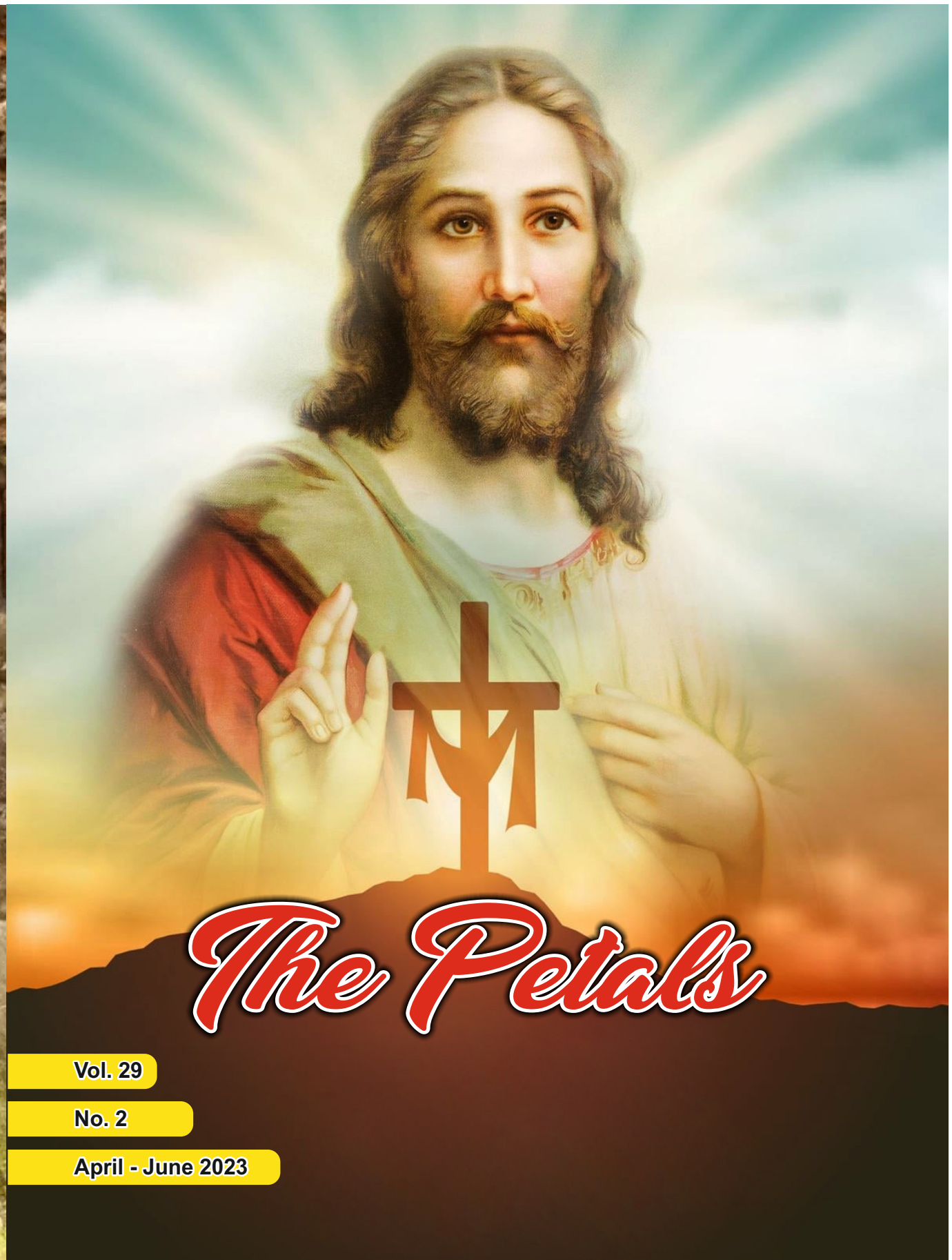





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Editorial...

The Risen Christ

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1Cor 15,17-20).

In the above-quoted scriptural passage St. Paul states in unmistakable terms that Risen Christ is central to the Christian faith. In fact, Paul who played the most crucial role in the formation and growth of early Christian communities, began his journey as the Apostle of Christ after his experience of the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus, an event that radically changed his earlier convictions and transformed his being from "Saul" to "Paul". For Paul Christ is the only, but the definite assurance for the humanity of a life that extends this material world which is perishable by nature. Christ becomes meaningful for us because he has triumphed over death and still lives.

The Christianity would not have been born if Christ was not risen. For the apostles and the devout ladies who followed Jesus, Calvary had marked a

tragic end of Jesus, whom they had regarded as the promised Messiah. The sadness of the disciples of Jesus walking to Emmaus speaks volumes of the desperation they had to live after the crucifixion of Jesus (Luke 24,17-21). The angel said to the women who came to honour the body of Jesus: "'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay"' (Matt 28,5-6; Mk 16,6; Luke 24,5-7). "Why do you look for the living among the dead" (Luke 24,5) is a question that reverberated in the ears of those went to see the empty tomb. The nucleus of gospel proclamation is nothing other than the good news that Jesus is risen. "Jesus is risen and He is the promised Messiah" is the heart of the Kerygma that the apostles announced and testified to the early Christian communities. All the rest were subsequently added to narrate what had happened before and what has happened after the epochal event of the resurrection of the Lord, and to unveil the significance of Christ-event for the humanity.

The lessons on the Risen Lord are not simply concentrated on the Passion

Narrative in the Gospels. They, in fact, are fundamental themes that Jesus wanted to teach His beloved disciples during their three years of formation. After Peter's solemn confession at Caesarea Philippi about Jesus' Messiahship, Jesus immediately began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo suffering and death and gloriously rise from the dead. Jesus foretells three times of His death and resurrection in all the Synoptic Gospels. This shows the utmost importance of Jesus' death and resurrection, the mystery of which was being unfolded to the disciples stage by stage.

The episode of the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor that follows immediately after Jesus' first prediction of His death and resurrection explains further that the Messianic mystery cannot be understood in its entirety unless and until it is viewed through the prism of salvific events of passion, death, and resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ. While coming down from Mount Tabor Jesus ordered His disciples: "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matt 17,9). The vision on Mount Tabor has to be complemented by the vision on Mount Calvary for a fuller understanding of Christ events. Just as the disciples came down from Mount Tabor, so also they should come down from Mount Calvary to the valley where they would meet the Risen Christ. Once this vision is complete, the disciples are entitled to narrate the vision to the world.

The teachings on the Suffering and Glorious Christ were, perhaps, the hardest for the disciples to grasp. The Evangelists repeatedly say that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was telling them (Mk 9,32; Luke 9,45; John 12,16). However, once Jesus set His face to go to Jerusalem, He continually instructed them about His imminent crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem is heavily

packed with instructions explaining the significance of the paschal events about to be taken place in the city of Jerusalem.

The Risen Christ continued to unravel the meaning of His death and resurrection to the disciples. Opening the eyes of the disciples to read the sacred Scripture in the light of the paschal events, Jesus said to Cleopas and to the other disciple: "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures" (Luke 24,26-27).

