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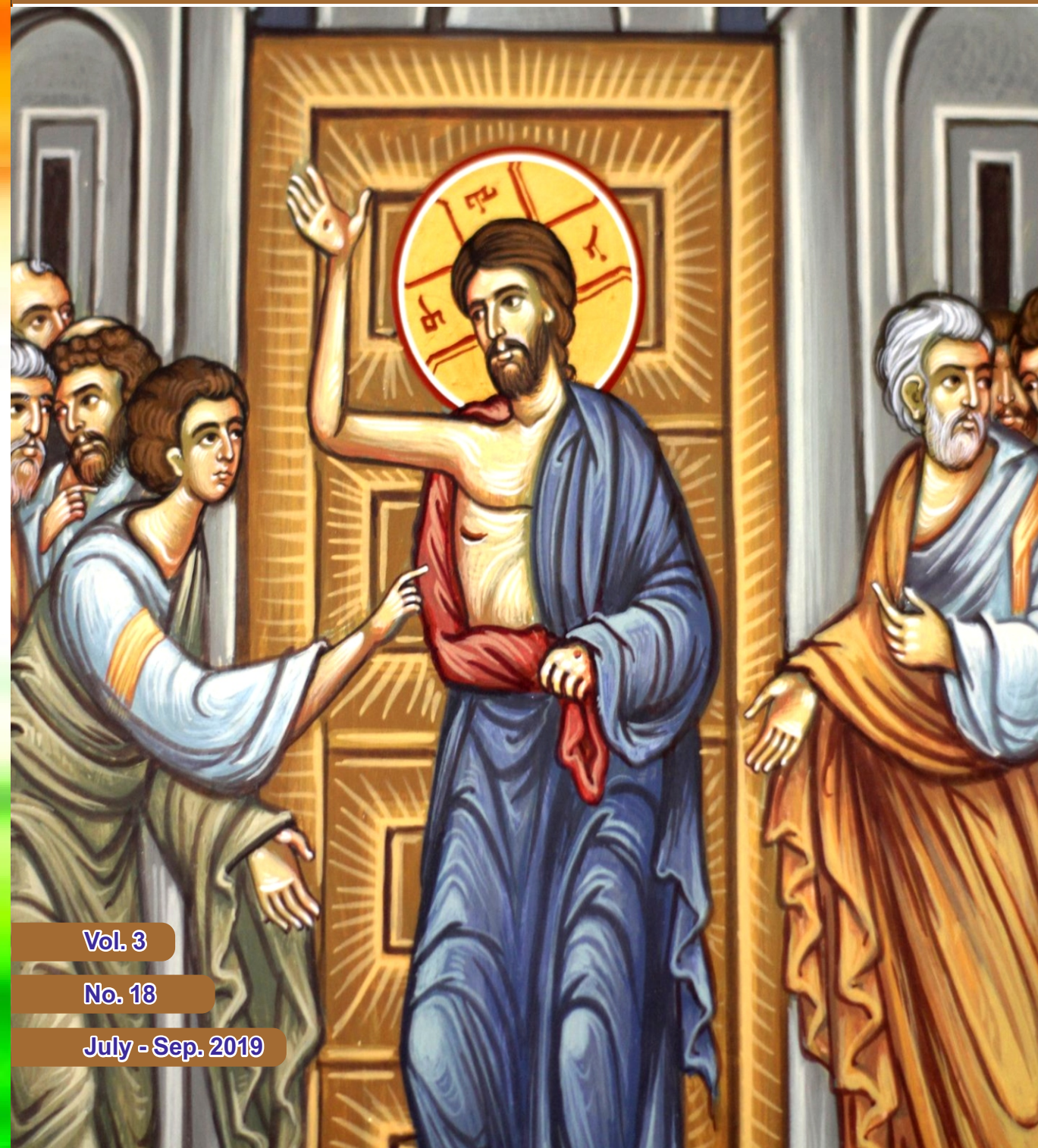


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Editorial...

Dear Friends,

We all are called to experience the Godly love which Jesus has brought for us though his sacrifice on the cross. And every one of us has the equal value under the canopy of godly love. As a special chosen one it is our duty to become one with godly love and share its blessings with everyone. As Syro Malabar Christians July 3 is an important day for each one of us. It is the day st. Thomas the apostles' feast is commemorated. 'Let us also go, that we die with him' (Jn11;16). This words teaches us that how courageous was St. Thomas being the disciple of Jesus. He was even ready to sacrifice his life; he had a complete trust in Jesus though we all show forth him as doubting disciple. All other disciples rebuked Jesus from going to Judea. As missionaries working

in the northern part of India we too should show forth our courage and trust in spreading the good news and godly love.

