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Note: Next issue of Family Bond is to be published in December. Kindly send your news and Write-ups by 15th December 2014. May I request the Rev. Superiors to keep the history of each house ready for publication in the ensuing issues of the Family Bond, which will be a source for the History Book. Clear Photos (of above 600kb) are welcome for publication.

**Fr. Varghese Chackumkuzhy VC
Editor**



EDITORIAL

I Evangelisation – **a new impulse to transform society.**

October is the month to remember all our missionaries with gratitude for their zeal; to support them with our prayers, and also to plan out for more effective efforts for forming better Christian communities rather than just to broadcast talks for fund-raising.

Only a true disciple with the right demeanour can do the missionary job because only such will dare to go wherever he is being sent. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (100) Pope Francis says that it pains him greatly to discover how some Christian communities, and even consecrated persons, can tolerate different forms of enmity, division, calumny, defamation, vendetta and jealousy etc. He asks them: “whom are we going to evangelize if this is the way we act?”

The effective presentation of the good news of the kingdom shall provide immense joy to the missionary as well as to Jesus the sender (Lk.10.17, 21). Jesus showed his joy having realized how the 72 accepted, understood and practiced what, through Him, God had told them. It is the result of a prayerful encounter with the Word, of sincere conversation with the Lord that multiplies the joy of a missionary. “Where God is absent, nothing can be good. Where God is not seen, man and the world fall to ruin’ (Jesus of Nazareth, vol.I,145).

Evangelii Gaudium reminds us also: - With inordinate concern for personal freedom and entertainments for relaxation the spiritual life comes to be identified with a few religious exercises, which do not encourage encounter with others – making decisions as if the poor did not exist, setting goal as if others did not exist, working as if people who have not received Gospel did not exist (E.G.80). Here far from a content and happy one, life becomes tense, burdensome, dissatisfying and in the end, unbearable (E.G 82).

Certain missionaries and their “Christu Bhaktas’ who being non Christians but believers and followers of Christ at the heart-land of Hindu culture, Varanasi, pose a real challenge to many a “church - office – missionaries’. The missionaries in Varanasi lead a simple life but have a passion for evangelization as St. Paul has put it, “ ...hoping to make every man complete in Christ... I work and struggle, impelled by that energy of his which is so powerful a force within me’ (Col.1.28-29).

In the book of Ecclesiastes the teacher speaks of “vanity’ (Eccl.1:2, 12:8). The society has become more fragile on account of the secularization. In the Church too, many baptised persons drift away from the light of truth in search of easier solutions. They are tempted to say that life is vanity. One could say that Ecclesiastes reveals the problem to which the Bible offers the solution - Life is meaningless if death is our ultimate destiny and if man has no hope for happiness that reaches beyond the grave. Evangelisation will throw a beam of divine light if the missionary moves in line with Jesus’ commission- “by not taking a walking stick, money or second tunic ... (Lk.10.4), and proclaim the good news of God’s Providence and His Lordship over the creation.

Last year, on Oct.13th, Pope Francis, when his holiness spoke with the members of the Pontifical Council for promoting the New Evangelization, stated: “The Holy Spirit urges us to go beyond our own narrow confines and He guides us to the outskirts of humanity’. St. Vincent De Paul, motivated by the passion for the poor, stated: “we should sell ourselves to rescue our brothers and sisters from destitution’. So that Christ may fill his life, the evangelizer must disembarass of whatever is not Christ. Evangelic poverty is the great requisite and, at the same time, the most believable testimony the apostle may offer.

Our mission is to announce the teachings and blessings of Jesus and wait for a free attachment of the listeners. Our Pope reminds us that the ideas are to be proposed not imposed.





II Vincentian Generalate.

II.1. Directory – changes

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II.2. Travels & Events

On 03rd July 2014, Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy attended the Sabhadinam-Dhukrana celebrations at Major Archiepiscopal Curia, Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad.

Fr. George Vettaparambil returned to the Generalate on the 12th July, after giving two week's classes in De Paul Institute, Bengaluru.

Most Reverend John Atcherley Dew DD, Archbishop of Wellington (New Zealand), visited our Generalate on July 21. He was accompanied by Fr. Varghese Thuruthichira and Fr. Joseph Anthikkadan. His Grace

is one of the preachers at the International Youth Convention in Divine Retreat Centre, Muringoor.

Bros. Thomas Kanakkat, Joseph Marottipara and Joseph Varekulam who are preparing for their Perpetual Profession visited the Generalate on July 20 and had individual conferences with the Superior General.

The Superior General and the General Finance Councilor made canonical visit of St. Joseph Provincial House, Kottayam on 26 July 2014. They visited VH, Adichira on 27 July 2014.

Fr. Jojo Marippattu gave a few talks in the Divine, Muringoor for the retreat for Priests and Religious. Our Superior General celebrated the Holy Mass for the same group on the 19th July.

Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy visited our V.Houses in UP Mission and the Ashrams in Delhi. He returned on August 02.

Fr. Varghese Parapuram, our Superior General, taught psychology for two weeks from Aug.3 in our De Paul Institute, Bangalore.

A meeting of the members of the renewal team was held in the Generalate on August 23.

“Vachanolsavam Preshita Sanghamam” took place in the Generalate from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm on August 24. Around 130 people participated in the program.

On August 20, Bishops Mar Ephrem Nariculam (Chanda), Mar Jose Puthenveetil (Ernakulam-Angamaly), Mar Joseph Arumachadath (Bhadravathi), Mar Thomas Chakiath (Bishop Emeritus) and Mar Jose Chittooparambil (Rajkot) came to Generalate to meet Bishop Mar Abraham Mattam. On August 24, Bishop Mar Sebastian Vadakel also made a short visit to Mar Abraham Mattam.

The canonical visit to De Paul Institute, Bengaluru was from 12th September. After that they visited our priests and seminarians doing higher studies in Dharmaram. They returned to the Generalate on 16 Sept.2014.

Annual Retreat & Mission Gathering:

The next batch of annual retreat of this year is scheduled to take place from 07 to 12 October 2014 at VH, Jalalkhali, Kolkata. From the



Generalate, Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy will make his retreat in this batch. Immediately after the retreat, the Mission Gathering will begin. The gathering will be concluded with a picnic on 14 October.

Another batch of annual retreat is organized for our priests who are working in Africa from 04 to 08 October 2014 at VH, Nairobi. Fr. Bobby Embrayil VC is guiding the retreat.

II.3. News from the Center for Vincentian Animation

De Paul Literature Kit: In connection with the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, the Centre for Vincentian Animation plans to make available some literature on St. Vincent in our houses, institutions and libraries. The kit includes the following books. Their total cost is Rs. 1038. They are now made available at a reduced price of Rs. 500- only, till there is stock.

Malayalam Books:

1. St. Vincent de Paul – Fr. Mathew Kachappilly VC
2. Sukrutha Sanchari – Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC
3. St. Vincent de Paul: Jeevacharithram, Udharanikal, Quiz – Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel
4. Nanmayude Pookaal – Thomas J. Arukalil
5. St. Vincent de Paul: Darsanavum Samarppanavum – Fr. Joseph Erembil VC (Editor)
6. St. Vincent de Paul: Chitrakadha – Fr. Joby Kachappilly VC
7. St. Vincent de Paul: Illustrated biography - Thomas J. Arukalil
8. St. Vincent de Paul: Novena – Generalate VC

English Books:

9. Light in Darkness – Fr. Joseph Erambil VC
10. Priesthood and Formation: Vincentian Spirituality – Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC
11. Vincentian Vision – Fr. Mathew Kachappilly VC

12. St. Vincent de Paul: Quiz, Quotes, Biography –
Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC

13. St. Vincent de Paul: 10 Laminated Pictures of various sizes .

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Mission and dialogue :

Pope Francis said at Seoul on Aug.17,2014. "If our communication is not to be a monologue, there has to be openness of heart and mind to accepting individuals and cultures." The temptations are:

1. Relativism which obscures our identity and the splendor of truth and, shaking the earth beneath our feet, pulls us toward the shifting sands of confusion and despair.

2. Superficiality which can "make itself felt in an enchantment with pastoral programs and theories, to the detriment of direct, fruitful encounter with the faithful, especially the young who need solid catechesis and sound spiritual guidance."





III Marymatha Province, Angamaly

III.1. News updates

CANONICAL VISITATION AND INTERNAL AUDITING

Rev. Fr. Provincial and Fr. James Kokkandathil VC, the Councilor for Finance and Construction, made canonical visitation in St. Paul Mission, Ahmednagar from July 29 to August 11, 2014. Prior to the canonical visit in St. Paul Mission, Rev. Fr. Joseph Pallickamadam, the internal auditor of the Province, completed the internal auditing of all the centres in St. Paul Mission. All the Fathers in the Mission extended to them a cordial welcome and sincere cooperation.

“AJAPALAKA SANGAMAM”

A gathering of our confreres doing pastoral ministry in the parishes in Kerala was held on 8th July, 2014 at Angamaly Provincial House. There were 13 participants including Fr. Azhakedath from Germany and the Administrative team. The gathering commenced with a prayer guided by Fr. AntoChirapparambil. Fr. Paul Parekkattil welcomed all the participants. Fr. Paul Puthuva, the Provincial Superior inaugurated the gathering. In the sharing session each member gave a brief report of the respective parish, and shared their experience for the encouragement of other members. The gathering was concluded at 12.45 pm with the final exhortations and greetings of Fr. Provincial.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

The first death anniversary of Fr. Mathew Kachappilly was commemorated on 17th July 2014 at Vincentian Ashram, Angamaly. More than 50 priests and 140 family members of Fr. Mathew Kachappilly came together to pray for the repose of the departed soul. Fr. George

Arackal, the Provincial Superior of St. Joseph's Province, was the main celebrant, and Fr. James Chelapurath gave the homily.

VISIT OF BISHOP JOHN DEW FROM NEWZEALAND

We were blessed by the visit of His Grace John Dew, the Archbishop of Wellington, New Zealand (where Fr. Varghese Thuruthichira and Fr. Sebastian Vandanamthadathil are doing pastoral ministry) on 19th July 2014. He was one of the preachers at the International Youth Convention in Divine Retreat Centre. We gave him a cordial welcome.

“HERE I AM LORD”

Bros. Sanoj (Joseph) Marottipara and Reno (Thomas) Kanakkatt studying in East Africa and Bro. JojoVarekulam studying in Shillong made their perpetual profession on Sunday July 27, 2014. They dedicated their whole life to the Lord in the Vincentian Congregation during the 7 am Holy Mass celebrated at the Vincentian Ashram Church, Angamaly by Rev. Fr. Provincial, who witnessed their perpetual profession. The parents and close relatives of these brothers were also present to witness these “special” moments. It is indeed a matter of joy for the whole Congregation as these brothers have become the full-fledged members of the Vincentian Family.

Congratulations Dear Bros. Sanoj, Reno and Jojo!!!

