



St. Paul's Messenger

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Provincial's Message

Dear And Loving Fathers,

Wish you all a Blessed Christmas!

May these preparations and celebrations for Christmas give us immense Joy and Peace!

We go through many preparations for Christmas both internal and external, personal and communitarian. We take very important but fruitful resolutions in the community to make Christmas more significant and meaningful. Let all these preparations lead us to 'a change of life' based on the principle, "LITTLE BETTER EVERY DAY", the 'success sutra' of our Fr. Amatus.

We commemorate the birth of our Lord Jesus in celebrating Christmas. We should not stop our reflections just with the manger and other people and incidents related to the birth. We must reflect about the whole life of Jesus. He was born in the manger to pave the way for the rest of his life which was guided by the very principle of Humility and Service. For us religious, Humility and Service is summarized in the vow of Obedience. We do celebrate Christmas every day through our vow of Obedience.

Obedience will gain us the Eternal Freedom if it is observed with Humility and Service and it is a guarantee for "Little better every day". The works of Jesus shows this growth and the eternal freedom that he attained through his humility and service. At the age of 12 (a 6th standard student) he was arguing in the temple with the learned scholars. We can see the wisdom he gained which is beyond the potential of his age. We also see the eternal freedom which made him courageous to speak to the elders and learned. Therefore, during this Christmas let us reflect more on the whole life of Jesus, the birth, the life and the death of Jesus. His obedience to the will of His Father was unto the point of death, even death on a cross (Phi. 2:8). By renouncing everything, He became one with the poor, sick, oppressed and the afflicted which made him always in communion with His Father. (He was a full time *Brahmachari*).

We have renewed our religious vows on Dec 8. Let our renewal and celebrations of Christmas nourish us in our religious life. When we decorate our buildings and gardens with stars and lights, let our words and gaze be brighter with heavenly peace. Let the Christmas songs and Carols remove the stain filled deeds and unrefined words from our mouth. Let them be filled with holiness and virtuous thoughts. Fasting, cake cutting and heavy lunch are to be the means to get strengthened with spiritual blessings.

When, we religious, prepare for the Christmas in this spiritual way, many of our friends, parishioners, staff and other people will get inspired to be "Little Better every day".

We hardly have few days of preparation for the Christmas and New Year 2018. Let me suggest some practical ways to enrich our celebrations: 1. Kindly try to call all our fathers in the province to wish them with Christmas and New Year greetings. 2. In this Christmas and New Year season visit two or three poor families who are close to our communities. 3. Materialize the concept of 'Shalegondur Mane' (One house for one school) as early as possible.

Through our fasting, greetings and other celebrations let us make ourselves and others "Little better everyday".

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you !!! ■

Fr. Provincial





Province Day Sports

“Bonds that unite us are stronger than the barriers that separate us”.

Province Day Sports...! Yes...it happened on 18th of October 2017, at Koppa School grounds. Inter-zonal volleyball, basket ball and cricket matches were held with real sports man spirit.... participants were little elderly though....! Live commentaries in many languages, interviews, snacks and drinks were at the party. At the end of the day all opined to have it again every year to develop the feel of oneness. Fr. Provincial...the germ of the event was around the corner as a moving spirit. ■

Province Day Brothers Meet...!

Second phase of the Province Day was held at Carmel Bhavan and Jnanamandira, Bogadi. It was delightful occasion for the ‘babes’ of our province. Fr. Thomas Parayil guided them with an input session. Carmel Bhavan community in the leadership of Fr. Joseph Edakkery, Vicar Provincial took care of the ‘Chavara Boys’ with delicious food and other pleasantries. Afternoon session was for Basketball and Volleyball competitions at Jnanamandira. Brothers put up a real show. Their mastery in the games was displayed with colour and vigour. It was wonderful to watch the stamping spirit of the young ones. Frs. Johny Koikara, Thomas Marottimoottil (Rectors), Frs. Angadiath, Xavier, Shaiju, Biju, Jomy were there throughout the day to encourage the aspirants. Late evening session was for cultural programmes which were handled by Fr. Provincial, master of creative programmes. ■



Jubilee Celebration

Jubiliarians....Gold and Silver...they are! Fr. Thachil has won the gold and Frs. George Puthiyedath, Chacko Parakattukuzhy, Francis Chirackal and Joseph Parathapilly....silver. Fr. Thachil celebrates 50 golden years in religious life while others 25 silver years of religious priesthood. Wow....great. Province celebrated these achievements at Carmel Bhavan on 6 November 2017 with traditional joviality and colour. Go on veterans....catch greater heights and hit centuries...! ■



Immaculate...!