As we read the st. John's chapter 14 we see that st. Thomas courage to ask Jesus a question 'how can we know the way'? when Jesus told " I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going". Jesus made disciples to understand what he meant by that. Jesus wants to convey that he is the Way, Truth and Life. Today it is our duty to lead others trough that way which is Jesus himself. In this incident we see the openness of st. Thomas. He frankly told Jesus we didn't understand your sayings. Jesus speaks to each one of every now and then through his words many things

sometimes we do not grasp its meaning fully. At such occasions we too should have that openness towards Jesus and should intercede his blessings to understand his words to spread his godly love.

St. Thomas took a strong decision which made him doubting one. "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger into his side I will not believe". But, when Jesus exposed himself before St. Thomas his decisions melted like ice and then he shouted with a strong cry 'My Lord, My God'. Before the love of Jesus even the

strong decision of St. Thomas too changed. And we see that Jesus tells to his disciples that because you have seen Me you have believed, blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. It is about us Jesus many years ago. We are the blessed one whom he has chosen to spread his unconditional love....
Happy Feast to All.



Editor

Fr. Bijo Kalayakkattil CST



Fraternal Musings



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**"LET US ALSO GO,
THAT WE MAY DIE WITH HIM"**
(Jn.11:16)

The above said reaction of St. Thomas is a response to the fear of the disciples and the response of Jesus to it. When Jesus wanted to go to Martha and Mary, whose brother Lazarus died, the disciples are cautioning Jesus about the threat of the Jews: "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" (Jn.11:8). Jesus is clear in vision and He is ready to go there. He wants His disciples also to be with Him. He says: "But let us go to him" (Jn.11:15).

What made Thomas to make such a strong statement: "Let us also go, that we may die with Him"?

It is Love that Thomas had for Jesus that made him to go with Jesus even to death. It was not a silent Love.

It was a Passionate Love for Jesus. He was always in Love with Jesus. His reaction after the resurrection of Jesus is in pattern with his Passionate Love for Jesus. When he understood that he did not get the vision of Jesus after the resurrection, he is agitated and may be sorrowful. "I loved you so much, but why didn't You give me Your vision? I want You to come to me. I want to touch You. I want to experience You" This may be Thomas' inner argument with Jesus. And he declares to fellow disciples: "Unless I see the mark of the nails and I place my hand in his side, I will not believe." It may be seen as a statement of unbelief. But I like to see it as a statement of a passionate lover.

Thomas in other words says, “I want to experience you, whom I love so passionately.” Jesus answers him with His invitation to touch Him and experience Him. Thomas is crying out “My Lord and My God”. Is it not a passionate proclamation of LOVE! Jesus answers the Love call of Thomas and Thomas in return surrendered himself to the Love of Jesus.

This passionate Love led Thomas to come to India and preach Jesus and become a martyr for Jesus. His desire was fulfilled in India: “Let us also go, that we may die with Him”. In India he died not only WITH Him but also FOR Him.

Looking at us missionaries, Thomas is challenging and questioning us today. What kind of missionaries are you? Are you passionate for Jesus? Or are you happy to be merely namesake missionaries? Are you ready to die with and for Jesus?

Dear friends, this feast is inviting us to come out of our safe zones. We are called to respond to the signs of the times. It is a call to be passionately in love with Jesus. This passionate love will lead us to offer our lives with Jesus and for Jesus. It is the challenge that we face today. We are called to be Martyrs. Only a passionate lover can be a martyr.

St. Therese our Patroness says: “I understood it was Love alone that made the Church's members act, that if Love ever became extinct, apostles would not preach the Gospel and martyrs would not shed their blood”. According to Therese all heroic actions of the disciples and missionaries are prompted by their Love for Jesus. This is the love Thomas had for Jesus. This is the Love Therese had. And this is the Love that we need today, to be good missionaries. Let us be passionate missionaries.

May God bless each one of us with this LOVE for Jesus. Let this LOVE remove our fear to preach the Gospel and give us the courage to die with and for Jesus.