DIACONATE CEREMONY AND HOME DAY 2014

Home Day 2014 was held at Marymatha Provincial House on 8th September, 2014. Almost 40 confreres came together to foster the fraternal communion. The general gathering started with a prayer led by Fr. Thomas Chettiyl followed by the welcoming words of Fr. Provincial. In his inaugural speech he presented the statistics and present status of our Province. He expressed his high appreciation for the hard work and sincere commitment of the members of the Province. Then the councilors presented the report of their portfolios.

At 10.30 am the first session was concluded. After the tea break all gathered around the Eucharistic table to offer a Thanks-giving Mass as well as to witness the Diaconate ordination of Bro. Vinson Nirappel. His Excellency Mar Thomas Chakkiath, Bishop Emeritus of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese conferred Diaconate during the Eucharistic



celebration assisted by Fr. Provincial and the Assistant Provincial. The presence of Fr. Varghese Parappuram, the Superior General, was an additional blessing. Family members of Deacon Vinson were also present for the ceremony. ***Congratulations Dear Dn. Vinson!***

After a sumptuous lunch the family gathering resumed at 2.30 pm. After the presentation of the reports by the Councilors there was a sharing session. Our priests working in different fields inside and outside India shared their experiences. The whole event came to an end at 4.15 pm with a vote of thanks by Fr. Francis Naduviledath, the Assistant Provincial. The Home Day was helpful to enhance the communion and solidarity among the members of the Province.

We are so thankful to all the participants for the sacrifice you made to be present on that blessed day.

NEW VENTURES AND APPOINTMENTS

Fr. Anto Vayalamannil and Fr. Jose Palliyil went to Rome in the month of June for higher studies. Fr. Anto will be doing licentiate in Moral Theology from Accademia Alfonsiana, Rome and Fr. Jose Palliyil will be doing doctorate in Philosophy in Rome. Fr. Thomas Chirayil too has gone to Italy for pastoral ministry in the diocese of Spoleto. Three of them are doing their language course at Perugia. Fr. Xavier Kochukunnathuparambil has gone to Germany to work in Rottenburg-Stuttgart Diocese. Fr. Davis Arackal VC went to Germany for pastoral ministry in the diocese of Augsburg.

Fr. Thomas Chettiyil VC has been given an additional charge in the Diocese of Ramanathapuram. He is appointed Notary, Eparchial Curia, of the Diocese of Ramanathapuram.

Fr. Joseph Surya VC is appointed by the bishop of Kurnool as the director of the renewal programmes in the Kurnool deanery.

Fr. Francis Alackakunnel has been appointed parish priest of Guthirt in Thusis by the diocese of Chur, Switzerland.

Fr. Prince Puthenpurackal VC took charge as the Superior of Divine Retreat Centre, Faridabad on September 15, 2014. Fr. Joby Kachappilly, the former Superior of Fardibad House, will be the pioneer in our new

mission in Toronto, Canada. He will be leaving for Toronto in the month of October.

We wish you all success in your new appointments!!

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES:

Fr. Francis Alackakkunnel (Switzerland), Fr. Jacob Kudilumgal (Germany), Fr. James Azhakedath (Germany), Fr. AntoPoonoly (Liechtenstein), Fr. Paul Choorathottiyil (USA), Fr. Thomas Madavana (Germany), Fr. VergheseThuruthichira (New Zealand), Fr. Joseph Mangalathukary (Germany), Fr. Alex Thuruthikkatt (Germany) and Fr. John Kallattil (USA) went back to their respective places after their vacation. Fr. Michael Payyappilly (Australia) had come for the International Youth Retreat at DRC, Muringoor, and Fr. Albert Kannaen (Germany) came for the burial of his father. Fr. Francis Cheruparambil (USA), Fr. Paul Manithottil (Germany), Fr. Raphael Vezhaparambil (Canada), Fr. Jose Mecheril (Italy) and Fr. Paul Pullan (Germany) have come for holidays.

Fr. John Kodiamkunnel and Fr. Antony Kolenchery came back from Germany after long years of pastoral service there. Fr. Kodiamkunnel has been appointed Superior at Vincentian House, Thottakom and Fr. Kolenchery has been appointed Director at Jubilee Retreat Centre, Puthuppady.

Fr. BijuMoonjely and Fr. Roy Varakath came back from Rome after the successful completion of their licentiate and doctorate respectively. Hearty Congratulations dear Fathers! Fr. Moonjely will go to Sacred Heart Region, East Africa in the coming days. Fr. Varakath is appointed at De Paul Institute, Bangalore.

Fr. Alex Chalangady, Fr. Varghese Srambickal, Fr. Joseph Pattath, Fr. Tony Chakkungal are back after the mission appeal. Fr. BinuRathappilly will reach in the month of November. *Thank you Fathers for your sincere efforts for the missionary ventures of our Province!*

Fr. Paul Parekkattil VC, the Councilor for Retreats and Pastoral Work, visited our retreat centres in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh in the months of July and August. He has now gone to Europe to visit our confreres studying and working there.



Fr. Mathew Palakkeel has come from Germany for holidays. Fr. Paul Manithottil has gone back to Germany after his vacation.

Visit of Provincial: On October 07, Fr. Provincial goes to East Africa along with Fr. James Kokkandathil for visit.

A WORD OF THANKS

We are really grateful to Rev. Fr. Davis Arackal, former Provincial Councilor and Superior of Angamaly House, for all that he has done for the Province and for the Vincentian House, Angamaly. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude towards Rev. Fr. Anto Vayalamannil, former Secretary to the Provincial Superior, for four years of his dedicated service for the Province. Thank you very much Fathers! We value and treasure all that you have rendered us. May God bless you in your studies and ministry!

HEALTH CORNER

Fr. Jose Thottumarickal VC from Germany has come to Kerala for an emergency treatment for his Disc Prolapses. He is now taking rest at De Paul Care Centre, Kozhikode.

Fr. Thomas Chirayil VC, who has been assigned in the diocese of Spoleto, is having high blood sugar and cholesterol. He also experienced bleeding from his nose couple of times.

CONDOLENCES

Fr. Thomas Mandy's maternal uncle on 19th June, Fr. John Manickathan's first cousin on 21st June, Fr. Paul Pamprayil's maternal aunt on 26th June, Fr. Joseph Parekkattil's first cousin on 7th July, Fr. John Pullan's first cousin on 9th July, Fr. Albert Kannaen's father on 14th July, Fr. Antony Thekkinieth's paternal aunt on 24th July, Fr. Jojo Puthussery's paternal uncle on 27th July, Fr. James Azhakedath's father on 27th July, Fr. Martin Palatty's sister on 29th July, Bro. Lazar Devarla's father on 1st August, Fr. Varghese Perinchery's first cousin on 2nd August, Fr. Paul Pullan's maternal uncle on 24th August, Fr. Varghese Chathaparambil's paternal aunt on 26th August, Fr. Joby Kaithakalam's maternal grandfather on 31st August, Fr. James Kokkandathil's first cousin on 1st September, Fr. Thomas Mullenmadackel's mother on 9th

September and Fr. Paul Tharakan's father on 17th September, 2014 were called to eternal rest.

Let us pray for the departed soul and the bereaved family!!!

Rahuri

“Uninvited and Unexpected Guest” in VH, Rahuri

Guests are always cordially welcomed in our houses even though they come without prior information. However, not all uninvited and unexpected visitors deserve to be treated as guests. On 25 July night someone entered our House in Rahuri. It was not a cordial visit, but an attempt of robbery. However, by Divine Providence nothing unpleasant took place and nothing valuable was lost.



Love Vs hate:

In the Trinity we recognize a model of the Church in which we are called to love each other as Jesus loved us. Love is the concrete sign that manifests faith in God. Love is distinctive of the Christian, as Jesus told us: “From this everyone will know that you are my disciples” (John 13:15). It is a contradiction to think of Christians who hate.

Pope Francis – Angelus 15th June ‘14



IV

News from St. Joseph's Provincial House

Fr. George Arackal, Provincial Superior, attended the Sabhadinam-Dhukrana celebrations at Major Archiepiscopal Curia, Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad on July 3, 2014.

Bro. Paimpillil Sibin (Sebastian) has gone to Vincentian House, Jalalkhali, West Bengal on 30 June to start his regency.

The Provincial, Fr. George Arackal, went to Angamaly to attend the Death Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Mathew Kachappilly on July 17, 2014 with other confreres from the province.

The meeting of the members of the Social Work Department Cell of the Province was held on 17 July 2014 at Provincial House, Kottayam. Frs. Ebin Neeruvilil, Alex Valliyamthadathil and John Kuncherakkattu were present for the meeting.

Fr. Provincial went to attend the burial of Fr. Albert Kannaen's beloved father on 16 July at Holy Cross Forane Church, Manjapra. Fr. Provincial along with other fathers from provincial house visited Fr. Azhakedath (whose beloved father expired on 27 July) and expressed our hearty condolences to him and prayed for the repose of the soul

Fr. Jacob Athickal after his dedicated services to the Satna Diocese for many years, bade adieu to Satna mission in July 2014. Fr. Provincial and other fathers accompanied him to V.H. Thodupuzha as he is appointed there as the superior of the house.

Benefactress of our seminarians, Mrs. Flavia Correa from Dubai visited the Provincial House on 25 July and spent two days with us.

The Canonical Visit of the Provincial House, Kottayam by Superior General and the General Finance councilor was held on 26 July 2014. Both of them visited the senior priests at Adichira and celebrated Holy Mass with them and spent almost half a day there. We express

our sincere gratitude to them for spending their precious time with the senior members of the Congregation.

Rev. Fr. Innocent Puthentharayil went to St. Cloud, USA on 4th August to take charge of the new appointment there as the assistant mission procurator.

“Parents’ Meet’ of our Deacons was held on 4th August at the provincial house. The programme started at 10.00 am. Fr. Provincial Superior had a session of discussion with the parents. The class was given by Fr. Ebin Neeruvilil and the Holy Mass and the adoration were led by Fr. Antony Thachethukudy. The Meet was over by 3.00 pm.

“Baliyadayalam” the Devotional Audio Album written by Fr. Jose Plathottathil was released on 1st August at Parithrana Retreat Centre, Adichira by Fr. Provincial Superior and the first copy was given to Fr. Michael Panachickal.

We celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of B. V. Mary and the Independence Day on Aug 15 with due solemnity, with Solemn Mass and festal message by Fr. Sam Koonamplackil, hoisting the National Flag by Fr. Provincial, and message given by regent Bro. Jince Karimamathadam.

As usual, the Gathering of the Local Benefactors of our province was held on August 15. Fr. Antony Thachethukudy celebrated the Holy Mass for the benefactors and gave a beautiful message. There was also an Adoration led by Fr. Ebin Neeruvilil. The gathering was over by 3.00pm.

