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Dear Readers,

In A World Often Divided By Ideologies,  
Let Us Pause And Reflect On Our Shared  
Humanity. Our Differences Need Not Be  
Walls; They Can Be Bridges. As We Navigate  
Complex Issues, Let Empathy Guide Our  
Conversations. Let Us Seek Understanding  
Rather Than Judgment, Compassion  
Instead Of Conflict.

Together, We Can Build A More Compassionate  
Society—one Where Kindness Prevails Over  
Discord, And Unity Triumphs Over Division.  
Let Our Words And Actions Echo This  
Sentiment, Reminding Us That We Are  
All Part Of A Larger Narrative—one That  
Transcends Borders, Beliefs, And Biases.



## Patron's Musings

My dear and loving friends,

This is the first issue of Petals after the election of the new administration team of our Province.

Let us together thank the good Lord for the successful completion of the first session of our Provincial Synaxis. I take this opportunity to thank the previous Provincial Team for their dedicated service in guiding and leading the Province for the last three years, according to the plan of God.

I extend deep sentiments of gratitude to our dear Sajuachan for his committed service, untiring enthusiasm, zealous missionary endeavours and able guidance in leading our Province. Thank you dear Sajuacha. I thank Fr. Vincent, Fr. Joby, Fr. Salj, Fr. Shijo and Fr. Jijo for their dedicated services to the Province. Dear fathers it is your committed and selfless services that brought lot of growth to our province. We all are grateful to you dear fathers...

Dear friends, we the members of the new team request your valuable prayers and cooperation in fulfilling our duties to the Province according to the Will of the Heavenly Father. The Biblical verse I received in my personal prayer, for this administration is Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my (our) Shepherd..." Yes, dear friends the Lord is our Shepherd. It is He who guides us. He goes before us. We need to follow His footsteps. Every day He is calling us saying, "come".

Dear fathers, brothers and sisters I request you pray a "Hail Mary" after every Holy Mass for our Province. I also request you to offer the "third Decade of the Rosary" for all the members of our Province. Let us be covered with the Blue Mantle of Our dear Mother. St. Therese our dearest sister I entrust all of us into your loving care. Pray for us and teach us to "Love Jesus as you Loved Him". Dear Vallicaha, pray to Jesus that we fulfil your dreams in this mission area in and through our lives.

Dear friends, I was thinking, what shall be my message for this first issue of the Petals. An idea I received a Seminar came to my mind. In the seminar the resource person told us that every person has two inner circles. The outer circle which grows inward contains our negative and bad qualities. The inner circle which grows outward contains our positive and good qualities. The qualities about which we always think, speak grows in us. For example, if we think and speak about our own and others good qualities, the inner circle will grow out ward and chock the outer circle, thus eliminating the bad qualities in us and in others.

## New Team



## Minor Seminarians



*Big Brother Returns*



## Patron's Musings



Let us be positive and speak good of others and ourselves. Let us speak positively about our Province. Our Province is a gift of God. There are many human weaknesses in us at the same time there are lot of positive qualities in us. Let us see the goodness in others and appreciate them. This will make our community a positive, vibrant and joyful community.

Dear friends, I am here to pray for you all. You can share all your difficulties with me. I am here to listen and to pray. I do not promise to find solutions for your problems but I promise you to bring the difficulties and problems to the one who can find a solution, our dearest Jesus. Please pray for me.

**Offering all of us into the SACRED HEART OF JESUS,**

Othiri Snehathode Swantham  
Alukkachan



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## Memorial Mass



## Major seminary Gathering



Ref. No. 09/01/KJ/M/03

**“THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;  
I SHALL NOT WANT.” (PS 23:1)**

Dear Fathers,  
Prayerful greetings from Jyoti Niwas, Khrist Jyoti Provincial House!  
I am very happy to present before you the transfers and appointment list of the fathers of our province. I wholeheartedly thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

### Appointments & Transfers – March 2024

Place	Post	Name of the Priest
<b>1. Hanumangarh Jn</b>	Superior Secretary & Procurator Member	Fr. George Alukka Fr. NikhilValeputhenpurayil Fr. Siril Pothen
<b>2.Hanumangarh Bypass</b>	Priest in Charge & Manager Principal Parish Priest Asst. Parish Priest Procurator	Fr. Shan Alackaparambil Fr. Shubin Vandanmackal Fr. Shan Alackaparambil Fr. Shubin Vandanmackal Fr. Shubin Vandanmackal
<b>3.Ratangarh</b>	Superior Priest in charge Ashram Procurator & Construction in Charge	Fr. Suneesh Ezholickal Fr. Suneesh Ezholickal Fr. Rince Kalapurackal
<b>4.Churu</b>	Priest in charge Fr. Procurator Parish Priest Manager Bursar Member	Fr.Suneesh Ezholickal     Fr. John Kudilil

Place	Post	Name of the Priest
5 Jhunjhunu	Priest in charge Procurator Parish Priest Manager Bursar	Fr. Sinoj Ambalathottiyil
6. Sujangarh	Priest in charge	Fr. Anoop Moolan
7.Sikar	Superior Procurator Manager Bursar Parish Priest	Fr. Sebastian Kalappurackal Fr. Jijo Parokkaran Fr. Jijo Parokkaran Fr. Jijo Parokkaran Fr. Jijo Parokkaran
8.Ajmer	Superior Procurator Parish Priest ITC Member (CA Training)	Fr. Melbin Thekkemalil Fr. Melbin Thekkemalil Fr. Melbin Thekkemalil Fr. Melbin Thekkemalil Fr. Alwin Padinjarekutt
9.Jaisalmer	Priest in charge Principal Parish Priest Manager Procurator	Fr. Mathew Neeriankal Fr. Mathew Neeriankal Fr. Dony Mullakariyil Fr. Dony Mullakariyil Fr. Dony Mullakariyil
10.Nokha	Priest in charge Parish Priest Manager	Fr. Thomas Njanackal
11.Bikaner	Superior Procurator Parish Priest Asst. Parish Priest Manager Principal Vice Principal Nal in charge	Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil Fr. Stephen Swaranjeet Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil Fr. Stephen Swaranjeeth Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil Fr. Sandeep Thekkel Fr. Stephen Swaranjeet Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil



## Feast Day Of Father Provincial



## Navigating the halls of seminary memories

We reminisce about a time when our faith was nurtured, friendships were forged, and knowledge transformed into wisdom. Our seminary bestowed upon us a treasure trove of unforgettable moments and invaluable lessons. It taught us that diligence is the mother of good fortune, guiding us towards our aspirations.