**I WISH DEAR FATHERS, BROTHERS
AND FRIENDS
HAPPY FEAST OF ST. THOMAS**



Othiri snehathode swantham Alukkachan

Official News

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| July 3 | - | St. Thomas Day |
| July 8-9 | - | Monthly Recollection at Provincial House |
| July 14 | - | Death Anniversary of Fr. Pius Edasseriparambil |
| August 15 | - | Independence Day & Assumption of the Virgin Mary |
| August 23 & 24 | - | Gathering of Priests (4 th Group) at Provincial House |
| August 25, 26 & 27 | - | Provincial Plenary Assembly |
| October 1 | - | Feast of St. Therese & Feast Day Celebrations at Hanumangarh |



News from Hanumangarh

Shepherd with his Charming...

On the eve of the Blessing of Little Flower Catholic Church, Hanumangarh, Bp. Oswald Lewis reached at Provincial House in the evening and had a very friendly mingling with the inmates of the Ashram. Bishop Ji stayed at Provincial House overnight and had a wonderful time with us. Next day after the blessing of the Parish Church, Bishop went back to Jaipur.

Time to Celebrate

On 27th of March, we the inmates of Hanumangarh Ashram celebrated the Feast of Fr. Joby & Fr. Siril together with the Birthday of Fr. Mathew Neeriankal at Provincial House. Though late to celebrate, it had all the ingredients of a marvellous celebration with some mind blowing games and funs together with the sumptuous dinner. Fathers, sisters and teachers from nearby stations came to wish our dear Fathers on this special day.

Men of Mission

Brothers of our Province both Philosophers and Theologians as usual had their Mission Experience in the months of March, April & May. Philosophers had one week of language proficiency classes in Holy Cross Ashram, Danewala, before departing to various stations. Brothers had different experiences like teaching in schools, coaching for the students, village ministries and camp for the youth in various Parishes. Theologians, during their Mission experience, led the Prayer Meetings, blessings and other various needs of the Parish and of the stations as demanded from them. Yet again brothers make themselves ready for the Mission evangelization through the limited chances that they receive.

St. George, Pray for us!

The feast of St. George was solemnly celebrated in the Provincial House, Hanumangarh on 23rd April. Rev. Fr. Provincial along with other feasterians were the main celebrants of the Holy Eucharist and Fr. Benny Pulinkalayil CST preached the Homily. Many Fathers, Sisters and brothers participated in the Festal Celebrations and they all wished the Feasterians a Happy Feast and after having solemn dinner all departed to their respective Ashrams.

Here I am Lord!

12 Novices of Khrist Jyoti & Little Flower Province made Khrist Jyoti Minor Seminary a Heaven-like place to be present with their self-offering to the Lord Almighty. After one year of ardent prayer and preparation, the twelve novices made their First Profession in the premises of Mudickal Minor Seminary in the presence of Very Rev. Provincials, Novice Master, Councillors, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and well-wishers. All of those present their prayed for these little buds of Little Flower Congregation to swim across the ideologies and thought patterns of this World and to be protected by the graces of the Holy Spirit.

Hundred Folds of Harvest

Months of May and June are decisive months for students, as the results of

Public exams arrive. And it is same with our prestigious institutions of Education in the Mission. All the schools, both ICSE and CBSE board examinations results were satisfactory and students came out with flying colours. All the School Management, Principles and staff are so proud about their students, for they have reaped the best harvest of the season. Among them was Master Manhar Bhansal with 99.6% the 1st Rank holder of ICSE from Little Flower Sen. Sec. Convent School, Muktsar. Kudos to the Manager, Principal and Staff of Little Flower Sen. Sec. Convent School, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab.

Remembering his Hard Works!

It's been long eleven years after the sorrowful departure of dear Fr. Varghese Koikara CST. The dedicated life and service of Late. Rev. Fr. Varghese was remembered on June 4th on the occasion of his 11th Death Anniversary at Provincial House, Hanumangarh, where his body remains are. Rev. Fr. Provincial was the main celebrant of the Requiem Mass in which many of our Priests and sisters from nearby stations took part and prayed for his eternal reward. Rev. Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal preached the Homily reminding about Fr. Varghese' many memorable achievements and services for the people of God and had prayers at the tomb. May his Soul Rest in the abode of God!

