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Editorial...

It is a time for reflection and 'celebration of the Faith and Culture'

At the outset of Golden Jubilee celebration; the saga of a steady and fast growth of it over the past 50 years. Undoubtedly the trait of the devoted labour of many.

It is a compendium that unfolds the past from the very moment of inception till the date and endeavour to make journey through the corridors of the lives of the Founder, pioneers and the mission paths the province has walked through. The effort should be upheld to remain faithful to the records of various initiatives, individual or collective undertakings, the multiple ministries. Those are carried out with great zest and zeal with the sole moto of our founder "go and do like wise", love of God and our neighbour. It is a fact that to assume the province has grown in various aspects and achieved a lot yet miles to go to actualize the vision with a mission to establish the kingdom of God. It leaves no stone unturned to salute and admire the unfailing spirit of the pioneers who lived

their lives in total commitment and dedication.

We require cultural, religious, economic, technological and epistemological growth and development but eventually we dream welfare and happiness for everyone; welfare of the people for the people and by the people irrespective of caste, class, creed and gender.

While we strive for happiness and success , remember that we cannot achieve any of it by living in a babble of self interest, for we are part of humanity. Until everyone achieve the happiness and has the opportunity to fulfil their potential and transform their dreams into reality our goals will only be mirages. For these mirages to become oasis , we need not only to toil and dream but strive to research capability in novatively to establish God's Kingdom in the land of Punjab and Rajasthan.

Editor

Fr. Dony Mullakkariyil CST



Fraternal Musings

Dear Fathers...

Last two years have been largely distressful and agonizing due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Once again Easter comes with the vibe of hope and optimism which motivates us to journey forward despite the uncertainties. Wishing you all the blessings of the Risen Lord and a Happy Easter.

The epitome of the Christian life is the empty tomb of Christ. The darkness of human evil was confronted in the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday and Conquered on Easter day. The manifesto of the Christian life is "He Is Not Here. He has risen" (Mt: 28:6). He has risen to fulfil his promise and to uproot the human race from the embedded shackle of depravity. Through his resurrection He has given hope to the shattered human race and given life eternal.

In the Holy Scripture, we see the disciples of Jesus who are terrified and saddened by the forgone events.

They have corned themselves to the circle of darkness where there is no hope or optimism. In their midst, Jesus appeared with the beacon of hope and illuminated their hearts with faith. Thereafter, their life were elevated to the status of "Easter" i.e. earnestly staring at Jesus. When our lives are anchored in the interior castles of doubt, hopelessness, uncertainty and desperation, hold on a little longer, the great miracle is at the corner and the Easter days are ahead of us. The disciples experienced this comfort from the Lord and they shared this same experience to the people they met on their mission journey. We are also called to experience the same and share with the others.

As our mission enters into the Golden Jubilee year of its humble journey from a grain of wheat to a growing plant let us rejoice in its blessings and thank the Lord for His Providential care. We remember all our missionaries: Priests, sisters, catechists and the faithful with gratitude.

The motto for our Jubilee Year is “Celebrating Faith & Culture”. We are celebrating the faith in Jesus Christ incarnated in the culture of Punjab and Rajasthan. The Past forty-nine years of relentless service in the pastoral, educational and social milieu of Punjab-Rajasthan by the Little Flower Congregation has written an exclusive legacy in the history of the North Indian Mission. Let this Jubilee year may be an occasion to recollect Jesus' saying “Freely you have received, freely give” (Mt 10:08).

I wish you all a Happy Easter and the blessings of the season.

With prayers



Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST
Provincial Superior





Official News

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

- ☛ Fr. Sagil Nadakunnel CST: Relieved for Little Flower Mission, Africa.
- ☛ Fr. Stephen Swaranjeet CST: Procurator, Asst. Parish Priest, Kot Shamir.
- ☛ Fr. Tibin Mannusseril CST: Superior, Little Flower Ashram, Bathinda.
- ☛ Fr. Shijo Palakuzha CST: Asst. Superior, Little Flower Ashram, Hanumangarh.
- ☛ Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal CST: Superior, Little Flower Ashram, Zira.
- ☛ Fr. Antony Kalapurackal CST: Procurator, Little Flower Ashram, Zira. In addition to the previous appointment as Parish Priest and Manager of Little Flower Convent School Zira.
- ☛ Fr. Jobin Moolan CST: Vice Rector and Procurator of Khristu Jyoti Minor Seminary, Mudickal and in charge of Anikkad Land.
- ☛ Fr. Bibin Edapallymadathil CST: Procurator, Holy Cross Ashram, Danewala.
- ☛ Fr. Joby Palankara CST; Superior in charge, Little Flower Novitiate House, Abohar.
- ☛ Fr. Varghese Poovathummootil CST: Superior Little Flower Ashram, Kesrisinghpur, the Priest in charge and the Manager of Sacred Heart Convent School, Sri Ganganagar.
- ☛ Fr. Alwin Elavumkal CST; Relieved for higher studies at KU Leven, Belgium.

NOTIFICATIONS:

- ✦ Inauguration of Golden Jubilee Year April 21, 2022, 10 a.m. at Little Flower Church, Hanumangarh Jn.
- ✦ Junior Clergy Meeting: April 22-24, Sacred Heart Ashram, Malout
- ✦ Renewal of Vows: May 11, 2022 at Little Flower Seminary Aluva.
- ✦ Perpetual profession & Vestition: May 12, 2022 at Little Flower Generalate, Aluva.
- ✦ Minor Order of Brothers: May 13, 2022 at Little Flower Seminary Aluva.
- ✦ Major Seminarians Meet: May 13 & 14, 2022 at Little Flower Seminary Aluva.
- ✦ First Profession of Novice: May 17 at Little Flower Seminary, Aluva
- ✦ Formators Meeting: May 15, 2022, at Little Flower Seminary, Aluva
- ✦ Major Seminary Gathering of Brother: May 18, 2022 at Khristu Jyothi Mission Bhavan, Mudickal.
- ✦ Inter province Meeting: May 22 & 23, 2022 at Little Flower Provincial House, Gorakhpur.



