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Dear Fathers, brothers and sisters

First of all, I wish you all the blessings of Dhukharana. This year we celebrate the 1950th year of St. Thomas' heroic martyrdom. When we look back into the history of the Catholic Church, St. Thomas the apostle is the most misinterpreted disciple of Jesus Christ, because of his curiosity to see in person the risen Christ. He was criticized and misunderstood him for his disbelief and called him as doubting Thomas. Despite these, he is the father of our Faith and the founder of St. Thomas Christians in Kerala, His life can be summarized in three Words he was "Committed", "Curious" and "Convinced".

In John 11:5-16, we see the commitment of St. Thomas towards Jesus Christ. Jesus plans to return Judea hearing Lazarusis dead; but the disciples

discourage him saying that the Jews look forward to killinghim. However, Thomas says "Let us also go, that we may die with him." The gospel does not speak what happened after that but we find in the next verse that Jesus and his disciples are at the tomb of Lazarus in Judea. Thomas was so committed to Jesus during his public ministry that he was even willing to die with Jesus. He empowered the others also to do so even before they were enlightened by the Holy Spirit. His martyrdom is an expression of his love for Jesus and testified he is the true disciple. The question arise am I able to become a living testimony before others?

A Curious Learner: Aninquisitive student assists the teacher to explain the mysteries. In John 14, Jesus speaks to his disciples regarding his departure; "you know the way to place where I am

going." The disciples were not able to understand him; were astonished and wondered at the mysterious way he spoke to them. Thomas asked Jesus "Lord we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" In reply, Jesus unravelled the mystery that "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."It is the experience of this mystery that enthused Thomas to board ship to Kerala, that all may know Jesus and through him, the Father. We have to unwrap the mysteries of the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. Revelling is believing and believing is testimony.

A Convinced Believer: St. Thomas was not with them when risen Lord appeared to the disciples. When he heard that Jesus appeared to them he was adamant and stubborn to believe until he witnessed it personally. Jesus appears again asking Thomas to be a believer. Thomas exclaims with supreme faith exultation "My Lord My God". Let us be convinced of the real presence of Jesus in our lives too. Whenever we take Lord's most precious body and blood in the holy Eucharist we should also utter these words"My Lord My God". St. Thomas was able to imbibe strength, faith and hope from Jesus and he spread it

wherever he went; and he was living testimony because he was committed, curious and convinced of his belief. As we celebrate the golden jubilee of our mission in Punjab- Rajasthan may St. Thomas help us to be committed to our mission and let us be convinced of our vocation and mission. Let him be our role model to spread the fragrance of Love, Care, Hope and Faith.



Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST
Provincial Superior





Duty Calls

Fr. Provincial went to Kerala for partaking in the governing body meeting of Little Flower Seminary, Aluva and liturgical ceremonies of Minor Orders, Perpetual Profession, Vestition, Renewal of Vows and First Profession of our brothers of the province. Eighteen of our brothers renewed their vows on May 12 2022 at Little Flower Seminary, Aluva. Two of our Brothers received Diaconate and Seven of our brothers received Minor Orders on May 13 2022at Little Flower Seminary, Aluva. Five of our brothers took the perpetual profession and seven of our brothers did their Vestition on May 12, 2022 at Little Flower Generalate, Thrikkakara, Kerala.

Major Seminary Meet 2022

The Major Seminary Gathering

of our Khrist Jyoti Province was held on May 18 2022 at Khrist Jyoti Mission Seminary, Mudickal. Fr. Provincial met all the Major seminarians at Mudickal. Mar Jose Puthenveetil, Auxiliary Bishop of the Eparchy of Faridabad inaugurated the Major Seminary gathering and an orientation talkwas conducted by the Divine mercy fellowship Thrikkakara under the guidance of Mr. Elvis Kattokaran. It was a great platform for them to know the Mission works of Province as well as to express and share their feelings and concerns about them and their seminaries.

Here I am Lord

The first profession of the little buds of Little Flower Novitiate Abohar was held at Little Flower Major Seminary, Aluva. Holy ceremony was



begun with a solemn procession followed by Holy Eucharist and a ceremonial profession of the Holy vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST, Superior General of CST congregation, Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, Provincial Superior of Khrist Jyoti province, Rev. Fr. Sabu Kandamkettiyil CST, Provincial Superior of Little Flower Province and Novice Master Fr. Varghese Poovathumootil CST and the Jubilarians also concelebrated the Holy Eucharist with them.

Bros. Abishe kEdakunnel, Royal Roy Pezhumparambil and Bestin Joseph Thumbathuruthel from Khrist Jyothi province were professed and promised their life for Christ our master on May 17,2022.

Inter Province Meeting at Little Flower Provincial House, Gorakhpur

Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior and Fr. Joby Palankara CST, Fr. Salj Puravalappil CST and Fr. Shijo Palakuzha CST participated in the interprovince meeting which was convened at Little Flower Provincial House, Gorakhpur on May 22 & 23, 2022.

Meeting with His Grace Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio

Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior and Provincial Councillors Fr. Shijo Palakuzha CST and Fr. Salj Puravalappil CST had meeting with His Grace Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See to India, during his pastoral visit to the Diocese of Jalandhar on June 12, 2022. Rev. Fr. Provincial thanked His Grace for all the instructions during the time of making new contract with the Diocese of Jalandhar and he also invited His Grace for the concluding celebration of the Golden Jubilee of CST Mission in Punjab.

Retreat Anubhav 2022

Anubhav 2022 was organized for the youth from the deaneries of Muktsar, Moga and Ferozepur was hosted at Little Flower Church, Fazilka, from June 16 to 18 2022. It was organized by the Youth commission of



Jalandhar. Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, Provincial Superior inaugurated Anubhav 2022. A special thanks to Fr Sebastian Areeparambil CST and Fr Tom Padinjareyil CST for arranging the retreat in a well-organized manner.