Our formators, the true alchemists of our journey, kindled within us a love for our vocation and honed our cognitive and inner abilities for a brighter future. They ignited a flame within us, striving to transform us into gold.

As we sail our lifeboat towards the vast ocean of love, our seminary serves as the engine propelling our spiritual journey forward. Little Flower Seminary, Malout, stands as a beacon, providing us with a steadfast foundation for our spiritual growth.

In conclusion, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our formators for their exemplary guidance and to all who keep us in their prayers.



Place	Post	Name of the Priest
<b>12 Suratgarh</b>	Priest in charge Procurator Parish Priest Manager Member	Fr. Vince Kanjirakombil Fr. Vince Kanjirakombil Fr. Vince Kanjirakombil Fr. Vince Kanjirakombil Fr. Joseph Padinjarekutte
<b>13 Sri Ganganagar</b>	Priest in charge Procurator Parish Priest Manager Bursar Asst. Parish Priest	Fr. Varghese Poovathumoottil Fr. Jobin Moolan Fr. Varghese Poovathumoottil Fr Varghese Poovathumoottil Fr. Jobin Moolan Fr. Jobin Moolan
<b>14 Kesrisinghpur</b>	Superior Procurator Parish Priest Manager	Fr. Abraham Poonolil
<b>15 Sikhwala</b>	Superior Procurator Parish Priest Manager Director Dispensary	Fr. Bijo Kalayakattil
<b>16 Raman</b>	Superior Procurator Parish Priest Vocation Promoter	Fr. Mobin Thazhathedath Fr. Jidhin Kurisinkal Fr. Jidhin Kurisinkal Fr. Jidhin Kurisinkal
<b>17 Kot-Shamir</b>	Superior Procurator Parish Priest Manager	Fr. Sunny Kurisumoottil
<b>18 Bathinda</b>	Superior Procurator Parish Priest Manager	Fr. Tibin Mannuseril Fr. Tibin Mannuseril Fr. Tibin Mannuseril Fr. Salj Puravalappil

Place	Post	Name of the Priest
<b>19 Gidderbaha</b>	Superior Principal Manager	Fr. Jinesh Plathottathil Fr. Jinesh Plathottathil Fr. Shibu Menachery
<b>20 Malout</b>	Superior Principal Procurator Parish Priest Asst. Parish Priest Manager Bursar Jettianwala -Manager	Fr. Shibu Menachery Fr. Bino Pariyadan Fr. Bino Pariyadan Fr. Ani Kollamparambil Fr. Bino Pariyadan Fr. Shibu Menachery Fr. Ani Kollamparambil Fr. Shibu Menachery
<b>LF Seminary</b>	Rector Vice Rector Procurator Kolianwali in charge	Fr. Shibu Menachery Fr. Tinto Kollamparambil Fr. Tinto Kollamparambil Fr. Tinto Kollamparambil
<b>21 Abohar</b>	Superior Rector Vice Rector Procurator	Fr. Benny Valloor Fr. Benny Valloor Fr. Ajay Narippara Fr. Ajay Narippara
<b>22 Danewala</b>	Superior Procurator Principal Parish Priest Asst. Parish Priest Manager  <b>Dairy Farm &amp; Agriculture in charge</b>	Fr. Thomas Anjilivelil Fr. Bibin Edappallimadathil Fr. Bibin Edappallimadathil Fr. Thomas Anjilivelil Fr. Bibin Edappallimadathil Fr. Thomas Anjilivelil  Fr. Saju Thottamattom
<b>23 Fazilka</b>	Superior Procurator Parish Priest Manager Asst. Manager	Fr. Antony Kalapurackal Fr. Shibu Kocheelath Fr. Shibu Kocheelath Fr. Antony Kalapurackal Fr. Shibu Kocheelath

## We have seen the risen Christ

The proclamation of the first Easter's good news came through Mary Magdalene, to whom Jesus appeared after his glorious resurrection. With joy and enthusiasm, she shared her experience with the disciples, having felt the Lord's presence when she sought to see him even after his burial. Each celebration of the Eucharist invites us to bear witness to his sacred ministry, leading us to become new creations and witnesses of his passion, death, and resurrection.

Like Mary Magdalene, we are called to ardently seek Jesus, even amidst the challenges of life, knowing that ultimately, we will find him in our hearts. Just as he called Mary by name from the depths of her despair, Jesus continues to call out to each of us, offering redemption from sin through his death and resurrection. In the Eucharistic celebration, as we commemorate Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection, we partake in the same experience of Easter, becoming messengers of his love and continuing his mission in the world.



The rosary beads slip through weathered hands,  
Counting blessings, penance, and life's shifting sands,  
Each bead a bridge to eternity's shore,  
Where grace flows freely, forevermore.

The stained glass windows tell stories untold,  
Of sacrifice, redemption, and hearts made bold,  
Their kaleidoscope hues paint heaven's gate,  
Inviting us to transcend, to contemplate.