Essay Competition Result

Category Fathers

- I Prize** Fr. Tiyo Kochukavumpurath CST
- II Prize** Fr. Jobins Puthiyamangalath CST
- III Prize** Fr. Shan Alackaparambil CST
Fr. Bibin Thekkanal CST

Category Sisters

- I Prize** Sr. Shefy Sophy FCC
- II Prize** Sr. Flowerlet DM
- III Prize** Sr. Nikita
Sr. Roseena FCC
Sr. Beril CSC

Category Brothers

- I Prize** Fr. Sagil Nadakunnel CST
- II Prize** Bro. Paul Vettiyanal CST
- III Prize** Bro. Bijesh Kuttiyath CST

Category Minor Seminarians

- I Prize** Bro. Albin Mathew
- II Prize** Bro. Benedict
- III Prize** Bro. Mebin Baby

LIST OF BROTHERS FOR THE ORDERS OF DIACONATE, HEUPADIAKNUSA AND KAROYA

Diaconate

1. Bro. Sam Vayalil CST
2. Bro. Sajjan Narangathottil CST
3. Bro. Tinto Kollamparambil CST
4. Bro. Nikhil Valeputhenpurayil CST

Heupadiaknusa

1. Bro. Alex Manoor CST

Karoya

1. Bro. Tom Alencheril CST
2. Bro. Justin Panthalanickal CST
3. Bro. Arun Chemmanampadath CST
4. Bro. Joice Muthanattu CST

Perpetual Profession

1. Bro. Tom Alencheril CST
2. Bro. Justin Panthalanickal CST
3. Bro. Arun Chemmanampadath CST
4. Bro. Joice Muthanattu CST
5. Bro. Abin Muthukulathil CST

Renewal of Vows

1. Bro. Jobin Arattukulam CST
2. Bro. Abhy Pezhathuvayalil CST
3. Bro. Albert Kalloor CST
4. Bro. Bibin Moolan CST
5. Bro. Jaimy Avickamyil CST
6. Bro. Jobin Parappallil CST
7. Bro. Dijo Machingal CST
8. Bro. Arun Pereppadan CST

9. Bro. Bijesh Kuttiyath CST
10. Bro. Febin Kurisummottil CST
11. Bro. Paul Vettiyanikal CST
12. Bro. Albin Athiyalil CST
13. Bro. Alby Kuttikizhakethil CST
14. Bro. Arun Parackal CST
15. Bro. Joseph Ayathupadathu CST
16. Bro. Noyal Nalannadiyil CST
17. Bro. Savio Mulackal CST
18. Bro. Alvin Pathadan CST

Vestition

1. Bro. Abhy Pezhathuvayalil CST
2. Bro. Abin Muthukulathil CST
3. Bro. Albert Kalloor CST
4. Bro. Bibin Moolan CST
5. Bro. Jaimy Avickamyil CST
6. Bro. Jobin Parappallil CST
7. Bro. Dijo Machingal CST

First Profession

1. Bro. Abishek Edakunnel
(Emmanuel)
2. Bro. Royal Roy Pezhumparambil
(Thomas)
3. Bro. Bestin Joseph
Thumbathuruthel (Joseph)

Lyotees from Hanumangarh



Feast Celebration of Fr. Provincial



We solemnly celebrated the Feast Day of Rev. Dr. Provincial Superior on 25 December. The celebrations began with a cultural programme and after which we had a sumptuous supper in which Fr. Provincial cut the cake. Rev. Fathers and Sisters from neighbouring stations were present for the celebration. They wished him all the greetings and prayers of the day.

Visitors Dairy

We have received lots of guests in the months of January, February and March. On 24 February 2022, Rev. Fr. Martin Kootaplackal CMI, the Provincial Superior of the CMI Carmel Province, Moovatupuzha along with his few members

from the Province. Fr. Mejo Puthussery CST visited provincial House on February 25. Rev. Fr. Saji Vadakkethottiyil MSP, along with the Members from Province visited the Provincial House on 19 March, 2022. Rev. Fr. Sabu Kandamkettitil CST visited provincial house on 30 March, 2022. Fr. Binoy Pachilakkattu Sj and his brother visited Provincial House on April 22. Fr. Babychan Tholanickal CST from Afriaca and Fr. Antony Anmura CST from Scotland paid a short visit to provincial house on April 25.



Happy Feast day and Birthday

We celebrated the Feast days of Fr. Ajeesh Pareeckal CST and Fr. Brijeesh Urumbil CST on January 20 and March 19 respectively. We also celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Brijeesh

Urumbil CST on March 11. We had Holy Mass and followed by Feast day and birthday celebration. Sisters and Fathers from the neighbouring community also joined for the feast day and birthday celebration.

Bon Voyage

A farewell party was organised for the Sisters in the FCC Convent Hanumangarh Bypass and Junction on April 27, 2022 at Provincial House. It was a moment of joy and sadness. Fr. Provincial remembered their contributions towards the community. He thanked each one of them for their wholehearted service to the Hanumangarh community and wished them all the best for their new endeavours.



Junior Clergy Meeting

The Junior Clergy Meeting of the Priests who got ordained from 2014-to 2022 of Khrist Jyoti Province was held at Sacred Heart Ashram, Malout from April 22 – 24, 2022. Very Rev Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST, Superior General of Little Flower Congregation inaugurated the meeting in the presence of Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, Provincial Superior, Fr. Joy Vayalil CST, Fr. Shibu Menachery CST and Fr. Mathew Neeriankal CST. Fr. Joy Vayalil CST took a one day orientation talk to the junior priests. It was really an occasion to reread the impulse of the Spirit to deepen in the vocation and a precious time to stop, reflect and deepen in religious and priestly convictions.

History Committee Meeting

As part of the Golden Jubilee celebration we are preparing a comprehensive History Book of our Province. Towards the realization of this project for the planning out of a General Draft and Content for this book a Work Shop and Discussion was held at Provincial House Hanumangarh on Thursday & Friday, April 21 & 22, 2022. Many fathers and sisters participated in the said meeting.