ਸੰਤ ਥੋਮਸ ਰਸੂਲ



ਸੰਤ ਥੋਮਸ ਰਸੂਲ ਜਿਸ ਦੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਅਸੀਂ ਪਵਿੱਤਰ ਅੰਜੀਲ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਅਕਸਰ ਸੁਣਦੇ ਹਾਂ, ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਬਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਪੜਿਆ-ਲਿਖਿਆ ਤੇ ਸਾਧਾਰਨ ਮੱਛੂਆਰਾ ਸੀ, ਜੋ ਗਲੀਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਹਿੰਦਾ ਸੀ। ਸੰਤ ਥੋਮਸ ਰਸੂਲ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਯਿਸੂ ਮਸੀਹ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਬਾਰਾਂ ਚੇਲਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਇੱਕ ਹੋਣ ਲਈ ਚੁਣਿਆ ਗਿਆ। ਸੰਤ ਥੋਮਸ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਯਿਸੂ ਮਸੀਹ ਨਾਲ ਮਹਾਨ ਪਿਆਰ ਉਦੋਂ ਸੀ ਜੋ ਉਸਨੇ ਉਦੋਂ ਵਿਖਾਇਆ ਜਦੋਂ ਉਹ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਨਾਲ ਲਾਜ਼ਰ ਦੇ ਘਰ ਜਾਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਸੀ। ਜਿੱਥੇ ਲਾਜ਼ਰ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ, ਪਰ ਬਾਕੀ ਚੇਲਿਆਂ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਕਿਤੇ ਯਹੂਦੀ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਉੱਪਰ ਪਥਰਾਵ ਨਾ ਕਰ ਦੇਣ। "ਆਓ ਅਸੀਂ ਵੀ ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਈਏ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਮਰ ਜਾਈਏ।" ਇਹ ਉਹੀ ਸੰਤ ਥੋਮਸ ਸੀ ਜਿਸਨੇ ਆਖਰੀ ਖਾਣੇ ਤੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਸੀ, "ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਅਸੀਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਾਣਦੇ ਕਿ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕਿੱਥੇ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਹੋ।" ਸੰਤ ਥੋਮਸ ਨੂੰ 'ਸ਼ੱਕੀ ਥੋਮਸ' ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਣਿਆ ਜਾਣ ਲੱਗ ਪਿਆ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਉਸ ਨੇ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਯਿਸੂ ਮਸੀਹ ਦੇ ਜੀਅ ਉੱਠਣ ਦੀ ਗਵਾਹੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ। ਇੱਕ ਹਫ਼ਤੇ ਬਾਅਦ ਜਦੋਂ ਉਹ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਯਿਸੂ ਮਸੀਹ ਦੇ ਦੂਸਰੀ ਵਾਰ ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਖੜ੍ਹਾ ਸੀ ਤਾਂ ਉਸਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ, "ਮੇਰੇ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਮੇਰੇ ਖੁਦਾ!" ਜੋ ਕਲੀਸੀਆ ਅੱਜ ਤੱਕ ਉਸ ਵਾਕ ਨੂੰ ਦੁਹਰਾਉਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਉਸਦੇ ਮਿਸ਼ਨਰੀ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਦੋਂ ਸਾਰੇ ਚੇਲਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਥਾਵਾਂ ਤੇ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਤਾਂ ਸੰਤ ਥੋਮਸ

ਨੂੰ ਸਿਰਿਆ ਤੋਂ ਭਾਰਤ ਤੇ ਗੁਆਂਢੀ ਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਮੌਕਾ ਮਿਲਿਆ। ਸੰਤ ਥੋਮਸ ਰਸੂਲ ਨੇ ਪੂਰੇ ਭਗਤੀ ਭਾਵਨਾ ਨਾਲ ਸਾਰੇ ਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ। ਉਸ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਸਫਲਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਈ। ਬਹੁਤ ਸਾਰੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੇ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਯਿਸੂ ਮਸੀਹ ਉਤੇ ਲਿਆਂਦਾ ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਦੇ ਰਾਹ ਤੇ ਚਲਣਾ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕੀਤਾ। ਸੰਤ ਥੋਮਸ ਰਸੂਲ ਨੇ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੇ ਕੇਰਲ ਰਾਜ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪਣੇ ਪਵਿੱਤਰ ਕਦਮ ਰੱਖੇ ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਉਹ ਪਵਿੱਤਰ ਥਾਂ ਬਣ ਗਈ। ਸੰਤ ਥੋਮਸ ਰਸੂਲ ਨੇ ਇੱਥੇ ਵੀ ਪੂਰੇ ਭਗਤੀ ਭਾਵਨਾ ਨਾਲ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਤੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਪਾਪਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਛਤਾਵਾ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ। ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਦਿਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਯਿਸੂ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਪਿਆਰ ਜਾਗਰਿਤ ਹੋਇਆ ਤੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਮਾਨ ਲਿਆਂਦਾ। ਦੂਸਰੀ ਵਾਰ ਸੰਤ ਥੋਮਸ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਾਜਾ ਗੋਂਡਾਫੋਰਸ ਦੇ ਸੱਦੇ ਤੇ ਆਏ। ਕਿਉਂ ਜੋ ਰਾਜਾ ਗੋਂਡਾਫੋਰਸ ਉਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਲਈ ਵੱਡਾ ਮੋਹਲ ਬਣਵਾ ਸਕੇ। ਪਰ ਸੰਤ ਥੋਮਸ ਰਸੂਲ ਨੇ ਇੱਥੇ ਵੀ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਯਿਸੂ ਦੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ। ਬਹੁਤ ਸਾਰੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਮਾਨ ਲਿਆਂਦਾ ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਦੇ ਰਾਹ ਦੇ ਉੱਪਰ ਚੱਲਣਾ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕੀਤਾ। ਇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਦੇਖ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਯਿਸੂ ਨੂੰ ਸਾਧਾਰਨ ਮੱਛੂਆਰੇ ਨੂੰ ਗਿਆਨੀ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਉਹ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਖੁਦਾ ਬਾਰੇ ਦੱਸ ਸਕੇ।