And in this sacred tapestry of faith and grace,  
I find my purpose, my refuge, my sacred space,  
For religious life is not mere ritual or creed,  
It's a journey of the heart, where love takes the lead

Place	Post	Name of the Priest
24 Jalalabad	Superior Procurator Parish Priest Asst Parish Priest Manager	Fr. Sabeenose Alilakuzhiyil Fr. Joby Palankara Fr. Sabeenose Alilakuzhiyil Fr. Joby Palankara Fr. Joby Palankara
25 Guruharsahai	Superior Procurator Parish Priest Manager	Fr. Shijo Palakuzha
26 Ferozepur City	Parish Priest	Fr. Tom Padinjareyil
27 Zira	Superior Procurator Parish Priest Manager	Fr. Bibin Naripara
28 Moga	Superior Procurator Parish Priest Asst. Parish Priest Manager	Fr. Shoby Ayalookunnel Fr. Sam Vayalil Fr. Shoby Ayalookunnel Fr. Sam Vayalil Fr. Shoby Ayalookunnel
29 Faridkot	Superior Procurator Principal Parish Priest Manager Asst. Manager & Bursar	Fr. Silvinose Alilakuzhiyil Fr. Deepak Thoomkuzhy Fr. Benny Pulimkalayil Fr. Silvinose Alilakuzhiyil Fr. Silvinose Alilakuzhiyil Fr. Deepak Thoomkuzhy
30 Sadiq	Superior Member Member	Fr. Cyriac Kochalumkal Fr. Varghese Chittinappilly Fr. Augustine Varaki
31 Muktsar	Superior Procurator Parish Priest Manager Asst. Manager Bursar	Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly Fr. Alex Mannoor Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly Fr. Juslin Padinjarematom Fr. Juslin Padinjarematom

Place	Post	Name of the Priest
Kotli Road	Basil School Manager Basil School Asst Manager Director, Xavior Printing Press Director, Jyoti Foster Care Home Hostel	Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly Fr. Alex Mannoor  Fr. Alex Mannoor  Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly
32 Hospital/Palliative care	Priest in charge Director Joint Director Procurator	Fr. Salj Puravalappil Fr. Salj Puravalappil Fr. Akhil Thattaparambil Fr. Akhil Thattaparambil
33 Mayur Vihar - Delhi	Priest In charge	Fr. Antony Moonjely
34 Dwaraka, Delhi	Priest In charge	Fr. Kurian Moonjely
35 Mudickal	Superior Procurator Anikad Vocation Promoter In charge of Senior Priest Member	Fr. Shyju Chathanattu Fr. Sajan Narangathottil Fr. Sajan Narangathottil Fr. Sajan Narangathottil Fr. Sajan Narangathottil Fr. Bruno Pazhooparambil
36 Hoshiarpur	Priest In charge	Fr. Sunny Charakunnath
37 Panniwala	Priest In charge	Fr. Jobins Puthiyamangalath
38 Muduki	Priest In charge	Fr. Sebastian Areeparambil
39 Jyoti Darshan	Director	Fr. Juslin Padinjarematom
40 Pastoral Work		Fr. Joy Munduplackal Fr. John Joseph Myladumparayil Fr. Mejo Puthusserr Fr. Jaimon Vengacheril Fr. Jacob Vaniyapurackal Fr. Rijo Menachery Fr. Antony Anmura Fr. Dijo Urulel Fr. Ajeesh Pareeckal Fr. Noble Vattakunnel Fr. Sunny Cheruthanickal



## SACRED JOURNEY

In the quiet chapel's hallowed embrace,  
Where incense weaves its fragrant grace,  
I find my solace, my soul's retreat,  
A sacred journey where faith and love meet.

The flickering candles whisper ancient tales,  
Of saints and sinners, of trials and trails,  
Their flames dance with devotion, casting light,  
Guiding pilgrims through the darkest night.

The hymns rise like incantations to the skies,  
Echoing prayers of hope, forgiveness, and ties,  
To something greater, beyond our mortal strife,  
A divine rhythm that sustains our fragile life.



### THE PRIESTHOOD

Blest order, which in power dost so excel,  
That with th' one hand thou liftest to the sky,  
And with the other throwest down to hell  
In thy just censures, fain would I draw nigh,  
Fain put thee on, exchanging my lay-sword  
For that of th' holy Word.  
But th'holy men of God such vessels are,  
As serve him up, who all the world commands:  
When God vouchsafeth to become our fare,  
Their hands convey him, who conveys their hands.  
O what pure things, most pure must those things be,  
Who bring my God to me.

Bro joice...

Place	Post	Name of the Priest
41 African Mission		Fr. Jojesh Ottaplackal Fr. Babychan Tholanickal Fr. Sagil Nadakunnel
42 Study		Fr. Alwin Elavumkal Fr. Robin Areeparambil Fr. Mathews Moozhayil Fr. Alwin Padinjarekutt Fr. Brijeesh Urumbil
43	<b><u>Fathers working in Common Houses</u></b>	
	Thrikkakara	Fr. John Kapiarumalayil Fr. Tiyo Kochukavumpurath
	LF Seminary- Aluva	Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal Fr. Augustine Pamplany Fr. Rogi Narithookkil Fr. Tigi Thanniyil

## JYOTI NIWAS HANUMANGARH

### Farewell and Welcome in Hanumangarh

The Hanumangarh community expressed its heartfelt gratitude to the previous administration and ashram community while extending a warm welcome to its new members on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024. This transition is marked by a spirit of thankfulness, acknowledging the contributions of those who came before and embracing the fresh perspectives brought by the newcomers.

### St. George's Day Celebration

The Feast of St. George was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy on 22<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The highlight of the day was honoring Rev Fr. Provincial and other feasters of the province. The solemn Holy Mass, followed by a gathering and agape, created a sense of unity and togetherness among the community members.

### Honouring Rev. Fr. Varghese Koikkara CST

A memorial Holy Mass was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at the Provincial House, Hanumangarh, to remember and pay tribute to Rev. Fr. Varghese Koikkara CST. The gathering offered prayers for the departed soul and cherished the memories of Fr. Koikkara's life and legacy.

### LFCS, Hanumangarh

It is with deep sense of pride and gratitude the students, staff and management of Little Flower Convent School Hanumangarh bid farewell to our principal Rev. Fr. Benny Thomas on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024. We appreciate and congratulate his dedication and selfless service to the school as well as the Parish. Despite of several challenging situations, he completed his journey at Little Flower Convent School with remarkable achievements and also with happy memories.

### Conclusion

At this juncture, I would like to place the record of acknowledgment of those people who made our Mission Exposure possible starting with DWS Community, Pune, Rev. Fr. George CST, the Provincial Superior of KJ-Province, Fr. Jusline CST who prepared the entire program and executed it very meticulously, Br. Dijo CST who accompanied us throughout the journey with his valuable assistance, all the Ashram Superiors and fathers whose presence and accompaniment added meaning to our exposure and the entire fraternity of KJ Province. We are grateful to all of them. During our Journey, we gained lots of experiences for our mission. The past month for all of us was filled with pastoral experiences. We were able to immerse ourselves in the cultures of the people of Rajasthan and Punjab. We could get lots of mixed responses for our project. We gained lots of experiences, learnings, and memories for our missions in the future. Therefore, we recommend the Staff of Divine Word Seminary, Pune continue this mode of pastoral experiences in the upcoming years, especially tie up with CST Rajasthan and Punjab Province.