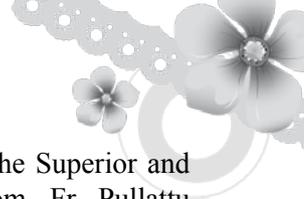
Fr. Provincial went to De Paul Institute, Bengaluru for the Governing Body Meeting. On return he visited the Vincentian houses at Adaikalapuram and Denkanikotta on 18th Aug.

Fr. Provincial went to Generalate, Edappally to meet the priests who were attending the annual retreat last week of Aug. ’14.

Rev. Fr. Provincial made a short visit to the Vincentian Houses at Kattappana and Padamugham on 30th of August.

Fr. Provincial will be making canonical visits to our houses in Germany; Berlin on 2-3 October and Trier on 9th October.

Fr. John Nirappel went back to Germany after his holidays on 29th September.



Recent Transfers: Fr. Kalayil Joy took charge as the Superior and Rector of Vincentian Minor Seminary, Chethimattom. Fr. Pullattu Francis took charge as the finance officer at V.H. Kanjirappally. Fr. Arackhottam has joined the Vincentian Seminary, Pala, as the Spiritual Director.

Fr. Alex Aikkara V.C.Endowment: In memorial of Rev. Fr. Alex Aikkara VC endowments are awarded every year to the meritorious students belonging to the Balabhavans of Pala Diocese and Vincentian Congregation, and the students of Thidanad Govt. HSS (where he did his studies) and St. Joseph's Sunday school (where he did his Catechism). This year, the endowments were awarded to the students on 17th August 2014 at St. Joseph's Balikasadan, Kuravilangad. Frs. Samuel Kanathukadu and Ebin Neeruvellil participated in the function.

“The Preachers’ Meet’: The preachers’ meet of the province was held on 1st September at Vincentian House, Adichira. Priests who are actively engaged in the preaching ministry of the province were present for the programme. The Meet was inaugurated by Fr. Provincial Superior with a message. There was a sharing session by Fr. Kollithanathumalayil Abraham (vicar of St. Mary’s church, Kuravilangad) and sharing and adoration led by Fr. Mathew Naicomparambil. The Meet was concluded with the concelebrated Holy Mass at 6.30 am on 2nd August.

Academic Excellence: When the Theology Comprehensive Exams were over, our Deacons came out with flying colors. Dn. Dony Vazhavelickakath has got 2nd rank in the comprehensive examination in KJC, Bangalore and Dn. Xavier Dilip Kumar has got first class (65%) in Morning Star college, Kolkata. Congratulations to you dear deacons.

Visit to USA & Europe: Fr.George Arackal, Provincial is on a visit to USA (September 6-23) and Europe (September 24-October 10, 2014). He will be making the canonical visit in our Houses, and visit our members. He will also meet the Diocesan officials of the Dioceses where our members do ministry. He will be visiting our benefactors to thank them for the financial assistance. He is available over the phone through the Superior of St. Cloud House, Fr. Joseph Arackal, while in USA and through the Superior of Berlin House, Fr. Thomas Ouseparambil, while in Germany.

TRANSFERS & APPOINTMENTS 2014:

No.	Names	Place	Designation
01	Arackathottam Mathew	Pala	Spiritual Director, Minor Seminary
02	Athickal Jacob	Thodupuzha	Superior, V.H.
03	Chelapurath Francis		relieved from the office of Finance Officer, V.H. Kanjirappally
04	Kalayil Joy	Pala	Superior & Rector, Minor Seminary
05	Pullattu Francis	Kanjirappally	Finance Officer, V.H.
06	Puthentharayil Innocent	USA	Assistant Mission Procurator, St. Cloud
07	Vettiyankal Jose	Bangalore	Director, Logos Retreat centre

Two brothers, Bro. Suman Thoongamparambil and Bro. Dilwin Kuriyakattil have been appointed for regency at V.H. Adichira and V.H. Adaikalapuram respectively.

On Holidays: Fr. Mathew Kakkattupillil went back to Germany after his holidays. Frs. John Nirappel and Tom Mulanjanany from Germany, and Fr. Sabu Kalapurackal from Australia have come for holidays.

To be remembered in our prayers:

- Fr. John Puthumana's paternal uncle (Paulose – 81) expired. The funeral was on 24 July.
- Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel's maternal aunt (Achamma-60) expired on 6.
- Fr. Jose Vettiyankal's beloved father (Yohannan - 93) expired on 10 August 2014.





V St. Thomas Province

V.1. Main Events:

Inauguration of the New Minor Seminary at MeerGANj, UP:

The blessing of the New Minor Seminary at Vincentian House, MeerGANj took place on 22 July 2014. Rt.Rev. Antony Fenandez, the Bishop of Baeilly diocese, offered the Holy Mass along with all priests of the Vincentian Mission in UP and Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy, the Assist. Superior General of the Vincentian Congregation and Fr. Varghese Naickomparambil, the Assist. Provincial Superior of St. Thomas Province. Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy inaugurated the Minor seminary by cutting the ribbon followed by the blessing by Bishop Antony Fernadez. The sisters and well wishers from all the Mission centers around were also present. In the New Seminary there are 11 seminarians from Assam, Orissa and Jharkhand.

- Fr. Provincial's Visit: Fr. John Kandathinkara, Provincial made Mission Appeal in the U.S. He also visited our fathers working in the States. He has returned to the provincial house after visiting also the houses in U.P and Delhi.
- New Boarding Director: Fr. Sales Marattil, the new boarding director, De Paul Boy's Town Padra, took charge of his post on July 10, 2014.
- New Secretary to the Provincial: Fr. John Paul Thottungal has taken charge as the new Secretary to the Provincial Superior and Asst Finance Officer of the Provincial House Padra.
- Thanks to Fr. Joby Thonakara: A send-off meal was arranged for Fr. Joby Thonakara for his dedicated and tireless service as



Secretary to the Provincial and director, De Paul Boy's Town Padra, on July 24, 2014. He has been transferred to Vikaspuri, Delhi House with the kind permission of the Superior General to pursue MCA studies.

- Fr. Sales Marattil joined the Provincial house as the new director of De Paul Boys Town.
- The Feast of Assumption and Independence Day of our nation were celebrated solemnly. Fr. Marattil Sales offered the Solemn Holy Mass and gave the message of the day. Fr. Augustine Parathanam was the chief guest in De Paul School Madhovorgh for the Independence Day celebrations.
- Fr. Johnson Karingen and Fr. Francis Kolenchery reached back in the Provincial House after the visit to Hazaribag and Delhi.
- Fr. Thomas Olickal MCBS, a professor of Sanathana Theological College, Kannur (Thamarassery Diocese), visited the Provincial House. He had come to Satna to give Biblical lessons to the theologians of St. Ephrem's Theological College, Satna.
- Ten third year Theologians of St. Ephrem's Theological College, Satna paid a visit to the Provincial House as part of their one day outing.
- Festal Celebration: The feast of Fr. Augustine Parathanam was celebrated on August 28, 2014. Vincentian fathers from nearby stations attended the function.
- Episcopal resignation: Bishop Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkal has resigned from the pastoral governance of the eparchy of Satna. St. Thomas Province is grateful to him for all the services he has rendered to the Province as Bishop of Satna.
- New Apostolic Administrator: Rev. Fr. George Mangalappilly of the diocese is chosen as the new Apostolic Administrator of the Satna. He was born in 29 July 1957 in the Parish of North Kuthiathode, in the arch-diocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly.



- Rev. Fr. Abraham Kollamparambil came back after successfully completing his Licentiate on the Theology of Migration. He is appointed as the Superior and Rector of Minor Seminary Madhovgarh.
- Friendly visit: Fathers and Brothers from Christu Vidya Niketan, Madhovgarh came to the Provincial House for a visit. They had lunch from the Provincial house and had cricket and foot ball matches with our students of De Paul Boy's Town. De Paul Boy's Town won the cricket match. Congratulations to them.
- Best Wishes: to Fr. Sebastian Nechimyalil who is going to Rome on September 30, 2014 for Licentiate in Migrant Theology.
- Holidays: Fr. Baiju Kidangen is in India, on holidays. He visited the Provincial House in the last week and he is going back to U.S by the end of this month.
- The Birthday of Very Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior: The birthday of Fr. John Kandanthinkara, the Provincial Superior, was on 25th September. We celebrated the birthday in a simple way.

The Sick :

- Fr. Parayaruthottam Jose has been admitted in the hospital in Kerala for check up for a suspected growth in his liver. After tests, doctors could not find any serious medical problem that required immediate attention. He is back in Ujwa.
- Fr. Appassery George fell again recently and was admitted in the hospital at Mookkannoor. He is back in Munnoorppilly after treatment which includes a few stitches.
- Fr. Azhyakunnel Joseph's platelets went down as a result of a severe case of malaria. He was treated at Gangaram hospital, Delhi and is back at Ujwa actively engaged in his work.
- Fr. Naickomparampil Varghese underwent a double hernia operation in Lissy hospital, Ernakulum on September 26, 2014. He took rest for a week at the Generalate.

V.2 News From Houses

V.2.i.VH Madhovgarh -

Notification by Fr. Joseph (Veliyilputhenpura) Puthenpura.

“As we have shifted our house from Chemmanathukara, Vaikom to Xavierpuram, Elanji, my family name has been changed to PUTHENPURA.”

Thanks. BIJUACHAN bijuachanputhenpura@gmail.com

V.2.ii. News from Divine Renewal Retreat Centre, Margherita

Prayerful and Loving Greetings from Vincentian Fathers, Margherita (Assam).

We are very glad to share our news with you.

Vincentian Fathers: We, all the Vincentian fathers, are keeping fine with good health. Fr. Bobby Emprayil has come back after his preaching ministry in USA. Fr. Paul Kottaram also came back from Kerala after his vacation and treatment. Now he is perfectly ok. Fr. Varghese Parayil has gone to Kerala for vacation. He will be back in the middle of September. Fr. Yesudas made a visit to the Provincial House, Rewa, and attended the Convocation Programme arranged at St. Ephrem's Theological College, Satna.

Activities of the House: This year, the coming of the monsoon was delayed and it caused worry and tension to many farmers. But now with the arrival of the monsoon, farmers and all others got relief and busy with cultivation. There are almost 90 volunteers in the ashram. All of them are totally involved in one and other ministers. 24 hours adoration before blessed sacrament and long hours intercessory prayers are going in full swing. Three of our volunteers, who were sent for higher studies and vocational training in different states, have passed with flying colours. Now they are working in different schools. This year eight volunteers have been sent to Golaghat to pursue 10th class and four volunteers are doing 12th class. Besides that, few volunteers have been sent to Hazaribag for studies and vocational trainings. These are the people who are very poor and have not completed the studies due to different reasons. The distribution of the Bible with subsidized rate



(whole Bible -50/- & only New Testament -25/-) has been benefitting a lots of people and many changes are taking place in their life. Every month we are conducting six Night Vigils in different parishes and villages. The participation of the people in the night vigils is increasing more and more. Many are receiving healings and abundant blessings. We are also providing preliminary education to our volunteers who are illiterate. For this, we have built a bamboo house, named as “Pragya Kutir”.