In fact, the Pentecost was the moment when the apostles really understood the meaning of Jesus' instructions, especially the teachings about the Son of Man, for the Holy Spirit revealed to them the fullest meaning of Christ's passion, death and resurrection on that felicitous day. Not surprisingly, their mission as apostles began that very day with St. Peter's solemn announcement that the crucified Jesus is raised from the dead (Acts 2,23-24).

Now that we are called to be the apostles of Christ in the modern-day world, we may have to raise a few fundamental questions to ourselves: "Do I really perceive the meaning of Christ's passion, death and resurrection? Did I meet the Risen Lord who Himself would interpret the meaning of the Scriptures to me? Am I filled with the Holy Spirit who alone can make me understand Jesus' words? Once again, Easter, the feast of the feasts, reminds us that encountering and knowing the Risen Christ is the requisite to be a follower of Christ. Let this season of Easter bless us with apparitions of the Risen Lord and lead us to a blessed Pentecost.

Editor

Fr. Shyju Chathanattu CST





Fraternal Musings

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters

Easter is the feast of faith and celebration of new life, of the triumph of hope over despair, and of the power of divine love over death itself. The message of Easter is deeply rooted in the life, death, and resurrection of our Jesus Christ. This event, which took place over 2,000 years ago, is the cornerstone of Christian theology and has profound implications for our understanding of the nature of God and humanity.

On the third day after his crucifixion, Jesus rose from the dead, defeating death and offering the promise of eternal life to all who believe in him. From the very beginning of the creation narrative, we see God's plan for humanity to live in communion with Him. Throughout the Old Testament, we see God's faithfulness to His promises, even in the midst of humanity's disobedience and sinfulness. The resurrection of Jesus, therefore, is not an isolated event, but rather the culmination of a long story of God's faithfulness and love for humanity.

The message of Easter is one of hope and joy, as we celebrate the victory of life over death and the promise of eternal salvation. It is a reminder that no matter how difficult our struggles may be, there is always hope for a brighter future, and that even in our darkest moments, we are never alone. As Christians, we are called to embody the message of Easter in our daily lives. This means living our lives in accordance with the teachings of Jesus, and committing ourselves to the pursuit of justice, compassion, and love.

In a world that is often characterized by violence, greed, and injustice, the message of Easter offers a powerful alternative. It reminds us that even in the face of darkness and despair, there is always hope for a better future, and that through our commitment to the values of love, compassion, and justice, we can be agents of transformation in the world. The resurrection of Jesus also challenges us to consider the implications of our own faith for our lives and the world around us. It reminds us that our faith is not simply a set

of beliefs, but a way of life that is grounded in the love of God and the pursuit of justice and peace for all people.

As we celebrate Easter, let us be inspired by the message of hope and new life that the resurrection of Jesus represents, and let us be challenged to live lives that are characterized by love, compassion, and service to others. May this Easter be a time of renewal and spiritual growth for us all, as we seek to live out the message of love and hope that lies at the heart of our faith.

As we reflect on the past fifty years, we are humbled by the legacy that has been created. We have achieved many milestones and overcome numerous challenges, but none of it would have been possible without the blood and sweat by our pioneer missionaries. They have played a vital role in our success, and we are deeply grateful for their contributions.

The golden jubilee is a time to celebrate our achievements, but it is also an opportunity to renew our commitment to our mission and vision. We recognize that there is still much work to be done and that the challenges facing our world today are complex and multifaceted. As we look ahead, let us have an optimistic mind. Let us be committed to being a catalyst for positive change, to being a voice for the voiceless, and to standing up for justice and equality.

Wishing you all a fruitful Easter time and Happy Golden Jubilee Year!



Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST
Provincial Superior





Official News

APPOINTMENTS

Fr. Sajan Narangathottil CST

Assistant Vocation Promoter

Fr. Tinto Kollamparambil CST

Vice Rector and Procurator at Little Flower Seminary Malout and the in charge of land at Koliampwadi.

Fr. Nikhil Valeputhenpurayil CST

Procurator of Little Flower Ashram, Assistant Parish Priest of Little Flower Catholic Church, Assistant Manager of Little Flower Convent School, Guruharsahai.

Fr. Juslin Padinjaremmattam CST

Provincial Secretary, Procurator of Jyoti Niwas, Khrist Jyoti Provincial House.

Fr. Sam Vayalil CST

Procurator of St. Joseph Ashram, Assistant Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Assistant Manager of St. Joseph's Convent School, Moga.

Fr. Bibin Narippara CST

Superior of Little Flower Ashram, Manager of Little Flower Convent School and Parish Priest of Little Flower Church, Zira.

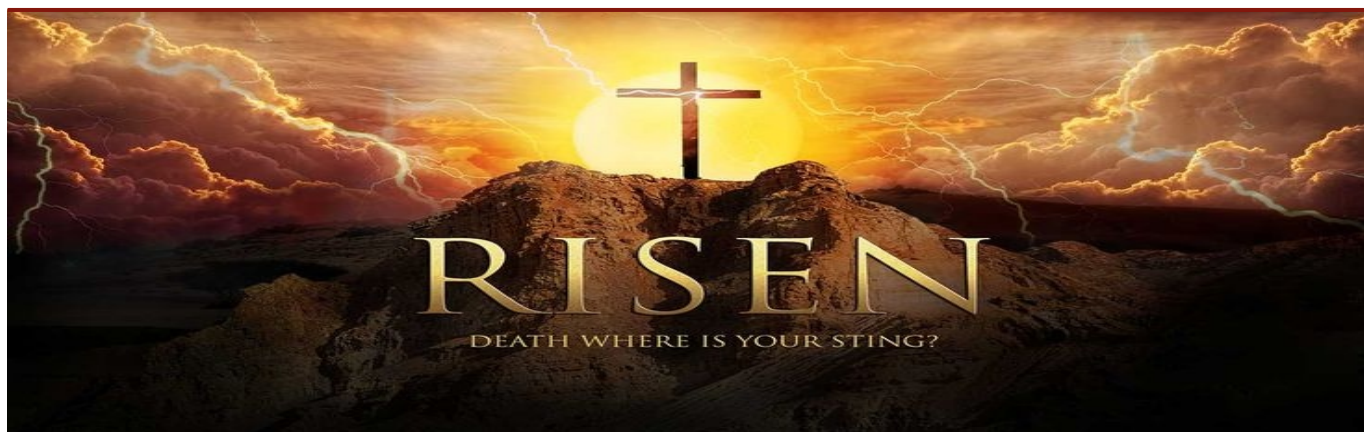
Fr. Antony Kalapurackal CST

Superior of the Little Flower Ashram and priest in charge of the station Treesa Nagar, Raman.

Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal CST

Superior of Little Flower Ashram, Sadiq.

