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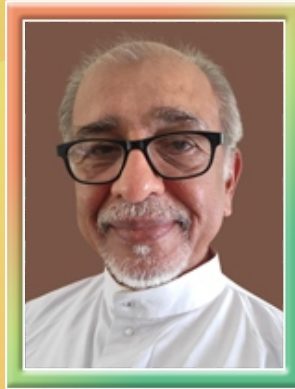


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# *Editorial...*

My dear Fathers and Friends,

First of all I wish you all the greetings of a grace filled Easter... Hallelujah!

We all were on a journey for the last forty days with the Lord through our prayers, fasting and almsgiving and other good deeds. We were trying to practice all these virtues so that we may become worthy to see the glorious presence of Jesus always in our life which our Lord has made it's possible through his death and resurrection.

Easter is the day; which fulfilled the hope we awaited. Jesus gave himself on the cross to save the world. It is the time for us to make merry because it is the day our lord Jesus Christ won victory over the power of death and Satan. It reminds us that

death is not the final stage of our life; unending love of Christ leads us to beyond death.

Our life is a journey which begins with our birth in this world and ends with inheriting heaven and eternal life. In other words we can say that we are all aliens in this world who needs to return to heaven, the real kingdom. As Isaiah 2:3 says, "come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob. He will teach us His ways and we shall walk in his path". Jesus who showed his love to the world dying on cross and rising from death, and being with us in the form of Eucharist invites us to love unconditionally our own fellow brethren. As priests we are specially chosen to walk with him to have an Emmaus experience. We need

to open up our eyes to see the needs of our own brothers and sisters in this present scenario. Being a shepherd we need to know the smell of the sheep. Jesus, being the Son of God humbled himself and suffered and died for our sins to save the world and its clutches of sins. We too need to humble ourselves being his disciples.

After the resurrection and ascension, there is only one command that our Lord has asked his disciples, 'Go to the whole world, preach the Good News and make them my disciples'.

Let this be our concern in our missionary endeavor. When we work for the Lord and when we work with the Lord, the Lord will be with us. The disciples also were ready to die for the Lord only when they experienced the power of His resurrection. Let's also pray for this grace that we may be strengthened each day to carry out his mission as my prime concern. May God bless each one of us!

Editor

Fr. Bijo Kalayakkattil CST



A painting of a cave entrance, likely the tomb of Jesus. The cave is dark and rocky, with a bright light shining from the entrance. A white cloth is draped over a tomb inside the cave. The scene is dramatic and symbolic.

## Fraternal Musings

Dear fathers and Brothers,

Pope Francis, from the moment elected to the Chair of St. Peter until today untiringly proclaims the need for fraternity among the people and the Churches. In the recent encyclical, *Fratellitutti*, he draws the meaning of fraternity. Holy Father exhorts us to measure the quantity of fraternity in us by closely examining our attitude towards a person who was injured on the roadside. Called to be Good Samaritans, our first preference should be others– the unknown! Further, he says that the term others also disappear when we appreciate the real meaning of 'us'. We need to experience social friendship, seek what is morally good, and practice a societal ethic because we are part of a universal fraternity; where we are called to solidarity, encounter, and gratuitousness.

I think the perfect example for fraternity is found in the acts of the

apostle 2: 40-47. The community of those baptized by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus gathers around for prayer, meals, fellowship, and apostolic teaching. They shared whatever they had to meet one another's needs and experienced the signs and wonders performed by the Apostles. Their fraternity not only resolved the pertinent issues of their day to today lives but also instilled in them new hope. The true relationship with God transformed their relationship with others. Fraternity is not a word in vacuum but a life situation where one experiences and lives the gift of charity and reciprocity.

As religious, our call is to lead a fraternal life, of charity, generosity, and reciprocity. "The model and ideal of our community life is the divine fellowship. Being persons having individual differences, we are to bear witness to the Trinitarian unity through

mutual self-giving in love” (Constitution and Directory no. 8). It reminds us of our privileged obligation to foster fraternity in our community. Psalmist would sing “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is when brothers live in harmony” (Psalm: 133:1).

Our Patroness, St. Therese set for us the iconic example to be 'love in the heart of the Church' or be 'love in the community'. St. Therese was like the burning bush (Ex 2-3), burning with the love of God and the love for neighbour. She firmly believed that love towards God and fellow sisters is the narrow road to heaven. She teaches that God rewards us in life not by our personal achievements but because of the gift of charity, reciprocity, care, and concern that we have for each other in the community.

Our community, the other in the community is the crux that orients us towards heaven. Taking on board the centrality of the community, should prompt us to 'think with the Church' and 'Go and do likewise' as the mantra taught by our Vallichan. The compelling and challenging political-social-ecclesiastical scenario of our country should haste us towards reading the signs of time. Valliachen being a visionary understood the pulse of the time and responded promptly; and effectively involved in the pertinent issues of the society. Mookkannoor village remains as a testimony and demonstrative proof to the vision of Vallaichan who carried 'the curing oil of the good Samaritan' and had 'the smell of the sheep'. It was the

transformation from “me” to “other” that gave him the impetus 'to be there for the needy' because a good priest can't drive fast if he is halted by a suffering person.

We are entering into the season of Easter. Easter tells us the story of the victory of an obedient son over evil. The death of an obedient son changed our lives, gave us a new meaning to our lives enriching us with his life on this earth to live with a purpose. Jesus left us with this responsibility that we should lead a life in the fraternity. Christianity is not merely the religion of theories, but it is a religion of action having many things to practice. Fraternity, love, reciprocity, and peace-making are some of these constructive actions. As Pope Francis says, 'we need to stretch our hands to the other. Christ gave us a saving hand to trek towards heaven and we should extend our hands to whomever we meet. There the Easter meaning is fulfilled, and our life also is blessed. Always remember this slogan “When I see you, I see Christ.”’

Therefore, Easter brings the message “say yes to love and life, invest in the fraternity, fight for a better world and experience solidarity.” May this Easter bring much joy and happiness to our lives. Let us rejoice because we are Easter Christians.



**Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST**  
Provincial Superior



## Official News

### Notifications:

- ❖ Monthly Recollection and priestly gathering will be held in Provincial House on 27 and 28 April 2021.
- ❖ Blessing of the newly built Alphonsa Convent at Sikwala will be on 7th April 2021.
- ❖ All are requested to have your transfers executed in the presence of Provincial Superior or one of the Provincial Councillors after Easter and before 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- ❖ Joby T.J. who was doing his regency in Fazlika left the congregation on self-accord.

# THE NEW DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS

## What is the new *Directory for Catechesis*?

The new *Directory for Catechesis* was publicly released on June 25, 2020, against the backdrop of a global pandemic, in a time of great global upheaval. This new directory has been produced as a follow-up to several important documents of the Magisterium, namely the *General Catechetical Directory* (1971), the *General Directory for Catechesis* (1997), the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1992), and the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013). All of these texts explore a number of similar themes: the process of evangelization, the goals and tasks of catechesis, changes in the global context, and the implementation of evangelization and catechesis.

## Who published it?

It was published in English in July, 2020, by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## What is the new directory about?

The new *Directory for Catechesis* is marked by an emphasis on the primacy of the *kerygma* within the process of evangelization, an understanding of kerygmatic catechesis, and the new and emerging cultural conditions to which catechists must be attentive. **Two cultural contexts**, in particular, are highlighted. The first is the phenomenon of digital culture, which brings with it a second implication, the globalization of culture.