Great and proud occasion for the province....! On December 8, at St. Vincent, Pala 6 of our brothers, from Darshana Novitiate, Kappadu solemnly offered themselves to God....Yes..Vestition and Profession. Let our hearts and hands be united for a moment of prayer for them. We welcome them in to our religious fraternity of CMI Mysuru Pauline Family and wish them amazing grace throughout their religious life. ■

Welcome to Australian Mission

Fr. Emmanuel Ayankudy has joined the group of our Australian missionaries. We wish him well and a fruitful ministry in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. At present he is stationed at 69, Chalk Street, Woolloowin, QLD, 4030. Mobile: +61 484 515307. On Jan 6, 2018, he will be moving to Stella Maris Catholic Church, 2 to 10, Church st., Maroochydore, QLD, Australia, as Associate Pastor. ■



SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Women Empowerment Programme

The Second Women Empowerment Programme was conducted at Periyapatna, Vidyavikas Educational institution. Nearly 300 women were present for the programme and Fr. Joseph Panampuzha delivered message on the topic "THE ROLE OF A MOTHER IN FORMING A MODEL FAMILY".

Orientation Programme

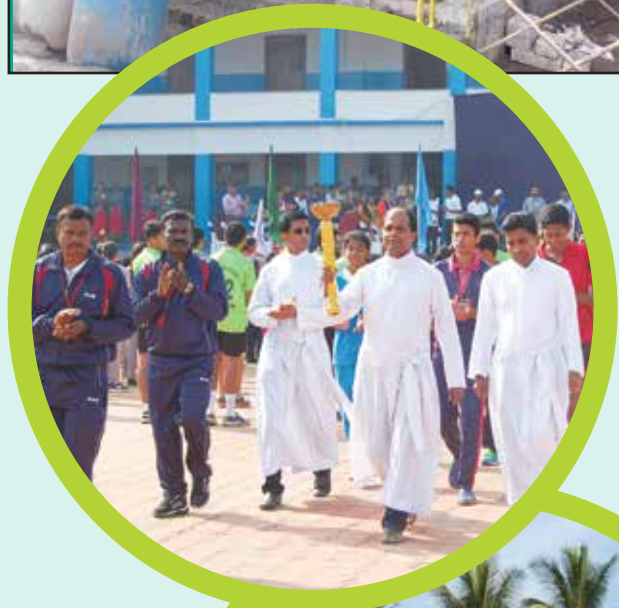
We have conducted orientation programme for the parents and students, under the leadership of Fr. Joseph Panampuzha at Mudoor on 18th Saturday 2017. All the parents and students actively participated and appreciated the programme.

Home for the Homeless

The social work department could complete building of a house for Mrs. Rani, non teaching staff at Koppa which she was unable to complete for a long time due to financial shortage. For this project the social work department received Rs.3,15,000/- from the well wishers and different companies and completed it. Sincere prayers and gratitude to all the well wishers.

Shalegondur Mane

We have planned to implement a project named "Shalegondur Mane". By this project we are planning to build one house under each school for the poor. Bharath Matha school, Koppa is in the way of fulfillment of this motto for the year. A house is almost at its final stage of completion at Guddanahalli for Mr. Radha Krishnan and Family, non teaching staff of our school.



CHAVARA CUP 2017

Citius, Altius, Fortius

Chavara Cup 2017 -18 was held on 26 November, at BharathMatha, Koppa. Events for the Cup were Volley Ball for Boys - High School and Higher Primary School and Throw Ball for Girls - High School and Higher Primary School.





