



St. Paul's Messenger

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Provincial's Message

Dear and loving fathers and brothers,

Wish you all Happy Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus!

Let us always keep the small prayer to Sacred Heart of Jesus in our Heart. 'Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus make my heart as Yours'!

We shall reflect on 'suffering' a prominent quality of Jesus' Heart. The Fire, the Cross and the Crown of Thorns which surrounds the Sacred Heart, represents suffering that he endured. Jesus endured suffering from His birth to death. But Jesus had a purpose in His suffering. The purpose was to save all human beings. It was fulfilled through His death and Resurrection. And it is continued through the sacraments especially the Holy Eucharist. Holy Eucharist is the utmost symbol of suffering; God became available for man and consumed himself into the form of Bread and Wine. We celebrated the Feast of Holy Eucharist on May 31. In the Holy Eucharist we celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, the sanctifying purpose of His suffering.

How do we respond to the suffering that we experience in our lives? In all our suffering can we find a good intention in it?

The story about Emperor Akbar and Birbal speaks to our heart about the purpose of suffering. Akbar and his close associate Birbal went for hunting to the forest. At the end of the day they realized that they had caught nothing. Rather disappointed they decided to return to the palace. Birbal was carrying a stone to protect them from any attack from animals. As they were returning the stone slipped from the hands of Birbal and fell on the right foot of Akbar. It made a deep cut on Akbar's leg and started bleeding. Akbar was very angry. He got so upset that he pushed Birbal into an empty well. Birbal started crying and pleaded for forgiveness. But Akbar would not listen. With some difficulty Akbar started walking to the palace. As he walked ahead, he saw some men approaching him. They looked like Aborigines carrying weapons to attack. They caught hold of Akbar. The leader of the group came forward and decided to offer Akbar as a sacrifice to their God. He started checking the physical condition of Akbar as he wanted a perfect person without any blemish. Akbar had a cut on his leg and it was bleeding. He was found not suitable and they let him off. Akbar returned to his palace. Birbal managed to escape from the well and he also reached the palace. Akbar thanked Birbal for saving his life. Then, Birbal said, "Please don't thank me. If the Aborigines had found me, they would have sacrificed me to their God. I thank you for saving my life".

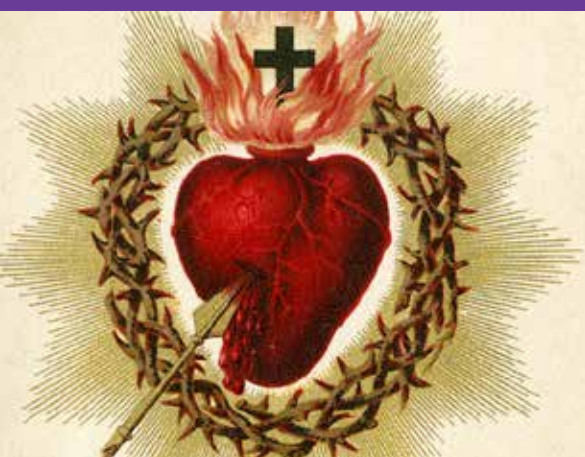
Sufferings can teach us many lessons. Through suffering we come to understand our nothingness. We can suffer for the people we know, for their wellbeing. Sufferings can create solidarity among those who suffer. By listening and getting connected to the sufferings of others, our own sufferings get mitigated. More than anything else, we can see the presence of God in our sufferings.

Many people lack proper attitude to suffering. Some consider it as punishment; there are others who blame other people for their suffering. It is when we look within us; we see the hands of God in our sufferings. Then we realize that our sufferings have a purpose! Let us accept the sufferings to sanctify us and others!

'Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart as Yours'!

Yours lovingly in Jesus Christ ■

Fr. Varghese Kelamparampil, CMI
Provincial



Promises to Keep...

“The woods are lovely, dark and deep, but I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep” - Robert Frost. Welcome to all the five brothers who made their final commitment on June 26th 2018 to a life of commitment. Congratulations to Fr. Provincial and Fr. Joshy Cheruparambil for leading and preaching on the occasion.

1. Bro. Jaison Poovathumparambil
2. Bro. Prince Ponpuzha
3. Bro. Noble Kumbilivelil
4. Bro. Rijo Ennakudampoovathinkal
5. Bro. Rejo Jacob Kalathil



Junior Priests' Meet: All said ...All Good

A living together of junior priests, ordained between 2010 and 2018, was held on June 2 and 3, 2018. All in one voice say the two days living together was refreshing and rejuvenating. The meeting started with the talk by Rev. Fr. Paulose Kidangen CMI on *Religious life and Priestly life for the Sanctification of Self and Society*. It was more a life experience sharing of his vast experience from his ministry as well as from a life in the monastery. Adv. Baby, a leading advocate from Karnataka High Court cautioned and educated us while dealing with land issues. Rev. Fr. Raja SDB spoke on the topic “Identity of a Priest”. Later in the afternoon on the second day it was Mr. Shaiby from Christ University spoke on accounting, finance and auditing.

