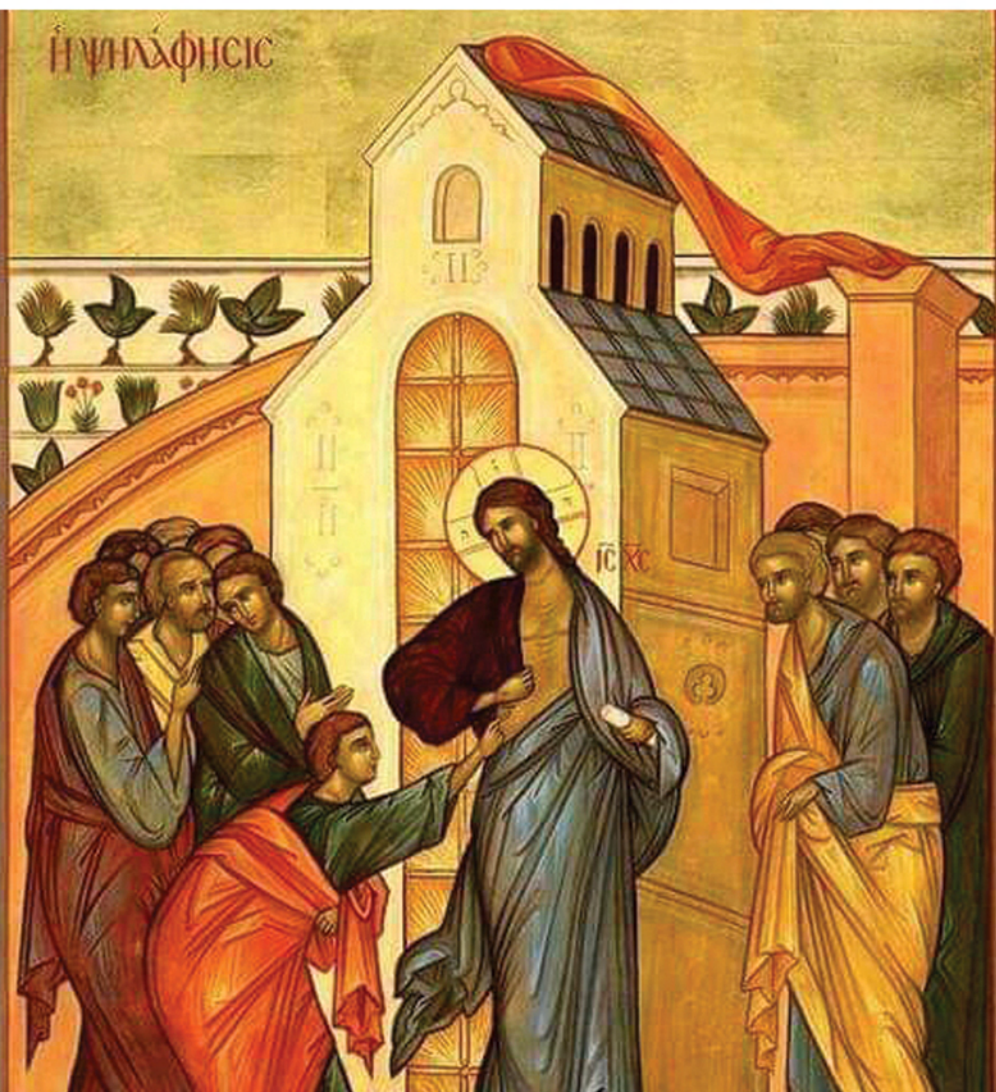




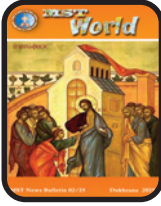
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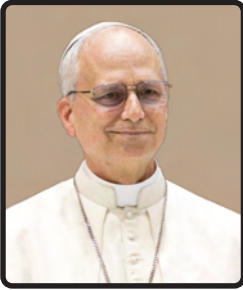
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THE FIRST HOMILY OF POPE LEO XIV

I begin with a word in English, and the rest is in Italian, but I want to repeat the words of the responsorial psalm: I will sing a new song to the Lord because he has done marvels. And indeed, not just with



me, but with all of us, my brother cardinals, as we celebrate this morning, I invite you to recognize the marvels that the Lord has done, the blessings that the Lord continues to pour out upon all of us. Through the ministry of Peter, you have called me to carry that cross and to be blessed with that mission, and I know I can rely on each and every one of you

to walk with me as we continue as a church, as a community of friends of Jesus, as believers, to announce the Good News, to announce the Gospel.

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16). In these words, Peter, asked by the Master, together with the other disciples, about his faith in him, expressed the patrimony that the Church, through the apostolic succession, has preserved, deepened and handed on for two thousand years. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God: the one Saviour, who alone reveals the face of the Father.

In him, God, in order to make himself close and accessible to men and women, revealed himself to us in the trusting eyes of a child, in the lively mind of a young person and in the mature features of a man (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 22), finally appearing to his disciples after the resurrection with his glorious body. He thus showed us a model of human holiness that we can all imitate, together with the promise of an eternal destiny that transcends all our limits and abilities.

Peter, in his response, understands both of these things: the gift of God and the path to follow in order to allow himself to be changed by that gift. They are two inseparable aspects of salvation entrusted to the Church to be proclaimed for the good of the human race.

Indeed, they are entrusted to us, who were chosen by him before we were formed in our mothers' wombs (cf. Jer 1:5), reborn in the waters of Baptism and, surpassing our limitations and with no merit of our own, brought here and sent forth from here, so that the Gospel might be proclaimed to every creature (cf. Mk 16:15).

In a particular way, God has called me by your election to succeed the Prince of the Apostles, and has entrusted this treasure to me so that, with his help, I may be its faithful administrator (cf. 1 Cor 4:2) for the sake of the entire mystical Body of the Church. He has done so in order that she may be ever more fully a city set on a hill (cf. Rev 21:10), an ark of salvation sailing through the waters of history and a beacon that illumines the dark nights of this world. And this, not so much through the magnificence of her structures or the grandeur of her buildings — like the monuments among which we find ourselves — rather through the holiness of her members. For we are the people whom God has chosen as his own, so that we may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light (cf. 1 Pet 2:9).

Peter, however, makes his profession of faith in reply to a specific question: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" (Mt 16:13). The question is not insignificant. It concerns an essential aspect of our ministry, namely, the world in which we live, with its limitations and its potential, its questions and its convictions.

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" If we reflect on the scene we are considering, we might find two possible answers, which characterize two different attitudes. First, there is the world's response. Matthew tells us that this conversation between Jesus and his disciples takes place in the beautiful town of Caesarea Philippi, filled with luxurious palaces, set in a magnificent natural landscape at the foot of Mount Hermon, but also a place of cruel power plays and the scene of betrayals and infidelity. This setting speaks to us of a world that considers Jesus a completely insignificant person, at best someone with an unusual and striking way of speaking and

acting. And so, once his presence becomes irksome because of his demands for honesty and his stern moral requirements, this “world” will not hesitate to reject and eliminate him.

Then there is the other possible response to Jesus’ question: that of ordinary people. For them, the Nazarene is not a charlatan, but an upright man, one who has courage, who speaks well and says the right things, like other great prophets in the history of Israel. That is why they follow him, at least for as long as they can do so without too much risk or inconvenience. Yet to them he is only a man, and therefore, in times of danger, during his passion, they too abandon him and depart disappointed.

What is striking about these two attitudes is their relevance today. They embody notions that we could easily find on the lips of many men and women in our own time, even if, while essentially identical, they are expressed in different language. Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. Settings where other securities are preferred, like technology, money, success, power, or pleasure.

These are contexts where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to its truth, where believers are mocked, opposed, despised or at best tolerated and pitied. Yet, precisely for this reason, they are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed. A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that afflict our society.

Today, too, there are many settings in which Jesus, although appreciated as a man, is reduced to a kind of charismatic leader or superman. This is true not only among non-believers but also among many baptized Christians, who thus end up living, at this level, in a state of practical atheism.

This is the world that has been entrusted to us, a world in which, as Pope Francis taught us so many times, we are called to bear

witness to our joyful faith in Christ the Saviour. Therefore, it is essential that we too repeat, with Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16).

It is essential to do this, first of all, in our personal relationship with the Lord, in our commitment to a daily journey of conversion. Then, to do so as a Church, experiencing together our fidelity to the Lord and bringing the Good News to all (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 1). I say this first of all to myself, as the Successor of Peter, as I begin my mission as Bishop of Rome and, according to the well-known expression of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, am called to preside in charity over the universal Church (cf. *Letter to the Romans*, Prologue). Saint Ignatius, who was led in chains to this city, the place of his impending sacrifice, wrote to the Christians there: “Then I will truly be a disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world no longer sees my body” (*Letter to the Romans*, IV, 1). Ignatius was speaking about being devoured by wild beasts in the arena — and so it happened — but his words apply more generally to an indispensable commitment for all those in the Church who exercise a ministry of authority. It is to move aside so that Christ may remain, to make oneself small so that he may be known and glorified (cf. *Jn* 3:30), to spend oneself to the utmost so that all may have the opportunity to know and love him.

May God grant me this grace, today and always, through the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church.

End note:

¹ Given at the Mass for the College of Cardinals in the Sistine Chapel on May 9, 2025. <https://www.ncronline.org/vatican/vatican-news/full-text-first-public-homily-pope-leo-xiv>