**The structure?** The document has three parts. Each part consists of four chapters, for a total of 12 chapters.

## **Part I: Catechesis in the Church's Mission of Evangelization**

Chapter One: Revelation and Its Transmission

Chapter Two: The Identity of Catechesis

Chapter Three: The Catechist

Chapter Four: The Formation of Catechists

## **Part II: The Process of Catechesis**

Chapter Five: The Pedagogy of the Faith

Chapter Six: The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Chapter Seven: Methodology in Catechesis

Chapter Eight: Catechesis in the Lives of Persons

## **Part III: Catechesis in the Particular Churches**

Chapter Nine: The Christian Community as Participant in Catechesis

Chapter Ten: Catechesis in the Face of Contemporary Cultural Scenarios

Chapter Eleven: Catechesis at the Service of the Inculturation of the Faith

Chapter Twelve: The Organisms at the Service of Catechesis

**The Pontifical Council** for Promoting the New Evangelization releases a new Directory for Catechesis, providing guidelines for the Church's mission of proclaiming the Gospel through catechesis and evangelization.

**"The new Directory for Catechesis offers** the fundamental theological-pastoral principles and some general orientations which are relevant for the practice of catechesis in our time," Archbishop Rino Fisichella (Italian Bishop-He is the president of the pontifical council for the promotion of new evangelization) wrote in the introduction to the directory.

The book intended as a guide to bishops, priests, religious, and lay Catholics involved in teaching the Catholic faith. According to the archbishop, the guiding criterion for the writing of the new edition was deepening the Church's understanding of the role of catechesis in the area of evangelization.

It states that each directory is in continuity with the Church's teachings, especially the documents of Vatican II, the

Catechism of the Catholic Church, papal encyclicals, and synods of bishops. It arrives at a timely moment as the universal Church seeks to re-evangelize and renew Christian faith in the local churches especially in the face of the West and Europe's phenomenal 'loss' of Catholic faith and its struggle through a pandemic-ridden world.

It presents fundamental theological-pastoral principles for catechesis while responding to the current social conditions and cultural forces that shape the Church's communication of the living mystery of God today. With a set of directives to all those involved in catechesis and 'teach' the Catholic faith, its publication is a significant moment in the history of the Church, offering opportunity for all to live more deeply the mission "to echo" the faith.

Two papal phrases frame the text of the DC – **"The Church exists to evangelize,"** (Paul VI) and **"I am a mission,"** (Pope Francis). While proposing three major principles of action – witnessing, mercy and dialogue – the DC highlights the close link between evangelization and catechesis; that every baptized person has a missionary vocation to find innovative ways of communicating the faith with commitment and responsibility.

Evangelization, that occupies the primary place in the life of the Church, is the task that Christ has entrusted his Church with, in order to be, in this digital age, the faithful announcement of his Gospel. In this sense, Catechesis garbs on "the very characteristics of evangelization," but does not substitute it. "In this relationship, the primacy belongs to evangelization not to catechesis." In the Preface of DC it is stated, "The criterion that prompted the reflection on and production of this Directory finds its basis in the words of Pope Francis: 'we have

rediscovered the fundamental role of the first announcement or kerygma, which needs to be the center of all evangelizing activity and all efforts at Church renewal.'”

“All Christian formation consists of entering more deeply into the kerygma, which is reflected in and constantly illumines, the work of catechesis, thereby enabling us to understand more fully the significance of every subject which the latter treats. It is the message capable of responding to the desire for the infinite which abides in every human heart.” The DC is formulated in support of a kerygmatic catechesis, in which, the Preface continues, the **“heart of catechesis is the announcement of the person of Jesus Christ**, who surpasses the limits of space and time to present himself to each generation as the novelty offered to reach the meaning of life.”

The fast changing world brought about by the past two accelerated digital decades demands a new DC that would fit in with realism on to the recent cultural developments with apt catechetical requirements. Therefore, the DC presents both the problems inherent in digital culture, and suggests principles and practical paths for catechesis in its local context to follow. The immediate aim of the DC is to help in reformulating, planning and executing national and regional directories, catechism texts and other innovative materials. To ignore this, would make the Church as any other organization, but not the two thousand years old Church of Christ.

It is **tantamount to rethink with courage and** creativity the objectives, structures, style and methods of evangelization through catechesis; walking together as partners, networking, coordinating, fostering educational-pastoral discernment (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 33) thus being inflamed by

missionary zeal – a 'new normal' for an evangelizing catechesis.

**1-The very first part**, “Catechesis in the evangelizing mission of the Church”, treats the formation of catechists, because in order to be credible witnesses of the faith, catechists have to be **“catechized before being catechists.”** Imbibing a missionary spirituality as an antidote from “sterile pastoral fatigue” the catechist engages in service with dedication and integrity. They are asked to be vigilant while catechising “so that absolute protection is guaranteed to every person, particularly to minors and vulnerable person” and avoid any type of abuse – sexual, power or spiritual.

As the Catholic Church embarks on the mission of teaching the Christian faith, the new *Directory for Catechesis* (2020) lays the how-to guidelines for catechesis and presents universal norms to guide pastors and catechists in the work of evangelization. The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization presents the *Directory* to guide the proclamation of the Gospel by the Christian faithful to people of all ages and in all seasons of life.

These guidelines are important for bishops, who are the primary catechists in their local diocese. The *Directory* will also be indispensable for all those responsible for formal religious instruction, including pastors and parish priests, deacons, lay and religious catechists, and religious education teachers in dioceses, parishes, and schools. The *Directory* will furthermore aid directors of formation who train the faithful in the forms and means of catechesis, including seminary rectors, directors of formation for the permanent diaconate, and lay ecclesial minister formation program directors.

**The new Directory seeks to highlight** the close link between

evangelization and catechesis. It underlines that every baptized person is a missionary called to find new ways of communicating the faith with commitment and responsibility. In this regard, the new Directory proposes three major principles of action: Witnessing, Mercy and Dialogue.

**2- The second part** - "The process of catechesis" - underscores the importance of a "profound and effective communicative model". It proposes the use of art through the contemplation of beauty as a means of connecting with God, and sacred music as a way of instilling the desire for God in the heart of people.

The role of the family also comes to the fore. There those being evangelized can live the faith in a simple and spontaneous way. It is also where people can receive Christian education in a humble and compassionate manner. In the face of new family scenarios in contemporary society, Christians are called to accompany others with closeness, listening and understanding in order to restore hope and trust to all.

#### **A culture of inclusion**

The Directory also highlights the importance of "welcoming and recognizing" the differently-abled. It stresses that they are witnesses to the essential truths of human life and are to be welcomed as a great gift. Their families also are deserving of "respect and admiration".

In the same way, catechesis should focus on acceptance, trust and solidarity for migrants, who, far from their homeland, may experience a crisis of faith. Migrants are to be supported in the fight against prejudices and the serious dangers they may face, such as human trafficking.

#### **Preferential option for the poor, catechesis for prisoners**

The Directory calls for attention to be given to prisons describing them as an

"authentic mission land". It proposes that for prisoners, catechesis should be the proclamation of salvation in Christ, as well as caring listening which shows the maternal face of the Church.

As regards the poor, catechesis should educate people about evangelical poverty. It should also promote a culture of fraternity and foster indignation among for faithful against situations of misery and injustice suffered by the poor.

**3- The third part**, entitled "Catechesis in Particular Churches", is dedicated to catechesis in parishes, ecclesiastical movements and other Church associations.

Parishes are highlighted as "examples of community apostolate" which should provide creative catechesis adapted to people's lived experience. Other Church associations are also recognized as having "a great evangelizing capacity" that adds to the "Church's richness". Regarding Catholic schools, the Directory proposes a movement from being "scholastic-institutions" to becoming "scholastic-communities" of faith with an educational project based on Gospel values. It also notes that teaching religion is distinct from, but complementary to, catechism.

#### **Technology and the digital world**

In the challenges faced by the globalized and self-imposed digital culture that determines its development, the Church leaders responsible for the faith formation should not shun responsibility. Unlike the past, **when culture was geographically limited, the digital culture** is entwined with the ongoing globalisation wherein the electronic media of communications manifest a radical behavioral transformation that influence the formation of personal identity and interpersonal relations.