Fr. Augustine Varakil CST	Member of Little Flower Ashram, Guruharsahai.
Fr. Mathews Moozhayil CST	Procurator of Little Flower Ashram and Manager of Little Flower Convent School Gidderbaha.
Fr. Sunny Kurisummoottil CST	Procurator of St. Mary's Ashram, Manager of St. Mary's Convent School and St. Joseph Kindergarten, Faridkot.
Fr. Shibu Menachery CST	Priest in charge of St. Mary's Nativity Syro-Malabar Mission, Malout.
Fr. Ani Kollamparambil CST	Procurator of Little Flower Ashram, Assistant Director of Xavier Press, Assistant Manager of Basil Mission School and Assistant Parish Priest of Little Flower Catholic Church Sri Muktsar Sahib.
Fr. Jinesh Plathottathil CST	Superior of Little Flower Ashram, Gidderbaha.
Fr. Sebastian Kalapurackal CST	Superior of Little Flower Ashram, Rathangarh and priest in charge of Little Flower Station, Sujangarh.
Fr. Thomas Njanackal CST	Parish Priest of St. Xavier's Church, Bikaner.
Fr. Dony Mullakariyil CST	Priest in charge of St. Paul's Station, Parish Priest of St. Paul's Catholic Church and Manager of St. Paul's School at Jaisalmer.
Fr. Brijeesh Urumbil CST	Procurator of Little Flower Ashram, Vice Principal of BBS and Assistant parish priest of St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church, Bikaner.
Fr. Jobins Puthiyamangalath CST	Member, Mudickal (Medical Treatment).
Fr. Ajay Narippara CST	Assistant Novice Master of Little Flower Novitiate House, Chathanmunda.



Jyotis from Hanumangarh

Priestly Ordinations

Khrist Jyoti Province is blessed with five new priests taking the total strength of its clerical members to 92. The newly ordained priests are Fr. Sajan Narangathottil CST, Fr. Tinto Kollamparambil CST, Fr. Sam Vayalil CST, Fr. Juslin Padinjarematam CST and Fr. Nikhil Valeputhenpurayil CST. Congratulations dear fathers and welcome to the priestly koinonia.

Diaconate and Minor Orders

On 22nd December 2022, His Excellency Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkal VC conferred the order of diaconate on Bro. Alex Mannoor at Vincentian Generalate, Edappally. On 29th October

2022, His Excellency Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal conferred the order of sub- diaconate on Bros. Arun Chemmanampadath and Joice Muthanattu at Thellakam Seminary. On 22nd April, 2023, His Excellency Mar Stephen Chirappanath conferred the order of lectorate (*karoyusa*) on Bro. Abin Muthukulathil at Pontificio collegio internazionale Maria Mater Ecclesia, Rome.

Inter Province Meeting

Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior and all the councillors participated in the inter province meeting which was convened at JPM College, Labhakada on January 07, 2023.





Parents Meeting

In connection with the Golden Jubilee Celebration, we have arranged a gathering for the parents of the fathers in our province. The gathering was held on on January 08, 2023, Sunday, at Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan, Mudickal. Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalyil CST, Superior General, inaugurated the gathering. Rev. Fathers from the province also partake in the gathering. There were around 250 family members for the gathering and the gathering came to end by 04:30 pm. All the parents appreciated the event. We gratefully remembering Rev. Fathers of Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan, Mudickal who put their heart and soul for the success of this endeavour.

Silver Jubilee

St. Paul Catholic Church, Jaisalmer which is one of the oldest mission station of Khrist Jyoti Province celebrated its silver jubilee on February 12, 2023 with great pomp and show. The highlight of the event was the Holy Mass, which was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Pious Thomas D' souza, Bishop to the Diocese of Ajmer and concelebrated by Fr Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, Provincial

Superior and many other Priests in the Province and the diocese. After the Holy Mass, a public gathering and cultural programs were organized.

Visitors Dairy

During the months of February and March, we were delighted to welcome numerous guests to our provincial house. On February 05, 2023, Sr. Therese MSMI, Vicar Provincial, and four junior sisters visited us. Then, on March 09, 2023, we had the privilege of hosting the Superior General of the FHGS congregation, Rev. Sr. Daisy Kalamparamban FHGS, and Rev. Sr. Lissy Maabely FHGS, General Councillor, their congregation sisiters are currently serving at our mission station Nokha in Rajasthan. Finally, on March 26, we were blessed by a visit from Mar Peter Kochupurackal, the Bishop of Palakkad, as well as Fr Jeejo Chakkal, Vicar General, Fr. Anto, and Fr. Jibin.





New Priests Day

We had our new priests day on February 7 & 8, 2023. Fr. Sajan Narangathottil CST, Fr Tinto Kollamparambil CST, Fr Sam Vayalil CST, Fr Juslin Padinjaremmattam CST and Fr Nikhil Valeputhenpurayil CST got officially welcomed and conjoined the priestly koinonia. They offered their First Mass co-celebrated by Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, the provincial superior. A felicitation ceremony was conducted during the Priests Gathering.

Monthly Recollection

To rejuvenate our lives and ignite the missionary zeal, on March 21 & 22, 2023, 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. Juslin Padinjaremmattam CST gave the talk.





All the Best Dear Brothers

This year five of our brothers have completed their regency. Three of them who did their regency in Punjab have gone to Kerala on March 28 and they will be participating the perpetual profession course arranged by Little Flower Generalate. All the best dear brothers for you future and thank you so much for your service to the mission stations.

To Know the Mission

To know the mission and to have the mission experience Rev. Sisters from MSMI congregation, Sr. Therese MSMI, Vicar Provincial, Sr. Anju Tomy MSMI, Sr. Deepthi Joseph MSMI, Sr. Ashna Maria Shaji MSMI and Sr. Jemily Thomas MSMI, visited the Punjab mission and stayed back at Sikhwala mission station. They have visited many of our Punjab mission stations and they really had a rich experience of the mission.

Conclusion of the Golden Jubilee of the CST mission in Punjab-Rajasthan

We have been through the Golden Jubilee Year of our Punjab - Rajasthan Mission (1973-2023) since April 21, 2022. After a series of graceful renewal programmes and special Jubilee events in

the Mission, we now approach the end of the Jubilee Year. The concluding ceremony will be on April 26 & 27 (Wednesday and Thursday) 2023 at Kot Shamir near Bhatinda and Sri Muktsar Sahib in Punjab.

At 5 pm on April 26, 2023 we will have Holy Qurbana (Punjabi) in Syro Malabar rite with First Holy Communion for the Syro Malabar faithful at Little Flower Catholic Church, Kot Shamir in the Eparchy of Faridabad. Major Archbishop His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry as the main celebrant. The Golden Jubilee Memorial school at Kot Shamir will be inaugurated in the function.

At 10:30 am, on April 27, we will have the Sacred Liturgy (Punjabi) in Latin rite with First Holy Communion for the Latin faithful at Little Flower Catholic Church, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab in the Diocese of Jalandhar. His Grace Archbishop Anil Thomas Couto, Archbishop of New Delhi will be the main celebrant.

In the afternoon, on April 27, there will be a concluding public meeting with variety of entertainment programmes at Little Flower Ashram, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab.



News

Back to Theresian Home....

After the Holidays with our parents and relatives, on 7th February, we started our journey back to Little flower seminary. When we reached seminary, we were affected by various sicknesses due to climate change. Two weeks after recovering from illness, we began the regular rhythm of our seminary with classes and work.

