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Life is a circle of Happiness, Sadness,
Hard times, and Good times.
If you are going through hard times,
have faith that good times are
on the way.



I Vincentian Mission

Every feast of our patron, St. Vincent de Paul is a call to serve the poor in accordance with our motto quoted from Lk.4.18 but it is a big challenge to be a poor among the poor in the spirit of the apostles who had to depend on the villagers even for a change of clothes or for daily bread (Mt.10.9-10). Urban mission is still more demanding. The worldly spirit makes the sons of God slaves to evil spirits, sickness, mental tension and discord. The spirit, ‘relax, eat, drink, be merry’ (Lk. 12. 19) creeps even into religious apartments! At the face of all these a Missionary needs to be a true follower of St. Vincent in praying the Divine Office, in daily Reading the New Testament and Meditating as prescribed in chapter Ten of the Common Rules. This will help to engage in a healthy dialogue with the aforesaid category of people and to counsel them if needed. Pope Francis reiterated such practices while talking on the Spiritual and Missionary heritage of the Comboni Missionaries of the S.H. attending their general Chapter, when they visited His Holiness on 1st Oct.2015, “As missionaries, the Combonians are servants and messengers of the Gospel...at the root of this, the personal relationship with Christ...determines all our existence and action, and it is experienced and nurtured above all in prayer, in staying by the Lord’s side. In this prayerful space we encounter the true treasure we give to our brethren through proclamation”.

In Mathew (17. 14 -17) we see the weakness of the disciples who had missed the company of Jesus although for a short time while He was on mount Tabor. They were embarrassed and downcast in His absence as they could not repeat the healings which they had performed during





the Apostolic Mission (Mt.10.5-13), where as the three who were with Jesus at the mount of transfiguration returned with full spirit and joy of the celestial company, they had experienced.

In the infancy of the Congregation we had a number of ITCs and Orphanages to serve the poor. But such social schemes are no more in good demand except in the most under developed areas in the Missions. The modern need is renewal and good character formation by means of the right education. We have to equip ourselves to deal with people who are disenchanted with life after enjoying the pleasures of the flesh and world described in Gal.5.19- 21. In tune with the views of St. Paul in 1Cor.1.27 the humble Vincentians are chosen by the Lord to widen the empire of peace, His Church. We need to acquire the communicative skills of St. Paul and top them up with high human and spiritual qualities to be successful in our missions and also to ward off the Master's lament, "Faithless and perverse generation! How much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you" (Mt.17.17)? Those who care a fig to the 'CR. X' and do only repeat the sacred vows as a matter of habit on the feast day may slip away from the society early or later!

Every feast is a call to renew and to uphold the patron's spirit. 'Collars up' for those who achieve it and put it into practice in the apostolic activities.

Fr. Varghese Chackumkuzhy VC
Editor

Your attention please: Communication is the lifeline of any relationship. When you stop communicating, you start losing your valuable relationships.

The next issue of the Family Bond is to reach you in the first half of December 2015. Kindly send pictures and reports of events from your end before the last of November. The pictures of Institutions and events shall be clear in JPEG format.

Editor





II News From the Generalate

Travels of Fr. General:

➤ Fr. Varghese Parappuram, Superior General visited rev. Frs. George Chatholil, Raphael Vezhaparambil & Varghese Thoppilan in Saskatoon, Canada from July 14 to 16. He made Mission Appeal, in Toronto on July 18 and 19 and thereafter flew to Newark, NJ. He was at VH, Washington, NJ. on 20 July. He participated in the St. Jubilee celebration of Fr. Francis Naduviledath in VH, Washington on the 21st. Fr. General met Fr. James Vattakunnel in N.J and met Fr. Mathew Pothalil in Boston on dates 22- 24 and made Mission Appeal on 25-26. July 27 was for visiting Fr. John Kallattil and 28th for Fr. Francis Cheruparambil. Next visit was in Chicago from July 30 to Aug 1 meeting Frs. Joseph Arackal, Innocent Puthenthara, Johnus Cherunilam and Paul Choorathotty.

Fr. General made Mission Appeal on Aug. 01-02 at Cleveland and visited Frs. Jose Edayadiyil, George Mekkatt and Jimmy Perumpanany in Minneapolis on Aug. 02-04. He spent Aug. 05-08 visiting Frs. Vincent Rathapilly, Jose Panamattam, Jacob Otherakunnel and Baiju Kidangel in South Bend - Fort Wyne. Fr. Jacob Chennath was met on Aug. 10 in Denver. Aug.11-12 were allotted for San Francisco visiting Fr. Paul Velamparambil.

The next trip was to Lima, Peru on Aug.17 and spent up to Aug.19 visiting Frs. Thomas Neerolickal, Philip Kattakayam, Sebastian Purayidam and Sebastian Chekkakuzhy. Thampa was the next destination to meet Fr. Antony Thekkanath and Fr. James Thoyalil on Aug.20-21.





Fr. Varghese Parappuram returned to Idappilly on 30th August after spending a couple of days in Tabore RC, Mumbai.

His visit has helped him to have a closer understanding of the diverse Pastoral, missionary and cultural contacts in which our members live and serve. In his absence the Asst. S.G. Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy, discharged the duties of the S.G.

➤ The second batch Annual retreat (Aug.23-28) was preached by Rev Fr. Alexander Kureekkattil CMF at Idappilly. Forty seven priests participated. It was concluded with the Onam Celebrations on 28th Aug. '15.

➤ We gave a warm reception to Mag. Joseph Kodakkallil, the bishop designate to the Diocese of Satna. Bishops emeritus Mar A.D. Mattam and Mar Mathew Vaniyekizhakkal also were present.

➤ Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy went to Satna on 11th to participate on 15th in the Episcopal consecration of Mgr Joseph Kodakkallil. He reached back on 23rd September after visiting some Ashrams and mission stations in Satna.

➤ The whole Generalate community participated in the golden and silver Jubilee celebrations conducted on behalf of our elder brothers at Marymatha Provincial House, Angamaly on 5th September 2015.

➤ Fr. George Vettaparambil went to De Paul, Bangalore to give classes for one week to the seminarians from 13th Sep. 2015 He also gave classes at Vadavathoor Seminary, Kottayam from September 22nd to 24th.

➤ Fr. Superior General visited De Paul Care Centre, Thiruvananthapuram for the blessing of the renovated 'Madbaha' of the chapel.

➤ Fr. Augustine Vallooran (Sr) returned on Sep. 30th. to Bengaluru after a couple of weeks' treatment at Lissy Hospital.

➤ Fr. Jojo Marippattu is busy giving classes to the members of the Synaxis of different religious congregations.

➤ Fr. James Azhakedath, Fr. John Kizhkkumthala, Mission Superior, St. Paul Mission, Ahmednagar, Fr. Sebastian Anchumuriyil,





who is getting ready to go to Vincentian Prayer Centre, Washington, New Jersey, Fr. John Pullan, Fr. Varghese Kidangan, Fr. Augustine Padinjarekkutt, Fr. Francis Cheruparambil and Fr. Jacob Otherakunnel from the States visited the Generalate.

➤ Generalate community participated in the Silver Jubilee celebration of St. Joseph Province at Adichira on 24th September 2015.

➤ Fr. Sebastian Chooranolickal went to preach the Popular Mission Retreat at Podimattam, Kanjirappally in the last week of Sep.

➤ The Generalate community celebrated the feast of St. Vincent on 26th September. As part of celebration we gave breakfast for the community which attended the Novena and Festal Holy Mass. We also had the company of the religious and priests from the neighbourhood.

“Be Merciful As Your Father Is Merciful”

Don't attach yourself to the suspicions or the persons who would tempt you to become scandalized. Because those who, in one way or another, are scandalized by what comes their way, are unmindful of the way of peace that guides to knowledge of God.

Anyone, who is still swayed by other people and who loves one but hates another, does not as yet have perfect love. Perfect love does not split men's common nature. It loves all equally. It loves the virtuous as friends and the wicked as enemies, doing good to them, bearing with them with patience, enduring what comes from them, paying no attention to malice, going so far as to suffer for them if the opportunity presents itself. So it makes friends of them if at all possible. It is faithful to itself, always showing its fruits to all alike. Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, demonstrating the love he bears us, suffered for all humankind and proffered the hope of resurrection to all alike even though each individually calls upon himself glory or punishment.

Saint Maximus the Confessor (c.580-662), on Love, in the Philocalia





III Marymatha Province, Angamaly

VISITS OF THE PROVINCIAL TEAM

- ✦ Rev. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Alex Chalangady came back on 17th June 2015 after their visit in East Africa.
- ✦ Fr. Paul Parekkattil had gone to DRC Khetri in the month of June to preach retreats.
- ✦ Fr. Alex Chalangady visited Divine Retreat Centre at Ramsgate, UK in the month of August 2015.
- ✦ Fr. Francis Naduviledath and Fr. Paul Parekkattil had gone to the US for Mission Appeal.
- ✦ Rev. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Kokkandathil made canonical visits at Vincentian Houses at Thottakom, Thrikkakara, Nilambur, Pachalam, Mysore and Meenangady in the months from June to August 2015. Canonical visits are also being held in some of Houses in Good Shepherd Region, AP.
- ✦ Fr. Francis Naduviledath and Fr. Alex Chalangady made canonical visits Sep. in our Houses in St. Paul Mission.