Malout Bulletin



Jyothi 2019-20

The scholastic year 2019-20 of Little Flower Minor Seminary Malout was inaugurated on 3 June 2019. The programme started with the Holy Mass in the morning by Very Rev. Fr George Alukka the provincial superior of the province and it was followed by the inaugural function on which Fr Provincial was the chief guest and he lit the lamp as the ceremonial inauguration. He enlightened, wished and blessed all the seminarians through his words. There were some programs from the brothers too.

Feast of Frs. Bino and Shibin Kocheelath

The feast celebration of st. Antony was on June 13. The holy liturgy was celebrated by Fr. Bino. Many fathers and sisters were present for the programs. Brothers staged some programs for the celebration.

New Batch

The new batch from Kerala arrived at Punjab on 15 March. The rector and the community of L.F Minor Seminary welcomed them. Fr. John Kapyarumalayil (Rector, Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan Mudickal) was accompanying the junior batch.

To the border

It was an enjoyable day. We visited the India-Pakistan boarder on 13 March. We also visited Ferozepur Cantt, Canal Colony and Jalalabad. The outing gave us an encouragement to our future mission works.

Farewell

We gave farewell to the senior batch on 15-4-19. We conducted a prayer and game session followed by the programmes. It gave merriment for the batch and also to fathers with a delight agappe. We gave a contented farewell for them.

To Kerala

The senior brothers went for their vacation on the same day as the junior batch went to Hanumangrah to participate the festal Mass of Fr. Provincial. It was the first time to the new batch to visit Rajasthan.

Perpetual profession of Bro Sam

The Final Profession of Bro. Sam was done on 14 May. Many fathers of the province, Parishaners, sisters and the whole community of L.F.S Malout were present at the parish church for the Holy mass. All the brothers and the priests wished him for his future life.

New novices

The senior brothers entered willingly into the Novitiate with prayers

and blessings. 10 Brothers of Krist Jyoti Province and 4 Brothers from Little Flower Province, entered formally into novitiate. They started the journey through the spiritual way.

Fr. Bino's Birthday (25-5-19)

We celebrated the birthday of Fr. Bino on 25th June. We cut cake and celebrated the day with some programs and prayers.

