & Secretary General Fr Lonappan Arangassery, MST priests, priests and religious of the Archdiocese and the invited guests and neighbours.

3c. Inauguration of PsychCare.

Immediately after the Consecration of the Chapel and Holy Qurbana,

the Santhome **PsychCare** was inaugurated by Very Rev Fr. Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura by cutting ribbon in the presence of all those who gathered for the blessing of the chapel. In **PsychCare** Dr Fr Manuel Karimpanackal is available for Counselling, consultation and guidance.

Santhome Mundur is indebted to the present and previous Directors General and the General Councillors for constructing and furnishing the House, the chapel and establishing the counselling centre “Santhome **PsychCare**”. The MST in a special way is indebted to Kuttikkatt sisters: Sr. Anie Stella, late Sr. Aloshiya, Sr. Mary, Sr Editta and Sr Tersitta, who donated the land to start *Santhome Bhavan*, Mundur.

We also thank all the priests of Thrissur Archdiocese and our MST fathers, sisters from various Congregations, Zilla Panchayath member Mr Jimmi Choondal, Kaipparambu Panchayath Member (Ward 6) Mr. Ouseph Neelamkavil, Engineer Wilson John and the members of Lourdes Matha unit of Mount Carmel Parish, Mundur, who blessed the occasion with their presence.

3d. Impact of MST presence in Thrissur

We are happy to state that the presence of MST fathers in the Archdiocese of Thrissur had impact in some of the parishes. We extend our service to the parishes by offering Qurbana and hearing confessions. Through the contacts we have prepared a background for starting Santhome fellowship and vocation promotion. Fr George Ramachantt, the Vocation promoter from Pariyaram could meet the boys of Nirmal Jyothi School run by SH sisters in Mundur. Fr Manuel Karimpanackal is helping the people though counselling.

3e. Care of the Migrants from North India

Many parishes of the Archdiocese try to organise the migrant Catholic workers and we are requested to assist them by offering Qurbana in Hindi language. On November 26, 2023 Fr Antony offered Holy Qurbana in Hindi for 60 plus migrant Catholics of Kaveed parish and hereafter there will be Hindi Qurbana every 4th Sunday of the

month in Kaveed parish. Fr Antony offered Holy Qurbana in Hindi on December 14, 2023 for the Jesus Youth from all the states of India, at Abba Renewal centre of Thrissur Archdiocese.

Fr Antony Cheeamvelil MST

4. News from Nagpur

St Jude's Syro Malabar church Nagpur celebrated parish feast on Sunday October 29, 2023. In view of the preparation for the Feast Novena was arranged from October 20 to 28, 2023. Family Renewal Retreat was conducted on October 21 & 22, 2023. Fr Mathew PSDP preached the Retreat highlighting the need for renewal. On the Feast Day, Mar Ephrem Narikulam, bishop of



Chanda, celebrated Holy Qurbana. In his homily he spoke of his childhood association with St Jude's

shrine in his village and invited faithful to have deep faith in the Lord. Meritorious Students of college/ university studies and Catechism classes were felicitated. The feast celebration concluded with agape.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Doctoral Defense of Fr Jaison Kulapurath

Rev. Fr Jaison Kulappurath defended with scholarly eloquence,



demonstrating profound convictions. His proficiency and command over Italian language is remarkable as evidenced by his answers to the questions and clarifications. Congratulations and best wishes to Rev. Dr. Jaison Kulappurath MST for his significant achievement.

2. Fr Siju Azhakath at FABC, Bangkok

The Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference - Office of the Evangelization (FABC-OE) hosted a Gathering of Bishops and Secretaries of the Offices of Evangelization in Bangkok. Fr Siju



Azhakath was deputed to attend the meeting on “Renewing the Spirit of Ecclesia in Asia” Commemorating 25 Years of Ecclesia in Asia and the 10th

Anniversary of Evangelii Gaudium in the Context of Asia. It was held at the Camillian Pastoral Care Centre in Bangkok, Thailand, from 12 to 14 December 2023. The delegates of Sixteen Bishops Conferences from fifteen Asian countries participated in the



Conference, along with the FABC office bearers. All the Bishop Conferences made presentations on their Activities of Evangelization - Challenges and Possibilities. Fr Siju George Azhakath MST, the Secretary of the Syro-Malabar Synodal Commission for the Evangelization and Pastoral Care of Migrants, was delegated to represent the Syro Malabar Church and do the presentation.