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL



Your Excellencies, Rev. Fathers, deacons and brothers,

“The celebration of the Feast of Dukhrana, marking the martyrdom of our patron saint, on July 3, is a powerful reminder of the bold faith, steady commitment, and worldwide reach of Jesus' most fascinating disciple—St Thomas, the Apostle to India. First of all let me wish you all a very happy Feast! Our identity as a Society is deeply connected to this remarkable Apostle of the Lord. His journey, from initial doubt to firm belief, offers a strong example for our own spiritual lives. He is often remembered for his first hesitation, famously saying, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe" (John 20:25). Yet, it's this very human struggle that makes his eventual acceptance so deeply meaningful. When he met the Risen Lord, his response wasn't a cautious nod, but an immediate and clear cry of faith: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).“This powerful statement, the first direct address to Jesus as divine in the New Testament, is the core of our faith. It shows how encountering the living Christ can change us, moving us from simply knowing facts to fully giving ourselves to Him. St. Thomas, in his honest way, gives us a blueprint for true discipleship: to wrestle with our questions, but ultimately to embrace the overwhelming truth of God's presence. Beyond his first meeting with the Risen Christ, St. Thomas' legacy stretches to the farthest parts of the world. A beloved tradition, stronger than history, tells us of the Apostle's missionary trips to India, bringing the light of the Gospel to a distant land. This incredible effort speaks volumes about his courage, obedience, and strong desire to fulfil Christ's Great Commission.“The Church Fathers, in their wisdom, have consistently highlighted St. Thomas's special contribution. St. Gregory the Great, thinking about Thomas's first

doubt, beautifully explained its divine purpose, saying that in a marvellous way God's mercy arranged that the disbelieving disciple, in touching the wounds of his master's body, should heal our wounds of disbelief. "The unbelief of Thomas was more profitable to our faith than the belief of other disciples; for the more thoroughly he was led to doubt, the more fully was our mind established in the truth." (cf. St. Gregory the Great, Hom. 26, 7-9: PL 76, 12010-1202). This view helps us see doubt, not as an enemy of faith, but possibly as a path to a deeper, stronger understanding. Similarly, St. John Chrysostom, in his sermons, praised Thomas's enthusiastic missionary spirit, stating, "He who was once weaker than the other apostles became by grace more zealous and more laborious than all of them, so that he travelled further than all of them." This highlights the profound change in Thomas, moving from hesitation to an extraordinary dedication to sharing the Good News. "For us, the members of the Society of St. Thomas the Apostle, Dukhrana is more than just remembrance of history; it's a call to action. Like St. Thomas, we are called to embrace bold faith, to move beyond simple knowledge to a lively, personal encounter with Christ, daring to proclaim Him as: My Lord and My God! We are also called to be eager witnesses and carry the light of the Gospel to peoples, just as St. Thomas brought the faith to India, sharing Christ's transforming power with those around us. Furthermore, we are called to grow in the deeper understanding of faith, to wrestle with the mysteries of faith, seeking truth with both our minds and our hearts, always open to God's Revelation. As we celebrate Dukhrana, let's recommit ourselves to the ideals St Thomas lived. May his journey from doubt to firm faith inspire us, and may his passion for missions ignite in us a renewed desire to spread the Good News. May we, like him, be tools in God's hands, sharing His truth with a world that needs it, always remembering that even from initial questions, a deep and lasting faith can grow, enabling us to confidently confess, "My Lord and my God!"

Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura MST
Director General of MST

POPE LEO XIV BEGINS HIS PETRINE MINISTRY

*One united Church, sign of unity and of communion,
which becomes the leaven for a reconciled world*

On May 18, on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Pope Leo XIV celebrated the Mass for the official beginning of his Petrine ministry. The celebration began inside the Basilica of St. Peter. Pope Leo XIV, accompanied by the Patriarchs of the Eastern Churches, went down to the tomb of St. Peter for a moment of prayer, where he incensed the Apostolic *Trophaeum*.

The specific rites for the beginning of the pontificate were carried out by Cardinal Deacon Mario Zenari, who imposed the Pallium. Cardinal Priest Fridolin Ambongo Besungu recited the prayer and Cardinal Bishop Luis Antonio Tagle handed over the Fisherman's Ring.

Three Cardinals promised obedience on behalf of the entire College: Cardinal Frank Leo, Cardinal Jaime Spengler, O.F.M. and Cardinal John Ribat. Some representatives of the People of God also promised obedience to the Holy Father: the Bishop of Callao, H.E. Msgr. Luis Alberto Barrera, M.C.C.J.; Father Guillermo Inca Pereda; Deacon Teodoro Mandato; Sister Oonah O'Shea, President of the International Union of Superiors General, and Fr. Arturo Sosa, S.J., President of the Union of Superiors General; a married couple, Rafael Santa Maria and Ana Maria Olquín; and Josemaria Diaz and Sheyla Cruz, representing the youth.

In his homily, Pope Leo XIV recalled the recent death of Pope Francis, which took place immediately after Easter. He also emphasized that his first great desire is that of "a united Church, a sign of unity and of communion, which becomes leaven for a reconciled world." He concluded his homily, entrusting the Church to the power of the Holy Spirit.

A SHORT CURRICULUM VITAE OF POPE LEO XIV



Name: Robert Francis Prevost

Birth: September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, United States

Priestly Ordination: June 19, 1982

Episcopal Ordination: December 12, 2014

Created Cardinal: September 30, 2023 by Pope Francis

Elected Pope: May 8, 2025

Motto: In illo Uno unum ('In the One, we are one')

Citizenship: United States; Peru (since 2015); Vatican City
(since 2023)

Education: Villanova University (BS);

Catholic Theological Union (MDiv);

Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (JCL, JCD)

Robert Francis Prevost held the following offices:

Prior Provincial of Our Mother of Good Counsel (1998–2001)

Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine (2001–2013)

Titular Bishop of Sufar (2014–2015)

Apostolic Administrator of Chiclayo (2014–2015)

Bishop of Chiclayo (2015–2023)

Apostolic Administrator of Callao (2020–2021)

Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops (2023–2025)

President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America
(2023–2025)

Cardinal-Deacon of Santa Monica (2023–2025)

Cardinal-Bishop of Albano (2025)

A. NEWS FROM THE GENERALATE

1. General News

1.1. Convocation of Plenary Council

In accordance with the Constitutions and Directives of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle, C134-136.ii and D 134.1-4, the Director General of the MST has convoked the Plenary Council scheduled to begin on 13th October 2025 at 16:00 hours and will continue until it finishes the discussions and evaluation. In accordance with C 136, the Plenary Council is competent: to evaluate the apostolate, facilitate the execution of the resolutions, policy and Guidelines given by the General Assembly and offer assistance in any matter referred to it by the Director General with the consent of his Council.

A committee consisting of Rev. Fr Gervasis (Joy) Panjikaran (Convener), Rev. Fr Sebastian (Ashish) Keeranchira (member) and Rev. Fr Augustine (Jijo) Kottakavil (member) is appointed to conduct the election of three delegates each from every Region (C134; D134.1) and in accordance with D134.3 an agenda committee is constituted consisting of Rev. Fr Peter Vattappara (Convener), Rev. Fr Subin (Martin) Puthupallyil (member) and Rev. Fr Mathew (Akhil) Mlavil (member) to gather suggestions from the members to prepare the Agenda.

1.2. Send off and Welcome to Regents

The Regent, Bro Jison Attuchalil, who served at the Generalate and Deepti Minor seminary for the past seven months was accorded a cordial send-off in the Generalate refectory on June 6, 2025 during supper. Rev. Fr Vincent, the Director General, Fr Santhosh and Fr Joseph Thekekarotu spoke on the occasion and felicitated him. The DG presented him a gift as a token of love and appreciation. Bro Jison Attuchalil thanked all the priests in the campus for helping him to grow in his priestly vocation. On the same day, Bro. Thomas (Deepak) Manimalayil (Vazhathope, Idukki) who completed philosophy at Ruhahaya was accorded a warm welcome by the Director General.

1.3. Priests added to Deepti Mount Community

The Director General on June 6, 2025 welcomed Rev. Dr Sebastian Koottumkal, who is transferred from MOC to Deepti Minor seminary and Rev. Fr Mathew Mlavil who took charge on May 26, 2025 as the Director of Associate Missionaries and Coordinator of Santhome fellowship which is a voluntary group supporting the MST missions in various ways. Rev. Fr Josin Tharapputhottiyil has taken charge as the house procurator at the Generalate.

Fr Lonappan Arangassery

2. Formation and Seminarians

We have very glad and encouraging news from all the seminaries where MST seminarians undergo formation. Besides in our own seminaries, our brothers are being formed in St Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, St Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Aluva, Good Shepherd Major Seminary, Kunnoth, Marymatha Major Seminary, Trichur and Sacred Heart Theological College, Shillong. In the academic year 2025-26 we have 54 brothers in theology, 13 brothers doing regency, 21 brothers in philosophy, 10 brothers in MOC and 49 brothers in the minor seminary. Thus we have altogether 147 brothers at different stages of formation. We thank God for 23 new admissions into the Minor Seminary.

2.1. Mission Exposure during Summer Holidays

Our brothers were engaged in various missionary apostolates during the summer vacation besides spending days at home with their parents and dear ones. Those who completed first year theology course spent one month in different villages in the diocese of Udaipur for mission exposure program. Those who completed second year theology had diverse mission experiences in the diocese of Jabalpur for 30 days. Among the brothers who completed third year theology, five of them did diaconate ministry in the Archdiocese of Changanacherry, while one of them did diaconate ministry in Rohru mission in Himachal Pradesh and three of them did ministry in Odisha mission. We arranged one week program on 'communication and faith sharing' in the month of May in IMPACT for the brothers who were getting ready to go to MOC.

2.2. Major and Minor Orders

Thirty-three brothers in various stages of formation took part in the retreat from 16th to 19th May, 2025 arranged in the Generalate to prepare them for receiving the Sacred Orders, Vestition and making the Promise of Incorporation into the Society. Three brothers received Diaconate, eight brothers *Heupadyakonusa* and four *Karoyusa* on 20th May, 2025 from Mar Joseph Perumthottam, Archbishop emeritus of Changanachery at 3.00 pm. The three brothers who received the order of M'samsanausa made the Perpetual Promise of Incorporation into the Society in the morning.

2.3. MIST 2025: Major Seminarians' Gathering

The Major Seminarians' Gathering *motivated to illumine in Spirit and Truth* (MIST), was held from May 20 to 23, 2025 at the Generalate. It was a refreshing time – quiet, joyful, and deeply personal. The gathering was inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura, Director General of the MST in the presence of the Councillors and the Treasurer General. Adv. Justin Pallivathukkal motivated the brothers by his heart touching, inspiring and motivating talk. He shared his personal experiences in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He explained the challenges he faced in his life and how he overcame them with the grace of God. His deep convictions founded on his faith in Jesus Christ, his ardent desire to share his faith with the people and his intimate personal relationship with God motivated the brothers.

Rev. Fr Justin Vettukallel dealt with the Constitutions and Directives of the MST and highlighted the purpose of the MST as mission *ad gentes* quoting C&D. He placed before the brothers the challenge to dedicate themselves totally for the cause of mission *ad gentes*. There were other activities which formed integral part of the MIST. Bro Georgekutty Nelluvilil was elected the leader of the MST brothers for the coming year. The gathering of the brothers ended on 23rd May after vestition in the morning at 7 a.m.

2.4. Vestition

May 23, 2025 was a day of great joy and blessings for the MST.

13 brothers who successfully completed regency in different mission centres received clerical dress (cassock) on this day during the holy Qurbana in the presence of many priests, the parents, siblings and dear ones of the brothers receiving Cassock. The brothers who received cassock renewed their Temporary Promise of Incorporation into the Society and three brothers who completed the Missionary Orientation Course made their first Temporary Promise of Incorporation into MST. Two batches of philosophy brothers could not participate in the MIST due to university exams.

Fr Joseph Thekkekarott

3. On-going Formation

3.1. Gathering of Senior Priests

An on-going formation programme for senior priests was held at the Generalate from May 12–16, 2025, under the title “*Seasons of*



Grace: Gathering of Senior Shepherds.” This five-day event brought together 52 priests from the 1971–72 to 1982–83 batches, including those serving abroad, whose presence added grace and joy to the gathering.

The phrase “Seasons of Grace” reflects the understanding that approaching retirement or entering a quieter stage of ministry is not an end but a sacred phase, where God’s work continues in deeper and more reflective ways. The subtitle “Gathering of Senior Shepherds” emphasized the significance of experienced missionary priests coming together to reflect, share wisdom, and encourage one another in faith and on-going service.