Good Bye Fr. Ani....

Ritu Ghatourey says, "Goodbyes make you think. They make you realize what you've had, what you've lost, and what you've taken for granted." So, it was the sorrowful moment for us to say the word - adieu Fr. Ani! We had a small farewell function on 20th February, inviting Fathers and sisters from nearby stations. We started the farewell evening with a prayer song, and Fr. Rector welcomed everyone to the programme. Followed by brothers

sang a song based on farewell. Each Fathers expressed their experiences with Fr. Ani. Fr. Ani welcomed Fr. Tinto, and both expressed their prayer support for their ministry ahead.

Three Days Out.....

We went to Abohar for our personality development class from 23rd February to 25th February. The course was rich with workshops and activities. We also had many inspiring classes by Sr. Chrismita. She was our guide and mentor in these three days. She presented various talks uniquely and marvellously. Fr. Benny Vallor, Fr. Jithin Kurisumkal and Br. Joby Arattukulam were very hospitable and kind enough to accommodate us there. Thank You, Fathers and Brother.



GURUHARSAHAI NEWS

CRI Annual Gathering

CRI Annual zonal meeting and day of consecrated life were held in little flower convent school Guruharsahai, and many religious participated in this program. The organizers of CRI arranged this event as memorable and well-planned. Rev.Fr. Cyriac Kochalukal was the resource person of the day, and Rev. Fr. Provincial celebrated the holy mass, and he broke the word of God for the entire community.

Welcome Back, Dear Father

Fr. Augustine Varakil is back on a mission with more enthusiasm and vigour. The Little flower catholic church

Guruharsahai and the community extend a heartfelt greeting and warm welcome to beloved Fr. Augustine.

Taste and See That the Lord is Good

To experience the presence and unconditional love of the Abba Father within us. The team Ephphatha conducted a Bible convention at little flower catholic church Guruharsahai. The parishioners were back in their homes with great inner joy and peace because all those who experienced this event witnessed and realized that 'one who is in Christ Jesus is a new creation'.



Sikhwala News

Mission Experience

On 24th of February five sisters from MSMI congregation included their vicar provincial arrived here for a mission experience and language study. We heartily welcomed them to our community. Village experiences and mission involvements made them close to our mission and people. Within few days they learned some Punjabi and read the Epistles in Church.

Lent

From first day of lent onwards we started Way of the Cross for every day in the parish. We also scheduled every day Family prayer at different houses in different villages included village church Holy masses.

No Alcohol, No Drugs

We had organized a deaddiction program for the youth and the other people in Sikhwala. Fr. Stephen Swarenjeet CST addressed it and almost fifty attended the program. The main content of the program was to avoid alcohol and drugs.

Feast of Infant Jesus

We had celebrated the Church Feast on 5th of February. We had ten days of Novena as the preparation for the feast of Infant Jesus and the Last three days Fathers from outside celebrated Holy Mass in the parish. On Feast day Fr. Mobin celebrated the Holy Mass and evening we had a small celebration Fathers, Sisters and Brothers from nearby stations join with us for the joy.

CRI

In Sikhwala, a meeting of the CRI and a prayer service were held on March 23. For the programme, Fathers and Sisters came from various stations. The day's events were scheduled to include Adoration, Confession, and a talk by Fr. Benny Valloor CST.

Day of Recollection

We held a convention for the faithful at our parish church on March 24. Ephatha team lead the program.



Canonical Visit

We had the canonical visit of Fr. Provincial on February 15 and 16. He arrived on the evening of the 15th and met all the members and teachers of the schools. He also checked all documents. We also went to see the new Franciscan school at Singhanwala. The visit ended on the 16th with supper and then he moved to Zira.

New Appointment

Fr. Sam Vayalil arrived Moga as the new procurator of the ashram on 15th February along with Fr. Provincial. He is also appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest

and Assistant Manager of the school. We welcomed him to the school and parish with lot of love.

Way of the Cross in the Houses

We started praying Way of The Cross in the houses from the beginning Lent. After holy mass in the evening, we go to two houses and pray seven each stations in two houses. It gives the people more devotion to the passion of Jesus and Way of the Cross..





Birthday

We celebrated the birthday of Fr Sam on 25th of February. His birthday was on 24th and we postponed the celebration so that everyone can join the celebration. Fathers from Zira and sisters also joined the celebration and wished him.

Night Vigil

We had the Night Vigil in the parish on 3rd March. Fr Mobin and Fr Bibin Narippara from the Effatha team conducted it. Fr Nidish from Koti Si Khan also joined in the night vigil. it was really a spiritual nourishing occasion for all the parishioners and many participated in it.

Feast of St. Joseph

On 19th March, we celebrated the feast of St Joseph, our Patron, and the congregation day of SD sisters. We had the solemn mass and procession carrying the statue of St Joseph in the church.

Vocation Camp

We had the deanery vocation camp for the children on 26th march led by Fr Robert from Zira. many children from different parishes participated in it. Fr Robert also celebrated the holy mass and gave the sermon and emphasised on gods call.



For a New Ministry..

Fr. Bibin Naripara, after almost three years of service in Little Flower Ashram, Sadiq left for his new assignment at Sukhewala, Zira. During his ministry during the past three years immense developments have taken place in the station. Blessing of the Ashram on 8th December, 2021, completion of the boundary wall of the compound, agricultural revolution and fisheries and animal husbandry are the summary of his tenure.

He took charge of the station at Sukhewala on 19th February, 2023 in the presence of Fr. Provincial and officially started staying at Sukhewala from 25th Feb. 2023.

In his place Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal took charge as the Superior of the Ashram on 25th February, 2023. Fr. Salj Puravalapil was present at the time of the handing over of the charges. He takes charge of the station at Sadiq with the purpose of laying the foundation for the proposed Prayer Center of our Province.

For a New Experience..

Two Brothers from Mary Matha Province, Muvattupuzha of the CMI are here for the mission exposure for two months. They are being taught Punjabi and Syro-Malabar liturgy. They also make regular village visits to get familiar with the language and culture of Punjab.

For a New Outreach..

Rev. Sisters from Sanjos Province of the MSMI Congregation will open their second religious house at Sadiq on 11th June, 2023. They will collaborate with us in the field of Counseling, preaching and pastoral works.

FELIZ NAVIDAD.....

The joy that whole world holds and spreads out is on Christmas. Along with the whole world we also spread out our joy with the community here and to wish Baby Jesus many were present for the Christmas celebration from the village. We had also Christmas Lottery for all and many received the gifts. First time on the night of 24th December in the Parish we had Holy Mass. The Night Vigil got over late night dancing and singing enjoying the birthday of Jesus. 25th was a really memorable day because many villagers from near and far villages for the Christmas.

ST. JOSEPH, THE JUST MAN.....

We celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph in our Parish Church and it was the Feast of the Shepherd of the Flock of Little Flower Catholic Church. Our parisheners first time celebrated the feast of Fr. Robin. All were happy with the celebration because they spoke for father from the simplicity and innocence of their hearts. Their genuine words of love touched many hearts then and there. All made the feast celebration a grand occasion.