Foundation stone laying ceremony of Golden Jubilee Memorial Churches

“The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty” (Haggai: 2:9). The foundation stone laying ceremony of the golden Jubilee Churches; Little Flower Church, Guruharsahai, Sacred Heart Ashram and Sacred Heart Church, Jalalabad and Holy Cross Church, Danewala was held on May 1, 2022, at 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm and May 2, 2022, at 9:00 p.m. respectively. These three ceremonies were officiated by Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukulayil CST, Superior General of Little Flower Congregation in the presence of Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, Provincial Superior. Fathers and Sisters from various mission stations were present for the function.



Jingle Bells Jingle Bells

The Christmas celebrations in the province level were organized by the members of Sikar zone on December 01, 2021 at Provincial House, Hanumangarh. It was highly fun filled and exuberant. Rev. Fr. Provincial presided over the solemn Eucharistic Celebration followed by fellowship gathering.

Christmas gathering of woman religious

The Christmas gathering of the woman religious of CST Punjab-Rajasthan mission was conducted at Jyoti Niwas, Khrist Jyoti Provincial House, Hanumangarh on December 12, 2021, along with a half day recollection. Rev. Fr. Provincial celebrated the Holy Eucharist and Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal gave the recollection talk. Christmas games were organized by Fr. Shan Alackaparambil, Fr. Ajeesh Pareeckal and Fr. Brijesh Urumbil in collaboration with the FCC sisters community, Hnaumangarh.

Priestly Ordinations of Fr. Sagil Nadakunnel and Fr. Stephen Swaranjeet

Khrist Jyoti Province is blessed with two new priests taking the total strength of its clerical members to 88. Fr. Sagil Nadakunnel received the sacred order on January 2, 2022 administered by Mar George Madathikandathil at his parish church, St. George Church, Kadavoor. Fr. Stephen

Swaranjit's ordination was landmark event in the history of the CST congregation as such. With him the Theresians are finally getting the first priest from its Punjab mission vineyard. He was conferred the Holy Order by Rt. Rev. Dr. Agnelo Gracias, the apostolic administrator of the diocese of Jalandhar on February 24, 2022 at Little Flower Catholic Church, Muktsar, Punjab.



Inter Province Meeting at Generalate

Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior and all the councillors participated in the inter province meeting which was convened in Little Flower Generalate, Thrikkakara on January 8, 2022.

Visit of the Superior General

Very. Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST, the Superior General of the Little Flower Congregation visited the Punjab-Rajasthan Mission from 17 to 25. He shared his joy and pride to see the flourishing missionary dynamics of the

province. He visited mission stations spending some time with the members as a sign of fraternal love and appreciation. He also gave the recollection talk and addressed the Priests gathering on February 21 & 22, 2022 at Provincial House, Hanumangarh. Thank you, dear Rev. Fr. Superior General for your kind gesture of acknowledgement.

Laying the foundation for the new School at Bathinda

Jubilee year is envisaged to reboot the total dynamism of the mission. In this regard, a new school that not only cater to the pressing needs of the people at the green city area in Bathinda but also that represents the future face of the CST educational mission is foreseen. The deemed Sacred Heart Convent School is thought to redefine the conventional educational mission of the province. Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST, Superior General of Little Flower Congregation, laid the foundation stone in the presence of Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, Provincial Superior of Khrist Jyoti Province, on February 22, 2022. The event was attended by many fathers and sisters from corners of Punjab-Rajasthan Mission.



Visit by Rev. Fathers

Fr. George Arancherry, Fr. John Kapiyarumalayil, Fr. Tiyo Kochukavumpurathu, Fr. Saji Nellikunnel, Fr. Augustine Pamplany and Fr. Rijo Menachery visited Punjab-Rajasthan mission on the occasion of the sacred ordination of Fr. Stephen Swarnjeet CST. Thank you so much dear fathers for your graceful visit.



Visit to Africa

To know the possibilities and encourage the African mission, Fr. Provincial Superior along with Very Rev. Fr. Superior General and other three provincials went to Africa for a two week visit from February 25 to 17, 2022.

New Priest day

The two new priests of this year namely, Frs. Sagil Nadakunnel and Stephen Swarnajeet got officially welcomed and conjoined the priestly koinonia of Punjab – Rajasthan on the occasion of the New Priest Day on April 5. They offered their First Mass co-celebrated by Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, the provincial superior. A felicitation ceremony was conducted in the Priests Gathering.

To know the Mission

To know the mission and to have the mission experience four volunteers of Divine Mercy Fellowship namely; Mr. Elvis, Mr. Abraham, Mr. Mathew and Mr. Manuel visited our Punjab mission from February 20-27 February. They have visited many of our Punjab mission stations

and they really had a rich experience of the mission.

All the best dear Brothers

Eight of our brothers have completed their regency and got promoted to the next level of formation. They have gone to Kerala on March 29 for the perpetual profession course. All the best dear brothers for you future and thank you so much for your service to the mission stations.

Inauguration of the Golden Jubilee of the CST Mission in Punjab-Rajasthan

The province members are eagerly waiting and preparing for the starting of the Golden Jubilee celebration, which will be on Thursday, April 21, 2022, with concelebrated Holy Eucharist and official inauguration function at Little Flower Church, Hanumangarh. The Main celebrant will be Rt. Rev. Dr. Oswald J. Lewis, Bishop, Diocese of Jaipur, Homily: Mar Jose Puthenveetil, Auxiliary Bishop of the Eparchy of Faridabad, Inauguration of the Golden Jubilee Year will be done by Rt. Rev. Dr. Agnelo Gracias the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Jalandhar, the message of the day will be by Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Menezes, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Ajmer, the presidential address by Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakulayil CST, Superior General of Little Flower Congregation and Felicitation by Rev. Sr. Alphonsa FCC, Provincial Superior of Maria Rani Province, Jodhpur. Let us seek the intercession of our Lord for the fruitful completion of the Golden Jubilee Year.



LITTLE FLOWER GENERALATE

LITTLE FLOWER CONGREGATION-CST FATHERS

Circular No. GEN/02/2021-2027, Dated 15 April 2022

To

All the Members of the Little Flower Congregation (CST Fathers)

Dear Fathers & Brothers,
Prayerful Greetings from Little Flower Generalate, Thrikkakara!

Through this Letter I would like to communicate the mode of celebrating the Holy Qurbana in our Religious Houses.