In a digital age marked by tremendous social and cultural challenges, in which the field of catechesis is left behind, the DC focuses on “centrality of the Church's mission of bringing the world to an authentic encounter with Christ, an encounter that inspires and propels people as witnesses for the faith.”

“**Catechesis, therefore,** will have to make every effort to make the Church's teaching understood and to help to create a new culture,” the document states.

**Conclusion:**

Without a deeper conversion of the heart we can't get out of the mess that we find ourselves in. A profound interior conversion is needed. Only when we individuals undergo the interior conversion a new spirituality will arise.

And this new spirituality will give purpose and motivation to our collective actions. After all it's by working together that we can bring about a lasting change. Let's work together to find creative solutions to protect the intentions of our loving Pope Francis. Restoring our relationship with each other with creation and with God, let's give significance to the threat we face as global family; the simple call for transformation of mind and heart is needed now more than ever.

(Presented in the Priestly meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at Jyoti Niwas, Hanumangarh)



Fr Shan Joseph CST



# Hanumangarh News

## Christmas Vibes

So exuberant was the celebration of Christmas this year that no Corona threat could wind down its spirits. The Theologians who were attending their online classes from here made crib and put up a Christmas tree in the Parish Church. Christmas gathering was conducted for the local community which included the sisters and the aspirants nearby. Games were conducted and festive dinner was prepared to colour the event more.

## Three more feathers...

As part of expanding our mission we erected two new Ashrams and one mission station in Punjab and Rajasthan. On 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 we blessed and inaugurated the newly constructed Ashram in Tresanagar, Raman in the Eparchy of Faridabad-

Delhi, on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 we erected a new ashram in Ratangarh in the diocese of Jaipur, on 10<sup>th</sup> February we inaugurated and blessed the newly constructed presbytery house in Sujangarh mission station in the diocese of Jaipur. Rev. Fr. George Alukka CST, the Provincial Superior blessed them all in the presence of Rev. Fathers and sisters from Punjab and Rajasthan. Congratulations to Frs. Jobin Moolan CST, Tom Padinjareyil CST and Suneesh Ezholickal CST for your strenuous efforts behind the completion of their construction.

## Monthly Recollections

The Theologians and the regents in the mission had their monthly recollections of the months January, February and March at Little Flower Seminary Malout, Little Flower Ashram

Fazilka and Jyoti Niwas Provincial House Hanumangarh correspondingly. Fr. Shibin Kocheelath CST, Fr. Silvinose Alilakkuzhiyil CST and Fr. Brijeesh Urumbil CST were the respective recollection preachers and Fr. Augustine Varakil CST heard the confession.

### **New Priest Day**

The four new priests of this year namely, Frs. Justine Vettikkeeruparambil CST, Brijeesh Urumbil CST, Ani Kollamparambil CST and Ajay Narippara CST got officially welcomed and conjoined the priestly koinonia of Punjab – Rajasthan on the occasion of the New Priest Day on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021. They offered their First Mass co-celebrated by Fr. George Alukka CST, the provincial superior. A felicitation ceremony was conducted followed by the Eucharistic Celebration.

### **Provincial Synaxis**

Provincial Synaxis for the election of the new administration team 2021-23 was held at Jyoti Niwas, Khrist Jyoti Provincial House from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Fr. John Kapiyarumalayil CST the delegate of Fr. Superior General presided the first session of Provincial Synaxis. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST was elected as the new Provincial Superior, joined by Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly CST as the Vice – Provincial, Frs. Joby Palankara CST and Salj Puravalappil CST as the first and second councillors respectively,

Fr. Shijo Palakkuzha CST as the Provincial Econome and Fr. Jijo Parokaran CST as the Provincial Auditor cum Archivist. All the best for the new administration team and big thanks to the outgoing team led by Fr. George Alukka CST.

### **In memory of Fr. George Kulampally**

Pioneer missionary Fr. George Kulampally CST was called for his eternal reward on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at San Joe Hospital, Perumbavoor. His mortal remains were brought to Khrist Jyoti Minor Seminary, Mudickal at 6 in the morning on 12<sup>th</sup> February and shifted to Little Flower Major Seminary, Aluva by 10.00 am. Bp. Mar Sebastian Vaniyappurackal and people from every walk of life paid him their last homage. By evening his remnants were laid rest at the Cemetery Chapel of the seminary, the burial service officiated by Bp. Mar John Nellikkunnel, the bishop of the diocese of Idudki and Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakulalayil CST, the Superior General of the Little Flower Congregation (CST Fathers). Fr. George Alukka CST, the Provincial Superior of Khrist Jyoti Province gave the funeral message. May he rest in peace.

### **Monthly Recollection and Priestly Gathering**

“It is good to be here oh Lord” (Mt: 17:4). Fathers had their monthly recollection on 28<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

Fr. Ani Kollamparmabil CST was the preacher for the monthly recollection. The first Priestly gathering under the new administration was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and many of the fathers were present for the gathering. Fr. Shan Alackaparmbil CST presented a paper on newly published Directory for Catechesis. It was really an informative and instructional experience for the fathers.

### **In loving memory of Fr. George Kulampally CST**

A requiem mass was held in the Provincial House on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Mar Jose Puthenveetil Auxiliary Bishop of the Eparchy of Faridabad- Delhi was the main celebrant and Fr. Silveenose Alilakuzhyil CST shared his memories about him during the Holy mass. Many fathers from Punjab- Rajasthan participated in the requiem mass and prayed for the departed soul. May he rest in peace.

### **Memories never die...**

Death anniversaries of Fr. Savio Peechattu CST, Fr. Paul Karumathy CST and Bro. Joby Ottapalackal CST were commemorated on 4<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Requiem Mass, followed by the office for the dead was offered on the occasion.

### **Appointments ready!**

After much deliberations and discussions appointments and transfers for the next administrative term were finally got published on 14<sup>th</sup>

March 2021. They will be on effect from the week after the Easter. All the best for the appointees and have a fruitful new tenure of your priestly ministry.

### **Mission visit from POC**

13 Colleagues of Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, the Provincial Superior from POC visited the Punjab – Rajasthan mission from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Fr. Sandeep Thekkel CST and Fr. Ajeesh Pareeckal CST as the programme coordinators accompanied them through out and got them taken some sweet reminiscence of a complete mission exposure. The visitors showed up here on 6<sup>th</sup> evening and resumed their journey from early morning. Thank you, very dear fathers, for your kind visit.

### **Birthdays & Feast Days**

The birthdays of Fr. Sandeep Thekkel CST, Fr. Mathew Neeriyankal CST, Fr. Brijesh Urumbil CST, Bros. Juslin, Sam and Tinto and the feast of St. Joseph (feasts of Fr. Brijesh Urumbil CST and Bro. Nikhil) were celebrated with much joy and delight. Wish you all the returns of the day dear celebrants.

### **Memoir on Fr. George Kulampally CST**

Good memories never fade away if someone is so special to us. On 23<sup>rd</sup> March a requiem mass was held at Sts. Gervasis and Prothasis Forane Church kothanalloor. Fr. Sebastian Ettupara the relative of late Fr. George Kulampally CST was the main celebrant

and Fr. Jojo Varakukalyil CST Superior General of Little Flower Congregation shared the good memories on him during the requiem mass. On the same day after the requiem mass a memoir was published on our dear Fr. George Kulampally CST. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST the Provincial Superior released the souvenir "APPUPPANTHADI" in the presence of Fr. Jojo Varakukalyil CST the Superior General of CST Congregation and many other fathers were present for the function. Thank you so much to the editorial team Fr. Alwin ElavumkalCST and Fr. Alwin Padinjarekuttu CST for the untiring effort they put into the completion of the memoir.