Two days living together, praying together, concelebrating together, playing together and dining together was an experience of CMI Koinonia ■



Brothers' Meet: Scholastics get together at Carmel Bhavan - May 16 & 17

Scholastics of our province studying in different major study houses came together in the province before leaving to their respective places. It was an occasion of celebration of brotherhood and love. All the best for them in their pursuit of truth...! ■



If you really seek God, enter - to Novitiate

After completing pre-novitiate successfully three of our brothers entered to the novitiate training at Kappadu.

Bro. Ashish Johnson Melitt

Bro. Joyal Sebastian Koottumkal

Bro. Johnson Powathil

Congratulations brothers. We appreciate your decision and support you with our wishes and prayers. Be the power house of the province with your prayers.....! ■



Regents: to walk the talk

A great occasion for the brothers to practice some good practices. All the best wishes to them....!

1. Bro. Laiju Mukkomtharayil
2. Bro. Bijo Kavumpuram

New Provincial Auditor: Good and faithful Servant....!

Greater responsibilities to faithful people is style of the Gospel. As Fr. Jinosh takes up the new job we can definitely expect more efficient performance. Good on you Fr. Jinosh....all the very best....! ■



Appointments & Transfers

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| 1. Fr. Johny Koikara | – | Prefect, Anugrahalaya, Hunsur |
| 2. Fr. Antony Moolamattam | – | Parish Priest, Ejipura, Bangalore |
| 3. Fr. Xavier Manchappillil | – | St. Thomas Carmel, Gonikkoppa |
| 4. Fr. Thomas Ayankudy (Sr) | – | Sacred Heart Carmel, Shanivarsanthe |
| 5. Fr. Philip Chammattakuzhiyil | – | Jnanamandira, Bogadi |
| 6. Fr. Francis Chirackal | – | St. Joseph's Residence, Kakkinje |
| 7. Fr. Antony Akkappillil | – | St. Thomas Carmel, Gonikkoppa |
| 8. Fr. Jose Thekkemuriyil | – | St. Mary's Carmel, Koppa |
| 9. Fr. Binu Kudukkamthadathil | – | St Pual's Carmel, Thandavapura |
| 10. Fr. Binu Kannarambel | – | Sacred Heart Carmel, Shanivarsanthe |

May your experience, expertise, enthusiasm and energy bring contributions to the province and richness to your life. Prayerful best wishes to all on your new roles....! ■

Kakkinje: Prayer Hall blessing - More to ponder... More to wonder

On 9th of June 2018, Saturday Fr. Joseph Edakkery, Vicar Provincial blessed the renovated prayer hall. Completion of the prayer hall was the result of complete commitment of the Kakkinje community. A great source of help for the

spiritual renewal of the people. Congratulations and best wishes to the Kakkinje Community. All the best wishes for your successful service....! ■



News from Aspirants' House, Koppa

St. Mary's aspirants' family is consisted of Fr. Rector and 17 beloved brothers. By the grace of God we are greatly privileged and blessed to have a new building which was renovated earlier for nursery school. We are still excited about our new environment and surroundings. There are 13 brothers in the second PUC and 4 brothers in the first PUC. Last year the first PUC brothers (currently in 2 PUC) showed an enormous amount of interest and dedication in their academics thereby coming out with good results. We had 1 distinction, 8 first classes and 4 second classes. We actively participate in the cultural

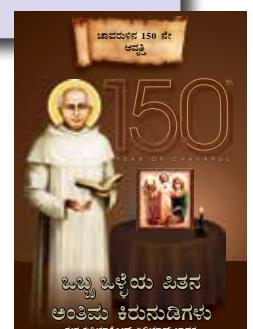
and sports activities of our school bagging a lot of prizes.