ABOHAR NEWS

Vacation

We were lucky to have Christmas holidays. We left for holidays on 21st December 2022. It was really a wonderful time to spend time with the family to celebrate Christmas and New Year.

Our Rector's Visitation

During our vacation Rev. Fr. Benny Valloor CST, our Rector, visited Brs. Sahil, Kabir and Dilu at their home in Odisha. It was a joyous experience to welcome our Rector at home. We, the candidates from Odisha,

returned to the seminary with Fr. Rector. Samirkanta Nayak from our village came with us to join our batch for priestly formation.

Christmas Celebration

Returning to the seminary after our Christmas holidays, we arranged a delightful Christmas celebration. Rev. Fr. Titus, our Spiritual Director, and Fr. Shyju Chathanattu were present for the celebration. We exchanged gifts with our Christmas friends. The celebration was colourful with a few cultural events and games.



The Petals



Republic Day Celebration

On 26th January 2023, we joined the whole nation in a spirit of patriotism to celebrate the Republic Day. After the Holy Eucharistic Celebration Rev. Fr. Shyju Chathanattu hoisted the flag and shared a message. Bro. Michael delivered a speech on Republic Day. There was also a quiz competition with the theme of “Republic India”.

A New Tractor

We bought a new tractor for the Little Flower Formation House. The tractor will serve for the agricultural purposes as well as for the transportation of water we need. We are very thankful to the Provincial Administration for kindly considering our genuine need for a tractor.



Red and Blue

In order to provide us with opportunities of integral growth, annual competitions were conducted. We were divided into two teams viz, Red and Blue.

Bro. Sahil and Bro. Daud were elected as captains. We had different types of competitions which helped us to find and sharpen our talents.

New Priests Day

Rev. Fr. Sajan, Fr. Sam, Fr. Nikhil, and Fr. Tinto came here to offer their First Holy Mass in the Little Flower Formation House. It was an occasion of great inspiration for us on our way to priesthood.

The Canonical Visitation

The visitation of Very Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil, our Provincial Superior, was a happy moment for all of us. Father met us personally and his words were really inspiring and refreshed our minds. Thank you dear father for your love and concern and for your paternal presence and valuable words.

Annual Day

Our Annual Day Celebration was on the 18th February, 2023. It was a day of blessing. By the grace of God, we presented many beautiful cultural items on the stage. Very Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST was the Chief Guest of the event. Rev. Fr. John Teja and Fr. Titus were Guests of Honour. Many Fathers, Sisters and neighbours were present. We are thankful to God for the great appreciation we have received. The Annual Day Celebration made a hike in our confidence level.



Farewell

13th Feb a sent off party was arranged for the outgoing Xth class students.





A colourful day

Holi was celebrated inside the campus with so much vigour and joy.

Women's day celebration

This year we celebrated women's day in Little flower church. The representatives of the church spoke about the importance of empowering women, the challenges they face today. All the women of the campus were honoured with a flower and holy mass for them.





HAPPY FEAST

On January 20th the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of St. Sebastian. This year, we could celebrate the feast of our dear parish priest Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kalapurackal. In the evening we had a solemn Holy Qurbana celebrated by Fr. Sebastian Kalapurackal together with Fr. Thomas Njanackal and Fr. Dony. After the mass we cut the cake and shared the joy of the day. It was an extremely blissful moment for all of us. All wished a very happy feast to Fr. Sebastian. After all we had a delicious supper with our fathers. After all we had a delicious supper with our fathers. "It is truly said that when the joy shared then the joy doubled."

SILVER JUBILEE OF OUR CHURCH

12th February 2023 was a gracious day for all the parishioners of St. Paul's church Jaisalmer. We celebrated the 25th silver jubilee of our church. The jubilee was celebrated with enthusiasm and zeal. The celebration started in the evening at 4.30 with a procession to church. The Holy Eucharist offered by most Rev. Bishop Thomas Pious Dsouza along with Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil, Rev. Fr. Sebastian and with all other fathers. The Bishop Pious Dsouza gave the confirmation to our five children of the parish. It increased the great moment of joy in everyone. After the final blessing we had a small cultural programme on stage. Rev. Bishop honoured the entire formal parish priest by giving flowers and memento. The celebrations concluded with a delicious lunch for all.

SAY HELLO AND GOODBYE TO YOU AND TO OTHERS.

When the Jesus entered the Jerusalem the e crowds lay their clothes on the ground to welcome him. They all were so enthusiastic and eager to know him and to see him. So February 20th was a great moment of joy to our St. Paul church and school. Because the new parish priest Rev. Fr. Dony mullakarayil took the charge of our church. We had a solemn mass in the evening Rev. Fr. Sebastian welcomed Fr. Dony and made him the new in charge of our church and school. Once there is joy there is sorrow also. The farewell to our Fr. Sebastian made a great hurt in everyone's heart. But in other way when we realise the meaning of this precious moment we can say that "If you are brave enough to say goodbye.

Life will reward you with a new hello." So when we think everything in this manner the mass and the celebrations were all created cheerful memories in ourselves. Our daily programme of farewell and welcome got end with a solemn dinner.

PICNIC INTO SWARNA NAGARI

The Regents of our province had a monthly recollection and a joy of trip to Jaisalmer. They arrived here on February 27th Monday. They stayed with Fr. Dony with a meditative mind. The recollection had got over by the adoration at 8.30 P.M. On the next day of picnic in Jaisalmer gave them a new experience and vision of Jaisalmer.

SURATGARH NEWS

The parishners of sacred heart church at Suratgarh were blessed to have the visit of His Excellency Most Rev. Bp. Oswald Lewis on 12 March 2023. 8.30am we began the Way of the Cross followed by Holy Eucharist. The introduction to the Holy Eucharistic celebration was by Sr. Gifty Maria and she asked the faithful to specially pray for the Bp. who is celebrating

the Golden Jubilee of his priestly ordination and the Silver Jubilee of the Episcopal ordination. After the Holy Eucharist we wished him Jubilee Greetings.

Fr. Abraham, the parish priest on behalf of the Parishners thanked the Bp. for his love and concern.



Evangelization in Sangaria

“Go into the whole world and preach the Good News to all creation” Mk 16:15, was the final and only commandment that Our Lord has asked his disciples to do. And we are carrying the batten of faith wherever we are sent.

It was on 12th July 2021 that I first visited the villages in Sangaria with the help of Babu Abraham from Jalalabad. Sangaria is a Tehsil of Hanumangarh District in Rajasthan. The small town Sangaria is 30 kilometers away from Hanumangarh. It is situated on the borders

of Punjab and Haryana. This municipality city is divided into 25 wards.

As the Lord said to his disciples, I was reminded of His Words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few', therefore pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers to his harvest'. Each time when I visited the place, I could see the seeds of faith how it growing up. People are always happy to welcome us and they are ready to listen to the word of God. But the growth of faith and progress will take place only if we can be there with them...



Earlier there was a pastor who stayed over there and initiated the Christian faith. But on a later time, he left the place. Though many pastors visit the place very often, they don't have a shepherd with them. Sheep can be safe only when they are guided by a shepherd...and it's their wish and prayer that God would give them a dwelling place for their worship in an opportune time.