HERE I AM LORD

After three weeks of preparatory course under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Alex Chalangady VC, Bros. Antony (Libin) Chirayath, Kuzhikandathil Kuriakose (Vipin) and Panthiruvilil Tijo (ST) made their perpetual profession in the Vincentian Congregation during the 7 am Mass at the Ashram Church, Angamaly. Very Rev. Fr. John Kandathinkara (Provincial Superior, St. Thomas Province) along with Very Rev. Fr. Paul Puthuva (Provincial Superior, Marymatha Province), Rev. Fr. Alex Chalangady (Provincial Councilor & Coordinator of the





Perpetual Profession Course), Rev. Fr. Michael Kareekunnel (Rector, Munnoorppilly) and Rev. Fr. Jaison Kuzhikandathil (Brother of Vipin Kuzhikandathil) celebrated the Holy Mass and witnessed the perpetual commitment to the Lord. The family members of these seminarians were also present on this auspicious occasion. A special thanks to Rev. Fr. Alex Chalangady who conducted their course, to our priests who took classes for them, and to all those supported them through their prayers. Congratulations Dear Brothers Libin, Vipin and Tijo!

BURGLARY AT VIKINDU

Our House at Vikindu was attacked by dacoits on August 9, 2015. A group of around 12 people entered our House in the late evening and attacked our Fathers – Biju Puthiyaparambil, Shaiju Mulayinkal and Jibin Thulamattathil, Novices and some of the guests who were on a visit to our community. They took away all the valuables from the House. The holy articles like vestments, monstrance and the documents like passport and identity cards were recovered from an isolated place not very from Vikindu after two days. Our confreres are gradually recovering from the shock. Fr. Stephen (Shaiju) Mulanyinkal has come to Kerala for better treatment as he was attacked severely by the dacoits. The extraordinary courage showed by our missionaries in Vikindu in the face of such brutalities is to be appreciated. Let us pray for our confreres in Vikindu in a special way.

SACERDOTAL JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Sacerdotal Golden and Silver Jubilee of our priests was celebrated at Angamaly at the Province level on September 5, 2015. All the Golden Jubilarians (Fr. Arackhottam Mathew, Fr. Kariamadam Paul, Fr. Kunnappilly George and Fr. Parel Joseph) and 5 out of the 8 Silver Jubilarians (Fr. Azhakedath James, Fr. Manithottil Paul, Fr. Mullenmadackel Thomas, Fr. Naduviledath Francis and Fr. Orathel Abraham) joined us at the Celebration. Frs. Alackakunnel Thomas, Parambil Xavier and Parekkattil Jose could not be present. The presence of Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkal, the Bishop Emeritus of Satna Diocese, Very Rev. Fr. Varghese Parappuram, Superior General, Rev. Fr. George





Arackal, Provincial Superior of St. Joseph Province, a large number of priests and religious and the relatives of the Jubilarians added colour to the celebration.

The Jubilee Mass was concelebrated at 10:00 am in the Ashram Chapel after the entrance procession. Fr. Paul Puthuva, Provincial Superior introduced the Jubilarians, and welcomed them and the honourable guests. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr. Francis Naduviledath. Fr. Antony Payyappilly was the homilist.

After the Holy Eucharist all were invited to the De Paul auditorium for the felicitation gathering and Jubilee Dinner. The programme started with the Prayer Song led by the Seminarians from Christu Nivas. After the cutting of the Jubilee cake, Very Rev. Fr. Varghese Parappuram, felicitated the Jubilarians and Rev. Fr. Paul Puthuva honoured them with bouquets. Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkal adorned them with shawl and Rev. Fr. George Arackal handed over the Jubilee gifts. Fr. Mathew Arackathottam and Fr. Thomas Mullanmadackal thanked all for making the day beautiful.

MISSION APPEAL

The Mission Appeal program for the year 2015 was conducted in the months of June-September. Rev. Fr. Francis Cheruparambil VC coordinated them in a well-organized manner. The Province is extremely thankful to Fr. Francis and to all those who collaborated with him.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Deacon Joseph (Ajesh) Thundathil VC who has completed his theology studies in the Priestler Seminary in Augsburg, Germany is getting ready to receive the Sacred Order of Priesthood on October 17, 2015 at 9.30 am at St. Sebastian's Church, Dharmagiri near Gudalloor in the diocese of Mananthavady.

HIGHER STUDIES AND MINISTRY

✦ Fr. Antony Parankimalil has started his Licentiate studies in Spiritual Theology from Angelicum University, Rome.





✦ Bros. George Padickaparambil and Joyal Varickanickal went to East Africa for their regency.

✦ Fr. Sijo Vembilly went to Germany in the month of July 2015 to do pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Regensburg, Germany.

✦ Fr. John Cheriavely went to Canada this month to take charge of his new office as the Finance Officer and Assistant Director of Vincentian DRC, Toronto.

✦ Fr. Sebastian Anchumuriyil has been appointed as Finance Officer and Assistant Director at Divine Prayer Centre, New Jersey. He is also given an additional responsibility of the Promoter of Divine TV in USA-Canada. He went to US on September 16, 2015.

✦ Fr. John Pullan will start his pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Arezzo–Cortona–Sansepolcro, Italy by the end of September 2015.

HOME COMING

✦ Fr. James Azhakedath has returned to India after three years of Pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Regensburg, Germany. He has now taken charge as Rector & Superior at Vincentian House, Edathotty.

✦ After 11 years of pastoral ministry in Canada, Fr. Joseph Srambical has come back to India. He will undertake his new assignment at Vincentian House, Ahmednagar in October 2015.

Dear Fathers, we thank you for your dedicated service for the Province and wish you all the best in your new assignments.

NEW VENTURES

Minor Seminary, Mitemula, Uganda: The minor seminary in Sacred Heart Region which was at Vikindu, Tanzania has been shifted to Mitemula, Uganda. The House at Vikindu will now function as the Novitiate House. The new minor seminary building at Mitemula was blessed on June 13, 2015. At present, there are seven first year minor seminarians and six second year minor seminarians in Mitemula.





De Paul Kindergarten, Kopergaon:

De Paul Kindergarten, Kopergaon, which was a long awaited dream, was inaugurated on 22nd July 2015. Though the De Paul Centre has been functioning at Kopergaon since 2004, this was for the first time that such an initiative was taken to provide quality education at the pre-primary level in this locality. The new building constructed for the Kindergarten was blessed by Very Rev. Dr. Paul Puthuva VC, Provincial Superior, on 22nd July 2015 at 10 am. Rev. Fr. James Kokkandathil VC, Provincial Councilor, dedicated the Kindergarten. The formal inauguration of the new building was done by Rev. Fr. John Kizhakkumthala VC, Mission Superior, St. Paul Mission, Ahmednagar. Fr. Paul Kanichukattu VC, Priest In-charge, De Paul Centre, Kopergaon took special efforts in starting the Kindergarten.

Renovated Retreat Hall, Puthuppady:

The renovated Retreat Hall in Jubilee Vincentian Retreat Centre, Puthuppady was blessed on September 1, 2015 by Very Rev. Fr. Paul Puthuva, Provincial Superior, during the Tuesday One-Day service. Fr. James Kokkandathil, Fr. Alex Chalangady were present during the function. The blessing was followed by the Holy Eucharist and Adoration.

CONGRATULATIONS

New Appointment: After eight years of ministry as the Parochial Vicar at Holy Family Parish, Sewell, Fr. Sanjai Chelangattucherry is now appointed as the Director of Hospital Chaplaincy in the diocese of Camden and to assist with starting Stephen Ministry Program at different parishes throughout the diocese. His office will be in Camden where the diocesan offices are located. His residence will be at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Westmont, where he will assist on weekends. Congratulations and Prayerful Wishes dear Rev. Fr. Sanjai on your new appointment.

First Rank: Rev. Fr. Robin Chittuparambil bagged the First Rank in MCMS (Master of Communication and Media Sciences) from St.





Aloysius Autonomous College, Mangalore. Congratulations Dear Fr. Robin on your achievement.

VACATION

Fr. Saju Kochukunnathuparambil, Fr. Jomesh Kaithamana, Fr. Jacob Kudilumgal, Fr. Alex Thuruthikkatt, Fr. Joseph Mangalathukary, Fr. Paul Manithottil and Fr. Joseph Vattathara from Germany, Fr. Antony Parankimalil (for Rome), Fr. Anto Poonoly from Liechtensten, Fr. Vinod Edattu from UK, Fr. Michael Payyappilly from Australia, Fr. Sebastian Pandarathikudiyil from USA came for their vacation. Fr. Sebastian Mappilaparambil (Australia), Fr. Jose Mecheril (Italy) and Fr. Jujjavarappu Mariadas (Rome) had come for their holidays. Fr. John Manickathan (USA) and Fr. Sebastian Vandanamthadathil (New Zealand) came to Kerala as both their mothers were seriously ill.