The new academic year started with an enlightening retreat and counseling by Fr. Thomas Kakkuzhiyil. As usual brothers are very serious with their studies. This year also we aim to exhibit a good academic performance. It is said "Man is at his best when on knees". For us prayer is the source of all strength and inspiration. We are eternally grateful to our loving Fr. Rector who is very keen to create an atmosphere suitable for prayer and study. Fr. Rector makes sure that our growth is holistic in every aspect. Our beloved fathers and Bro. Regent in the monastery also show great interest in our matters helping us grow better ■



Pastoral Department's latest contribution

Kannada translation of *Oru Nalla Appante Chavarul* is ready. Copies are available from the pastoral department. Thanks to Rev. Fr. Thomas Ayankudy[Sr] for translating it into Kannada ■



SSLC & PUC Results

SSLC

1. Bharath Matha School, Koppa - 99%
2. Christ School, Bogadi - 100%
3. Christ Public School, Hassan - 100%
4. Christ School, Thandavapura - 100%
5. Christa Jyothi School, Arkalgud - 99%

Bharat Matha, Koppa

WITH FLYING COLOURS

Our Academic year began on a positive note with the SSLC result standing at 99%, with 69 distinctions and 82 first classes. Our student Ankitha Patra scored the highest in the district and was felicitated at Periyapatna.

The outstanding PU result of 93%, also ensured that we got a large number of admissions to the first year PU this year. Our student, Ganavi of II PU Science stream, brought laurels to the institution by being the top scorer in the district.

Re-Opening of Our School

Students of II PU began their academic year on May 2nd followed by the SSLC on May 14th 2018.

The formal inauguration of our academic year began with an 'All Religious Prayer Session', wherein extracts from the Bible, the Quran and the Bhagavad Gita were read out. Rev. Fr. Jose, the Principal, advised the children and specified the expectations of the management and teachers from the students. The student 'Freshers' of 8th std and I PU along with the new faculty members, were warmly welcomed into the Bharath Matha family. After this auspicious beginning, classes were started in earnestness.

Nursery Blessing

'KIDS KINGDOM', the new nursery section, was blessed by Rev. Fr. Varghese Kelampampil, Provincial, on 26th May 2016 in the presence of Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, teachers, supporting staff and the contract workers. The hymns sung by the brothers made this inauguration more divine. The colorful and happy atmosphere of this new building is sure to cheer the tiny tots in their first step into school life.

Environmental Day

June 5th saw the stage all set to celebrate 'Environmental day' with a lot of zeal. Mrs. Shylaja, the forest officer of Periyapatna, was the chief guest and spoke about the important role that children can play in developing and preserving nature. Ms. Niveditha of II PU enlightened the gathering about the harmful effects of plastic and the alternatives that can be used. This topic was chosen as it was the 'Focus Theme' for this year's celebration, as specified by the Government. Saplings of various fruit-bearing trees

6. Pushpa School, Periyapatna - 98%
7. Sacred Heart School, Shanivarsanthe - 94%
8. St. Thomas School, Gonikkoppal - 97%

PUC

1. Bharath Matha Composite PU College - 93%
2. Sacred Heart PU College - 91%



were distributed and a procession was taken out by the PU students, to create environmental awareness in our locality.

Elections

Like every year, the School Cabinet was elected in a very democratic manner on 9-6-18. School, College, Sports and Cultural leaders were chosen from all the sections, to lead the institution to greater heights, in all activities. An 'Oath Taking' ceremony of these representatives is on the anvil, to instill responsibility in them.

Parent-Teacher Meeting

The first common meeting for parents of the II PU was arranged on 11-6-18 and this will be followed by meetings for all the other classes. The core message given by the Principal was about the rules and regulations of our institution and about the various ways that the parents can ensure a secure future for their wards. This will motivate the parents to involve themselves in all endeavors of the institution and bring out the best in their children ■



CHRIST, BOGADI GURU-SHISHYA

1. Staff – Orientation Program

An orientation program for all the teaching & non-teaching staff members was conducted on 25th May 2018. Rev. Fr. Varghese K.J., President, St. Thomas Education Society, Mysore, engaged the sessions.

2. School Reopen

The New academic year for classes IX, X resumed on 2nd May 2018 and I-VIII resumed on 28th May 2018.



3. New Comers

This academic year we are blessed with 290 new comers.

4. Prayer service

We conducted a prayer service at Christ Home on 23rd June 2018 to seek blessings of our Lord throughout this academic year. We thanked Lord for the wonderful result we achieved in last board exams. Many of the staff members participated in it.

5. Red Day

Classes for Kindergarten sections commenced on 4th June 2018. 'Red Day' for KG section was observed on 13th June 2018. Teachers and students were in red costumes. They decorated class rooms in red colour which made everyone in a festive mood.



6. Environmental Day

Environmental day was observed in the School on 05th June 2018 by planting saplings in our campus.



7. School Cabinet Election

The School Cabinet Election was conducted on 20th June 2018. It was an occasion for students to practice democratic values and principles ■



CHRIST, HASSAN GALLOPS...!

Success is not an Option but an Expectation...