There are many villages in Sangaria itself and the people with faith are scattered in different villages. Only twice in a year (Christmas & Easter) they could come to Hanumangarh for the religious activities. Since our faithful are basically poor, they cannot afford to reach Hanumangarh every month. Also, mostly, they spend their time in the paddy field and reach home only in the evening.

St. Paul says, 'faith comes only through hearing'. This is exactly what Paul does in 2 Timothy 4:1-2: "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." When a pastor does this work well, the church flourishes. When he doesn't, the church flounders. any

pastor may have greater strengths in shepherding or evangelizing, he must do both to the best of his ability in the power of the Holy Spirit. A healthy church makes Jesus known to Christians and non-Christians. So should a healthy biblical pastor.

In Luke 4:18, we read, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Jesus was always aware about his mission for which He was sent. God wishes that all the souls must be saved.

A Christian missionary is an ambassador of Christ. All Christians, however, are called to be missionaries of the Gospel. A Christian missionary proclaims Jesus as Savior and Lord. God has called us to be with Him and become a witnessing for Him. Like Isaiah, a missionary gladly responds, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8b). Let us be united with the Lord and become partakers in his Mission.

It's nice if we could venture into this area as we have been to different places before. There are a lot of Christians in this town from Punjabi background who needs a shepherd. Let's pray for the expansion of our mission territories. Thanks





Priestly ordination day & Parish day

On 26th December 2022 we celebrated the ordination day of Assistant Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Ajay coupled with the parish day celebration. After the Holy Eucharist we extended our warm wishes to Fr. Ajay followed by cutting of the cake. There were plenty of cultural programmes followed by gifts distribution and lunch.

Bid farewell

On 9th February 2023 Fr. Ajay left for Chathamunda to take up his new assignment as Asst. Novice Master. On the eve of the day a grand send off was arranged at Snehabhavan by PSA sisters. They thanked him for all his services and wished him all the blessings of the Lord for his future ministry and special prayers were offered during the Holy Mass at Shenabhavan followed by dinner.

Project works in progress

Igmenz ITI got a project worth Rs. 72,76,735/- which is meant for the development

of the institution. The renovation works of the institution is in progress and some machinery/ equipments, a vehicle etc. purchased. This year we gave admission to girls as part of project and appointed lady staffs too.

Inspiring the new-gen.

In order to inspire and attract the new-gen to our institute our staff visited all the private and government schools within the limit of 20kms. with inspiring talks.

Special prayers of lent

First day of lent onwards we have been conducting prayers everyday at different units to nourish and prepare them for worthy celebration of Easter.

Celebration of women's day

We had a grand celebration of women's day on 5th March at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church Madar. The readings, prayers and choir were led by women and Special prayers were offered for them during the Holy Eucharist.

CST'S IN THE ETERNAL CITY

Whenever, I walk through the streets of Rome, its splendid and spectacular beauty always invites me. Her ancient and fascinating architectural excellences, hundreds of adorable churches with finest marble sculptures both Gothic and Baroque and firmly grounded triumphal columns standing head on high for centuries make me wonder. Surrounded by all this splendour, I find myself pondering the genius of God's creature—each one of us—created in His own image and likeness who never fails to impress. Whenever I get the chance to explore the city of Rome, I thank God for the abundance He has invested in each one of us; a plethora of immense possibilities. Perhaps God's most significant investment in each one of us is the instilling of a desire to be perfect like Him; to be saints.

There are fifteen CST members here in Rome including three members of Khrit Jyoti Province, Fr. Shoby Ayalookunnel Shoby (Final Year PhD student in Oriental Canon Law) and Br. Abin Jose (pursues First Year Theology) and Fr. Rogi Narithookkil (Professor of Philosophy and Spiritual Director). We thank God on behalf

of each member of our Province for the opportunity that is given to us. As I move through the streets of Rome, I am conscious that I am walking over same cobble stones over which hundreds of martyrs and saints had once walked. The dust here still bears the smell of the blood of the courageous martyrs who died for the faith. It instils in me the desire and poses a pertinent question to me regarding my seven year preparation for priesthood here, "Why am I here in the Eternal City if not to be saints?"

I wish often reflect upon the striking similarity between the inviting excellence of Rome and the goal of priestly and religious life. Each one of us is invited to allow oneself to be carved into the finest saintly priests, the finest statues from the roughest of marble and fully configured to Jesus Christ, the priest and servant. We have the vocation to gradually transform ourselves into 'temples of the Holy Spirit' able to *tabernacle* Christ and thus become *alter Christus*. We are invited to grow 'in wisdom and knowledge' and in 'stature and status' becoming phenomenal columns; beacons of light in the darkness. For us here, the integral and contextual formative prospects of Rome aids at forming each of us to be the finest, holy Christ-like priests.



AFRICAN LETTER

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

We hope this letter finds you well and wish all the greetings of Easter!

We wanted to share with you some inspiring stories from our mission work in Africa.

Africa was a place of exploration from many decades and still it continues in different ways. We the CST fathers set our march into the life of people exploring the socio Pastoral needs and inking colors to their dreams.

Before we jot down the happenings of our Mission let us thank all our fathers who are expressing paternal care and brotherly concern to us. Your calls and friendly messages always unite us and remind us that we belong to one family though we are at the antipode.

We are 16 priests and 4 finally professed brothers who are doing their theological studies in Tanzania. After the joint visit of Very Rev Fr Superior General and Very Rev Provincial Superiors a new life has come to the Mission. New members, New Mission in Malawi which is the third country of CST presence in Africa. Soon we will open another station in Kenya in the diocese of Eldoret bordering to Uganda where we have an eye on to extend our Mission in near future.

In all our stations we are engaged in rendering the pastoral care especially preparing people for meaningful Paschal celebration. In most of our churches there are Lenten retreats and other special services for

preparation of Easter. Catechism classes are going on especially for the Holy Communion students and confirmation students.

We have started our minor seminary and we have two Tanzanians brothers who have joined our mission seminary. They are going on well and under the formation of Fr. Philip Kallamplackal as their Rector. The theologians who are doing their theological studies in Tanzania also doing their level best in their academical activities.

Fr. Babyachan is working in village parish and he has 15 out stations. Most of the outstation has no permanent church structures, and had no funds for the construction. When he shared his dream of constructing a village church for the remotest substation, Very Rev Fr. Saju Augustin Koothodiputhenpurayil the Provincial Superior and his councilors agreed to support him for church construction. With local contribution and manual labor, he could save some amount which he could use for the construction one more substation as the jubilee memorial of Punjab Rajasthan Mission. Words are not enough to express our gratitude towards Khrist Jyoti Province for this wonderful gift for the poor faithful of Mtandiaka Parish.

These stories are just a glimpse into the wonderful work our priests are doing in Africa and we are so proud to support them. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Wishing all the blessing of Easter and humble prayers for the Jubilee celebration, we remain.

With Love and Prayers.