**Br. Justin Arokia Raj SVD**  
For Second-Year Theological Students  
Pune.

Then, we moved to Fazilka for our pastoral visit. There, CST fathers run the school and the parish. We attended the Sunday mass with the people. We also spent time with sisters who explained to us their assistance in Fazilka Mission. We also visited the families in the village and prayed in their houses. In the end, we had dinner with them as well. They were very happy to have us in their midst. The faith of people over there is very strong. Poor people get opportunists to study in ICSE School. It was a great pride for us when we visited Indo-Pak Border. As a token of our love and gratitude and as we departed from each respective mission, we thanked all the Ashram Superiors and fathers wholeheartedly for their accommodation, accompaniment, and acceptance and wished them for their missionary endeavors.

#### Panel Discussion & Sharing of the Experiences

Then, we set out to Moga for our panel discussions which took place 5:30 pm in the School. We began the panel discussion with the prayer song followed by the welcome and introduction by Fr. Jusline CST. The report of the entire program along with PPT was presented to the gathering. Then, we all of shared the uniqueness of mission exposures. Brothers collectively appreciated the entire Mission Immersion Program. They explicitly mentioned the some of the areas which needed a round of applause such as the hospitality of the CST fathers in all the communities, the tireless work done in the missions especially in the field of education, sharing the responsibilities with the sisters, their hard work in the missions, keeping the time for the family visits, fraternal love among the confreres, the adaptation of the language and the culture etc... Then, the brothers expressed all that they gained from the CTP cum Mission experience. All of them said that they had a wonderful experience during this one month. They learned the importance of family visits and praying with them. The simplicity, tiny faith and great hospitality of the people made the brothers to introspect themselves. The brothers did not fail to identify the mission strategies of CSTs to carry out their missions among the people and to inoculate CST Spirituality into them. The brothers said that they have realized that perseverance, prayer, passion, and humility are very much importance for every missions to be successful. Visiting the historical places enhanced them to immerse in the culture of the people. The brothers realized that people look for holiness among the priests and religious. The brothers also mentioned about the role of the catechists in the missions. They are bestowed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and assist the priests all the way possible in the missions. Then, we had Dr. Mathew Palachuvattil, the keynote speaker and Dr. Shoby Ayalookunnel, the moderator. In the end of the discussion, one of the brothers proposed the vote of thanks. The entire panel discussion ended with fruitful sharing and a delicious dinner. Then, we had a trip to Amritsar.

On 5th April 2024, school welcomed its new principal Rev. Fr. Shibin Augustine. It was a great excitement that we gathered to welcome our new principal. We wish him all the best for a good leadership through which the school may reach to its new heights. We wish him good health, prayers and success.

Little Flower Convent School is known for its rich history and proud tradition of excellence. This year, our students once again achieved outstanding results in their board examinations. Out of 99 students 25 students scored above 90% marks. Congratulations to all the teaching faculty and all those who moulded and supported them with knowledge and corrections and above all with prayers.



## MUDICKAL TIDINGS

### ASSUMING NEW OFFICES

On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Rev. Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal, the outgoing Superior, offered a thanks giving Holy Mass. Fr. Shyju Chathanattu, the new Superior, delivered the Sunday Homily. He thanked the outgoing office bearers and wished all the best for their new responsibilities. On the same day, in the presence of Very Rev. Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly, the Vicar Provincial, the offices were handed over to Fr. Shyju.

### MAJOR SEMINARIANS' GATHERING 2024

KJ Major Seminarians reached Mission House by 9:30 am on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024. During the day, they did preparations for the Gathering. In the evening, with solemn Ramsa presided over by the deacons, the gathering began. On 16<sup>th</sup>, Very Rev. Fr. George Alukka, the Provincial Superior, offered Solemn Holy Qurbana in Syro-Malabar Rite. After breakfast, there was common gathering. A good number of our Fathers who were in Kerala attended the Major Seminarians' Gathering. Afternoon, philosophers went to Little Flower Seminary, Aluva, for the preparations of the First Profession. On 17<sup>th</sup> evening, all brothers returned. 18<sup>th</sup> was a Picnic Day. This year, Major Seminarians' picnic was to Wagamon.

### GOOD BYE MUDICKAL!

After almost four years of stay at Mudickal for study purposes, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Rev. Fr. Alwin Padinjarekkut left for Ajmer. The Mudickal community thanks him for his generous co-operation and noteworthy services during his stay at Mudickal and wish him all the best for the successful completion of his studies.

We could realize that the cultural heritages in Rajasthan have had a great impact on the lives of people in Rajasthan. CST fathers over there took care of us in all the ways possible. Even they were read to celebrate the holy mass at 9 p.m. as well. We departed from Jaisalmer with lots of memories and reflections.

### Pastoral Exposures to the Various Missions in Punjab

Then, we made our pastoral exposure to Danewala in Punjab from Hanumangarh after a day of rest. We learned that CST fathers have a parish and run the state Board School and dairy form. We visited the school and gave an hour program to the children and the teachers. The principal and the teachers gave us a warm welcome and thanked us at the end. We spent our time with the children and motivated them to study well. We could see the happiness on their faces. In the evening, some of us went for the house blessing whereas others went for the prayer service in the village which is near the Indo-Pak border. We had rosary, praise, and worship, and Bible reading with people. In the end we introduced ourselves to the people who were happy to meet us. We also had dinner with them. We had sufficient time to interact with the people and the youth over there. The people seemed to be poor, daily wagers and farmers. Reciting the rosary, praise, and worship, sharing life experiences, and house visiting are the simple spiritual exercises that nourish and nurture the faith of the people.