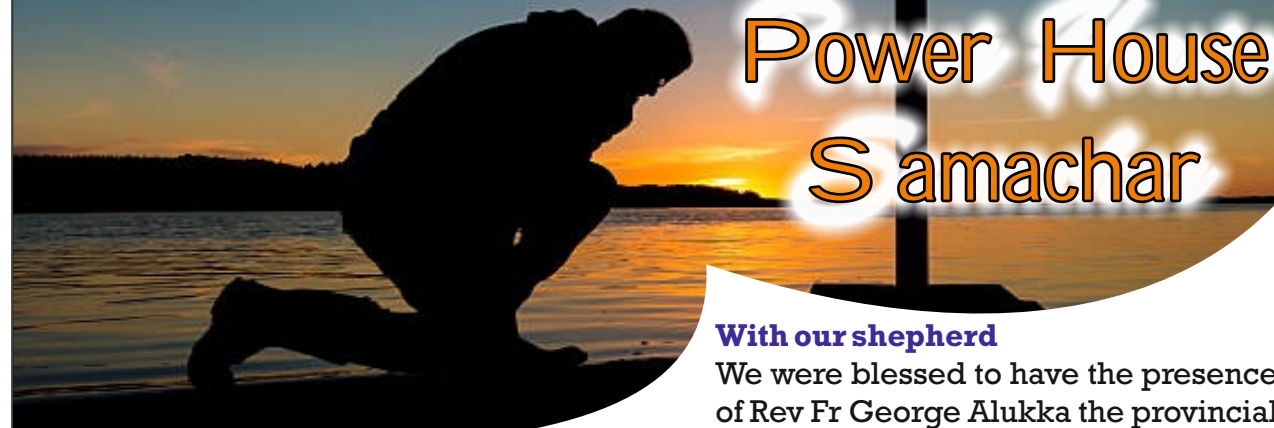
Fr. Rector's Birthday (26-5-19)

We celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Rector on 26th June. Frs. Tibin, Benny, Anoop, Suneesh, Jinesh and sisters were present in the seminary for the celebration. It was a delightful day for Fr. Rector and community.



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News



With our shepherd

We were blessed to have the presence of Rev Fr George Alukka the provincial Superior of Khrist Jyoti Province. Father made it a point to meet the novices and spend valuable time with them on 27 May. We thank dear Father for his words of motivation and encouragement.

Vibes of joy

We were so joyous to celebrate the birthday of dear Fr Varghese Poovathumoottil, the Novice Master on 2nd June 2019. Our joy was doubly redoubled when Rev Fr Bibin Narippara CST who was also celebrating his birthday joined the celebration. We conducted special adoration to pray for fathers and arranged a short cultural program to felicitate them. Fathers from Danewala and Fazilika took part in our joy.

Prayer request

We humbly request your prayers for the successful completion of this one-year canonical novitiate that we may find true meaning for our vocation through the experience of the Almighty Father.

Bro Abin Mamoottil

All to Jesus I surrender

Surrendering themselves through the evangelical counsels, 12 Novices of Little Flower Novitiate, Abohar, committed themselves to God and to his people on 17 May, 2019. 8 Novices of Khristu Jyoti Province and 4 Novices of Little Flower Province made their first profession at Mudickal before their respective provincial superiors. Congratulations dear brothers

To fall in love with Jesus

After 5 days preparatory retreat under the guidance of Rev Fr Alwin Chacko the new batch consisting 15 Novices - 10 from KJ and 4 from LF entered the novitiate on 16 May 2019. Rev Frs Saju Thottamattam and Benny Konooran who were officiating the provincial superiors cordially welcomed the novices. Rev fathers and sisters from various mission stations blessed the ceremony with their august presence.

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After my Regency, I got an opportunity to go out for higher studies in Psychology. So, I was searching for a good course according to the direction given by my batchmates. It was in the end of March that I went to a professional college at Bangalore. I gave the application form filled and other certificates needed for the course at the office. They called me for an interview after two days and I passed successfully for the entrance exam. During those days I was residing in our CST ashram. One day I went for an evening walk around our Ashram and I saw a big church in the left side of the road. I went there and prayed. After the prayer I came outside and

saw a Perpetual Adoration Chapel in one corner. Suddenly I felt an affectionate touch from someone. I was not aware about the reality. I went inside the chapel.

There was no one in the chapel besides Jesus. I knelt before the Blessed Sacrament and started praying. Many thoughts came to my mind. Will I be successful in this course? What does my Superior expect from me? Such as these many thoughts disturbed me for a while. After a few seconds, positive thoughts started to flow from my hearts. I was happy. I could sense the voice of Jesus telling me – I will give the best for your future. I didn't get the meaning of this sentence.

I wrote my intention to join in a course in a white paper and put before Jesus. I returned from the chapel as if I was saying a goodbye to Bangalore City!

After two weeks, I got a admission for a new course in Delhi. I was terrified as well as surprised. The course is not Psychology but media. Many things flashed across through my mind. I did not know that it was the real need of Jesus in this age. I reached Niscort Media College with lots of anxieties and fear for the studies about media. But, with the aid of my dear *Chechi*, St. Therese, I began my days here with a new vision and dream. It cheered my spirits in a big way. I could experience the calmness and serenity provided by the eco-friendly campus. I was fascinated by the beautiful campus and the unique 'pencil boundary' built between the adjacent school and the college. The green carpet lawn with sunflowers gave me a special experience.