All the best for the new ministry dear Fathers

Fr. Sagil Nadakunnel CST went to Africa on June 10, 2022 for doing the mission work in Africa and Fr. Ajeesh Pareeckal CST went to Scotland on June 16, 2022 to do the pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Edinburgh. All the best and prayerful wishes dear fathers.

Inauguration and Blessing of New Convent at Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab

We blessed and inaugurated the new convent of Congregation of Snehagiri Missionary Sisters at Immaculate Mission Hospital, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab on June 25, 2022. Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, Provincial Superior blessed and inaugurated the Snehagiri convent in the presence of Rev. Sr. Tancy SMS, Provincial Superior of St. Mary's Province, Kothamangalam, Rev. Fathers and sisters from Punjab and Rajasthan. We signed the contract with Snehagiri Missionary Sisters on June 24, 2022 and it was endorsed by Bishop Agnelo Rufino, Apostolic administrator of Jalandhar Diocese on June 26, 2022 at Bishop's House, Jalandhar.

Inauguration and Blessing of Divyoday Convent at Kot Shamir, Punjab. We blessed and inaugurated the new convent Divyoday Convent on July 03, 2022 at Little Flower Mission station, Kot Shamir. Mar Jose Puthenveetil, Auxiliary Bishop of the Eparchy of Faridabad will be officiating the ceremony.

To the Order of Diaconate

Bros. Tinto Kollamparambil CST, Nikhil Valeputhenpurayil CST of Khrist



Jyoti Province and Bro Praveen Kallikattu CST of Little Flower Province have received the order of Diaconate on July 03, 2022 at Little Flower Mission Station, Kot Shamir, Punjab. Mar Jose Puthenveetil, Auxiliary Bishop of the Eparchy of Faridabad conferred the order of Diaconate upon them.

Welcome Dear Brothers

Three of our Brothers who are doing their regency this year have arrived at provincial house on June 7, 2022. They have been assigned to different mission stations to do their regency. All the best dear brothers.

Bro. Bibin Moolan CST and Bro. Jobin Sebastian CST, the first year theologians, came to provincial house on June 14, 2022. They were in the provincial house for two weeks and they had intensive language course on Hindi in view of doing theology at Allahabad.

Three our deacons, Dn. Tinto Kollamparambil CST, Dn. Nikhil Valeputhenpurayil CST and Dn. Sam Vayalil started their diaconate ministry at Sri Muktsar Sahib, Guruharsahai and Fazlika respectively. All the best dear deacons.







lam the resurrection and the life
Whoever believes in me,
Even though he dies, will live?
Jn. 11:25



Death anniversary of Fr. Varghese Koikara CST

We commemorated the 14th death anniversary of Fr. Varghese Koikara CST on June 3 2022 at Khrist Jyoti Provincial House, Hanumangarh. On this occasion, the requiem mass was held at the Provincial house. Many Fathers and sisters from nearby convent joined for the requiem Mass.



All the best for the new ministry

A farewell party was organised for Fr. Ajeesh Pareeckal CST on June 11, 2022 at Provincial House. It was a moment of joy and sadness. Fr. Provincial remembered his contributions towards the community. He thanked him for his wholehearted service to the provincial house and wished him all the best for his new ministry in the Diocese of St. Edinburgh, Scotland.

Happy Feast dear Fathers

We celebrated the Feast days of Fr. Benny Pulimkalayil CST and Fr. Shan Alackaparambil CST on April 28 and July 2 respectively. We had solemn Holy Mass and followed by Feast day celebrations. Sisters and Fathers from the neighbouring community also joined for the feast day celebration.





MAJOR SEMINARY GATHERING 2K22

The Major Seminary Gathering of Khrist Jyoti Province held at Khrist Jyoti Mission Seminary on 17th to 19th May. The gathering was inaugurated by His Excellency Mar Jose Puthenveettil, auxiliary bishop of the diocese of Faridabad and Rev. Fr.

Saju Koothodiputhenpurayil, the Provincial Superior together with the jubilarians. During the Gathering we had the Jubilee celebrations of Rev. Frs. John Kapiarumalayil (Golden Jubilee of First Profession), Antony Anmura (Silver Jubilee of Ordination) and Shibu Menachery (Silver Jubilee of First Profession).





His Excellency wished the reverent fathers and gifted them together with Rev. Fr. Saju Koothodiputhenpurayil, the Provincial Superior. His Excellency also addressed and greeted the major seminarians even though it was a surprise visit.

The gathering continued with the Solemn Holy Mass on 18th May by His Excellency Mar Jose Puthenveettil. On 18th the gathering was more fruitful with the class conducted by the Divine mercy fellowship thrikkakara under the guidance of Mr. Elvis Kattokaran. In the afternoon the Provincial met the seminarian's batch vice. The gathering continued at 5.30 pm and it discussed major concerns of the seminarians and respected superiors. The Major Seminary gathering concluded by the solemn Holy mass by Rev.Fr.Saju Koothodiputhenpurayil on 19th Mayand the seminarians went out for a movie and supper in the evening.



Up Coming Programmes

- * Monthly Recollection: July 12 & 13,2022
- * Golden and Silver Jubilee Celebration of Jubilarians: July 13, 2022
- * Death Anniversary of Fr. Pious Edasseriparambil CST: July 14, 2022
- * Junior Clergy Meeting at Generalate, Thrikkakara (Batch I): August 26-28, 2022
- * Plenary Assembly of KJ Province: September 5-7,2022
- * Refresher course for Sisters: September 15-17,2022
- * Junior Clergy Meeting at Generalate, Thrikkakara (Batch II): September 16-18,2022.
- * Refresher course for Fathers: September 19-21, 2022
- * Annual Retreat November 6-11,2022

New Appointment

Fr. Tom Padinjarayil CST,

Parish Priest, Little Flower Church, Fazilka.

Fr. Sebastian Areeparambil CST, Bursar,

In addition to the previous appointment as Manager of Sacred Heart Convent School, Fazilka

Fr. Joby Palankara CST,

Member, Jyoti Niwas, Hanumangarh, Superior in charge Abohar.

Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal CST,

Superior, Little Flower Ashram, Abohar.

First Year Minor Seminarians

Name	Baptismal Name	House Name	Date of	Parish	Diocese
			Birth		
Abiyesh Jinesh	Joseph	Vellachalil	15.03.2007	Chundathumpoyil	Thamarassery
Albin Antony	Jacob	Edavanattukulam	15.01.2005	Kozhuvanal	Palai
Ashlin Poulose	Devasy	Thottunga	07.12.2006	Aimury	Ernakulam-
					Angamali
Adharsh P Sajeev	David	Puthenparambil	18.10.1995	Villonni	Chaganassery



He is not here.... He is Risen

The blessing of the risen Lord manifested the spirit of hope and joy to kindle the lamps of the faithful in Sacred Heart Church Malout. The people from in and around joined the Holy week and Easter celebrations. The sisters, parish counsel members, youth representative, Mariam Sena, catechism children worked very hard to bring colour to the celebrations. Every day in the Holy week affirmed to the minds of the faithful an indelible mark to relive their Christian life in a more meaningful and creative way. All the members of the ashram, together with Fr. Shan CST made the days, spiritual enriched with their prayers, Holy Eucharistic celebrations and heart touching sermons.

New sprouts with enriched spirit

The heat and humid of the north Indian summer had less impact on the craving of wisdom and knowledge of Sacred Heartians. As usual Sacred Heart Convent School Malout commenced the second session of academic year on the proposed date, 4th July 2022. The school campus again recollected moments of smartlearning in a pleasant and conducive atmosphere. Fr. Mathew together with his team started preparing the little buds to bloom in our sacred heart garden.

Happy Feast

June 24th is the feast day of Sacred Heart, since it falls on Friday, the Sacred heart Ashram celebrated the feast of Sacred Heart on 26th June Sunday. Fr. Shibu Menachery the Superior of the Ashram celebrated the Holy Mass and preached the word of God. All the parishners together prepared the Langar for the people gathered to receive the blessings of Sacred Heart. The Ashram members gathered together to cut the cake and celebrated the day with its full vigour and enthusiasm.

Jubilate

Fr. Shibu thanked the Lord for the ever grateful 25 years of service in the vineyard of Christ Jesus in the presence Rev. Fr. Provicial Superior Saju Koothodiputhenpurayil, his companions, his fellow priests and well-wishers. Fr. Mathew Kumbuckal CST the Golden Jubilarian, preached the word of God and inspired everyone present, to look forward to the glory of Christ Himself and thank him for the wonderful gift of Fr. Shibu to our community. Sr. Pushpa and Sr. Josna joined the function as they too completed 25 silver years of the their work to be the witnesses of Christ under the protective wings of St. Francis of Assisi. Everyone joined for the dinner there after.

News

Beats of Muktsar

Spiritual Refreshment

This year also catechism summer camp was conducted to inspire children spiritually. Many programs were prepared for children through workshops and classes. Camp started with lighting the lamp and continued with various programmes under the leadership of Fathers, Sisters, Babuji and Teachers. The students from class 1st to XIIth presented different stages of the Bible through drama and dances. Everyone appreciated the students for their creativity and excellent performances during the camp. Success is in our blood!

Not to be outdone, this year's icsc result was also an inspiration and a source of pride for the school. After a long wait, the children got the fruits of their labor. Bhavika Khurana (98.6%), Anant Singh (98.2%), Enayat Kuar (98.2%) and Arshia (98%) got the first four positions. 67 students passed with 90% marks and 75 students passed with 80% marks. ICSC class 12th result was also good and kept up the excellent track of the school.

Basil Mission School at Kotli Road also had good success this year. Highly qualified teachers and well versed Principal Sisters are the reason why, the school is going ahead with 100% success in the past and the present. Congratulations to everyone who are celebrating their success and to the teachers who prepared the children for the exam!

Prizes are our heritage!

This year also ASISC Zonal level competitions were held with the greatest enthusiasm on 23rd July, 2022. Students from

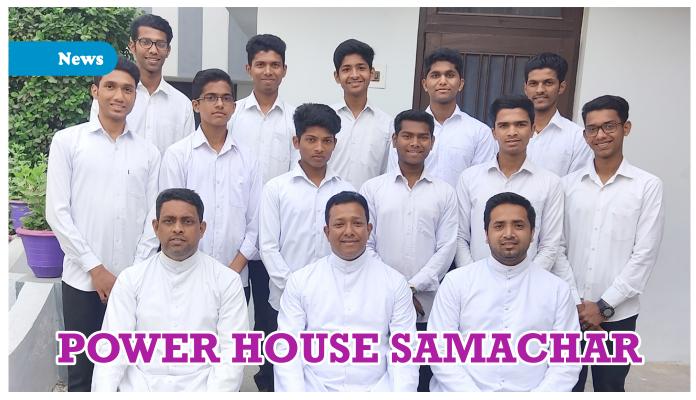
all the schools under Muktsar zone came with the utmost interest and vigour. Skating, basketball, carrom, chess, and table tennis Competitions were held. After intense competition and efforts, many schools have come up with good results. Not far behind the results, the students of Little Flower Convent School, Muktsar also won many prizes. Kudos to the Principal and teachers for their effort and interest!

Arrival of a new face

Muktsar is the first mission station of CST Fathers in Punjab-Rajasthan. Many of the CST priests love to serve God's people here. Many people come for Holy Mass and prayers in weekdays and Sundays here. Therefore, It was a happy moment when the parishners gifted with a new deacon, Dn. Tinto Kollamparambil CST to the parish. Receiving strength from Holy Eucharist and adoration, deacon is going around Xavier Printing press, Basil mission school, parish activities and village visit with utmost vigour and vitality. All the best deacon for your pastoral help for the parishners!

Best Beginning for the New Buds

This year also initiation ceremony was held for the Nursery Students on 28th May to bring joy to the children. Fr. Tigi, Fr. Deepak, Fr. Siriland Sr. Principal lit the lamp and blessed the children. Fr. Tigienlightened everyone with the message that every child is entering the world of letters and should dream of becoming great in their life. The children were returned to their homes thanking principal and teachers.