Little Flower Congregation is of "pontifical right, which constitutes *ipso jure*, juridic person, in the Syro-Malabar Church" (C 5 § 1). Being loyal to the Constitution and Directory of our Congregation we remain faithful to the patrimony of Syro-Malabar Church. Holy Father Pope Francis has written a special letter addressed to the "Major Archbishop, the Vicar of the Major Archbishop, the Priests, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly." Through this Letter, Holy Father appeals, "to adhere promptly to the Synodal decision concerning the form of celebration of the Holy Qurbana prior to Easter 2022, as determined by the Synod" (Pope Francis, "Letter to Major Archbishop, the Vicar of the Major Archbishop, the Priests, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly", Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Rome, Saint John Lateran, dated 25 March 2022). His Beatitude George Cardinal Alenchery, Major Archbishop, Syro-Malabar Church, through his Letter (Prot. No. 0251/2022, dated 11 March 2022) instructed to abide by the directives of the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Archiepiscopal Church and the instructions given by the Congregation for the Eastern Churches "to go along with the decisions of the Synod. The liturgical laws enacted by the Synod have force of law everywhere in the world (CCEO c. 150 para 2)" (Pro. No. 463/2022, dated 28 February 2022).

Taking the spirit of the Constitution of Little Flower Congregation, Letter of Holy Father Pope Francis, the directions given by the Congregation for the Eastern Churches and the Major Archbishop, may I request all Priest members of our Congregation to adhere to the Synodal Form of Holy Qurbana in our Religious Houses on or before Easter 2022.

Praying Easter blessings,

Fr Jojo Joseph Varakulalayil CST
Superior General
Good Friday, 15 April, 2022



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Bye....Bye.....2021, Welcome 2022

Happy New Year we celebrated new year with thanksgiving adoration and night mass. New Year with new reflection, new resolutions, new innovation...A New Year...

My grace is sufficient for you

We had five days of retreat by rev. Fr. Simon Kallada from Jalandhar diocese. It was from 24th January to 29th January. So we couldn't celebrate the republic day of our motherland India. We prayed for India very specially on that day in adoration as well a sin Holy Mass.

Very Rev Fr Superior General is here!

Very Rev Fr Jojo Varakulalayi our superior general came over here for the canonical visitation. We welcomed him with a greeting song. Thank you dear father for your presence and thereby your guidance and support.

Bishops...Bishops

Bishops Mar Jose Puthenveetil and bishop prince panengadan made a visit to our house. They together offered holy mass on the next day and we were very glad to welcome them into our community. Bishop Prince Panengadan gave us a short and sweet homily during the holy mass and that inspired us a lot. After a soft meal we bid good bye to them.

The silent carpenter

We celebrated the feast of st Joseph with due solemnities. We went to parish church and there we wished Fr Titus who bears the name of st Joseph. We had a feast celebration in our community. The fathers and sisters of nearby stations were present. We also had few programme to relish the trill.



“The mighty god has done great things for me”

We joined for the ordination ceremony of Rev. Fr Stephen Swarajeeth. We also welcomed him to our LFN family. We got few more bloomed flowers from our Theresian Garden. Fathers Stephen, Sajil, Noble were here to celebrate the New Priest Day. After the solemn Holy Mass we conducted few programs to entertain them.

Resting in the Lord!

Remembering late Mr. Thomas the beloved father of Fr Master we had mass for the dead on 23rd of February. Fr Sebastian Areeparambil shared few memories of him. Fr master celebrated the Holy Mass. Fathers from



nearby stations and sisters from FCC convent were present here for the Holy Mass and for the breakfast thereafter.

Canonical visit from Gorakhpur

Rev. Fr. Sabu kademkattiyil was here for three days for the canonical visitation. We met him personally. He shared his views regarding formation and spiritually. We were all very much happy to welcome him to our community. He also shared his African mission experiences with us. Thank you dear father for your presence here!

Village experience

We got an opportunity to participate in a prayer service for the rural village people. Fr Bijo Kalayakkattil invited us to join and we all took part in it with immense joy and devotion. It was really a heart touching experience for all of us. We also joined with their prayers and we had dinner with them and we really enjoyed it. Thank you dearest fathers for your support and care!

**WE THE NOVITIATE FAMILY WISHES
YOU ALL A BLESSED AND HAPPY
EASTER. MAY THE RISEN LORD BLESS
YOU ALL HAPPY EASTER**





Home again.....

It was a more awaited moment in our lives to visit our parents and family members again. So, we were happy to visit our home. We went for our home vacation on 14th of December 2021. It was an awesome day for us. We were so excited to meet our family members.

Silent Night“Days of Joy and Peace”

This is the most favorite season for all of us. All of the lights, decorations, and holiday cheer make us the happiest person in the world. And we are celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. So, in the absence of the brothers, Seminary celebrated Christmas in a minimal way.

May we come in.....

The excitement of our holidays was about to end. On 14th of January, we started our journey back to seminary. We reached the seminary by 17th of January. Again, we are back to our normal life. And We are happy to be here.

Shepherd of the flock

It was a great opportunity for us to meet our Superior General. It was his first visit to the seminary after he had been elected as Superior General. So, we welcomed him to our family. He celebrated the Holy Mass for us and he found time to

meet us. So, it was a memorable day for us. Thanks, dear Father for your Love & Care. All the best for your ministries ahead.

To listen to your Voice

It was an inspiring day for us because we celebrated the New Priest Day in our seminary. We wished the new priests Fr. Sagil and Fr. Stephen and they shared their experience and views about priesthood with us.

PRAYERFUL WISHES DEAR FATHERS

Exams... Exams... We don't like it.... but it likes us...

The final board exams of +2 started on 8th of April 2022. Our seniors were in the mood to study. So, they were focused only on their studies. Success in the upcoming exams, you are a champion as you have already worked hard to achieve the best, let this examination be a simple indicator of your effort.

BIG DAY.....

We celebrated the birthday of Fr. Rector on 9th of April 2022. It was a Big Day for us. So many fathers, sisters and teachers came to celebrate the birthday of Fr. Rector. We arranged some programs. We are happy that all had enjoyed the day.