Farewell: In the month of July, we bade farewell to Srs. Carmela DBS and Navya FCC, who were rendering their selfless service for almost three and two years respectively. We are very grateful for their wonderful services. We wish them all the best and God’s blessings in their new ministries.

Annual Youth Retreat (Hindi): There was an annual Youth Retreat (Hindi) from 13 to 17 July. Almost 1500 youth came from all over the North East and attended the retreat. It was a great event. Mr. Balvinder Singh from Punjab and Bro. Pappachan Pallath from Kerala came to assist us in the retreat. On the last day of the Retreat, Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Aind, Bishop of Dibrugarh, presided over the Holy Mass and exhorted the young people to lead an exemplary Christian life and became witnesses of Christ to the whole world. Retreat concluded with an anointing and healing adoration led by Fr. Bobby. Many of them received abundant blessings, healings and personal experience of God.

***The better you get,
the humbler you need to be.***

*I have great knowledge of God, but I restrain myself.
I don't want to perish through boasting For those
who commend me scourge me.*

(St. Ignatius of Antioch, Trallians, 4)

VI Formation Houses

VI.1.i. St. Vincent's College, Janampet

Welcome and Adieu: We are blessed with the presence of our new Rector Fr. Peter Muttathottil and our Benjamins - Bros. Arun Manjila and Santo Chakrampully. A Hearty Welcome to Fr. Rector and brothers.

We gave a warm send-off to dear Fr. Tomy Punnassery, our former Rector and expressed our heartfelt thanks to him, and wished him all success in his new venture in Pinakadimi as Principal. We also bid farewell to Fr. Roy Thaliyan who has now joined Regional House community and is doing his MSc. at Loyola College. We wish you all the best for your studies there.

Festal Celebrations: We celebrated the feast of Fr. Peter on June 29. The festal day was colored up by the solemn Mass in the morning, a small prayer session in the evening and ended with a festal meal. We also celebrated the feast of St. Thomas with due solemnity and rejuvenated our faith.

Academic Achievements: Our brothers proved once again their intellectual caliber. Our present Deacons Augustine, Rajashekar and Shince were awarded with third, fourth and sixth ranks respectively in the third year theology. Bros. Vineeth, Ajeesh and Shiril scored first, fifth and sixth ranks respectively in the second year theology. First years also proved that they are also in the same track of the seniors with Bro. Nelson bagging fourth rank.

Ministries: Inspired by our charism, brothers are engaged during weekend in parish, youth and music ministries in Bhimadole, Pinakadimi, Edara, Regional House and Kavagonda.



Sports: As we are the champions of St. Francis ever-rolling trophy we are rigorously training ourselves to retain it this year also. The final is against Vianney College.

We request your prayers for our ministry and all endeavors here.

ST. VINCENT COLLEGE “Rocks in WORD”: The prestigious FR. PETER MERMIER BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITION conducted by MSFS Study House, in which almost 25 religious communities participated, was bagged by ST. VINCENT COLLEGE, JANAMPETA. We clinched the first place after a nail biting rapid round with a dominating majority of 30 points at the end. The chief guest of the day, Very Rev. Msgr. Thotta Gabriel, the V. G. of Eluru diocese congratulated us and said “You Vincentians proved that you are not only preachers of the Word, but also learners.” We were awarded with a memento and cash prize. The team consisted of Dn. Anoop, Bros. Vineeth, Ajeesh, Nelson and Arun.

VI.1.ii. Vincentian Study House, Kothi

Back to Work: Brothers who had gone for summer vacation on 10 April, have reached back to the seminary on 30 June. They shared with one another about their wonderful experiences through their various activities during the vacation. Some were involved in “Jesus mission’ retreat for children, “popular mission’ retreat and some others were involved in their parish activities. Now we all are with new energy and enthusiasm.

Hearty Welcome: VSH community is blessed with three new benjamins: Bros. Martin Chandrankunnel, Philip Kurinjiparambil and Santhosh D.

Congratulations: To Bros. George Muppathiyil, Thomas Nellamthadathil, Jacob Panthackal and Sebastian Vilakkunnel who became the full-fledged members in our Congregation by their perpetual profession.

New Academic Year: We had a very solemn Mass and the inauguration ceremony of the new academic year in our St. Ephrem’s seminary on 3rd July, the feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle. Our Activities: As usual our Rev. Deacons are going to parishes for the

Sunday ministry and other brothers for Saturday village ministries in Natti, Barakala, Katwarya villages.

Celebrations: We celebrated the birthdays of our Dn. Abraham Mundackal, Bros. Pushparaj, Vilakkunel and Muppathiyil in the month of July. We invited Fr. Joseph Thonakkara for a meal. We prayed and wished him every success for his new ministry.

VI.1.iii. VINCENTIAN VIDYABHAVAN, ALUVA

Ranks for Deacons: The moral theology oral exam (Confession) of the deacons of Mangalapuzha seminary was conducted last Thursday. It was a matter of golden feathers on the hats of our VC seminarians. All the 6 deacons passed the exam, 3 of them with distinction and 3 others with first class. More than that, the first and second ranks of the seminary have been bagged by our deacons Varghese Pulickan and Peter Vellara respectively. Congrats!!

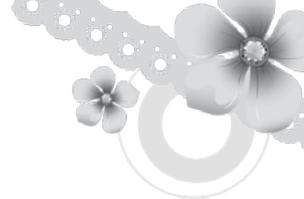
VI.1.iv. De Paul Institute of Religion and Philosophy, Bengaluru

Inauguration of the academic year

The new academic year of 2014-2015 is getting into full swing. His Ex. Mar Jose Porunnodom, the bishop of Manathavady inaugurated the new academic year of De Paul Institute, Bangalore on 15th July 2014. On the same day Bishop Jose Porunnodom blessed our newly built grotto. Along with the inauguration of academic year, the De Paul cultural academy was also geared up.

Due Reverence to the Nation

We solemnly celebrated the feast of assumption of our lady and the 68th independence day of our nation on 15th August. Very Rev. Fr. Varghese Parapuram, the superior general hoisted the flag and gave a short message on mother India. De Paul choir sang a melodious song in six vernacular languages in honor of mother Mary which was written and composed by the De -Paulians. On the same day we had a quiz competition "Master Brain – 2014".



Congratulations to Brothers

This year too we the De- paulians proved our academic skills. The second and third year students have come out in flying colours in their IGNOU exams. We gratefully remember all those who prayed for our success.

Administrative Meeting and Canonical visit

On 16th August we had governing body meeting of our institute presided by our superior general with the presence of major superiors of the three provinces, general finance councilor and the residential staff of the institute. The administrative team was happy with the smooth functions of the Institute. On 13th and 14th September we had the canonical visit of Fr. Superior General and the General finance officer. There after we had interactive session with Fr. General both personal and common.

Maveli on the Land of Sophia

We the De-Paulians have been joined with great joy and enthusiasm in the traditional festival of Kerala with all its style and dictum on 7th September. The celebration left behind a lot of sweet and inspiring moments in each one of us. Two full days were set apart for the ONAM celebrations, in which second years were in charge of Athapookalam and the Maveli came from our first years. The delicious Onasadhya was prepared by our third year brothers.

Memorable and Auspicious Events

On July 3rd we celebrated the feast of St. Thomas, the apostle of India with due solemnity. On 28th of July we too joined in the feast celebrations of St. Alphonsa, along with this we commemorated the nativity of our lady on 8th September with great devotion and piety, very specially in the evening we had solemn rosary in the Marian grotto. We had the feast day celebrations of Rev. Frs. Augustine Vallooran, John Vallayil and Fr. John Vallayil celebrated his birth day too.

On 20th September all the Vincentian families in Karnataka state gathered in our campus.

Words of Gratitude

We thankfully remember all those who paid visit to De Paul during the months of July, August and September.

Land Litigation Verdict: In a verdict having far-reaching consequences on land owners and site seekers in Bangalore city, the Karnataka high court quashed the acquisition of nearly 4,000 acres by the BDA for the formation of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout on the ground of procedural flaws. Allowing a batch of petitions filed by land owners, Justice Anand Byrareddy observed that in the absence of an approval for the final scheme, the BDA could not have authorized such a massive acquisition. “It is shocking that the state government has approved such a scheme,” he said. The judge has also noted that the state government had approved the scheme on April 2, 2008, much before issuance of preliminary notification for acquisition of land by the civic agency on May 21, 2008. The court further noted that as per the BDA Act, the scheme has to be submitted to the state government only after completing the hearing of objections raised by land losers and suggestions put forth by stakeholders after the issuance of preliminary notification under section 17 of the BDA Act. The judge also wondered as to how the BDA could presume that the land losers are farmers and announce that 40% of the developed lands would be given to them in lieu of the acquired lands much before the actual hearing and also acquisition by the government, as required under law. As per the original plan, the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout was to provide 54,000 sites in an area spread over 4,200 acres near several villages in and around Kengeri in Bangalore south. Congratulations to all especially Rev. Fr. John Vallayil who was keenly following the case.

On 15th August we celebrated the feast of assumption of our lady and the Independence Day. We expressed our respect to the nation through our speeches. On the same day De Paul choir team sang a melodious song in six vernacular languages in honour of Mother Mary and in the same evening we had a tight quiz competition “Master Brain” 2014. The 2nd and 3rd years got their IGNOU results. On 16th we had the governing body meeting of our institute presided by our Superior General with the presence of Major Superiors of the three provinces, General Finance Councilor and the residential staff of the institute.



Fr. Augustine Vallooran celebrated his feast on 28th Thursday. Fr. Henry MSFS successfully finished his lectures on Pierre Teilhard De Chardin. Bro Clint went to Kerala to take part in the burial function of his paternal uncle. Bro. Jinto Kodiyan had been to Kerala to see his hospitalized cousin brother. Our first trimester exams started on 30th Saturday.

As we have the season of harvest in the 'season of the church', we too are reaping the harvest of labour from our vegetable garden under the leadership of Fr. Vallooran (Sr.). Nearly 80 kgs of beans and 150 kgs of french beans and 10 kgs of ladies finger and the like have been harvested. Organic farming is the issue; 'How old are You?' is not the botheration.

Academic Corner: Our trimester exams came to an end on 5th of September. Now classes of 2nd sem. are in full swing.

Celebrations: On 5th and 9th of September we celebrated the wing feasts of Mother Teresa and Fredric Ozanam wings respectively. We had grand Onam celebrations for two full days, Onakalikal, Onapukalam and Onasadya added colour to the Onam celebrations.

Nativity of Bl.V.Mary: On the eve of the feast, we had solemn audio-visual rosary devotion in our Marian Grotto. On the feast day, we had a chance of visiting the pilgrim shrine at Shivaji Nagar.

New Gift: On 11th we were so happy to welcome a new member to the staff, Fr. Roy Varakath who completed his doctoral studies in Rome and took charge in his alma mater. He is the first fruit from De Paul to acquire doctorate in philosophy.