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...ANewYear...

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 29thJanuary. 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 as in Holy Mass.

Very Rev Fr. Superior General is here!

Very Rev Fr Jojo Varakukalayil 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 there by your quidance 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 Masswe 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 there after.

Canonical visit from Gorakhpur

Rev. Fr. Sabu kademkattyil 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 you 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





Holidays

The summer vacation in the seminary was from 13th march to 31st may. Brothers had gone back to their respective provinces, congregation, and dioceses. The vacation duty was done by the brothers from four provinces, six brothers each for two weeks. We whole heartedly acknowledge the selfless services of the brothers which they have rented during the vacation time.

A Professor to Rectorship

With the heart felt gratitude and love, we bid adieu to Fr. Baiju Kattikaran CST on 11th April. Who after serving the seminary as a staff, animator and treasurer of LIAPR, got transferred to Little Flower Minor Seminary Vettikkattri. We pray that may the almighty help and support Fr. Biju in his new endowers as Rector and superior of the house.

Towards the Almighty

We the philosophers had our

annual retreat from 6th to 11th may. Rev. Dr. Vincent Kundukulam, vice Rector of St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha preached the retreat. It was a time of blessing for us to reflect on lives and the call which we live.

Renewal of Vows

On 11th may 2022, 75 brothers renewed their vows before Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalyil CST, the Superior General. It was a time of resurrendering ourselves to God for his mighty works.

To the altar of Lord

13th of May 2022 was a graceful day which helped which helped number of brothers to come closer to the altar of God. His Excellency Mar John Nellikunnel Bishop of the Eparch of Idukki, has given the minor orders. Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalyil CST, the Superior General and the provincials concelebrated the Holy Mass. The presence of family members and

parish priests of the deacons graced the occasion.

Convocation

The convocation ceremony for the 3rd years was held on 13th of May 2022. 23 brothers has successfully completed their philosophical studies from Little Flower Institute of Philosophy and Religion. Rev. Fr. Superior General awarded the brothers with BPh. Certificate. He congratulated and wished the brothers all the best for their future studies and ministries. The convocation ceremony was meticulously organised by Fr. Tomy Alumkalkarot CST, President and Fr. Tigi Thanniyil CST, Dean of studies.

Being in one home

After the covid 19 pandemic, and after a long break, we called together for a major seminary gathering on 13th and 14th of May at the venue of Little Flower Major Seminary, Aluva. The gathering named re-2022 was cordially inaugurated by Very. Rev. Fr. Superior General on 13th of May. We had a lecture on the contribution of Deepika daily, in the cultural development of the society of Kerala, by Rev. Fr. Roy Kannamchira CMI and before the lecture Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST introduced

him to the audience. On the same day a friendly basketball and volleyball matches were conducted. On the next day the Holy Masswas celebrated by Rev. Fr. Bibin Cherukunnel CST. Rev. Sr. Soumitha SD delivered a talk on the social, ethical and civil laws of social services. She added her own experiences in the slums of Ernakulam. In the meeting with the major superiors brothers shared their experiences, concerns and suggestions. Very Rev. Fr. Superior General, Provincials, General Councillors and the major seminary staff were present in the meeting. Fr. Joy Vayalil CST and Bros ShinzMundackal CST and SavioIllimoottil CST were the master brain behind the entire programme.

Here am I

It was a time of great joy and happiness for all of us. Because this year we have witnessed God's meritorious deeds and blessings through the first religious commitment of our brothers. Bro. Abhishek, Bro. Royal, and Bro. Bestin, after an year of their formation in the Little Flower Novitiate House, Abohar, committed themselves fully to God on May 17th at Little Flower Major Seminary, Aluva. Receiving the blessing from the Eucharistic

Table we began our function. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST, Superior General and provincials, Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST and Fr. Sabu Kandamkettiyil CST were the concelebrants. The superiors from various diocese and congregations and the beloved parents and relatives of our brothers participated in the function. We also celebrated the silver jubilee of the First profession of Fr. Baiju Kattikaran CST, Fr. Binoy Mannarathottathil CST, Fr. Shibu Menachery CST, and Fr. Jojo Vadakkel CST.

New Comers

The benjamins of LFS arrived on May 31st. there are 31 first year philosophers. Fr. Rector and the staff welcomed them to the seminary. We extended a warm welcome to Rev. Fr. Libin Kozhikkottu CST, new staff and bursar of LIPAR.

Schola Brevis

His Excellency Mar. Geroge Madathikandathil, bishop of the eparchy of Kothamangalam inaugurated the academic year 2022-2023 on 1st of June with a concelebrated Holy Eucharist at 10:15 am. His Excellency highlighted the need of a mature integration faith and reason of philosophical training of the seminarians.

Rev. Dr. Tomy Alumkalkarot CST, president welcomed all to the Schola Brevis programme.Dr. Libin Kozhikkottu CST presented Lectio Brevis on the topic "The Marriage of Ideals and Strenuousness: Philosophical Account of a Meaningful Life". Rev. Dr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST, Superior General and Rev. Dr. Saji Nellikkunnel CST graced the inaugural ceremony with their inspiring words.

To Philosophize

A philosophical orientation class was conducted by Rev. Dr. Paul Komban, Professor, St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha on 4th June 2022. Father imported several insightful thoughts on the need to think philosophically and the class was all the more interesting.

NewVenture

On the eve of June 19th a new BCL (Basilieous Computer Lab) was inaugurated by Rev.Fr.Joby Mamalassery CST. The blessing of the lab was done by Re. Fr. Tomy Alumkalkarot CST in the presence of Fr. Saji Nellikkunnel CST, all other staffs and brothers. Along with the computer lab we have the internet browsing area and recording studio as well.



