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At the very outset, wish you all a prosperous Jubille Year and grace filled Festal greetings of our beloved Heavenly Parroness. Golden Jubille challenges and reminds to its memebbers about the basic principles and aims of our religious values. How far have we succeeded in the dreams and charisms of our heavenly patroness and its founder. The existence of our province and co-existence of its members is determined based on our attidues now. To be is to be related and co-exist as a community and family.

"When you belong to a community, the community longs for you" (Fr. Cyriac K.CST) an igniting quote of our belongingnes to our own province at the time of our Feast and Golden jubilee..

Kindly do question myself regarding my belingingness to own province. Do I have a space to share in my community? Do my colleagues truly long for my presence in the designations I am apointed?

Do we really bequeath our charismatic resources and God given gifts for the realisation of God's plan. It is a golden chance to examine the growth of our province. The province is a seed that was sown by the Almighty, the sower in the fields of Punjab and deserts of Rajstan 50 years ago. Has the this plant been rooted well in depth to survive the storm and aridity of faith and culture. Has this plant undergone ample perseverance to excel at the face of uncertainties?

I am burning with this following reflection about our province and its spiritual and familial heights to face. "Which is more important", asked the pupil, "the journey or the destination?" "the company", said the teacher. Bretheren, its high time to realize that it is not our professionalism and carerism that help us to achieve the dreams of our province but the true company and companionship that we render each other with genuine heart in true fraternal spirit. It is fitting to point out at this time certain basic principles of our existence for our community based in above reflection. Pope Benedict offers us a concise and clear definition of each

* "*Human dignity* is the intrinsic value of a person created in the image and likeness of God and redeemed by Christ". Do we keep up the fraternal dignity in our province?

* "*Solidarity* refers to the virtue enabling the human family to share fully the treasure of material and spiritual goods". Do we extend our hands to share and collaborate?

* "*Subsidiarity* is the coordination of society's activities in a way that supports the internal life of the local communities". Are we obsessed with authority and pride?

* The *common good* is "the totality of social conditions allowing persons to achieve their communal and individual fulfillment". Do we have a common end to establish this year?

* At the halfway to Golden jubilee celebrations and executions, shall we accomplish the essentials and purpose of Golden Jubilee of a mission before its conclusion based on the above mentioned principles? What have I planned personally except the provincial administrative activities for a meaningful and worthy celebration of golden moments of my province?

Editor

Fr. Dony Mullakkariyil CST





Fraternal Musings

Dear Fathers,

“How terrible, I thought, that no act of love is ever made in hell! And I told God that I was ready to go there myself, if it pleased Him to contrive, in that way, that for all eternity there would be one loving soul in that abode of blasphemy”.

Love is the much-hyped and maligned word against the feast of St. Therese of Child Jesus. These days, we lavishly speak of the Theresian love with poetic expressions. Often, we fail to understand the true meaning of Love. Therefore, it is worth reviewing ourselves with the words quoted from St. Therese at the very outset. She was ever ready to love God in the furnace fire of hell, in order to save a soul, she was ever ready to go to the extremes. Does our love go void in these days? Are we able to go the extremes of our lives?

When Little Flower exhorts that her vocation is love in the heart of the Church, she was not just fisting in the air. She found her vocation as love in the everyday life in the Carmel. In the words of Karl Rahner, we can call her a 'Mystic of everyday life.' For him, the most profound form of such mysticism is the unreserved love for the other.

Theresian spirituality teaches us the algorithm of everyday ordinary parts weaving together the extraordinary whole of eternity. This would mean that before we start looking to others, we have to look into our inner layers of life. Though her spirituality is called “little way” or “a lift to heaven” when we start to practice it, it is the narrow way to haven which Jesus speaks in the gospel. Let this feast of our patron saint be a trendsetter among ourselves to start from scratch and head toward greater and greater goals. If you want to follow.

Her may the acts of every day defining the totality of our mission. Like her we may also found our vocation that is to love every one with their faults, do mission with profound gratitude and for the glory of God. Thank you all and wishing you a blissful October 1. May St Therese our heavenly patroness showers her roses of blessings so that we may act rather than preach, love rather hate, won souls other rather than loosing them.

Fraternally in Christ



Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST
Provincial Superior



Monthly recollection

To rejuvenate our lives and ignite the missionary zeal, on July 12 & 13 2022, we had our monthly recollection and priests gathering at the Provincial House, Hanumangarh. Fathers from Punjab and Rajasthan were present for the monthly recollection and priest gathering. The recollection was started by invoking the intercession of Mother Mary through the rosary. Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal CST gave the talk.

Jubilee Celebration

We celebrated the golden jubilee and silver jubilee of religious commitment of Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal CST and Fr Shibu Menachery CST respectively at the Provincial House,

Hanumangarh on July 13, 2022. We had a solemn mass and felicitation ceremony.

Visitors Diary

We were so happy to welcome Rev. Fr. Joby Edamuriyil CST, Provincial Superior of St. Thomas Province, and Rev Fr. Biju Kollamkampil CST, Provincial Econome, to the Punjab-Rajasthan mission for a few days visit from August 25-30, 2022. They have come to Punjab in view of seeking the possibility of opening a new center in the state of Punjab. Thank you dear fathers for your visit.

Provincial Plenary Assembly 2022

We had our Provincial Plenary Gathering 2022 at our Provincial House, Hanumangarh from September

5-7, 2022. The plenary assembly started with monthly recollection guided by Fr John Kappiyarumalayil CST, General Councillor. Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST, Superior General inaugurated the plenary assembly with the orientation talk. A total number of 55 priests participated in the plenary Assembly. On September 7 Very Rev Fr Superior General concluded the plenary assembly with his enriching message.

Fables from Jeevan Jyoti

We blessed and inaugurated a new office for the social work department “Jeevan Jyoti” on September 12, 2022, at Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab. Very Rev. Fr JojoVarakukalyil CST, Superior General, inaugurated and blessed the new office in the presence of Rev. Fr Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, Provincial Superior of Khrist Jyoti Province. Many fathers and sisters from Punjab-Rajasthan partake in the meeting.

Seminar on Farming and Management

A seminar was conducted under the aegis of the Social Work Department on the topic “Farming and Management of Buffaloes” at Immaculate Mission Hospital Muktsar on September 5, 2022. Dr. Gurditt Singh Aulak, Senior veterinary officer took the seminar for the participants. More than 30 farmers from the malwa region participated in the seminar.

Inauguration of formation house at Abohar

On the occasion of the solemn celebration of the Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary, on September 8, 2022, we officially inaugurated the Seminary (come and see program) at Abohar. Very Rev Fr JojoVarakukalayil CST, Superior General inaugurated the Seminary with a solemn Eucharist. Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, Provincial Superior, and many other fathers from Punjab-Rajasthan was present for the inauguration. This year we have admitted 14 candidates from Punjab and Odisha. Rev Fr Benny Valloor CST and Rev Fr Jidhin Kurisinkal CST are appointed as Rector and Vice-rector of the seminary respectively.