HEALTH CORNER

✦ Fr. Shaiju Mulayinkal who was attacked by the dacoits in Vikindu is undergoing treatment in Kerala.

✦ Fr. Varghese Chathaparambil was admitted in LF Hospital due chest congestion in the month of June. He has fully recuperated.

✦ Fr. Augustine Puthenpura underwent an eye surgery at LF Hospital in June 2015.

✦ Fr. George Kunnappilly who was admitted in LF Hospital for a few days in the month of August due to high sugar has now recovered his health.

✦ Fr. George Kammattil was admitted in Lisie Hospital for a medical check-up.

✦ Fr. Joseph Kavalakkatt was in LF Hospital for a week in the month of September due to breathing problems. He is gradually recovering.

CONDOLENCES

Brother-in-law of Fr. Thomas Chirayil on 4th July, Mother of Fr. Romulus Nedumchalil on 7th July, Paternal Aunt of Fr. George Panackal





& Brother of Fr. Augustine Vallooran (Jr.) on 31st July, Maternal Uncle of Frs. Joseph and Antony Chalackal on 1st August, Sister-in-law of Fr. Joseph Vaniamthara on 15th August, Sister of Fr. George Manalel on 16th August, Paternal Uncle of Fr. Sebastian Chekkakuzhiyil and Maternal Uncle of Fr. Sony Edasseril on 17th August, First Cousin of Fr. Varghese Perinchery on 23rd August, Mother of Fr. Christuraj Dulapalli on 31st August, Brother of Fr. George Kuzhupally on 6th September, Mother of Fr. Joseph Pallickamadam on 13th September, Elder Brother of Fr. Davis Arackal on 14th September and Mother of Fr. John Manickathan on 16th September were called to eternal rest.

Rev. Fr. Daison Vettiyadan's paternal grandmother Annam (108) died on September 28, 2015. Rev. Fr. Jaimi Parathanal's paternal grandmother (Mariamma – 78 years) died on September 26, 2015. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Vandanamthadathil's beloved mother (Rosa Varkey – 104 years) died on September 26, 2015.

Let us pray for the departed souls and the bereaved families...

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News from Lima, Peru.

“La Visita de los Capitanes”

We were blessed with the presence of Very Rev. Fr. Varghese Parappuram VC, Superior General and Very Rev. Fr. Francis Naduviledath VC, Assistant Provincial Superior, who made their visit to the Peru Mission from 17th and 11th of August respectively.

“Gran Jornada”

On 16th of August we arranged a one day retreat programme in our parish in which the diocesan priests were invited to give the talks. The retreat was a success with the participation of approximate 200 people.

“Fiesta de Santa Rosa de Lima”

As the whole Latin America celebrates the feast of its patron Santa Rosa de Lima on 30th of August, the Vincentian community in Peru conveys the festal greetings to all our confreres.





IV ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE, KOTTAYAM

*Greetings to all
from Vincentian Provincial House, Kottayam!!!*

Renewal Programme 2015

We conducted two batches of renewal programme for the priests as part of the “Year of Religious”, for renewing the spirit of religious life and commitment. The first batch was held from 23rd July to 24th July and the second batch from 22nd August, 9.00 am to 23rd August, 4.00 pm. The Programme was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior. Fr. George Manalel VC and Fr. Tomy Tharayil, Director of Denahalaya, Punnappra led the sessions for both the batches. There were also discussions, prayer sessions and entertainments.

Benefactors Gathering

We conducted a gathering of all our seminary benefactors at the Provincial House on August 15. The programme started at 10.30 am. Rev. Fr. Provincial talked to them, Fr. Ebin Neeruvellil celebrated Holy Mass and Fr. Sonu Kulathur led the adoration. The gathering was over by 3.00 pm. Almost fifty benefactors and minor seminarians from Mylady were present for the programme.

Meeting of Popular Mission Team Members

The gathering of the Popular Mission team members of the province and St. Xavier's region was held from 31st August to 1st September. There were discussion and adoration on the first day and a picnic on the second day.





De Paul Care Centre, Nedumkunnam

The newly bought building for “De Paul Care Centre” (Home for the aged) at Nedumkunnam was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. George Arackal, Provincial Superior and blessed by Rev. Dr. Philip Nelpuraparambil, Vicar, St. John the Baptist Forane Church, Nedumkunnam on 19th September 2015 at 4.00 pm. The blessing was followed by Agape.

Celebrating 25 Years

We are celebrating the jubilee year of the province with hearts filled with joy and gratitude for all the blessings God has been showering upon us for the last 25 years. The Silver Jubilee celebration of the St. Joseph Province together with the Sacerdotal Jubilee of the Golden and Silver jubilarians was held on September 24, 2015 at Vincentian House, Adichira. The programme began with a thanksgiving Mass presided over by Mar Mathew Vaniyakizhakkal, followed by public meeting, felicitations, cultural programme by different seminaries and institutions and agape. Very Rev. Fr. Superior General and his councilors, the relatives of the Jubilarians and a number of religious communities also joined us in giving thanks to the Lord.

New appointments

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| Fr. Plathottathil Jose | – Procurator, V.H. Kothamangalam |
| Fr. Panachickal Michael | – Procurator, V.H. and Asst. Director, Boys’ Home, Kaloor |
| Fr. Mecherimannil Antony | – Director, Boys’ Home and Asst. Procurator, V.H., Kaloor |
| Fr. Vallomkunnel John | – Transferred to V.H., Adichira for M.Th. Study at Cana institute, Thuruthy and to assist Vocation Promoter |
| Fr. Kalasserry George | – Transferred to St. Xavier’s Region |
| Fr. Kuttikkatt Cherian | – Transferred to V.H., Chethimattom for Computer Hardware Studies and to teach in the seminary |





Health corner

Fr. Abraham Orathel is undergoing chemo-therapy. Let us continue our prayers for his speedy recovery. Fr. Vadakkekara George is recovering after his Ayurvedic treatment for leg pain. All the other elderly priests are keeping fine and healthy. Kindly pray for them and find time to visit them.

A Word of Gratitude & Welcome

We remember with gratitude all those who visited us and who spent time with us and also with our elderly priests at Vincentian House, Adichira. Dear Fathers and brothers, always hearty welcome to the Provincial House!

Thank you!

“He must follow me”

When the Lord tells us in the gospel that anyone who wants to be his follower must renounce himself, the injunction seems harsh; we think he is imposing a burden on us. But an order is no burden when it is given by one who helps in carrying it out.

To what place are we to follow Christ if not where he has already gone? We know that he has risen and ascended into heaven: there, then, we must follow him. There is no cause for despair — by ourselves we can do nothing but we have Christ’s promise. Heaven was beyond our reach before our Head ascended there (Col 1,18), but now, if we are his members, why should we despair of arriving there ourselves? Is there any reason? True, many fears and afflictions confront us in this world; but if we follow Christ, we shall reach a place of perfect happiness, perfect peace, and everlasting freedom from fear

Yet let me warn anyone bent on following Christ to listen to Saint John the Apostle: “One who claims to abide in Christ ought to walk as he walked” (1Jn 2,6). Would you follow Christ? Then be humble as he was humble; do not scorn his lowliness if you want to reach his exaltation.

*Saint Caesarius of Arles (470-543), Sermon 159, 1,4-6 ;
CCL 104,650*





V St. Thomas Province

V. i. News from Provincial House, Rewa

We extend warm greetings from Vincentian Provincial House, Rewa, M.P. We are glad to share some of the news of St. Thomas Province.

The Preachers' Meet

The Preachers' Meet of St Thomas Province was held on 8 & 9 July at the Provincial House. Fathers from different retreat centers of the Province participated in it. Rev Fr Provincial inaugurated the Gathering.

Perpetual Profession

Br. Panthiruvellil Joseph (Tijo), who studies at S. H. Theological College, Shillong made his Perpetual Profession in the Congregation in the presence of our Provincial, Fr. John Kandathinkara at Angamaly on 26th July 2015.

Feast Celebrations

The Provincial House community celebrated the feasts of Rev Fr. Provincial and Rev Fr. Augustine Parathanam on 30th August, Sunday. The presence of Rev Fathers and Sisters from the neighbouring communities added colour to the celebrations.

CBSE affiliation

De Paul School, Madhavgarh, Satna of our Province is now affiliated to CBSE. Congratulations to Rev Fr. Orikalayil Joseph (Justin), the Manager and Rev Fr Puthenpura Joseph (Biju), the Principal for their hard work for achieving the same.