Volley Ball

High School Winner: Bharath Matha, Koppa,

Runners up - Christa Jyothi, Arkalgud

Higher Primary Winner: Pushpa, Periyapatna

Runners up - Bharath Matha, Koppa

Throw Ball

High School Winner: St. Thomas, Gonikkoppal

Bharath Matha College Sports Day

Sports day for students was conducted at BMC, Koppa on Sep-27, 2017. Squadron Leader Mr. D Mathew, Administrator Sainik School was the chief guest.

Runners up - Christ Public School, Bogadi

Higher primary Winner: Pushpa Periyapatna

Runners up - Bharath Matha, Koppa

Congratulations to the winners and runners....! A big thanks to all those beautiful hands and hearts behind the success of the programme....!

Hallikere School Building Blessing

Fr. Provincial blessed the school building and dedicated its all future programmes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a noble enterprise for the upliftment of the people at the periphery. May the institution become a beacon of hope for the people around.



Christ School, Bogadi in style....kudos....!

In the interschool competitions held, Sujan N S of grade IX A2 bagged 1st place in 100 MTS freestyle & 50 MTS butterfly and Kanchan Poovaiah of grade IX A1 bagged 1st place in 50 MTS freestyle & 50 MTS breast stroke at Jnanasarovara international residential school organized by CISPMAM.



Renu P Sulakhe of grade IX A2 achieved two gold medals in shooting organized by Bangalore Rifle Shooter's Academy Bangalore.



Jeet P Sulakhe of grade VI A3 achieved silver medal in shooting organized by Bangalore Rifle Shooter's Academy Bangalore.



Disha C of grade IX A2 and Impana M G of Grade IX A1 bagged third prize in quiz competition organized by Mysore West Lion Sevaniketan School on 12th November 2017.



High school girls throw ball team got second place in Chavara Cup Interschool throw ball tournament organized by St. Thomas Education Society at Koppa on 26th November 2017.



Daivik S M of grade VIII A1 achieved third prize with cash award of Rs. 2000/- in drawing & painting competition.



Hitha Raag of grade VI A3 bagged 3rd prize in patriotic song competition organized by Arora International Trust.



Advaith S Kumar of grade III A2 won two gold medals in 15th National karate Championship at University hall during October 2017.



CHRIST HASSAN

“Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower”.

Christ Hassan proved the aforesaid quote of Steve Jobs true through lovely innovations and actions.

“Eneagu ... modalu maanavanaagu”

Kannada Rajyothsava was celebrated with great vigour and grandeur throwing the light on the values of human life.

Child is the Father of Man

Childhood activities deeply influence the overall character of an adult. On 14th November children's day was celebrated with lots of enthusiasm. All the teachers enraptured the students with their delightful and wonderful performance.

O Give Thanks to God....!

“O Lord how manifold are thy work! In wisdom thou hast made them all”. On 28th November our school was blessed to have Father Tom Uzhunnalil who was kidnapped by Yemeni militants from a charity home in Aden. He enlightened, educated our students through his value based speech.



CHRISTA JYOTHI, ARKALGUD

Rainbow Fiesta

CHILDREN'S DAY was celebrated at Christa Jyothi School, Arkalgud with traditional splendor and joviality. Food Court, Art & Creativity Exhibition, Games & Music stall for students and parents were the main attractions of the day.

Ethnic Day was also celebrated on the same day to make the campus bright and vibrant.



Asadharana Prathiba Puraskara

The Women and Child Welfare Association, Hassan felicitated Kumari Bhoomika G.V. the 9th Std Student of Christa Jyothi School on her unique achievement. She has been selected as the Brand Ambassador of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan of Arkalgud Taluk. Recently Mysore Dasara Art Exhibition and Cultural Fest also honoured her. She is a multi-talented student who has been winning accolades and laurels in both in the State as well as in National Levels. Hats off... to this Asadharana Prathibe.



Blessing of Extension Block

On 9th November 2017 the Extension Block of Christa Jyothi Public School was blessed by Provincial Rev. Fr. Varghese Kelamparambil C.M.I. on the occasion of the canonical visit. We the Christa Jyothi Family great fully remember all the hands behind the achievement.



BHARATH MATHA'S SPRINT...!

Chavara Cup

The Chavara Cup interschool sports meet was held at Bharath matha composite P.U College, Koppa on 26/11/2017. It was a well conducted event with nine schools actively participating in volleyball and throw ball games. We are proud to claim that we are the winners of both high school and higher primary.