Refresher course for sisters and Fathers

As part of the Golden Jubilee celebration of CST mission in Punjab-Rajasthan we organized a refresher course for women religious on the topic "Psychological Principles for a fulfilling Religious life" from September 15 -17, 2022 at Jyothi Dharshan Missiological Centre, Hanumangarh, Rajasthan. The resource person for the program was Fr DolichenKollareth SJ (faculty member Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Pune). Rev. Fr Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, Provincial Superior inaugurated the meeting and around 35 sisters from Punjab-Rajasthan participated in the refresher course. Similarly, on the same topic, a course was arranged for CST fathers as well from September 19-21,

2022 at Khrist Jyoti Provincial House, Hanumangarh. We had the participation of More than 30 Fathers from Punjab-Rajasthan.

Catechetical Feast

We have organized a catechetical feast for the catholic youths in Punjab-Rajasthan. It has its official inauguration by Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST on July 10, 2022, at Jalalabad. So far we have conducted Basketball for men and women, cricket for men, and Badminton for women. The literary and cultural competitions will be conducted in the upcoming months.

Golden Jubilee Programmes

As the Punjab-Rajasthan mission is in the Golden Jubilee Year, we have arranged a lot of jubilee programs for the faithful. So far we have conducted retreats and bible conventions for Babujies, couples, and the faithful, and a Refresher course for Fathers, Sisters, and teachers. Fathers of the province are in full swing to actualize the planned events before the end of the Jubilee year.

Junior Clergy Meeting at Generalate

The junior priests of Khrist Jyoti Province participated in the Junior clergy meeting which was conducted in two batches at Little Flower Generalate, Thrikkakara from August 26-28 and September 16-18, 2022. In the first batch seven and the second batch, eleven junior priests participated. It was a rejuvenating period of time for them.

New Appointments

Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal CST:

Superior, Khristhu Jyothi Mission Bhavan, Mudickal.

Fr. Benny Valloor CST:

Superior and Rector Little Flower Ashram, Abohar.

Fr. Jidhin Kurisumkal CST:

Vice Rector, Little Flower Formation House, Abohar.

Upcoming Events

Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux at Khrist Jyoti Provincial House,

Hanumangarh: October 1

Annual Retreat: November 6-11



Lyotis from Hanumangarh

Independence Day Celebration

Thousands laid down their lives so that our country can breathe today. We celebrated solemnly the 75th Independence Day of India. Fr. Shan Alackaparambil CST hoisted the flag and delivered the message of the day.

Happy Birthday Dear Fr. Provincial

We celebrated the birthday of Fr. Provincial on September 7, 2022. The celebrations began with a solemn mass in the morning. After the Plenary assembly, we had a birthday celebration in which Fr. Provincial cut the cake, and Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST, Superior General felicitated him. Rev. Fathers were present for the celebration. They wished him all the greetings and prayers of the day.

Onam Celebration

We had our Onam celebration on September 8, 2022, at the Provincial House. Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, and Teachers joined us for the Onam celebration. We had sumptuous traditional Kerala food for lunch. It marked happiness, excitement, and enjoyment among all of them.



Malout Bulletin

Happy independence day

Sacred Heart Ashram celebrated the 76th Independence Day in the ashram community. Fr. Mobin celebrated the Holy Eucharist and Fr. Mathew hoisted the national Flag in the presence of many gathered. The day also marked our love for our Beloved Mother, Blessed Virgin Mary. The celebrations strengthened our bond as Indians and Catholics.

Onam

Every Onam reminds us to be more gentle, care and it always creates an altruistic mentality which paves the path to prosperity. The Sacred Heart Community celebrated Onam with all its colour and taste. Two days celebrations include games, food and Holy Eucharist.

As the Onasadhya filled our stomach, our minds were filled with joy and enthusiasm looking forward for a better future ahead.

Feast day celebrations

Feast day of Rev. Fr. Shibu and Rev. Fr. Mathew was celebrated on 25th of October Sunday evening. The community gathered together in the seminary to wish and pray for both the fathers. Many fathers from different stations joined for the function. We prayed for them to be another St. Mathew and proclaim the Good News to the world wherever they may be, with their words and deeds.



A boost for Teachers...

Innovation in the way of the curriculum is what every teacher wants. It is to turn back and then move forward for a better output! Therefore, a seminar was organized in Muktsar to empower the teachers of Little Flower Convent Sen. Sec. School. Oxford Publishers organized this seminar on 10th September. The teachers say that even though the program lasted till 2 pm from morning 9 am, but they got good input. One hundred thirty teachers participated in the program, which added to the pride of the school.

CRI Meeting @ Muktsar

After a year of great activities, the new office bearers of CRI were elected at a meeting held in Muktsar. Fr. Saju Kuthodipuenthpurayil CST, the Provincial Superior present for the meeting and reviewed the activities of the CRI in Punjab. The class by Fr. Syriac which briefed on the activities of

the CRI in Punjab, was awesome. These are the new office bearers elected on that day. More than 50 religious participated in this successful meeting. Fr. Cyril and Dn. Tinto arranged food and reception for the members of CRI in advance, which was appreciated and acknowledged in the attitude of gratitude. Everyone went back very happy on that day.

Picnic mood is ON....

There is no one who does not like to travel around the globe. But when we go together, its happiness is doubled more than a single journey. Therefore, a day was set apart for the Press staff to unwind after all the hard work and activities - that was their Shimla trip on 10th September. The press staff claim that the trip led by Fr. Siril and Sr. Julie was delightful.

Memories of 15th August...

India celebrated its 76th Independence Day on 15th August

2022, marking its 75 years of freedom. Commemorating the patriots who hoisted the victory flag in the lands of India, the Muktsar community prayed for the prosperity and peace of our country. Fr. Bruno Pazhooparambil CST hoisted the flag at 7.30 am along with Fr. Siril Pothan CST and Fr. Shijo Palakuzha CST. Teachers and Church members joined in this programmes with great enthusiasm. After the national Anthem, Fr. Bruno and Fr. Shijo distributed sweets to everyone. Dn. Tinto captured all the proceedings of the day on his camera. After Independence day celebrations, Fr. Siril and Fr. Shijo offered solemn Mass for the faithful.

Bada feast @ chotta pind!

A church feast of our Lady of Carmel was celebrated in Badai village with great pomp and glory on 15th August. Celebrations began with the rosary devotion at 5.30 pm in the dusk, followed by the solemn eucharistic banquet. Fr. Varghese Chittinappilly CST, the pioneer missionary and the constructor of the church, was also present on this occasion. He blessed everyone present therewith his special prayers. Fr. Bibin NaripparaCST enlightened the people with his eloquent speech during Holy Mass. After the Holy Qurbana, the curtain fell on the celebrations with agape.

We have a saint Vincent here....

Saint Vincent was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity. Even though Vincent de Paul was a priest, his work and humanitarian principles went beyond religion. For him, principles of humanity and impartiality were the most important considerations to be able to provide assistance to the neediest people in society, no matter who they were or what religion they practiced. Fr. Vincent Chittinapily, the hero of Muktsar community, is also blessed with a saintly life. All the goodness that shone in the saint's life can be seen in the father's life too. The ability to make others laugh and make others think were the unique qualities found in him. Sowe celebrated our 'bada father's" day with great joy and enthusiasm. Many Fathers and sisters from various stations in Punjab came to wish our father ji. The celebrations started with a small prayer service on the 28th evening. Along with Fr. Siril and Dn. Tinto, Muktsar community joined with them to make this day a remarkable one. Aspirants sang a wishing song; followed by felicitations by Fr. Sabinose Alilakuzhiyil CST and Sr. Jais Rose DM. The celebrations ended with delicious food being served to all who came.