Seminar on Consecrated Life

Rev Fr. Provincial inaugurated the seminar of the 'Year of the Religious' at St Ephrem's Theological College, Kothi, Satna. Br. Chandrankunnel Ashish VC presented a paper on 'Challenges of Consecrated Life Today'.

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Bishop of Satna Diocese

The Provincial community participated in the Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kodakallil on 15th September 2015 at Satna. His Exc. is the first bishop from Satna Diocese after the previous two who belonged to the Vincentian Congregation viz. Bp. emeritus A.D. Mattam VC and Mathew Vaniakizhakkal VC. Rev Fr Mathew Vattakuzhy VC, the Asst. Superior General, Rev Fr George Arackal (Sr.), the Provincial Superior of St Joseph Province, Rev Fr. John Kandathinkara VC, the Provincial Superior of St Thomas Province and many other Vincentian priests participated at the solemn ceremonies of the Ordination by Cardinal Mar George Alancherry, the Major Archbishop of Syro Malabar Church. The theologians of Vincentian Study House, Kothi also had their share in the choir, decoration works etc.

Blessing of Retreat Centre at Jamshedpur

The blessing of the retreat centre at Sundernagar, Jamshedpur diocese is scheduled for November 21 & 22. The ceremonies shall be officiated by the Bishop of Jamshedpur. A Bible convention shall be led by Rev Fr. Anil Dev IMS on those days.

Silver Jubilee, U.P. Mission

The silver jubilee of the beginning of the Vincentian Mission in U.P. is celebrated at Vincentian Ashram, Veerpur. Fr. John Kandathinkara, Provincial, Frs. Augustine Parathanam and Johnson Karingen participated in the jubilee celebrations.

There was a Bible Convention for three days, 25th-27th September, led by Frs. Bobby Emprayil VC, Binoy Puthiyedath VC, Dinny





Pandimattam VC and Joby Palatty VC. The jubilee celebrations were concluded with the Solemn Holy Eucharist by Rt. Rev Francis Kalist, the Bishop of Meerut.

Departure:

Br. Vellakadayil Abraham (Pavals) who was doing regency at Aonla left the Congregation in August 2015.

Medical Care

Rev Frs. Varghese Naickomparambil and Jose Parayaruthottam met the eye specialist at LF Angamaly for treatment. Rev Fr Pallippadan Rocky underwent varicose vein treatment at Chethipuzha. Rev Fr Valiyaparambil Martin went for a medical checkup at St James Hospital, Chalakudy for knee problem. Rev Fr Kurrisseril Charles is undergoing ayurvedic treatment for his knee problem at Amala hospital, Trissur. Rev. Fr. Mullappallychira underwent an operation in Lourdes Hospital, Ernakulam, to remove a stone from his right Kidney. Fr. Sebastian Moolechalil was in Muzhikulam for Naturopathy treatment for 15 days. Fr. Michael Kareekunnel is admitted in Lisie Hospital Ernakulam, due to prostate enlargement and urinary infection.

Visits

Rev Fr Provincial visited all our fathers working in Germany in September.

Rt. Rev Dr Chacko Thottumarickal SVD, the bishop of Indore, Rt. Rev Bishop Charles Soreng, SJ, bishop emeritus of Hazaribag diocese, many fathers and sisters from different places visited the Provincial House. We are very thankful for their kind visits and encouragements.

V. ii. V.H. MARGHERITA, ASSAM.

May the Blessings of the Almighty God be with you all!

Loving and Prayerful Greetings from Vincentian Fathers, Divine, Margherita. We are glad to share our news with you.





We, all Vincentian fathers are keeping fine. Now we have 110 volunteers who are involved in the intercessory prayers and the other ministries of the Ashram. The number of the Residential Sisters has increased to four; Sr. Betsy FCC, Sr. Jessin FCC, Sr. Vidya PSA and Sr. Emmavati MSMHC. They are rendering selfless service to the community. Fr. Joseph (Joby) Azhiyakunnel joined Margherita on 9th of August 2015 and accepted our warm welcome. Perpetual Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and the Daily Adoration are going on in full swing. Residential Retreats, One Day Convention, Divine outreach Ministry and Night Vigils in different parishes are going on well. Besides this every day many people come for Confession, Prayer and Spiritual Direction. We make ourselves available all the time for the people.

Education Ministry at Divine Margherita:-

Education is an important aspect of human life. It is the most powerful instrument for bringing changes in ourselves and in the world. Therefore Divine Margherita takes utmost care to provide education to our volunteers who are illiterate, uneducated or discontinued the studies due to family and financial crisis. We help them to grow fully human and spiritual by providing education to those volunteers. We have made 'Prayga Kutir' made up of bamboo structure where illiterate volunteers come and get preliminary education (i.e. reading and writing Hindi alphabet). Sr. Betsy FCC is appointed as the teacher and in-charge of the Prayga Kutir. There are more than 40 volunteers who are regularly attending this class. Every day two classes take place; morning session (10:00 am-01:00 pm) and evening session (5:00 pm-6:45 pm). Besides this, we also send some of our good students to various schools, colleges and institutes for their higher studies and various training programmes. So far 20 boys and 65 girls have got benefitted.

Preaching Ministry Abroad:-

Fr. Bobby had gone to Africa to conduct retreats on 2nd of August and came back to India on 17th inst. His Ministry was successful as people gathered in multitudes and received abundant blessings.





A Long Trip to Imphal:-

In spite of the hectic schedule of the Retreat Programme at Divine Margherita, we found time to explore the possibility for a New Mission and to visit some of our Vincentian Retreat Centres in North East. Frs. Bobby, Paul Kottaram, Yesudas and Birender travelled all way from Margherita to Khetri, Zadhima (Kohima) and Imphal by our own vehicle. We stayed one night each in all those places and came back safe and sound. It took four days to complete the visits.

Feast of Assumption of Mary and Independence Day:-

Feast of assumption of Mother Mary and Independence Day of our India was celebrated with a due solemnity. The feast day began with a solemn high mass by Fr. Yesudas. Fr. Paul Kottaram hoisted the National Flag and gave an inspiring message to the people.

Website of Divine Margherita: - A long awaited dream has come into reality. We have updated our website and now it's open for all. You may log on to www.divinemargherita.com and get the current news of Divine Margherita.

Visitors:-

We are very grateful for all those people who visited us and shared our happiness and joy. In a special way we remember Fr. Puthiyedath Augustine from Hazaribag, Fr. Anto Chittinappilly, from Divine Mercy Retreat Centre, Zadhima, Fr. Johnson Palatty vc, from Delhi, Mr.O.C.Jose from Kerala, Mr. Manoj, from Kenses, USA and others who spent their precious time with us. Dear fathers and friends we highly appreciate and cherish your presence. Please come and visit again.....

Fr. Birender Kujur

V. iii. V.H. Munnoorpilly

Under the management of Rev. Fr. Shaji Chilambikunnel re-plantation of rubber is taking place in about 7 acres. Around 500 coconut trees – Malaysian Sunnagay – too have been planted. Re-plantation of about 450 Nutmeg trees took place this year. The piggery makes a steady growth.





Ashram: Hearty welcome to our new members Rev. Fr. George Appassery and Regent Bro. Sanjay Kureekattil. We attended the funeral of Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kallath's beloved father and Shaji Chilambikunnel's and Benny Kulangara's beloved mothers. Very Rev. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Kareekunnel attended the Jubilee celebration of Mary Matha Province. Fr. Michael Kareekunnel attended the Superior's Meet at our Generalate. We all have participated in the Silver Jubilee celebration of Rev. Fr. Jose Parecattil and his sister. The parlour of the guest house is now equipped with a new T.V. and chairs. The guest house has a new washing machine and a new water dispenser.

Minor Seminary: On 3rd July Rev. Dr. James Chelappurath V.C., the Principal of DiST, inaugurated the New Scholastic year, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Varghese Chakkumkuzhy. Our 16 new seminarians put up a good programme on this auspicious occasion. There after two have left. The rest have started to put their hearts into the seminary routine.

Congratulations

Rev. Fr. Joseph Edattu VC is re-elected as the President CRI (Satna Unit) unanimously. Congratulations and Best Wishes dear Fr. Joseph Edattu.

"He must follow me"

"Every Tree Is Known By Its Own Fruit"

Do you believe in Christ ? Do the works of Christ so that your faith may live; love will animate your faith, deed will reveal it... If you say you abide in Christ you ought to walk as he walked. But if you seek your own glory, envy the successful, slander the absent, take revenge on those who injure you, this Christ did not do. You profess to know God, yet reject him by your deeds... "Such a one honors me with his lips, but his heart is far from me" (Is 29,13; Mt 15,8)...

Saint Bernard (1091-1153), 24th sermon on the Song of Songs.





VI NEWS FROM FORMATION HOUSES

VI. i. Vincentian Vidyabhavan, Aluva

Lighter Moments

Brothers of Vidyabhavan once again proved their metal at Mangalapuzha during the Institute Day by their stunning performance in the court and on the stage. Our programs were well appreciated.