Childrens Day

On November 14th, the student's representatives were honored on stage as part of the commemoration of the children's day celebration. Teachers conducted the assembly and put up a vibrant cultural show to entertain the children. A sumptuous meal was arranged for the students.

Commerce Forum

The commerce forum has been actively involved in conducting seminars on "GST and cashless Economy", and a debate on "Globalization" & "India's Population -Boon & Bane"

Karate Winners

The National level Karate Competition held by the Okinawa shorin kai, in Mysore, witnessed a large number of 76 students from our school bagging 156 prizes in the various *Katas* and *Kumite*

Hobli Sports Winners

Our students gave an exemplary performance at the Hobli level sports held at Periyapatna and emerged as the winners of volleyball for both Boys and Girls. The girls also consolidated their first position in the throw ball game. They bought laurels to our institution by bringing home the overall championship. At the taluk level sports, the boys proved their worth by winning the first place in the volleyball game.

Humanity Club

To instill humane values and create social awareness in our youngsters, the humanity club conducted a seminar on values in society to focus on students social responsibilities.

Industrial Visit

Under the aegis of the science forum, a visit was organized to the Kudige dairy to understand the process of pasteurization and manufacture of other dairy products.

Kannada Rajyotsava

Celebrating the statehood of Karnataka, Kannada Rajyotsava was held in a very solemn manner. The





highlight of the programme was Bharatanatyam dance performance by 650 students dressed in colorful traditional attire choreographed by our classical dance teacher.

Language Club

To enhance language skills, a club was inaugurated, whereby students were made to participate in debates, essay competition, skit presentation and pick & speak.

Students excelled in creative writing and a self created poem about our principal was composed and recited on his birthday.

Kids Fest

The Tiny tots of our LKG and UKG had their first fest, wherein a fancy dress competition was held and prizes were distributed for their academic and sportive achievements.

Parents Day

Considering the importance of parental involvement in student's life, the management decided to conduct a parent's day, whereby parents too could display their talents. Parents participated in large numbers in various cultural events and in the games organized for them and were awarded with prizes. They also enjoyed the lunch that was arranged for them. Their enthusiastic participation motivated both children and the teachers.

Judges Visit

A legal awareness program was arranged in our campus for the students of PUC. This function was graced by the chief civil judge Arjun. S. Matturu, the bar association president Mr. Bhaskar and Mr. Jayashankar, senior advocate.



HEALTH DESK

1. Fr. Antony Moolamattom is having a speedy recovery after his cardiac surgery. Recent medical follow up do not show any issues. He is at the provincial house to take care of his health and attend to any medical needs. We are with you Fr. Antony.....get well soon.

2. Fr. Thomas Vithayathil recently underwent an operation for his prostate gland, at Rajgiri Hospital. Operation was successful and Fr. Thomas is on way of recovery. Let us join our hand together for him.

Yet another colourful feather on the Cap...!

Fr. Shinto Puthumattathil, who was pursuing his doctoral studies at Belgium, has successfully completed his studies and defended his thesis on, “Revelation as an Interpersonal dialogue between God and Human Beings: A Comparative Study of the Theology of Revelation according to Karl Rahner and the Second Vatican Council with a Selective Reception Analysis”, at 10 am, on 18 December, 2017. Hearty congratulations Fr. Shinto on your achievement and wish you a fruitful teaching career ahead...!



“Nadedu Banda Daari”

History of CMI St. Paul’s Province, Mysore (Part 3)

Shanthi Bhavan, N. R. Pura

He said, “What is the Kingdom of God like? To what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and put in his own garden. It grew, and became a large tree, and the birds of the sky lodged in its branches.” - Luke 13:18-19. Jesus’s vision of the kingdom of God was sown at first as a seed in the soil of Karnataka by the CMI fathers, at N. R. Pura.

In the beginning...!