Birthday Celebration of Fr. Sabeenose

We celebrated birthday of Fr. Sabeenose, our Superior and Parish priest, on September 2, for counting the blessings that God has given in his life. The day was graced with thanks giving Holy Eucharist and small cake cutting ceremony alone with the faithful in the evening. The celebrations continued with delicious dinner alone with all fathers of Muktsar zone.

Teacher's Day Celebration

To honor our guiding lights, we celebrated Teacher's Day on 5th September with the accompaniment of different programs of both teachers and students. The program was blessed with the presence of our chief guest Rev Fr. John Joseph Mayiladumparayil.

Family Renewal Program

To spread the fire of Holy Spirit in families and to deepen their relations, we conducted Home Mission program under the leadership of CMC sisters. Sisters co-ordinate the program through house visits, counseling, community prayer and retreat. This program really helped in the spiritual renewal of the Parish and families.

Congratulations to Victory

Adding a golden feather to the crown of our school, our students achieved an outstanding victory in international Karate Tournament held in Nepal. India got second position in the tournament with nineteen medals and we are proud to state that among them nine medals were achieved by the students from our school.

ZIRA BULLETIN

Friday, 20th May, 2022

Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal CST was appointed new Superior of the Little Flower Ashram, Zira. Fr. Antony Kalapurackal CST who served the Ashram as its Superior continues to be the Manager, Econome and Priest-In-Charge of the mission center.

Sunday, 26th June, 2022

Feast of St. Antony, the patron saint of Fr. Antony Kalapurackal was celebrated on 26th June as Fr. Antony was holidaying in Kerala. We had Holy Mass in the evening and in which parishners and Rev. Fathers and Sisters from nearby stations attended. Happy Feast, Fr. Antony.

Wednesday, 29th June, 2022

Three of our Sub-Deacons made their preparatory retreat for the order of the Diaconate from 29th June to 2nd July.

Sunday, 3rd July, 2022

Bishop Jose Puthenveetil came and stayed over here today on his way to Jalandhar from Kot Shameer.

Sunday, 10th July, 2022

Feast of the heavenly patron of Fr. Silvenose Alilakuzhyil was celebrated in Ferozpur City on 10th July, 2022. We had Holy Mass in the evening and many Fathers, Sisters and good number of laity participated in the Holy Mass. Festal greetings. Rev. Sr. Snowmary SMC, Mother General of the SMC visited us today.

Monday, 16th July, 2022

The Patron's day of Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal was celebrated on 16th July and many Fathers and Sisters came to wish him and to participate in the Holy Mass. Prayerful wishes.

Saturday, 23rd July, 2022

Two CMC Sisters namely Rev. Sr. Therese CMC and Sr. Little Therese CMC came for their special ministry of evangelization. They have undertaken a new way of evangelization. They are on foot and visit villages and houses, telling of Jesus and His Gospel. They were here for two weeks and they have laid a foundation for a new community. We specially thank them for their commitment and appreciate their enthusiasm. God bless them.

Wednesday, 3rd August, 2022

Rev. Fr. Jeejo Chalackal, Vicar General of the eparchy of Palakkad

visited our station today along with some of the clergy from Palakkad.

Thursday, 11th August, 2022

We had Zonal Monthly recollection on 11th August, 2022. Fr. George Alukka, Fr. Silvinose Alilakuzhyil, Fr. Antony Kalapurackal and Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal participated in the meeting.

Thursday, 8th September, 2022

Feast of the Nativity of Blessed Mother was solemnly celebrated in the evening. A very good number of people participated and Fr. Antony celebrated Holy Mass and conducted praise and worship. All were served langar.



Sikhwala News

Summer Camp

The camp for catechism children were held at the Infant Jesus Church, Sikhwala from 16th to 18th June and it was led by Fr. Stephan CST. The camp included classes, games, presentations, prayers etc... As the culmination of camp all the children were taken for a picnic at Ferozepur Border on 20th of June.

Birthday

We celebrated the birthday of Fr. Bijo in the Ashram on July 10th, and we had a good time at the event. Fr. Provincial and Fathers and sisters from nearby stations joined with us for the programme.

Provincial's Visits

Fr. Joby Edamuriyil CST the Provincial superior of St. Thomas Province, Fr. Biju Kollakombil CST, the Econom, made a mission visit to the ashram on August 27.

They visited the school, clinic, church, and ashram as part of their visit, and they were pleased with our hospitality and inspired to do more in the mission.

One day convention

As the part of Golden Jubilee celebration, a Bible convention was held at Sikhwala on 6th of August, and about 250 people attended the programme. The convention was conducted by Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal and Fr. George Alukka. The Rosary was started at 5:30 PM, followed by two talks and continuous Adoration and confession from 5:30 to 9 PM. After the convention, there was lungar for the parishioners.

St. Alphonsa day

We celebrated the feast of St. Alphonsa in the ashram on 28th of July. On this special occasion Fr. Robin Areparambil CST offered the Holy Mass and Fr. Stephen and Fr. Bijo assisted the holy mass.

After the Holy Mass there was lungar for the people. Fathers and sisters from nearby stations came here for the celebration.

ONAM

Onam was celebrated in the ashram on September 8th. Fathers and sisters from Kotshamer came to the ashram for Onam celebration, and we had Onasadhya, we commemorate onam together with our domestic staff from the school and Ashram.

Happy feast day dear father

We celebrated the feast of Fr. Bijo on 22nd of October and we had a solemn dinner and Fathers and Sisters from Giderbaha and Fr. Mobin joined for the programme. On 24th of October we had feast day celebration in the school and on Sunday we had the feast day celebration for the Parishners.

Independence Day

We celebrated Independence Day at the parish and school on 15th of

August. At the morning, we had a solemn Holy Mass and Flag Hoisting Ceremony in the church, and then in the school, Fr. Bijo hoisted the flag and the students staged variety of programmes.

Teachers day

We expressed our gratitude towards teachers by giving them gifts and presentation and students performed programme on September 5th as part of our celebration of Teacher's Day. On this auspicious occasion Fr. Bijo addressed to both the students and the teachers.

Sports page

Our parish-level basketball, football, and badminton teams took part in tournaments that conducted by the Province. Our school took part in various sports events held at Lambi and from there two of our students were selected for district level volley ball competition.



It was indeed a wonderful day when Fr. Joju Adampakkallel CST and Fr. Sijo Kurumuttath CST, Fathers from St. Joseph Province paid a visit to our house. They stayed with us for two days and celebrated Holy Eucharist for us. We enjoyed their presence into our community. We are grateful to them for their visit.

We were immensely happy on August 27, 2022 with the kind visit of Fr. Joby Edamuriyil CST, the Provincial Superior of St. Thomas Province and Fr. Biju Kollakompil CST along with Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, the Provincial Superior of Khrist Jyoti Province. On their missionary journey of North their visit to us really encouraged and energized us. We whole heartedly thank the fathers for showing their love by visiting us.