The School reopened on 1st June 2018 by setting and reaching attainable goals. Fr. Principal, Management and teachers had set forth to welcome the students. The school celebrated World Environmental Day on 5th June

2018 with great zeal. Many events were organized by Science Club on the theme of "Save Earth" and "Beat Plastic Pollution". The day started with sapling of a plant by the administrator Rv. Fr. Shoby. The students gave a speech regarding the environment day. The classes from 1st to 10th Std. came out with theme based activities like drawing, seminar and essay writing competitions.

The School also had the Colorful opening day for the bewitching tiny tots of LKG and UKG students on 11th June 2018 with the positive aspiration ■

CHRIST, HUNSUR - ON STRONG FOUNDATION

Foundation for New School Building – Foundation for a new generation

31st May 2018, was a memorable day for Christ School, Hunsur. On this day at 11.30 am Fr. Varghese Kelampampil CMI, laid the foundation stone for the extension of Christ School building. Fr. Biju Naduthottiyil CMI, Fr. Shaiju Narimattam CMI, and teachers and students of Christ School were present during that blessed moment. ▢



SSLC Result 2017-18

Christa Jyothi School, Arkalgud has been bagged the top place in the SSLC result of this year in the taluk. Moreover, Kumari Deepa K of our school has become the topper of the taluk. CJS congratulates all the students for their fabulous achievement.

Christa Jyothi School, Arkalgud - 'Affiliated' to CBSE

An excited moment has been visualized at the end. We have been affiliated to CBSE Board, Delhi. It is a big lap of our school towards the quality education en route to the CMI style of education. We have been counted as the best school of Arkalgud taluk and the only one CBSE School of the taluk. Earlier, Rev. Fr. Joy Kamukumpally made an effort for the starting of CBSE in our campus. The same dream has come true today. We had been successful in getting the NOC from the government of Karnataka on 6th April 2016. The school was inspected from CBSE board on 14th Dec 2017. Thereafter the process has been completed for affiliation and affiliation certificate is granted on 6th June 2018. Team Christa Jyothi greatly remember the previous and present Provincial & Team and all the fathers of our province for the prayers and support in multiple ways.



'Praveshotsava 2018'

The inauguration and reopening Day (*praveshotsava*) of the school was conducted on 30th Wed 2018. The students, teachers and parents were welcomed on the day with color and gaiety. Special prayer session was held for the prosperity, enlightenment and safety throughout the academic year. On this occasion, the newcomers such as the new faculties and students were welcomed. The birthday celebration of our Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Joseph Varghese (Siby Kamukumpally) also added great enjoyment to the CJS campus.



Environmental Day Celebration

Joining with UNO, we celebrated the Environmental Day in our campus with great enthusiasm to "Beat Plastic Pollution". Students and teachers made enormous preparation for the celebration to get informed themselves about the importance of the green and pollution free earth. Mrs. Madhu, the Sub Inspector of Police, Arkalgud addressed the gathering and enlightened us with her words of wisdom. She also read out the oath and the students and teachers renewed the pledge for the cause of environment protection. We also declared that our campus would be plastic free campus. Planting of sapling also made part of celebration ■



Sacred Heart English Medium School, Shanivarasanthé

New Faces for a face lift

Fr. Thomas Ayamkudy is appointed as the new principal of Sacred Heart School, Shanivarasanthé. Fr. Binu Kannarembel has joined the Sacred Heart community after his MA Economics from Christ University, Bangalore. Fr. Joseph Achandy, the manager introduced the new principal and Fr. Binu to the staff and students on the occasion of the Inauguration of New Academic year. Then Fr. Principal addressed the staff and students and also welcomed all our new teachers.



ENVIRONMENTAL DAY - On June 5th Sacred Heart Family celebrated the Environmental day to create awareness about the environment and protection of our nature. On that day we planted trees in our school campus. Students brought different types of chart papers explaining about the importance of nature and need of its protection. It was a meaningful celebration indeed ■

CHRIST COLLEGE, SRIRAMPURA - "CHRIST IN BLOOM"

Inauguration of New Extension

On 25th May 2018, with the prayer session, Rev. Fr. Varghese K.J. CMI, Provincial of St. Paul's province Mysuru and president of St. Thomas education society, blessed and inaugurated the new extension of Christ College building in the presence of many fathers, sisters, faculty members and students.

SOCIOUS- 2018

Faculty get together was held on 5th May 2018 at Grand Mercure Hotel Mysuru. Principal Rev. Fr. Biju P.D. presided over the event where Mr. Azad Umri was the guest speaker. Fr. Joseph Philip N, Secretary of St. Thomas Education Society addressed the faculty members about society rules and regulations for proper functioning of the institution.





Faculty Orientation Program-2018

Faculty orientation program was held on 15th June 2018 at Kristu Jayathi college, Bengaluru, organized under the efficient leadership of Principal Rev. Fr. Josekutty P. D. Program was coordinated by Mrs. Ramya, under IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell). It was an opportunity for our staff members to enrich and update their knowledge.