Mass migration of Syro-Malabar Christians from central Travancore to the region of N. R. Pura could be dated back to the late 1950’s. Unlike Kakkinje and surroundings N. R. Pura soil and weather was ideal for paddy and related cultivation. So, people from Aluve, Anagamaly, Karukutty alike places, who were good in paddy cultivation, migrated to N. R. Pura with the dream

of better future. Those were the days timber business existed in Chickamagalur region. There must have been routine transportation route from Chickamagalur via N. R. Pura to Mangalore, for timber transportation. This well flourished trade route made it rather easy for the migrants to reach their destinations or migrant colonies. Fr. Berchumans who must have definitely aware of the migration and many of the families, have taken the same route of the people to reach N. R. Pura. We could reasonably assume that Fr. Berchumans must have boarded train from Aluve and reached Mangalore and from there to N. R. Pura.¹

Missionary track record of

¹ Fr. Mathew Kudilil’s book tells that Fr. Berchumans and Fr. Hugo Kalapurackal came together to Karnataka.



Fr. Berchumans

Fr. Sebastian Poonoly has published a very valuable and scholarly studied book, which is a compilation of the correspondence between CMI superiors and bishops of Calicut and Tellicherry during the time of Malabar 'Exodus'. In this particular book there are references about Fr. Berchumans which sheds light in to his missionary zeal.

Mass migration of the Syrians Christians to Malabar created pastoral challenges to Bishop Aldo Maria Patroni, S.J., and bishop of Calicut. So, he requested then CMI Prior General, Fr. Maurus for a few priests to assist him in his diocese. It should be noted that while CMI superiors were looking for suitable priests for the mission, Fr. Berchumans had the lot to come to Malabar mission to assist the sheep of our Lord.

Fr. Berchumans was initially appointed in Nadavayal parish. From the records we understand that his pastoral activities at Nadavayal were very dynamic, creative and challenging. We could see in the pastoral letters of bishop Patroni, a young, zealous and courageous missionary.²

² In the records we could see that there were occasions that the bishop and religious authorities together had to pacify Fr. Berchumans with regard to his certain bold and revolutionary activities. It should also

Providential Changes

On 03 March 1953 CMI Congregation was divided in to three provinces namely Thrissur, Kalamasserry and Kottayam³. On 31st of December, 1953 the Tellicherry diocese was established for the entire Malabar region, including the Diaspora Syrians in the state of Karnataka. On the basis of these developments, CMI Congregation decided to come to an understanding with regard to the mission territories of its provinces. Accordingly Malabar region was entrusted to St. Joseph's Province, Kottayam. Fr. Berchumans naturally ascribed to S. H. Province. But now the Nadavayal parish where he was working belonged to Kottayam Province. So the Provincial Council of S. H. Province decided to pull back Fr. Berchumans to the province. Thus the first phase missionary endeavours Fr. Berchumans came to an end for the time.

To an Unknown Terrain

As the quote of C. S. Lewis goes, "You are never

be mentioned that Bishop Patroni had a paternal heart to appreciate and correct the young priest.

³ The Sacred Heart Province was formally inaugurated on 14 June 1953 at Thevara, in the patronage of the most sacred heart of Jesus. Original Provincial House was Aluva. Fr. Mathias Mundadan was the first priest ordained for the S.H. province.



too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream”, Fr. Berchumans never cease to dream. He kept the divine fire in him always burning. As fortune favours the brave, there comes a right opportunity for him, another more challenging mission opportunity for him.

His Excellency, Sebastian Valloppilly, bishop of Tellicherry was in dearth of priests to meet the spiritual needs of migrant people. He presented his request with S. H. Provincial. Having missionary charism in its blood CMI authorities were more than happy to help the bishop. They would not have spent much time to pick up the right person. They already had the young and experienced hand with them, Fr. Berchumans. Thus starts the second and final phase of Fr. Berchumans’ missionary journey. It was like the call of Abraham and Moses, to go to an unknown terrain, leaving everything known and reared, to the region of N. R. Pura! Different state, unknown people-culture-language-weather...! Berchumans ‘yes’ to the authorities was like the ‘Fiat’ of Mary, a leap in to darkness without thinking much about the cost of the call.

The first foot..