We wish you many many happy returns of the day.

Malout Bulletin

Jingle bells

Sacred Heart Ashram Malout commemorated the coming of Baby Jesus with its full vigour and enthusiasm. 21 days of Carol and preparations brought joy and peace to the minds and it was all the more a spiritually nourishing journey to all of us to be prepared for the Christmas and New Year. The Sacred Heart Family celebrated Christmas with all the Ashram members which revitalised the spirit of the season.

New Priests' Day

Rev. Fr. Sagil CST and Rev. Fr. Stephen CST, the new buds of Kristu Jyoti Province were invited to celebrate the First Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Malout. Rev. Fr. Sagil celebrated the Holy Eucharist and Fr. Stephen preached the Word of God to the people. A meeting was also held to congratulate them which was also a nourishing experience for the young generations to work for the Lord.

Birthdays and Birthdays

We celebrated the Birthday of Rev. Fr. Mathew on 20th of March and Rev. Fr. Shibu on 9th of April. Fathers and sisters visited the ashram and wished both the fathers. They shared their joy to all on that auspicious occasion.

Canonical Visit

Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior Visited the ashram and met all the members 31st March. Fr. Provincial visited not only the fathers but sisters, teachers, and all the workers related to the ashram. He temporarily concluded the canonical visit on 2nd April. Fr. Provincial ended the canonical visit on 9th April with a prayer and blessing in the Seminary chapel.



Beats of Muktsar

Golden Gift

21ST February was a day of abundant blessings for the Little Flower Catholic Church, Sri Muktsar Sahib, having witnessed the great love of God by raising and ordaining Dn. Stephen Chouhan CST to the Priest of God forever. Dn Stephen Chouhan CST, the first Punjabi Priest of Little Flower Congregation was ordained and consecrated by Bp. Agnello Gracias, the Apostolic Administrator of Jullundhar Diocese to be the Shepherd of the flock in the gracious presence of Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST, the Superior General of Little Flower Congregation, Vicar Generals of Jullundhar Diocese, Provincial Superior of Khrist Jyoti Province,

along with hundreds of Priests from Punjab, Rajasthan, Kerala & Gorakhpur and sisters, lay faithful from different parishes.

He is Risen!

The Holy week was meaningfully celebrated in Little Flower Catholic Church, hundreds of faithful participating in the Prayer services. Frs. Varghese Chittinappilly, Fr. Bibin Naripara, Fr. Bruno Pazhooparambil, Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly, Fr. Deepak Thoomkuzhy and Fr. Siril Pothen led the prayer services and shared the Word of God. The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the Easter was solemnly celebrated and the joy was doubled by the sumptuous langar.

IMMACULATE MISSION HOSPITAL SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB



MEDICAL CAMPS AND HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Medical camp and health awareness programs were conducted at fourteen different nearby places of Muktsar district. This was conducted as part of a project sanctioned by Italian bishop's conference, Rome. A group of medical team from the hospital including doctors, nurses, pharmacists, visited the places according to the plan made in advance and conducted awareness programmes and free medical camps successfully. The medicines were given freely and almost one thousand and five hundred poor people got real benefit from the programme. A big thanks to different parish priests, sisters and social work

animators who helped us a lot in conducting the programme.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ADVANCED EQUIPMENT AT HOSPITAL

A number of advanced equipment were established in the different departments of the hospital with the financial help of project sanctioned by Italian bishop's conference, Rome. Radiovisiography (RVG), The Latest Imaging Technique in Dentistry was implemented in our dental department. Equipment like Foot pressure mapping system, equipment for operation theatre, physiotherapy department etc. also were implemented. Some new beds and other patient care equipment were also brought to the hospital.



JALALABAD NEWS

Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony

Life around Holy Eucharist is the sum and summit of the Christian life. It was a long dream of the parishioners of Jalalabad to have a beautiful church for their prayers and worship. In the past years, we conducted Eucharistic celebrations and worship in the school building. Now, the dream is fulfilled, and hope comes to be true. Fr. Jojo Varukalalayil CST, the General Superior of our congregation, laid the foundation stone on May 1st, 2022 of our new parish Church. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, the Provincial, Fr. Sabeenose CST and Fr. Varghese blessed us with their presence. Many Fathers and Sisters from Punjab and Rajasthan witnessed the event and joined with us for the agape.

Aksharabh Ceremony

The letters are the cornerstones for entering into the world of language. Marking a new beginning for our little angels in the world of letters, we conducted the Aksharabh ceremony

on 8th April. Teachers and parents prepared the children very well for this event. The senior students staged different programs so as to colourize this happy moment. Thus, Two hundred and seventy students cross the threshold of their initial learning of alphabets and letters so as to enter into the world of letters. Fathers and Sisters appreciated and encouraged each child to become a successful person in the society.

Inauguration of New section

Every new beginning should be a path to success. Bearing the success of the past, Sacred Heart Convent School is ready for a fresh start. We conducted the inauguration of the new academic year 5 May, 2022. Fr. Tibin Mannusseril inaugurated the new session and he addressed the students and spoke about the dream each child should carry in his or her life. Our dream will come to true when we put 100% effort into it..