#### **Partaken the funeral service of Fr. Robert Kalaran CST**

On behalf of Khrist Jyoti Province Fr. Mathew Kumpackal CST and Fathers

from Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan Mudickal participated in the funeral service of Fr. Robert Kalaran CST former Superior General of Little Flower Congregation. They have conveyed our heartfelt condolence and remembered his admirable support towards our province during his period of administration.

#### **Visitors Diary**

Khrist Jyoti Provincial House is a garden of love where many people visit often. Provincial Superior of Christu Jyoti province of the SABs Congregation visited Provincial house on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and Provincial Superior of Jalandhar Province of the FCC Congregation and FCC General Councillors from Kerala blessed us with their eminent presence on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Thank you for your love and support you are rendering towards our Congregation.



Releasing of "Appooppanthandi" Souvenir of Fr. George Kulampally CST by Rev. Fr. Provincial

## Appointments and Offices of Khrist Jyoti Province (Punjab-Rajasthan)

Sl. No.	Name	Appointments and Offices	Place	Ashram
<b>Rajasthan</b>				
1.	Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil	Superior	Hanumangarh	LF Ashram, Hanaumangarh
2.	Fr. Brijesh Urumbil	Secretary to Fr. Provincial, Ashram Procurator	Hanumangarh	LF Ashram, Hanaumangarh
3.	Fr. Benny Pulimkalayil	Parish Priest, Principal LFCS	Hanumangarh	LF Ashram, Hanaumangarh
4.	Fr. Shan Alackaparambil	Director of Missiological Centre, Manager LFCS Hanumangarh, Evangelization-Sangaria	Hanumangarh	LF Ashram Hanaumangarh
5.	Fr. Jobin Moolan	Procurator of Ashram, Manager LFCS	Ratangarh	LF Ashram, Rathangarh
6.	Fr. John Kudilil	Superior of LF Ashram, Ratangarh, Stay at Churu	Churu	LF Ashram, Rathangarh
7.	Fr. Suneesh Ezholeikal	Priest incharge, Parish Priest, Manager LFCS Churu	Churu	LF Ashram, Ratangarh
8.	Fr. Sebastian Kalapurackal	Priest incharge, Manager of LFCS	Sujangarh	LF Ashram Ratangarh
9.	Fr. Jijo Parokkaran	Superior of St. Mary's Ashram, Parish Priest, Manager of St. Mary's Sr. Sec. School, Sikar.	Sikar	St. Mary's Ashram Sikar
10.	Fr. Anoop Moolan	Member, Study in India	Sikar	St. Mary's Ashram Sikar
11.	Fr. Sinoj Ambalathotty	Priest incharge Jhununu & Khetri Nagar, Manager LF School	Jhunjhunu	St. Mary's Ashram Sikar
12.	Fr. Saju Thottamattom	Superior, Parish Priest, Director of IGMENZ ITC	Ajmer	LF Ashram, Ajmer
13.	Fr. Ajay Narippara	Ashram Procurator, Asst. Parish Priest, Asst. Director of ITC.	Ajmer	LF Ashram, Ajmer
14.	Fr. Jobins Puthiyamangalath	Priest incharge, Parish Priest, Manager of St. Paul's School.	Jaisalmer	LF Ashram Bikaner
15.	Fr. Vince Kanjirakombil	Priest incharge, Parish Priest, Manager of LFCS.	Nokha	LF Ashram Bikaner
16.	Fr. Thomas Njanackal	Superior of LF Ashram Bikaner, Manager of BBS & Little Flower KG, Incharge of Nal Station	Bikaner	LF Ashram, Bikaner
17.	Fr. Sandeep Thekkel	Principal of BBS	Bikaner	LF Ashram, Bikaner
18.	Fr. Dony Mullakariyil	Ashram Procurator, Parish Priest Vice Principal & Bursar of BBS	Bikaner	LF Ashram, Bikaner

19.	Fr. Abraham Poonolil	Priest incharge, Parish Priest, Manager of Sacred Heart Sr. Sec. School	Suratgarh	LF Ashram, Hanumangh
20.	Fr. Joseph Padinjarekuttu	Member, Medical Treatment	Suratgarh	LF Ashram, Hanumangh
21.	Fr. Joby Palankara	Superior of LF Ashram Kesarisinghpur, Priest incharge SH Station SGNR, Parish Priest, Manager of SH School	Sri Ganganagar	LF Ashram, Kesarisinghpur
22.	Fr. Justin Vettikkeeruparambil	House Procurator, Asst. Parish Priest, Asst. Manager, Bursar	Sri Ganganagar	LF Ashram, Kesarisinghpur
23.	Fr. Shubin Thachoor	Priest incharge, Manager LFCS (from second week of June)	Kesarisinghpur	LF Ashram Kesarisinghpur

Punjab				
24.	Fr. Rijo Menachery	Superior, Parish Priest, Manager Alphonsa High School, Director of Dispensary	Sikhwala	LF Ashram, Sikhwala
25.	Fr. Tom Padinjarayil	Superior Priest incharge	Treesa Nagar, Raman	L F Ashram, Treesa Nagar, Raman
26.	Fr. Robin Areeparambil	Superior, Parish Priest, Manager LFCS	Kot shamir	L F Ashram, Kot shamir
27.	Fr. Shijo Palakuzha	Superior	Bathinda	LF Ashram, Bathinda
28.	Fr. Tabin Mannusseril	Priest incharge Ashram Procurator	Bathinda	LF Ashram, Bathinda
29.	Fr. Sunny Kursumoottil	Superior Manager of LFCS	Gidderbaha	LF Ashram, Gidderbaha
30.	Fr. Jinesh Plathottathil	Ashram Procurator Priest incharge, Principal of LFCS	Gidderbaha	LF Ashram, Gidderbaha
31.	Fr. Shibu Menachery	Superior, Rector, LF Seminary Manager of SHCS, SH KG Malout Manager of LFCS Jettianwala	Malout	SH Ashram, Malout
32.	Fr. Ani Kollamparambil	Vice Rector, Procurator, Incharge of land at Kolianwala, Priest Incharge of St. Mary's Nativity Syro-Malabar Mission, Malout	Malout	SH Ashram, Malout
33.	Fr. Mathew Neeriankal	Principal, SHCS	Malout	SH Ashram, Malout

34.	Fr. Mobin Thazhathedath	Ashram Procurator, Parish Priest, Vice Principal, Bursar SHCS Malout	Malout	SH Ashram, Malout
35.	Fr.Varghese Poovathumoottil	Superior, Novice Master, LF Novitiate	Abohar	LF Ashram, Abohar
36.	Fr. Anjilivelil Thomas	Superior, Manager HC School, Parish Priest, Director of Basil Diary Farm, Incharge of Agricultural Land	Danewala	HC Ashram, Danewala
37.	Fr. Bibin Edappallimadathil	Ashram Procurator, Asst. Parish Priest, Principal, HC School	Danewala	HC Ashram, Danewala
38.	Fr. Sebastian Areeparambil	Superior, Parish Priest, Manager SHCS, Fazilka	Fazilka	LF Ashram, Fazilka
39.	Fr. Sabeenose Alilakuzhiyil	Superior, Parish Priest	Jalalabad	S H Ashram, Jalalabad
40.	Fr. Bino Pariyadan	Procurator of Ashram, Asst. Parish Priest, Manager of SHCS Jalalabad	Jalalabad	S H Ashram Jalalabad
41.	Fr. Salj Puravalappil	Superior Parish Priest, Manager of LFCS	Guruaharsahai	LF Ashram Guruaharsahai
42.	Fr. Antony Kalapurackal	Superior Priest incharge Zira & Kot Ise Khan, Manager of LFCS Zira	Zira	LF Ashram, Zira
43.	Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal	Sabbatical Year, Stay at Zira	Zira	LF Ashram, Zira
44.	Fr. George Alukka	Superior, Parish Priest, Manager of St. Joseph's Convent School & KG	Moga	St. Joseph's Ashram, Moga
45.	Fr. Noble Vattakunnel	Ashram Procurator, Asst. Parish Priest, Asst. Manager & Bursar	Moga	St. Joseph's Ashram, Moga
46.	Fr. Sunny Charkkunathu	Superior, Parish Priest, (from first week of June)	Faridkot	St. Mary's Ashram, Faridkot
47.	Fr. Sunny Cheruthanickal	Principal, St. Mary's Convent School	Faridkot	St. Mary's Ashram, Faridkot
48.	Fr. Mathews Moozhayil	Ashram Procurator, Asst. Parish Priest, Manager of St. Mary's Convent School and St. Joseph's KG	Faridkot	St. Mary's Ashram, Faridkot
49.	Fr.Varghese Chittinappilly	Superior (from first week of June)	Sadiq	LF Ashram, Sadiq
50.	Fr. Bibin Narippara	Ashram Procurator, Priest Incharge	Sadiq	LF Ashram, Sadiq
51.	Fr.Vincent Chittinappilly	Superior Parish Priest Manager of LFCS & St. Paul KG Director of Jyoti Foster Care	Muktsar	LF Ashram, Muktsar