It will be quiet rewarding to imagine the first journey of Fr. Berchumans, all the way from Kalamasserry to N. R. Pura. Though we do not have a record of his journey, from the memories of the age old people in the area of N. R. Pura, we understand more or less how it could have been. In those days migration route from mid Kerala to N. R. Pura was via Mangalore. They used to catch train from Aluve and reach Mangalore and from there for further journey they depended on bus to Shimoga. After getting down at N. R. Pura they used to walk all the way to their own places treading many miles.

On the way to his new pasture Fr. Berchumans must have visited Bishop Sebastian at Tellicherry for his paternal blessings, instructions and formal appointment letter. From there onwards his journey would have with loaded dreams, excitements and anxieties. His heart throb could be heard even now as we go through these lines if at all we pay a lending ear. It would be nice to visualize a young CMI missionary, with old Carmelite habit, getting down from

the footboard of the bus, having a trunk box in his left hand, holding the right hand to the bus and putting the first foot on the soil of N. R. Pura....! Yes..indeed it was a new but heavy step for him, and it was a great step for the CMI Province of Mysore. It was an historical step of new beginning, new chapter and a new mission. Thus, the first seed of the good news by the CMI's was sworn on the soil of Karnataka on 23 of September 1955, by Fr. Berchumans Kureeckal.

Rev. Fr. Berchumans like the good shepherd lived for the folk. He spent himself totally to build the Little Flower Parish of N.R. Pura⁴. In reality the magnificent edifice of the present day N. R. Pura church is founded on the sacrificial altar of a committed missionary, Fr. Berchumans Kureeckal CMI.

Fr. Berchumans-An Excerpt

It would be appropriate to cite a passage about Fr. Berchumans, found in the chronicles of S. H. Province, Kochi, "On August 6, 1958, Fr. Berchumans died at N. R. Pura, unexpectedly. He was very zealous about missionary activities right from the day of his Ordination. He worked hard in the mission fields. He worked also in the reunion movement of the Jacobite community. Later at Nadavayal, Waynad he built a church and a school and purchased income contributing assets. In N. R. Pura, in no time and form nowhere he built a presbytery and a school. He bought 20 acres of land for the parish church. Because of his hard work he could bring out yielding from the property. He worked even on the previous day of his death. At night he had many health complications, but he did not attend. Morning he was taken to hospital and he died there. On 7th the congregation offered requiem mass for him. Then Bishop of Tellicherry offered Pontifical Mass for him. On 8th morning his body was brought to Aluve. After Raza funeral service started in the leadership of Fr. Provincial, (John Berchumans). Bishop gave the eulogy and performed the final rights. Late father Berchumans Kureeckal was a native of Kizhakambalam Kureeckal family"⁵.

CMI House N. R. Pura

From the earlier details it is clear that Fr. Berchumans spent his whole life for the present day Little Flower Parish of N. R. Pura. He and his sacrifice for the parish and people are still very much alive in the memories of the people around. Even a *sratham* had been in practice in the parish in his fond memory. But it is very sad that, neither he nor the dedicated services of the elderly holy CMI priests are properly acknowledged by the present hierarchy⁶.

N. R. Pura or Kakkinje?

There is a common belief and understanding that 'Shanthi Bhavan', N. R. Pura is the first house of the province. But it is not correct because records show that St. Joseph's Residence, Kakkinje is the first house⁷. Then why and how did the understanding that N. R. Pura as the first house establish? The answer is very simple. It is because the initial missionary activities of the CMI priests were in N. R. Pura. Here when we say N. R. Pura, it means the Little Flower parish church N. R. Pura and not our 'Shanthi Bhavan', CMI house. Fr. Berchumans was the first parish priest of the parish from 1955 to 1958⁸. As we already mentioned he spent his life and time for the parish. Fr. Berchumans was followed by Fr. Mark. He too contributed his velour for the parish.

In 1959 Fr. Francis Sales became the provincial of S. H. Province. By that time, as we know Fr. Berchumans had died and Fr. Mark was parish priest of N. R. Pura, parish. He wrote to the provincial on 11.08.1964 mentioning him about the availability of 16 acres of land near to the parish. To this letter Fr. Provincial replied on 16.08.1964 asking him to make a detailed study on the proposed land⁹ along with Fr. Dominic. This land was eventually bought for the province and the present 'Shanthi Bhavan' house was established. From the records we also know that some part of the property bearing survey no.26 was bought from Mr. Chaku, son of Varghese

⁴ Now this parish belongs to the diocese of Bhadravathi.