VI.2. NOVICIATES - BALESUGIRI TIDINGS

*Between the woods and thickets of Balesugiri,
Planted by the hands of God,
Where the green meadows,
Coated bright with flowers,
Swift-winged birds sing,
Waters, winds and the air,
Warble the glory of God.*

*Joining our hands with nature,
We, the Novices also sing His praises,
In one chorus,*

Come and savor the sweetness of this exhilaration.

We bring you the exclusive and express news from this enlivened Balesugiri Novitiate.

Birth Anniversaries – a Time of Joy

With great pomp and happiness we celebrated the birthday of Fr. Paul Pamprayil on 08th September. We also solemnized the birthdays of our novices – Bros Sebin on June 02nd, Noble on August 26th, Suresh on 5th September.

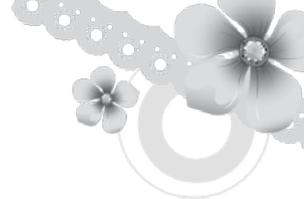
Feast Days Remembrance of God's Goodness

June 19th was the Feast of Corpus Christi. On this day we reflected and imbibed the greatness of the august sacrament of the Eucharist with the monthly recollection preached by Fr. Anto Kannampuzha. On July 3rd we remembered with joyful hearts the imposition of our faith by St. Thomas the Apostle. This feast was an occasion of great joy and happiness. The nation's Independence Day coupled with the feast of Assumption of our Madonna was celebrated with great vivaciousness and patriotism. We had a very colourful celebration of Onam with a lot of friskiness. We adorned the entrance with a comely Pookkalam. All the novices participated in the Onam competitions with great enthusiasm. With a dainty Onam Sadya the celebrations came to its close.

Reaping the Harvest

The first week of July were days when the harvest hymn resounded in all our ears, with great enthusiasm we reaped our ginger planted by our predecessors. In anticipation of the Onam celebrations we had the yam harvest. It was also an occasion of great contentment – fruit of our labour.

As the fruit of our toil, our farm got recognition from the Agriculture Board in the shape of a handsome subsidy of Rs. 70,000/- had been passed.



Knowledge Is Power

To deepen our understanding of the virtues of St. Vincent and to grow deeper in our spirituality, we had a five day class on this theme by Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel. We gratefully remember his wonderful service to our community. The classes on prayer life taken by Fr. Joice Parappilly were well appreciated by the Novices. His classes were very beneficial to nourish and nurture our spiritual life.

VI.3. Minor Seminaries

VI.3. i. De Paul Minor Seminary, Ahmednagar (MM) 2014-15 batch.

No. Names	Parish	Diocese
01. Agyar Lester Reuben	Church of Our Lady of Salvation, Dadar (w)	Mumbai
02. Deuben Vincent Xavier Azavedo	All Saints Church Faridabad	Delhi
03. Karikulathil Seby Stephen	Mannarkunnu	Changanassery
04. Kavalakat Lazary Joby	Lourde	Thrissur
05. Kizhkkekara Akhil Sunny	Koodaranji	Thamarassery
06. Koonamplackal Joseph K.S.	Aryaparambu	Thalassery
07. Manakuzhiyil Joseph George	Pooparambu	Thalassery
08. Manjooran Ajil Varghese	Kokkunnu	Ernakulam
09. Mundankunel Ashish Lukose	Edoor	Thalassery
10. Nirmal P. Tirkey	St. Thomas Church, Bellarshah	Chanda
11. Paul Charles Dominic	St. Xavier's Church, Pune	Pune
12. Puthuparambil Albin Thomas	Mattara	Thalassery
13. Thadathil Libins Benny	Thiroor	Kottayam

14. Thengadayil Ajin Emmanuvel	Manjoora	Manathavady
15. Thottunga Jomon Johnson	Olive Mount	Ernakulam
16. Varikattu Jacob Lucka	Payyavoor	Kottayam

VI.3. ii. Christu Vidya Niketan, Madhovgarh

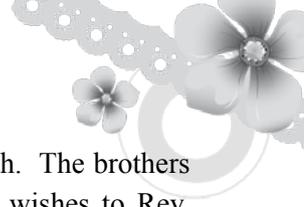
Back from Vacation: Rev. Fathers and brothers who had been to their holidays, returned to the seminary by 30th of June. There are eight brothers in the third year minor seminary. In the second years we have three students from the North –East and eight from Kerala. Seminarians:

No	Name	Parish	Diocese
1	Habil Khariya	Margherita	Dibrugarh
2	Injekkapallaty Raphel (Albin)	Olive Mount	Ernakulam
3	Karimakeel Kurian (Albin Tom)	Valavoor	Pala
4	Karukuttikkaran Thomas (Rinto)	Pulinkara	Irinjalakuda
5	Maruthaparambil Mathew (Justin)	Malakkallu	Kottayam
6	Nellichottil Joseph (Abin)	Velliamattam	Vijayapuram
7	Purayedathil Joseph (Melvin)	Vadakkemala	Kanjirapally
8	Puthenpuarayil Scaria (Shiljo)	Ramapuram	Pala
9	Sebren Jojo	Mezenga	Dibrugarh
10	Thattaparambil Thomas (Jis)	Rajapuram	Kottayam
11	Umesh Kujur	Uriamghat	Dibrugarh

New Face in the Staff: Fr. Joseph Pozhaliparampan joined our community after completing the M. Th. studies at St. Alberts College, Ranchi.

Inauguration of the Academic Year 2014 -2015: On the feast day of St. Thomas the new academic year was inaugurated by Fr. Augustine Parathanam, in the presence of Rev. Fathers and Sisters from the vicinity.

Good Bye: This year the CVN community bid farewell to Frs. Francis Kolenchery, Paul Edaserry, and Praful Kumar Kerketta. In honour of



them, a farewell programme was arranged on July 10th. The brothers presented a variety of cultural programme with best wishes to Rev. Fathers for their future endeavours.

VI.3.iii. Minor Seminary, Meerganj

The blessing and inauguration of the new Minor seminary at Meerganj was on July 22, 2014. Rt. Rev. Antony Fernandes, Bishop of Meerut, was the main celebrant for the Holy Mass. Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy our Asst. Superior General inaugurated the new academic session, Fr. Varghese Naickomparambil, the Asst. Provincial, Fr. Shaji Veluthedathukattil, the Rector and the fathers working in U.P. mission were also present for the function. There are 11 candidates from North and North East region.

Our Seminarians:

NO.	NAME	PARISH	DIOCESE	DATE OF BIRTH
1	Abraham Sanga	Naharkatia	Dibrugarh	16/11/1995
2	Ashish Toppo	Kokar	Ranchi	13/11/1996
3	Deepak Ekka	Tongna	Dibrugarh	22/8/1996
4	Dilbut Tirkey	Philobari	Dibrugarh	22/9/1993
5	Gulsan Tigga	Salana	Tezpur	1/2/1994
6	Jithu Baruwah	Naharkatia	Dibrugarh	2/2/1993
7	Johan Tete	Sundargarh	Rourkela	19/2/1999
8	Justin Kerketta	Bimalapur	Dibrugarh	12/12/1993
9	Paskal Topno	Chatra	Hazaribag	3/4/1994
10	Richardson Kerketta	Margherita	Dibrugarh	14/9/1996
11	Santosh Lugun	Tongna	Dibrugarh	28/12/1993

VI.3.iv. VINCENTIAN MINOR SEMINARY, VIKINDU, TANZANIA

This year we welcomed six new comers from East Africa into the minor seminary of Sacred Heart Region. They reached Vikindu on the 1st of July, 2014 along with the second year seminarians who were away for community experience in our different communities. The second years had a month of holidays before they started their second year minor seminary formation. The new academic year was officially inaugurated by Fr. Biju Valliparambil VC, the Regional Superior of the Sacred Heart Region, East Africa, on 3rd of July, 2014 during the Eucharistic Celebration and a colourful cultural evening. With the arrival of Bro. Linto Thazhathuvallanal, the new regent for the seminary, the community is in its full strength with 16 inmates. Please offer your special prayers for the success of formation in East Africa.

The names of the new members are given below:

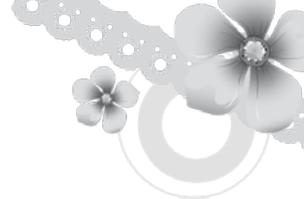
No	Names	Diocese	Country
1	Atwiine Oswald	Mbarara	Uganda
2	Francis Okumu	Gulu	Uganda
3	Joseph Macharia	Nyeri	Kenya
4	Newton Wafula	Nairobi	Kenya
5	Sospeter Henry	Bungoma	Kenya
6	Stephen Maina	Nairobi	Kenya

VI.3. v. Pala

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VII Media & Education

VII.1. Vachanolsavam:

Four Regional Editors are appointed for editing the Vachanolsavam with four pages of articles, reports on the healings and “favours received’ with regional flavours. They are:

1. Fr. Xavier Anthonysamy (Tamil),
2. Fr. Joseph Surya (Telugu),
3. Fr. Devassy Puthussery (Hindi),
4. Fr. James Ottalath (Bangla)

VII.2. Colleges

VII.2. i. DASC, Edathotty

De Paul Arts and Science College (DASC), Edathotty affiliated to Kannur University commenced its academic year 2014-2015 on 4th July 2014. The induction programme of the BCA, B.Com and B.A. was initiated by Dr. John Joseph, syndicate member of the Kannur University and Fr. Martin sdb, Principal, Don Bosco Arts and Science College, Angadikadavu. Admission to all the courses(B.Com Computer Application, B.Com Finance, B.A. English with Journalism and BCA) and staff recruitment to conduct these courses have been completed. Admission to the existing courses in De Paul Open School, DePaul College, M.G. University off campus is also completed. The admission to these courses was possible due to the hard work of our staff and teamwork in the administration. We also thank you for your support and prayers.

VII.2.ii. News from GiFT

Goodness Institute of Film And Television (Gift Cochin)

GiFT presents Thirakathakkooottom 2014, a screenplay writer's forum which binds proven script writers with the ones who are aspiring to be one. On every second Saturday GiFT conducts workshop on Script writing that gives juvenile writers an opportunity to exchange new ideas with professional artists, to widen their thoughts. Professionals from various fields of screenplay, direction, acting, art direction, cinematography, editing share their experiences in Thirakathakkooottam.

The inauguration and the first workshop of Thirakathakkooottom were held on 12th July, 2014 at GiFT Auditorium. Shri. Peter K Joseph, Managing Director of Goodness Television inaugurated the forum and Rev. Fr. Francis Naduviledath, Asst. Provincial Superior of Marymatha Province of Vincentian Congregation presided over the meeting. Shri. John Paul, Chair Person and the eminent script writer addressed the audience with his life experiences and led the further discussions on scripting. Felicitation was given by Rev. Fr. Paul Thiruthanam VC, Superior of Vincentian House and the gathering was solemnly welcomed by Rev. Fr. Daison Vettiyadan VC, Director of GIFT Cochin. Fr Thomas Njarackel VC, Director of De Paul IMD initiated the Concluding ceremony along with the distribution of participation certificates for the 85 participants who had attended this workshop.