To foster the fraternal communion, team Vidyabhavan played friendly matches with Carmelagiri Seminary and DIST Angamaly. In the first match we once again proved our caliber and in the second we allowed the DIST to win.

CONFESSION EXAMS

Deacons have successfully completed their examination of Confession. On 20th August deacons successfully completed their examinations on Confession and Dn. Dibin Aluvassery bagged the second rank with high marks.

MA EXAMS

A Glimmer of happiness crept in as the results of MA examinations appeared. Third years have secured their Master's degree and the second years are half way through with good scores.

Onam Vannallo..... Oonjalittallo.....

Onam celebrations were made spectacular with a massive and beautiful pookkalam. The day began with Holy Eucharist and continued with the mixture of traditional and modern Onakkalikal. At noon Maveli accompanied by ZuZu and puli appeared to greet everyone and under his leadership there was a sumptuous Onasadhya.





SSSMILE ACTIVITIES

At Koovappadi: Another venture was to render our service in Bethlehem Abhaya Bhavan: A home for the homeless and mentally challenged people at Koovapadi near Perumbavoor. Having the objective “to do something beautiful for God,” in their minds, brothers of Vidyabhavan threw themselves into the streets and shops of U.C. College, Alwaye etc. to collect money to meet a day’s expense of three hundred and fifty inmates of Abhaya Bhavan. As a result of a week’s hard work, twenty eight brothers and Fr. Sebastian Thundathikkunnel (Rector) along with two families who were inspired by the hard work of brothers went to Abhaya Bhavan. As soon as they reached all of them got involved into various activities like cooking, cleansing, bathing them, giving spiritual nourishment through songs etc. After noon Fr. Rector celebrated the Holy Eucharist with them and all of us participated. Before the return we also planted a tree in memory of our service. With a heart filled with love and compassion all of them returned in the evening.

At Chaypankuzhy:



On 16th July ten of the brothers went to Chaypankuzhy, near Vettikuzhy to help in the construction of the house of an old woman who is being helped by the people

around. They rendered a day’s work without any wages and returned home in the evening being convinced that the poor are our masters.

SEMESTER EXAMS AND VACATION

First semester examination in Pontifical Institute Alwaye falls between 21st Sep and 5th Oct, which makes all of us to burn our midnight lamps. But our consolation is that there would be a few days of vacation at home after the examinations.





VI. ii. News from De Paul, Bangalore

We have celebrated the feast of assumption and the 69th Independence Day in a solemn manner. The celebrations included fiery speeches and multi-lingual song to Mother Mary. It was followed by batch picnic. Every batch cooked food for themselves and it was also chance for all to prove our talents in cooking. It was a cheerful day with a lot of fun and entertainment. Bro. Justin Vallanattu had left the seminary for good.

On 26th of July we had a DPCA programme by second group, “Heralds” in the evening. On 1st August we had another DPCA programme by the third group “Illuminati” in the evening. Very Rev. Fr. Paul Achandy, Prior General of C.M.I visited us on 3rd of August, and he appreciated as about the good comments which were made by the bishops who were here on behalf of the visitation of the seminaries organized by the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church.

VI. iii. News from Janampet, Andhra Pradesh

Welcome to the warmth of Andhra... and here we go to the news bits of St. Vincent’s College Janampet!

The summer days heat our body, and it is true for us specially, as we are shuttling from place to place engaged with a lot of ministries. Our Deacons, Vineeth, Ajeesh and Shiril were busy in the months of April and May, as part of their diaconate ministry they were part of a few Popular Missions, and had a few weeks of experiences in Potta and Divine Retreat Centre. Brothers Arun and Santo made their perpetual profession on May 19th after the intense preparations of one month. Congratulations!!!

Birds Back to Nest: On 11th June 2015, the brothers arrived back to the house, refreshed after vacation to commence their academic pursuits of the new scholastic year. On 13th June, Three new brothers; Sateesh, Tom and Tinto reached here for their first year theological studies. Hearty welcome, dear brothers.

Games: For the first time in the St. Francis’ ever rolling volley-ball tournament in Vijnananilaya, A.P., two Vincentian teams played – De Paul College, Pinakadami and St. Vincent’s College, Janampet. St.





Vincent's College beat MSFS in the semi-final to complete a hat-trick final. However, St. Vincent's College had to satisfy with second spot in the summit clash on 21st August 2015.

Inauguration of the Academic Year

The Vijnananilayam Institute of Religion and Philosophy, Janampet, opened its windows of wisdom for us on 15th June 2015 as the academic year was officially inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Simon CM with a grand opening ceremony in the campus auditorium. The classes are now at full swing. Dn. Vineeth has retained his first rank in the 3rd year theology. Congratulations, dear brother, for your great achievement!!!

ABCD (Andhra Boys Can Dance)



Do you believe? Well, it was obviously proven when our new benjamins, Bros. Tom, Sateesh and Tinto stormed into the dais with their "Naadan Steps"

on the new comers „day. We celebrated our new comers“ day on 18th June. The day was also marked with a delicious food and movie. All the best dear brothers, for your coming years in Janampet.

History repeats again. Fr. Peter Marie Memier Memorial Bible Quiz conducted by MSFS College is won by our brothers for a second consecutive year on 28th August 2015. There were about 20 teams from several Seminaries of this diocese and around.

Have a Good Start

To begin everything in a good manner is important for its success. So it was with our academic year as we started it with a day of spiritual recollection. Fr. Babu Vadakkekara led us all on the day and it was really fruitful for us to make a good start.





Father's Day

The feast of Sts. Peter and Paul is marked with golden letters in our calendar, as we celebrate the Feast of our beloved Rector, Fr. Peter Muttamthottil. The celebrations were open with a solemn mass and Fathers and sisters of the nearby houses attended the programme and the agape thereafter.

July 3rd : On Dukarana, Fr. Georgy OFM. Cap., the former dean of Vijnananilayam Institute joined in the celebration of our community.

VI. iv. News from CVN Minor Seminary, Madhavgarh

Biggest Family

This year CVN witnessed a lot of changes. The CVN community became the biggest Vincentian family in the St. Thomas Province. The strength has reached up to the maximum that the building could contain. There are 35 members consisting of 4 Fathers, Regent and 30 Brothers.

We celebrated the new comers' day on 3rd July. The day began with solemn Mass. In the evening we arranged a volleyball match and cultural program. This day helped the new comers to shed their inhibitions and to become an integral part of the community.

Blessing and Inauguration

The entire campus of CVN received a novel and fresh look as the seminary building is bathed in Rhine Blue. Rev. Fr Provincial blessed the renewed chapel and dormitory on 2nd July and officially inaugurated the new academic year 2015-16. Many Priests, Sisters and Lay people participated in the event.

Healthy Competition

We have three groups for the vegetable garden and four groups for conducting cultural programs. The first group presented their cultural program on 5th August. These competitions among the seminarians help us to cultivate our skills and talents. The classes and other activities are going on in full swing.





The five senior brothers, who had completed their course here, have joined the Novitiate of the St. Joseph's Province at Padamugham.

Thank you..... Visit again

We use this space to thank those who visited and blessed us especially His Excellency Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkal, Rev. Fs John Kandathinkara, the provincial superior, Frs. Varghese Karingen, Augustine Parathanam, Varghese Naickomparambil, Paul Edasseri and Joseph Edattu to name a few.

The gate of Christu Vidya Niketan is always wide open for you. Thank youVisit again....

VI. v. Prabudham Ashram, Meerganj, Bareilly

We are very happy to tell you that this year 8 brothers from Meerganj seminary are promoted to Christu Vidya Nikethan ,Madhavargh for their second year seminary studies. Frs. Justin Vattamattam, Member of Popular Mission Retreats and Devassy Puthussery, Superior have joined the Ashram on 6th and 19th of July,2015 respectively. This year we have many Popular Mission Retreats in various parishes of different dioceses. On all Fridays and Sundays we have one day prayer in our Ashram and many Christu Bakthas from nearby villages come to get blessings. On the last Saturday of every month we observe night vigil and many people attend.

This year 12 boys are selected for the minor seminary from Assam, Orissa and Jharkhand Congratulations to Frs. Prafulkumar Kerketta and Birender Kujur, for their hard work in finding them. We welcome you all fathers and brothers to visit our Ashram and have a chat with our Benjamines.

VI. vi. Vincentian Study House, Satna

Fresh life has started by the arrival of the Seminarians and Fathers after the summer holidays. Brothers Martin Chandrankunnel (ST), Philip Kurinjiparambil (SJ) and D. Santhosh (SJ) became full-fledged





members of the Congregation through their final profession. Bro. Sabin Paiyampillil (SJ) is the new member to our community. We inaugurated the academic year 2015-2016 on the feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle. New priests of the ETC came here for the convocation day on 4th August. We Thank you all especially Rt. Rev. Bishop Chacko Thottumarikkal SVD, who visited us.