NECROLOGY

1. Mr Johny Pullolickal (64), Brother in law of Fr Koothottil expired on 10-10-2023.
2. Mr Jince Joseph Pulickamandapam (40), Nephew of Fr Pulickamandapam expired on 12-10-2023
3. Rev. Fr. Thomas Ezhanikatt O.S.B (69), Cousin of Fr Francis Ezhanikkatt expired on 25-10-2023.
4. Rev. Fr Thomas Pullatt (69), Brother of Fr Sebastian Pullatt expired on 10-11-2023
5. Mr. L. X. Rodriguez, Eldest brother in law of Fr Abraham Pandampadathil expired on 22-11-2023.
6. Mrs Cicily (72) Sister of late Fr Paul Theruvanmoola expired on 30-11-2023.
7. Sr Elsitta SH, Pioneer missionary in Mandya expired on 30-11-2023
8. Mr Varghese Keeranchira (Pappachan-80), the Paternal uncle of Fr George Keeranchira (father's elder brother) expired on 14-12-2023.



APPENDICES



MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

Circular XI/5/2023-2028

December 17, 2023

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers and brothers,
Warmest greetings of the Season from the MST Generalate!

The fifth circular comes to you when we are on the threshold of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. May the memory and celebrations of the birth of Our Lord bring us joy and happiness that nobody can deprive us of.

Prayer in view of Election of Major Archbishop

The MST being a Society of Apostolic Life of Major Archiepiscopal Status has the responsibility in a special way to pray for the Major Archbishop Emeritus Mar George Cardinal Alencherry who guided the Syro-Malabar Church to new heights during the past 12 years since 2011. He had been very considerate towards us by giving due recognition and acceptance to the MST in the Church. Let us pray earnestly that God may provide a worthy pastor as the Father and head of the Syro-Malabar Church. You are requested to pray for unity and peace in the Mother Church and say in every house/ mission centre, the prayer for the election of the new Major Archbishop circulated by the Major Archiepiscopal Curia.

Committee for Planning Renewal Programmes

The Renewal of the Society has been one of the concerns of the delegates to the 11th Ordinary General Assembly. Therefore, a committee is formed consisting of Rev.Fr Palakkeel Jose (Convener), Rev. Fr Siju Azhakath, Rev. Fr Zacharias Thamarakkattu, Rev. Fr Joice Pulianmakkal, Rev. Fr Saju Thuppalanjiyil and Rev.Fr Joseph

Thekkekarottu (Ex-Officio) to prepare a long term plan to organise Renewal Programmes. The committee is asked to submit the report latest by January 31, 2024. You are most welcome to give your suggestions to the committee regarding the renewal needed in the society.

Visit to Mission Regions and Other Missions

Visitation of the four Mission Regions of MST and other mission areas in India was a very enriching experience. I thank most sincerely all the Regional Directors and Councillors as well as the Co-ordinator of Odisha mission, for arranging my visit in a very systematic way. Going through the different Mission Regions and mission stations, I realized the enormity of the hard work the MST priests do in India. I am convinced that our missionaries are doing excellent ministries in the places of their apostolate. We can proudly say that through our various apostolates and direct proclamation the Society does bear witness to Christ the Redeemer. Education Institutions, Special schools, Formation of new Christian communities, Preaching ministry, Social empowerment programmes, Pastoral care of the migrants etc., are some of the areas where we do our best. Efforts were made to meet every priest personally and understand the members better. In a special way I thank each and every member of the Society for the trust they placed in me and their openness to share their joys and sorrows.

Sacred Orders of Priesthood

We are blessed with two priestly ordinations this year which will be after Christmas.

■ M'samsana Michael (Shalgin) Arackaparampil will be ordained priest at Sacred Heart Church, Peringulam, (Diocese of Pala) on 28th December 2023 at 09.15 am.

■ M'samsana Joseph (Ashil) Kizhakekara will be ordained at his home parish St George Forane Church, Vilangad (Diocese of Thamarassery) on 30th December 2023 at 09.15 am.

All are cordially invited to be present on the occasion and remember

the deacons in our prayers!

Perpetual Promise of Incorporation and Sacred Order of M'Samsanusa

I am happy announce that five temporary members of the Society will be taking the **Perpetual Promise of Incorporation** to the Director General on December 19, 2023 at Ruhahaya Major Seminary, Ujjain. On the same day, the Sacred Order of *M'samsanusa* and other Minor Orders will be conferred by Mar Sebastian Vadakel on the following candidates of MST at Ruhahaya Major Seminary, Ujjain.