Academic Year Inauguration

Academic year 2018-19 at Christ College was inaugurated by the chief guest Prof. M Krishnegowda, famous orator, on 20 June 2018 ■



“NADEDU BANDA DAARI” History of St. Paul’s Province, Mysore (Part 5)

1. ST. THOMAS CARMEL HOUSE, GONIKKOPPAL

1. Early History

St. Paul’s Province, Mysore has to be understood on different phases. Though it can be phrased in many ways I would like to understand it as a Mission, Region, Vice-Province and a Province. Each represented by Fr. Sales, Fr. Cyprian, Fr. Frederick and other Provincials. From this perspective the history of our house at Gonikoppal begins from Fr. Cyprian Vithayathil. In 1966 Fr. Cyprian Vithayathil was made the superior of Thandavapura. After a year he was elevated to the office of the Regional Superior. As a regional superior he made extensive

journey and study of the Mysore region and came to know about the diaspora of Syro-Malabar Christians in Coorg area. Thus he desired to have a house for the region in a suitable place in Coorg to meet the pastoral needs of the people. For this purpose on April 29th 1967, 9 acre 11 cents of land (3.34hectrs) was bought and registered for a value of Rs. 30,000/- (Sy.No.191/24)¹. It was bought

¹ According to Fr. Mathew Kudilil we purchased a hill near to Gonikoppa, 9 acres 11 cents for a value of 31,500/rupees on 19th April 1967. He doesn’t say in whose name the property was bought. According to Fr. Xavier Manjapilly the above said property is the coffee estate of 10 acres that the province

from Kodandera Biddappa by Fr. Josaphat CMI, then provincial of S.H. Province, Kalamasserry². Fr. Cyprian staying in the house of Mr. C.K Joseph constructed two rooms of the house. Thus the first house was blessed and was given name as St. Thomas Carmel House, on October 22 by Fr. Josaphat, Provincial.

2. Administrative House

Rev. Fr. Cyprian Vithayathil was the first Regional Superior from 25 October 1967 to 4th February 1969. He chose Gonikoppal as the regional house and headquarters of the Mysore region. The house continued to be headquarters of Mysore Region for the next 11 years. During that period Fr. Regulus Thadathil (1969-70), Fr. Barnabas Kannadan (1970-75) and Fr. Emmanuel Frederick Mundathanath (1975-78) were the regional superiors. Considering the remarkable progress of the mission with regard to the resources and activities, the 30th General Synaxis held on May 02, 1978 elevated the Mission Region to the status of a Vice-Province placing under the patronage of St. Paul, the Apostle. Fr. Emmanuel Fredrick Mundathanath who was the Regional Superior from 1975 became the first Provincial of St. Paul's Vice-Province. On July 3rd 1978 Fr. Frederick Mundathanath shifted his headquarters from Gonikoppal to Carmel Bhavan, Mysore.



3. St. Thomas Parish

St. Thomas Parish was established on 29th September 1968 and Fr. Cyprian was the first Vicar. There was a mutual agreement between the diocese of Tellichery and the Sacred Heart Province, Kalamassery when the parish was established.³Fr. Regulus Thadathil succeeded Rev. Fr. Cyprian. It was Fr. Barnabas who took up the

has at Jodupetty. It was purchased in the name of Rev. Fr. Josepath, then Provincial of SH province Kalamasserry.

² On the request of the Provincial Council letter dated 26th September 1969. Act. 60, Session 22, Rev.Fr. Canisius, then Prior General, in an extra ordinary General Council, on 2nd October 1969 by the Act No. 569, granted permission to the province to sell 2 acres of land at Gonikoppal, to the Adoration sisters there, at the rate of 4,000 per acre.

³ Copy of the agreement is available in archives of St. Paul's Province, Mysore.



construction of the present St. Thomas parish Church. Parish priests who have served the parish so far are Fr. Cyprian Vithayathil (1967-69), Fr. Regulas Thadathil (1969-70), Fr. Barnabas Kannadan (1970-78), Fr. Romulus Payyapilly (1978-84), Fr. Barnabas Kannadan (1984-96), Fr. John Bastin Vithayathil (1996-1999), Fr. George Kalambukattu (1999-2005), Fr. Johnson Attuchalil (2005-2008), Fr. Varghese Varambunkal, Fr. Johny Koikara and Fr. Antony Moolamattam.