The programme was solemnly inaugurated at 6:30 p.m. on May 12, 2025, by His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vadakel, who encouraged the participants to view retirement not as withdrawal but as an opportunity to serve the Church in renewed and meaningful ways. The session was presided over by Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura, who paid tribute to the senior priests for their foundational contributions to shaping the MST's mission and vision in the early years of the Society's journey.

Interactive and reflective sessions in these days were conducted on themes that addressed spiritual, psychological, and practical aspects of retired life and they are; *A Successful Spiritual Stewardship by the MST Priests in the Vineyard of the Lord*, *Stepping into Retirement with Dignity and Joy*, *The Priesthood: A Lifelong Covenant*, *Retirement Reimagined: Wellbeing Inside and Out*, and *The Psychological Transition: From Identity and Purpose to Freedom and Fulfilment in Retirement*, led respectively by Rev. Dr Justin Vettukallel, Bp Mar Jacob Muricken, Rev. Dr Jose Mariadas OIC, Dr Jossy (Medicity, Pala), and Prof. Dr Mathew Kanamala and Mrs Reena Mathew. The sessions were designed to recharge and guide the senior priests, and help them embrace retirement gracefully and with dignity.

A major portion of the programme was devoted to personal sharing, offering a rich space for storytelling and memory-sharing. These sessions inspired younger generations and helped preserve the lived history of the MST. Cultural programmes were organized in the evening on May 14, with music, dance, comedy, and performances by the senior priests. The senior priests surprised and delighted everyone with their talents and enthusiasm.

The programme was concluded on May 16, 2025, after an appraisal and planning session with the members of the General Administration. In this session, many shared their concerns, future aspirations, and appreciation for the past and present leadership of the Society. The gathering ended on a note of gratitude, joy, and renewal. With hearts full of contentment and appreciation, the senior priests returned

gracefully to their respective missions.

3.2. Education Meeting 2025 at Yercaud

An interactive seminar on education titled “*Transforming Education Together: Empowering Educators and Inspiring Learners*” was held from 6th to 8th May 2025 at St. Louis Villa, Montfort Provincial House, Yercaud, Tamil Nadu, bringing together 45 MST priests for reflection, dialogue, and



strategic planning on the education apostolate.

Rev. Fr Ivan Muthanatt welcomed the participants at the opening of the seminar, which was officially inaugurated on 6th May at 6:30 p.m. by Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura. In his inaugural address, he emphasized that the ultimate mission of MST’s educational apostolate is to serve as instruments in spreading the Word of God. The sessions began with an orientation on the *Philosophy of Education* by Fr Prayan Kongatt, who drew on both Indian and Western philosophical traditions to understand the philosophy of education.

On 7th May, two significant papers shaped the morning session. The first, titled “*Leading Together – Harmonizing the Roles of Principals and Managers*”, was presented by Rev. Bro George Palackal, emphasizing collaborative leadership in school administration. The second, “*Re-engineering MST Education in the Multivocal Context of India Today*”, was delivered by Rev. Dr Paul Raj, addressing the challenges, reorientation and discontinuous thinking required in today’s diverse educational landscape.

The afternoon featured a panel discussion on “*Evolving MST Education from 1968–2025*” by Rev. Fr Sojan Unniepillil, who traced the developmental shifts in MST’s educational vision, and

“Appraisal: MST Education Policy and Guidelines” by Rev. Fr Siju Azhakath, who proposed improvements to the existing policy framework. Rev. Fr Justin Vettukallel spoke on *“Living the Missionary Purpose and the Apostolate of Education”*. He urged that MST’s educational apostolate must serve as a gateway to the



mission *Ad gentes*, remaining faithful to MST’s purpose.

On 8th May, the *“Execution of MST’s Vision on Education in Different Regions”* was presented by Fr Lithosh Karingadayil, Fr Jiby Thekkemuriyil, Fr Lijo Vadakkemury, and Fr Sogin Chirayil, representing their regions. They shared experiences and plans for realizing MST’s Educational Vision 2040. The concluding planning session was held with the active participation of all General Councillors and participants.

3.3 Highlights and Decisions of Education Meeting

The Education Meeting 2025, held in Yercaud, emphasized the importance of collaborative teamwork for ensuring effective functioning of schools. A significant part of the discussion focused on exploring meaningful ways to utilize educational institutions as



platforms to share the Word of God with the wider community.

As decided in the meeting, Education Committees are to be constituted at various levels 1) Central Education Committee (CEC), Regional Education Committees (REC), School Managing Committees (SMC), and School Executive Committees (SEC) in line with MST's education policy. A Regional Councillor may be appointed in charge of Education and another person as Regional Education Secretary in every region and a Committee may be appointed for renewing and integrating the Education Policy and Guidelines to be included in the Regional Statutes.

In the discussion it was asked whether the special schools should fall under the education-social apostolate, or whether it should be treated as an independent entity. It was also suggested to communicate the outcome of the seminar to the members through the *circular*.

The seminar was concluded on 8th May at 4:00 p.m. with a collective resolve to move forward in transforming young minds and making MST's education apostolate a collaborative and mission-oriented endeavour.

4. *Sleehusa*: Faith Fuelled Mission

A three-day orientation programme was organised from June 5 to 8, 2025, at the MST Generalate, for the newly ordained priests of



MST before sending them to the Mission. The event was a spiritually vibrant and formative moment for the new priests to instil

in them the spirit of "*Sleehusa*"—a Syriac word which means *sending, mission, apostleship, apostolate, or delegation*.

This term beautifully enunciates the identity and vocation of every

MST priest who serve the Church in the Mission not as paid servants or mercenaries, but as ambassadors and legates. The *Sleehusa* stands as a sacred ceremony of commissioning the new priests with the mission mandate.

Over the next three days, the participants engaged in a series of talks, discussions, and interactive sessions, designed to equip them spiritually, intellectually, socially and pastorally as true missionaries. The sessions were led by experienced clergy, religious, and lay experts on the following themes: *Life Style of the MST, New Approaches to the Mission, Expectations of the Religious Sisters from the Clergy, MST Mission Experience Sharing, Responsible Use of Mobile Phones and Gadgets and Cyber Laws, Thomasine Spirituality and its Living Applications in the Missions, and Practical Tips to Serve in the Missions Faithfully and Fruitfully*, delivered respectively by Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura, Rev. Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, Rev. Sr Tessy Pallickaparampil, Rev. Fr Thomas Chirackal, Mr Abhilash Joseph (Trainer), Rev. Fr James Kurikilamkatt, and Rev. Fr Jomon Ayyankanal.

The *Sleehusa* ceremony was integrated with the Holy Qurbana



presided over by Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura in the evening on June 5, 2025. In his message, he exhorted the young missionary priests that theirs is a lifelong journey—a constant call to personal sanctity, reverence, and missionary zeal. After the Holy Qurbana, each of the new priests was prayerfully commissioned for the missionary apostolate. This was followed by a fraternal gathering

and dinner with all priests present from the campus on June 8, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. The programme served as a powerful reminder of the missionary spirit at the heart of MST, and the vital role of formation in preparing priests to be faithful and fruitful apostles of Christ.

Fr Ivan Muthanattu

B. TRANSFERS AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS

1. Fr Chakkungal Varghese is appointed at: Parrocchia San Tommaso Apostolo, Via Episcopato 6, Ortona 66026 (CH) Italy.
2. Fr Cherolil Biju is relieved from St Thomas School, Pawasa and transferred to Ratlam: HIG Sr- 2, Ganga Sagar, Ratlam- 457 001, M. P.
3. Fr Eettayankal Bebin is relieved from Kachrod, for B.Ed Studies at Dimapur
4. Fr Kachirayil George is relieved from the post of House Procurator for students in MSW at Nirmala Nikethan, Resides at: 1003 Gurukul Tower, A Wing, Near SBI Dahisar West Branch, Jaywant Sawant March, Borivali West, Mumbai 400068
5. Fr Kalapurackal Thomas is transferred to Vasai East: St Thomas Catholic Church, J.P. Nagar, Church Road, Evershine city, Vasai East, Palghar Dt, Maharashtra, 401 208
6. Fr Kalathoor Chandy, relieved from Director, Ashadeep, Sangli, is appointed Priest in charge St Alphonsa Mission and School, Kupwad Road, Miraj – 416410, Sangli Dt, Maharashtra
7. Fr Kalladayil Sebastian is appointed at St. Francis of Assisi Forane Church, OFC- Plot, near GTB Hospital Traffic Signal Pocket C, Dilshad Garden, New Delhi 110 095
8. Fr Kalarickal Jose is transferred to Wernau in the Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart, Germany.
9. Fr Kanjirathamkunel Sebastian is appointed at Umsning in Meghalaya
10. Fr Karimpanackal Manuel, relieved from Santhome-Mundur, is

- appointed Spiritual Director at St Ephrem's Theological College, Ephrem Nagar, P.B. No.26, Satna- 485001, M.P.
11. Fr Karingadayil Lithosh is appointed as Principal, St Thomas School, Pawasa, Maksi Road, Undasa P.O. 456006, Ujjain Dt, Madhya Pradesh
 12. Fr Karuvakunnel Monse, relieved from Delhi, is appointed Procurator at MOC, Jeevan Jyoti, Ganjam P.O., 571 477 Srirangapatna, Mandya Dt. Karnataka
 13. Fr Kavukattu George relieved as priest in charge, Teresa Welfare Center, Oros and moves to Aaraam, Deepti Mount.
 14. Fr Kizakkarakatt John is relieved as priest in charge, Alphonsa welfare Centre, Lanja and moves to Bedshi for prayer & reflection.
 15. Fr Kochuparampil Bobby, relieved from the eparchy of Hosur, is appointed Rector at St. Mary's Minor Seminary, Mukkoottukal, Manjalummoodu P.O., 629 151, K K Dist., in the eparchy of Thucklay.
 16. Fr Kodikulam Jince, relieved from Impact to learn French. St Francis Xavier's Pastoral & Communication Centre, Netaji Nagar No 1, Uppalam, Puducherry, 605001
 17. Fr Kongatt Prayan (M. Ph from Pune) is appointed at St Thomas School, Pawasa, Maksi Road, Undasa P.O., 456006, Ujjain Dt, M.P.
 18. Fr Koorumullil Justin, relieved from Cherish, Amberi, is appointed priest in charge at Alphonsa Welfare Centre, Manchekarwadi, Devdhe P.O., 416 712, Lanja - Ratnagiri Dt, Maharashtra
 19. Fr Koottumkal Sebastian, relieved from MOC, is appointed at Deepti College, Melampara-686578, Kottayam, Dt, Kerala
 20. Fr Kudiyiruppil John, relieved from Ruhailaya, is appointed at Divya Jyoti School, Degve, Banda, Sawanthawadi, Sindhudurg Dt, Maharashtra, 416511
 21. Fr Kudukkamthadam Anto, relieved from Ujjain, is appointed pastor of Syro-Malabar Migrants residing at Our Lady of the