Mary, Mother Of Christ, Mother Of The Church

He who is the fruit of one holy Virgin is the glory and honor of all the other holy virgins; for like Mary, they are themselves the mothers of Christ if they do the will of his Father. The glory and happiness of Mary in being the mother of Jesus Christ shines forth above all in the Lord's words: "Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is brother and sister and mother to me." (Mt 12:50)

Thus he shows the spiritual relationships that attach him to the people whom he redeemed. His brothers and sisters are the holy men and women who partake with him in the heavenly inheritance. His mother is the entire Church, because by God's grace, she brings forth the members of Jesus Christ, that is to say, those who are faithful to him. His mother is also every holy soul who does the will of his Father and whose fruitful charity is made manifest in those whom it brings forth for him until he himself is formed in them (Gal 4:19)...

Mary is certainly the mother of the members of the Body of Christ, that is to say, our mother, because in her charity she cooperated in bringing forth in the Church the faithful who are the members of this divine head, whose mother she truly is according to the flesh.

Saint Augustine (354-430), On holy virginity, 5





VII Education and Media

VII. i. St. John's I T I, Myladi, Nedumkunnam

As a result of the proliferation of Engineering Colleges in Kerala, St. John's ITI, Myladi was struggling for existence for a few years. Now there is a positive sign of regaining its strength and pride. At present there are seven staff members including the Director. The total strength of the students comes to 67 in the two Trades run here - Civil and Electrical.

Electrician Trade :

2nd year – 15students 1st year - 21students

Civil Trade : 2nd year – 10students 1st year - 21 students

Diploma Course: From the year 2013 we have started a Diploma Course of the Karnataka Open University as a correspondence Course. In 2013 there were 4 candidates. They have completed their Course and have written the final exam and are waiting for the result. This year there are 5 candidates. Diploma is a 4 Semester Course (2 years). We expect to give more admissions to Diploma Course from next year.

Fr. Thomas Madathinal

VII. ii. MADONNA INSITUTE OF ELECTRONIC ENG., ANCHILIPPA

It is the 38th year of this Institute which had been started at Kanjirappally as an ITI by the Diocese. From 1981 it functions at Anchilippa run by the Vincentian Fathers with Electrician, Mechanical, Refrigeration & Air-conditioning (MRAC) and Electronics courses.

For the last two years there is no demand for Electronics. MRAC has





1 unit with 21 seats and Electrician has 2 units with 42 seats each year. In the previous year 59 seats were filled but only 42 persevered to the end. In 2015 admissions have been granted to 63. A total of 105 trainees continue their studies here under 8 Instructors. We provide hostel facilities for 21 trainees. We look forward to a brighter future.

Fr. Thattarakudiyil Joseph VC

VII. iii. DIST, ANGAMALY

The De Paul School of Social Work (MSW Department) is shifted to DiST Annexe II (the old DELTA building) in De Paul Campus I. The renovated building was blessed by Very Rev. Fr. Paul Puthuva VC, the Provincial Superior on Thursday 9th July. The offices of De Paul Extension Services (DES), De Paul International Centre for Well Being (DICWB) and IGNOU also are shifted to the same building.

One more Rank: Mr Eldho K. Elias got the first rank (1989/2600) in the MG University for the MSc Computer Engineering and Net Work Technology. This is the first batch of this course.

Basketball Team

The recently formed DiST basketball team participated in the Fr. Luigi Memorial Basketball Tournament organized by the Rogate Seminary. Our team won the quarter finals defeating the Carmelgiri seminary. In the semifinals we lost to the Rogate seminary. But we have made a very good beginning. Hearty Congratulations to Fr. Robin Chittuparambil who is the motivating force behind the team.

Students' Exchange Programme

Four students of the MSW department have gone to the James Cook University, Australia as part of the Students' Exchange Programme. They will be there for one month.

FIRST RANK: Fr. Robin Chittuparambil bagged the First Rank in MCMS (Master of Communication and Media Sciences) from St. Aloysius Autonomous College, Mangalore. Hearty congratulations Fr. Robin!!!! We are proud of you.





AGASAJO: Students of BAECJ (English Literature, Communication and Journalism) have participated in the AGASAJO, an Inter Collegiate Media Fest conducted in Nirmala College Muvattupuzha and won the over-all second prize with 50 points. This is the first time they participated in such a fest representing the department.

VII. iv. News from GiFT, Cochin

The inaugural ceremony of the academic year 2015 of GiFT Cochin was conducted with the lighting of the lamp by a group of dignified persons – Shri. Anish Anwar (Film Maker; Kumbasaram, Sakariayude Garbhinikal ...), Fr. Jojo Marippattu (General Councilor), Fr. Paul Thiruthanam VC (Superior, VH Pachalam), Fr. Thomas Njarakel VC (Director, IMD), Fr. Daison Vettiyadan VC (Director, GiFT).

Shri. Anish Anwar, Film maker inaugurated the academic year and shared his life experiences in making films. He motivated the students to acquire wide knowledge and experiences to become a good media personality. Fr. Jojo Marippattu delivered the keynote address. He challenged the aspirants to find out the hidden talents and creativity to serve the society.

VII. v. De Paul Kindergarten, Kopergaon

De Paul Kindergarten, Kopergaon, which was a long awaited dream, was inaugurated on 22nd July 2015. Though the De Paul Centre has been functioning at Kopergaon since 2004, this was for the first time that such an initiative was taken to provide quality education at the pre-primary level in this locality. The new building constructed for the Kindergarten was blessed by Very Rev. Dr. Paul Puthuva VC, Provincial Superior, Marymatha Province on 22nd July 2015 at 10 am. Fr. James Kokkandathil VC, Provincial Councilor, dedicated the Kindergarten. The formal inauguration of the new building was done by Fr. John Kizhakkumthala VC, Mission Superior, St. Paul Mission, Ahmednagar. Fr. Paul Kanichukattu VC, Priest In-charge, De Paul Centre, Kopergaon took special efforts in starting the Kindergarten.





VII. vi. News from De Paul School, Yeola

It is indeed a matter of pride and joy for the De Paul School at Yeola that the first batch of 10th Standard students of the school got 100% success in their SSC exam. Out of 49 appeared 42 got distinctions. The highest percentage was 95.20 %. Congratulations Dear staff and students!

VII. vii. Centre for Vincentian Animation, CVA.

DE PAUL LITERATURE KIT Dear Confreres, 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. They total cost of the books is Rs. 1050. They are now made available at a reduced price of Rs. 500- only.

The Name of the Books and their authors are the following:

Malayalam Books:

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

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
14. St. Vincent de Paul: Novena – Vincentian Generalate

If you are interested in this project please contact the director of CVA by email sebastiantd@yahoo.com or by mobile 9447522325.

***“They Went From Village To Village Proclaiming
The Good News “***

The apostles’ preaching and martyrs’ witness, and preaching about the Kingdom of Heaven has traversed the earth in every direction as if by strides. Indeed, “their message has spread to the ends of the world” (Ps 19[18],5). And elsewhere the Holy Spirit declares the splendor of this spiritual course: “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace” (Is 52,7). This, then, is the sound of God’s praises that our proclamation should make known, as the psalmist bears witness: “He gave life to my soul and did not allow my foot to slip” (LXX). For indeed, the apostles were not deterred from the course of their preaching by fear of human threats, and the firmness of their footsteps, soundly set, were not allowed to slip from the path of faith...

When God tries those who believe in him, it is not that he ignores their faith but because “endurance proves character” as the apostle Paul says (Rom 5,4). God puts them to the proof, not that he might know them, but that he might lead them to the perfect attainment of virtue. And so, purified by fire and separated from every alloy with the vices of the flesh, they can shine out with all the splendor of an innocence that has proved itself true.

Saint Hilary (c.315-367), Commentary on Psalm 65, §19-20 ; CSEL 22, 261





VIII SOCIAL SERVICE

VII. i. News from VINSA

As part of Women empowerment, Vincentian Service Society Center for Rural Development conducted one day training programme for women on 11th July, 2015 at VSS seminar hall. The subject was umbrella making.

DEFOSCAA Meeting - July 2015

DEFOSCAA meeting in the month of July was held in De Paul School auditorium on 18.07.2015. 87 members participated along with the family members of Rev. Fr. Matthew Kachappilly VC in the programme. After the refreshment, and confession there was Holy Mass. July 17th was the day of second death anniversary of Rev. Fr. Matthew Kachappilly VC, so the lunch was sponsored by his family members.

DEFOSCAA ONAM CELEBRATION -2015

114 members participated in the celebration. After the refreshment, there was confession and Holy Mass, onam competitions arranged in the De Paul School Auditorium. The competitions in bottle filling, message passing, sundhariku pottukuthal, candle raise, ball passing were held in 4 groups. A delicious and sumptuous Ona Sadhya was served after the competitions. Mr. Benny Moonjely, Angamaly Municipal Chairman inaugurated the meeting and gave Onam message. DEFOSCAA logo was released by Rev. Fr. Varghese Menachery VC. The logo represented the elderly people who are cared in the hands protected by love (in heart).