⁵ Acknowledgement to Fr. Mathew Kudilil's book on the history of S.H.Province.

⁶ Website of the diocese of Bhadravathi has not given any acknowledgement of the CMI contribution to the diocese.

⁷ Reference: History of Kakkinje, previous edition of Messenger.

⁸ We do not have document of his appointment but chronicles strongly support this assumption.

⁹ Provincials reply is a model letter for even now. Because it gives us valid information's regarding various matters which are to be looked into before purchasing a land.

Pudusserry on 1964 January 23.¹⁰

“Shanthi Bhavan”

Though Fr. Mark was the force behind the purchase of the land, Fr. Dominic was the first superior of the N. R. Pura, house¹¹. Purchase of the land and other legal formalities were done by him along with Fr. Mark. Fr. Dominic has taken a lot of pain for the establishment of the house in its early years¹². The name ‘Shanthi Bhavan’ is first found in a letter dated 24/11/1965. So, Fr. Dominic must have given this name to the house. Later he was followed by Fr. Hugo and Fr. William as superiors.

‘Isaac of Lipton Company’

Our forefathers were kind people. As Jesus said, ‘I have compassion towards this people’, they too were compassionate people. Such an instance is found in the letters. There was a young man by name Isaac who was working with Fr. Dominic. He was a sales representative of Lipton Tea. He had applied for another job and got selected. Now he had to give a deposit of 1,000 rupees to get the job which he did not have. Fr. Dominic decides to help him. He writes to the provincial asking permission to lend Mr. Isaac 750 rupees as loan so that he can get the job. Permission was granted and the young man got a job for his life. This shows how concerned our forefathers were towards the needs of the people.

‘Plight’ of Fr. William for the poor

On 20.03.1968 Fr. William writes to the Provincial Council to grant him 400 rupees to purchase 25 cents of land at Kaimaram. His request was temporally rejected asking him to show the purpose of the purchase. Meanwhile the land owner’s wife died and he became very much in need of money. Now, presuming that Provincial council would permit him to purchase the property Fr. William bought 25 cents of land at Kaimaram. Later, when he received the letter from the Provincial house he realized that he

has no permission to buy the land, but he had already bought it. What to be done? Fr. William acknowledged his mistake and wrote back to the provincial council asking apology for his act. He also mentioned in the letter that, the purpose of the purchase is to put up a dispensary for our good and the good of the people nearby.¹³ This is yet another classical example of the social aptitude of our fathers.

New House

Fr. Abraham Kandathinkara came as the superior and he started and developed a Kannada medium School in Warkkate and later handed over it to the Norbertain Fathers. During the time of Fr. Abraham Kandathinkara, work for a new house started. He put a lot of effort to bring up a good house with enough facilities. The plan was drawn by Fr. Abraham Periyilakad¹⁴. In the later years Fr. Chacko Parakattukuzhy became the superior and he had a hard time to complete the remaining works of the house for the blessing. It was blessed by Bishop Emmanuel Pothanamuzhy.

Move to sell

In 2001, there was a thinking from the provincial council to sell the property. Accordingly a committee was formed. The committee made a detailed study of the property¹⁵. In its report we have a detailed description of the land and its cultivation. But, later it was decided not to sell the property for the time being.

In 2008, when Fr. Varghese Koluthara was the provincial, 22 acres and 30 guntas of patta land was sold to Mr. Harish, keeping 4 acres of patta land and 2 acres of govt. land for ourselves for a value of less than 1 crore. At present we have only 6 acres of land in our possession.

Service History

Reverend Fathers who rendered their best ser-

¹⁰ 16 acres of dry land, 6 and half acres of land to be owned, 7 acres of wet land, Lemon grass 8 acres, tapioca 2 acres, paddy 7 acres, plantains and coconuts 2 acres, total, 48 acres of land. Ref: Fr. Hugo’s annual report 27.01.1970.

¹¹ We do not know exactly on which date the house was blessed. In all probability it must be in 1964.