1. Perpetual Promise of Incorporation and Sacred Order of M'samsanusa

1. Kanjirathamkunel Sebastian (Abin Sunny), Manikadavu, Tellichery
2. Makkiyil Chacko (Amal Sebastian), Parathanam, Pala
3. Paruthickal Simon (Binil Varghese), Manackachira, Changanacherry
4. Thadathil Joseph (Ajith Joseph), Angadikadavu, Tellichery
5. Velloor Mathew (Gintumon James), Azhangadu, Kanjirappally

2. Sacred Order of Heupadyaknusa

1. Ammanath Jospeh (Joyal), Anackampoil, Thamarassery
2. Kaithackal George (Maneesh Mathew), Mattathipara, Pala
3. Kanjiramattathil Jacob (Alan K Augustin), Palavayal, Tellichery
4. Kavunnukattil Joseph, Areekamala, Tellicherry.
5. Kizhakkumkarayil Sebastian (Alan), Neriamangalam, Kothamangalam
6. Kottavila Benedict (Blesson Francis), Chiplun, Kalyan.
7. Mannarath Sebastian (Akhil Jose), Kottody, Tellichery
8. Mundamattam James (Noble Thomas), Palakadu, Pala
9. Pengattu George (Amal Chacko), Chavaragiri, Tellichery
10. Pullolil Joseph (Tom Dominic), Kalathukadavu, Pala

11. Puthenpurackal Thomas (Siby), Seethathodu, Kanjirappally

3. Sacred Order of Karoyusa

1. Ambattu Sebastian (Justin Jose), Teekoy, Pala
2. Kaithickathadathil Sebastian (Jobit Michael), Vimalagiri, Idukki
3. Kalathil Sebastian (Denny Tomy), Maniamkunnu, Pala
4. Kochumannoor Jestin James, Valiathovala, Kanjirappally
5. Mandapathikunnel Francis (Abin Benny), Yendayar, Pala
6. Nelluvelil Xavier (Georgekutty), Plassanal, Pala
7. Parachalil Thomas (Shinto), Punnakunnu, Tellichery
8. Thannickal Jerin Mathew, Melukavumattam, Pala
9. Uruppankattil Philip (Philip George), Perumpadave, Tellichery
10. Valliparambil Joseph (Jomin Antony), Peravoor, Tellichery

Invitation to Serve in the Estates

Rev. Fr Antony Pedikattukunnel, the Convener of the Committee appointed to study the feasibility of the Estate at Mullas in Maharashtra, has submitted the report. Special thanks are due to Fr Antony and the team for their excellent and well-studied report. As per one of the suggestions given by the committee, I would request the members, who are interested in Agriculture and Estate management, to give me their names to be appointed in the Estates of MST.

Kripa Sadan, Kuttikanam

As you are aware, the prayer house- ***Kripa Sadan*** at Kuttikanam Kerala was inaugurated and blessed on September 3, 2023. You are encouraged to make use of the facility at Kripa Sadan for prayer and spiritual renewal for a few days according to your convenience. Only twelve people can be accommodated at a time in rooms. The atmosphere and climate are very much conducive for prayer. You may please contact Fr. Peter Vattappara (Mob. +91 9137662435) for more details and to reserve rooms in advance.

Accounts of Holy Qurbana for the Society and *Communion*

The priest members of the Society are earnestly requested to respond to the letter of the Treasurer General requesting to give the number of Holy Qurbana celebrated in the intention of the Director General and *Communion* as well as binations if any, at the earliest. If anybody has not received the communication from the Treasurer General, they may please contact him and furnish the details.

May the message of love, hope, peace, good will and happiness that comes with the Nativity of Our Lord, bring you lasting peace and joy during the Holy season of Christmas and throughout the New Year 2024!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura
Director General, MST

Fr Lonappan Arangassery
Secretary General, MST





Mar Sebastian Vadakel and the Director General of MST Fr Vincent K with the New M'Shasanas, Heupadyaknas and Karoyas at Ruhhalaya Major Seminary Ujjain

SACERDOTAL

Golden Jubilarian



Fr Parady Thomas
19 December 1973

Silver Jubilarians



Fr Njalliyil Sebastian
30 December 1998



**Fr Kadalikkattilputhenpura
Vincent**
31 December 1998



Fr Vallikatt Joseph
1 January 1999

**Fr Madhavappallil
Thomas**
2 January 1999



**Fr Parackal
Joseph**
4 January 1999



**Fr Kudukkamthadam
George**
5 January 1999



**Fr Unnieppillil
Joseph**
17 April 1999



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