The lovely tall palm trees standing with pride said a story different from other colleges. They seemed to say, one day you too will stand tall, strong and confident. My seniors welcomed me with smiles and warmth. The 'Chandan Tika' reminded me of my home. I felt welcomed to another family from my *Theresian family*.

NISCORT is a professional Media Training College for Journalism and Mass Communication Studies.

There are two courses in BA as well as PG. My course was Diploma in Pastoral Communication. There were two semesters of five subjects each. In the first semester they taught communication and media, editing – reporting, newspaper production, radio reporting and production, adobe software and editing, and documentary and film making. In the second semester the subjects were audio visual communication and production techniques, media event management, television journalism, graphic and multimedia applications, and pastoral planning. We had both oral and written examination for the subjects. I could gain many beautiful insights from this course not only in the media field but also in my personal growth.

Since the classes are about communication, there were many occasion to appear before the audience directly and indirectly through media. Camera techniques and editing style also is the special education training programme in Niscort. I was able to produce documentaries and short films with the help of my friends. As a personal initiative, I also published Lenten thoughts in Malayalam and Punjabi through social media for almost six Sundays. It was a great experience for me. I grabbed the opportunities with both hands wide open for shooting documentary of

my friends with his consent. He was very happy and cordial with me. He always reminded me, 'a good writer can become a cameraman, a good cameraman can become an editor, a good editor can become director' – thereby he wanted me to be familiar with all the areas of media field. That is the beauty of the Media.

So, the love and harmony prevailing in Niscort tells the story of its success. The college is not only a '**Wisdom House**' but it is also like our own home in very many ways. The efficient and committed Professors are the treasure of this institution. This will hopefully mould us to be successful media personnel in the days ahead. I feel that it was a blessing to be here for a year in this Garden of Love. I express my sincere gratitude to Fr. Provincial and team for their concern and love for providing me with this beautiful and apt course for my Higher Studies.

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Little Flower Ashram Muktsar

News

- ❖ The Muktsar Ashram had several get together of its members for various purposes. The Birthday celebrations of Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal, the Ashram Superior and Fr. Jobins were one among them.
- ❖ Many of the Fathers had gone for their holidays in Kerala. All are back in the ashram after the holidays.
- ❖ The Little Flower Convent School has accomplished a glorious achievement of producing the ICSE Topper of last academic year in the person of Master Manhar Bansal. The School arranged programmes for facilitating the moment of success.
- ❖ The Summer Camp for the Catechism students are going on in the Church to help them advance in the field of faith and wisdom.
- ❖ The Sacrament of Baptism for the Benjamins of the St. Thomas Catholic Church, Bhagsar were given on the Day of Pentecost. The day was colourful with various spiritual programmes.
- ❖ A Three Day convention was convened in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Jalabad for the spiritual nourishment and God-Experience. An inter-parish cricket match also was conducted.
- ❖ The construction works at Little Flower Convent School are going on smoothly towards the final.
- ❖ The missions of Immaculate Mission Hospital are triggered with the on-going endeavours taken up by the Hospital.
- ❖ Fr. Sebastian Areeparambil is back after the treatment in Kerala.

News

Faridkot A shram



* Feast of Divine mercy was celebrated at Mamdot on 27th and 28th of April. Frs. Siby kochalunkal and Dijo Urulel celebrated the holy mass respectively on those days. And also fathers from other stations offered holy mass during novena days. Many fathers and sisters came to Mamdot to take part in the holy mass and agape there after.

* A meeting for the parish priests of Punjab was held with fr. Provincial on 27th April at Ferozepur Cantt. Many of the priests took part in it and shared about their parish activities during the holy week and Lenten seasons. Conventions held at many of our parishes to prepare our faithful to the celebration of Easter.

* Day of st. Joseph the worker was observed on 1st May at Ferozepur Cantt, and on this day lot of faithful came to church to receive the blessings of st. Joseph.

* Feast day of fr. Varghese was celebrated on 22nd April at Faridkot and aslo feast days of Frs. Siju Jerome and Shibin and Birthday of Fr. Siby was celebrated on 17th June as we came for our Monthly Recollection.

* Summer camp for the catechism Children were held in Faridkot, Makhu and Mamdot and rest of the churches camp will be held at the end of June and beginning of July.