We also had a one-day programme for the children of the Parish. It was on Sunday so in the morning we had a short class for them on the basics of the Sacraments followed by Holy Mass. After the mass we had a few competitions for the children and then a few games for them. Children were divided into two groups and they performed and participated very well.

This programme was conducted in view of preparation for the Feast of Little Flower, our Heavenly Patroness.





Guruharsahai News

Its sports mode

It was really a proud moment for LFC Guruharsahai to shine. This time the ICSE zonal level competitions were held in our campus. Total nine teams participated in cricket, Kho Kho and badminton and they all put up their best skills to bring pride to their respective schools. The well-organized programs and the conducive ambience of school played a vital role in the success of the event.

JYOTHI CATECHETICAL FEST 2022

The second session of Jyothi catechetical fest for girls was held in Little Flower Catholic Church Guruharsahai. Inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Vincent Chittilapally with the solemn holy Eucharist, we began the fest at 7.30 am. The full day programmes thrilled every child to make their life more beautiful and meaningful.

Teachers' day

Thanks, is an ordinary word with extraordinary meaning so it gives meaning to both one who speak and receive.

The children showed their love and respect toward their teachers by making this day more memorable. The colorfully organized programmes, surprises and gifts indicated the gratitude and honor to the teachers.

Life is beautiful

The social work department conducted a health hygiene program for the social work coordinators. It was really an enriching program for the people. The awareness class was taken by Dr. Shivani MPT, Physiotherapist.





Aluva Tidings

Literary and cultural Academy Inauguration

On 3rd July we celebrated the feast of St. Thomas. Frs. Joby, Rogi, and Tomy who are bearing the name of St. Thomas offered a solemn Rasa qurbana in the morning. The inaugural programmes of Literary and cultural academy began at 6 p.m. at Emmanuel Arakathottam Auditorium. Rev. Dr. Kochurani, the professor of Bharthamatha College, was the chief guest of the ceremony. Rev. Fr. John Kappiyarumalayil CST, the General Councillor gave a message in the absence of Fr. Superior General. Brothers made the day more colourful by staging different programmes like song, dance and drama. The programme got over by 8.p.m.

Festively in Full Swing

It's impossible to imagine a priestly life without mentioning St. John Baptist Mary Vianney. We celebrated the Vianny day in our seminary on 4th August. We began our celebration with

a solemn mass celebrated by Fr. Rector and we had a fruitful gathering section led by Rev Fr. Celestin Chakkalakunneth CST. In the evening, our dear the priests of our community shared their priestly experiences.

Days to Know Each Other

Group dynamism of the first semester was conducted on 18th and 19th of August. Brothers spent their days under the guidance of respective animators of the batch. First year Philosophers had interaction within themselves, Second years had a psychological and a dynamic session by Fr Joshy, and third years were assisted by Fr Joe Paul kiriyantham with a psychological session. It was really a fruitful one for everyone to build more concrete relationships within the batch.

75th Independence Day

On August 15th we celebrated the Assumption of our Lady and our 75th Independence day. The celebrations

started by the solemn Qurbana. After the mass there was a small parade in front of the seminary and honoured our national flag which was hoisted 2 days before. Br. Ajin Elipulikattu gave a wonderful Independence Day message. In the evening, we had drama competition in which third years came out with flying colours.

Interclass Basketball Matches

We had a friendly match among three batches. The matches were conducted on 19th and 20th of August. It was a joyful event for all the brothers. Two matches were held on the first day; third years vs second years and first years vs second years. Finally, first years and third years were qualified for the final in which the third years won.

Teachers' Day Celebration

Little Flower Institute of Philosophy and Religion celebrated teachers' day on the fifth of September. The whole community gathered in the auditorium to respect and honour our venerable teachers. Most of the resident and non-resident teaching and non-teaching staff were present for the function. The programme commenced with a hymn to the Holy Spirit. Bro. Nidhin CSsR welcomed all to the dais. Bro. Noel Panat addressed the stage and reminded

the significance of a teacher in the life of a student. The second year philosophers staged a mashup song. We greeted our teachers by cutting the cake. Fr. Libin Kozhikottu enriched the students with his views of a mentor.

Onam 2022

We, the LFS community, celebrated the Onam on 08th September. The entire community was divided into four groups for the 'Onakalikal'. Each batch had their own responsible duties. The 1st year batch arranged the 'Pookkalam', the second year batch coordinated the 'Onakalikal' and third year batch prepared the delicious 'Onasadhya'. There were different competitions related to 'Onam' and the tug of war made the day more delightful. After the 'Onasadhya' we had a half-day outing.

New Priest Day

We have celebrated the New Priest Day of Fr. Stephen Swaranjeet CST, on 30th August, 2022. He is the first Punjabi priest in our congregation. He is a blessing to our CST Congregation and especially to our Khrist Jyoti Province. He has celebrated the Holy Qurbana in Malayalam Syro- Malabar rite.

KHRIST JYOTI MINOR SEMINARY, MUDICKAL

One Week English Course

One week English Course is being organised under the able guidance of Rev. Fr. Joy Vayalil CST, for the 1st Year Minor Seminarians of four Provinces at Khrist Jyoti Minor Seminary, Mudickal.

Combined Formation

Due to less number of minor seminarians in our seminaries, Rev Fr, Superior general in consultation with the Provincial Superiors decided to have a joint minor seminary at little flower seminary, vettikattiri, Kerala. Three of our first year minor seminarians at Mudickal moved to vettikattiri after the completion of their English grammar classes at mudickal.

Monthly Recollection

The Zonal level monthly recollection is conducted on 17th August at Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan Mudickal.

All the Fathers of Aluva Zone along with Fr Superior General were present for the recollection. Rev. Fr. Alwin Chacko was the resource person. It was really experiential and enriching.

Formation in Punjab

Rev. Fr. Benny Valloor is being transferred to Punjab to continue as the Rector at Abhour and he left for Punjab on 12th September. Also we bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Benny vallloor and also Fr Alwin Chacko who is shortly going to leuven. Fathers and sisters were present for the program. Rev Fr vicar general, Fr John kapyarumalayil, Francis Chittinapilly the provincial superior, Fr Philp the vicar of Sacred Heart Church Mudickal wished them with beautiful words and Mudickal community wished by singing a melodious song.

Welcome to the New Superior

Rev. Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal the newly appointed superior of Khrist



Jyoty Mission Bhavan has taken the charge on 15th September 2022.

Festal Greetings

25th September, it was an occasion of great joy to celebrate the feast Day of Rev. Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal and Rev. Fr Saji Nellikunnel and a Farewell to Rev. Fr Noble Vattakunnel who is fling to England on 30th September. The very presence of Rev Fathers from Generalate, Major Seminary and Aluva St. Joseph Provincialate doubled the joy and everyone felicitated the feastarians.

Home Holidays

The Months from July to September, Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan welcomed many Fathers from Punjab, Rajasthan and Abroad as they were on their holidays. Their presence in the Mission House were the moments of blessings and increased our fraternal love and care.

Medical Treatment

Rev. Fathers who were suffering from health issues reached here for the medical treatment and Rev. Fathers were admitted for the better treatment. Rev. Fr. Augustine Varakil, Fr Bruno, Fr Sunny cheruthanyare here for the rest and further treatment.