We would remember with gratitude the tireless efforts of Frs. Edmund, Joseph Faustin, Joseph Procopius, Joseph Madassery, Jose George Madappillikkunnel and Bros. Benjamine, Silvester and Vargheese Koikara in the growth of this station in different times on different capacities. Frs. Beno, Andrews Thekkekandam, Egbert Puthiyedath also have served in Gonikoppal parish.

4. Later History

Once the headquarters of the region was moved to Carmel Bhavan, Mysore, St. Thomas Carmel house needed an independent superior. Rev. Fr. Romulus became the first Superior of the house and he carried on his service from October 1978 to 1984. During this time he worked for the improvement of the land and Church. He formed many pious organizations like Mathruvedi, Mission league, Thirubala Sakhyam, Catechism classes, vocation fund, charity fund etc. From then onwards Fr. Barnabas was the superior of the house. He had developed good relationship as the Vicar with the nearby Parishes. Rev. Fr. John Bastian Vithayathil was his successor from 1996 to May 1999. Fr. Bastian improved the coffee estate at Jodupetty and he could contribute an amount of 7.5 lakh as a profit for three years to the province. Fr. George Kalambukattu succeeded Fr. John Vithayathil as the

Superior and Vicar from 25th May 1999 up to May 2005. Rev. Fr. Silvin Majaly worked with Fr. Kalambukkattu as bursar and in charge of the estate. For the next three years Rev. Fr. Jose Thachil the then Vicar Provincial was staying at Gonikoppal house and assisted the Superior and helped in the Parish work as well as other ministries. He was engaged in Jesus youth ministry also. Fathers who served the house as superiors are Fr. Romulas Payyapilly, Fr. Barnabas Kannadan, Fr. John Bastin Vithayathil, Fr. George Kalambukattu, Fr. Johnson Attuchalil, Fr. Varghese Varambunkal, Fr. Johny Koikara and Fr. Antony Moolamattam. In 2016 Fr. Alex Ottaplackal became the superior and parish priest. He wanted the present church to look more like a traditional Syro-Malabar Church. Generating contributions from the parish he started the work of great 'Mukavaram'. The work is in its final stage. The church is going to become a great edifice on the top of the mount.



5. St. Thomas School

In 1970 Fr. Regulas Thadathil took initial steps for starting a School at Gonikoppal⁴. When he was transferred to Rajakot mission, Fr. Barnabas took charge of the school. Rev. Fr. Barnabas by his continues hard work and commitment managed to obtain permission for starting the School at Gonikoppal on 4th June 1970. He was the manager of the school for 29 years. During this time Sr. Theresa Francis was the head mistress of the school⁵. On 1st June 1999 Rev. Fr. George Kalambukattu took charge of St. Thomas Primary School as its HM. Rev. Fr. George tried his best to get the cooperation of the parents in the running of the School. By the request of the parents he convened a parents' meeting and a School Betterment Committee was formed. These helped him to get the whole hearted cooperation from the parents in opening a high School in the subsequent year.

The foundation stone for the High School building was blessed by his Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Lawrence Mukkuzhy, the Bishop of Belthengady and the foundation stone was laid by Smt. Suma Vasant the Minister of Planning on 8th 2000 while Rev. Fr. Thomas Kunianthodath was the Provincial. On 2nd June High School was started and Rev. Fr. George Kalampukattu became the founder Principal. The permission for the High School was obtained in the same year of 2000. The High school was registered on 18th September 2000.

⁴ Meantime the SABS sisters had opened a nursery class at Gonikoppal town with Sr. Joslia Kuzhukachalil as its first HM.

⁵ Sr. Theresa Francis served the School from its beginning for 29 years. We are very grateful to her for the hardships she has undertaken for the growth of the institution. She was transferred from Gonikoppal to Kerala on 6th June 1999.



For the construction of High School building a site of about 30 cents and for the playground a plot of 81 cents were purchased adjacent to our land. The property was bought on 20th of May 2003 from Arunkumar s/o Aramanamaadha Pathi Maajayya. About one acre of our coffee land also was converted for playground. A two floor building was constructed for the High School and another three floor building with a beautiful stage also was constructed during this period. Minority certificate for the school was obtained on 29th October 2008. Fathers and sisters who served the School over the years are, Sr. Theresa Francis, Fr. George Kalambukattu, Fr. Joseph Vattaparambil, Fr. Philip Chemmattakuzhy, Fr. Kurian Kattamkottil, Fr. Shaiju Narimattathil, Fr. Mathew Arichirakkunnel and Fr. George Puthiyedath.

Rev. Fr. Johnson Attuchalil served as the Superior of the house and manager of the School and the Vicar of the Parish from 7th may 2005 and continued till he was elected as the Vicar Provincial in 2011. During his tenure as the Superior, the construction of the new house was started and completed. The new house was blessed in 2009 by the then Provincial Rev. Fr. Varghese Koluthara on 5th December 2009. When Fr. George Puthiyedath was the principal an additional floor was constructed to the high school building with a beautiful canopy. It was blessed by Bishop Lawrence Mukkuzhy.