Article

Agape and life of sanctity

"Love is the synonym of religious," because a religious struggles to be in love and keeps others in the same. In this process, s/he vanishes and the risen Christ appears in him/her. Thus, s/he becomes the embodiment of love and compassion.

A religious is not of any religion - but the ultimate result of our father's love. "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." The perfection of religious life is hidden behind the struggle for sanctity, which gives birth, to pure love. In addition, this love is the fruit of one's total dependence on God. "Blessed are the pure in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God." For a religious, Jesus is the only way of his life, not merely a way but his life itself. To be poor in spirit means selling all that you have and giving it to the poor in order to accompany God.

"The truth will make you free." Yes, pure love is the pure truth and the A

God. Jesus Christ is love and a religious is called to this freedom of love, to have it and to share it. We can't give a thing that we don't have. Sanctity of the religious depends upon their love for their master, Lord Jesus Christ. It is from this they feel compassion towards the poor and the needy. Jesus was one with the Father, seeking always His will. The realization of this unity led him to develop an attitude of love and compassion to every creature in the world. All his miracles and healings were acts of mercy and compassion. The same love motivated him to take up the cross and to offer Himself a ransom for many. He sealed the new covenant of love with His own sacred blood. To be a religious means to live as Christ lived and to imitate him closely. However, for this we must be ready to take up our daily cross by abandoning ourselves into the hands of the Lord. Jesus tells, "If anyone wants to follow me, take up your cross and follow me." This is indeed a life of sacrifice. We cannot do it ourselves. The Holy Spirit helps us for this task. Even if I prophesy great things, give relief to the sick, cure the lame and restore life, if I don't have love, I m nothing. A religious life is a harp that intones Jesus' love.

A religious is one who always has to show to the world how important our Lord's sacrifice is. Let us try to be the instruments of love and compassion of the Lord. Let us realize the value of our sacrifice, which we take for the sake of love.

Bro Abhilash Konooran
Novice



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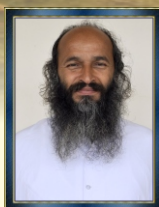
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THE FEASTS

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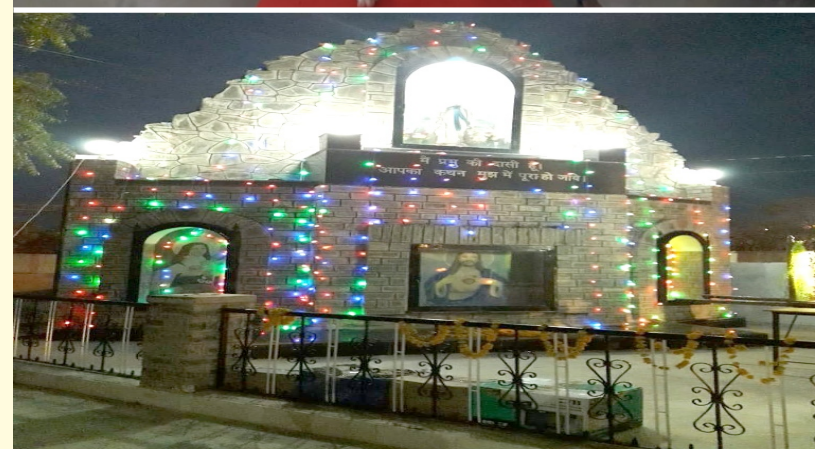
AJMER NEWS

Devotion to Sleeping St. Joseph

We celebrated the feast of St. Joseph the worker on May 1, 2019. The statue of the sleeping St. Joseph was blessed and installed on the same day.

May Devotion

May devotion was done in all its solemnities from May 1 to 31. Every day we had special Rosary and May devotion prayer at the grotto. We celebrated the grotto feast on 31st May. Rev. Fr. Jithin Kurisinkal CST was the Main Celebrant of the day. We also had solemn Rosary procession and festal dinner. Many people came to intercede to Mother Mary.



The Petals



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Loving Tribute to Former Shepherds

We commemorated the death anniversary of Rev. Fr. Jacob Edakalathur CST and Rev. Fr. Varghese Koikara CST on 10th May and 2nd June respectively. We had special Requiem Mass and prayers. Every one offered floral Tribute to the Loving Shepherds.

Bestshot Competition

Click some awesome pics on August 15 and send it to kjpetals@gmail.com

The novelty of the shots considered in particular.

Last date - Sep. 15



Congratulations

to Jyoti Communication for your innovative efforts to spread the Catholic Faith Through on Social Media.