Jubilee celebration of fathers

On 17th May evening we celebrated the jubilees of our dear Fathers. We celebrated Golden and silver jubilee of the first profession of Fr. John kapiyarumalyal and Shibu Menachery and the Silver Jubilee of the priestly ordination of Fr. Antony Anmura. His Excellency Mar. Jose Puthenveettil was present for the celebration. Bro Noyal felicitated the jubilarians and had a solemn supper in the evening. Fathers from Generlate and Little Flower Major Seminary, Aluva were present for the jubilee celebration.

Summer holydays

During the month of April, May and June Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan had been a host to many Fathers and Brothers from Punjab, Rajasthan, and Africa and from different the ologates and philosphates. Their vibrant presence made this community very thrilled and active. They helped the community at various levels and shared their mission experiences to the Brothers and Fathers motivating them to be more prepared and active in the missions of Punjab, Rajasthan and wherever they are.

The Arrival of New Vice Rector

On 25th May Fr. Jobin Moolan, the new Procurator and Vice Rector of Khrist Jyoti Minor Seminary came. In the evening we gave him a warm welcoming and he took the charge as a Procurator and Vice Rector.

Birthday of Fr. Vargheese Poovathum ootil

On 27th May we celebrated the birthday of Fr. Vargheese. Poovathumootil. There was a solemn celebration in the morning in the presence of many fathers from Punjab Rajasthan were present for the celebration. The present regents and the brothers from Little Flower Seminary, Aluva were also present for the birthday celebration.

A journey to Africa

The African Missionary Fr. Babychan came here and stayed in the seminary. He encountered us with his challenging and inspiring experience in Africa. On 7th June, 2022 we gave farewell to Fr. Sagil who left to Generalate in preparation to go to the mission in Africa. Congratulations and Best wishes dear Fr. Sagil on your new venture....

Retreat for IVD seminarians

Rev. Fr. Shibin Kochelath organized a retreat for two of the IVD seminarians in preparation for their Vestition. They came here and stayed for the retreat from 12th to 14th June, 2022. They thanked the fathers and brothers for the hospitality and kindness showed towards them and returned to their own places with an enlightened and illumined vision and mission.

Arrival of Benjamins

Khirist Jyothi Minor Seminary welcomed the Benjamins and their parents and relatives on 12th June 2022. We have four brothers at present. A recollection was organized for them by Rev. Fr. Simon OFM Cap. from Shanti Bhavan, Perumbayoor.

Feast of Fr. Shibin and Fr. Rijo

13th June we celebrated the feast of Fr. Shibin and on 29th the feast of Fr. Rijo. The festal celebration started with solemn Holy Mass. After the Holy Mass we had the cake cutting and wished them all the greeting of the day. In the evening we had a solemn supper and feast celebration in the presence of fathers from Generlate and Little Flower Major Seminary Aluva.

|YOTIRGAMAYA 2022-23|

The inauguration of the Literary and Cultural Academy [YOTIR GAMAYA 2022 &23 was conducted on 10 July 2022. The programme began at 6 pm in the auditorium. The chief guest of the programme was Rev. Fr. Francis Chittinappilly CST - the Provincial Superior of St. Joseph's province. Rev. Fr. Francis Chittinapilly inaugurated the literary and cultural academy by lighting the lamb and pointing the need of true art and literature. Fr. Philip the parish priest of Sacred Heart Latin church Mudickal felicitated the first years and encouraged them by singing a semi-classical devotional song. Fathers and Sisters from different ashrams and brothers from Little Flower Major Seminary Aluva were present for the cultural programme. The Benjamins conducted group song, speech, Mimicry, Duet, Skit, Solo, Group dance etc. The function culminated with the solemn supper.





1. SCHOOL REOPENING-1ST APRIL 2022

The school reopened for the academic session 2022-2023 on 1st April 2022, with a special prayer session in the morning assembly. Rev. Father JIJO, the manager of the school blessed the children and the school campus new students and teachers were given a warm welcome in the morning assembly. Staff and students offered flowers and candles as a symbol of their submission to God and prayed for a meaningful and peaceful academic year.

2. PROVINCIAL'S VISIT

Provincial Superior Rev. Father SAJU CST was on his official visit to our school on 7th July 2022, he addressed

the students in the morning assembly, inspected the class in progress and also addressed the staff in staff meeting. He enquired the teachers what they felt the most striking feature when they serve in this temple of education and also asked whether they have any urgent requirement for the welfare of student and school.

3. ICSE RESULT X – XII

We are proud to report that 2021-2022 batch of X & XII (ICSE & ISC) students have brought laurels to the school by their outstanding result. Out of 215 appeared for class x, 70 students got above 90%, 86 students secured above 80-90% ARNAV NIRMAL became the school ISC topper by securing 98.75% and NEVEDHYA JAIN became the ICSE topper by securing 98.25%.

4. INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture Ceremony was the much awaited by the students. It was held on 13th August 2022 with great zeal and enthusiasm. The office bearers were conferred with sashes and badges by Rev.Fr.JIJO manger, and Sr. Shanthi the principal of the school. The student council took the pledge to hold the school motto in high esteem.

5. INDEPENDENCE DAY CLELBRATION

The glorious" 75th anniversary of Independence of our nation was celebrated in our school with patriotic fervor. The Independence Day celebration started with the Flag Hoisting in the Assembly ground.

Rev. Father JOBINS in the presence of Rev. Father JIJO manager, and Rev. Sister Shanthi Principal, Staff and students, hoisted the National Flag and delivered an Independence Day message. The orderly parade and the colorful cultural events were the major attractions of that day.

6. ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Marians brought laurels to the school by winning 8-gold,2silver and 3 bronze medals in North West Region Taekwondo Completion conducted by CISCE. They also bagged 5 gold 2 silver,4 bronze medals in inter school taekwondo completion held at Dehradun.





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.





A New Approach

It was a new moment of arrival. When Brother Paul came to Jaisalmer as a Regent on 16th June 2022. As a part of seminary formation. The 8th year of the seminary formation of the brother started the place called "Swarna Nagari Jaisalmer". Above all it was an unflinching courage of him to the respond of the sign of Jesus. It was a new turn to the different life experience with the people and the culture.