Thirakadhakkooottom -2: The second one day workshop was held 09/08/2014 at GiFT auditorium. Last workshop was led by Shri. Bhadran (Film Maker) and from his experience he shared how to make good films with different stories and tried to teach the importance of technical perfection in film making. He has already made 14 remarkable films in Malayalam Film Industry, namely; Spadikam, Ayyar the Great, Yuvathurkki etc... Thirakadhakkooottom was inaugurated by Fr. Roby Kannanchira CMI (Director, Chavara Cultural Centre, cochin) and he initiated the participants to be creative with life experiences. The meeting was presided over by Fr. Thomas Njarakel (Director, De Paul IMD) and Fr. Daison Vettiyadan (Director, GIFT) welcomed the gathering and Shri. Murugan (cine artist) felicitated. Mr. babu Kuruvila, the programme coordinator made the vote of thanks and the programme



was concluded with distribution of participation certificate to the 90 participants.

Media Diploma courses:

GiFT Cochin offers various media diploma courses with the certification of C DiT (under Govt of Kerala) in Sound Design & Audio Engineering, Film/Video Editing, Videography, Dubbing, Anchoring and News Reading, Acting for the Screen and Professional makeup for the Media. All the interested candidates are welcome. For Admission details:- 96 56 11 70 63. (Fr. Daison Vettiyadan (Director, GiFT))

VII.2. iii. DiMS, Muringoor

There held a gorgeous function in the wake of DiMS' Freshers day, Onam celebration and inauguration of various Clubs in the College on 5th Sept. The presence of dignitaries like Mr. John Paul (script writer) and Mr. P.F. Mathews (script writer & author) has made a long event so delightful. The College reopened on 16th Sept. after the Onam holidays.

VII.3. Schools

VII. 3.i. De Paul School, Madhovgarh:

De Paul School Madhovgarh is in her 9th year of existence. Classes run from Nursery up to class VIII. On April 2nd the new Principal, Fr. Biju Joseph replaced Sr. Jolly SABS. Fr. Justin is our Manager who is very active to get things done for school. This year we have submitted papers for CBSE affiliation. Our papers are still under scrutiny, inspection to take place thereafter. Say a prayer or two for this special purpose.

Blessing and Inauguration of School Extension Block: The Most significant event that took place in July was the blessing and inauguration of school Extension Block. Fr. Paul Edasseril blessed the building while Fr. Augustine Parathanam, Education Councilor, inaugurated the same by cutting the ribbon. The new extension houses ten classrooms, administrative offices, Laboratories and Library. It looks so pretty and spacious. Neighbouring Vincentian Fathers and brothers, sisters from SABS Pateri, Hostel teachers and minor seminarians were present at the blessing ceremony. Contractors were presented with gifts at the end

of the ceremony. High Tea was served to all attendees. Hats-off to Fr. Varghese Karingan, Fr. Paul Edasseril and Fr. Justin Orikkalayil for their painstaking efforts, hard work and precision. It's a much well-done job, dear Fathers.

Inauguration of the Academic Session: The 9th Academic session was formally inaugurated on 1st April during the morning assembly. The new school Parliament was invested on 16th July at a colourful ceremony. A variety entertainment was staged by our De Paul budding artists. We had Shri Sitaram Yadav, the City Superintendent of Police and Mr. R.L. Pathak, the Station in- Charge, who administered the oath at the investiture ceremony. School flag was handed on to Head Boy and Head Girl representing the council. Four houses received their flags as well.

The New Faces in the Staff: Sr. Ancil replacing Sr. Reshmi, Sr. Ansa, five teachers from Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh and a few teachers from Satna have joined. House competitions are going on in full swing FA-1 evaluation is taking place from 21st -23rd July.

VII. 3.ii. De Paul Public school, Kuravilangad

“A sound mind in a sound body-vice versa !”: The new Basket Ball court in De Paul Public school, Kuravilangad was blessed by Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior and inaugurated by Sri. Jose K. Mani M.P. and Sri. Jose Kurian (SP. of police, Trivandrum) on 26th August at 9.30 am. The annual retreat for the students of De Paul Public School was held from 28th to 30th August.

VII. 4. Winners

VII. 4. i. Achievements And Awards

Fr. Shinto Mangalath received Prof. K. E. Epen Fellowship award from International Association for Media & Communication Research (IAMCR). This fellowship is granted to media research students. An International Conference was held at Hyderabad and Fr. Shinto presented his research paper “Reinvesting Regional Self Through Faith Expressions: The Role of New Communication Technologies” and on that occasion he received the award.



Fr. Seban Thanippally has come out in good colours in his MBA exam. He scored 67% mark.

Congrats and all the best dear Fathers....

VII. 4. ii. Black Belt

All of us live in history, but few make history. Fr. Jimil Mealkarapurath has really made history by winning the **Black Belt** in *WADO RYU style of Karate*, under SENSAI Fr. Stephen Thadam S.J. He is the first one who won the title in the Congregation and in the history of JDV, Pune. Now he has become a qualified master of Karate.

Angels ascending and descending:

“You will see angels ascending and descending above the Son of Man.” They ascend for themselves, they descend for us or, rather, they descend with us. Those blessed spirits ascend by means of the contemplation of God and descend to take care of us and keep us in all our ways (Ps. 90, 11). They ascend to God so as to enjoy his presence; they descend to us in obedience to his commands for he has commanded them to take care of us.

When they ascend to the contemplation of God they are seeking that truth by which, desiring, they are filled and which, possessing, they still desire. When they descend, they exercise mercy towards us since they keep us in all our ways. For those blessed spirits are God’s ministers sent to us to come to our aid (cf. Heb.1,14). And in this mission, it is not to God they render service but to us. You condescend to your neighbor by giving an example of mercy towards him. Then, still in imitation of the angels, lift up your desire and, with all the fervor of your heart, strive to ascend to eternal truth.

St. Bernard. 11th Sermon on Psalm 90[91]

VIII Retreats and Popular Missions

VIII.1. Lumina 2014: JeevithaDarsanaDyanam titled “LUMINA - 2014’ was organized for the 10th and +2 students from 8th Sep. 4pm to 11th Sep. 10am at Divine Retreat Centre, Muringoor, and at Jubilee Retreat Centre, Puthuppady from 9th Sep. 4 pm to 12th Sep. 9 am. 350 students in Muringoor and 160 students in Puthuppady participated in the retreat. *Special Congratulations to the organizer and vocation promoter Rev. Fr. Robin Kuruchithara.*

VIII.2. Popular Mission Retreats:

1. The first popular Mission Retreat of this season started in St. Mary’s parish, Veliyanad, Irinjalakkuda Diocese. Fr. Varghese Kottaparambil, Fr. Derbin Eattikattil, Fr. Saji Avangattu, Fr. Franco Choondal, Fr. Jose Puthiyaparambil were the preachers.
2. Fr. Sijo Nettiyanikal and team organized a Popular Mission in Veerappalle Parish in the Diocese of Kadapa, Andhra.
3. **DRRC, Margherita** has scheduled retreats for Sep. and Oct. 2014.

September 2014

September 2014		October 2014	
4	Night Vigil (Bimlapur Parish)	2	Night Vigil (Bimlapur Parish)
5	First Friday (9 am to 3 am)	3	First Friday (9 am to 3 am)
	Night Vigil (Sonari Parish)		Night Vigil (Sonari Parish)
	Night Vigil (Lakwa Parish)		Night Vigil (Lakwa Parish)
6	Night Vigil (Jagun Parish)	4	Night Vigil (Jagun Parish)
	Night Vigil (Khwong Village)		Night Vigil (Khwong Village)



7-10	General Residential Retreat	5-8	General Residential Retreat
13	Divine Youth Fellowship Meeting Night Vigil(Rajanagar Parish)	11	NightVigil (Rajanagar Parish)
14-18	Catechists Retreat	12-16	Inner Healing Retreat
21	Divine Satsang	19	Divine Satsang
30	Night Vigil	21-26	Retreat, Delhi
		26-29	General English Retreat
		31	Night Vigil

Popular Mission Center, Meerganj

Popular Mission Retreats committed for your prayer support:

Date	Place
28 th Sept. to 5 th October	Town Parish, Durg
6 th to 12 th October	Vindyachal
19 th to 26 th October	Kashmir, Jemmu Tawi

Popular Mission Center, Good Shepherd Region

Programs in this season; pl. keep them in your prayers:

Date	Parish	Diocese
Aug. 17- 21	Yesupuram	Vijayawada
Sept. 7- 11	Veerapalle	Kadapa
Oct. 12 - 16	Mahabubnagar	Nalgonda
Nov. 9 - 13	Warangal	Warangal
Nov. 23 - 27	Keesara	Vijayawada
Nov. 30 – Dec.4	Vanukuru	Vijayawada



IX SOCIAL MINISTRY

IX.1. “Pakalveedu” –

Hundreth day Celebrations: The Pakalveedu in Vincentian Generalate was inaugurated on 1 May 2014 by Fr. Varghese Parappuram, Superior General. We were happy that on 8 August 2014 the Pakalveedu functioning in the Generalate for the seniors of the neighbourhood completed 100 days and on 9th August they had a grand celebration of “cutting the cake’ and sharing it with all the participants. There were 62 senior citizens who participated in the celebrations. On the occasion guests from the Pakalveedu Chunagumvely and Pachalam, Bishop Abraham Mattam, and Fr. Varghese Chakkumkuzhy felicitated the members. Later there were competitions for all the senior citizens, and prizes were distributed to the winners from among the singers, story-tellers etc. Some kids also added their share of fun. Everybody dispersed relishing the meals and fun they had.

IX.2.i. BDS, Bhimadole

Bhimadole Development Society (BDS) is initiating a service programme in collaboration with “SIDE BY SIDE INDIA, BELGIUM’ for the development of four villages i.e., Kothuru, Thallagudem, Kothamupparu and Buraigudem, in the Diocese of Eluru, Andhra Pradesh, to meliorate the living conditions and to create better chances for the poorest indwellers of the area. The service will be extended to the people based on a comparative social study on the socio-demographic situation of the villages. The project covers areas such as education, health, basic sanitation, housing, creating awareness, drinking water facilities and making opportunities to earn an extra income. We gratefully remember everyone who became a part in the



actualization of the project and request your valuable prayers for the successful accomplishment of the new endeavour

IX.2.ii. Relief works at Kottayam:

The recent monsoon rains in Kerala badly affected the normal life of people and as part of our social ministry we decided to distribute rice among the worst affected and could not go out for work. Until now we have distributed almost 10 sacks of rice in relief works.

IX.3. 80G Certificate

September 27, 2014, the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul was a red letter day in the history of De Paul Cancer Care Trust. On that day the certificate u/s 80 G of Income Tax Act 1961, reached Vincentian Generalate by registered post.