- Rosary Cathedral, Pratapganj, Vadodara, 390 002, Gujarat.
22. Fr Kudukkamthadam George (Biji), relieved from Alphonsa School Herle, is appointed priest in charge, Teresa Welfare Center, Oros.
23. Fr Kuttiplackal Nidhin (B. Ed from Tura) is appointed Vice-Principal, Mary Matha School, Chiplun, Ratnagiri Dt
24. Fr Makkiyil Chacko, learning Odisha, residing at Xavier Community College, Patabali Sahi, Phulbani, Odisha - 762001
25. Fr Mecheril George, relieved from Angel Home, Kadanad, is appointed at St Jude Town Church, Adimali, 685 561, Idukki,
26. Fr Mlavil Mathew (Licentiate from Switzerland) is appointed Director of Associate Missionaries and coordinator of Santhome Fellowship, Deepti Bhavan, Melampara, P.O. 686 578, Kerala
27. Fr Mookenthottathil Sijo (Licentiate from Paris) is appointed Spiritual Director at MOC, Jeevan Jyoti, Ganjam P.O., 571477 Srirangapatna, Mandya Dt. Karnataka
28. Fr Moosariparambil Jimson (B. Ed from Bangalore) is appointed at Alphonsa School, P.B. No. 7 Bhosle Vasti, Shegaon Road, Jath - 416404, Sangli Dt. Maharashtra
29. Fr Mudathottiyil Paul, relieved from Deepti Estate, is assigned to the eparchy of Hosur.
30. Fr Mullappallil George, relieved from Rajamudi, is appointed vicar of St George Church, Muttukad, Baisanvalley P.O. Chithrapuram, 685565.
31. Fr Muringassery Sebastian (Viju) relieved from Santhome Public School, Sathanur, is appointed by Bishop as Priest in charge, B 4512, Brigade Meadows Kaggalipura, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore.
32. Fr Muttathupadam George, relieved from Anugraha-Khed, is appointed at Santhome Herbal Gardens, Tilari Konalkatta colony P.O., 416 549 Dodamarg (Taluke), Sindhudurg (Dt) Maharashtra

33. Fr Myladiyil Riju is appointed priest in charge at St Sebastian's prayer centre, Near Signature Green Colony, Kolar Road, Bhopal, 462042. Madhya Pradesh
34. Fr Palackathadathil Joby is appointed priest in charge at *Cherish*, Nirmalgiri, Amberi (Gadwane), Mangoan, P.O. Kudal Tk., Sindhudurg Dt – 416 519, Maharashtra
35. Fr Paryankuzhiyil Shaji is appointed priest in Charge at Anugraha, Veral, Bhudhawadi, Bharene, Khed P.O., Ratnagiri Dt - 415 709, Maharashtra
36. Fr Paruthickal Simon is appointed Asst. Priest in charge and Vice Principal respectively at Alphonsa Mission and Alphonsa School, Miraj
37. Fr Pezhumthottiyil Sebastian is appointed at St Thomas church, Bijapur P.O., Bijapur Dt. in the eparchy of Jagdalpur.
38. Fr Pinakkatt Philip is relieved from Santhome Belgavi & appointed Asst. priest in charge at Alphonsa School, Herle
39. Fr Pottanany Bince is appointed at Umsning, Meghalaya
40. Fr Pulavelil Joseph is appointed Director, Ashadeep, Rajendra Housing Society Balaji Nagar East, Sangli, Dt., 416 416
41. Fr Pullatt Roy is relieved from MOC to go to Tanzania. C/o Deepti Bhavan, Melampara-686 578, Kerala
42. Fr. Puthenpura Shejin currently serving in the parishes of Baunach and Haßberge Ost in the Diocese of Würzburg is raised to the status of Pfarrvikar.
43. Fr Puthenpurackal Dominic is appointed Priest in charge, St Mother Theresa Mission Centre, Tumkur, Karnataka
43. Fr Puthupalliyl Subin is appointed Priest in charge and Manager, Alphonsa School, Herle
44. Fr Thadathil Joseph is assigned to MQM Region, Delhi. C/O Deepti Ashram, GF Plot in KH No. 34/11 35/15, Near MCD Talab, Village Mitroan, Najafgarh – 110043, New Delhi
45. Fr Tharapputhottiyil Josin, relieved from Deepti Plantations,

- Mulas, is appointed House Procurator at Deepti Mount, Melampara 686578, Kottayam Dt, Kerala
46. Fr Thekkemuriyil Jiby relieved as Director, Manager and Priest in charge at Deepti Niwas, Kalenahalli, is appointed Manager of Santhome Public School Sathanur, Yelahanka, Bangalore
47. Fr Thengumkudyil Roy securing Doctorate from Manila, is appointed Rector, Jeevan Jyoti, Ganjam P.O., 571 477 Srirangapatna, Mandya Dt., Karnataka
48. Fr Thottumarickal Francis, relieved from Sangli Mission, is appointed Manager, Deepti Gardens, Moochankund, Govindapuram, Palakkad Dt-678507.
49. Fr Thundathil Joseph (Jees) relieved from Holy Trinity Catholic Mission , is being sent for studies.
50. Fr Thuppalanjiyil George is appointed at Jai Matha Nivas, Sateli Bhedshi, 416530, Sindhudurg Dt., Maharashtra.
51. Fr Vadakkeputhenpura Siby is appointed at Shanti Nivas, Khutalwadi, Supatra P.O., Kolhapur Dt.416 213, Maharashtra
52. Fr Vadakkemury Neyyoor Lijio, relieved as Principal, Mary Matha School, Chiplun, is being sent doctoral studies in Canon Law in Rome
53. Fr Vadakkethalackal Bijo is appointed Director, Dilasa Bhavan, Samani Mala, Miraj P.O., Tasgaon Phata, Pandarpur Rd., Sangli Dt.
54. Fr Varickickal Ajay, relieved from Rampur, is appointed priest in charge at Baliguda.
55. Fr Vedikunnel Arun is appointed at Santhome Ayurvedic Arogya Kendra, Sateli Bhedshi, Dodamarg- 416512, Sindhudurg Dt, Maharashtra
56. Fr Velloor Mathew, is earning Odia language residing at Xavier Community College, Patabali Sahi, Phulbani, Odisha - 762001
57. Fr Vembenickal Joseph is assigned to MQM Delhi; c/o Deepti

Ashram, GF Plot in KH No. 34/11 35/15, Near MCD Talab, Village Mitroan, Najafgarh – 110043, New Delhi

58. Fr Vernakunnel Bibin is appointed priest in charge of Santhome Mission, Santhome School, and St Thomas Church Belgavi, as well as Associate Director of Santhome Ayurvedic Arogya Kendra, Sateli Bhedshi, Dodamarg-416512, Sindhudurg, Dt, Maharashtra.

59. Fr Vettukallel Michael, assigned to Adilabad Mission. St Mary's Church, House No. 2/38, Lakkampur Neradigonda P.O., 504 323, Adilabad Dt, Telangana

C. NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS

1. St Paul Region, Ujjain

1.1. New MST Mission in Meghalaya

St Paul's Region of MST is all set to begin a new Mission at Umsning, Meghalaya on 3rd July 2025 in a rented house. Rev. Fr Bince



Pottananyil is appointed as the Priest-in-charge of *Ad gentes* Mission assisted by Rev. Fr Abin Kanjirathamkunnel. May God bless this new endeavour of MST in Meghalaya!

1.2. St Thomas School, Khachrod

Glad to inform that St Thomas School, Khachrod in Ujjain District received ICSE affiliation. Hearty congratulations to Rev. Fr Shinto Pendanath, the Manager and Rev. Fr Bebin Eettayankal, Rev. Sisters of Nazareth Convent and Staff members for their hard work, dedication and commitment. Thanks to all previous Managers, Principals and Staff Members who laboured hard right from the beginning of this Mission Centre.

2. St Thomas Region, Mandya

2.1. Major Transfers

Rev. Fr. Jobi Mulluvengapurath came back to the Region after a



long period. He is appointed as the Director of Deepti Nivas Kalenahalli and manager of Santhome pre-primary school. Fr. Jobi Mulluvengaputh handed over the office in the presence of Fr Shijo Thettalickal. Fr Jobi thanked Fr. Jiby for his dedicated and sincere

service rendered to Deepti Nivas.

Fr Jiby Thekkemuryil has taken charge as the manager of Santhome School, Bangalore. Fr Viju Muringassery is expected to start a new centre.

2.2. Meeting of Managers and Principals

A meeting of the managers and principals was conducted and in the meeting the financial situation of every school, the official documents,



the role of the managers of the schools and their relationship with other collaborators in the school and the Regional team were discussed and analysed. The participants also

discussed matters related to the retirement of the members of the staff who serve in our institutions.

2.3. Education Meet of Special School Teachers

A two-days training program was conducted by the education



department of St Thomas Region for the special school teachers at Asha Sadan.

2.4. Santhome School Kokasmannur, Ichoda, Adilabad

Santhome School purchased a new bus for the school which was blessed by Rev Fr Sunny Tharapputhottiyil. We remember with gratitude God Almighty for his providence and the blessings showered on Santhome School and all the superiors for their encouragement and support. The academic year 2025-26 was inaugurated on 12th June. Rev Fr Sunny Tharapputhottiyil MST inaugurated the academic year and gave an inspiring message to the children and staff.

3. St Alphonsa Region, Sangli

3.1. Sangli Mission Society is Awarded ISO Certification

Sangli Mission Society has successfully obtained ISO certification, a testament to its commitment to quality management and excellence in service delivery. The society has fulfilled all the requirements to meet the standards of quality management system, demonstrating its dedication to empowering the poor, marginalized, and the needy.



The ISO certification is recognition to Sangli Mission Society's commitment to excellence and quality in its operations. This achievement will further enhance the organization's credibility and effectiveness in serving the needs of the communities it supports. With this certification, Sangli Mission Society reaffirms its mission to make a positive impact in the lives of the marginalized and needy.

3.2. Empowering Disadvantaged Communities

As a non-governmental and non-profit organization, Sangli Mission Society carries out various programs and projects aimed at sustainable development and lasting improvements in the lives of disadvantaged communities. The organization's initiatives span multiple areas, including:

Formal and special education; Community-based rehabilitation; Community development (CBR); Institution based rehabilitation (IBR); Women empowerment; Healthcare; Environmental protection; Sustainable agriculture; Skill development and livelihood programs.

3.3. Picnic of Sisters to Mahabaleshwar and Pune

The religious sisters serving the Sangli Mission recently went on a picnic to Mahabaleshwar and Pune on April 21-22. This trip was a perfect blend of leisure and learning, allowing the sisters to unwind



and explore new places. In Mahabaleshwar, they visited Strawberry farms and enjoyed the

scenic beauty of the hill station. In Pune, the sisters visited a museum dedicated to the life and legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. This visit was both educational and inspiring, offering insights into the history of Maharashtra and the heroism of India's legendary warrior king. The trip provided a much-needed break and opportunity to rejuvenate their spirits.