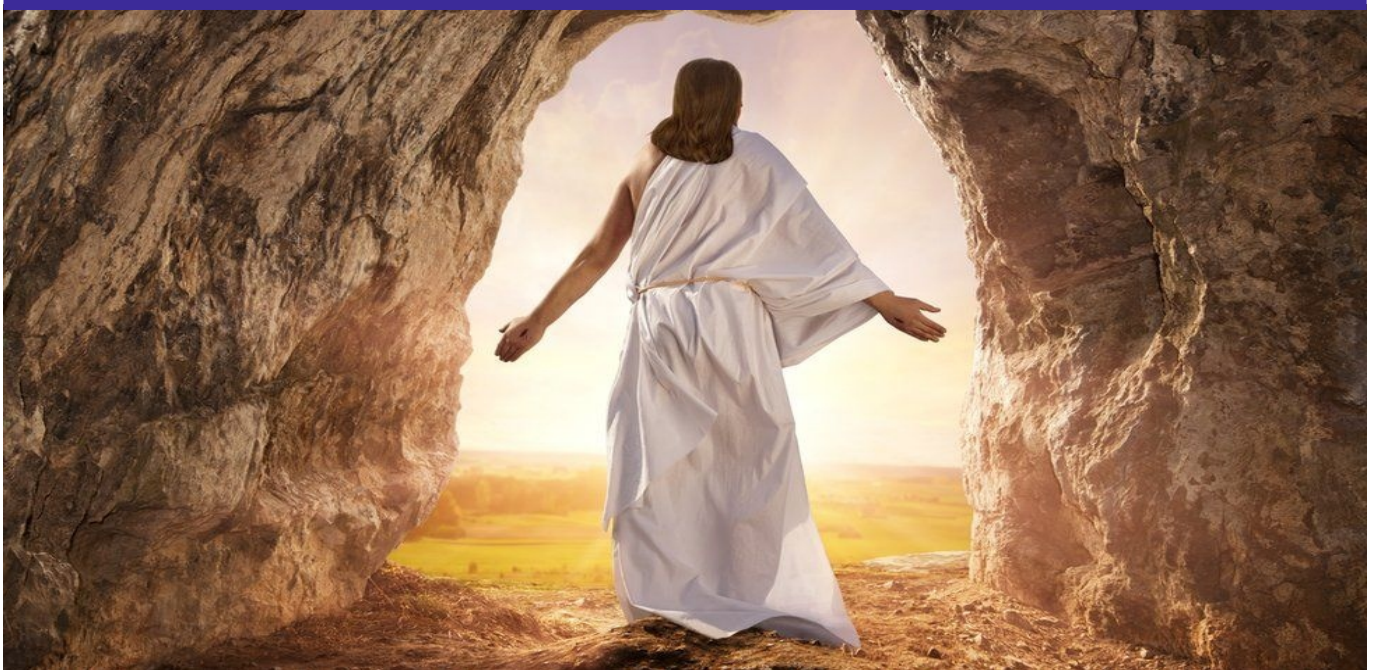


LED KINDLY LIGHT

Little Flower Convent School, Nokha started its mission of spreading the light of wisdom to the people of Nokha in 2010. During its 12 years of journey, it attained many mile stones and in 2020 it got CBSE Affiliation. We congratulate all the staff and management for this achievement.

Little Flower Church celebrated the feast of Our Patroness St. Therese on 24 October 2021.

Though it is a small parish we had great personalities like Vicar General Fr. George Aranchery, and General Councillor Fr. John Kapyarumalayil to add colour to our celebration.





Junior Clergy meeting of the Khrist Jyoti Province was held at the Sacred Heart Asharam, Malout. The Junior Clergy from various stations reached at 5:30 P.M in the Sacred Heart School campus on 22nd April 2022. Seven batches of the Priests were invited and 24 Priests attended the meeting. Fr. Suneesh Ezholickal CST and Fr. Mobin Thazhathedath CST were the co coordinators for the gathering. The presence of Fr Babychan Tholanickal CST, who is working in Africa and Fr Shibin Kocheelathu CST working in Kerala as the vocation promoter, added colour to the gathering. The inaugural session of the meeting was at 7:30 P.M at the language lab of the sacred Heart School. Very Rev. Fr Jojo Varakukalayil CST, the Superior General, Rev. Fr Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, the Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. Joy Vayalil CST, the resource person for the meeting, Rev. Fr. Shibu Menachery CST, Rev Fr. Mathew Neeriankal CST were present for the inaugural meeting. Fr Suneesh Ezholickal CST welcomed everyone. Rev. Fr. Superior General along

with the other Priests officially inaugurated the Junior Clergy Meeting by lighting the lamp. Fr. Provincial Superior made the introductory talk. He spoke about the importance and need of such meetings. He also added that the Province has got much expectation from the Junior Priests. The resurrected Jesus gave confidence to the disciples, that confidence should motivate ourselves to think with the Church and go and do like the teachings of Jesus. Rev. Fr. Superior General addressed the junior clergy, saying that Jesus had a strong conviction about who He was. He was well aware of his life and mission. The self-realization of Jesus is the root cause of our Priesthood. Junior clergy meeting should be an occasion for us to create in us an awareness about ourselves and our mission. Rev. Fr. Joy Vayalil CST, briefed his theme as introduction. The meeting concluded with the prayer. On 23rd Morning Rev. Fr. Superior General was the main celebrant of the Holy Mass. From 9: 30 A.M Fr. Joy Vayalil CST was with us to guide and motivate us.

There were three interactive sessions with Fr Joy Vayalil CST. The main theme of his classes were on the Depth, Details and Difference. These were beautifully connected with the Priestly life of old and young generations as well as the changing global scenario. The challenges and difficulties faced by the priests in their work places and the ways and means to overcome it were discussed in a fruitful way. In the afternoon there was a meeting with the administration of the province. Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior, Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly CST, Fr Salj Puravalappil CST, Fr. Joby Palankara CST and Fr. Shijo Palakuzha CST, the provincial councillors were there to meet the Junior Clergy. It was an open forum and there were various suggestions and observations took place. In the evening there a stunning cricket match played by the Junior Priests. The last session of the Juniorclergy was held at 7: 30 P.M. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks given by Fr.Sagil Nadakunnel CST.

On 24th the Holy Mass was at 4: 30 A.M, Fr Joy Vayalil CST was the main celebrant. The spirit filled Eucharistic celebration and the elevating homily given by Fr. Joy Vayalil CST helped us to begin the day with a cheerful gusto. After the Holy Mass the Junior Clergy went for a one day outing to Chandigarh. Rev. Fr. Superior General, Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior, Fr. Joy Vayalil CST and Fr. Tigi Thanniyil CST accompanied the Junior Clergy. The day was gleefully spent in the fun city, Chandigarh. The Junior Clergy meeting concluded with the vote of thanks given by Fr. Suneesh Ezholickal CST. We specially thank Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior and Provincial Councillors for this well treasured opportunity. We also thank Rev. Fr. Shibu Menachery CST, the superior of the Sacred Heart Ashram Malout, Fr. Mathew Neeriankal CST and Fr. Ani Kollamparambil CST for all the cooperation and support given to us.