Two Unique Features

A New arrival of the two unique characters made the community more admirable and beautiful. It was Sister Mayuri Solanki SCSA the new principal of the St. Paul school Jaisalmer and Sister Reshma SCSA came as the new staff of the school. Consequently their presence made the community more vibrant and enthusiastic. So on June 28th was a day of delightful.

In the Wings of Jubilee Prayer

The silver jubilee prayer of our St. Paul church started in this year. And it still going on. So we are preparing ourselves for the grand jubilee celebration of our St. Paul church.

The shining starts of St. Paul School Jaisalmer

On the way to a shining future, with Fr. Sebastian Kalapura and sister saroj we could able to make 13 toppers from the SSLC examination. All could able to pass very well in the exam. These 13 toppers could able to score more than 90%. It was really the qualities of the nurturing students. Here the joyful journey begins when 'little flower' found the field abandoned. In 87 shape of small academy it gains, in 1990 a new school system beaconed. Now again our school attained a great dignity on the way to its shining future.

The Feast of St. Anne

The congregation of sisters of St. Annes, the first religious congregation of active life in Spain, was born on 28th December 1804. We celebrated the feast of St. Anne on 25th July in our SCSA convent. Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil the provincial superior of the Khristu jyothi province celebrated the solemn ceremony. After the Holy mass we cut the cake and we had a delicious food together.



BID FAREWELL

A grand and graceful farewell programme was arranged for the formal Parish Priest and Manager Rev. Fr. Joby Palankara CST. The programme was held in the school ground which was marked by vivacious and extravagant initiatives from the students and parish members. During his period, as a manager, he has brought radical and profound changes in the school academic level.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for his selfless and bountiful service as the Parish Priest of Ganganagar Church and as the Manager of Sacred Heart Convent School, Sriganganagar.

WELCOME ABOARD

We whole heartedly welcomed Rev.Fr.Varghese Poovathummoottil CSTas our new Manager and Parish Priest.

The parish members, the staff assured their all-level cooperation to Rev. Fr. Varghese. Students arranged a splendid felicitation programme in the assembly ground to greet and bestow their appreciation and best wishes to their new manager.

We believe and pray that his Sagacious and judicious work style and ingenious and insightful decisions will bring lot many positive and influential changes both in the parish and school scenario.

At the same time, we also extended our warm welcome to Rev. Sr. Mercy SABS as the new superior and Social Work In-charge and Rev. Sr. Tresa Toppo SABS as the Principal of Kindergarten Wing. May their positive approach and genuine interactions reap hundred folds outcome.





FEAST OF SACRED HEART

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of Divine love. It reminds us that God loves us unconditionally with a love we cannot earn or ever be worthy of. The Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrated with uttermost credence and conviction. Special Holy Mass Celebration took place to commemorate the solemnity of Jesus Christ which is an everlasting paragon of sufferings, humility, forgiveness, victory in the resurrection and His infinite love for us. All the parishioners took part in the Special Holy Mass offered by Rev.Fr. Varghese Poovathummoottil CST, the Parish Priest and Rev. Fr. Justin Vettikkeeruparambil CST, the assistant Parish Priest. Rev. Fr. Varghese wished all the members of the church and inspired everyone with his most inspiring and pious homely. A short refreshment was served to the church members after the Holy Mass as apart

of sharing the joy of the divine occasion of the celebration.

To strengthen the community relationship and share the joy of the celestial occasion **ASHRAM GATHERING** also took place in which the fathers and sisters of Sriganganagar and Kesarisinghpur came together and had a special dinner together.

ST. THOMAS DAY

Ganganagar Parish celebrated St. Thomas Day on July 3rd, Sunday. Saint Thomas is known to have spread the gospel of Jesus.

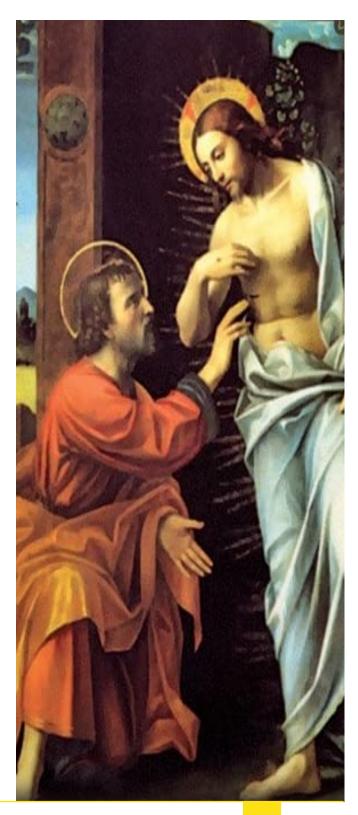
The life of "The Apostle Thomas' is important to us in many ways. It comforts us in our insecurity, it shows us that every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty and also the words that Jesus addressed to him remind us of the true meaning of mature faith and encourage us to persevere, despite the difficulty, along our journey of adhesion to him.

Rev.Fr.Varghese Poovathummoottil wished all the parishioners the days' greetings and he encouraged all the members to be a true follower of Jesus.

THE TOARCH BEARERS

The Investiture Ceremony for the year 2022-23 academic year. The event was presided over by Rev. Fr. Varghese Poovathummoottil CST, the Manager of the school, Rev. Fr. Justin Vettikkeeruparambil CST, Assistant Manager of the school and Rev. Sr. Phincy SABS the Principal of the school. The newly elected student council pledged to dispense their duties to the best of their abilities and abide by the rules and regulations of the school. Rev. FR. Varghese addressed the newly elected School Cabinet in which he inspired the student council members to be the role models and render their responsibilities sincerely.





The Petals



Arrival and Beginning of the New AcademicYear

The Benjamin's has reached here in Divine Word seminary on fourth of June. His Excellency Most Rev. Francis Serrao, Bishop of Shimoga, inaugurated the academic session for the year 2022-23 on sixth of June. The inaugural ceremony start with the Eucharistic celebration and followed by the common gathering. The theme of the academic year was "Journeying Together towards Fullness of Life." His Excellency in his speech put forth the contextual interpretation of theological concerns in the period of tensions. He said that Christians should anchor the life in Christ who was obedient to the heavenly Father in the light of signs of the time.