3.4. Sangli Mission Educators at Yercaud

The educators of Sangli Mission participated in the education meeting organized by the MST Generalate in Yercaud from May 6-9. The event had a profoundly positive impact on the educators, boosting



their spirits and energizing them for their roles. Through healthy discussions, sharing of expertise, and open conversations about challenges, the participants gained valuable insights and renewed their commitment to education. The meeting provided a platform for the educators to exchange ideas, learn from each other's experiences, and develop strategies to overcome obstacles. The outcome of the meeting is expected to enhance the quality of education provided by the Sangli Mission, ultimately benefiting the students and the community.

3.5. SMS Schools Achieve 100% in Board Exams

The schools under Sangli Mission Society have excelled in the 10th Standard Board Exams, achieving 100% pass rate. This outstanding result is a testament of the hard work and dedication of both students and teachers. A significant number of students of Alphonsa Schools at Yadray, Kolhapur, Jath, Karanjoshi, and Miraj secured distinctions, top scorers reaching above 98%. Mary Matha

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Sangli Mission Society

congratulations to our Principals, Managers, Parents, Staff, and students for their exceptional dedication and contributions that make our school thrive!

SSC Examination 2024-2025 Result

Name	Total Students	Top Scorers	Above 95%	First Class	Second Class	Result
Alphonsa School, Jath	74	64.00%	12	56	17	100%
Alphonsa School, Miraj	126	68.00%	36	112	17	100%
Alphonsa School, Yadray	104	97.00%	28	94	10	100%
Alphonsa School, Kolhapur	106	98.00%	41	99	7	100%
Alphonsa School, Karanjoshi	29	96.00%	5	26	3	100%
Mary Matha School, Chiplun	151	97.00%	28	118	27	100%
Saint Thomas School, Ratnagiri	88	98.00%	14	70	14	100%
Divya Jyoti School, Banda	36	98.00%	8	33	3	100%
Santthome School, Sangli (CMS)	119	98.00%	40	99	20	100%

KUDOS !!!

Chiplun also achieved impressive results with a high percentage of distinctions and students scoring above 90%. St. Thomas School Rathnagiri and Divya Jyoti School Banda excelled in the exams, contributing to the overall success. Santhome School Sangli, affiliated with ICSE, achieved a commendable 100% pass with top score of 99.2%. The Sangli Mission Society congratulates the Managers, Principals, Vice-Principals, students, teachers, and staff on their remarkable accomplishment. This achievement reflects the society's commitment to delivering high-quality education and fostering academic excellence. The society's focus on value-based education has yielded impressive results, empowering students to excel academically. The exceptional results are a shining example of the society's dedication to education.

3.6. Welcome to Missionaries

The Alphonsa Region warmly welcomed new missionaries and celebrated the return of Fr John Kudiyirippil and Fr Joseph Pulavelil

after their dedicated service in various fields. We appreciate their return acknowledging their tireless services. Fr Nidhin Kuttiplackal and Fr Jimson



Moosariparabil rejoined the Region after successfully completing their B.Ed rejuvenating the department of education with new skills and expertise. We also welcome the new priest Fr Simon Paruthickal who is appointed at St Alphonsa Mission, Miraj and the three new regents: Bro. Akhil Roy Kuzhumbil, Bro. Mathew John Arimattomvayalil, and Bro. Shalbin Panamthanath.

4. MQM Region, New Delhi

4.1. St Thomas Convent School, Rurka, Dehlon, Ludhiana

4.1. a. Inauguration of the Academic Year 2025–26

With hearts brimming with hope and folded hands, the new academic year at St. Thomas Convent School, Rurka is inaugurated. A special assembly set the tone for the year, seeking divine blessings for a fruitful and enlightening journey ahead. Class teachers, with radiant smiles, took charge of their new classes, ready to guide and nurture their students with renewed dedication and purpose.



4.1. b. Vidyarambham



The school hall echoed with warmth and celebration as the tiny tots of Nursery participated in the *Vidyarambham* ceremony on 2nd April, 2025. Dressed in vibrant traditional attire, the little ones wrote the first letters invoking God and made a blessed start to their journey to

the ocean of knowledge. A grand ceremony was arranged for the UKG students, who, adorned with caps and sashes, confidently stepped into class 1. It was a touching moment of transition and growth.



4.1. c. Honouring Excellence with Proficiency Awards

St. Thomas Convent School, Rurka, celebrated academic achievement through its Proficiency Awards Ceremony for the year



2024–25. Students securing the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in their classes were honoured with medals and certificates for their o u t s t a n d i n g

performance. The event inspired the students to strive for excellence and value hard work.

4.1. d. Baisakhi & Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrations

The spirit of India's cultural richness and constitutional legacy was celebrated with grandeur on April 12, 2025.

Students brought the harvest festival of Baisakhi to life through vibrant performances, music, and dance, showcasing the festive spirit of Punjab.



Equally inspiring was the solemn tribute paid to Dr B.R. Ambedkar on

his Jayanti, as students presented speeches and displays honouring his monumental contribution to India's democracy. It was a meaningful celebration of both tradition and transformation exhibiting *unity in diversity*.

4.1. e. Inauguration of School Clubs

The school auditorium buzzed with excitement as various Clubs were



inaugurated on 21st April. Each club—be it Literary, Eco, Tech, Dance, or Art—was formally introduced with creative presentations, thematic flags, and energizing club songs. Student representatives proudly pledged to uphold the values of their clubs, vowing to promote creativity, teamwork and

responsibility throughout the year.

4.1. f. Student Council Elections

Democracy came alive on campus as students participated in the Head Boy and Head Girl elections with great zeal on 22nd April. From campaigning and speeches to casting votes in ballot boxes, every moment mirrored a real electoral process. The school resembled a buzzing polling station, complete with voter slips and disciplined queues. It was a valuable training for showcasing civic responsibility and leadership teaching the students the importance of exercising their right to elect persons to responsible positions.



4.1. g. Legacy of Leadership: Investiture Ceremony

With pride and solemnity, the school conducted its investiture ceremony, where newly the newly elected student leaders took their

oath of office on April 30, 2025.

The ceremony began with a dignified parade, followed by the ceremonial pinning of badges. The



head Boy, head Girl and the council members pledged their allegiance to the school and its objectives. The audience witnessed the emergence of a fresh generation of disciplined, determined, and dedicated leaders.

4.1. h. Labour Day: Honouring the Hands that Serve

The school paid a heartfelt tribute to its support staff in connection with the Labour Day celebrated on 2nd May, 2025. With gratitude in their hearts, the students and the staff acknowledged the efforts of drivers, conductors, helpers, and other non-teaching staff work hard for the smooth functioning of the school. Gifts and tokens of love and appreciation were presented to them. The day passed with a gentle reminder every work, no matter how humble, is dignified and deserves respect.

Reported by Fr Sogin Chirayil, Bathinda

4.2. St Thomas Convent School, Bathinda

4.2. a. Send-Off to Rev. Sisters

The OSF sisters who came in 2017 were in our mission stations from the beginning and they contributed greatly



in the development of the school, in the pastoral care of migrants from Kerala, in the work of evangelization and social activities. Rev Sr Maria and Sr Sharon bade farewell as they were transferred to new missions. It was truly an



emotional and memorable occasion, filled with appreciation, fond memories, and assurance of prayers for their future ministry.

4.2. b. Summer Camp 2025

A vibrant and engaging Summer Camp was successfully conducted for children of the tuition centre from June 9 to June 14, 2025, at St



Thomas Convent School, Bathinda. The camp was organized with the aim of providing a joyful and enriching experience to children through a blend of educational and creative activities. Each day of the

camp was thoughtfully planned and offered a variety of sessions that kept the children enthusiastic and actively involved. The activities conducted were English



Grammar classes, Cursive Writing Practices, Drawing and Painting lessons, Art and Craft Practice, and

Fun Games and Dance sessions. The summer camp concluded on June 14 with a small closing ceremony, in which children showcased some of their artwork, performed dances, and shared their experiences. Both children and parents expressed their appreciation for the camp.

4.3. St Thomas Convent School, Dhuri

The construction of the building of St Thomas Convent School (Dhuri) commenced on 29/05/25. We hope to complete the construction on time.

4.4. Jammu Mission: A New Endeavour at Khour

Navdeepti De-addiction and Rehabilitation, a mission initiative of the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle (MST), is being realised with the formalization of a MOU between the Diocese of



Jammu-Srinagar and Mary Queen of Missions Region, Delhi on 13th June 2025. The station at Khour is a vibrant mission station located at the extreme border of India and Pakistan, just 50 kilometres from Jammu city. From this site, one can get a glimpse of the border security lights, symbolizing the Centre's courageous presence at the very edge

of our nation. This mission station comprises a Parish Church, a presbytery and nearly one and a half acres of land which will be officially handed over to the Missionary Society of St. Thomas (MST) on 6th July 2025.

The solemn inauguration and handing over ceremony will be officiated by His Excellency Bishop Ivan Pereira in the esteemed presence of Fr Joseph Karodan, the Regional Director, and Fr Rony Alencherry, Director of Navdeepthi. The signing of the MOU was witnessed by Fr Arul Nirmal, Chancellor of the Diocese, and Fr Rony Alencherry. Fr Cyril Kureekatt, the Regional Councilor, was also present on the occasion. The MST presence in Khour is expected to enhance the



spiritual and emotional well-being of the faithful, through the dedicated efforts of Navdeepthi and the committed missionaries.

Special thanks are due to the MQMR Regional Team whose

prayerful support, vision, and encouragement to bring the project to fruition. As Navdeepti enters a new phase of its growth your prayers are requested that it continues to be a light shining in the darkness and a channel of God's healing love.

Fr Rony Alencherry MST

4.5. Kristjyoti Catholic Mission, Rohru

4.5. a. Catechism Exam and One-Day Picnic



The Kristjyoti Catholic Mission Church recently concluded its annual Catechism Examination, which was conducted on April 27, 2025. To celebrate their hard work and successful completion of the exam, a one-day picnic was organized for 50 catechism students on June 11, 2025. The picnic included various games, interactive activities, singing, and group meals. It was made possible through the combined efforts of the parish priest, catechists, volunteers, and supporting parishioners. We thank everyone who contributed towards the success of both the catechism program and the picnic celebration.

4.5. b. Academic Excellence Awards

After the Sunday Mass, Kristjyoti Catholic Mission Church held a



special Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony on 15th June 2025, to honour the outstanding achievements of students who successfully completed the 10th and 12th grade examinations. Fr. Siby Memorial Academic Excellence Award was presented to the top-performing student of the parish in the 12th grade. The Guruji Memorial Academic Excellence Award was presented to the top-performing student in the 10th grade. In addition, cash prizes were given to the first, second, and third rank holders from the 10th and 12th grade recognizing their hard work. The parish community expressed its appreciation and extended blessings to all the awardees for their future endeavours.