The following day, we made a visit to Muktsar in Punjab for the exposure of the Punjab Culture. Here too, we preferred public transportation to get along with the simple lifestyle of the people. We reached Muktsar where CST fathers have a parish and run the school. We had a chance to attend the session on Sikhism by the Sikh teacher who helped us to recall all that we studied and heard about Sikhism and clarified some of our contextualized doubts. Apart from the theoretical session, we too visited Sri Darbar Sahib and Sri Muktsar Sahib Gurudwara. It was a great experience for all of us. As per the custom, we covered our heads and paid our respect to the Holy Book. Then, we visited a Hospital, Press, and Panjabi Medium School run by the CST fathers. While traveling to different places, we could witness the two paradoxical realities of people; poor and rich. After all our visits, we made our trip to the village for the mass and house Easter blessing. We participated in the mass followed by the house blessings. People over there were very loving and cordial. Though we spent little time over there it was valuable. Though the visit to Jalalabad was similar to the previous pastoral visits yet it remains as very unique, as we witnessed the living and vibrant faith among the people over there. We also had the chance to be with and mingle with the CST fraternity of KJ Province in Bathinda. We could experience the love and care of the CST fathers once again.

As a token of their love, children and teachers performed cultural dances and sang beautiful songs. We were happy to see the children's courage in coming forward to showcase their talents before a large group of audience. We could feel the positive vibration among the teachers and students. We all enjoyed our time with them.

## Family Visits

Then, we visited families accompanied by teachers and conducted a few interviews. These houses are situated in suburban areas of Malout. We visited around 8 to 10 families. They were happy to receive us in their houses and offered us what they had. We could see people in the houses and the streets engaging themselves in work such as sewing, making wedding shoes, etc... Time and again, we witnessed the demanding lives of people in Punjab. Through our interviews and interactions, we realized that people over here are very courageous and aware of what is happening around them. They are concerned about the Church and the Country as well. They have an inclusive attitude in all that they do, speak, and think.

On the following day, we visited a village where there is a parish Substation. The teachers accompanied us. It is a developing village. People received us happily. We spent sufficient time with them and got some solid responses for our interviews. Children, youth, and even elders love rearing pigeons and setting them out for competitions and they were very proud to show us their winning trophies. By visiting these two places, we could see the difference between the village which is near to the city and which is rapidly influenced by city life, and the village which is on the outskirts of the city and which is slowly influenced by the same. We prayed at all the houses we visited and had water, tea, and snacks that they provided. Through these gestures, people were very open enough to share with us. We are very much grateful to the Seminary Community which created a conducive atmosphere not only for our accommodation and spiritual needs but also for visiting families for our exposure. We thank them wholeheartedly.

## Visit to Jaisalmer

As part of our program, we set out for Jaisalmer, the Golden City. Here, the CST fathers run a parish and a school. We spent two days over there and visited some historical places such as Bada Bagh cemetery, Jaisalmer War Museum, kuldhara-the Ghost Village, Gadiser Lake, Jaisalmer Fort, Pattuva Havli, and sand dunes. We all cherished and enjoyed the great heritage of our country. Each place that we visited helped us to immerse ourselves in the culture of Rajasthan.

## HEARTY WELCOME FATHER

Rev. Fr. Sunny Cheruthanickal officially joined the Mudickal community on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2024. We are joyful for his gracious presence and services during this interim period of stay here when his visa documents to England are being processed.

## THE ARRIVAL OF THE KJ BENJAMINS 2024

On 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 three new candidates to the Minor Seminary – Bro. Albin Sajo, Bro. Milan Joseph, and Bro. Sebin Mathew – reached Mudickal Mission House. On 10<sup>th</sup> morning Fr. Shyju offered a solemn Holy Qurbana and officially received the new candidates. Frs. Sajan, the Vocation Promoter, and Benny Valloor, Rector of the Minor Seminary at Abohar, concelebrated the Mass. In the evening of the same day, Frs. Sajan, and Shyju accompanied the candidates to the Vettikkattiri Minor Seminary.

## THE SHEPHERD'S VISIT

His Excellency Mar Saji Nellikkunnel CST paid a friendly visit to Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024. He showed his great affection and care towards all the members of our house and very specially to our Senior Priests, Fr. Bruno and Fr. Kudilil. His never-failing love towards us and the unbroken belongingness to the KJ Family was quite touching. We thank his Excellency wholeheartedly and pray for the success of his mission.

## BIG BROTHER RETURNS

Bro. Noyal Antony reached Mudickal Mission Bhavan on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 after completing his PG exams except Viva. We welcomed him to the community wholeheartedly and wished him all the best for his regency experience. As one who had done a few months of service at Mudickal before commencing his PG studies, Bro. Noyal will surely be a precious helping hand for every one in the community.

## TWO MONTHS FULL OF LIFE, JOY, AND SHARING

The months of May and June were really hectic at Mudickal. There were several members of our Province who were undergoing various treatments residing at Mission House. There were many Fathers who spent a few of their holidays in the Mission House enjoying the community life and visiting friends and relatives in the nearby area. The Guest Register at Mudickal recorded 540 entries in this short period. We thank the Provincial Superior, his council members and all the Fathers for their wholehearted co-operation and kind understanding of the limitations of the house.



## In the CST Parish in Punjab

For around 10 days, we stayed at one of the CST parishes in Punjab in a place called Sikhwala. Our accommodation was arranged in the classrooms. The parish is named after St. Alphonsa which is located on the border of Rajasthan-Punjab. Apart from the parish, there is a school and dispensary too. The parish is well established. Fr. Bijo CST is the parish priest. There are two sisters belonging to CSC taking care of the school and dispensary. There are around 25 Christian families. Sikhwala is a backward village. This village was developed to its present status quite recently. People are hospitable, hard-working, cordial, and respectable to the priests, sisters, and brothers. Priests and nuns wear cassocks and habits respectively while visiting families and administering the sacraments. The religious practices of Sikhism are deeply rooted in the life of the people. As a result, we find even Christians wearing a turban, and having *langar* (common meal) after major church major celebrations in the church. Drug addiction especially of the youth is a challenge in this mission.