Frs. Jojesh, Sagil and Babychan

The Church Unity Octave

The Church Unity Octave was celebrated from 18th to 25th January, 2023. Brothers of St. Charles Seminary attended the prayer services conducted by different Christian denominations in the various Christian Institutions in the Nagpur City. The concluding day of the Church Unity Octave was hosted by St Charles Seminary on 25th January 2023 at 6:30 pm. On this occasion, Carolian Theological Forum (CTF) conducted an Ecumenical Prayer service. The theme of the Ecumenical Prayer Service was "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17). Rev. Fr. Yuhanon John, member of the faculty of St. Thomas Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kalmeshwar, was the preacher of the day. After the prayer service Fr. Aquin Noronha O.P., the Rector of St. Charles Seminary felicitated Fr. Yuhanon John and the representatives of each Christian denomination who willingly accepted our invitation and was present for the prayer service. The programme was concluded with a fellowship meal.

Diaconate Ordination 2022- 23

As per the yearly schedule of St. Charles Seminary, the solemn occasion of Diaconate Ordination of the third-Year students of Theology was held in the courtyard of St. Charles Seminary on the 4th of February, 2023, at 5: 30 pm. 13 brothers were ordained as deacons.

It was not something new for the Carolian family to witness this ceremony of Diaconate Ordination. But this year it was immensely joyful for the candidates to see their parents and relatives present for the occasion of their Diaconate Ordination, after gap of two years due to the Pandemic. His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Elias Gonsalves, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Nagpur, was the chief celebrant of the Holy Eucharistic celebration. There were also many priests from various congregations and an Archdiocese, as concelebrated. Soon after the Eucharist, A short felicitation program was organized in the courtyard of St. Charles Seminary to felicitate newly ordained deacons. The programme ended with Agape.

Republic day

On 26th January, we celebrated the 74th Republic day of India. Fr Josuha O.P celebrated the Holy Eucharist and broke the Word of God. After the Holy Mass, we had flag hoisting ceremony. Fr John Paul OP hoisted the flag and inspired us about the importance of the day. The patriotic message was delivered by Bro. Albinus of 2nd year philosophy. The programme ended with brothers singing patriotic songs in different languages.

Marian Quiz Competition

On 17th January 2023, Carolian Theological Forum (CTF) under the banner of St. Charles Seminary hosted

Marian Quiz Competition for the resident brothers of St. Charles Seminary. The competition was inaugurated by Fr. Aquin Noronha O.P., the Rector of St. Charles seminary. Fr. Charles Savirimuthu O.P. was the quiz master. There were six groups consisting of five members each representing six batches. After a challenging fight, the brothers of first-year theology became the champions. Brothers of third-year philosophy and first year philosophy became 1st and 2nd runners up respectively. Fr Aquin Noronha OP distributed the prizes after inspiring us with the words of inspiration. The programme became a success because of the joined effort of the members of CTF and first-year theology brothers.

Grotto Feast

After nine days of Novena, on 12th February 2023 we solemnly celebrated the feast of our Lady of Lourdes. There was different regional Holy Mass from morning onwards. Thousands of people from various parts of Maharashtra flocked in to seek the blessings of the Blessed Mary. From morning to evening there was preeti booj for all the pilgrim people. The festal Mass was offered by His Grace Elias Gonsalves, the Archbishop of Nagpur. There was prayerful procession after the festal Mass through the city.





Easter is an invitation to experience the empty tomb and to believe and to proclaim to the world that Jesus is risen. We read in the Gospel of St. Luke, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen" (Luke 24,5). In fact, the Risen Lord is to be sought among the living.

Pope Francis has beautifully said about this when he gave the Easter message. He says, "Jesus Christ, the incarnation of God's Mercy, out of love for us, died on the cross, and out of love he rose again from the dead. That is why we proclaim today Jesus is Lord". The empty tomb proclaims the fact that our God is a living and loving God.

The Easter message is clear in the words of the psalmist, "You show me the

path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy in your right hand are pleasures forever more" (Ps 6,11). The Risen Lord becomes ever-present and He gives life and joy to all who seek His presence. The life and the everlasting joy that Jesus gives is the Good News for the humanity. Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10,10). Our Lord invites us to experience the life in his presence and share the joy of his experience to the whole world. It is the beginning of a new life, a life with our living Lord. Let our prayer, therefore, be for an everlasting life with the Risen Lord.

*Bro. Michael
Little Flower Formation House
Abohar*





A TYRANT DEFEATED IN A Geometrical Trap

Once upon a time, there was a wealthy moneylender named Alexander who gave loans to poor villagers. However, he would eventually take their land as collateral and become even richer, leaving the villagers in despair.

One day, an educated young man named John came to the village and heard the villagers' heart-breaking stories. John decided to confront Alexander and offered him a deal. John proposed to give Alexander Rs. 1,000 the next day, but in return Alexander has to give just Rs. 1 on the second day, the following day he should give Rs. 2, and in the same way the amount should double every day for thirty days.

Alexander was pleased with the deal and accepted it, thinking he would become even richer. However, by the 30th

day, Alexander owed John a whopping Rs. 536,870,912! Unable to pay, Alexander was forced to surrender all his wealth to John, who promptly returned the money to the villagers.

The villagers were overjoyed and grateful to John for liberating them from Alexander's tyranny. They made John their village president, and he brought about many positive changes. He established a bank and arranged for subsidized loans, built a school, and provided education to the people.

The moral of the story is that education is a powerful tool that can liberate people from oppression and bring positive change to their lives. It also shows that greed can lead to downfall, and justice will ultimately prevail.

Fr. Joby Palankara CST

A TRIBUTE TO REV. SR. ANSLINE FCC

(June 1st 1955 - February 27th 2023)

Rev. Sister Anslin FCC was born on 1st June 1955 in the Kottathara Parish of Manathawadi Diocese. When she recognised the inner call, she joined in the FCC Malabar Province on 6th October 1974. When FCC Malabar Province started its mission in Gujarat in 1979, Sr. Anslin was sent as one of the pioneer missionaries. When Mananthavady Province was formed in 1986, Sr. Anslin opted it. The state of Rajasthan was given to Mananthavady Province to extend its missionary activities. Sr. Anslin was sent to Rajasthan in 1988 as its pioneer missionary and the Superior of Alphonsa Convent, Suratgarh – the first house of FCC in the state of Rajasthan.

Sr. Anslin was a great missionary who loved the mission with utmost passion and made all the sacrifices gladly for the growth and development of Rajasthan mission. She was courageous enough to face the initial and ongoing challenges of life and the mission by embracing poverty and willingly discarding the comforts of life. She possessed an aura of contentment and remained happy in all situations, never heard of any crossword or argument or

complaint, but always remained available and approachable to everyone. She was a loving mother to all.

Sr. Anslin was entrusted with various responsibilities in the mission. She was the first Mission Superior (1997 to 2003) and the first Regional Superior (2006 to 2009) of Maria Rani Province Jodhpur. She also rendered her services as local Superior in various Convents.

Sr. Anslin was a diabetic patient since 2006. As she was suffering from various physical ailments, she was taken to MIMS Hospital, Calicut, Kerala for better treatments. On 30th November 2022 she was diagnosed with acute pancreatic cancer. She accepted her sufferings as the will of God. On 27th

February 2023 after receiving the Sacrament of the Sick she breathed her last to join her beloved Spouse in the Heavenly Abode.