4.6. Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies

4.6. a. Round Table Conference



The IHPS organized a Round Table Conference among Religious and Social Leaders of Diverse Communities on 'Humanity First' at Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi on 25 April 2025.

4.6. b. Lectures, Views, Interviews, Messages, and Articles

The Director of IHPS Dr M.D. Thomas delivered three lectures on various topics, 5 video messages, shared two views and three messages and had interactions with many dignitaries from various walks of life and communities. He also published two articles in *The Secular Citizen* and *Journal of Indian Theology*.



5. St Joseph Mission, Odisha

5.1. New Procurator Appointed

St Joseph's Mission Coordination in Odisha is happy to announce the appointment of Fr Joy Kunnel as the new Procurator. He will now oversee the financial responsibilities of the mission. Fr Joy brings with him valuable experience and a strong missionary spirit. The mission also records its sincere appreciation for Fr Libin Valiyaparambil for his faithful and committed service as the procurator.



5.2. Mission Exposure Program – SMYM Youth Visit

Twelve youth from the SMYM (Arch-Eparchy of Changanacherry) led by Fr Manu Pottanany MST, visited Namaste Maria Centre for a mission exposure program from May 22 to 26. They stayed in the villages of Kampadar and Baglamti, visited nearby communities,



supported tuition centers, spent meaningful time with the children through songs, dances, and prayer, especially in

Runjaguda village.

Five youth from Kooropada parish also joined the mission in Kampadar. Deeply touched by the struggles of the local people, they pledged their support to build a community care center. They also visited Tarlagarh village to better understand the people's way of life.

5.3. ONLINE Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration was held on line, from June 6 to 10, linking 15 mission centers under the St. Joseph Odisha Mission. It began



at the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel in Podagada and concluded with the Holy Eucharist at Namaste Maria Centre. This spiritual journey brought great blessings and

strength to the faithful.

5.4. Namasate Maria, Podagada

5.4. a. Animator Training Program

A five-day training program for village animators was conducted from June 1 to 5 at the centre. The sessions focused on deepening their understanding of Catholic faith and devotion to Mother Mary, enabling them become spiritual leaders in the local communities.

5.4. b. Catechism Summer Camp 2025 – *El Roi*

Namasate Maria, Podagada hosted a vibrant summer camp from May 26 to 30 titled *El Roi 2025*, with around 45 to 50 children from different mission areas.

The camp, led by Fr Dileep and Fr Ambrose, along with the SABS Sisters and St. John of God



Sisters from Rayagada and Jagdalpur, was filled with lots of fun games, prayers, action songs, and learning sessions. It was a joyful and enriching experience for all the children. With God's abundant blessings and the generous support of all the missionaries of St. Joseph Co-ordination, Odisha, the camp was a meaningful and enriching experience. We sincerely thank Rev. Fr Joseph Venattumattam the Coordinator, Rev. Fr Jose Cheriampanatt, the Syncellus, Rev. Frs Libin., Bibin, Ambrose, Rev. Srs Clerin SABS, Beena CSJG, Josna CSJG, the catechists and the youth from Podagada and Phulbani for their guidance and support.

5.5. Divine Mercy Centre, M. Rampur

5.5. a. Solemn Holy Communion at Divine Mercy Centre

Ten children received Holy Communion solemnly after a three-day preparation program and confession, accompanied by their parents and catechists.

5.5. b. Easter Celebration at DM Centre, M. Rampur

A joint Easter celebration was organised at the Divine Mercy Centre, M. Rampur, with the participation of all the village communities. Around 300 people from various communities gathered on the occasion. On the same day, a



farewell function was organized for Rev. Fr Ajay Varickickal who is transferred to Baliguda. The celebration included the Holy Qurbana, the farewell program, and a few cultural programmes performed by community members.

5.6. Nirmal Jyoty, Baliguda

5.6. a. Welcome to Fr Ajay

A warm and prayerful welcome was extended on April 31 to Fr Ajay, who assumed charge as the new Priest-in-charge of Nirmal Jyothi Centre, Baliguda, in the presence of Fr Joseph Ventumattam, the Coordinator of St. Joseph's Mission.



5.6. b. Farewell to Fr Libin Benny

Fr Libin Benny who is received scholarship for Licentiate studies in Moral Theology was accorded a farewell send off on April 31. The community expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Fr Libin Benny Valiyaparambil for his dedicated service in the Mission in the area of faith formation, pastoral care and social development. As he proceeds to pursue higher studies, the community assured him of their prayers and blessings.

D. NEWS FROM HOUSES OF FORMATION

1. Deepti Minor Seminary, Melampara

1.1. Reopening of Deepti Minor Seminary

After a refreshing summer holidays, Deepti Minor Seminary was reopened on 20th May, 2025 for the new academic year 2025-



2026. The seminary campus became once again busy with prayer and various activities with renewed spirit and enthusiasm. With hearts full of hope and determination, the community looks forward to a fruitful year ahead.

Deepti Minor Seminary is blessed with the joyful presence of twenty-four new candidates, who joined the seminary on May 24, 2025. The seminary is very much indebted to the hard work and dedication of the vocation promoters, Fr Tony Ramachanattu and Fr Ashish Keeranchira. The total strength of seminarians at Deepti Minor seminary is fifty.

The staff and students with the vocation promoters celebrated the Holy Eucharist on 25th morning and the first year brothers visited the Generalate and spent some time with the Director General and councilors.

1.2. Blessing of the Refurbished Dormitory

During the summer holidays, the dormitory of the first-year brothers was refurbished and it has a graceful look with new tiles and partitioned to cubicles, offering the brothers privacy and comfort. The renewed dormitory was solemnly blessed on May 23, by Very



Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura in the presence of Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, the Vice Director General, Deepti Staff, and brothers.

1.3. Welcome to Rev Fr Sebastian Kootumkal

Deepti Minor Seminary welcomed Rev. Dr. Sebastian Kootumkal, an experienced formator and a missionary priest on May 30, 2025.

He took charge in the presence of Rev Fr Joseph Thekkekarott, the Vice Director General, Rev Fr Jaison Kulappurath, Rev Fr Monse Karuvakunnel,



Rev Fr Rector Jacob Njarolickal, Deepti Staff and brothers. His presence in the staff is truly a blessing.

1.4. Send off to the Regent

Regent Bro Jison Attuchalil was given a cordial send off by the staff and brothers of Deepti Seminary on 6th June, 2025. He served the



seminary in various ways and inspired the brothers in their call to priesthood during the 7 months of his service to the

seminary and in the Generalate. We invoke an abundance of divine blessings as he begins theological studies at Ruhlaya Major Seminary, Ujjain.

1.5. Sharing Mission Experience

The seminary community was privileged and blessed by the inspiring presence of two vibrant and zealous missionaries: Fr Biju Pullappillil and Fr Roy Pullattu, in the beginning of the new academic year. Rev. Fr Biju Pullappillil MST, a missionary from Tanzania graced the seminary community by sharing his profound missionary experiences in the vibrant mission of Tanzania. He spoke of the



joys, struggles, and deep spiritual fulfilment found in serving God among the people of Africa. His inspiring words offered a powerful

witness to the missionary spirit of the Church and left a lasting impression on the hearts of our young seminarians. Rev. Fr Roy Pullattu, the former Rector of Jeevan Jyoti, celebrated the Holy Eucharist and shared his rich missionary experiences. His homily, filled with spiritual depth and pastoral warmth, touched the hearts of all who listened to him.



1.6. Holy Qurbana with the Director General

The seminary was blessed with the gracious presence of the Director General of MST, Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikattilputhenpura, who celebrated the Holy Qurbana in the seminary chapel with the staff and students on June 16. In his deeply moving homily, he exhorted the seminarians to rekindle their spiritual fervour and embrace their



formation journey with renewed zeal and dedication. Highlighting the essence

of a Spirit-filled life, he reminded them that authentic seminary formation must be rooted in deep prayer, joyful sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to the call of Christ.

1.7. Inauguration of the Academic Year

The new academic year at Deepti Minor Seminary was formally inaugurated on June 19, 2025 by Rev. Fr Biju Kuunackattu, Bursar of St. George College, Aruvithura by lighting the lamp invoking Christ the light of the World and source of wisdom. In his inaugural address, Fr Biju emphasised the profound significance of education in the life of a seminarian, highlighting intellectual formation rooted in faith which is a powerful source of strength in priestly and missionary apostolate. The ceremony was graced by the presence of the Director General of MST, Very Rev. Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura, the priests from the Deepti campus and the entire seminary community.



2. Jeevan Jyothi-MOC, Ganjam

2.1. New Leadership Assumes Roles

A new phase in the life at Jeevan Jyoti ushered on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 as Fr Roy Thengumkudiyil took charge as Rector, and Fr



Monse Karuvakunnel as the Procurator. This significant transition was marked by the presence of the Regional Director, Rev. Fr Sojan Aikkarakunnel.

2.2. Farewell to Frs R. Pullatt and S. Koottumkal

Jeevan Jyothi bade farewell to Rev. Frs Roy Pullatt and Sebastian Koottumkal, who had been icons of dedication and service, at Jeevan



Jyoti. A special farewell program was organized on May 28, 2025 which was attended by MST fathers from Mandya Region. During this emotional gathering, Rev. Frs Sojan Aikkarakunnel, Roy Thengumkudiyil, and Jiby Thekkemury spoke of the contributions of the fathers by sharing anecdotes and memories that highlighted their impactful tenures.

2.3. Welcome to the 38th Batch of Students

The 38th batch of ten eager, energetic, and vibrant brothers arrived at Jeevan Jyoti on June 5, 2025.

In order to foster a sense of unity and camaraderie among them, a team-building program was arranged on 6th June. This initiative laid the foundation for an effective collaboration and mutual support.



2.4. Mission Sharing & Spark of Inspiration

On June 7th, our brothers had the privilege of participating in a



mission-sharing session with Fr Ashil Kizhakkekara, a talented, dynamic and young MST priest. Fr Ashil's insights and



experiences served as a powerful source of motivation, rejuvenating the brothers' missionary spirit and providing them with fresh perspectives on their life and activities in the days of the academic year 2025-26.

2.5. First Mission Visit

The brothers embarked on their first mission visit to Christalaya, Hadannur, one of the oldest mission centers in the region. They



interacted with Rev. Fr Augustine Mundiyaivil, a



missionary with profound experiences in the field of treatment for snake bite. His stories and sharing impressed the brothers with practical insights into the realities of mission work and the profound influence of missionaries on the people around.

2.6. Youth Dynamics Training

From June 9th to June 11th, 2025, Rev. Fr Jaison Puthenura led an intensive three-day Youth Dynamics program. These sessions provided the brothers with valuable skills and leanings, focusing on personal development and mission preparedness. Through interactive classes and activities, the brothers were enabled to make an interior journey to know them well and assist their own personal growth and development.