Mission - The Call of Time

We are all call to the mission of Christ centeredness in our way chosen

life. Fr. Stenslavous SVD addressed the fathers and co-pilgrims in the community and explain the call of mission in this post Covid era. He told that the vocation we have to gather and to lead has changed its course from being the shepherd to being with the sheep and entering into the social and economic dialogue. He also explained the struggles and joy as the mission in-charge of the SVD congregation. He told that cultural incarnation and local incarnation is necessary of the time. These incarnations are the primary way of inculcating oneself into the arena of mission. He explained the unexplored areas of the Latin American as well as the Asian regions of Christianity. The dream of what to do as missionaries should be enkindled in the minds and actions of the each one so as to in the missionaries.

News VADAVATHOOR SEMINARY BULLETIN....

Back to Home Alma Mater

...On may 31st, 2022, all the seminarians returned back after about two months of vacation. The seminary welcomed about seventy new brothers into the philosophy section and 38 new brothers into theology. The seminarians were greeted by a renovated seminary as some major painting and construction works were completed over the summer vacation.

In His Name.....

...Soon upon arrival we conducted our first monthly retreat of this new academic year led by our own professor, Fr. Dominic Vechoor. The retreat was an eye-opener and prepared us aptly for the new year.

On your Mark... Set Go.....

...The academic year was officially inaugurated on June 3, 2022 by His Excellency Mar. Peter Kochupurackal, bishop of the eparchy of Palakkad. Bishop shared insightful thoughts on having a proper frame of mind for studies and having on openness towards the lessons.

Futuring the Shepherds.....

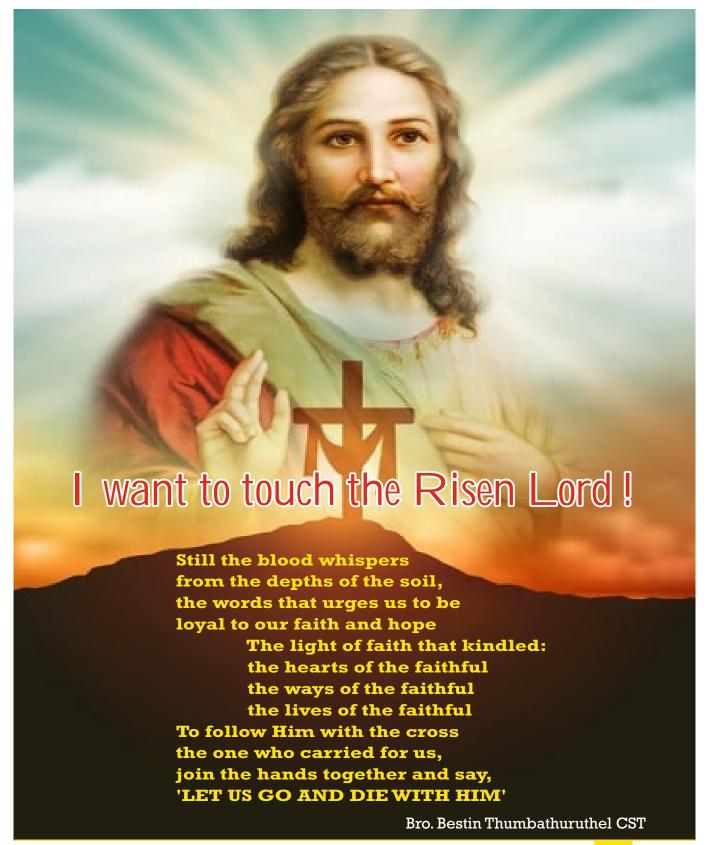
...On June 5th, the pastoral ministry began and the reverend deacons, thirdand second-year theologians were assigned parishes within the eparchies of Changanasserry, Palai, Kanjirappalli, Ernakulam and Kottayam.

Oandisad'alaha

...On June 9th, the seminary had the joy of celebrating two occasions. Firstly, the feast of Mar. Ephremad secondly, the inauguration of the cultural academically year. Dr. Lijimol P Jacob, HOD of Journalism and Communication department at M. G. University was the chief quest of the event.

Anniversary Bells Ringing

...On June 28, the seminary family celebrates the conclusion of the diamond jubilee of St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary and the Ruby Jubilee of Paurastya Vidyāpītham. The function was blessed with the presence of numerous Cardinals, bishops from Syro-Malabar, Syro-Malankara and Latin churches, the heads of the other Christian Churches and other distinguished quests.



Desiderio Desideravi RE-DISCOVERING THE HEART OF LITURGY

Introduction

Desiderio Desideravi is the Apostolic Letter by Pope Francis promulgated on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on 29 June 2022. With this latest document the Pope is calling the Church to a greater appreciation of and reflection upon the liturgical patrimony which we presently possess. The goal of this article, then, is to provide a framework to understand what the Pope is proposing for the Church, and so hopefully aid us in entering more deeply into our sacred rites. It is broadly speaking about liturgy. Liturgy is the way we give glory to God and the focal point of Christian Life. Vatican Council II says, "liturgy daily builds up those who are within into a holy temple of the Lord, into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ." The council document encourage and exhort us rediscover the heart of liturgy and to have a liturgical formation for the better understanding of its place in Catholic life. Pope Francis affirms it saying "liturgy is "the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, and at the same time the font from which all her power flows." By this document, Pope Francisen courages to foster a liturgy-oriented life, not following the liturgy in routine but imbibingits spirit for better worship. In brief, the liturgy is a true encounter with God, nota performance.4

Abrief summary of the document

There are eight section so fun equal length; the first sessions shorter in comparison to the proceeding.