St. Thomas Carmel house, Gonikoppa has played an irreplaceable role in the history of St. Paul's Province, Mysore in general and the people of Gonikoppa and surrounding places in particular. It marches on with same legacy in to the new chapters of history ■



2. St. Joseph's Carmel House, Hanbal

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." (John 3:8). It is always marvelous to realize how the divine providence works through human hands. The history of St. Joseph's residence, Hanbal, is an example for this truth.

Early History -Struggle for Self-Sufficiency

Once Mysore mission was declared a region by Sacred Heart Province, Kalamassery, the regional superiors wanted to establish the region strong and solid. Along with clear vision and mission acquiring financial stability and self-sufficiency was also important. Aware of this fact the mother province (SH Province) wanted to have more land for the region so that by cultivating cash

crops it can meet financial expenses. The purchase of land at Hanbal has to be looked at primarily from this perspective.



Resolve of SH Province

The SH provincial chapter held on 20th of March 1969 discussed this matter extensively and seriously. At that time our land at Kakkinje was facing many serious legal problems. So the provincial chapter brought out a resolution to sell Kakkinje house and buy the property at Hanbal. To implement this decision Fr. Provincial wrote a letter to the Prior General seeking permission to dispose the Kakkinje property.⁶ Fr. Regulas, then regional superior and his consultants were of the same view. After obtaining permission from the Prior General the provincial also sought the permission of Bishop of Tellicherry for the same because it was under his diocese. Meanwhile the proposed deal did not take place at Kakkinje because the party in the deal failed to stick with the original price he had promised to pay.

Permissions and Purchase

At the same time Fr. Regulas, according to the plan of the province wrote a letter dated 17th February 1970 to the SH provincial seeking permission to buy the Hanbal property and asking the province an additional help of Rs. 80,000/-. The application was forwarded to the Prior General's house by Fr. Doretheus, then provincial of SH Province. Fr. Canicius, then Prior General gave permission to SH Province, to buy 26 ½ acres of land at Hanbal with a bungalow. (Session No. 6, Act 598, No.58/70). On the application of the SH Province, Prior General also gave permission to take a loan of Rs.

⁶ Fr. Doretheus writes to Prior General for permission to sell Kakkinje and buy Hanbal property (PG.16/70)

80,000/- (Ordinary Defenitory Act Feb. 20, 1970, on Feb. 20, 1970, No.59/70, Session No. 6, Act. 599). Accordingly SH province took a loan of the same amount from a bank at Kalamasserry. On 1st of April 1970 Fr. Regulas received the money on condition that the loan be paid back to the province within two years at an interest of 6.5 per annum. On 4th of April 1970 the Hanbal property was bought from Hanuman Gowda. It was a total of 26 ½ acres of land (Wet land 8 acres, Robusto Coffe yielding 3 acres, under Arebica Coffee 14 ½ acres, Bunglaow and drying area 1 acre). Total cost of the land was Rs. 1,22,000/-, excluding registration fees. In the purchase and other related matters of the land Mr. Kuttichan Mampilly, eldest son of Paul Sir helped the fathers.

On 20th of December 1971 when Fr. Barnabas was the regional superior, 4.48 acres of land was sold for an amount of Rs. 3,500/per acre (From Sy. No. 79/1, 3cents, 79/2, 3 acres and 36 cents, 79/3, 3 cents, 82, 1.21 cents of land, total 4.48 acres)

House in the name of St. Joseph

On 20th of May 1970, on the request of provincial, Prior General Fr. Canisius gave permission to erect a house at Hanbal in the name of St. Joseph (G.C.13/70, No. 635). On 20th April 1970 Fr. Doretheus wrote a request letter to Bishop Sebastian Valloppilly seeking permission to establish a CMI house at Hanbal and to administer Holy Mass and other sacraments. The Bishop gave him permission on 25th of May 1970. Bishop gave permission for a quasi-residence at Hanbal (303/70).



Pastoral Pasture

In 1973 Fr. Mathew Kudilil became the superior of Hanbal house. When he was superior the existing bungalow was modified in to a house structure. Officially the house was blessed on 17th of March 1973. There were around 50 Syro-Malabar families in the region that needed spiritual care and support. Realizing the need to take care of the spiritual needs of these people and the availability of CMI priests at Hanbal, on 29th of July 1973 Bp. Jacob Thoomkuzhy, Bishop of the diocese of Mananthavady, erected Hanbal as a Parish and Fr. Egbert was made the first parish priest.