52.	Fr. Bruno Pazhooparambil	Member	Muktsar	LF Ashram, Muktsar
53.	Fr. Melbin Thekkemalil	Ashram Procurator, Asst. Parish Priest, Manager Basil Mission School Kotli Road, Director of Xavier Printing Press	Muktsar	LF Ashram, Muktsar
54.	Fr. Siril Pothen	Asst. Parish Priest Asst. Manager & Bursar of LF Sr. Sec. School,	Muktsar	LF Ashram, Muktsar
55.	Fr. Deepak Thoomkuzhy	Director of Immaculate Mission Hospital, Director of Jyoti Hospice and Palliative, Programme Coordinator of Social Work	Muktsar	LF Ashram, Muktsar

Delhi				
56	Fr. Kurian Moonjely	Superior	Dwaraka, Delhi	Little Flower Ashram Dwaraka
57	Fr. Antony Moonjely	Superior	Mayur Vihar, New Delhi	Little Flower Ashram Mayur Vihar

Kerala				
58	Fr. Benny Valloor	Superior, Rector (if relieved from Germany)	Mudickal	Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan Mudickal
59	Fr. Alwin Elavumkal	Vice Rector, Procurator, Incharge of land at Anikkadu	Mudickal	Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan Mudickal
60	Fr. Shubin Kochelathu	Vocation Promoter Incharge of inmates of KJ Mission Bhavan, Staff of Minor Seminary (from second week of June)	Mudickal	Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan Mudickal
61	Fr. Alwin Padinjarekutt	Higher Studies, Staff of Minor Seminary	Mudickal	Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan Mudickal

Common Houses				
62	Fr. John Kapiyaramalayil	Generalate	Kerala	
63	Fr. Tiyo Kochukavumpurath	Generalate	Kerala	
64	Fr. Rogi Narithookil	LF Seminary	Kerala, Rome	
65	Fr. Saji Nellikunnel	LF Seminary	Kerala	
66	Fr. Augustine Pamplany	LF Seminary	Kerala	
67	Fr. Tigi Thanniyil	LF Seminary	Kerala	

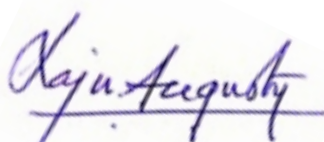
Relieved for the Diocese of Jalandhar				
68	Fr. Augustine Varakil	Priest incharge	Mamdot	LF Ashram, Guruharsahai
69	Fr. Silvinose Alilakuzhiyil	Priest incharge	Ferozepur City	LF Ashram, Zira
70	Fr. Bijo Kalayakattil	Priest incharge	Bhagsar	LF Ashram, Muktsar

Relieved for the Diocese of Faridabad				
71	Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal	Faridabad	Faridabad	St. Mary's Ashram, Faridkot
72	Fr. Jidhin Kurisinkal	from June after relieving from Abhor		St. Mary's Ashram, Faridkot
73	Fr. Akhil Thattamparambil	Faridabad		LF Ashram, Zira

African Mission				
74	Fr. Jojesh Ottaplackal			
75	Fr. Babychan Tholanickal			

Pastoral Work Abroad				
76	Fr. Joy Mundaplackal			
77	Fr. Mejo Puthusserry			
78	Fr. Jacob Vaniyapurackal			
79	Fr. Jaimon Vengacheril			
80	Fr. John Joseph Myladumparayil			
81	Fr. Antony Anmura			
82	Fr. John Mundackal			
83	Fr. Dijo Urulel	Relieved for pastoral work in abroad (from second week of June)		
84	Fr. Ajeesh Pareeckal	Relieved for pastoral work in abroad		

Study in Abroad				
85	Fr Shoby Ayoolakunnel			
86	Fr. Shyju Chathanatt			

  
 Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST  
 Provincial Superior





*"I am the resurrection and the life.  
The one who believes in me will live,  
even though they die".*

(Jn 11:25)

## OBITUARY

**REV. FR. GEORGE KULAMPALLY CST**

{1942-2021}

For I am Convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither heights nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39)

February 11, 2021 was a day of great loss for Little Flower Congregation especially to the Khrist Jyoti Province as it lost one of its pioneer missionaries and a great soul synchronizing with the voice of the voiceless.

Fr. George Kulampally was born on October 15, 1942 at Kalathur a small village in the Kothanallor Parish in the Eparchy of Pala as the 3<sup>rd</sup> son of late Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Mariyam. Along with the other five siblings he grew up enjoying their love and care. After his studies at Athirampuzha High School, he joined the minor seminary of CST Congregation at Mookkannoor on June 10, 1961. After a perfect formation in prayer life and religious convictions, he offered himself to God through the first religious profession on May 17, 1963. His novitiate was at Mookkannoor and his Novice Master was Fr. Xavier Olickal. Thereafter he went for the Philosophical studies at aluva study house and finished

his Theological studies from Mangalapuzha Pontifical Seminary, Aluva (Kerala). He took final profession on May 16, 1968 and became ordained priest on December 17, 1971.

As a young, energetic and vibrant priest he worked in many different parishes and mission stations fulfilling the dream of Valliachan, including Mission Superior for Punjab and Rajasthan. He served at Study House in 1972 and he served as Superior-Puthenkurish from 1972-73. In the year 1973, he dedicated his life as a missionary at Bhopal-Harda in Madhya Pradesh. He was priest in-charge at Sihore-M.P. in 1975 and Missionary Parish Priest at Gorakhpur in 1977. He was shifted to Abohar as Priest In-charge in 1982 and to Danewala in 1983, Fazilka in 1985. It was his committed and dedicated service to the human mankind that he was appointed as a Mission Superior for Punjab and Rajasthan during 1985-1988. Meanwhile he was Parish priest of Ferazepur Cantt. Church in 1986 and Ferozepur City church from 1986 to 1996. He was the parish priest in Sikhewala from 1997 to 1999. He undertook the responsibility of a parish priest of Fazilka Parish in the year 2000 and simultaneously served as a Spiritual Father at Little Flower Seminary, Malout. In 2003 he returned to

Ferozepur City as Parish Priest and transferred to Abohar in 2006. He also served as a Priest In-charge in 2006 at Sikar (Rajasthan). He was appointed as a Parish Priest of Muktsar in 2009 and Parish Priest of Ferozepur Cantt in 2012. He remained as the Director of Boys' Foster Care Home, Ferozepur Cantt. from 2012-18. In 2018 he was placed in Muktsar and was priest in-charge of new Mission Station at Sadiq.