CHURU NEWS

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day was celebrated in our School with all its charm. Rev Fr. John Kudilil was the Chief Guest of the Day. Ms Prachi Nyol who secured 98.4% in the CBSE Examination 2021-22 was the special guest of the day. They together hoisted the flag. Rev Fr John gave the message of the day. Prachi gave an inspirational speech to the students. It was the day for the newly formed band team to make their display. The day became more beautiful with the cultural programme staged by the students. The students of the band team went to the parade ground for the march past and the District Collector Specially appreciated our band students for their gusto and energy.





FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The feast of the nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated in a solemn way in our Little Flower Parish. The Holy Mass was in the evening. Rev Fr John Kudilil was the main celebrant of the Mass. On this day we specially prayed through the intercession of Mary our mother for the Catholic Church and for our Nation.

ONAM CELEBRATION

All the Malayali families of the Churu Station gathered together on 11th of September in the little flower school campus to celebrate the onam. Fr Suneesh offered the Holy Mass in the morning in Malayalam. It was an occasion for all of us to have the experience of unity and fraternity. There were various curries prepared from each family and it was shared by all. Rev Fr. John Kudilil addressed the community and gave the message of the day.

PROUD MOMENT FOR LFS, CHURU

Prachi Nyol was the topper in our School and also in the Churu District for the CBSE Examination 2021-22 with 98.4%. She was so confident that she went for revaluation for all her papers. And we are so proud to announce that she secured 99% for her CBSE Examination 2021-22. She is an inspiration for all the students and we wish her all the best wishes in future.

TEACHERS DAY

Little Flower School honoured all the teachers of the School on 3rd of September 2022. Fr. Jobins was the chief guest of the day. Various programmes were staged by the students to mark the day more colourful. The teachers were specially invited and had a gathering on 14 September.



Nokha News

Canonical Visit

Rev. Fr. Provincial made is canonical visit to the station on 21/07/2022. He reached the station on 20th evening and started the canonical visit on 21st with Holy mass in the morning. He addressed the school children during the assembly. He met all the teaching and non teaching staff and the sisters, and in the evening he went to Bikaner.

First Fruit

The first batch of Little Flower Convent School, Nokha came with colourful result in the 10th Board Exam.

Result was 100% and Mahak Chaudhary with 98.6% became the topper of Nokha. We congratulate all the staff and students for their achievement.

Onam Celebration

Onam was celebrated in the station on 11th September. After the Holy Mass in the morning each family and resident staffs were given different items for preparation. After the Onam lunch, we had cultural programmes and different competitions for all of which rope pulling was the most intensive one.

Jaisalmer Bulletin

THE DAY OF FREEDOM AND GLORY.

We were happy to celebrate the feast of Assumption of our lady as well as our Independence Day Programme. On this day we could celebrate a special thanksgiving prayer and liturgy for the Independence of our India. This day is always a special thing for all of us because the feast of Virgin Mary and the freedom day of our nation give us an ever memorable status in the history of salvation.

During this day we could do the flag hosting by our municipal chairman Sree Hari Wallab Khalla the chief guest of that day. Then we continued and enjoyed our programme by variety of songs and dances that which express the love and token to our nation.

SADYA

We celebrated our 'Onam' on September 10th (a Sunday). The colour and lights of Onam fill us with grate happiness and enthusiasm. On this day we tryed our level best to make this day more beautiful.

Normally onam is celebrated with much joy in the state of Kerala. Though we are small in number of Malayali community we could celebrated the onam Sadhya together with great excitement.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with god in his creative work. The nativity of our Virgin Mary gives us the great messages of enlightenment.

So on this day we wished our entire dear and near once a happy feast of Blessed Virgin Mary. In the evening we had a solemn mass by our Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kalapurakal then we continued procession with a solemn rosary to the mother Mary's grotto. In the culmination, as a part of concern and love we shared the joy of this day with our parish members with a solemn dinner.

Kesrisinghpur News

Azadi ki Mahotsav

In the memory of our great freedom fighters we celebrated our nation's 75th Independence Day on 15th August with different patriotic programs and flag hoisting ceremonies. The presence and enlightening message of the respected chairperson kindled the spirit of patriotism in the minds of students.

Onam

We cherished the unfading memories of our kerala in the onam celebration on 11 september with Sri ganganagar community. It was a moment of nostalgia and recollection of our rich traditions.

Teacher's Day

Acknowledging the dedicated service and support of our great teachers we celebrated Teacher's Day on 5th September. The day was un coloured with the performances of teachers and students which highlighted the role of a teacher in contemporary society.





Bikaner Tidings

Dear Fr. Thomas...Wishes and blessings..



The Ruby Jubilee &
70th B'day celebration

22nd September, 2022



**Congrats & Prayers Sr Sruthi MSA
& Special Appreciation to Mr. Deepak
& Mrs. Sangeetha, Dixon**



Festal Greetings



Fr. Thomas



Fr. Sandeep

"be not faithless, believing."

"My Lord and my God"

*Moments of
Happiness*



*Our special
Visitors*



**Batchmates of Fr.
Thomas from Kerala**



Fr. Dolichan SJ



**Very rev. Fr. General &
provincial**



**Adorno Fathers with
Fr. Ani CST**



**Fr. Shinu K Thomas,
Marthoma church.**



**Sr. Philimine CSC, provincial
Superior**

Jyoti Catechetical Fest 2022

Jyoti Catechetical Fest 2022

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light has dawned (Mt 4:16); and that great light is Jesus Christ. Jesus is the light who came to give a new life to all generations through his pascal events. The Jyoti Catechetical Fest which is started in the name of Jesus, the light of the universe, is becoming a power and strength for our youth and

children. It has creatively arranged and given opportunities to all children and youth since its inception. It is an initiative of the evangelization department of Khrist Jyoti Province to encourage children to imitate Jesus in novatively. It will undoubtedly be helpful to bring their talents to light and share Bible stories with others. Kudos to Fr. Vincent Chittinapilly CST and the organizers who took the helm before this.





This year's candle has been lit...

This year also, Jyoti Catechical Fest came to inspire the children. Wishing the children days of happiness and victory by lighting the lamb by Fr. Saju Kuthodipunthenpurayil CST, Provincial Superior of Khrist Jyoti Province. The event held in Jalalabad started with a solemn Qurbana. This gave the children more energy to participate in the upcoming competitions of this venture. Priests, nuns and children from nearby places made it more successful by their presence. Basketball match for boys was held that day. Fazilika surpassed other teams and became the champions of the day. Jalalabad and Ferozepur City managed to gain the runner-up position. All appreciated the participated teams for their vigour and vitality.

The days in Hanumangarh...

Some teams were not able to prove their mettle in the matches held in Jalalabad, but they were waiting for a new beginning in the next match. So after waiting long days, Hanumangarh days had arrived. Cricket and football, two of the most enthusiastically contested games, were played that day. In cricket, Muktar won the champion title, and Fazilika reached the runner-up position. The football match that was held that day was very exciting. After a close fight, Jhunjunu won the first place, and Fasilika took the second place.