2.7. Meeting with Regional Director

Very Rev. Fr Sojan Aikkarakunnel, the Regional Director of Mandya, addressed our brothers on 12th June. In an official welcome to the

Mandya mission, he introduced the new brothers not only to the mission's objectives but also to the rich and vibrant Kannada culture. This session was more



than an introduction; it was an integration, where Fr Sojan shared his personal experiences in Mandya, offering guidance and cultivating a sense of belonging among the brothers. He gave an

overview of the mission of MST in Mandya region citing the number of apostolates and ministries here. As we welcome new candidates to the MOC, we remain committed to fostering an environment of formation in all its various dimensions ensuring that Jeevan Jyoti continues to thrive in its focus on missionary orientation.

3. Ruhhalaya Major Seminary, Ujjain

Ruhhalaya Major Seminary was reopened on June 16, 2025, and the brothers of both Philosophy and Theology returned to the seminary after a refreshing vacation.

3.1. Ruhhalaya is rekindled for Academic Year 2025-2026

With the arrival of two new batches —Theology First Year and Philosophy First Year—Ruhhalaya with the strength of 157 students and 15 Formators, strides to mark the graceful commencement of another academic year 2025–2026. The atmosphere is infused with renewed enthusiasm, fraternal warmth, and spiritual fervour as seminarians return home away from home after a refreshing summer vacation.

3.2. News from Ruhhalaya Theology Section

3.2. a. New Admissions

Seventeen seminarians are admitted to the First-Year Theology Programme, comprising nine (9) brothers from the MST and eight (8) from various dioceses of Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara



Churches filling the Theology Section to the maximum capacity of accommodation with a total of 77 resident brothers.

3.2. b. Exposure Programmes

During the month of April, the second-year MST brothers—8 from Ruhhalaya and 5 pursuing their studies in Kerala—participated in the mission exposure programme organized in the Diocese of Udaipur. Under the guidance of Rev. Fr Siby Puthothu, they were sent out in pairs and were stationed in remote *Adivasi* villages. In spite of the sweltering heat of the summer, they encountered authentic missionary experiences, sharing in the lives of the poor and immersing themselves in the pastoral realities of the marginalized.

In April, the third-year MST brothers—9 from Ruhhalaya and 8 from Kerala—were sent to the Diocese of Jabalpur for their maiden village-oriented mission exposure programme. They were truly privileged to minister among the newly established Christian communities, marked by their vibrant faith, committed witness, and enthusiastic participation in the life of the Church.

The MST Deacons were engaged in diaconate ministry in various parishes in the Archdiocese of Changanacherry. On 20th May, Bros Alen Kanjiramattathil, Maneesh Kaithackal, and Noble Mundamattam were ordained deacons at MST Generalate by His Grace Mar Joseph Perumthottam, Archbishop Emeritus of Changanacherry.

3.2. c. Ruhhalaya Philosophy Section

The Philosophy Section of Ruhhalaya was gracefully reawakened to

the vibrant rhythm of seminary life on 16 June 2025, marking an enthusiastic commencement of the academic year 2025–2026.

This year, 26 students have been admitted to the first-year philosophy programme. Among them, there are 3 MST brothers, 20 diocesan



seminarians from both Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Churches, and 3 day scholars from SABS congregation. It is worth noting, however, that the number of MST students in the first year philosophy—only three—marks the lowest in recent memory. It is a matter of great concern that invites serious reflection by all concerned.

The second and third year philosophy classes comprise 28 and 26 students respectively in the pursuit of formation and spiritual maturity. In total, the Philosophy section forms 80 students, (75 resident brothers and 5 sisters as day scholars- 4 from the SABS congregation and 1 from the DST). These students come from 18 dioceses belonging to two *sui iuris* Churches reflecting the rich ecclesial diversity characterizing Ruhailaya formation.

3.2. d. Preparatory Courses

In preparation for the academic year, Ruhailaya has initiated a series of orientation courses for the students aimed at laying strong foundations for a good beginning. Intensive courses in English and Hindi, along with Computer and Web Designing classes, have been envisaged. These programmes are designed to enhance linguistic proficiency and digital literacy, and to equip brothers to respond competently to the pastoral and technological demands of our time.

3.2. e. Service of the staff and students during Vacation

During the vacation in summer, three batches of brothers remained on the campus with intermittent breaks to appear for their university examinations, devoting themselves to their academic commitments. Their service to the community during the holidays reflects both a strong sense of responsibility and an admirable pursuit of intellectual excellence.

In a parallel gesture of formative accompaniment and fraternal presence, Fr Johnson Pullatt, the Vice Rector, Fr Veenus Karamullil, the Dean of Studies, undertook a series of home visits to the families of the brothers pursuing their philosophical studies at Ruhhalaya, to strengthen the bond between seminary and families, as well as to affirm the commitment of the seminary to holistic formation—one that integrates spiritual, intellectual, and relational dimensions of priestly formation.

As the Ruhhalaya Major Seminary community now prepares for the celebration of the Feast of Dukhrana, we are particularly honoured to welcome His Grace Mar Andrews Thazhath, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Thrissur and the President of the CBCI, as our chief guest. His presence will undoubtedly be a moment of grace and inspiration for the entire seminary.

E. OVERSEAS MINISTRIES

1. Germany

1.1. Transfers/Appointments

Rev. Fr Jose Kalarickal: After 21 years of dedicated pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Münster, Rev. Fr Jose Kalarickal has been transferred to Wernau in the Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart. We wish Rev. Fr Jose all the best in his new assignment.

Rev. Fr Shejin Puthenpura currently serving in the parishes of Baunach and Haßberge Ost in the Diocese of Würzburg, has been granted the title of Pfarrvikar. Since 2024, he has been working as a Kaplan in Haßberge Ost. Congratulations to Rev. Fr Shejin on this achievement.

1.2. Migrant's care in Germany

1.2. a. Dortmund: Under the leadership of Rev. Frs. Appachan



Mulankothra and Binish Arackal, Holy Mass is regularly celebrated for the migrants in

Dortmund, where approximately 400 persons currently reside.

1.2. b. Augsburg: Rev. Fr Benedict Palappurath organises

the Malayalam Mass in Augsburg. His Eminence Cardinal George Jacob Koovakad recently visited the community.



1.2. c. Hannover: Rev. Fr Cyriac Chandrankunnel is actively supporting the Syro-Malabar migrant community in Hannover, located within the Diocese of Hildesheim.



1.2. d. Hamburg: Rev. Fr Kuriakose Moozhayil has taken the



initiative to organize the Syro-Malabar migrant community in and around Hamburg. Holy Mass is celebrated once

a month in Flensburg, Lübeck, Farmsen, and Ochsenzoll, where catechism classes are also conducted. Recently, Bishop Mar Stephan Chirappanath, the



Apostolic Visitor for the Syro-Malabar Church in Europe, visited the migrant community in Hamburg.

1.2. e. Winterberg: Fr Pradeep Mattathilanickel offers



Syro-Malabar Qurbana once a month for the migrant community in Winterberg, which consists of about 80 people, including four

families.

1.2. German Co-Ordination

Since the term of the Office of the present president of St Thomas Institute expires in June 2025, the process of election is initiated by the Society, to elect the President of president of St Thomas Institute and the Co-ordinator. The election of the panel of three members will be conducted during the July Gathering and it will be submitted to the Director General. Rev Fr Lonappan Arangassery, the secretary General could not, as expected, to be present at the gathering to oversee the election process.

2. MST Mission Chengena, Africa

2.1. Easter and Holy Week celebration

The MST Fathers in Chengena Mission brought a spiritual awakening in the mission parish in Chengena during the Lenten Season in 2025.



And it reached culmination during the Holy Week with mass participation in the church.



The participation of the faithful from every small Christian community under the mission on the Palm Sunday was exceptional. When our community members walked together carrying the palm leaves and singing Hosanna was an occasion to proclaim the faith. Fr Shaiju Jose led the Holy Thursday and gave an insightful homily on humility prior to the rite of washing the feet.

The breaking and distribution of Pesaha Appam in the community of sisters with their aspirants helped us relive the Thomas Christian tradition. The Good Friday was a grace filled day for the entire parish came together to commemorate the passion and death of our Lord in the Mission Church. We had organized the Way of the Cross, covering the whole village with the complete participation of the faithful from the Chengena village. We had a meaningful celebration of Easter in every community under the Mission on Easter day. The churches were packed, and we celebrated Easter very solemnly. Although it was the time of the harvest in the villages, all people came to pray on the Easter Sunday.

2.2. Enactment of the Passion of our Lord

The Choir in the Chengena Mission Church presented a 45-minute-



long enactment of the Passion of our Lord on Good Friday. It was a means of catechetical training for the Christian community to deepen in their faith life. The 40-member group of the Cecilia Choir did a month-long preparation for this presentation on the Good Friday. They practiced and prepared everything on their own. It was an exceptional presentation. This enactment was presented after a

gap of 20 years. It was very much appreciated by the people in the village as well. Through the presentation we were able to give a clear insight to the children and the young people on the depth of the

sacred mysteries of the passion and crucifixion of our Lord.

2.3. Youth Training Program

The MST Mission in Chengena takes special interest in the formation of the youth. We had been organizing different programs for them these years. We have a good number of young people



actively participating in the church with these programs. They encourage the youth to be closer to the church and the faith life. We organized exchange programs with the youth groups from neighboring communities. They went to other churches in the same parish for a day to celebrate the mass together. Later they had various interactive sessions, sharing the faith together, playing together and also sharing the food together like the early Christian communities. It was encouraging to see people coming close to the church now. We also organized various gatherings like Small Christian Communities under the mission after Easter.

2.4. First Holy Communion



We were happy to organize the first holy communion of our children in the Mission in the month of June. There had been intensive preparation for the past 6 months under the catechist to learn prayers. We held the first Holy Communion for a week since 3 June to cover all the 6 Christian communities under the Mission. There were 40

children in chengena mission, 10 children in Kilanagalanga community, 11 in Namanguli community, 3 of them in Suluti community and 10 from the Luegu community. It was a great occasion of spiritual awakening for the entire Christian community in the Mission especially the young ones who were brought closer to Jesus.

F. OTHER MINISTRIES

1. Santhome IMPACT

1.1. Transfers and appointments

Fr Jince Kodikulam, the Assistant Director and in charge of *Kadukumani* is assigned to do higher studies in Paris. He left for Pondichery for French language studies.

Fr Manu Pottananiyil replaced Fr Jince in March and took charge as the Assistant Director, in charge of Mission Animation and as the chief editor of *Kadukumani*.

1.2. Mission Animation Programmes

The Mission Animation Department of IMPACT organised and executed a variety of initiatives aimed at fostering missionary zeal, spiritual formation, and apostolic awareness among youth and the faithful. A detailed account of the major programs conducted during the reporting period is given below:

1.2. a. Home Mission at Mar Gregorios Parish, Kesaria

A five-day home mission was held at Mar Gregorios Parish, Kesaria, Kuttanad, by the theology students studying in Kerala from March 19 to 23. The brothers received intensive training before being sent to visit families for prayer and spiritual sharing. A special intercessory Eucharistic procession was also conducted throughout the parish boundaries. The mission concluded with a one-day convention led by Fr Joseph Thekkekarot MST.