This was the time when for the first time after 57 years of his dedicated religious life on September 16, 2018 Fr. George was taken to Rajgiri Hospital on sudden onset of abdominal pain. After CT scan and other careful examinations he has been diagnosed blood Cancer and a growth in large intestine. He underwent hemicolectomy, a surgery done to remove part of the large intestine. On October 24, 2018 he was admitted for Chemotherapy at Rajgiri Hospital. With ardent desire to continue in the mission after treatment he returned to Little Flower Seminary Malout as spiritual director. Fr. George joined the seminary community on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019. Then onwards he was working as the spiritual father. He was a good model and guide for the minor seminary students. He was taking spiritual classes, giving retreats and meditations, guiding them through spiritual talks, spiritual conferences, confession, and prayers. All the more he was a good model to them in his long hours of prayers and spiritual exercises.

On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 he went to Kerala and had check-up at Rajagiri Hospital as part of his previous medical treatment there. On 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 he came back from Kerala after completing g the medical check-up and he continued his usual schedule as before. He had to go for the next check-up in the month of March/April 2020 but due to covid-19 and Lock-down he could not travel to Kerala.

Though his health was generally satisfactory, slowly swelling and pain developed on both the legs. Though he was unwilling to go to hospital, After a lot of persuasive efforts of the fathers finally he agreed. On 26<sup>th</sup> April he was admitted in Sacred Heart Hospital, Maqsudan, Jalandhar. After the initial check-up and the medical procedures, as it was suggested, Fr. George was shifted to CMC, Ludhiana on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020. At CMC, on 30<sup>th</sup> April he had to undergo a minor surgery for biopsy and later bone marrow test was also administered. On 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 the first course of Chemotherapy was administered to Fr. George. Then onwards after every 28 days Chemotherapy was administered to him. Six courses of chemotherapies were completed towards the end of September 2020.

Towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of October 2020, a swelling appeared behind his left ear and it was very painful. The swelling and pain increased as the day passed by. As his pain was increasing he was asked and requested by fellow priests to shift to Kerala for his treatment. In spite of his ill health, he wanted to visit different stations. He was well aware of his deteriorating condition of his health. He prayed for his loving community, blessed many of laity and he prepared himself with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as if he was sure of his departure to heaven. He met his fellow priests, lay community and beloved ones from his different mission stations before leaving to Kerala.

On November 01, 2020 he went to Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan, Mudickal (Kerala). He was admitted in Amala Hospital (November 28, 2020 to December 09, 2020) with left sided neck swelling and it has been diagnosed as showing internal haemorrhage. They referred Fr. George to Rajgiri Hospital for further treatment.

On December 28, 2020 he developed mild acute renal (kidney) injury. He was admitted in Sanjoe Hospital, Perumbavoor on January 24, 2021. His health condition was weakening day by day and on February 11, 2021 at 4.30 am as he breathed his last and called by His Devine Master-our Saviour Lord Almighty God for his eternal reward.

Most of us might have experienced lovable care and prayers from him. His life and presence too had the same feeling. Whenever we approached him, he made it the moments of Happiness. Number of Christians in Punjab mission was introduced to Christianity by Fr. George and he gave baptism to many people in mission. And he was exercising faculty of exorcism for the benefits of those afflicted by various evil influences. Despite of his ill health, he never stopped praying.

As our heavenly patroness St. Therese (Little Flower), he always caressed the mission and the missionary vision with him. Like everybody, we are sure that he would continue to pray and do the missionary activities from heaven and intercede for the underprivileged community.

Little Flower Congregation especially Khrist Jyoti Province will always be grateful to Almighty God for blessing us in the person of Rev. Fr. George Kulampally CST. He will always be remembered for his missionary zeal and dedication to the missionary activities. May God grant him eternal rest and heavenly peace.

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever” Psalms 73:26.



# Aluva Tidings

## Welcome 2021

Amidst the covid-19 a new year began with new hope and expectations. Seminary community offered the Holy mass and welcomed the New Year. After the Christmas Holidays, classes began on 28<sup>th</sup> December. Respected fathers from the community participated in the priestly ordinations of the respected deacons of the little flower congregation.

## Save Farmers and Save Humanity

The philosopher's day of the academic year 2020-21 "Save farmers and Save Humanity" fell on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2021. Rev. Dr. Jojo Varakukalayil president of LIPAR inaugurated the Philosopher's Day after the welcome speech and message by Rev. Fr. Francis Chittinappilly the dean of LIPAR. The inaugural ceremony, followed by the street play performed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> year philosophers, pointed towards the critical evaluation of current Indian systems. Rev. Dr. Jojesh Thomas TOR spoke to the philosophy students on the topic 'philosophizing farmer's bill' via webinar. Finally, the well engaged debate, analyzing the Farmer's bill 'against' and 'in favor of the bill' moderated by Rev. Fr. Rajan of Ernakulam

Archdiocese and envisaged the younger minds regarding the hidden agendas in the Farmer's bill. Philosopher's Day program touched its culmination with thrilling Bro. Ajimon Basketball Tournament in which 3rd year brothers continued their legacy by winning the match.

## 'Kunjathmakalude Cheruganam'- The History of Little Flower Congregation

The releasing ceremony of the history of little flower congregation – 'kunjathmakalude cheruganam' took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 in the presence of the General superior, general councilors, provincial superiors and the little flower seminary community at Emmanuel Arackathottam Auditorium. The chief guest Dr. Vinod Prapoyil released the history of the congregation and presented the copies of the history to the major superiors of the congregation. General superior and the team thanked and congratulated the core team behind this great achievement, especially the team members of Rev. Dr. Augustine Pamplany together with Bro. Juslin and Mr. Ajikumar. And also the releasing of

the new revised edition of the life history of Fr. Basilius Panat took place.

### **New Priest Day**

The new priests of the Little Flower Congregation visited the seminary with a great satisfaction of fulfilling their dreams. The new priests offered a solemn mass together with the intensions of the seminarians. Seminary Basketball team enjoyed a friendly match with the new priests. And the celebrations culminated with a friendly volleyball match between the new priests and the inmates. Also Fr. Linto Kallumkalthazhe of Idukki diocese joined in the new priest day celebrations and the community extended the greetings and wishes to the newly ordained priest.

### **The Mandated pause-covid-19**

The philosophical colloquium of the academic year on the topic 'Covid-19' held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 from 11:00am to 12:50 pm at Emmanuel Arackathottam Auditorium. The hard work including wide reading, group programme preparations, short film on covid-19 touched its culmination with an inspiring quote, "There can be changes happened everywhere, but we have to move on with our lives, with new changes- the new normality".

### **The Quarantine Days**

At last after the seven months of prevention and precautions, the seminary community was also affected with the corona virus. The covid-19 affection made the community in a stagnant state for 3 weeks. The corona

affected community members were under strict quarantine with due care. The community activities experienced a 'mandated pause' due to the corona affection and the community together with the patients recovered from its affection after the necessary medications and rest.

### **Congratulations to the newly elected major superiors**

After the General Synaxis and the provincial synaxes the seminary community experienced the moments of joy and sorrow together. Rev. Dr. Jojo varakulalayil the President of LIPAR and Rev. Fr. Jeevan Thundiyl the procurator of the seminary were elected as the General Superior and General Econome of the Little Flower Congregation respectively. Rev. Fr. Francis Chittinappilly the dean of the Institute, Rev. Dr. Biju Kollakompil the bursar of the Institute were elected as the Provincial Superior of St. Joseph Province and as the Provincial Econome of St. Thomas Province respectively. Cordial greetings and congratulations to the newly elected Major superiors.

### **Holy Strings**

Though the covid-19 situations were too much restrictive the little flower seminary witnessed the releasing of its own song book 'Holy Strings' which is the achievement of the seminary choir under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Manjush Srakath and the respected choir masters of the previous three years. The book released

by the newly elected General Econome and Provincial Econome Rev. Fr. Jeevan Thundiyl and Rev. Fr. Biju Kollakompil respectively.