Female warriors at Guruharsahai

After the boys' competition, Guruharsahai witnessed the girls' competitions. In that day, two competitions were arranged for them to showcase their sportsmanship viz Badminton and Basketball.



Malout took first place and Muktsar regained second place in a close-fought race in Badminton Match. In the Basketball Match, Malout was crowned the champion, and Jalalabad took the second position.

Waiting for Arts Competitions...

After the sports competition, everyone is preparing themselves for the final win in the art competition. The matches will be organized on October

8 and 9 at Malot. ..Gidda, Group Dance, Bhangra, Speech, Fashion Show, and other items will be present in the art competition. Who will win can't be decided now? Now it is impossible to predict whether Fasalika, who is ahead on point, will recapture the ever-rolling trophy of Jyoti Catechetical Fest. However, there is no doubt that Malot will witness the best performance in the days ahead.





Pune Tidings

PROVINCIAL VISITAR

The Provincial Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST visited the CST community here in DWS seminary, Pune on 16 of July. It was the occasion of love and foster the fraternal kindred of the family. He celebrated mass with the members in the campus. He devoted his time to know about the situations and the life of the brothers in the campus and enquired about the concerns of brothers in various formational proceedings in the residing community. Fr. Provincial also found time to converse with the formatters and enquire about the well-being of the brothers.

DESPEDIDA AND BIENVENIDOS TO BROTHERS

The welcome and Farewell party

for the first years and deacons respectively was held on 23rd of July. The programme was put together by second years and third years respectively. It was an occasion of joy and bring about the tears in the eyes of all. The brothers has staged cultural programmes to accept the benjaminer's into the new community and the ambience transpose into heartache when it reached say adios to the elder brothers who are moving to the new phase of life

AUSFLUG

A voyage always refreshes both mind and soul. The peregrination was held on 30th of July to lonavala. The community as a whole and family enjoyed the journey.

It was an excursion that helped to interrelate and move hand in hand as a community. The day started with a train journey with the prepared nourishment. The locus was situated with waterfalls and hiking spots. The trip has enhanced the fraternal cooperation and the relation between each and every one in the community and returned to the house by evening.

ALLGEMEIN BESUCH

Fr. Jojo Varakulayil CST, the Superior General, visited the community. He celebrated the Eucharist with the DWS community Pune on the first of September. Fr. Jesuraj Rayappan SVD, the rector of the DWS community, introduced Fr. General to the community here. As the main celebrant, Fr. General spoke about the importance of love and sharing in the life of a religious person and how he should spread the rays of hope and God's love to the world around him. Fr. General found time to dialogue with brothers and the fathers in the community. He also shared his views and the values that are to be imbibed from the community of veracity and the cultural incarnation.

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE NATION

"So long as you do not achieve social liberty, whatever freedom is provided by the law is of no avail to you." - B.R. Ambedkar

The Independence Day and solemnity of the Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary was organized by the Creative Action Committee (CAC) in the seminary. Assumption of the Virgin Mary is a very important festival as it commemorates the day on which Virgin Mary's body ascended to the heaven at the end of her life. The day began with the solemn mass. It was a day of speciality where the nation celebrates its Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with the theme *Nation First, Always First*. The cultural event consisted of skit having the theme patriotism in the present context, patriotic song, group dance and surprise competition. It was a tight competition between the batches in fraternity. The programme came to an end by night.

SCHOOLIES' DAY

Teacher's day was celebrated here in the community on 5th of September. Fr. Joyson SVD enriched the role of teacher in the life of every individual. He emphasized that the future of a nation holds in the hands of a teacher, though each day is a lesson for everyone. The life of every person is always touched by the tender love and care of a teacher. He also stressed that as years pass, the teachers in the early life diminish from the life and importance will be given to those in the last days of the life of formation. He spoke that all from the early days of school formation to till date has played a crucial role in who you are today.

ABOUT STARTING FRESH

It's never too late to begin again. Our seminary reopened on 1 July. The conferring of the ministries of Acolyte & Lectors and the admission to the Sacred Orders along with the Schola Brevis took place on 3 and 4 of July. Josem Family was blessed with the presence of His grace Rev. Bp. Eugene Joseph, Bishop of Varanasi for officiating these sacred events and inaugurating this new academic year. The main concern of this year is Pastoral leadership. This year 32 brothers received the ministries of Acolyte and Lectors and 15 brothers were admitted to the reception of Sacred Orders.

BENVENUTI CARI FRATELLI

New commers' day was pencilled in to welcome officially our first years to Josem family. A cultural event and friendly football match was also arranged. First year theologians recieved their priestly attire cassock on 4 August.

IN THE SERVICE OF GOD AND PEOPLE

Expressing their strong desire and will to serve God and the People of God, 15 brothers received the Holy Order of Diaconate on 7 August. His Grace Rev. Bp. Raphy Manjaly, the Archbishop of Agra and the chairman of the Seminary conferred the Order by

laying his hands on each candidate. Fathers and Sisters from various dioceses and nearby religious houses and parishes joined with us to pray and congratulate the newly ordained Deacons.

CELEBRATING FREEDOM

August 15 is an occasion to exhibit our patriotism and love to our nation as well as to celebrate the feast of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary. Josem family also celebrated both the occasions in a solemn manner. As all our celebrations are centred around the Eucharistic Table, we also began our day and celebration with Holy Eucharist. After the Eucharistic celebration, we hoisted the national flag and expressed our love towards the nation and paid homage to all our freedom fighters.

REGIONAL FESTIVALS

Onam and Monti Fest were the two regional feasts commenced together this month. Brothers from Kerala celebrated Onam and brothers from Mangalore celebrated their regional feast, Monti Fest along with the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary. *Onasadya* and *Pookalam* was prepared in the Seminary. It was an occasion to share the fraternal brotherhood and love as the celebration itself intends. This also was an occasion to exchange the values, to know and to be part of different cultures and feasts.

Tidings from the foot of Aravalli

IGMENZ ITI Madar, initiated a novel venture successfully, that is for the first time our college is opened for girls and are getting a positive response which is highly laudable and having women staffs too. Never the less, there is also a progress in the total strength of students adds colour to our institution. May the almighty God be our constant help and solace and may achieve higher accomplishments. This year in August the outgoing students were given farewell and in September we had the convocation programme as an innovative initiation. Congratulation to our topper students both in state and national level.

Our Lady of Holy Rosary Church had a grand celebration on July 3rd as the St. Thomas day, patron saint of India and also our father Ajay's too. We similarly celebrated the feast of St. Augustine and St. Monica and wished and pray for all who bear the name of these saints in a special way which was organised and meticulously arranged by St Augustine unit and 'Mahila Mndal' correspondingly.

We had been having special days to encourage and support our youth and girl children by devoting special days as youth day and girls' day with seminar conducted by PSA sisters from Jaipur and Madar respectively. On September 8th we had solemn festivity as we celebrate the nativity of our 'Mama Mary'.



REPORT OF THE JUBILEE PROGRAMS

MONTH OF JULY-AUGUST, 2022

'Retreat for the Families of the Catechists'.