Monthly meeting of DEFOSCAA was held on September 19, at the premises of St. Joseph Ashram Church Angamaly. 96 participants attended the meeting. Dr. Naveen Moolan, Assistant Professor, Sree Narayana Institute of Medical Science dealt with geriatric illness especially, diabetic, cardiac illness etc. Facility for the sacrament of confession was provided after the input session which was followed by the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Varghese Perinchery.

D-SKILL TRAINING PROGRAMME :

Vincentian Service Society conducted D-skill training programme for the differently able students With the support of Lal Bahadur Shasri Institute of Science and Technology (LBS). The meeting was arranged on 24/08/2015 to distribute the scholarship to the students who completed the Dry flower bouquet making. Mr. Soju, assistant director LBS regional centre, Kalamasery distributed the scholarship for the students. Teacher Mrs. Thresiya who taught Dry flower bouquet making was present during the function. Students participated along with their parents.

VII. ii. St. Vincent's Balanagar, Meenangadi

“whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me” (Mk.9.37)

The new academic year

The new academic year is getting into full swing. Fr. Saji has assumed charge as the director of St. Vincent's Balanagar. We have 37 students including 12 fresh admissions. Seeing their talents and skills we were invigorated and we foster in them good values and enthusiasm.

New Task : We are glad and proud to inform you that Fr. Saji has been elected as the director of K.C.Y.M Sulthan Bathery zone and he is completely engaged with new task. We are sure that his cheerful and pleasant approach will make the youth happy. We wish him all the success in his new venture so that he would capture a place in the hearts of many.





Sharing the joyful moments

We remember His Excellency Mar Jose Porunnedom the bishop of Mananthavady diocese. He visited us on July 28th, on the feast day of St. Alphonsa. His holy presence imparted to us the values which each one of us must have in life. He found time to talk with our students and students were reminded of creating an atmosphere of study in this institute.

As the part of canonical visit Fr. Provincial and Fr. James visited and talked with our students. They shared the happiness by distributing sweets to the children. We remember them with gratitude.

The Y.M.C.A found time to spend with our students. They were very happy to chat with our students the whole afternoon. Our students were so vibrant enough to bring about their inner talents at the Cultural Programmes.

“So must the Son of Man be lifted up... “

Our Lord Jesus Christ is on the Cross today and we are celebrating this so that you might realize that the cross is indeed a spiritual celebration. Formerly a symbol of punishment, Cross is now the principle of our salvation. For it is the source of innumerable blessings for us: it has freed us from error so as to be illumined in the darkness and reconciled with God. We had become his enemies and foreigners from far away and it has given us his friendship and brought us close to him. It is for us the destruction of enmity, the promise of peace, the treasure house of a thousand blessings.

We will no longer live outside the royal palace for we have found the door. We do not fear the flaming darts of the devil for we have found the spring. Thanks to it we are no longer living in widowhood since we have found our Spouse again. We have no fear of the wolf for we have the good shepherd. Thanks to the Cross we do not dread the usurper since we sit at the King’s side.

Saint John Chrysostom (c.345-407), Homily 1; PG 49, 399-401





IX

Pope Francis - Mission Sunday 2015

Pope Francis' message

The World Mission Sunday 2015 takes place in the context of the Year of Consecrated Life, which provides a further stimulus for prayer and reflection. For if every baptized person is called to bear witness to the Lord Jesus by proclaiming the faith received as a gift, this is especially so for each consecrated man and woman. There is a clear connection between consecrated life and mission. The desire to follow Jesus closely, which led to the emergence of consecrated life in the Church, responds to his call to take up the cross and follow him, to imitate his dedication to the Father and his service and love, to lose our life so as to gain it. Since Christ's entire existence had a missionary character, so too, all those who follow him closely must possess this missionary quality.

The missionary dimension, which belongs to the very nature of the Church, is also intrinsic to all forms of consecrated life, and cannot be neglected without detracting from and disfiguring its charism. Being a missionary is not about proselytizing or mere strategy; mission is part of the "grammar" of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the Spirit who whispers "Come" and "Go forth". Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries, for they know that Jesus "walks with them, speaks to them, breathes with them. They sense Jesus alive with them in the midst of the missionary enterprise"

(*Evangelii Gaudium*, 266).





Mission is a passion for Jesus and at the same time a passion for his people. When we pray before Jesus crucified, we see the depth of his love which gives us dignity and sustains us. At the same time, we realize that the love flowing from Jesus' pierced heart expands to embrace the People of God and all humanity. We realize once more that he wants to make use of us to draw closer to his beloved people (cf. *ibid.*, 268) and all those who seek him with a sincere heart. In Jesus' command to "go forth", we see the scenarios and ever-present new challenges of the Church's evangelizing mission. All her members are called to proclaim the Gospel by their witness of life. In a particular way, consecrated men and women are asked to listen to the voice of the Spirit who calls them to go to the peripheries, to those to whom the Gospel has not yet been proclaimed.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Decree *Ad Gentes* is an invitation to all of us to reread this document and to reflect on its contents. The Decree called for a powerful missionary impulse in Institutes of Consecrated Life. For contemplative communities, Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions, appears in a new light; she speaks with renewed eloquence and inspires reflection upon the deep connection between contemplative life and mission. For many active religious communities, the missionary impulse which emerged from the Council was met with an extraordinary openness to the mission *ad gentes*, often accompanied by an openness to brothers and sisters from the lands and cultures encountered in evangelization, to the point that today one can speak of a widespread "interculturalism" in the consecrated life. Hence there is an urgent need to reaffirm that the central ideal of mission is Jesus Christ, and that this ideal demands the total gift of oneself to the proclamation of the Gospel. On this point there can be no compromise: those who by God's grace accept the mission, are called to live the mission. For them, the proclamation of Christ in the many peripheries of the world becomes their way of following him, one which more than repays them for the many difficulties and sacrifices they





make. Any tendency to deviate from this vocation, even if motivated by noble reasons due to countless pastoral, ecclesial or humanitarian needs, is not consistent with the Lord's call to be personally at the service of the Gospel. In Missionary Institutes, formators are called to indicate clearly and frankly this plan of life and action, and to discern authentic missionary vocations. I appeal in particular to young people, who are capable of courageous witness and generous deeds, even when these are countercultural: Do not allow others to rob you of the ideal of a true mission, of following Jesus through the total gift of yourself. In the depths of your conscience, ask yourself why you chose the religious missionary life and take stock of your readiness to accept it for what it is: a gift of love at the service of the proclamation of the Gospel. Remember that, even before being necessary for those who have not yet heard it, the proclamation of the Gospel is a necessity for those who love the Master.

Today, the Church's mission is faced by the challenge of meeting the needs of all people to return to their roots and to protect the values of their respective cultures. This means knowing and respecting other traditions and philosophical systems, and realizing that all peoples and cultures have the right to be helped from within their own traditions to enter into the mystery of God's wisdom and to accept the Gospel of Jesus, who is light and transforming strength for all cultures.

Within this complex dynamic, we ask ourselves: "Who are the first to whom the Gospel message must be proclaimed?" The answer, found so often throughout the Gospel, is clear: it is the poor, the little ones and the sick, those who are often looked down upon or forgotten, those who cannot repay us (cf. Lk 14:13-14). Evangelization directed preferentially to the least among us is a sign of the Kingdom that Jesus came to bring: "There is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them" (Evangeliium Gaudium, 48). This must be clear above all to those who embrace the consecrated missionary life: by the vow of poverty, they choose to follow Christ in his preference for the





poor, not ideologically, but in the same way that he identified himself with the poor: by living like them amid the uncertainties of everyday life and renouncing all claims to power, and in this way to become brothers and sisters of the poor, bringing them the witness of the joy of the Gospel and a sign of God's love.

Living as Christian witnesses and as signs of the Father's love among the poor and underprivileged, consecrated persons are called to promote the presence of the lay faithful in the service of Church's mission. As the Second Vatican Council stated: "The laity should cooperate in the Church's work of evangelization; as witnesses and at the same time as living instruments, they share in her saving mission" (Ad Gentes, 41). Consecrated missionaries need to generously welcome those who are willing to work with them, even for a limited period of time, for an experience in the field. They are brothers and sisters who want to share the missionary vocation inherent in Baptism. The houses and structures of the missions are natural places to welcome them and to provide for their human, spiritual and apostolic support.

The Church's Institutes and Missionary Congregations are completely at the service of those who do not know the Gospel of Jesus. This means that they need to count on the charisms and missionary commitment of their consecrated members. But consecrated men and women also need a structure of service, an expression of the concern of the Bishop of Rome, in order to ensure *koinonia*, for cooperation and synergy are an integral part of the missionary witness. Jesus made the unity of his disciples a condition so that the world may believe (cf. Jn 17:21). This convergence is not the same as legalism or institutionalism, much less a stifling of the creativity of the Spirit, who inspires diversity. It is about giving a greater fruitfulness to the Gospel message and promoting that unity of purpose which is also the fruit of the Spirit.