Extension to Kochegundi

Kochegundi, a place 15 Km far from Hanbal had the presence of a good number of Syro-Malabar families. Since it was difficult for them to come all the way to Hanbal for their spiritual needs when Fr. Beno was the superior of the house he extended his service to Kochegundi. Mr. Maamachan Odakyal gifted 10 cents of land for building a room for the church at Kochegundi. Thus on 4th of November 1974 a room at Kochegundi was built by Fr. Benno and celebration of the Holy Mass once in a month was regularised⁷.

Food for Work and Reading Room Club

Fr. John Bastin Vithayathil came to Hanbal in 1976 as the superior of the house. He worked 17 long years to develop the estate. He could see the fruits of his work in yield. He was able to contribute substantial money to the province. During his time he extended the existing building for guests and parish activities. He built pulping set, made brick court, constructed the go down, dug the pool, established sprinklers in the estate. Through the efforts of Fr. Bastin a place for the public cemetery was allotted for the burial of our people by the panchayat president Mr. Anjegovda.

Fr. Jose Thachil who came to the house in the year 1980 introduced food for work programme. Under this scheme food was given to people for clearing forest, doing the “*Pulthailam* cultivation” and building houses. Reading

⁷ It is worth to remember a person called Mein who helped Rev. Fr. Benno in some of the controversies & cases during his period. There was a problem with our approach - road, land & some case of theft of coffee seeds of four gunny bags. This man helped Rev. Fr. Benno to solve the problems in our favour.

During the time of Fr. John Bastin Mr. Paulose Puthenpurackal who was our estate righter in the early years was hit with cancer. He was sent for treatment to Vellore and to Mangalore hospitals. At last he was brought to our hospital at Kakkinje where he died. He was buried in the cemetery of Thottathady Church.

Room Club was an innovative programme of Fr. Thachil. Later Rev. Fr. Thachil moved to Heggade in 1980.

Aranyashrama Bilsare

Fr. Antony Moolamattam became the prefect of our station and the vicar of the Parish in 1993. In the year 1998 he bought a land at Bilsare, 11 kms away from Hanbal. The bilsare land is of 14 acres and 14 guntas. Fr. Antony wanted to start an Indian model *ashrama* at Bilsare which would be called as an *Aranyashram*. He started the work there first by putting up a building and planting cardamom in around 10 acres of the land.



Over the years

Over the years because of various reasons different administrative arrangements were implemented with regard to the maintenance of the estate of Hanbal and Bilsare. But all through the years the pastoral needs of the people were attended with at most care. At present the pastoral needs of the people are met by parish priest of Heggade parish. At present veteran missionary Fr. Chacko Parakattukuzhiyil is the parish priest of Heggade and he is also the in charge of the Hanbal parish.

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

A note of gratitude to all the following fathers and brothers who contributed to the growth of this mission centre: Fr. Markose Pulparambil, Fr. Joseph Procopius Kaimala, Fr. George Edathiparambil, Fr. Antony Ittickal, Bro. Varghese Koikara. Fr. Antony Ittickal started to say Holy Mass at Kaadumane estate for the sake of the Malayalee Christians from 28th November. This paved way to open the station at Heggade later. Fr. Mathew Kudilil, Bro. Bernard Kooran, Fr. Egbert Vachaparambil, Fr. Beno Kalapurackal, Fr.

Rubinus, Fr. John Bastin Vithayathil, Fr. Jose Thachil, Fr. Andrews Thekkekandam, Fr. Jose Thekkekara, Fr. Fabian Chakiyath, Fr. Antony Moolamattom, Fr. Tomy Pittapillil, Fr. Chacko Parakattukuzhiyil, Fr. Lukas Poondikulam and Fr. Sijo Puranthottam. There are many others served this centre in various ways and capacities.

Hanbal and surrounding places are tough terrains to live in. By way of nature, climate, transportation, electricity, communication and all other basic facilities it calls for

tough minds and bold characters. Life and service here definitely calls for a spirit of sacrifice and hardships. Even in this chip world Hanbal is happy with chirps of the birds. It is more than one can imagine the life of early fathers who spent their life here. They need to be saluted for their hard work, dedication and sacrifices for the faith and the faithful. Long 17 years of quiet service of Fr. John Bastin Vithayathil has to be remembered with gratitude and never be forgotten ■

Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination – Golden Years

“How can I repay the LORD for all His goodness to me? I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people....”

How wonderful it is to celebrate the fifty years of commitment. Two people who have made remarkable contribution to the province, Fr. Joseph Angadiyath and Fr. Thomas Kunianthodath. The entire province salutes you. Congratulations dear veterans. May you have all the blessings on your path ahead.....!