Missiological Center, Hanumangarh

27-29 July, 2022

The renewal programs planned for the people during the Jubilee Year started on 27th July, 2022 with 'Retreat for the Families of the Catechists' in our Missiological Center, Hanumangarh. 15 Catechists with their spouses and 14 singles serving in the Diocese of Jalandhar and Faridabad, participated in the retreat. The program began on 27th with an inaugural ceremony. Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodipurhenpurayil CST, the Provincial Superior, inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp and giving a message on the occasion. On the following days Rev. Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal CST, Rev. Fr. George Alukka CST, Rev. Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal CST, Rev. Fr. Sabenose Alilakuzhyil CST, Rev. Fr. Antony Kalapurackal CST, Rev. Fr. Jithin Kurisunkal CST, and Rev. Fr. Stephan Swaranjeet CST took classes for the Catechists on various topics. Rev. Srs. Sudha CHF and Princy CHF availed themselves for the counseling of the participants. The concluding ceremony was held on 30th evening and everyone was of high appreciation.

We had arranged special vehicle for taking and dropping them and we specially thank Rev. Fathers in the Provincial House and Rev. Fr. Shan Alackaparambil CST for the beautiful arrangements for stay and food. Rev. Fr. Jithin Kurisunkal CST and Rev. Fr. Swaranjeet took care of every aspect of the program.

One Day Bible Convention

Infant Jesus Catholic Church, Sikhwala

Saturday 6th August, 2022.

The Bible Conventions arranged in every parish during this year of Jubilee started in Sikhwala. It was conducted as planned on 6th August, 2022. Rev. Fr. George Alukka CST and Rev. Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal CST conducted the Bible Convention. It started at 06.00 p.m on Saturday and concluded by 10.00 p.m.

There was a good response to the program as approximately 200 people participated in the Convention. The people were served *langar* and we appreciate the good works being done by Rev. Fr. Bijo Kalayamkattil CST and Rev. Sisters and Catechist.

Preparatory Meetings

ONLINE

Friday, 28th July 2022

Preparatory meetings for the International Symposium and International Webinar and Youth Catechetical Renewal Programs were held on Friday, 28th July 2022. It was held online and all the members participated in it and everyone was of the

We decided to hold another meeting at the earliest and finalize the theme and venue.

Regarding Youth Catechetical Renewal Programs, there were two opinions placed by the committee members. One is to hold two Youth Conventions as many programs can lessen the effect and second option was that of holding four Conventions as planned as managing the youth in greater number will be very difficult. Due to some technical reasons we could not continue our meeting and decided to have it later.

One day convention for the Couples

LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH, FAZILKA

Sunday, 21st August, 2022

The first '**One day convention for the Couples**' was held at Little Flower Catholic Church, Fazilka on 21st August, 2022. Faithful from Abohar, Danewala, Fazilka, Jalalabad and Panniwala participated in good number. There were more than 400 people attending it and it was well appreciated by all. Rev. Fr. Shijo Palakuzha CST, the Provincial Econome, inaugurated the function. Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal CST gave the introductory talk and later Mrs & Mr. Anuradha Pradeep, Mr. Ashish and Mr. Sumit from Pro-Life movement took beautiful and informatory classes on pro-life and abortion. It was very effective and everyone appreciated it. There was praise and worship and confession and the program concluded by 05.00 p.m with Holy Mass offered by Rev. Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal CST. We thank the parish priests of Zonal parishes. A word of special thanks and appreciation to Rev. Frs. Sebastian Areeparambil CST and Tom Padinjarayil CST who arranged everything well. We place on record our special gratitude and appreciation to Rev. CMC Sisters at Fazilka and Catechists from all the parishes.

Bible Convention

St. Joseph's Catholic church, moga

26-27 August, 2022

Home Mission Program and Bible Convention for the parishnors were held from 22-26 August, 2022 in St. Joseph's parish, Moga. Rev. Sisters from Holy Family Congregation (CHF) conducted the Home Mission and Rev. Fr. Christopher and his team guided the Bible convention from 26-27. One week program was concluded by Pastoral visit by Bp. Agnelo Ruffino Gracias on Sunday, 28th August 2022. 64 faithful were administered the Sacrament of Confirmation 13 people received had their First Holy Communion.

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Consuming Fire

Have you ever thought what would be the nature of our heavenly Father? Indeed, it would be a question of our own personal experience else we would have acquired from others experience or from the obtainable resources. Nevertheless, have a glimpse into the Old Testament, we can find a God who is with full of passion, vigour and enthusiasm coupled with cautious eagerness and palpable love for His beloved children. And in the New Testament, we find a God who is very much tangible and unambiguous in this regard, who manifest Himself as an embodiment of this 'Celestial qualities.

“For indeed our God is a consuming fire”. (Heb: 12-29) the image of God as a consuming fire sound quite terrific. But the holy Scripture presents God as “consuming fire”, as the one who appeared to Moses in the burning bush, as the one who journeyed with the people of Israel in the form of pillar of fire, as the one who has come to bring down fire upon the earth, the one who came down upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire.

God reveals Himself as a consuming fire to show us His Holiness, to show us His guiding presence with us and above all His passionate love for us.

Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the zeal for the kingdom of God and the demands of discipleship. The fire of the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, melts and mould us, it transforms us and sets us on fire....

We are called to enter deeper and unfathomable into the consuming love of God. We can never fathom the depth of the vast ocean of his love and mercy. The more we thirst for Him the more He will reveal the reaches of His great love for us. The more we will allow Him to consume us the more brightly we will be burning in the furnace of the love of His Divine Heart. Rt. Rev. Fortunatus Henry Coumont says, “There are many things bright in the world but holiness is the brightest.” Let us allow the Lord to draw us closer to his Holiness.

Today we too need to make our prayer the hymn “Holy Spirit, come with your fire! Let your fire fall, first to purify our hearts and then set our hearts on fire with the love of God” May the words of Pope Paul VI inspire and press us into action: “The Church needs her eternal Pentecost; she needs fire in her heart, words on her lips, a glance that is prophetic.”

Fr. Ajay Matthew CST

VALLIYACHAN, MOTHER TERESA, MC AND CST

Abstract: Although it looks absurd and far fetching at the first impression, a comparative study between Mother Teresa and Valliyachan is a worth-giving attempt by many reasons. Starting with their contemporality it further extends to the person of inspiration (St. Therese of Lisieux) to the commonality of mission! Through the following article the author is trying to identify the common factor in the life and mission of the two and that particular x factor which gives the MC an upper hand over the CST in continuing the initial momentum.

Two peas in a pod

I often think that St. Teresa of Calcutta and Fr. Basilius Panat CST are two peas in a pod! They share a lot of commonalities despite having lived at the two poles of the country without meeting each other almost at the same period of time. Let's begin with their normal living like any other nuns or priests – as a Loretto nun and as a priest of the Arch diocese of Ernakulam. It was a time when India was fuming with internal and external tensions. Freedom fights were at its peak. Although, the southern half of the country had a nominal and vicarious experience of the horrors of that time, the entire country was shaken by the ripple effect of the freedom struggle went on at the northern side. While Mother Teresa witnessed first-hand the great Bengal famine, Fr. Thomas Panat was exposed to the great Kerala flood of 1924. While these external incidents little by little started vexing the hearts of the two, it was something more internal that put the final nail into the coffin of their existence a Loretto nun or a diocesan priest.