An application dated 15.01.2014 was filed with the Income Tax Commissioner, Kochi for obtaining the certificate u/s 80G. After submitting all the documents and records the Income Tax Commissioner had called us thrice for hearing the case. Finally the Commissioner granted the permission to obtain the donations from individuals who pay income Tax. Donors will be exempted from paying tax as it is given for a charitable purpose. "With effect from Assessment Year 2014-15 onwards Donations made to M/s De Paul Cancer Care Trust will be eligible to the benefit of Deduction u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961". The certificate will be effective from 01-04-2014 and continues to be valid unless specifically withdrawn. This will be a great help for raising funds for the De Paul Cancer Care Trust.

Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy VC

Perfection:

Perfection does not consist of ecstasies, but in doing God's will... So perfection consists in so uniting our will to God's that his will and ours become one. (Oct Conferences (Oct.17, 1655) vol.11:317-18, Miguel, o.c. page 17).

X Mission Abroad:

X.1 Germany

X.1.i. GEISLINGEN

Geislingen is a small town nestling among five hillocks that form part of the so-called Swabian Mountains (Schwäbische Alb). It has a population of about 27,000 who speak the Swabian dialect, (Schwäbisch). The town lies in Baden-Württemberg, which is one of the 16 States (Bundesländer) of the German Republic.

The Catholic community in Geislingen is part of the diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart, which is one of the two Catholic dioceses of Baden-Württemberg, the other being Freiburg. The diocese has 1.9 million Catholics. The Vincentian presence in the diocese is 7-priests strong (Frs. Jose Thottumarickal, Emmanuel Aykaramattam, Augustine Kizhakevalayil, Albert Kannaen, Paul Pullan, Saju Kochukunnathuparambil and Rafy Vezhaparambil). Frs. Thottumarickal and Aykaramattam run and administer the Vincentian Retreat Centre at Freudenstadt, besides doing pastoral service in the parish there. Others work in different parishes of the diocese.

Restructuring: The basic administrative unit in many dioceses is no more the parish, but the “Pastoral Unit” (Pastorale Einheit) consisting of a number of existing parishes. Activities of the Unit are coordinated from a single central office, while member-parishes retain a certain degree of autonomy to continue their own traditions and practices. Trained lay people are appointed with full salary by the diocese to take care of specific needs of the community. Men and women with three-year training are appointed as community helpers (Gemeinde Assistenten), and the ones with a postgraduate degree in theology are appointed as Pastoral Experts. Besides, there are ordained



married deacons who also administer Sacraments. Priests and these lay ministers make up the Pastoral Team. Planning and execution of the pastoral work is responsibility of the Team.

The Pastoral Unit of Geislingen has 10,600 Catholics. The Pastoral Team of Geislingen consists of three priests, a married deacon, a pastoral expert and two community helpers. The priests live separately in the rectories attached to each of the constituent parish churches and are in immediate charge of the pastoral care of the parish. They also have to help in the other parishes of the Pastoral Unit. It has its elected Council comprising of elected members from the community.

Ecumenical work in cooperation with Protestant pastors is an important part of the pastoral work in Geislingen. Within the boundaries of the Pastoral Unit, there are seven Protestant parishes. The Catholic side works with each of them separately to organize common divine services. There are also a number of old-age homes and care centres in Geislingen. We organize regularly in each of them divine services. Frequent calls for the sacrament of the anointing of the sick come from these care centres and the Team attends to them.

Planning in detail and far in advance is very important in the German style of working. Nothing is left to chance. Spontaneity and improvisation are not virtues. The style has imprinted itself also on pastoral work. The time a pastor spends actually executing the work in the field may be less, but the time that should go into its planning and preparation is considerably greater.

The great challenge that the German Church faces today seems to be that of living and presenting its faith credibly in its post-Christian social milieu as well as that of transmitting that faith to the next generation.

- By Fr. Rafy Vezhaparambil VC

X. 1.ii. Kollnburg, Germany

Sermon on the feast of St. Vincent de Paul by deacon Hans Kollmer on 29th of Sep. '14.

Dear Priests of Vincentian congregation,

If someone had asked me about 5 years ago, my opinion of the Indian priests or any of the foreign priests in our diocese, one could have got

only negative statements. I thought, We must solve the shortage of Priests in Germany by German priests, permanent deacons and laity itself. Genuine pastoral care in many cases could be very difficult due to language problems or the differences in mentality.

Today I think different, very different. I see that in Germany the problem is much larger than the shortage of priests: it is the “Weakness of Faith”. In our country most of the people have just lost the deep personal faith in God, which we can realize by looking into the constant fall in the church attendance. We all know how it is with our First Holy Communion and with the children who receive Confirmation. Everybody receives the sacraments after a long preparation for the first time. Then they are not even seen in church.

Dear Vincentian Priests, Can you help us? - I mean from my heart. I have often experienced the zeal and fire in most of you which absolutely testify to your incredible faith. And we desperately need it in Germany.

First of all I start with the Angel Gabriel, whose message had changed the history of the world. God so loved the world that he sent his only Son. That was the message of Gabriel and that’s your message to this country. It may be that message that most of the people do not want to hear in Germany. But you, priests, should not cease to proclaim the message of God. And this is the message we should proclaim “whether it’s convenient or not”. It must not go about trying to be popular with the community, with the people in the diocese. Of course, it is important that we choose the right mind setting. We do not dilute our message, we should proclaim to people in full clarity the message of salvation that comes through Jesus, and only by him.

More than 1700 years ago, the first iroschottischen monks, driven by the wind in a boat, brought the message of God to Germany. It was divine providence. Today that cannot be otherwise. It is not all accident, in which diocese, in which parish your pastoral care is entrusted to. It is the Holy Spirit who steps ahead of you with His guidance and Words. As your Founder St Vincent of Paul says so beautifully: “From a man who has no desire to converse with God - and I would add, not allowing himself to be guided, no great things can be expected.”



Secondly, let's have a look at the Archangel Rafael: Raphael is the angel who hears the prayer of Tobias, accompanies him on his journey to Nineveh, and becomes mediator to bring happiness to Sara and also to the healing of blind Tobit. What a wonderful companion! The Christians in Germany also need guidance, spiritual accompaniment. We need priests who protect us from the dangers and temptations of this world by guiding us always in the right way. We need your spiritual stimuli urgently than ever. We need priests who are burning with the fire of love for us with their affection and the word of God.

It may be difficult for some of you just because of language problems, to achieve every listener in a sermon. Then put your focus just on the pastoral care of the individual. Go to cancer affected woman/man who is dying and tell her/him what to expect in heaven. May be here's a real conversion possible. Console the bereaved family after a funeral. They need right now a consolation which cannot be given by the world. Just be at the individual, whenever and wherever they want to hear your healing word.

It may be possible to form a small Bible prayer group to turn the hard-hearted towards God. Tell them more of God and inspire individuals to the Lord. Why don't you try this way? Are you also open for friends and for supporters. Surely there are also some Raphaels in your community, some dedicated Christians who pray with you and for you. Ladies also can join as it was in the early church. Jesus sent the disciples in pairs. You too need a priest companion and helper. Go along with enthusiastic Christians. Most suitable companions are not the ones that are most popular in the parish, but those who are passionate for the Lord!

It was almost 25 years ago that a small group of believers with the parish priest of Kirchaitnach met regularly for prayer and Bible study. Together with the priest they prayed, planned and organized. Even the sermon was discussed with each other before it was proclaimed. And the result: even today, there is this Bible study group currently supported by Fr Joseph Puthussery.

Thirdly, let us look at the Archangel Michael. Michael is always presented as a fighter with a sword. It was he who defeated Satan. A spiritual battle is necessary if we want to give everything to God. St.

Paul gives the image of runners in the race. “So run”, he calls up on the Corinthians in his first letter. Fighting for God means going completely through unfamiliar paths as Jonathan and his army did trusting God (1Sam.14). The status quo has to be broken; create a new culture of fight for God’s love, and advance.

Similarly unusual things happened in the life of St. Francis of Assisi, who broke away from his father to live radically the message of the gospel. St. Vincent de Paul, who encountered the misery of the people had become a fighter against poverty. His life motto is, “Love is a deed... Let us love God; but at the price of our hands and sweat of our face.” He fought not only against the poverty and the misery among the people but also for good education and reformation of the clergy and fought for a good living faith of all Christians. Thus St. Vincent created a culture of Caritas that almost exceeded all human powers.

Dear Priests, we must not go exactly the way identified and traversed, but we should have the courage to go unusual, unorthodox way in our fight for the Lord in the given circumstances. Definitely you may have very good ideas from the experience of Indian situation, but perhaps you might be hesitant to implement it here. Have courage, if you are fighting for the Lord and his cause with conviction, it will bear fruit one day. The reward and recognition comes not from the people but from God under whose eyes we are.

I wish a Happy Feast, and prayerful intercession of St. Vincent on all your pastoral care for the people.

Report by Fr. Joseph Puthussery VC

X.2. Vincentian Presence in Italy

Vincentians are in Italy mainly for higher studies and pastoral works.

Fr. Thomas Cheruvil from St. Joseph province has completed his Licentiate in Philosophy from the Lateran University and he intends to pursue doctorate studies in Philosophy. I have completed Licentiate in Moral Theology from the Alphonsian Academy of the Redempterists.



Fr. Mariadas Jujjuvarappu and Fr. Kurian Peruvellil (SJ) are continuing their licentiate studies in Canon Law and Philosophy respectively. Fr. Jose Palliyil will do his Doctorate in Philosophy whereas Fr. Anto Vayalamannil intends to do Licentiate in Moral Theology.

Residence: Vincentians who study in Rome have their accommodations in different places. Usually two of us stay in the Vincentian House belonging to the Marymatha Province. This is a small apartment with two bed rooms, a common room, a small Kitchen and a toilet. In spite of having less facilities, this house is a place of reference for all Vincentians who live and pass by Rome. Some of our priests find residence in St. Joseph Cottolengo Parish without any pastoral responsibilities. This place is only 10 minutes walk from our house. Those who gain scholarship from the Congregation for the Oriental Churches usually live in Damasceno Collage which is established exclusively for the Syro- Malabar and Syro- Malankara rites. Others find residence in the study houses or communities of various religious orders. Fr. Jose Palliyil lives with the Rosminians.

Holidays and Pastoral Ministry: It is a well known custom for the priests who study in Rome to engage in Pastoral ministry during summer holidays as well as Christmas and Easter Seasons. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to have variety of pastoral experiences, to learn the culture of different people and to improve their command in languages like Italian or German. For many this is also a source to raise their school fees. Mostly our priests spend their vacations in German or Italian parishes and at pilgrim centers. Some others occasionally take up the chaplaincy of ship - tour groups.