Sr. Anslin wrote in her personal diary, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1Thes 5: 16-18). She lived this Word of God in its fullness until her last breath.



A TRIBUTE TO REV. FR. JOSEPH KOCHUPUTHENPURA CST

(04 April 1943 - 24 December 2022)

Rev. Fr. Joseph Kuchuputhenpura was born on April 4 1943 as the seventh child of Late Paily and Kathreena at Marika in the diocese of Kothamangalam. He joined Little Flower Congregation in June 1961. After completing his religious-priestly formation, he was ordained priest on December 17th 1970 by Late Cardinal Joseph Parekkattil.

Fr. Joseph served the congregation in various capacities, such as Procurator in Little Flower Major Seminary, Aluva, Assistant Vicar at St. Thomas Church, Malayattoor, Procurator in Social Welfare Technical School, Aluva, Procurator in Little Flower Novitiate House Chathamunda, Superior in Little Flower Ashram, Labhakkada, Finance Secretary in St. Joseph's Provincial House, and Superior at Sanjoe Bhavan, Mullakkanam. He also served the Gorakhpur – Punjab-Rajasthan mission for some time.



The history of Jhunjhunu begins with the pastoral works of Rev. Fr. Joseph Kochuputhenpura in Khetri Nagar. After the renewal of the contract in 1986 CST mission has extended its pastoral ministry also to Khetri Nagar. On 13th June 1997, Fr. Joseph reached Khetri Nagar. He served the station from 1997 to 2000. Fr. Joseph was also in-charge of the mission house at Mayur Vihar, New Delhi. Thereafter, Fr. Joseph returned to Kerala and served in the St. Joseph's Province. From March 2022 he was at Basil Bhavan, Mookkannur for treatments. On 24th December 2022, he was called to eternal rest.

Fr. Joseph was one who loved his religious-priestly vocation and lived it honestly. He did all the duties entrusted to him with utmost sincerity and determination. He worked hard for the growth of the congregation with his heart and mind. May his virtues live with us.

Thank You Very Much...



I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Very Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil, Very Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil, Provincial Superiors, and fathers from our congregation and diocesan priests for their condolences and presence at the time of funeral service of my beloved mother, Mrs. Rosamma who was called for her eternal reward on 08.03.2023. My heartfelt thanks to all of you for your prayers and words of consolation on the occasion. At Hanumangarh, when I have celebrated the Holy Mass on the 41st Day commemoration our dear fathers have joined me to pray for my mother's soul. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your loving words, prayers and condolences.

- Fr. Benny Thomas Pulimkalayil CST



Mr. Chacko Joseph, my beloved father, quite unexpectedly passed away of a massive cardiac arrest on 17th April 2023. For us the loss was great and our sorrow knew no bounds. I am deeply indebted to the CST family that shared our sorrows consoling our family in all ways. I specially thank Rev. Frs. Saji Nellikunnel, Sunny Charakkunnath, Mathew Kumpuckal, Jaimon Vengacheril, Antony Kannampallil, Jeevan Thundiyl, Dominic Thythara, Sajan Narangathottil, and Arun Koyikkattuchira for their presence on the day of funeral or on the day before. A special thanks to His Excellency Mar Thomas Tharayil, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Arch-eparchy of Changanassery, for his benevolent visit and prayers. I am very thankful to Very Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil, our Provincial Superior, and all other fathers who called me or sent me messages assuring their prayers. I thank wholeheartedly Rev. Frs. Babu Kollamkudy, and Bobby Pallickamalil who accompanied me to the Airport, and my dear CST community that stood with me and consoled me on the sorrowful occasion.

- Fr. Jacob Vaniyapurackal CST



Festal Greetings

April 23



April 25



June 9



June 13



KHRIST JYOTI PROVINCE LITTLE FLOWER CONGREGATION (CST Fathers)

Golden Jubilee Celebration CST Mission in Punjab & Rajasthan (1973-2023)



Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 5.00 pm
Little Flower Ashram, Kot Shamir, Punjab
Thursday, April 27, 2023, 10.00 am
Little Flower Ashram, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab

Celebrating Faith & Culture
Jyoti Niwas, Khrist Jyoti Provincial House
Hanumangarh Jn., Rajasthan-335512, India



Dear
Greetings from Jyoti Niwas, Hanumangarh
We have been through the **Golden Jubilee Year of our Punjab - Rajasthan Mission** (1973-2023) since April 21, 2022. After a series of graceful renewal programmes and special Jubilee events in the Mission, we now approach the end of the Jubilee Year.

The blessing and success of our Mission owe a special debt of gratitude to you and hence we consider it very important that you join us for the concluding ceremonies of the Golden Jubilee. You are most cordially invited to the Thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration, and to the Public Function on **April 26 and 27 at Little Flower Ashram, Kot Shamir and at Little Flower Ashram, Sri Muktsar Sahib** respectively.

Your esteemed presence will bring an added grace to our celebration and we look forward to welcoming you here.

Devotedly in Christ,

Fr. Dr. Jojo Varakulayil CST
Superior General
Little Flower Congregation

Fr. Dr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST
Provincial Superior
Khrist Jyoti Province

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Venues
Wednesday
April 26, 2023, 5.00 pm
Little Flower Ashram
Kot Shamir, Punjab
Thursday
April 27, 2023, 10.00 am
Little Flower Ashram
Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab



PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 AT KOT SHAMIR

05.00 pm
05.30 pm
Blessing of the Little Flower School
Holy Qurbana
Main Celebrant
His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop, Syro-Malabar Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023 AT SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB

10.00 am
Thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration
Main Celebrant
His Grace Archbishop Anil Joseph Thomas Couto
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Delhi

Homily
His Excellency Bishop Oswald Lewis
Bishop, Diocese of Jaipur

12.30 pm
01.30 pm
Agape
Jubilee Gathering
Inauguration & Presidential Address
His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry
Major Archbishop, Syro-Malabar Church

Benedictory Addresses
His Grace Archbishop Anil Joseph Thomas Couto
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Delhi
His Grace Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara
Archbishop, Eparchy of Faridabad
His Excellency Bishop Agnelo Rufino Gracias
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Jalandhar
His Excellency Bishop Pius Thomas D'Souza
Bishop, Diocese of Ajmer
His Excellency Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST
Bishop, Eparchy of Gorakhpur



His Excellency Bishop Ignatius Loyola Mascarenhas
Bishop, Diocese of Simla - Chandigarh
His Excellency Mar Jose Puthenveetil
Auxiliary Bishop, Eparchy of Faridabad

Felicitations

Very Rev. Sr. Lydia DM
Superior General, Congregation of the Daughters of Mary
Very Rev. Fr. Skylark George OFM Cap.
Provincial Minister, Capuchin Province of Krist Jyoti
Very Rev. Sr. Lucy FCC
Provincial Superior, St. Francis Province, Jalandhar

Cultural Programme

Golden Jubilee Memorial Churches