The call within the call

This is a phrase coined by Mother Teresa herself to articulate the voice echoed in her heart, “to leave all and gather the few – to live His life – to do His work in India.” However, 17 years before Fr. Thomas Panat experienced the same while he was translating the autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux, the same saint after whose name Gonxha Agnes Bojaxhiu professed the religious vows and became Sr. Teresa. Further, to the end of her life, Mother Teresa insisted that the single most important reason for the existence of the congregation she founded was to satiate the “thirst” of Jesus. In the first draft of the Rules which remain essentially unchanged to this day, she expressed the aim of the new congregation: “the General End of the Missionaries of Charity is to satiate the thirst of Jesus Christ on the Cross for Love and Souls.” Fr. Thomas too had a similar intend when he founded the Little Flower Brotherhood. It was his response to the commandment of Jesus, “to go and do likewise (Lk 10:37).” Both Sr. Teresa and Fr. Thomas had their diocesan bishops as their mentors to guides, discern and correct at times: Rt. Rev. Dr. Ferdinand Perier SJ the archbishop of Calcutta and Mar Augustine Kandathil archbishop of Ernakulam – Angamali. However, the most striking similarity between the both as far as I am concerned is the participatory accompaniment of the both to the congregations they founded. Sr. Teresa and Fr. Thomas became the full-fledged members of the congregation they themselves founded. This was a significant moment in the history of both the congregations as the offer or and the sacrifice fused together inseparably like a drop of water that lost in the immensity of the ocean. They were not the ones who talk the talk but walk the walk. To build a ship and see it off with cheers and shouts to the deep ocean is

possible to any efficient engineers, however only the best of them can voyage on it knowing all its flaws and faults!

The difference

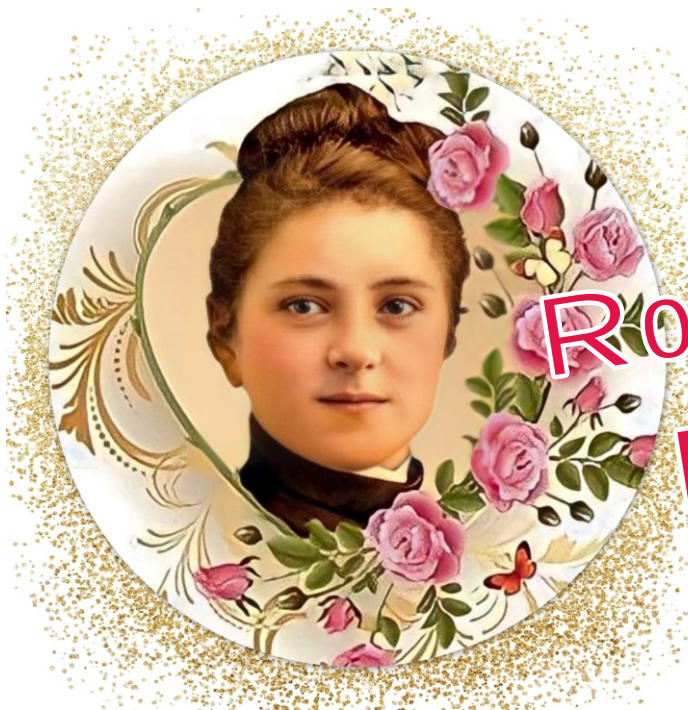
Until the foundation of the respective congregations, the life graphs of both Sr. Teresa and Fr. Thomas now Fr. Basilius were on par with each other. However, the wind of change started playing its card! The mission undertaken by Mother Teresa by its very nature earned national and international attention very soon. With no time the MCs spread beyond the boundaries of Calcutta swelling the ranks of its members from every corner of the world. While, for the 21 years elder CST, the graph of progress was seesawing year by year. 91 years after the total number of the members of the CSTs are 4. This is far behind the statistics of MC as per the 2020 updation – 5167! I admit that this comparison is unwarrantable as there is a day and night difference between an international congregation like MC and an indigenous one like CST. Nonetheless, the gap between the years of formation for nuns and priests are too wide as well. However, given that the both congregations had a similar beginning with its founders sharing experiences alike, some reservations about one congregation outrunning the other is quite instinctive. The following are my observations on why such a disparity of outcome exists:

* Clarity/ambiguity of Charism	* Lack of Trust on providence
* A house divided cannot stand	* Lack of adventurousness
* Mission/Cult orientation	* Complacency

CSTs lack a blinder to keep it focused! Blinders are piece of horse tack that prevent it from seeing the rear and the sides. They keep them fixed on their destiny. In fact, the MC had a blinder to stop it getting distracted by the 'sidekick missions.': "I thirst". This is the clarity of charism. Unfortunately, the identity crisis of the CSTs is not yet properly addressed. The prime time of the congregation was unduly lavished upon internal issues which took a heavy toll on its growth. Let bygones be bygones! History should not be repeated. Let's learn from our faults and lace up for a bright future. By and large, the MC is mission oriented, so is the CST too. However, in the meantime cult and paraphernalia made its in roads to the CST and little by little choking up its missionary aspirations to a great extent. Possibilities of ecclesiastical powers and recognitions have been motivational for mission expansion and new explorations. Besides, trust on the providence of God is the capital of the MCs. That is a matter of doubt in the case of the CSTs which naturally results in the lack of adventurousness and tendency to complacency. Fr. Basilius was teeming with both the qualities, an example of which is the setting out of the congregation to the north India far before the rest of the Syrian congregations felt such a need.

Conclusion

These reflections are neither the outburst of my repressed feeling for being a CST nor a fanboy admiration of his favourite saint and her congregation. Constructive comparison and criticisms are spring boards of progress, I believe. The concern is not what the difference is, but why the difference. As Archimedes would say, "Give me a place to stand and I will move the earth." A point of reference is always important to make improvements. Thus, the MC is neither glorified nor the CST is dishonoured. That said, I conclude with an apt quote by Khalil Gibran, "Between what is said and not meant, and what is meant and not said, most love is lost."



Rose Petals of Blessings

**“The love of Jesus made me great” -
St. Therese of Lisieux**

Why do we suffer? The world follows the path of comfort. However, when we look upon the short-life of our Little Therese, it was an era of pains, sufferings, and internal conflicts. She found delight in accepting the suffering. As St. Paul, she too found that all the sufferings for Christ is joyful. St. Paul was “happy to suffer for the Church of Christ” (1 Cor. 4:9-13).

The sufferings of Therese were different from the sufferings of other saints. Her sufferings were God-centered. She considered herself to be a beloved of the Trinity. It vitalized the love of her towards Jesus and revitalized her soul to be united with His love. Gradually she became

addicted to sufferings! She wants to be a 'mother' for many souls.

How can a person suffer as much as Jesus did? This question motivated her. For the people who were sinners, a God gives out his life! It gave Little Flower the courage and confidence to suffer more. She says, “Suffering makes me happy only when I suffer it for the love of Him.” (Letters, Pg. 123).

Today the world is not cared about the warnings of the innocent soul from within. Break the boundaries and strive more to the horizons. Then we will become “the love in the heart of Mother Church”.

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