Parish Ministry in the Archdiocese of Spoleto-Norcia

In the Archdiocese of Spoleto Norcia, there are two parishes entrusted to Vincentian Priests. These parishes are in a particular geographical zone called Valnerina and have a distance of three to four hours journey from Rome. This is the birth place of St. Benedict, St. Scholastica and St. Rita. It is an area of hills and valleys among which exists many typical Italian villages, majority of them having long historical backgrounds, stories and traditions. Earlier, almost all these villages were single parishes, but now parishes are created uniting a number

of such villages. Fr. Jose Mecheril is the Parish priest of Cerreto di Spoleto for the last four years. He has the pastoral care of nine villages with a total of 1300 parishioners. He is the pioneer Vincentian to work in this archdiocese. He had worked in a couple of other parishes of the same archdiocese before coming to Cerreto di Spoleto. Fr. Jose Thekkumattam is the parish priest of Vallo di Nera which has five other villages attached to it. He too has lived for more than 12 years in this archdiocese and 8 successful years in the present parish.

Christian life: Majority of the active faithful are aged. Young generation has comparatively less interest in faith matters. With the influences of modern consumerist culture many families face instability and breakdowns. At present, unemployment and national economical crisis make the life of the common people difficult. These people really need to be assisted in their Christian life and catechetical formation.

I have good memories of regular weekend ministry with Fr. Jose Mecheril and occasionally in the parish of Fr. Jose Thekkumattam. Fr. Anto Vayalamannil is expected to do the same once he finishes his language studies in October 2014. Fr. Thomas Chirayil is to join Fr. Jose Thekkumattam. The diocesan community, especially His Grace Mons Renato Boccoardo, appreciates the presence and ministry of Vincentians.

- By Fr. Biju Moonjely VC

So Spoke, St. Vincent de Paul

Evangelizer (mediator) and perfection:

We are mediators between God and his people. The first thing we should do is strive to please God. So then, gentlemen, it is most beneficial to strive unceasingly after perfection so that all our actions may be pleasing God, and so that we may be made worthy to render assistance to others. (Conference of Dec.6, 1658, O.C[Obras Completas]vol.11.385-86 quoted from Miguel, The Way of St. Vincent is our Way).



XI Pope Speaks: **Mission Sunday**

XI. Pope Francis' Message for 88th World Mission Day (Excerpts)

Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission *Ad Gentes* continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born “to go forth”. World Mission Day is a privileged moment when the faithful of various continents engage in prayer and concrete gestures of solidarity in support of the young Churches in mission lands. It is a celebration of grace and joy. This joy of Jesus and missionary disciples leads me to propose a biblical icon, which we find in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 10:21-23).

1. The disciples were filled with joy, excited about their power to set people free from demons. But Jesus cautioned them to rejoice not so much for the power they had received, but for the love they had received, “because your names are written in heaven” (Lk 10:20). And this experience is a cause for gratitude and joy in the heart of Jesus.
2. “Yes, Father, for such has been your gracious will” (Lk 10:21). These words of Jesus must be understood as referring to his inner exultation. The word “gracious” describes the Father’s saving and benevolent plan for humanity. It was this divine graciousness that made Jesus to rejoice, for the Father willed to love people with the same love that he has for his Son.
3. “The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are

set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew” (E. G. 1). The disciples, for their part, received the call to follow Jesus and to be sent by him to preach the Gospel (cf. Mk3:14), and so they were filled with joy. Why shouldn't we too enter this flood of joy?

4. “The great danger in today’s world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience” (Evangelii Gaudium, 2). Christ’s disciples are those who allow themselves to be seized ever more by the love of Jesus and marked by the fire of passion for the Kingdom of God and the proclamation of the joy of the Gospel.
5. The joy of the Gospel is born of the encounter with Christ and from sharing with the poor. For this reason I encourage parish communities, associations and groups to live an intense fraternal life, grounded in love for Jesus and concern for the needs of the most disadvantaged. Wherever there is joy, enthusiasm and a desire to bring Christ to others, genuine vocations arise.. There has been a growing awareness of the identity and mission of the lay faithful in the Church, as well as a recognition that they are called to take an increasingly important role in the spread of the Gospel.

Dear brothers and sisters, on this World Mission Day my thoughts turn to all the local Churches. Let us not be robbed of the joy of evangelization!

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Christian and Charity:

It is impossible for anyone to be a Christian and not see the afflictions of our brothers and sisters. ...Whoever does not respond to the cries of the poor is lacking love. (Con. May 30, 1659, O.C. 11:560-61 Miguel o.c. page 169).



XII Feast of Vincent - Reports:

CELEBRATIONS

XII. 1. At the Generalate, Edappilly

Feast of St. Vincent De Paul was celebrated in the Generalate with due solemnity. In the morning, the whole community together celebrated the Holy Eucharist and renewed the vows. Fr. Superior General was the main celebrant and Fr. George Vettaparambil was the messenger. After the Holy Eucharist all the people joined with us for the breakfast. For invited priests and religious there was small prayer session at noon and lunch thereafter.

XII. 2. Provinces

XII. 2.i. St. Thomas Provincial House, Rewa

On the feast day of our heavenly patron, the members renewed the vows during the Holy Qurbana, and after that we blessed the House, boarding and surroundings. On that day evening, all the fathers went to Vincentian Study House, Kothi, to participate in the combined celebration of Vincentian Theologians and Minor Seminarians of Madhovgarh. The Administrator of the Diocese of Satna, Very Rev. Fr. George Mangalappilly was the chief guest. The Brothers staged a musical drama, 'Breaking the Laws' which was well praised big by the spectators. On 28th Sunday, Fr. Provincial offered the Solemn Holy Qurbana in the morning. The priests and religious of our locality participated in the lunch.

XII. 2. ii. At St. Joseph Provincial House, Kottayam

We celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul on 27th with due solemnity with the concelebrated Holy Mass in the morning and a prayer service and agape at noon. Priests and religious from our nearby houses were present for the Feast celebrations. Fr. John Nirappel gave the Feast message and led the prayer service. The visit of Hon. Minister Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan doubled the joy of the occasion.

XII. 2. iii. At Mary Matha Provincial House, Angamaly

This year also the feast of our heavenly patron St. Vincent de Paul was celebrated with due solemnity. There was a concelebrated Mass in the Church at 6:30 am. Fr. Provincial was the main celebrant, and Fr. James Chelapurath gave the homily. There was a sumptuous lunch arranged at the auditorium at 12:30 pm. Around 150 people (including priests and sisters from neighbouring houses) were present for the agape to express their fraternal communion.

XII. 3. In Germany

The feast of St. Vincent de Paul was celebrated this year with the parish community of Kollnburg. Our 27 Priests who are working in different dioceses (Regensburg, Augsburg, Stuttgart and Trier) assembled together for holy mass at 11.00 am and renewed vows in it. After the holy mass we came together in the nearby Restraunt for lunch and thereafter we gathered again in Parish house for a small meeting. We were really happy to have the presence of Fr. Paul Parekattil who appreciated and encouraged our pastoral activities in German dioceses. Due to an important meeting with the Vicar General of Regensburg diocese, Fr. George Arackal, Provincial Superior(SJ), could not attend our festal gathering.

XII 4. At De Paul Institute, Bengaluru

We, the De Paul community, solemnly celebrated the feast of our heavenly patron St. Vincent de Paul. The celebration started with a solemn high Mass in the morning and with a prayer service at noon



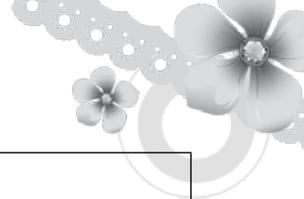
which was followed by a delicious lunch. In connection with the celebration on 26th Friday the De Paul cultural academy presented its 21st drama “OLIVER TWIST” for the invited guests. It was well appreciated by all.

Shipwrecked at sea:

It happened one day that one of the brethren in the monastery of Abba Elias was tempted. Cast out of the monastery, he went over the mountain to Abba Anthony. The brother lived near him for a while and then Anthony sent him back to the monastery from which he had been expelled. When the brothers saw him they cast him out yet again, and he went back to Abba Anthony saying, “My Father, they will not receive me.” Then the old man sent them a message saying, ‘A boat was shipwrecked at sea and lost its cargo; with great difficulty it reached the shore; but you want to throw into the sea that which has found safe harbor on the shore.’ When the brothers understood that it was Abba Anthony who had sent them this monk, they received him at once. (from The Sayings of the Desert Fathers, Udhanashram, p.13)

XIII International days

(1 st Monday in October)	World Habitat Day
1 October	Day of Older Persons
2 October	International Day of Non-Violence
5 October	World Teachers' Day [UNESCO]
9 October	World Post Day
10 October	World Mental Health Day [WHO]
2 nd Thursday in October)	World Sight Day [WHO]
11 October	International Day of the Girl Child
13 October	Day for Disaster Reduction
15 October	International Day of Rural Women
16 October	World Food Day [FAO]
17 October	Day for the Eradication of Poverty
24 October	United Nations Day
24 October	World Development Information Day
27 October	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage [UNESCO]
NOVEMBER	
6 November	Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
10 November	World Science Day for Peace and Development [UNESCO]
12 November	World Pneumonia Day [WHO]



14 November	World Diabetes Day [WHO]
16 November	Day for Tolerance
(Third Sunday in November)	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims[WHO]
20 November	Universal Children's Day
(3rd Thursday in November)	World Philosophy Day [UNESCO]
21 November	World Television Day
25 November	Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
DECEMBER	
1 December	World AIDS Day
2 December	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3 December	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
5 December	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
7 December	International Civil Aviation Day [ICAO]
9 December	International Anti-Corruption Day
10 December	Human Rights Day
18 December	International Migrants day

Non-Christian religions...Neither reverence and high esteem for these religions nor the complexity of the problems involved can induce the Church to be silent and not preach the message of Jesus Christ to non-Christians

(Vat II, EN, 53:28).

XIV

Departed Members of the Vincentian Congregation

October			
Sl. No.	Name	Date of death	Place of Burial
1	Chakkungal Varghese	22-10-09	Angamaly
2	Thekkepera Varghese	22-10-09	Angamaly
3	Kattarath Varkey	24-10-31	Thottakam
4	Kunnappilly Paul (Bro)	26-10-02	Angamaly
5	Pulickal Francis	28-10-09	Angamaly
6	Kalappurayil Jacob	29-10-98	Thodupuhzha
November			
1	Kattumana George	02-11-00	Angamaly
2	Payyappilly Mathew	07-11-39	Thottakam
3	Manithara James	13-11-06	Angamaly
4	Kallarackal Jacob	30-11-98	Angamaly
December			
1	Thiruthanathil Antony (Sem.)	04-12-91	Angamaly
2	Thekkepera Mathew	08-12-11	Adichira
3	Panthackal Varghese	11-12-76	Angamaly
4	Vazhaplankudy George	14-12-10	Angamaly
5	Mannara George	15-12-57	Angamaly
6	Gade Simon S. Reddy (sem)	22-12-04	Janampet
7	Kuzhipala Thomas	27-12-12	Adichira