¹² The house was not built as a single structure all at once, rather phase by phase.

¹³ We do not know what happened to the property later. There are no records about it.

¹⁴ He gave a detailed plan with an estimation of 3,41,917/Rs.

¹⁵ Total patta land 30.21 (paddy- 6.31 ac., Rubber-11.30 ac., Coconut, Coffee, Arecanut-12 ac.); RTC- 5 acres (coffee and coconut); Govt. land (in possession since 30 years- 4.10 acres-Rubber); Govt. land in possession since 15 years-3 acres-cashew; Govt. land in possession since 30 years-2 acres-arecanut, plantain, rubber. Total 44 acres and 31 cents. Borewell 3; Water tank 2; Goober gas tank 1; rubber roller 1).

vice at the N. R. Pura house are: Fr. Mark, Fr. Dominic, Fr. Berthold, Frs. Hugo, Audeso, George Edathiparambil, William Aranjaniyil, John Bastian Vithayathil, Egbert, Kuran, George Pynadath, Oswald, Fabian Chakiyath, Joseph Kanjirakattukunnel, Abraham Kandathinkara, Chacko Parakkattukuzhiyil, Johnson Attuchalil, Andrews Thekkekanadam, Thomas Kalapurackal, Jose George Madapallikunnel, Jaison Kudukanthadathil, Josekutty Vadakkal, Joseph Kanjirakkattukunnel, Santhosh Syrail, Thomas Benedict, Romulas Payyapilly, Mathew Areechirakunnel and Joseph Orapankuzhy.

Conclusion

Our chapel is not a Parish, a lot of people used to come for Holy Mass. We are also helping the Parish priests for Mass, hearing confession and other liturgical functions. Fr. Joseph is carrying on the good works initiated by our fore fathers for posterity.

Early history of our province, whether Kakkinje or N. R. Pura, shows that we were very much for the least and lost of the society. We were very much for the people at the peripheral. As our constitution reminds us about our charism, our pioneering missionaries had a perfect blending of prayer and apostolate. It was always a centripetal and a centrifugal movement.

It is CMI charism to begin missions and hand them over when it is time. That is what exactly what we have done in N. R. Pura too. In the footsteps of St. Chavara we continue our mission of sanctification of oneself and the others. May His name be glorified....!

Ordination

To be....an Offering an to Offer...!

What a proud moment....indeed really...really joyous...!

Here we have precious Christmas Gifts...

Six Gems...! Number six is a symbol of completeness, beauty and ideals...!

St. Augustine writes, in "The City of God", "Six is a number perfect in itself, not because God created all things in six days; rather, the convert is true, God created all things in six days because the number is perfect."

St. Paul's province, Mysuru is in a jubilant mood as our dear deacons approach the altar of the Lord, **to be an offering and to offer**. We shall become their strength by accompanying them with prayer and support in their precious moments.

Millions bouquets of Congratulations and best wishes dear Deacons from the entire Province.

All the best for your Ordination and even more for a blessed, humble, fruitful and faithful Religious Priestly Ministry.!

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DECEMBER 2017 TUESDAY 26 @ 9:00 am	Jinto Plakkoottathil CMI St. Alphonsa Church, Manjakunnu Mar Joseph Kollamparampil CMI	
DECEMBER 2017 WEDNESDAY 27 @ 9:15 am	Kuriyakose Kallattil CMI Fathima Matha Church, Kunnalady Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI	
DECEMBER 2017 THURSDAY 28 @ 9:15 am	Shijo Jose Panjickal CMI Little Flower Church, Poothampara Mar Antony Prince Panengadan	
DECEMBER 2017 SATURDAY 30 @ 9:30 am	Saitto Thomas Puthuva CMI St. Sebastian's Church, Kuttipuzha Mar Antony Prince Panengadan	
JANUARY 2018 MONDAY 01 @ 9:15 am	Tom Kunnumpurath CMI St. Thomas Forane Church, Mailacombu Mar Antony Prince Panengadan	
JANUARY 2018 TUESDAY 02 @ 9:15 am	Saneesh Pathickel CMI St. Mary's Church, Kanjikuzhy, Idukki Mar Antony Prince Panengadan	



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