1.2. b. Vocation Camp at Deepti (March 31 – April 2)

A vocation camp was conducted at Deepti Bhavan to provide spiritual guidance to children and to support those discerning their vocation to



MST. The program included talks, prayers, and group activities to encourage reflection and decision-making.

1.2. c. Mission Animation Camp – Fort Kochi (April 2–3)

A three-day mission animation camp was held for the catechism students of St. Little Flower Parish, Fort Kochi. Participants included students from classes 7 to 12. Sessions



were conducted by Fr Joby Pulikkakunnel and Fr Manu Pottananiyil MST, with the Jesus Youth team from Vineyard assisting with music ministry and engaging activities. The camp successfully inspired missionary values among the young participants.

1.2. d. Faith Conference at Kanjirappally

A Faith Conference was held at Sacred Heart Church, Chenkal from April 4 to 6, 2025. The Faith Conference brought together 85



youth from the diocese of Kanjirappally. Fr Joby Maprakavil and Fr Manu Pottananiyil MST led the sessions,

helping deepen the participants' understanding of faith and their call to mission.

1.2. e. Ministry at Kakkanad District Jail

In collaboration with the Prison Ministry of India (Kerala Zone), IMPACT participated in the Holy Week services at Kakkanad District Jail. Fr Aji Chakkumgal and Fr Manu Pottananiyil presided over the services. Confession was offered in Hindi and Oriya, bringing spiritual support to the inmates.

1.2. f. Assistance to Parishes and Convents

The IMPACT team extended their services during Holy Week to

different parishes like Pazhanganad, Emakulam Basilica and Mother Theresa Convent through Holy Mass, Confession, Sermons, etc.

1.2. g. Mission Orientation – St. Dominic’s Cathedral

This one-day orientation program, organized by the SMYM unit of St. Dominic’s Cathedral Parish, Kanjirappally on April 19 saw the participation of 120 youth. The event, held during Holy Week, included sessions on missionary awareness and engagement for youth from the parish and the diaspora.

1.2. h. Missio Dei – Mission Exposure Trip to Odisha

Fifteen youth from the Diocese of Kanjirappally, having completed the initial three phases of missionary training, participated in the fourth phase through a mission visit to Odisha from April 22–30. After three days of orientation at IMPACT, the team, led by Fr Jikku Naripparayil, travelled to Odisha where they lived with the missionaries and contributed financially for development efforts, such as digging well and construction.



1.2. i. Mission Exhibition – FIAT GGM, Chethipuzha

An exhibition showcasing the missionary works of the Society was held during FIAT-GGM at Chethipuzha, Changanassery from April 27 to– May 5, 2025. The exhibition attracted thousands of visitors. Special thanks to the Rector, staff, and brothers from Deepti Minor Seminary for their valuable assistance in organising the event.



1.2. j. Mission Orientation – Chethipuzha

More than 350 youth participated in the one-day orientation program

conducted on May 4, 2025 by the Diocese of Changanassery. Sessions were led by Fr Manu Pottananiyil MST and Adv. Justin Pallivathukkal, culminating in Eucharistic adoration.

1.2. k. *Prathibhasangamam* – Mount St Thomas

The *Prathibhasangamam* was organized from May 7–10 by the Catechism Commission of the Syro-Malabar Church. The event



provided formative and missionary experience for the young participants. The Mission Animation Department led this three-day camp for selected 7th standard students from Syro-Malabar dioceses.

1.2. i. Orientation for MOC Brothers

A five-day orientation was organized for MOC brothers between May 10 and 15. The Training included gospel preaching, liturgical



skills, group dynamics, and a dance workshop. The brothers also participated in a youth program at Emmaus, Kalamassery, conducted

by the Prison Ministry of India.

1.2. m. Missio Dei – Mission Visit to Odisha



Thirteen youth from the Diocese of Changanacherry undertook the fourth phase of their missionary training through a visit to the Odisha mission from May 19 to 28, 2025.

Following the orientation at IMPACT, the group, led by Fr Tony (Assistant Director, SMYM-Changanacherry), engaged with missionaries and visited villages in southern Odisha.

1.2. n. Mission Animation Camp – Shamshabad Diocese

A three-day animation camp for youth of the Diocese of Shamshabad was conducted at Nadiad Pastoral Centre, Ahmedabad from May



29 to June 1, 2025. The sessions were led by Fr Manu Pottananiyil and Fr Asish Keeranchira and they focused on cultivating a missionary spirit among the youth.

1.2. o. Training in Christian Leadership – Telangana

The Christian Leadership training was held at St. Francis School, Hyderabad from June 2–4. This three-day retreat was designed for Jesus Youth campus leaders in Telangana. Leadership training,

spiritual deepening, and missionary awareness were emphasised under the guidance of Fr Manu and Fr Asish.

1.2. p. Mission Orientation – Ujjain (June 9)

A half-day orientation was offered at Kripa Social Welfare Centre, Ujjain, for 60 youth from Syro-Malabar dioceses outside Kerala. The program focused on equipping participants with a missionary mind-set and foundational knowledge.

1.2. q. Initiation into Apostolic Spirituality (June 13–14)

This two-day retreat was held at IMPACT for the full-time training team of Jesus Youth. Nine participants engaged in spiritual exercises focused on apostolic life and personal sanctification.

1.2. r. Mission Orientation – Changanacherry Arch-Diocese

A one-day program attended by 160 youth included sessions on mission, preparation for confession, night camp activities, and group prayer. The event was designed to encourage personal conversion and commitment to missionary life.

1.2. s. Publications

Kadukumani mission magazine and *True Blaze* school magazine are regularly published without a break. *Kadukumani* is published monthly and *True Blaze* is published quarterly. The Mission Animation Department of IMPACT has successfully advanced its mission of igniting and nurturing missionary passion across diverse age groups and contexts. Through camps, retreats, orientation programs, and mission exposures, the department remains committed to forming young apostles for the Church and the world.

G. NECROLOGY

- 28-04-2025: Mrs Annamma Joseph (97) paternal aunt of Fr Antony Kaithottumkal and grand aunt of Fr Justin Kaithottumkal
- 30-04-2025: Mrs Thresiamma Joseph (93), the paternal grandmother of Fr Benedict Varappadavil and maternal grandfather's sister of Fr Monse Karuvakunnel
- 12-05-2025: Mr K.T. Francis (Pappachan) Kureeckal (94) father of Rev. Fr Francis Kureeckal
- 22-05-2025: Mrs Thresiamma Plaparampil (93) the paternal aunt of Fr Jose Kalayil
- 28-05-2025: Mr Mani Olikkara (80) elder brother of Fr Joseph Olikkara
- 29-05-2025: Mrs. Annakutty (Anice) Mathew, Kalliel, Kannathukuzhy (64 years), the sister in law of Fr Joseph Kannathukuzhy
- 29-05-2025: Mrs Alikutty Joseph (94) the paternal aunt of Fr Mathew Kollamparampil.
- 31-05-2025: Mrs Alikutty Mathew, Palliparambil (70) sister of Fr Joy Purayidom
- 31-05-2025: Mrs Mary Chacko Pullattu (87) mother of Fr Roy Pullattu
- 01-09-2025: Mrs Thressiamma Joseph Pathalil (90) the paternal grandmother of Fr Pathalil
- 01-06-2025: Mrs Mariam Pazheveetil (89) Mother of Fr Jose Pazheveetil
- 12-06-2025 Mr Thomas Cherian (73) Muringayil, father of Fr Joy Muringayil
- 15-6-2025: Mr. Kurian Manjalikollakottil, 99, maternal uncle of Fr Antony Kaithottumkal and granduncle of Justin Kaithottumkal.
- 25-06-2025: Mrs mariam Tharapputhottiyil (97) mother of fr Sunny and Grand mother of Fr Josin Tharapputhottiyil.
- 30-06-2025: Mrs Mary Thenamkalayil (94) maternal grandmother of Fr Twinkle Thomas
- 30-06-2025: Mrs Annakutty John Kudiyiruppil (93) mother of Fr John Kudiyiruppil

H. APPENDIX



MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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LETTER OF CONVOCAATION

In accordance with the *Constitutions and Directives* of the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle, C134-136.ii and D 134.1-4, I do, hereby, convoke the Plenary Council of the present tenure of the administration of the MST. It will begin at the MST Generalate, Deepti Bhavan, Melampara, Kerala, India on **13th October 2025 at 16:00 hours** and continue until it finishes the discussions and evaluation. In accordance with C 136, the Plenary Council is competent:

- i. to evaluate the apostolate, facilitate the execution of the resolutions, policy and Guidelines given by the General Assembly.
- ii. to offer assistance in any matter referred to it by the Director General with the consent of his Council.

A committee consisting of Rev. Fr Gervasis (Joy) Panjikaran (Convener), Rev. Fr Sebastian (Ashish) Keeranchira (member) and Rev. Fr Augustine (Jijo) Kottakavil (member) is appointed to conduct the election of three delegates each from every Region (C134; D134.1) to the Plenary Council.

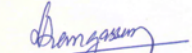
In accordance with D134.3 a committee, consisting of Rev. Fr Peter Vattappara (Convener – vattapparap@gmail.com), Rev. Fr Subin (Martin) Puthupalliyil (member-subinmst@gmail.com) and Rev. Fr Mathew (Akhil) Mlavil (member-akhilmavil@gmail.com), is appointed to gather suggestions from the members to prepare the Agenda. Let me invite all the permanent members to send points for discussion in the Plenary Council to the Agenda Committee by post or electronic media before August 30, 2025.

Invoking God's blessings

Yours in Christ Jesus,


Fr Vinson Joseph (Vinson K)
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Karoye (20-05-2025)

**Kakkaniyil Emmanuel, Nedumthuruthimyalil Mathew,
Kottuppally Kurian, Kulanjiyil Abraham**



First Promise of Incorporation (23-05-2025)

Chengazhacheril Thomas, Palathadathil Mathew, Panamthanam Joseph



Vestition (23-05-2025)

**Front Row: Chollampuzha Abraham, Kallikadan Lazar, Nellamkuzhiyil Joseph,
Parakkattu Martin, Nedunganal Joseph, Kakkaniyil Mathew, Karakkattu Joseph
Middle Row: Vadayanezhath Alex, Manayathukudy Joseph, Komath Rockey,
Chakkalayil Joseph, Attuchalil Abraham, Kolamkuzhiyil Mathew,
Last Row: Fr Lonappan Arangassery, Fr Joseph Thekkekarott,
Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura, Fr Antony Perumanoor, Fr Sogin Chirayil**



M'Samsane (20-05-2025)
Kaithackal George, Vazhakkuzha Joseph (Ujjain)
Kanjiramattathil Jacob, Mundamattam James



Heupadyakne (20-05-2025)
Vettukallel Sebastian, Manjalil John, Palapulickal Thomas
Puthukkara Lazer, Karuvellil Thomas, Attarumackal Joseph
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