## Our Mission Life in the Mission

We attended the holy Eucharist in the morning followed by breakfast and manual work. In the evenings we joined people for the rosary and way of the cross in the church and then went for a house visit. We all enjoyed house visits and spent sufficient time with them. We could get mixed responses for our interviews. We took part in all the prayer services and convention during the holy week along with the people. Some of us took the opportunity to give introduction in Hindi. We created the resurrection scene with sounds and lights. We extended our help with cooking. Fr. Bijo, the parish priest created a favorable atmosphere for our CTP and Mission exposure. Though he was sick during the holy week, he made sure that the spiritual needs of the people were met. He took care of us and fed us well and even arranged a priest for our confession during the Holy Week. And he made sure that we the brothers were always with the cassocks for the prayers, way of the cross, and visiting the houses.

## Pastoral Journey to Malout, Punjab

Then, we moved from there to the CST Minor Seminary in Malout, Punjab. We spent two days over there and visited the people in the village. Apart from the Minor Seminary, CST fathers run a parish and two schools: one is ICSE School and another is Punjabi Medium. We visited both the schools. It was a great experience for us visiting the Punjabi Medium School. We were cordially welcomed by the Principal and the teachers. We had a chance to interact with the students and teachers as they gathered in the hall. We introduced ourselves to them and taught them a few action songs.

### Rajasthan

We, the second-year theologians reached Bikaner in Rajasthan where the CST fathers run the parish and the school, on the following day. We spent two days over there meaningfully, visiting the historical places of Rajasthan such as Junagar Fort, Devi Kund Sagar Cremation Place, and the National Research Centre for Camels and Horses. We were very much excited to have visited Karni Mata Mandir known as the rat temple. By visiting all these places, we got to know the rich historical and faith traditions of the people of Rajasthan which enhanced our understanding of the people especially, when we interviewed them.

On the same day, we traveled from Bikaner to Jyoti Darshan, the Missiology Center which is in the same campus as of Jyoti Niwas which is the Provincial House of CST Punjab-Rajasthan Province. It is situated in a place called Hanumangarh. The entire week was meticulously planned with input sessions on the mission, the uniqueness of the Rajasthan-Punjab mission, visiting parish people for the interviews, and the historical places. On 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, Fr. George Alukka CST, the Provincial Superior of CST Punjab-Rajasthan Province officially inaugurated the entire one-month program. In his welcome address, Fr. George encouraged us to immerse ourselves in the mission in order to help others immerse in the same through sharing our experiences with them. During the sessions, he outlined the geographical background of CST Rajasthan-Punjab Mission and also gave us sufficient input on the reason, aim, and the way every mission station was developed through his experiences, understanding, and definitions.

### Input Sessions

Mr. Sanjeev, a Collaborator of CST fathers explained to us the expectations of the missionaries from the laity perspective. He firmly affirmed that the Word of God and prayer are essential for every missionary and the success of every mission. Then, we had Fr. Sunny CST who gave us a beautiful comparative understanding of Sikhism and Christianity. He also touched upon the political and cultural background of Rajasthan-Punjab and emphasized the adaptation of challenges and creating emotional rapport with the people in the mission. We had a chance to interview a few parishioners for our project during these days.

## Little Flower Seminary, Malout

### Finding comfort in life through weekly visits to villages

Every Wednesday, we embark on a village visit to Ravidas Nagar, affectionately known as Jattiyan Wala, guided by Sr. Josna. We begin with prayers at homes and culminate with a Holy Mass at the school. The warm welcome and heartfelt sharing of emotions by the villagers truly enrich our experience.

### Loving Visits

Rev. Fr. Jojo, the General Superior of the Little Flower congregation, graced our seminary with his presence, bringing joy to our Sacred Heart community. Additionally, Fr. John Joseph Myladumparayil, on his journey back to India from Germany, honored Little Flower Seminary with a visit, further enriching our joyous occasion. He presided over Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Malout, adding to the happiness of the moment.

### Mega Teresian Quiz

February 24<sup>th</sup> was an eagerly anticipated day for us as we held the Mega Teresian Quiz as part of our annual competitions. With five creatively challenging rounds, including picture identification and rapid-fire questions, it proved both enjoyable and informative. Team '*Electis Christi*' emerged as the quiz winners.

### Annual Competition

Our seminary hosted the annual competition of 2024 with great enthusiasm, dividing it into two groups. Stimulating activities like basketball, the Mega Teresian quiz, and various sports events saw enthusiastic participation, aiding everyone in skill improvement.

### Debate Competition

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, the seminary organized a debate competition moderated by Bro. Alby and judged by Fr. Tinto. The topic, “Deforestation: Bane or Boon,” sparked engaging discussions among the brothers, making the competition intriguing.

### Feast of St. Joseph

We celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph grandly. Alongside the school’s teacher and the Sacred Heart community, we greeted all the Josephites and joyfully marked the congregation day of CST and SJSM. Our celebrations concluded with an agape.

### Birthday of Fr. Tinto

On the vibrant morning of March 25<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the birthday of our beloved Fr. Tinto. The Sacred Heart community gathered to extend heartfelt wishes, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony filled with laughter and joy.

### New Priest Day

With heartfelt gratitude, the seminary welcomed its former students, now ordained priests, with open arms and joyful celebrations. Amidst nostalgia, the newly ordained priests returned to offer Holy Mass and were felicitated by the seminary community.

### Easter Celebrations

Our Lord God has blessed us to participate in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This time, we had the night vigil Mass in the parish along with the parishioners. On Sunday, the Easter celebrations took place in the seminary, where all the fathers, brothers, sisters, and teachers of the Sacred Heart community gathered together for a wonderful celebration.

## Report on of MIP (Mission Immersion Program) 2024 organized by Jyoti Darshan for the SVD Theology Students from Jnana Deepa, Pune

*(Note: This report was prepared by Br. Justin Arokia Raj SVD who was chosen by the class to keep the minutes of everyday activities. Therefore, the everyday minutes/journal is the main source for this report.)*

### Introduction

Jnana Deepa, the Pontifical Athenaeum of Philosophy and Theology, Pune defines the Contextual Theology Project known as CTP as a study of a particular topic relevant to the times and context of the Church and Society and it recommends that second-year students of Theology to follow the three phases for the fruitful outcome of this project. In the first place, the methodology and questioners are to be prepared, secondly, the interviews are to be done in their respective missionary context during their summer vacation, and finally, the interviewed data is collected, analyzed, and presented group-wise when they come back to JD for their third year. Jnan Deepa gives freedom to the students to form their groups and to choose their place for the project. Every year, the theology students of JD come up with meaningful and relevant topics for their CTP. This year too, by reading the signs of the times, the second-year theologians with the guidance of the CTP coordinators have chosen “Theologizing on Socio-Political Awareness towards Nation Building” as the topic for their CTP 2023-24.