Junior Clergy Meeting Coordinators

Fr. Suneesh Ezholickal CST

Fr. Mobin Thazhathedath CST





CELEBRATING FAITH AND CULTURE : THE GOLDEN JUBILEE INAUGURATION OF PUNJAB-RAJASTHAN MISSION OF THE CST FATHERS

The Little Flower Congregation (CST Fathers) is celebrating the golden jubilee of its Punjab--Rajasthan Mission (1973-2023). The jubilee celebrations were officially inaugurated on April 21, 2022 with the inaugural Eucharistic celebration followed by the formal felicitation ceremony at Little Flower Church, Hanumangarh Jn., Rajasthan. Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, the provincial superior of Khrist Jyoti Province welcomed the invitees at the very outset. His excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Oswald J. Lewis, the Bishop of the diocese of Jaipur presided over the Holy Eucharist and Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Menezes the bishop emeritus, diocese of Jaipur, Rt. Rev. Dr. Agnelo Gracias apostolic administrator, diocese of Jalandhar, Mar Jose Puthenveetil, auxiliary bishop, eparchy of Faridabad, Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST, the superior general, Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST and Fr. Francis Kilivallickal CST the former Superior General of the Congregation concelebrated. His excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Oswald J. Lewis lit the jubilee candle and set the inaugural programmes on. Mar Jose Puthenveetil broke the word. The homily was centred on the question whether Jesus, St. Therese the patroness and Fr. Basilius the founder is happy with the past 50 years of mission. His excellency also reminded that jubilee celebration is a pause to think about the cause to thank. After the concelebrated Holy Eucharist Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalyil CST recited the Jubilee year prayer for the members of the Province. After the Eucharistic celebration, the felicitation ceremony was begun with a cultural procession that set the right tone for the jubilee motto, 'celebrating faith and culture'.



The inaugural ceremony was named after *yôbēl* – the Hebrew root of the word Jubilee which means the ram's horn. As the trumpeting of *yôbēl* marked the beginning of the Jubilee year in the Hebrew tradition, so was this inaugural ceremony deemed to kick off the jubilee year programmes. Fr. Salj Puravalappil CST the Provincial Councillor and Social work secretary gave the welcome note. His excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Agnelo Gracias inaugurated the golden jubilee celebrations by hoisting the jubilee flag accompanied by the rest of the dignitaries and gave a tailor-made inaugural address that declared the jubilee celebrations of the Punjab-Rajasthan Mission of the CST Fathers are officially commenced. His excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Menezes delivered the keynote address in which he unfolded his warm memories about CST Fathers in Rajasthan mission and expressed his deep sentiments for the *Theresians*. In his presidential address Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST held forth that the celebration of the golden jubilee of the CST presence in the fertile soil of Punjab-Rajasthan mission is a milestone event in the history of Little Flower Congregation and of her Ecclesial identity. His excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Oswald J. Lewis released the jubilee motto and logo. Fr. Salj Puravalappil CST handed over the key of the newly constructed house to the respective parish priests of the beneficiaries; Fr. Thomas Anjilivelil CST, Fr. Akhil Thattaparambil CST and Fr. Bino Pariyadan CST together received the key.



Sr. Alphonsa FCC, the provincial superior of Maria Rani Province, Jodhpur felicitated the CST Fathers on behalf of the women religious missionary partners in Punjab and Rajasthan. A short throwback video of the past 50 years of missionary dynamics of the Punjab-Rajasthan mission of the CST fathers was screened and it was a worth binge-watching. The inaugural ceremony of the golden jubilee also occasioned for the release of three jubilee special publications viz., the jubilee special edition autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux in Malayalam (Navamalika), *yôbël* – the jubilee special booklet and 'prabu wal -Towards God' – a collection of articles on St. Therese of Lisieux by Fr. Jidhin Kurisinkal CST. Very Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST the provincial superior also presented the bucket list for the jubilee year that carted renewal programmes, ministerial outreach activities and jubilee ventures. The students of the Little Flower Convent School, Hanumangarh further endorsed the cultural embeddedness of the CST mission with a traditional Rajasthani dance performance. The inaugural ceremony was also availed for honouring the pioneer missionaries in Punjab and Rajasthan. Along with the distinguished dignitaries, the pioneer missionaries - Fr. Bruno Pazhuparambil CST, Fr. John Kudilil CST, Fr. Sebastian Kalapurackal CST, Fr. Francis Kilivallickal CST, Fr. K.J. Thomas, the veteran missionary of the diocese of Jalandhar, Sr. Judit DM, Sr. Anselin FCC and Sr. Regi FCC also received mementos from Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST and Rev. Fr. Saju Koothodiputhenpurayil CST.



Fr. Joby Palankara CST the Provincial Councillor and education secretary proposed the vote of thanks. Immediately after the formal programmes, the congregation felicitated His excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Agnelo Gracias as the jubilee inauguration was in coincident with his Episcopal ordination day.

The inaugural ceremony was concluded with the fellowship meal. Rev. Fathers, Sisters, Seminarians, aspirants and parishioners from different ashrams, stations and parishes of Punjab and Rajasthan graced the occasion with their benign presence. May this Golden Jubilee be a *yôbēl* that sounds the trumpets of new awakesness in the service of CST Mission in Punjab and Rajasthan.







As we are at the threshold of the 50th year of our missionary presence in Punjab and Rajasthan, I am very glad to announce some of the special ventures that we wish to accomplish in the next 365 days. The action plan envisages self-renewal as the top priority through renewal programmes, Biblical seminars, group dynamisms, deepening of religious commitment and enriching our identity as Little Brothers of St. Therese of Lisieux. We also plan to enhance the spiritual revival of families, catechists, youth and other collaborators through various programmes. Second set of action plan aims to benefit the 'other' through housing projects, welfare schemes for all sections, health-care and palliative programmes, women empowerment initiatives, agricultural and horticulture initiatives, extending the numerical strength of the self-help groups etc. The third set of action plan includes extending our missionary presence geographically, development of a full-fledged retreat centre, construction of churches and schools at our mission stations, establishing Jyoti Media centre, engaging in ventures of serious academic nature and the production of documentaries. I hope this action plan will help us to look into our own selves critically as well as to look other charitably. May this action plan help us to grow in our missionary and religious commitment and to our responsibility to the other as a good neighbour. Thank you and May God bless us all.



