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A weekly news letter from Vincentian Generalate, Edappally



“Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.”

(Mt 1:19)



Generalate News

- ❖ Last week, Fr. George Vettaparambil was in St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Kottayam for a couple of days to conduct viva examination for the seminarians studying Philosophy. This week, he is in De Paul, Bangalore to give classes to our seminarians.
- ❖ Fr. Jojo Marippattu gave classes to sisters in two places for a couple of days each.
- ❖ Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy Participated the Vincentian Family Gathering held at Niveditha, pastoral centre of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese from 11th March to 14th March.
- ❖ The agenda of the General Synaxis 2017 is already sent to all by e-mail. Please make sure that you open the mail and get the agenda.

Visitors

Frs. Jose Panachimoottil, Joseph Vattakunnel, Jose Koshackal, James Kallumgal and Varghese Chiraparamban visited Generalate.

News from St. Joseph Provincial House, Kottayam.

- ❖ Frs. Ullas Vattamthottiyil and Arun Kuruvanthanathu defended their Licentiate Thesis successfully these days. Congratulations dear Fathers!!! And wish you all the very best for your comprehensive examinations.
- ❖ Frs. Thundathikunnel Sebastian (Convenor), Moonnupeedikackal Antony and Kuruppantharamukalel Joseph are appointed in the Preparatory Commission of the Province.



- ❖ Rev. Fr. Provincial visited the brothers doing their pre-novitiate at Thrikkakara Minor seminary and met them personally and in common.
- ❖ His Grace, Mar Joseph Perumthottam, Archbishop of Changanacherry visited the Provincial House, during his pastoral visit to Lourdes Forane Church, Kottayam.
- ❖ Fr. Thomas Ouseparambil went back to Germany yesterday.
- ❖ Fr. Francis Chelapurath is under naturopathy treatment at Pala.
- ❖ Fr. Varghese Muzhuthettu is appointed as the Acting Superior of the Vincentian House and Manager of the ITI, Kanjirappally.

News from Marymatha Provincial House, Angamaly.

Arrival and Departure

- ❖ Fr. Francis Naduviledath departed to Holy Land on March 9, 2017 for a pilgrimage along with his batch mates as a part of the privilege of the Sacerdotal Jubilee.
- ❖ Fr. Jaimi Parathanal, doing ministry at the Divine Mercy Retreat Centre, Masaka went back on March 12, 2017 after his holidays

NEWS FROM FR. VINCENT CHIRACKAMANAVALAN

Dear Confreres, on March 8, 2017 I took charge as Assistant priest of Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Parish of the Broken Bay Diocese. There are four priests including me in this parish. I am also appointed as the Chaplain to the San Hospital in Wahroonga for two days a week. Following is my address.

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THESIS DEFENCE

Fr. Joice Parappilly will defended his Lth Thesis tomorrow (March 13) at 4.15 pm. The theme of his thesis is “*Formation as an Accompanied Journey: A formative Approach in light of Exodus Model*”.

News from St. Thomas Provincial House, Delhi

Greetings from St. Thomas Provincial House, New Delhi.

Health of Fr. Parekkattil Jose VC

Fr. Parekkattil Jose VC is in Jeevodaya Hospital, Ashok Vihar, New Delhi. He is taken today (15th March, 2017) for check up to Gangaram Hospital, New Delhi. Let’s continue to pray for him.

Visitors

Fr. Elemplakattu Benny VC and Br. Elayidathumadathil Kurian VC (Regent Brother at Aonla Vincentian Ashram) visited the Provincial House. Thank you dear Father and Brother.

News from Divine Bible College

The students of 2016-2017 batch of our Bible College graduated on March 10, 2017. All of them were given certificates of Diploma from the Calicut University during a ceremony of conclusion of the Bible course. The students expressed high appreciation of the Course and their stay in Divine English Campus for 8 months.



The Next short term course in English will be from April 23-June 11, 2017. The registration fee is Rs. 100, and the course fee is Rs. 500.

The one year course starts on July 23, 2017 and will end on March 17, 2018. The registration fee is Rs. 500 and the course fee is Rs. 25,000.

Fr. James Kallumkal, the Director of the Bible College, requests our confreres to advertise in our institutions of these Bible Courses and encourage people who can pursue the course. Along with preaching retreats we have to equip the lay people also to preach the Word of God.

News from Sacred Heart Region, Africa.

Greetings and wishes from Sacred Heart Region, East Africa. The Region has been receiving so many divine blessings right from its beginning. The blessings and inauguration of different centers and the new building plans of the region are some of the examples of God's blessings these days. The leadership of Fr. Geejo Pattath and the commitment and hard work of our priests deserve special appreciation.

Arrival of the Provincial superior

Rev. Fr. Paul Puthuva, the provincial superior, has arrived in Kenya on 9th March for his short visit and for the inauguration ceremonies in different centers of East Africa.

The New Residential and Ablution Block

The new residential and ablution block at Thika Retreat Center was blessed and inaugurated on 10th March 2017 by Rev. Fr. Paul Puthuva, the Provincial Superior. The faithful present for the prayer service on Friday and many of our priests also were present for the function.



Blessing of Marian Grotto at Vincentian Prayer House, Kisumu

The newly built Marian Grotto at the Vincentian Prayer House, Kisumu was blessed on March 11, 2017 by Very Rev. Fr. Paul Puthuva, the Provincial Superior of Marymatha Province in the presence of His Grace Zacchaeus Okoth, the Archbishop of Kisumu Archdiocese and Rev Fr. Geejo Pattath, the Regional Superior of Sacred Heart Region, East Africa. Around 2500 faithful and a good number of Priests and Religious witnessed the event. His Grace Archbishop Zacchaeus presided over the Holy Mass.



Vincentian study House, Nairobi

Brothers, this week, were having their midterm break of the 2nd semester. In the midst of the tight study schedule at Hekima University College brothers are going for pastoral work in different parishes and teaching the youth. The brothers under the leadership of Fr. Rector, Jacob Mattapillil have also taken up a new initiative namely, on Sundays to teach and help the street children of Kawangware slum which is near by the study house. Thank you for your prayer and support, „*asanteni sana*“!

BLESSING OF VINCENTIAN HOUSE NZANJI, UGANDA

With immense joy and profound gratitude to God Almighty, we, the Vincentian Fathers, cordially invite you to share our joy and happiness on the occasion of the Blessing and Inauguration of the Vincentian House at Nsangi near Kampala in Uganda to be held on March 18, 2017 at 11.00 am. Your esteemed presence and prayers are solicited for the Blessing and the Eucharistic Celebration which will be followed by fellowship meals. Holy Mass and Blessing of the House by Rt. Rev. Dr. Cyprian KizitoLwanga (Archbishop of Kampala Archdiocese) and the inauguration of the House by Rev. Fr. Paul Puthuva VC (Provincial Superior, Marymatha Province, Vincentian Congregation)

❖ Birthdays of the week

Let us greet and pray on the birthdays of the following confreres:

17 March, Friday	
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Many many happy returns of the day!

Your News and Prayer Requests

We invite your cooperation to KOINONIA by sending news, Photos and prayer requests to us so that we can present that for the notice of our confreres. *“Exchange of news that will enable us to increase mutual understanding and to share the joys and sorrows of our confreres and their families and of our communities, shall be fostered”* (Practical Norms, n. 45). Please send your news and feedbacks to vcgeneral@gmail.com. **Kindly print out this news letter and make available for all our confreres in the house.**