As it was in the custom of the Divine Word Seminary, Pune that the SVD brothers would be divided into groups among themselves depending on the number and be sent to the SVD mission stations, preferably to the SVD Indian Central Province (INC) where they would be staying for about a month doing their Contextual Theology Project cum Mission Experience. This year, the DWS staff decided to send the second-year students of Theology consisting of 16 (12 SVDs and 4 CSTs) to the CST Rajasthan- Punjab Province for their CTP cum Mission Experience on an experimental basis and to acquire different experiences. The staff consulted with Fr. Jusline CST, the Alumni of DWS, the director of Jyoti Darshan, Rajasthan, and the Missiology Center managed by CST fathers and organized everything well in advance. After the semester exams were over, on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the second-year theology students set out for Rajasthan for their CTP cum Mission experience.

A video presentation of the Jubilee Flag hoisting ceremony, which took place earlier in the day, was shared with the audience. Additionally, the Golden Jubilee logo was unveiled by the Guest of Honor, and each element of the logo, representing the school's values and aspirations, was elucidated to the attendees.

A cake-cutting ceremony, led by Father Manager, served as a dual celebration of the school's Golden Jubilee and the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination. The event was a resounding success, filled with joy and enthusiasm. A glimpse behind the scenes of the preparations showcased the dedication and hard work that went into making the inauguration a memorable one. The Golden Jubilee celebrations promise a year filled with events and activities to honor the school's rich legacy and contributions to education in the region.



## Vacation

In April and May, the third-year brothers underwent their final exams at the minor seminary before embarking on their journey to the novitiate. Meanwhile, our second-year brothers have successfully completed their first year of plus two studies and are currently enjoying their home vocations.

## Farewell to Third Years

April 7<sup>th</sup> brought both sorrow and joy as we bid farewell to our departing brothers, wishing them luck for their novitiate. A small program, organized with the guidance of our fathers, conveyed our heartfelt wishes for their bright futures.

## Birthday of Fr. Rector

We commemorated our Fr. Rector's birthday on April 9<sup>th</sup> with a solemn Holy Mas followed by cake cutting and warm wishes. In the evening, we celebrated with the Malout ashram community.



## News from Little Flower Formation House, Abohar

### Annual Retreat

From February 10 to 13, the brothers attended their annual retreat at Sadiq. Fr. Cyriac conducted a marvelous retreat that was instrumental in helping the brothers imbibe the qualities of Jesus in their lives.

### Annual Day Celebration

We celebrated the Seminary's Annual Day on March 14 with great enthusiasm. Fr. George Alukka, the Provincial Superior, was the chief guest for the function. Fathers and sisters from Danewala, Fazilka, Abohar, and Malout joined in the celebration. The brothers presented a variety of programs, including a prayer dance, solo singing, group songs, group dances, and mime acts. The magazine "Quillzine" was released during the event. The celebration concluded with a community meal.

### Farewell to Bro. Regent

We organized a farewell program for our Regent on March 15. The brothers performed several programs to mark the occasion. On March 16, Bro. Arun Perepdan left for the provincial house and then proceeded to Kerala.

### Rich and Fruitful Mission Experience

On March 23, the brothers embarked on a mission experience at various stations: Danewala, Sikhawla, Ferozepur City, Jalalabad, and Guruharsahi. They returned on April 8, enriched and joyful from their time spent in the mission field.

### Welcome to Our New Vice Rector

On April 3, Fr. Rince Kalappurackal took charge as the Vice Rector of the Formation House, in the presence of Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly, the Counselor.

### Farewell to Our Vice Rector

A formal farewell for Fr. Jidhin was arranged on April 21. Fr. Titus, the Parish Priest, and the FCC sisters from the parish attended the function. The brothers organized various programs, followed by a sumptuous dinner. On April 23, Fr. Rector accompanied Fr. Jidhin to Raman for his new apostolate.

## Little Flower Convent School, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Begins The Golden Jubilee Celebrations With Grand Inaugural Celebration

Little Flower Convent Senior Secondary School, Sri Muktsar Sahib, the pioneering educational institution established by the Congregation in the CST Mission in Punjab-Rajasthan, marked the commencement of its year-long Golden Jubilee festivities with a magnificent inauguration ceremony on April 27th, 2024, held on the school premises.

The event, commencing at 5:00 pm, was graced by the presence of distinguished guests, including Chief Guest Rev. Fr. George Alukka CST, the Provincial Superior of the Khrist Jyoti Province, Punjab-Rajasthan, and Guest of Honor Mr. Bhageerath Singh Meena, SSP, Sri Muktsar Sahib. The school's management, esteemed parents, and students from classes 1st to 5th, along with 10th and 12th graders, also participated in the inaugural ceremony.

The ceremony began with a symbolic gesture, where the dignitaries were presented with golden badges to commemorate the school's 50th anniversary. A silver badge was also presented to Rev. Fr. Vincent, the school's Manager, in recognition of the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination. Following this, the Jubilee Candle was lit by the Chief Guest, Manager, Principal, and Staff Secretaries, symbolizing the knowledge and progress the school has brought to the community over the past five decades.

## Faridkot Bulletin

### 1. TRANSFERS:

Rev. Fr. Sunny Kurishumootil and Rev. Sunny Cheruthanickal were transferred and Rev. Fr. Benny Pulimkalayil, Rev. Fr. Silvenose Alilakuzhiyil and Rev. Fr. Deepak Thoomkuzhy took charge of the Faridkot station.