To all missionaries of the Gospel I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican, 24 May 2015, Solemnity of Penteco.





X

New Priests 2015-16 Joseph (Ajesh) Thundathil



Saint Peter tells in his first letter, “humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God and He will exalt you in due time” (1 Peter 5:6). Deacon Joseph (Ajesh) Thundathil is one who humbled himself before the Lord and is being exalted to the priestly ministry. All the priests in the Vincentian Congregation who know Dn. Ajesh will definitely agree to the aforesaid statement.

Ajesh was born in Gudalloor of Nilgiri district, Tamil Nadu on 30th of October 1983. His mother (Mary)

was sure that he was going to be someone great before the Lord because she had decided to bring up her children as God’s children in faith and fear of God. Really this is what that happened. She received her three sons as gifts from the hands of God and taught them about God and saints. Deacon Ajesh has been deeply influenced by his mother. The unexpected death of his father Sebastian could have disturbed their lives but his mother tired her level best to bring her children up with utmost love, care and in Christian values. Ajesh has learned many good things from his mother and whenever he gets a chance he acknowledges it. Ajesh has two younger brothers - Binesh (Working) and Sunish (First





year Theology student in OFM Cap.)

After doing his schooling from Sri. Ramakrishna School, Gudaloor, Ajesh joined the Vincentian Congregation in 2000 and completed his minor seminary formation in Edathotty and Thrikkakara. After his Novitiate at Meenangady and Philosophy Studies at De Paul Institute of Religion & Philosophy, Bangalore, he was sent to De Paul Care Centre, Trivandrum for regency. For his Theology Studies he was chosen by the Superiors to be sent to the Augsburg University in Germany. Even though the medium was German, he completed his studies successfully by March 2015. After his return to India, he spent three months of his diaconate ministry in Tabor Retreat Centre, Kalyan.

Dn. Ajesh is an actor and writer. He has composed and tuned several poems. He has also received several prizes for his poems in many a competition. From the time of his Philosophy studies, he used to write in Sunday Shalom. He has also written several articles in the magazines like Divine Voice, Vachanolsavam etc. His thoughts have been so inspiring that Sunday Shalom is publishing a collection of his articles in book form. Though he was born and brought up in Tamil Nadu, he has got a rich poetic style in Malayalam.

A worthy son of our Congregation, Ajesh is getting ready to be ordained a priest on October 17, 2015 at 9:30 am at St. Sebastian's Church, Dharmagiri near Gudaloor in the diocese of Mananthavady. Deacon Ajesh has chosen Isaiah 41:13 as his motto: "For, I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand". We pray that God holds His grip and Ajesh stick tight throughout his priestly life as St. Joseph, his patron, did it.

*"Actions speak louder than words.
We can apologize over and over;
But if our actions don't change,
our words are meaningless."*





XI Popular Mission & Retreats

Under the leadership of Fr. Jomon Kaipadakunnel, a Popular Mission Retreat of St. Joseph Province went on well at St. Joseph's Church, Podimattam, in the diocese of Vijayapuram.

Fr. Varghese Kottaparmbil, the Director of Popular Mission of Marymatha Province and the team preached a Popular Mission in Thiruvilumala Parish

XI. i. DRCC, MARGHERITA, ASSAM

Youth Retreat:-

Divine Margherita organized an Annual Hindi Youth Retreat from 12th to 16th July 2015. There were 1200 vibrant youth from Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. This year many non-christians participants were there. Fr. Thomas OFM, from Ajmer, Bro. Joshy, from Itanagar, Fr. Bobby and our team led this Spiritual Retreat. Rt. Rev. Joseph Aind, Bishop of Dibrugarh and Rt. Rev. George, Bishop of Miao found time to come over here and celebrated Holy Mass on 2nd and 3rd day of the retreat respectively. They delivered inspired messages and encouraged



the youth to lead a holy life and mature Christian life. On the day of the confession, there were 20 priests from Dibrugarh Diocese. Retreat was concluded with an anointing and healing



adoration led by Fr. Bobby. There were showers of abundant blessings and healings on people. All went back with full of happiness, joy and smiling face.

September 2015	October 2015
3 Night Vigil, Bimlapur	1 Night Vigil, Bimlapur
4 First Friday Programme	2 First Friday Programme
5-7 Parish Retreat, Diyun, Arunachal	4-7 Residential Retreat
6-10 Retreat for Alcoholics(300/-)	11-15 Inner Healing Retreat
12 Divine Youth Fellowship Day	17 Night Vigil, Khobang
12-14 Parish Retreat, Zero, Arunachal	18-21 Parish Retreat, Dulijian
13-17 Retreat For Catechists	25-31 English Retreat for Touring Sisters.
19 Night Vigil, Khobang	30 Night Vigil
20-23 parish retreat, jagun	
30 Night Vigil	

FORTHCOMING RETREATS OF DIVINE MARGHERITA:-

XI. ii. News from Divine, Toronto

Retreat for Cancer Patients

It was a great day of Divine consolation for the people of God in Toronto to have a unique programme for the first time in Divine – Retreat for Cancer Patients. The number of participants show how true the message is to have it. There were 180 registrations. But around 420 People participated in it. The testimonies of cancer cured patients after coming to Divine made this retreat more hopeful for them.

Divine Bible Convention Toronto

It was for the first time Divine Retreat centre Toronto organized a Bible Convention on July 3-5th, 2015. As we have no much facility here in order to limit the number we put a registration of \$75 per person.





The Lord was drawing people to this retreat beyond calculation. The Convention was led by Fr. Mathew Naickomparambil, Sr. Therese FCC, Fr. Antony Thekkanath, and Fr. Joby Kachappilly. There were 575 people for this convention. The presence of Msgr. Thomas, Director Personnel of Clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto made the concluding day more glorious. There were healings, miracles, conversions etc. The Divine volunteers of around 60 worked hard to make this day beautiful. It is indeed a miracle that within the limited facility 575 people were fed, cooked by divine team. There were representatives from 40 countries present for the convention. For more details:

XI. iii. News from New Jersey

On July 21, 2015 majority of our priests working in the Eastern Corridor of USA came together in the New Jersey Prayer Centre for the Annual gathering of the Trust and to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Francis Naduviledath who is doing the Mission Appeal. The presence of Very Rev. Fr. Superior General added special colour to the function. Fr. Francis Naduviledath presided over the Eucharistic Celebration assisted by Fr. General, Fr. Manickathan, Fr. Mathew Naikomparambil, Fr. Paul Parekkattil and all other priests present. Fr. Jose Panachimootil preached the homily. Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Titus, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mannankary also were present. A sumptuous dinner was prepared in honour of the Jubilarian. After the dinner there was annual gathering of the Divine Mercy Trust and the Gathering of the Vincentian Congregation Trust.

XI. iv. News from Divine Retreat Centre, Khetri

The month of July was truly a month of Blessing for the Divine Retreat centre, Khetri. This month we had five residential retreats – one for Priests (June 29-July 4), another for Religious Sisters (July 6-11) and three residential Retreats for the laity and the youth. The Centre was blessed with the presence of 35 priests and the Bishop of Bongaigaon who came for the Retreat.





The Divine Retreat Centre was privileged to have Archbishop John Moolachira (Guwahati Archdiocese), Archbishop Dominic Jala (Archdiocese of Shillong), Apostolic Administrator of Jowai Diocese Archbishop Thomas Menampampil, who gave talks to the priests and celebrated the Holy Eucharist for them. We were also blessed with the presence of Bishop of Tezpur Michael Akasius Topo who gave talk for the Sisters' Retreat. Divine Retreat Centre was also blessed to have Fr. Paul Parekkattil VC, the Provincial Councillor, for guiding the retreats for the priests and Sisters. So we are indeed indebted to the Almighty God for these great blessings on our centre.

The Laying of the foundation stone for the Permanent structure at DRC, Khetri took place on 17th August by Very. Rev. Fr. Mathew Anchukandam, Financial Administrator of the Archdiocese of Guwahati, and Smt. Anu Rongson, President of Gram Panchayat, Khetri. Kindly pray for its successful completion.

Bearing fruit through perseverance

Be watchful so that the word you have received may resonate in the depth of your heart and dwell there. Take care that the seed not fall upon the path for fear that the evil spirit might come and take the word away from your memory. Take care that the rocky soil does not receive the seed and produce good actions that are lacking the roots of perseverance. For many rejoice when they hear the word and they prepare to undertake good works. But when trials have hardly begun to assail them they give up what they had undertaken. Thus, the rocky soil lacked water, so much so that the wheat germ could not bear the fruit of perseverance.

St. Gregory the Great, Homilies on the Gospel, 1,15