IN PUNJAB-RAJASTHAN (1973-2023)

JUBILEE PRAYER



God, Our Father,/ we thank and praise you for the abundant blessings / you showered upon our mission family / in the past 50 years./ Despite our weaknesses,/ your grace enabled us / to be heralds of love,/ instruments of justice/ and as faithful stewards in your Vineyard./ While confessing our shortcomings and deviations,/ we pray / that this Jubilee be an occasion for us / to restore our original spirit,/ and to be renewed in the Holy Spirit,/ towards the promotion of Faith and Culture./ May the missionary exemplars of St. Therese - our Patroness,/ and Fr Basilius - our Founder / continue to inspire us./ Let our motto,/ "Go and Do Likewise"/ be the motivating force of our service./ In this Jubilee year,/ may we learn to 'be little' in our lives / and 'serve the little' more./ Bless our community with the spirit of reconciliation,/ unity / and fraternity,/ so that our future mission may seek only Your Will,/ and always remain a pleasing offering to you./ We make this prayer / through Christ our Lord. / Amen.

Mary, our Mother,/ Pray for us.

St. Joseph, our Protector,/ Pray for us.

St. Therese, our Patroness,/ Pray for us.

St. Thomas and St. Francis Xavier, our Sub-patrons,/ Pray for us.

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Experience of CST Mission in Punjab-Rajasthan

It has been a long-cherished dream of many of us in the Divine Mercy Fellowship to visit any North Indian Missions and experience the warmth of the evangelization over there. The dream finally came true in February 2022 when Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, the Provincial Superior of Khrist Jyoti Province, Punjab-Rajasthan of the Little Flower Congregation (CST Fathers) invited us to Punjab to have a first-hand experience of the missionary works carried out there by the CST Fathers.

Our Punjab mission experience started with an interaction session with Fr. George Alukka at Little Flower Ashram, Moga. He shared with us how God challenged him by asking whether he truly believed that India could be evangelized. During our week's stay, we visited more than 10 villages including a village in Punjab-Rajasthan border. The first thing that struck us is the immense joy of the villagers, most of whom work as hired hands for the rich Zamindars (landlords). In the simplicity of those serene villages, we grasped what our Lord meant by the "Joy that the world cannot give & Peace that surpasses understanding". For, how the villagers could remain joyful in spite of deep poverty was a mystery for us. However, we are sure of one thing that they experienced every day the Christ who humbled himself unto the death on a cross.

A typical visit to a village begins with a Praise & Worship session with lively music that lasts for nearly 2 hours. The Punjabis with their inherent fondness for music and dancing immerse themselves in the worship session with a passion rarely seen in Kerala. After this, the priest breaks the word. If scheduled, The Holy Eucharist replaces the latter. We also had the opportunities for home visits and interactions with the villagers with our limited Hindi expertise. Their openness, simplicity and cheerfulness amazed us immensely. The villagers readily and happily shared what they had with us and we all ate together. The zeal and commitment of Fr. Sabeenose Alilakuzhiyil CST, Fr Mathew Kumpuckal CST and others to bring the Gospel to the villagers had a profound impact on us.

An effective and unique pastoral system we found in the parishes of the Jalandhar diocese is an extra rung in the ecclesial hierarchy of the diocese called *Babuji*. The *Babujis* are lay Catechists with exemplary Christian virtues and deep-rooted faith occasionally trained by the diocese for the purpose of smooth and effective faith formation. They receive regular stipend with pension after the retirement from the diocese. They play a significant role in the nourishment of faith in the Punjab Mission. They act as intermediary between the Parish Priest and the rest of the faithful. They visit the villages regularly, interacting and praying with them, and follow up the faith formation. The Babuji who accompanied us although being retired and aged, was still very committed to the villagers and would lead the Praise & Worship at 3 to 4 without fail.

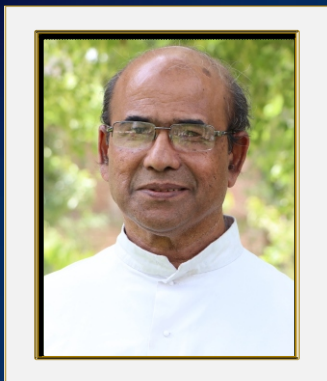
One serious challenge that modern Punjab faces is the widespread use of drugs among the youth and the daily labourers (who are offered drugs to increase the productivity of labour by the landlords). In spite of these, in Punjab, we saw a large crowd eagerly longing to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. All the same, unlike most of the other North-Indian states there is no opposition as such by the co-habiting non-Christians in the land towards evangelization. In short, Punjab epitomizes the gospel words "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" (Mt 9:37).

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude towards Fr Ajeesh Pareeckal CST and Fr. Deepak Thoomkuzhy CST who took great pain and efforts to take us around the different mission stations and schools. Our mission exposure finally came to conclusion with an interaction session with Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal CST who gave us several practical inputs through which we could further explore what have been experienced during those days of intensive and thrilling missionary outreach.

Mr. Avirachan
Divine Worship
Ernakulam

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Completing 50 Years of Religious Commitment



Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal CST



Fr. John Kappiyarumalayil CST

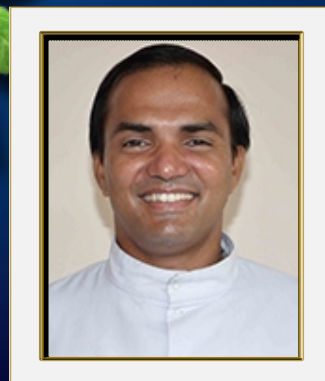
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Starting of 25 Years of Religious Commitment



Fr. Shibu Menachery CST



Fr. Ajeesh Pareeckal CST

Birthday Greetings

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Festal Greetings

April 23



June 9



June 13





**Millions of thanks to
Vey Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalyil CST,
Superior General, for your love and
concern towards our Province.
Your visit to Punjab-Rajasthan Mission
has boosted our mission spirit and
enthusiasm.**