### **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

Little flower seminary is at the peak of its celebrations of 60 years of formation. The seminary Jubilee celebrations culminated in the presence of the newly elected General Superior and the General Councilors. Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST together with the newly elected general councilors offered Holy mass on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The seminary community welcomed the new General team members cordially. And soon after the Eucharistic Celebration the General Superiors inaugurated and blessed the renovated reference hall of the little flower institute of philosophy and religion.

### **'Sparsam', 'Aletheia' and LCA Conclusion**

On 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 the releasing ceremony of the book 'Sparsam' staged in the presence of the General Superior Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil, Provincial Superior of St. Joseph's Province Rev. Fr. Francis Chittinappilly and the seminary community. The book 'Sparsam' is the sum total of the inspirational events took place in Kerala for last few years. The 60<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Little Flower Seminary, witnessed publication of the book of 60 inspiring life events happened in Kerala during the time of disasters and difficulties. The idea and inspiration of Rev. Fr. Toby SJ motivated the young little flower philosophers for this achievement. Also the releasing of

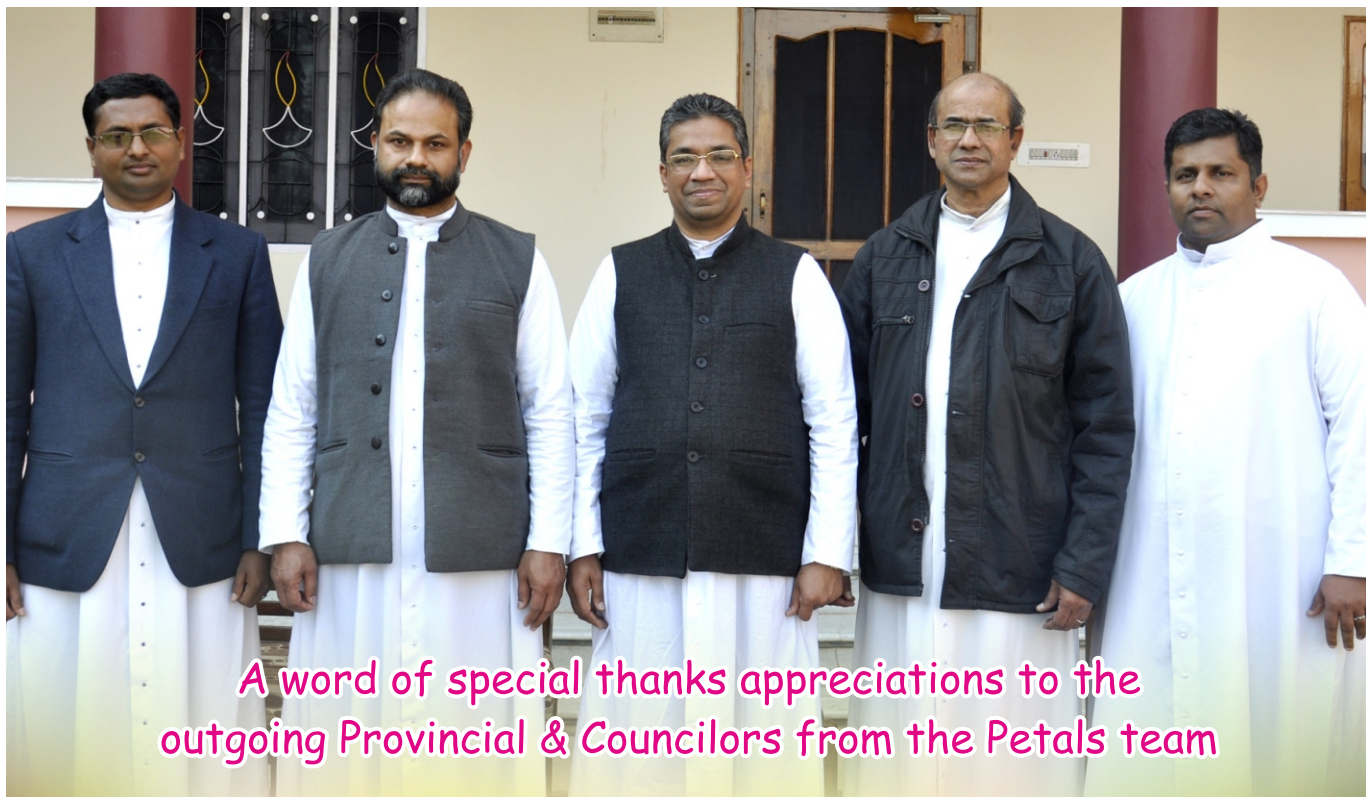
the annual publication of the seminary 'Aletheia' followed the event. The simple and humble conclusion of the Literal and Cultural Academy of the academic year 2020-21 staged at evening 6:30pm in the Emmanuel Arackathottam auditorium with an inspiring speech by Bro. Jils Puthuparambikunnel and with the presidential address of Rev. Fr. Saji Nellikunnel, Rector of Little Flower Seminary-Aluva.

### **Bon-Voyage**

The farewell party for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year brothers and fathers was held on 13<sup>th</sup> of March which was named 'Bon-Voyage'. The function began by a prayer section in the evening. We bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil, Rev. Fr. Francis Chittinappilly, Rev. Fr. Jeevan Thundiyl, Rev. Fr. Biju Kollakompil and Rev. Fr. Abraham Valliyamthadathil. We thanked them for their services to the community. The day was an occasion for the second and first year brothers to enrich their memories with the super seniors. We thanked all of them for being here and wished all the best for their future. Second year brothers paid their hard work for the success of the ceremony.

### **Exams and Annual Vacation**

Soon after the Pandemic situation of Covid 19 the exams began for the finished topics according to the availability. And most of the exams held in the month of March. Seminarians prepared and attended the exams well. The vacation for the first and second year batches began on 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. And the vacation for the third year brothers started soon after their comprehensive exam on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021.



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## *News from Novitiate*

### **CHRIST IS BORN FOR US**

After the well preparation for the most awaited day, the time reached to celebrate Birth day of our savior. We prepared ourselves by making spiritual crib in our hearts and also in our chapel too. We shared our joy with our neighbors giving them cake and spending some time with them. We had solemn Malayalam Holy Mass at 10.30pm. After the Mass we had our Christmas friend gift exchange and community celebration and sharing the joy of Child Jesus. In the morning we joined the Parish for Christmas Mass and adoration. We really experienced the joy and peace of child Jesus within us.

### **IT'S JUST A BEGINNING**

As the day finished we witnessed to a New Year. We had night vigil for thanking the Lord for the last one year. We had thanks giving prayers and Mass too. After everything we spend some time in together for sharing our one year blessings and happiness.

### **IT'S A JACKPOT**

Today we are blessed with Rev Fr. Jidhin as he is celebrating his birthday and feast day alternative days. We thanked God along with him by offering mass. Our novices put forward some cultural program and we had a good laughter time and a beautiful day.

### **THIS IS MY FIRST MASS AND MY LAST MASS**

We are blessed with our four newly priests of krishthJothi province. It was a really inspiring for our novices, to see them and hear from them their experiences and their way of vocation and formation.

### **GOLDEN FEAST DAY**

It was a double joy for us as we celebrate the Feast day of Fr. Binu and the Golden Jubilee of our beloved Mother Superior Georgiana. We had solemn Mass and cultural programs. It was really a joyful time to hear for the Golden hardships and joyful moments from Sister.



## **CORRESPONDANCE**

### **Exam Time!!**

Third year brothers are appeared for the N.I.O.S board exam from 27.01.2021 to 11.02.2021. In between the lockdown and uncertainties, they tried their best and did well in the exam.

### **Republic Day:**

We celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> republic day in our campus. Fr. Benny Pulimkalayil hoisted the flag. We distributed the sweets and conducted few programmes. A patriotic speech by Bro. Abhishek doubled the beauty of the event. The celebration came to an end with National Anthem.