- 1. The liturgy: the "today" of salvation history (nn.2-9)
- 2. The liturgy: place of encounter with Christ (nn. 10-13)
- 3. The Church: sacrament of the Body of Christ(nn. 14-15)
- 4. The the ological meaning of the liturgy (nn. 16-19)
- 5. Rediscovere very day the beauty of the truth of the Christian celebration (nn. 20-23)

- 6. Wonder at the paschal mystery, an essential part of the liturgical action (nn.24-26)
- 7. The need for a serious an dvital liturgical formation(nn.27-47)
- 8. Arscelebrandi (nos.48-60).

The Pope begins the document with a quote from Luke; "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer" (22:15). This forms the foundation of his reflection on liturgy. The Pope continues to articulate, "all had been drawn there by the burning desire that Jesus had to eat that Passover with them." Jesus desired to give his body and blood to humanity for its redemption. The Pope calls this as the supreme act of obedience to His Father. Therefore, it is an encounter and the sacraments are not things but encounters or events. Through sacraments, we are building our relationship with God, and Holy Spirit strengthens this relationship. Today, Lord Jesus "who lives forever with the signs of his Passion continues to pardon us, to heal us, to save us with the power of the sacraments." The role of the Church is significant here: to fulfill the mission of Christ. Liturgy works as an "antidote for the poison of spiritual worldliness" in the Church. It removes our spiritualaridity and empower our life with hope and love.

The refore, there is a transformative spirit in sacraments. After explaining the sacrament's spiritual aspect, the Popele adsusto the second phase, limiting the scope of older liturgyorpre-Vatican Liturgy. The Pope says that we have to hold on to the Second Vatican documents for the celebration of the Eucharist. 10 We are called continually to "rediscover the richness of the general principles exposed in the first numbers of Sacrosanctum Concilium, grasping the intimate bond between this first of the Council's constitutions and all the others." We should not go back to the pre-Vatican procedure asit is suspended. 12 Finally, the Pope speaks about the liturgical formation. All should go through the liturgical formation, including the ordained ministers. 13 The liturgical formation is "not some thing that can be acquired once and for all."14 It is on going and eternal. Everyday we must be refreshed and formed by liturgy. Seminarians, especially, should lead a liturgyoriented life that will be come a witness in their past oral ministry, but it is often be coming a routine dramain many places. Sacraments should be celebrated with proper preparation, congregation, and in the Spirit of prayer. Good preparation makes the celebration more meaningful!

Evaluation and Reflection

First of all, as usual, it is a spiritual classicon Liturgy from Pope Francis. Pope high lights the meaning and a life of a Catholic centere donliturgy. It is the "the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit." Jesus is the epitomic example for an authentic liturgical life; His prayer, life, and deeds testify his encounter with God. He constantly prayed to the Father, taught and healed which he continues to do so through sacraments.

The Pope desires that seminarians particularly should possess a liturgical sense and discipline because he is not a secular man, his future will be centered on liturgical celebrations. He can't take, therefore, a holiday from it. It is always heard that "as a brother so a priest". So, if we develop a liturgical discipline in seminary formation, it will have greater influence when we become ordained ministers in the church. The Pope recognizes "the action of the Spirit can only bring to the completion of our knowledge of the mystery of God." The Mysteries of God is a question from the beginning, but it" is not a question of something grasped mentally but a relationship that touches all of life." During the ology formation, liturgy becomes a topic to be studied. The Pope desires that we need to go beyond the scheduled discipline, connecting it to the context of our time and place. ¹⁸

Spiritual world liness is a not her sickness found among the priest and religious. It is the lamentation in the book of Revelation; "I know your deeds that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!" (Rev. 3:15). When we lose the fire in our hearts, we lose the happiness in the liturgy. When we lose happiness in liturgy, we live asif with out hotor cold. The Pope criticizes this mentality through many pastoral letters in the last ten years; "Shepherds should have the smell of the sheep." "We need saints without veil or cassock. We need saints who wear jeans and sneakers. We need saints who go to the movies, listen to music, and hang out with friends..." If feel the secular mind set is working more among religious and priest. It is the need of the time, to have a change!

Liturgy is the "firsts our ceof divine communication."²² Therefore, it should be taught to children. In the 19th and 20th centuries, parents were very strict with their children in learning faith articles. However, today, the learning of catechism has a rapid declension. Family prayer and spiritual talks are not common today.

The busy schedule of parents destroys the life of children mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. It will have a greater negative impact when they grow older. Many Christians left the faith due to the misconceptions they received from others. So, it becomes the responsibility of catechismte a chers and parents to bring up a new generation who are able to integrate the mysteries of Christ.

There is importance for silence in the liturgy.²³ In the Eucharistic celebration, silence after the communion is meant for a close encounter with Jesus, who has come to our hearts. In many places, this silence is not used properly. In liturgical hours, we can also find the places where we need to reflect silently. This silence is meant for the Holy Spirit to boost our minds and hearts with divine wisdom. One observation that the Pope put for ward is, blocking the work of the Holy Spirit., Religious and priests should not "block the activities of the Spirit." Spirit is working through each individual. There fore, we should allow Spirit to work through us.

Finally, Inoticed many quotes from Vatican II in this exhortation. The Pope wanted to high light the Vatican II documents, which is the treasure of the Catholic Church. This exhortation is not intended to give a new shape to the liturgy bu temphasizing what is all ready given to us. Pope Francis wants everyone to know the beauty of worship and do it with full heart and mind.

Conclusion

Jesus gave us his body and blood to save us from the clutches of sin because he loves us very much. The words from the cross, "I thirst," become meaningful in this sense. The Passover that Jesus gives us is the nectar of immortality. It is a gratuitous gift. In order to participate in this Passover, we need a "wedding garment, which is none other than faith." Faith should lead us to altar, altar will lift us to heaven. The Pope desires that all should come to this encounter with Jesus in daily life. The disciples of Christ, the religious, should always be with Jesus in liturgical life. St. Therese, our patroness, also showed this path. She was always in the presence of the Lord. We also should bloom in the garden of calvary.

Dn. Tintokollamparambil CST