### 2. CRI- MEETING:

2.CRI Meeting was conducted in our ashram. Many religious fathers and sisters participated for the prayers and meeting. It was an occasion for Fathers and Sisters to make confession and also deeper their religions Koinonia

### 3. JUBILEE CELEBRATION:

On 17<sup>th</sup> April, We conducted the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee celebrations of Rev. Fr. Benny Pulimkalayil, Fr. Sebeenose and Fr. Silvenose Alilakuzhiyil in a very simple manner with the Fathers and Sisters of the Faridkot Zone and the Parishioners.

### 4. SHEPHERD'S VISIT:

On 21<sup>st</sup> April, Rt. Rev. Dr. Agnelo Rutina Gracious, the Apostolic Administrator of the diocese of Jalandhar made his Pastoral visit. More than 60 faithful received the sacrament of confirmation. Thanks a lot, to Rev. Sunny and C. S. N Sisters for their hard work, behind the success of this programme.

### 5. ELECTIONS:

A new Parish Council was elected for the coming 3 years. Election was held for SVP Society also.

### 6. SUMMER CAMP:

Summer camp for the Catechism children was held on 30 and 31 May, 2024. Rev. Sr. Maria F.C.C and Rev. Sr. Alka F.C.C. from Kartharpur guided the children to grow in faith formation.

### Home Vacation

The brothers went on a home vacation on March 25. On their way, they visited Malout Seminary. Fr. Rince and Dn. Joice accompanied them to New Delhi and saw them off on the train to Odisha.

## FAZILKA NEWS TIDINGS

### Byes & Hellos

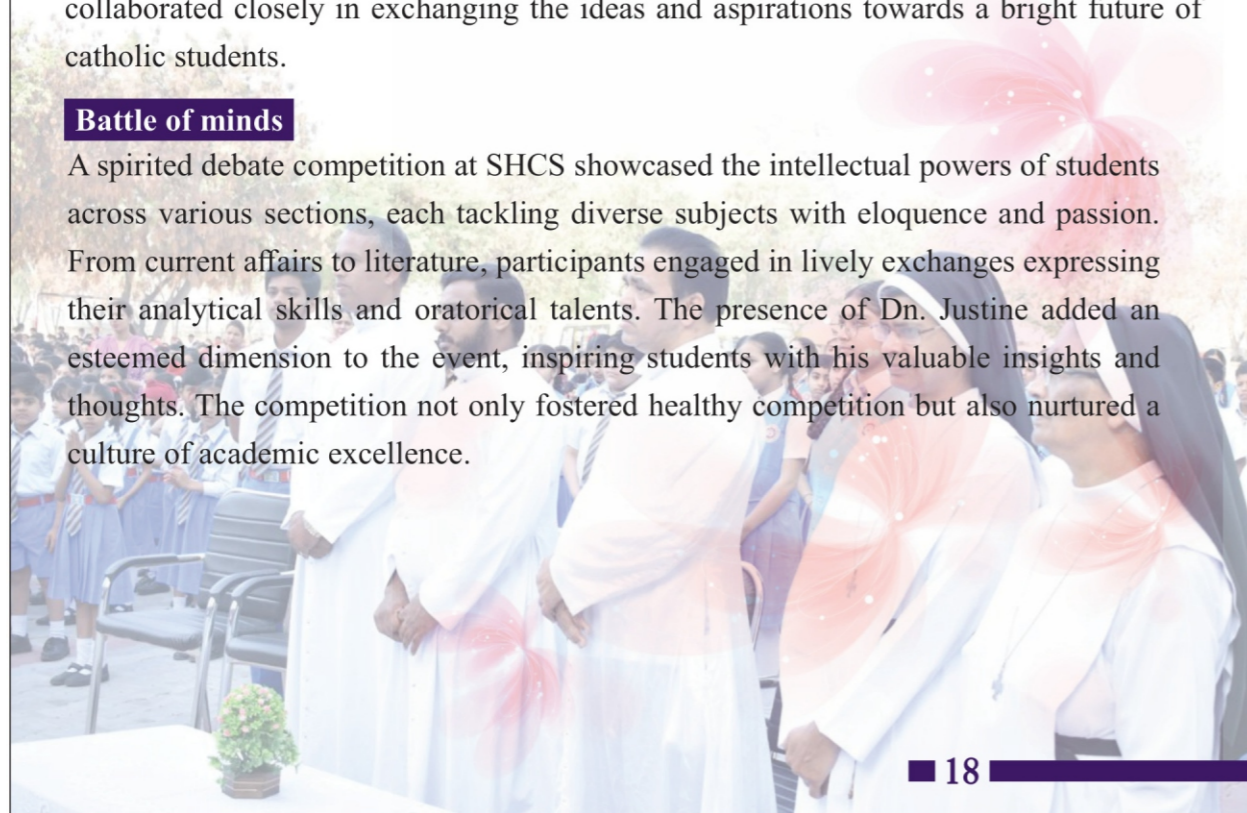
SHCS Fazilka celebrated the departure of the outgoing management with gratitude and warm wishes, acknowledging their valuable contributions and tireless efforts in shaping the school's journey. As we bid farewell to the familiar faces, the school community eagerly welcomed the incoming management with open arms, looking forward to a promising future together.

### Parental gathering

Sacred heart family hosted a productive parent meeting dedicated to the welfare and future of catholic students. Engaging discussions revolved around fostering an environment conducive to the holistic development of these students, ensuring they receive support and opportunities to achieve their goals. Parents and school management collaborated closely in exchanging the ideas and aspirations towards a bright future of catholic students.

### Battle of minds

A spirited debate competition at SHCS showcased the intellectual powers of students across various sections, each tackling diverse subjects with eloquence and passion. From current affairs to literature, participants engaged in lively exchanges expressing their analytical skills and oratorical talents. The presence of Dn. Justine added an esteemed dimension to the event, inspiring students with his valuable insights and thoughts. The competition not only fostered healthy competition but also nurtured a culture of academic excellence.



### Plata Jubileo

The silver jubilee celebration of Frs. Antony Kalapurackal CST and Joby Palankara CST on May 19<sup>th</sup> was a joyous occasion marked by heartfelt wishes from friends and family. We honoured their 25 years of unwavering commitment and service to the community. The event was filled with gratitude and wishes.