### **Visit of Bp. Agnelo Rufino Gracious:**

Bp. Agnelo Rufus Gracious the Apostolic Administer of the Diocese of Jullundur visited our house on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2021. We welcomed him with charm-filled smiles. We had a 'small talk' with Bishop in the afternoon. He inspired us by sharing his own experience in the minor seminary. Immediately after that

he went back to bishop's house by thanking all of us for the hospitality and care.

### **Memorial Mass for the departed soul Fr. George Kulampally**

We celebrated Mass for the departed soul of Fr. George on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021. Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal CST was the main celebrant of the Holy Mass and Fr. Benny gave the homily. After the holy mass there was office of the dead. Fathers shared their personal experiences with us immediately after the ceremony and fathers and sisters from nearby stations were present for the holy mass.

### **New priest day celebration:**

We celebrated the new priest day on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021. Frs. Ani Kollamparambil, Justin Vettikeeruparambil, Brijesh Urumbil and Ajay Narripara came here to celebrate the Holy Mass. We extended them a warm welcome on behalf of the community.

### **Lent!! A season of renewal**

We started Lenten season with a monthly recollection led by Fr. Sunny Cheruthanickal on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. Fr. Augustine came for confession and we had adoration. It was a day of prayer and fasting.

### **Visit of our new provincial**

Our New Provincial Superior Very Rev. Fr. Saju Koothodiputhenpurayil visited our seminary on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 and spent one night here with us. We gave a floral welcome to our Provincial Superior with a welcome song. Fr. Provincial was the main celebrant of the holy mass and gave the homily on the next day.

### **A trip to Hanumangarh**

We made a visit to our Provincial house on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021. Very Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior and the council members welcomed us to the provincial house. Senior Brothers (Theology Students) conducted some games for us. We visited the missiological center and the school. After lunch we went to Suratgarh where Fr. Abraham Poonolil and Fr. Sinoj Ambalathottiyil welcomed us and gave us a high tea. We visited the F.C.C convent and then we went to the sand dunes nearby and spent some time there. On the way back we visited our Sri Ganga Nagar Station; Fr. Joby Palankara cordially welcomed us and gave a good dinner to us. It was a day of joy and experience to know more about our mission in Punjab.

### **To the land of five rivers..**

The first year batch brothers from

Mudickal arrived Malout on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. They are in quarantine now. Bro. Justin accompanied them from Mudickal. They are coping up with all the changes in the climate and getting involved with the activities. Welcome dear brothers....

### **Fathers from Kerala**

13 fathers from P.O.C, Kerala visited the seminary on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021. We welcomed them, participated in the Punjabi Holy Mass in the parish and proceeded further to the other stations. Sister Superior. The newly elected provincial superior of D.M sisters, Sr. Flower Therese and councilors visited the seminary on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### **Welcome to Fr. Ani**

Fr. Ani Thomas reached the seminary on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021. He joined the seminary community as a staff member. We gave him a simple welcome.

### **Farewell to our dearest Regent Brother.**

We gave farewell to our Regent Bro. Tom on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. There was Basketball match between Fathers and brothers. Brothers won the game with Bro. Tom. We conducted some programmes and games to entertain brother. Fathers thanked brother for selfless service here for the past one year. We wish you all the best dear brother Tom for your priestly religious training ahead.

### **Exams Again**

Annual examination for the 2<sup>nd</sup> years started.

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## *Mudickal News*

### **Festal Greetings to Fr. Rector**

It was a great delight for our community to celebrate the feast of Fr. John Kappiyarumalayil CST which was on 27th December. We had solemn Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. John and followed by a grant celebration of the feast. The whole community wished him the greetings of the day.

### **“SAPTHATHI” of Fr. Rector**

January 18<sup>th</sup> was a joyful day for our community. The entire day was thrilled with vibrant program, as Rev. Fr. John Kappiyarumalayil CST the superior of Khristu Jyothi Mission Bhavan was celebrating his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Grant celebrations were held on this day. Fr. John along with the entire community and family members celebrated solemn holy Eucharist.

Brothers wished all their greetings through performing colorful and various cultural programs. The whole day was fully colored with the celebration of the Sapthathi.

### **New General councilor**

Fr. John Kappiyarumalayil CST, the superior of Khristu Jyothi mission House was elected as the new general councilor of CST congregation. It was a moment of proud and joy to all the community as we shared the joy with him. The community also bid farewell to Fr. Rector and it was a sorrowful as well as an auspicious occasion for us.

### **New Priests day**

The newly ordained priests of CST congregation visited our seminary in order to share their joy with us. It was really an inspiration for all of us to

strengthen our vocation and to dream our priestly life by creating deep convictions. We had a friendly volleyball match with them. New priests celebrated solemn Holy Eucharist along with the entire community and we had a small gathering for congratulating them.

### **Funeral of Fr. George Kulampally**

The unexpected demise of Fr. George Kulamapally on 11<sup>th</sup> of February was really a shock and painful moments for Khrist Jyothi Province specially to our community. His cherishing memories are still alive in our hearts. The body of Fr. George was taken to the seminary and it was kept for public view. The funeral services began in Khristu Jyothi mission Bhavan and the body was taken to the Little flower major seminary for the last rites. Many of our priests and family members paid homage and prayed for Fr. George.

### **Vacation**

After the successful completion of minor seminary, brothers left for their home vacation on 18 February, and they reached back in the seminary on 12<sup>th</sup> of March. For their further formation and studies brothers went to Punjab along with Bro Justin Panthalanikkal CST on 13<sup>th</sup> February.



# Silence

Silence is a very essential thing rather a virtue in our day-to-day life. What I meant by Silence is, it is a time only for ourselves without any kind of disturbances in both externally and internally. We all are busy with our day-to-day activities, and it is very difficult for us to remain silent, at least for few minutes without any kind of disturbances. We are restless or engaged in different activities in each seconds. Some are engaging themselves in their duties, even during their leisure time. Some are busy with reading, listening music, sleeping and so on. We are not interested to be silent. Every activity is needed. What the problem is, we always run for the satisfaction one after another. We are dissatisfied about all things we have, as well as we use to complain. The restless life makes us unhealthy and even it drops into mental disorder. There comes the importance of Silence. Silence plays a vital role in religious life. God speaks to us in Silence especially through the reflections on the 'Word of God' and meditations. Our life is built upon our meditations. We absorb the strength and graces through our meditations. Silence is the time of interaction with God.

“Strive for His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well”. As we know, we have 24 hours in a day. How many of us thank God our Lord, knowing that it is the great gift from His abundance of love towards us? We are unable to breathe once again, if God doesn't provide His grace. We are in a flow of life circle. We are not ready to get rid of the comfort zone where we are. How much time we spend in Silence with our God? At least do we spend half an hour in a day? “If not, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same”. A religious is called to be holy rather than a better preacher, singer, and player, administer, manager, principal or a teacher. If we do not abide in Christ, how can we be a preacher, administrator, manager or teacher according to the will of God, who entrusted you to do that work? Thus we are unworthy as well as become unfaithful to our lord who called us.

Pope Francis says, “We are called to be a shepherd, who knows the odor of sheep.” Without the presence and grace of God, the flock, which is entrusted to us, may not recognize us as their shepherd. Usually what we think is the problem is with the sheep flock. Actually we don't recognize that it is the lacking of our grace in words and deeds. As John says, “APART FROM ME, YOU CAN DO NOTHING.” This verse should be in our mind always. Without God's grace and holiness, our flock may not recognize us as their shepherd. We, the specially chosen ones, should lead a holy life as well as be a good model for the flock. Jesus, our Lord, is the fullness of holiness. He lived as same as the will and wish of his father, our heavenly father and exhorted us to do the same. “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect”.

Bro. Abhishek of the Child Jesus

# *Birthday Greetings*

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# *Feast Day*

**April 23**



**June 9**



**June 13**

